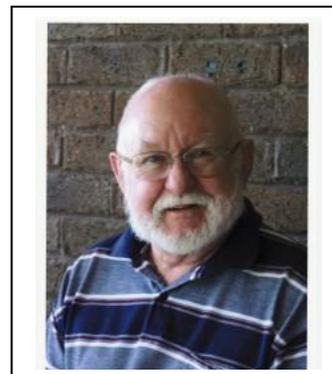


Life Member Nomination - Citation in support of nomination

Member nominated for Life Membership: Ern Hollebhone

Nominator: Theresa Callanan

Secunder: John Knight



Ern Hollebhone's involvement with the Manning Valley U3A dates back to a public meeting called in May 1999, under the auspices of the Manning Valley Neighbourhood Services Inc., to investigate the need for a U3A campus based in Taree. A Steering Committee was subsequently formed and by July 1999 the Committee declared that courses would begin at the start of Term 3, 1999.

The first Secretary of the newly formed Manning Valley U3A was Ern Hollebhone, a position he held for the next five years. Ern also filled the roles of Public Officer, Newsletter Editor until 2006 and Membership Officer until 2016. In 2008, when Manning Valley U3A moved into the computer era, it was Ern who initiated the web page and in turn became Manning Valley U3A's Webmaster, a position he still holds. After many years' committee service Ern served as President of Manning Valley U3A from 2013 to 2016.

While Ern was very involved in the administrative side of Manning Valley U3A, he was also heavily involved in teaching, no doubt due to his long career as a school teacher and later as a school principal. For nine years Ern successfully ran a computer course, 'Beyond Solitaire', which focussed primarily on word processing and accessing the Internet. The course may well be running today but for the closure of the venue, the former Taree Community College, in 2013.

Ern's love of Modern History and English Literature led him to presenting several courses in both subjects. He also presented a course in solving cryptic crosswords, and helped establish the very popular 'Sat'die Arvo Card Sharps'. Following a trip to Italy in 2007, Ern assisted his wife Pam to do a series of talks about their trip. They encouraged others to do likewise, the beginning of another course, 'Armchair Traveller'. Ern assisted presenters by showing their holiday photos on a digital projector via his laptop. He would even help them organise their photos beforehand.

It gives me great pleasure to present this nomination for Life Membership, which reflects the valued and on-going contributions to Manning Valley U3A by Ern Hollebhone.
