

PAM STONE, Albury-Wodonga

Leaders of Tertiary Education in Albury-Wodonga say that Pam Stone had a huge influence on education in both cities for more than 20 years. Earlier she had been a foundation member of the Stanley Street Kindergarten and a member of several schools organisations.

In the late 1970's she was actively involved in the Albury-Wodonga Post Secondary School Education Co-Ordinating Committee, the Government Officials Committee of Post School Education; active member of the Upper Murray Regional TAFE Board and an active member of the Albury-Wodonga Regional TAFE Board. She was instrumental in those days in cajoling and inspiring people at all levels to realise that Wodonga was a city going somewhere and it had pathetic post-secondary education facilities. She lobbied and influenced people at Government State and Federal levels. She made trips to Melbourne to talk with Ministers and decision makers about tertiary education in Wodonga. She created the demand for a satisfactory post-secondary education level of facilities and was magnificent in all that she did. It was a privilege, educators say, to work with her. When the TAFE Institute at Wodonga was established she supported and influenced direction and achieved results. She is remembered with great pride by the academics of Wodonga for what she achieved in the development of education in Albury-Wodonga.

She became a City Councillor in 1976 - the first woman to be elected to Wodonga Council. She became the first woman Deputy Mayor and first woman Mayor. She was a member of the Board of the Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation. She accepted a Federal Government appointment to a Task Force headed by Justice Nagle to investigate the establishment of a University at Albury-Wodonga.

She was also a founding member of the Albury-Wodonga Anti Cancer Council.

She was awarded an Order of Australia medal for her services to education and the community.

Pam Stone had done all this before the people who now get the credit for tertiary education had emerged to head the Learning City push.

The credit for our tertiary institutions lies largely with her refusal to take no for an answer.

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