

Life Member Nomination - Citation in support of nomination

Member nominated for Life Membership: Pamela Archer

Nominator: Chris Abbott Second: Glenda Varela



Pamela (Pam) Archer (OAM) has given long and distinguished service to the Manning Valley U3A and the wider local community through her leadership and service to music and musical education specifically of the U3A's choir, the Silver Tones Singers.

Pam is widely known for her contribution and service to multiple music initiatives and activities in the Manning Valley. She collaborated with many schools, performers, and productions over a long period of time.

She demonstrated an ongoing commitment to this U3A course, the Silver Tones Singers, for ten and a half years. Pam was the founding musical director when the choir commenced in October 2009 until her retirement in March 2020. The choir began with 31 members and grew to 60 plus over this time. Under Pam's guidance singers of all abilities were welcomed and included in the choir's program and performances.

Pam developed the confidence and competence of the choir moving from only singing in unison to singing in as many as four parts.

As the choir became better known to the wider community, they were invited to sing at various concerts. These included Manning Winter Festival, Bonnie Wingham Scottish Festival, Remembrance Day, and many retirement village performances.

Under Pam's leadership two concerts are targeted specifically at raising funds for local charities and these are performed annually at various venues in the area. Since 2014 and to date these have raised \$18,060. Support was provided for the Manning Base Hospital Children's ward, Can Assist, Push for Palliative, Women's refuges, Homeless Support Service, and the Manning Uniting church's welfare projects.

All these performances and the associated donations enhanced the standing of our U3A in the Manning Valley and further afield.

Pam made an outstanding contribution to the success of the Silver Tones and the U3A in promoting music education for its members.