

Congratulations to Past U3A President, Vale Pederson –



Campbelltown Citizen of the Year 2016

Campbelltown City Mayor, Simon Brewer, announced on Australia Day that Vale Pederson, recently retired as President of U3A Campbelltown, South Australia, is the 2016 Citizen of the Year.

Vale has made an outstanding voluntary contribution and community service to the advancement and wellbeing of the Campbelltown community through her 11 year commitment to the University of the Third Age (U3A) Campbelltown Inc. for learning, health and social activities for those in the community who are over 50 years and not working full-time. For the past 5 years (March 2010-2015) Vale Pederson has been President of U3A Campbelltown, providing outstanding leadership. Vale was also President of the Alliance of U3As in South Australia for 3 years at the same time.

Vale has also given 20 years of service to the Campbelltown Landcare Group and is a mine of information about plants and gardening. She has only recently given up the position of Secretary of Campbelltown Landcare Group.

Vale has also served as a member of the Athelstone Primary School and Thorndon High School Councils.

Team sports have always been Vale's forte. She was an inaugural member of the Campbelltown Women's Hockey team, later coaching U16 and U14 girls' hockey. She also played tennis, squash and still regularly plays with the Mature Age Badminton Group in Campbelltown.

Vale is renowned for her gourmet cooking. She was treasurer of the Adelaide Chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier International (LDEI), an organisation of professional women who are committed to the advancement of education and philanthropy in food, beverage and hospitality.