

Life Member Nomination - Citation in support of nomination

Member nominated for Life Membership: Lucia (Lucy) Bokulic

Nominator: Ern Hollebone Seconder: Lina Ingram



Lucia Bokulic OAM (Lucy) is a foundation member of the Manning Valley U3A. In May 1999 she attended the inaugural meeting called by Manning Valley Neighbourhood Services where it was decided to form a University of the Third Age. At that meeting she was elected President of a steering committee, a position she filled with distinction, and remained President of that Committee, now the Management Committee, until the AGM in 2004. Since then she has remained an active member of the Management Committee, every year until 2015.

Lucy has been a driving force in the administration of Manning Valley U3A. As a Committee member, her words of advice as well as her special contribution to our organisation have been both welcome and positive. She has served willingly on subcommittees, often as chairperson, formed especially to advance the presence of our U3A in the community. Of special importance is her work in the construction and updating of the Constitution. The current Constitution is largely Lucy's work. As chairperson of the committee she devised the document and led her members through its scrutiny.

Lucy has been an active leader of Manning Valley U3A pursuits. The much loved group we called "The Entertainers" was her baby, a group she led happily and with care. The group met regularly under her management and performed their acts regularly before a delighted audience, usually at end of term functions. Her interest in the English language encouraged her to introduce a creative writing group. She was a willing and knowledgeable member of the "Beyond Solitaire" team which was responsible for the enlightenment of so many members wishing to acquire computing skills – a welcome addition to the curriculum.

Lucy's involvement in so many facets of the Manning Valley U3A has resulted in her being regarded by so many as a "go-to" person for members who seek guidance in the running of our U3A. Her involvement in so many other activities is well known throughout the local community but. As she has proclaimed often, Manning Valley U3A is her own special baby. A "mother superior" who, in her own words, is our "Wog" – a "Woman of Greatness."
