



Ms Quentin Bryce was educated at Moreton Bay College, Brisbane, and later at the University of Queensland where she graduated with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws. In 1965, she was one of the first Queensland women to be admitted to the Queensland Bar.

From 1968 to 1983 Ms Bryce taught in the Faculty of Law at the University of Queensland.

In 1984 Quentin Bryce was appointed inaugural Director of the Queensland Women's Information Service, Office of the Status of Women, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. In 1987 she became Queensland Director of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission. From 1988 to 1993, Ms Bryce served as Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner, and in the period 1993 to 1996, she was founding Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the National Childcare Accreditation Council. From 1997 to her appointment as Governor of Queensland in 2003, Quentin Bryce was Principal and Chief Executive Officer of The Women's College within the University of Sydney, New South Wales.

In recognition of her service to the community, particularly women and children, Ms Bryce was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 1988, and elevated to a Companion of the Order of Australia in 2003. In November 2003, Ms Bryce was invested as a Dame of Grace of the Most Venerable Order of The Hospital of St John of Jerusalem. She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Laws by Macquarie University (New South Wales) in 1998, and an Honorary Doctorate of Letters by Charles Sturt University (New South Wales) in 2002. Ms Bryce was conferred with the degrees of Honorary Doctor of the University by Griffith University (Queensland) in 2003, and Queensland University of Technology in 2004.

Quentin Bryce and her husband, Michael, were married in 1964. They have two daughters and three sons, and five grandchildren.

Ms Bryce's interests include the visual arts, literature, opera, and women's history.

A selective record of Ms Bryce's career, and professional and community service is provided overleaf.

Career

- Principal and Chief Executive Officer, The Women's College within the University of Sydney
- Founding Chair and Chief Executive Officer, National Childcare Accreditation Council
- Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner
- Queensland Director, Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission
- Inaugural Director, Women's Information Service Queensland, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Tutor, Lecturer, Law School of the University of Queensland

Professional and Community Service

- Member, Australian delegation to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, Geneva
- US State Department visitor
- Member, Sydney IVF Ethics Committee
- Member, Council of Central Queensland University
- National President, Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital
- President, Women's Cricket Australia
- Presiding Member, Board of Management, Diploma of Policing Practice, New South Wales
- Director, Young Women's Christian Association
- Chair, Jessie Street National Women's Library
- Chair, National Breast Cancer Centre Advisory Network
- Member, Board of Plan International
- Member, National Alternate Dispute Resolution Advisory Council (NADRAC)
- Director, Australian Children's Television Foundation Board
- Member, Family Planning Council Queensland
- Member, Board of Mindcare Mental Health Foundation
- Member, Board of Schizophrenia Foundation Australia
- Vice-President, Queensland Council for Civil Liberties
- Member, International Year for Disabled Persons Legal Committee (Queensland)
- Convenor, National Women's Advisory Council
- Member, National Committee on Discrimination in Employment and Occupation (ILO Convention III)
- Director, Bradman Foundation
- Member, Intellectually Handicapped Citizens Council (Queensland)
- Member, Board of the Abused Child Trust (Queensland)
- Member, Network of Enterprising Women in Business, Chamber of Commerce, New South Wales
- Member, Chief Executive Women
- Member, Advisory Board, Defence for Children International
- Member, Legal Committee, Childhood Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia (CAPFA)
- Member, Centre for Australian Public Sector Management Advisory Committee (CASPSM)
- Member, National Institute for Law Ethics and Public Affairs Advisory Board (NILEPA)
- Member, Australian Institute of Women's Research and Policy Advisory Board (AIWRAP)
- Member, Visiting Committee, Griffith University Law School
- Member, Research Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences Advisory Board, University of Sydney