

# Paddy McKay

## *Education breaks the cycle*

Paddy believes in the power of volunteering in all aspects of the Campbelltown City area. She is a passionate advocate for promoting youth education and violence prevention programs in schools and the community.

Paddy was born in Ireland, grew up in Plympton with her adopted family and remembers that she was influenced by her brothers to believe that there was nothing that she couldn't do, being a girl made no difference. Maintaining family connections is important to Paddy and she always finds time to look after her grandchildren.

Paddy loved school and went on to graduate with three university degrees. Paddy was a teacher and administrator in the Education Department for 32 years. She is also a Certified Practicing Accountant (CPA) and a Special Justice in South Australia.

Paddy is most proud of her role in founding LAVA (Lions Against Violence Adelaide), based in Rostrevor where she is now President. The program aims to raise awareness of the issues targeting students, teachers and the community whilst also providing support for women experiencing domestic violence.

**“My theme as the Lions Club District Governor was ‘education for change, break the cycle’ which reflects my conviction that if people’s views are to be changed, then it starts with education.”**

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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