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Asbestos Awareness Campaigner the Late Mrs Carol Klintfält Honoured with OAM in Queen's Birthday Honours List 2015

Asbestos Awareness Campaigner, the Late Mrs Carol Klintfält who tragically lost her eight-year battle with mesothelioma on the 7th November 2014, was awarded the Medal of the Order Of Australia (OAM) in the General Division in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2015 for her outstanding commitment to the national Asbestos Awareness Campaign.

The mother of three, Mrs Klintfält was diagnosed with malignant mesothelioma in 2006 having inhaled asbestos fibres while working on site with an architect during the redevelopment of pubs and nightclubs throughout Sydney in the late 1960s and while undertaking renovations to their family home during the 1970s.

An advocate for the prevention of asbestos-related diseases, Mrs Klintfält dedicated the last years of her life to help save the lives of others through being an Ambassador for the national Asbestos Awareness campaign.

Peter Dunphy, Chair of the Asbestos Education Committee said, "It is understandable that under these circumstances most would choose to spend every precious moment that remained with their loved ones. However, although her own circumstances were dire, Mrs Klintfält's service to the community throughout Australia has been an incredibly selfless act of undeniable courage, determination and commitment and all while battling her own illness and always with the knowledge that there is no cure.

Speaking on behalf of his family, Mathew Klintfält's said, "It is so wonderful to have this honour bestowed on my mother. There is not a day that passes where we don't reflect on her life and try to come to grips with the reality that she is not here.

"Having mum receive the OAM is the acknowledgement that she deserves for the tough fight she fought and the support she gave to others during her illness. However, it is still bitter sweet. I wish that she was still around and asbestos had never affected our lives."

Mrs Klintfält's contribution to the people of Australia in helping educate them about the dangers of asbestos is immeasurable.

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The late Mrs Carol Jean KLINTFALT, MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

For service to community health, particularly as an advocate for people affected by asbestos-related illnesses. Ambassador, Asbestos Diseases Foundation of Australia (ADFA), since 2009; Consumer Spokesperson. Spokesperson, Asbestos Awareness Campaign, since 2011.

Member, Australia Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma, National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia, 2013.

Supporter, 'Fight to Breathe', since 2012.

Coordinator, Mesothelioma Support Group, no dates.