

Sue Lloyd

Sharing interests builds community

Sue's involvement in community volunteer activities was inspired by the role modelling of her parents. She believes a supportive partner has been vital in enabling her to follow her interests and to take advantage of the many, often unexpected, rewards that community involvement brings.

Sue started school in Maitland. The family moved to Adelaide and she attended Thorndon High School, returning to the country when she was in Year 12. Sue's mother and grandmothers were major supporters and mentors although she has fond memories of the 'can do anything' influence of her father. Both her parents were active in various communities where they lived, providing the example for Sue in her current activities. Sue participates in the selection of students for a University of South Australia perpetual scholarship, established by her parents twenty years ago, awarded to country students after a gap year.

Sue's parents lived in Athelstone and Sue has lived in Paradise since her marriage. She remembers the early years when children played in the streets, rode their bikes to school and the traffic was less challenging. The attractions of the area were the traditional large house blocks, the market gardens and green areas.

Sue planned to become a teacher but accepted a position in the Commonwealth Public Service. 30 years later she returned to TAFE to complete a Diploma in Early Childhood Education and currently works part time in kindergartens. Travelling and observing other cultures has enhanced her social and cultural understanding and Sue values the opportunities we have in Australia.

Sue is actively involved in the Campbelltown community. She met her husband through their involvement in the Kiwanis Club of Athelstone. Sue was a member of Kiwanis for 24 years where she held various positions including membership officer, organised speakers for meetings and maintaining the Club's Facebook page. Sue is well known for her leadership roles in Boomerang Bags Adelaide since 2017, helping establish the Campbelltown Repair Café in 2020 and administering the local Buy Nothing Group. For Sue, one unexpected reward for her community involvements has been the opportunities to meet a wide variety of people.

Sue has been fortunate to experience a life filled with good health combined with the self esteem and confidence to look for opportunities to learn, enhancing both her own life and her community. She is 'never afraid to ask' – for a location to set up a project, for resources and for volunteers to help. She appreciates the support that she has received from the Council that has enabled the success of many community activities.

“Collaborative projects provide opportunities for people to make use of existing resources, to give their time and add value and also to hand on skills to others. The benefits are not just to the community but also to each individual volunteer.”

Celebrating International Women's Day with the 'Women of Campbelltown' project – inspiring stories of local women, their achievements and contributions to the Community.

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