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QUENTIN BRYCE AO BA LLB Qld LLD hc Macq HonDlitt CSturt
Principal, The Women's College within the University of Sydney

Formerly

1993 – 96 Founding Chair and Chief Executive Officer, National Childcare Accreditation Council, Sydney

1988 – 93 Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner
Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, Sydney

1987 Director
Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, Queensland

1984 – 87 Founding Director, Queensland Women's Information Services,
Office of the Status of Women, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet

1968 – 83 Lecturer in Law
Queensland University Law School (first woman appointed to the Faculty), (Criminal Law, Administrative Law)

1965 Admitted to practice at Queensland Bar (one of the first Queensland women admitted to the Bar)

Appointments

1995 – 96 Member, National Alternate Dispute Resolution Advisory Council (NADRAC)

1983 – 92 Commonwealth Representative Australian Children's Television Foundation Board

1982 – 96 Women's Representative National Committee on Discrimination in Employment and Occupation (ILO 111)

1983 Convener, National Women's Advisory Council

1978 – 81 Member, National Women's Advisory Council
(- convened Queensland conferences to mark Mid Decade for Women;
- convened National conference for Mothers of Disabled Children;
- consultations with Aboriginal women in Northern Territory communities)

Membership of Boards (Current)

Chair, National Breast Cancer Centre Advisory Council

Chair, Australian Women's Cricket Board

Director, Bradman Foundation

Member, Sydney IVF Ethics Committee

Director, Plan International

Board Memberships (Former)

Presiding Member, Diploma of Policing Practice (NSW) Board of Management

Director, Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)

Member, Research Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences Advisory Board, University of Sydney

Member, Defence for Children International Advisory board

National President, Association for Welfare of Children in Hospital

Director, Mindcare Mental Health Foundation

Director, Family Planning Council of Queensland

Member Network of Enterprising Women in Business, Chamber of Commerce NSW (NEWIB)

Director, Schizophrenia Foundation of Australia

Vice President, Queensland Council for Civil Liberties

Director, Justice for Juveniles, Queensland

Director, Intellectually Handicapped Citizens Council, Queensland

Councillor, Chief Executive Women

Member, International Year of Disabled People (IYDP) Legal Committee

Member, Legal Committee Childhood Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia (CAPFA)

Member, Centre for Australian Public Sector Management Advisory Committee (CAPSM)

Member, National Institute for Law Ethics and Public Affairs Advisory Board

Member, Australian Bicentennial Authority Unsung Heroes Panel

Member, International Women's Rights Action Watch

Member, Australian Institute of Women's Research and Policy (AIWRAP)

Member, Visiting Committee, Griffith University Law School

Publications

In areas of equality of opportunity and equal status for women in employment, superannuation insurance, education , sport, etc, affirmative action, pay equity, international human rights law, children's rights

International Experience

1995 - Guest Lecturer, University of South Korea, Seoul and Pusan Universites, South Korea

1995 – 96 Guest Lecturer, Ministry of Education, New Zealand

1993 Keynote Speaker, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Conference, Johannesburg South Africa

Delegate, UNHCR Regional meeting Racism and Racial Discrimination, Sydney

1992 Guest Speaker, National Organisation for Women Global Conference, Washington, DC USA

Delegate, ILO Regional meeting Women's Employment Australia

1988 – 92 Member, Australian Delegation UN Commission Human Rights (UNCHR) Geneva

Observer, UN Committee on Elimination Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Vienna/New York

Delegate, International Women's Rights Action Watch (IWRAW) Conferences and Core Member Meetings, Vienna/New York

Delegate, Equal Opportunities in UK conference, London

1978 Delegate, Conference Rights of Children in Hospital, Washington DC USA

Currently active member of various community groups concerned with human rights, status of women, advocacy for children including Women's Electoral Lobby, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Family Planning Association, Union of Australian Women.

Conferences and Seminars 1970 - 1999

Presented keynote address, papers etc to wide range of national and state meetings on human rights, employment, education, health, industrial relations, legal issues etc

Personal

Married to Michael Bryce, designer; mother of five grown up children, grandmother of two!

1988 Officer, Order of Australia for services to the community in particular, women and children



AND GLADLY TECHE

Macquarie University

CITATION ON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION TO THE CHANCELLOR,
MR MORRISH ALEXANDER BESLEY, AO
BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, EMERITUS PROFESSOR DIANNE YERBURY, AM
OF

Quentin Alice Louise Bryce

FOR THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS, *honoris causa*

Quentin Bryce was educated at Moreton Bay College and the University of Queensland where she graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts with Bachelor of Laws. She was admitted to the Queensland Bar in 1965, one of the first Queensland women to be admitted. In 1968, she embarked on an academic career when she joined the Faculty of Law at the University of Queensland

She has a long and distinguished record of advocacy for human rights and in particular the rights of women and children. In 1978 she was appointed to the newly created National Women's Advisory Council. On that Council she played an important role in highlighting the concerns of Aboriginal women and women who lived in remote areas and had a significant input into the work of the Council in redefining the relationship between government, bureaucracy, women's groups and the community.

