

# Pam Schartner

## *Living your personal values*

Pam is the South Australian branch leader of the Australian Knit4Charities group, Adelaide Knit and Natter. Pam has been the driving force in establishing the SA group that now has around 800 members from across the state. Members have contributed over 101,000 knitted items for charity since 2012.

Pam was also the driving force behind Council's contribution to the National 5000 Poppies project commemorating the start and end of WW1. Pam facilitated her network of knitters and crocheters to contribute poppies and she ran learn to knit and crochet poppy classes for people wanting to contribute at least 1 poppy. In total Council received over 5000 poppies of which 3000 went to the National project and 2000 are used for local Anzac Day and Remembrance Day displays.

Pam's parents migrated from post-war Germany to settle in South Australia and Pam has lived most of her life in the Campbelltown Council area having moved into the second house built in their Rostrevor street at the age of 2 and moving back into the area after only 10 years away. Pam attended Stradbroke Primary School and Campbelltown High School.

Pam spent her working career with the public service in a range of roles, initially with the Commonwealth Employment Service and in her final role, managing national programs. In her working life, Pam valued the opportunities to work in partnership with community agencies and with disadvantaged groups to promote connections, inclusion and belonging. These values have been fundamental to the Adelaide Knit and Natter's operation.

**“Find and maintain your own personal values; those things that sustain you and give life meaning.”**



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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