

## Mina Worsley

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Mina Worsley is one of many know historic figures of Conception Bay South. She is known for her generous donations to the community. One of her well-known donations to the community was in 1979. Mina Worsley donated the land that was in her ownership known as "Haslingden". The donation of land was made to Conception Bay South with the purpose of becoming a public park, now known as Worsley Park. The idea for this park was to create a "safe and welcoming space for senior residents of the community". Upon the donation of the land Mina Worsley requested that "at least one person would reside near the property in order to avoid the possible risk of the park becoming a source of annoyance to those who reside nearby".

Mina Worsley's generosity and desire to help others proceeded with her willingness to lend money to those in need. Upon her death on July 17, 1979, "she left \$1,000 to the Church's Endowment Fund, in memory of the Worsley Family. To the Church Lads Brigade she left \$1,000 to provide an annual scholarship to Bishop Field College, to be known as the Harry Worsley Scholarship. She also provided \$1,000 to create an annual scholarship at Bishop's College, to be known as the Worsley Scholarship."

Mina Worsley was a well-known figure in the town of Conception Bay South, though not a permanent resident she spent many months of the year in her summer home located in Topsail. In her past time, she enjoyed gardening, socializing, and visiting her favorite local ice-cream store Bergs.

On Sunday December 14, 2014 at the Conception Bay South Heritage Designation Ceremony, located at the St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Mina Worsley was presented with a plaque in recognition her generosity and significance to the town. Mayor McDonald presented the plaque, with the members of the Heritage Advisory Committee present. On Mina Worsleys behalf and honor, Ann McLaughlin - great niece of Mina Worsley accepted the designation.

*Sourced from the Speaking Notes 2014 designations, December 14, 2014.*