

## JUNE STRINGER

June Stringer is a life member of Graduate Women Victoria, one of our longest-term members.

June completed a 5 year combined degree in Arts and Social Studies in 1951 at the University of Melbourne. Her subjects included philosophy, political institutions and medical social work. June's mother and family decided that this would be the best course for her. She wanted to do literature but her mother and family believed that there would be no job prospects from this degree. She did not like the course but her mother wanted her to finish the degree.

Today she believes that she was introduced to subjects she would never have thought of studying. She believes that although she did not like the course that the knowledge gained has influenced her life in a positive way. She says she would love to have been a perpetual student because there are so many things she would like to have studied.

When she finished her degree she was given a trip to England sailing on one of the liners. She stayed in England for one year and during this time she went to the Westminster College where she learnt typing and shorthand. This was a wonderful and influencing experience. Arriving back in Australia she was in great demand as a private secretary with a degree. She worked for 5 years before deciding to give up paid employment to get married and have children. She says that that was what was expected and she was happy to become a full time mother and wife.

June has many interests, many of them developed in childhood. An on-going major interest has been in lace making. She is very proud of winning the best in show at an American association of lacemakers ' show in New York for one of her pieces of lace. Other long term interests include embroidery and textiles.

She played the piano as a child. Whilst in London she taught herself to play the recorder and is currently a member of the Recorder Guild in Melbourne and often plays at functions and music days out. She has a particular interest in archaeology but has never worked on a dig. She loves Time Team.

From an early age she did a lot of bush-walking and when her health stopped her she switched to bird watching with the Bird Observers Club. She still loves gardening. She also loves painting and drawing and loves to visit exhibitions