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PASSING CATHERINE (CATHY) JANE DONALDSON

It is with sad hearts that we bid farewell to Cathy Donaldson, Past President of Blind SA. (2004-2020). Her presence will be sorely missed.

Cathy Donaldson was born blind. She attended a mainstream school up until the age of 14 years, whereafter she attended the School for the Blind in Worcester. Cathy learned English and Afrikaans Braille in 6 months.

Cathy was involved in many activities as a member of numerous committees, including *inter alia*, President of IBBA (International Blind Bowls Association), member of the South African Braille Authority since its inception and Member of the Advocacy Committee of Bowls SA.

Cathy received the Melvin Jones Award for Outstanding Service and the Lifetime Achiever Award from the Most Influential Women in Business and Government (MIV) in 2009.

On the sports front, Cathy was a Protea Lawn Bowls player, who represented South Africa in her capacity as a player, and as the Team Manager for numerous International Tournaments.

Cathy's legacy will live on in our hearts. Our sincere condolences to her remaining brother and his family, and all those whose lives she touched.

1 February 1941 – 26 January 2025

BOBBY DONNELLY
CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER



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