

Judy helped shape Coast

Property pioneer dies at the age of 85

JUDY Henzell, one of the business personalities who helped Caloundra develop into what it is today, has passed away.

Mrs Henzell died at Sunshine Coast Private Hospital on Sunday night from complications relating to a broken hip. She was 85.

The property matriarch played a significant role in the iconic Henzell and Ford family property businesses that helped shape the Sunshine Coast, and is known for influencing various developments, including Pelican Waters and Ridgehaven, as well as projects in Diamond Head, Currimundi and Caloundra.

Her son Roy Henzell, the director of Henzells Agency, described his mother as "a great lady" who inspired an appreciation of education and travel in her children and grandchildren, as well as playing a hands-on role in local property development.

"Mum's passion and talents were in the conceptual stages of planning," Mr Henzell said. "She was very hands-on and always keen on incorporating public facilities and doing the right thing by the com-

munity in which she was raised."

Mrs Henzell was born Judith Anne McLean in Maleny in 1928.

She attended Caloundra State School and then boarding school at Somerville House, Brisbane, before studying to become a nurse.

Mrs Henzell later returned to Caloundra and, in 1949, married Bevan Henzell, the son of Roy Henzell senior, who co-founded Henzells Agency in 1935.

The couple had four children – Mary, Roy, Anne and Kate.

After the death of her husband in 1984, Mrs Henzell and Roy ran the family business until her retirement in 1990.

Mrs Henzell was a passionate advocate and fundraiser for causes like surf lifesaving, the hospital auxiliary, Zonta and Youngcare.

She is survived by her four children and 13 grandchildren aged from eight to 32.

Mrs Henzell's funeral will be held tomorrow at Gregson and Weight Caloundra from 1pm.

