

## **Peta Cox**

**24/9/1946 - 7/8/2014**

Albury Wodonga Badminton pays official tribute to Peta Cox aged 67 who died in the triple fatality accident that occurred on Thursday morning 7<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

All players and officials from the Badminton Association are deeply saddened by her loss and offer their sincere condolences to her family and friends.

Peta was a long standing member of the Albury Wodonga Badminton Association. She seldom missed playing on the Tuesday nights at the Lauren Jackson Stadium and looked forward to participating in the Victorian Veteran Weekend Tournaments played throughout the year. Peta grew up in the Khancoban area and left to attend university in Sydney. Although quiet in nature Peta was adventurous and on completion of her studies she travelled to East Timor, Central/South America and many parts of Europe before settling in London where she worked as an architect and met her husband Ted. Being a country girl at heart, Peta returned to the region with (her husband) Ted and after a number of years in Wodonga settled in beautiful Yackandandah. On returning to Wodonga they both got involved with badminton in Albury Wodonga. They played for many years all over Australia, in England and in other countries often representing Albury Wodonga until Ted passed away from cancer a few years ago. Peta continued to play in the many events right up to the end.

With her knowledge and badminton experience, Peta was appointed to the Albury Badminton Tournament Committee in 1986 to assist in organizing the Australian Veterans Badminton Team Championships. Since then she continually participated in conducting the tournaments often taking on leading roles to run this yearly event.

In 2006 Peta was elected to become an executive member of the **Albury Wodonga Badminton Association**. She held the position of Veterans Liaison Officer and was the Albury delegate to the **Victorian Badminton Veterans Association**. In 2012 she was elected to the VBVA board and contributed to Victoria Veterans Badminton affairs.

Peta was an outstanding player and excellent role model to other players. She played in almost every tournament since the early eighties, often as many as ten per year representing Albury and many other teams in particular Latrobe Valley. Her final tournament was at the Altona Masters held on July 12 and 13. Peta played at this event in the Albury Tornados Team and this will be a great memory for the representative side.

Her love for the game was immense and Peta often spoke of how she would like to be more involved in her retirement, commenting that perhaps she would coach young people, hence she completed a coaching course and graduated last year in preparation to pass on her skills.

As a highly respected committee member and player, Peta will be sadly missed. She was a reserved, kind hearted and very knowledgeable person who worked at the Albury Tax office, enjoyed tap and ballroom dancing and lived a quiet life in Yackandandah - may she now be reunited with Ted.

Good bye Peta, a great player, lovely lady and dear friend.

Secretary AWBA Martin Derks



**Peta Cox** receiving her award at the Albury 30th Tournament presented by VBVA

Vice President **Yvette Bentley**. In the back ground special guest Albury Councillor **Darren Cameron**



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