

MRS MURIEL ARCHER

Her long association with Basketball commenced when she became a player in 1962 and her entry into the Administrative side of the sport was in the same year when she became a committee member of the Eastern Southland Basketball Association, and it was during this time that the Association was granted direct affiliation with the New Zealand Basketball Association, previously having been a Sub-Association.

From 1966 to 1971 Muriel Archer was Vice-President.

It was in 1972 she was elected President of the Eastern Southland Basketball Association and in so doing holds the honour of being the first woman to hold his position. It was during her term as President that her long awaited ambitions became a reality when the Avon Street Stadium was built in 1974 after many years of Fund Raising and hard work, and through the support of her husband, Robin Archer, for without his assistance, planning and use of his Company's equipment, it is doubtful if the Stadium would have been erected.

In 1977 she stepped down from the position as President to become immediate Past President until the completion of the 1978 season.

Mrs Muriel Archer was captain of the first Eastern Women's representative team which competed and Won the B. Grade Tournament in Dunedin in 1964. She also coached the Eastern Womens Representative team from 1969 to 1979. During her time as coach the team took out the National B. Grade title in Auckland in 1971 and in 1973 won the South Island title in Christchurch.

In 1978, Mrs Archer and her team, by hard work and initiative raised enough money to travel to Victoria and South Australia.