Her interest in systemic discrimination against women led her to accept the position of Founding Director of the Queensland Women's Information Service and its successor. In 1987, she was appointed Queensland Director of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission.

In 1988, Ms Bryce took over the role of Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner. In this position, she distinguished herself in the evolution of human rights law and the resolution and abolition of discriminatory practices. She was tireless in her community based approach to this role while recognising and respecting the legal framework in which it operated.

When that role ended, she became the founding Chair and Chief Executive of the National Childcare Accreditation Council with the brief of establishing national standards in the childcare industry. This was a demanding and controversial task and, given the diverse nature of the industry, critical to the improvement of standards for the protection of children in child care situations.

Quentin Bryce has more recently embarked on a new role as Principal of the Women's College within the University of Sydney.

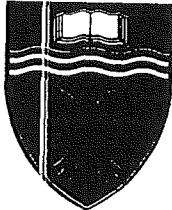
Her community involvement includes chairing the National Breast Cancer Centre Advisory Council and the Jessie Street National Women's Library, and membership of a number of Boards including the YWCA and Plan International.

Quentin Bryce is an outstanding role model for others to emulate. She is a courageous and articulate person, always in the forefront of social change and responsibility, often facing strong opposition, but prepared to challenge aspects of legal practice and opinion which inhibit social process.

Chancellor, it is my great pleasure to present to you Quentin Alice Louise Bryce, Officer of the Order of Australia, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws of the University of Queensland for admission to the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, of Macquarie University.

CHARLES STURT

U N I V E R S I T Y



QUENTIN ALICE LOUISE BRYCE

Citation for the conferral of Doctor of Letters (*honoris causa*)

Chancellor, the University has determined to confer on Quentin Alice Louise Bryce, AO the award of Doctor of Letters (*honoris causa*). In doing so the University recognises her outstanding leadership in Australian society, particularly in childcare, human rights and education, and her significant contribution to Charles Sturt University, especially to the policing programs represented at today's ceremony.

Even a brief outline of Ms Bryce's career is sufficient to show the distinction and uniqueness of her contribution to our community.

Quentin Bryce was educated at Moreton Bay College and the University of Queensland where she graduated Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws. She was called to the Queensland Bar in 1965. She taught in the Faculty of Law at the University of Queensland from 1968 to 1983, lecturing in Criminal and Administrative Law.

During these years she was, to use her own words, "seriously into motherhood", raising five children. Some idea of the magnitude of her achievement in this regard can be gauged from the fact that at one point all five were under seven.

From 1984 to 1987 Quentin Bryce was Founding Director of the Queensland Women's Information Services in the Office of the Status of Women of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. In 1987 she became Director of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, Queensland. In 1988 Quentin Bryce became an Officer of the Order of Australia in recognition of her services to the community, especially women and children. From 1988 to 1993 she served as the Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner. From 1993 to 1996 she was the Founding Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the National Childcare Accreditation Council.

During these years also Ms Bryce served as Convenor of the National Women's Advisory Council; the Commonwealth Representative on the Australian Children's Television Foundation Board; the National President of the Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital; the Vice-President of the Queensland Council for Civil Liberties; and a member of the Australian Delegation to the UN Commission for Human Rights.

Currently Quentin Bryce is the Principal of The Women's College in the University of Sydney. She is also Chair of the National Breast Cancer Advisory Council; a Director of Plan International and of the YWCA and a member of the Advisory Board of the Research Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences.

She is Chair of the Board of Australian Women's Cricket and a member of the Board of the Bradman Foundation.

In 1998 the then Vice-Chancellor of Charles Sturt University, Professor Cliff Blake and the then Police Commissioner, Peter Ryan, invited Ms Bryce to be the first Chair of the Board of Management for the Diploma of Policing Practice. The Board was established by the University and NSW Police Service to oversee the collaborative arrangements under which the Diploma is offered. Ms Bryce chaired the Board until 2001 and has made a major contribution to the development of police education and the introduction of enhanced standards of professional preparation.

Ms Bryce's career has been marked by leadership; leadership in pioneering new roles and leadership in taking on very difficult and challenging tasks.

She was one of the first women to be admitted to the Queensland Bar. She was the first woman appointed to the Law Faculty of the University of Queensland. She was a founder of the National Women's Advisory Council; the Founding Director of the Women's Information Services; the Founding Chair and CEO of the National Childcare Accreditation Council; and the first chair of the Board of Management for the Diploma of Policing Practice.

The courage and dedication Ms Bryce has brought to her service to our community was well illustrated during her years as CEO of the National Childcare Accreditation Council. In leading the campaign to establish appropriate standards in this important field, she encountered strong opposition from powerful economic interests in the then childcare industry. She received death threats and worked for significant periods under round the clock protection.

Throughout her career Ms Bryce has worked to overcome prejudice and discrimination. She has been an articulate and effective advocate for human rights and the rights and welfare of women and children. She has been an inspiring model of service to the Australian community.

Mr Chancellor, I present for the award of Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa),
Quentin Bryce.

Dated this Second day of May Two Thousand and Two