

## **Nona Verco**

Nona Verco joined the Society in 1996. A qualified librarian, Nona first honed her skills in the Children's Library, which was a part of the State Library of South Australia services until the 1990s, and later studied geography and history as a mature age student at the University of Adelaide and then for library qualifications at UniSA.

Nona has volunteered over and beyond a day a week in the Society's library since 2014 when she offered her services through a call for volunteers.

Nona understands that the Society's library, the largest geographical library in the southern hemisphere, is but a part of the bigger Australian resource for geography and is always on the lookout for how she can attract different users in to use the internationally significant collection. Her field of influence now extends to other cultural institutions in the State and around Australia. During her overseas trips Nona has garnered information and ideas that that may enhance the Society's library and information services.

Recently, at the request of the Society's President, Nona agreed to assume an additional role as Chair of the Society's Library committee, following the sudden death of the incumbent. This role she has taken to with her usual good-natured enthusiasm and application. Nona has subsequently agreed to go onto the Society's Council, the supreme decision-making body of the Society, the library being by far the most valuable tangible asset the Society owns.

Nona comes with good credentials, her great-grandfather Langdon being an inaugural member and Society President, her grandfather Lavington a councillor, and uncle, Warren a councillor and President.