## **OFC Loses Another Life Member**

Club legend Alma Fowler has died peacefully in Queensland. Alma was 92 years old.

Married to OFC 200 game player, and triple Best and Fairest Joe Fowler, Alma played a major role in the Club's off field fortunes.



Alma and Joe Fowler

Remarkably OFC is still benefiting from Alma's legacy today. It was she who fought for the second netball court, which we are still using!
In fact she fought so long for that facility that her and

Joe had actually gone to live in Queensland before the Shire could afford to complete the construction.

Alma also battled tenaciously to keep the Ladies Committee funds away from the players who wanted to use the money to pay for an end of season trip to Tasmanian.

Those funds kick started construction of the old pavilion.

Building started in 1950 after the players were inspired by the Belgrave club- which had built it's own rooms and even had showers.

To compare Alma to some of the latter day tyros think of her as a 1950s version of Carey Williams or Helen Wositzky.

Such was her impact on OFC that the Club named it's A Grade netball medal after her.



Krista Carpenter wins her second Alma Fowler Medal in 2018

Alma is survived by Jill and Leigh, and grandchildren Kelli and Jodi. We close a chapter in the history of OFCFNC.