

Citation for Merit Award

Olive Sampson

Member # 9692

Olive Sampson has been a member of the FamilyHistoryWA since 2003.

When Olive joined the Society in 2003, almost immediately she started volunteering at Wanneroo Library, helping people with their family history. She did this for about 5 years then moved to Joondalup Library where she spent the next 18 years helping people with their research in weekly two-hour sessions. Olive has recently retired from this role so it's a fitting time to acknowledge her years of service.

From 2008 Olive hosted the Northern Suburbs House Group monthly meetings. She'd usually organise a topic and a speaker and who'd bring supper to the following meeting.

An interesting story about Olive that shows her long history of volunteering, is that before coming to Australia, Olive was a Brown Owl for several years in Kent, England. After she gave up her uniform, she became a member of the Trefoil Guild and volunteered for seven years. She was contacted by a Trefoil Leader from Buckingham House Trefoil Guild who asked Olive to become a President within the Guild. She had 11 Guilds under her. She attended the Queen Mother's afternoon tea and was introduced to her!

FamilyHistoryWA wishes to acknowledge the service and dedication Olive Sampson has given the Society by awarding her a Merit Award.

This Award is accompanied by a rebate of subscriptions for three years.

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