



Janet Dale

Born December 3, 1933, in Ballarat

Service to the community

Janet was born at home in Ballarat. She attended Pleasant Street Primary School and Queens Church of England Girls Grammar School. She trained as a nurse.

On Janet's eighth birthday her mother asked children to bring donations for the Red Cross instead of a present. Her father, Gordon Scott was a baker and much bread was given to those in need. Thinking of others less fortunate was the normal way of life for her family.

She married Peter in 1956 and had two children. While working as nurse she assisted Peter in their business. She helped at the Red Cross Blood Bank and delivered Meals on Wheels. She assisted at the kindergarten for disadvantaged children set up in church halls by Sister Betty Johnson. She was a member of the Pleasant Street Primary School council and the Ballarat and Clarendon College Council. Janet was a member and president of the Y'sMennetts and Ballarat Base Hospital Trained Nurses League.

She was a visitor at Lakeside in the 1960s and later worked for the first ten years of the Community Visitors Program to Psychiatric Services responsible to the Public Advocate. This was at the time of deinstitutionalisation so was a very busy time for the volunteers.

Janet continued a family tradition when she stood for the Ballarat City Council in 1987 and served with one small break until amalgamation in 1994. During this time Janet had the opportunity to be Chairman of the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery Board, Mayor's nominee on the School of Mines council and a member of Her Majesty's Theatre Board, the Heritage Committee, the Regional Library Board, the Keeping Ballarat Beautiful Committee and the planning committee for the Robert Clark Centre.

Janet and Peter feel very fortunate that their children and grandchildren live in Ballarat where they can see them grow. This is the fifth generation to live in this wonderful city.

Janet's other interests include the Uniting Church, University of the Third Age, bridge and garden history.

In her own words, *"It was interesting being an active member of our community. I don't care for the word great in relation to me, that is for people like Florence Nightingale and Fiona Wood"*.