

# TRIBUTES TO JOSEPHINE TE PUNI



NANCY: Her house, although on a small lot, is surrounded by native vegetation that she had planted. It has become a sanctuary for all kinds of birds. Wouldn't it be great if all back yards could be turned into sanctuaries? After trips to town for shopping and running errands, I just loved stopping by her place just to relax in her haven. It broke the drive to and from Lake Clifton. I will miss those special times.

JUDY: Jo's cheerful courage in facing death was inspirational and her pride in her daughter and granddaughters and their devotion to her care was wonderful to behold. That she was able to spend her last days watching the birds play in the bush outside her window seemed totally right. I remember her for her love of music, especially the Australian Chamber Orchestra, her love of her family and her energy in achieving best environmental conservation.

GRISELDA: I really got to know and respect Jo well when she took on most of the burden of producing the second edition of The Waterbirds of Goegrup and Black Lakes in the Peel Inlet Region. This led on to our mutual interest in threats to the wat erbirds of Lake McLarty and many meetings by the lake with various people from the WA Museum, Universities, CALM and the Department of Agriculture. We circumnavigated the lake on foot several times checking fencing, weed infestation, cattle encroachments and fox threats as Jo's interest and enthusiasm for the lake environment increased.

SHIRLEY: When first I joined PPG I was impressed by a confident, articulate, distinguished woman with silver hair. As I got to know Jo better, I discovered that she was all this and much more. There are not many people who are as passionate about caring for the environment and who go on to put that passion into tireless hard work.

It would be unrealistic to infer that we always saw eye-to-eye on everything, PPG is a GROUP and we always talk things through to come up with a good solution. The resulting group outcomes are always much, much more than the sum of the individual efforts. We are already missing Jo, who has been an integral part of our group. She will continue to be sorely missed. She does leave behind the legacy of her efforts, the gift of her achievements, and a host of wonderful memories.

FIONA: Like Nancy, I will miss the warm welcome Jo gave me as I dropped in on my regular working week commute between the Mandurah Park and Ride and Lake Clifton. These half-hour visits over a cup of tea, chocolate biscuits, seaweed rice crackers and cheese always resulted in discussions about which she was not only a prolific contributor but one of the two editorial managers. I know she'll be looking over my shoulder at her latest environmental project, Lake McLarty which we championed so

energetically, but often we talked about life and living, dogs, chooks, her peacock and inevitably the next issue of The Preservation Times for ws I complete the next edition due out at the end of this week.

KATH: Josephine's reverence for the environment went far beyond a walk on a fine sunny day. Hail, rain or shine, with her dogs, she patrolled Falcon from the ocean dunes to Estuary edge, Cox Bay and the Len Howard Conservation Park. If she found things not ship shape she did not mind whose toes she trod on :- officers of Council's Parks and Gardens or Murray Love at CALM - she was determined to get something done about it. Her loss will leave a huge hole in the PPG organization.