

Nomination for Jeannette Hope for AQUA Life Membership on the grounds of “*exceptional long-term service and support to the Association*”

Jeannette Hope can be considered as the mother of AQUA. After early discussions in the late 60's Geoff Hope recalled that the hosting of the 1973 INQUA in Christchurch necessitated some organisation within Australia to bring the Quaternary community together. Bruce Thom (then Department of Biogeography and Geomorphology) recalls meeting Jeannette in her office (then Department of Prehistory) in the Coombs Building of Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University in the early 70's to discuss. Both agreed that Quaternary studies had been taken in a haphazard way because it was so multi-disciplinary. In particular they noted that it was difficult to keep track of developments outside your own discipline. To remedy this, Jeannette and Bruce teamed up to edit the *Australian Quaternary Newsletter*, the first issue appearing in March 1973. Bruce was struck by Jeannette's enthusiasm to lead this initiative and by her editing and reporting skills. *AQN* sought to gather research reports from the various Quaternary groups (then in Canberra, West Australia and Victoria) to facilitate collaboration and encourage field projects. The newsletter also sought to keep the community up to date with forthcoming meetings, available facilities and new publications. Lastly, the *AQN* also provided a place to potentially organise politically or to lobby to protect sites of importance. A total of 15 issues were produced and its incredible success can be measured by its circulation of about 240 subscribers by volume 11, more paying subscribers than AQUA today. Issues in 1977 and 1978 canvassed an association but drew a surprisingly lukewarm response from members who later became quite prominent in the community. In the final issue, Jeannette lamented the lack of an official Australian Quaternary organisation, a situation which was remedied shortly thereafter.

Jeannette undertook a Bachelor of Science at Monash University and went on to complete her PhD entitled “Biogeography of the mammals on the islands of Bass Strait with an account of variation in the genus *potorous*” at Monash in 1969. She was employed as a faunal specialist in the Department of Prehistory, Research School of Social Science (doesn't exist anymore) at ANU where she provided very generous support to post-graduate students. Jeannette's ecological research led her into the fields of vertebrate palaeontology and palaeoecology and she became a specialist in faunal remains. Her studies brought her to western New South Wales, the Darling River, and the Barkandji, People of the Barka River. Dr Hope's collegiality brought different archaeological and palaeontological efforts and her Darling River monographs are a document of this, which stands as a foundation of further study in the region. Jeannette has undertaken extensive archaeological and palaeoecological research in Victoria and New South Wales and is renowned for her collaborative efforts and indigenous community involvement. Jeannette has published broadly on her research in this region and beyond, including studies on Kangaroo Island and Indonesia with the focus ranging from middens to megafauna (or both!). She has also been vocal on issues of gender in archaeology, and published a number of articles on the matter. Dr Hope spent some years at National Parks and Wildlife Service, the agency which dealt with recent heritage legislation. This period was a turmoil of archaeology's place in society, in our relations with Aboriginal People, and in how commercial archaeology was developing. During part of that time she worked in Broken Hill, and on her retirement, Dr Hope moved to a small town at the Murray-Junction, where she continues her work with great community engagement and writes on Australian History of the region.