

Life Member Nomination - Citation in support of nomination

Member nominated for Life Membership: Pam Hollebhone

Nominator: Brian Pope Seconder: Robert Hokin



Pam 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. Pam was a member of that inaugural committee.

As a school teacher Pam had been a proficient timetabler and it was early in the newly formed Manning Valley U3A that she became Program Director, a position she held for the next seventeen years. As Program Director Pam organised classes for each term. At first she needed to draw on people from outside the U3A to give courses, but over time members became more confident to share their knowledge and experiences.

From 1999 Pam produced the course details for the newsletter and in 2007 took over producing the newsletter in its entirety, which she continued to do until 2016.

Not only did Pam organise the courses for the U3A but she also organised theatre parties to the Manning Entertainment Centre and the Upper Lansdowne Players. One day trips and river cruises were also on the agenda, as were longer trips to coincide with U3A Conferences. Pam would organise accommodation and visits to local tourist attractions for those who were not delegates as well as for the bus drivers.

For some years Pam also organised morning teas for classes and concerts, which in more recent times has been delegated to others. It was not uncommon for Pam to turn up to a morning tea with a couple of kilos of home-cooked chicken wings, or large pots of hot food!

In the early days of Manning Valley U3A, Pam gave a course on solving Cryptic Crosswords, which is still one of her pleasures. After a trip to Italy with husband Ern in 2007, Pam gave sessions on their holiday and on Ancient Rome, augmented by their holiday photos. She also served as Technical Assistant to Ern for the computer course "Beyond Solitaire".

Pam has served Manning Valley U3A for more than seventeen years. For many members Pam was regarded as the 'go to' person when they needed clarification, support or advice (a multitude of interrupted meal times at the Hollebhone household bears testimony to this). It gives me great pleasure to present this nomination for Life Membership, which reflects Pam's valued contribution to Manning Valley U3A.