

## Memory Hub Studio set to capture local life stories

FORMER radio announcer and Inverloch resident, Cathie Agg, has recently launched Memory Hub Studio. This is an interview service for people living in South Gippsland and Bass Coast who would like to capture their life story for future generations.

"Everyone has stories to tell – we've been collecting them our whole lives," explained Cathie.

"I wanted to provide an effortless way for people to preserve their loved ones' stories.

"Once someone is no longer with us, we can regret not hearing their voice or laughter again."

Cathie began Memory Hub Studio after friends said they wished they'd recorded their parents' stories and voices. She feels the same about her own parents, who are no longer with us, and sees the timeless value in capturing a loved one's personality and life experiences.

Cathie aims to make the whole process effortless and deliver a high-quality audio recording.

"Often, people want to record their loved ones' stories, but don't know where to start," she said.

The process includes personal research, a one-on-one audio interview, and editing to create a professionally



**Memory Hub Studio provides an effortless way to capture your unique memories. Professional, personal one-on-one audio interviews in South Gippsland and Bass Coast.**

polished audio story.

Cathie wants people to feel comfortable during the interview session, to bring out their character and warmth.

"The style is easy and conversational, and the location can be in their home, which provides a relaxing environment. Often people forget they're being interviewed!"

Questions are personalised to help guide the conversation and bring out their life experiences, she explains.

"Your favourite moments is one of the themes that we

cover, which is always uplifting, and some thought-provoking questions are added. There might also be a message that they'd like to send to loved ones, or advice for future generations."

The interview helps to create a legacy.

"I want to help preserve the wonderful, meaningful moments in their lives," she said.

In addition to radio announcing, Cathie is also an experienced interviewer, audio producer and podcaster.

Many locals are aware of her local podcast called 'Love Your Work', where she has been interviewing people from all walks of life in the South Gippsland area, about their favourite work and personal values. Memory Hub Studio is a natural progression of the podcast, explains Cathie.

"I love to learn about people's lives – and at the same time, people love to talk about their lives!"

For more information, visit [memoryhubstudio.com.au](http://memoryhubstudio.com.au).

his move to Meeniyan, and after arriving in town joined local clubs, volunteered for Meals on Wheels and was a community driver for South Gippsland Shire Council.

He met partner Jenefer Chitty at the Leongatha RSL in 2005, Rod having done National Service followed by several years in the Citizen Military Forces.

The pair became close, joining several groups in Leongatha and surrounds, including Woorayl Probus Club, Leongatha Senior Citizens Club, Inverloch RSL, and the Leongatha Horticultural Society. Rod also enjoying his time as a member of Meeniyan Bowls Club and Meeniyan Men's Shed.

Jenefer fondly recalls her many bus adventures with Rod in places such as Tasmania and New Zealand, a less happy memory being of one trip when the whole bus tour group was poisoned by dodgy sandwiches at a lunch stop.

Rod loved gardening, his veggies sometimes featuring in Leongatha horticultural shows, also having a couple of sheep, and chooks, as well as canaries at his place in Meeniyan, often giving canaries to family.

Rod dedicated 68 years to Freemasonry, beginning in his twenties.

A couple of Worshipful Brothers, Paul Vassell (Chaplain) and John Follett (Worshipful Master) of the Outtrim Lodge spoke at Rod's funeral, outlining his achievements as a Freemason, including having served as Worshipful Master during his time in Melbourne.

Upon his move to South Gippsland, Rod joined the Lord Brassey Lodge in Leongatha, that closing in 2011, and then joining the Outtrim Lodge.

Paul delivered a formal tribute to Rod following Freemason tradition.

An earlier photo tribute to Rod ended in fitting fashion with attendees taking up the celebrant's invitation to "Give him a big round of applause for just being a top bloke."