



## **Kathy Sharp**

### **Vice Chairperson**

I graduated from Macquarie University with majors in History & Politics. I am now retired after spending the last 16 years of my working life as Manager of Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Meals on Wheels. I have always felt a keen interest in the injustices of the world and hope that now I am retired I can contribute a little in helping Australia become a more tolerant and safe society for all. I am very excited to be a part of the Courage to Care team.

I was born in Sydney in 1949. My family was not directly affected by the Holocaust. I had a peaceful, happy and loving upbringing that was a far cry from what other children experienced in Europe throughout the 1930's & 40's. I feel extremely fortunate in that respect.

My mother was born in Brisbane and my father in the east end of London after his parents had left Warsaw early in the twentieth century to escape being drafted into the Czar's army where my grandfather would have had to serve for up to 25 years! My mother's parents were English but their forebears had left Russia to escape the pogroms during the late nineteenth century.

I am very proud that my grandchildren are seventh generation Australians. On my mother-in-law's side the family emigrated from England to Melbourne as free settlers in the 1830s.

