

Vale Lady Joyce Price

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Lady Joyce Price OBE CMG died on 19th August, aged 94, at Shoreham House, a nursing home on the Mornington Peninsula in Victoria, after an extended illness.

Lady Price was a remarkable woman of immense energy, drive and vision, and provided unstinting support for her husband Sir Robert (Jerry) Price throughout his career in CSIR/CSIRO from 1945-77. This was never more important than during his period as Chairman in Canberra in the 1970s.

Lady Price also achieved a great deal in her own right as a local, national and international leader in the Girl Guides. An obituary that documents her influence on the Guide Movement has been posted on the Guides Victoria website: http://www.guidesvic.org.au/home/news_detail.asp?newsid=152. Her family is preparing a fuller obituary which will be published shortly.

Sir Robert Price was an outstanding organic chemist, inaugural Chief of the CSIRO Division of Organic Chemistry (1961) and a Chairman of CSIRO during a defining period for CSIRO; an article detailing his career can be found in Historical Records of Australian Science, 2004, 15, 95-120 (contained in the CSIRO e-journals.collection at <https://ejournal.csiro.au/pdflinks/09080315030225656.pdf>)

A public Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held on Friday 9th October 2009 at 2:00 pm at St.John's Church, Burke Road, Camberwell (Vic).