

GENERAL INFORMATION ON ARCH CONN

Compiled by Ian Ballinger, Horsham Historical Society

- Married Dorothy in 1954 and loved husband for 66 years.
- Family: Daughters Jennifer and Elizabeth plus son Graeme and his wife Lynda. Grandchildren Catherine, James, and William.
- Initially worked with his father in a general commission agency business in the Charlton district.
- Served in the RAAF in Australia and New Guinea from 1943-44.
- Successfully completed Local Government Certificate of Competency examination in 1946.
- Successfully completed Accountancy examination in 1947.
- Both certificates obtained following correspondence study with the Hemingway Robertson Institute.
- Appointed Assistant Town Clerk, Borough of Swan Hill in 1947.
- Appointed Town Clerk, Interim Valuer and Collector, Borough of Swan Hill, Secretary Swan Hill Waterworks Trust and Secretary Swan Hill Sewerage Authority in 1948 (positions held for 8 years).
- Secretary No3 Regional Committee Murray Valley Development League. Position held for 8 years.
- One of two Auditors for Swan Hill Licensed Club.
- Member and Secretary of Swan Hill Rotary Club.
- Member of Swan Hill Pipe Band.
- Appointed Secretary Shire of Kyneton and Sewerage and Waterworks Trusts 1956.
- Appointed Town Clerk City of Horsham, Secretary of Horsham Waterworks Trust and Secretary of Horsham Sewerage Authority in 1957 (Positions held for 26 years).
- Appointed Executive Officer of the Wimmera Regional Library Service on its formation in 1966. Position held for 17 years.
- Acting Town Clerk for the City of Ararat, Acting Secretary of the Ararat Waterworks Trust and Acting Secretary of the Ararat Sewerage Authority for three months.
- Awarded the Australian Society of Practising Accountants 50-year Membership Certificate and Medallion in 1997.
- Awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Medal in 1953.
- Awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977.
- Awarded Life Membership of the Horsham City Bowling Club for Services Rendered.

FREEMASONRY

Member No: 110844

Right Worshipful Brother Arch Conn Grand Rank of Past Junior Grand Warden.
(Highest accolade a Lodge can bestow on any of its Members)

Membership History for Archibald Robinson Conn

(Born 1st Aug 1920 – Died 9th Aug 2020)

Charlton Lodge No. 169

Initiated on 10 Nov 1942.

Passed on 12 Jan 1943.

Raised on 9 Mar 1943.

Castle Donnington Lodge No. 685 (Swan Hill)

Participated in meetings to discuss the formation of a second Lodge in Swan Hill.

Foundation member.

Invested as foundation Treasurer at Consecration on 28 Aug 1950.

Later invested as Junior Deacon.

Held office of Junior Warden at time of leaving Swan Hill.

Wattle Lodge No. 378 (Horsham)

Joined in 1957.

Installed as Master from 10 Sep 1968 to 9 Sep 1969.

Horsham Lodge No. 761

Joined on 8 Sep 1992 following return of Warrant of Wattle Lodge.

Lodge of Ophir No. 27 (Ararat)

Inspector of Workings for 6 years.

Lodge of Lowan No 107 (Nhill)

Inspector of Workings for 7 years.

GRAND LODGE

Appointed Grand Steward in the 1981-82 Country Grand Lodge Team.

Promoted to the rank of Past Grand Standard Bearer in March 1982.

Promoted to the rank of Junior Grand Deacon in March 1988.

Promoted to the rank of Past Grand Inspector of Workings in March 1992.

Horsham Lodge No. 761. Promoted to the rank of Past Junior Grand Warden on 19 Mar 2003.

Wimmera Lodge No. 70.

Joined Wimmera Lodge on 23 Oct 2004.

(following amalgamation of Horsham Lodge No. 761 and Wimmera Lodge No.70)

SERVICE JEWELS

- **50 Year Jewel**

Presented by Most Worshipful Brother Bill Humphrys Past Grand Master on 10 Nov 1993 (Horsham 761).

- **60 Year Jewel**

Presented by Worshipful Brother Don Johns on 10 Nov 2002 (Horsham 761).

- **65 Year Jewel**

Presented by Worshipful Brother Don Johns on 10 Nov 2007 (Wimmera 70).

- **70 Year Jewel**

Presented by Right Worshipful Brother Max Tippet on 27 Nov 2012 (Wimmera 70).

- **75 Year Jewel**

Presented by Worshipful Brother Ralph Chequer on 30 Aug 2019 (Wimmera 70).
(Presented by Ralph at the Eventide Homes in Stawell where Arch was a resident)