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100 year old's tireless work recognised

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SO DESERVING: Bundaberg centenarian and OAM recipient Alma Ing with Amelie, Zali, Haldane, Greta and Randal Ing. Max Fleet BUNING

HUMBLED 100-year-old Alma Ing has received an Order of Australia Medal for her tireless work in the Bundaberg community.

The great-grandmother may be one of the award's oldest recipients but said she did not want a fuss made about it.

Mrs Ing was born in Bundaberg and has spent much of her life volunteering.

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She was nominated for the award by Guy Day Lewis for her work with the Bundaberg Lions, Meals on Wheels, Australian Red Cross and Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Last year Mrs Ing celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by loved ones, including second cousins Val Steemson and Joy Forman.

"Alma has always been way ahead of her time," Mrs Forman said.

"She was a widow early in life, bringing up two boys on her own.

"She travelled to the UK in the mid-60s alone, which back then was very unheard of.

"At 98 years old she had a knee replacement and is still quite sprightly.

"She likes to keep herself busy and the church is a big part of her life."

Mrs Ing was one of the first female publicans in Bundaberg, operating the Young Australian Hotel with her husband before he died.

She then went on to run the Melbourne Hotel from between the 60s and 80s.

Relatives said Mrs Ing was charitable and always willing to learn new things.

"She has always been there for us," grandson Randal Ing said.

"She is a kind, loving and genuine person.

"She is one of the most generous people and is always giving, so deserves this award."

With five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, Mrs Ing said family was what made her life interesting and whole.

"My family and their offspring mean everything to me," she said.

"That is what life is all about."

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA MEDAL

Alma Ing passed away on Saturday 7th October 2017.

This remarkable lady had an extraordinary life and was recognised for her contribution to Bundaberg's life with an OAM in 2016 and is an honorary member of the Lions Ladies Auxiliary. Alma first became involved with the club when she was the licensee of the Melbourne Hotel where they held their meetings; Alma was not only a fabulous host who ran a respectable and welcoming hotel, but she also became very involved in the club itself, helping the Ladies Auxiliary run events such as the Fashion Fantasia, alongside her many other community contributions such as her work for Meals on Wheels, the Red Cross and the Multiple Sclerosis Society.