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Pat Longmore (* * 1931 - 18 July, 1992)

Pat Longmore was born in New York, New York, USA, and moved to Melbourne, Australia in 1957. Pat worked as the Head of the History Department at Korowa Church of England Girls Grammar School from 1957 until 1978.

Pat was active in many areas most notably her interest in films which included being the Chairperson of the Melbourne Film Makers Co-op (1972 - 1976); Director of the Women's Independent Film Festival at the Palais Theatre, Melbourne, in 1975; Director of the International Lesbian Film Festival as part of the Lesbian Festival 1990 in Melbourne; Co-Director of the Melbourne International lesbian and Gay Film and Video Festival at the National Theatre in 1991 - 1992; and the Producer, Director and Editor of the 60 minute video 'Dykes of Our Restless Daze' with Amazon Theatre in 1992.

Pat was also the co-creator and member of the Editorial Board of LIP, a Feminist Visual Arts Magazine in 1976; the Co-Curator of the Melbourne Fringe Festival in 1989; Co-Director of the Midsumma Festival in Melbourne in 1990; and was the cofounder and co-Editor of Lesbiana in 1992. Pat is perhaps best known for being the licensee of the Kingston Hotel, Highett Street, Richmond, (1980 - 1986) which became a centre of lesbian and feminist activity with everything from pool comps to fundraisers, plays to book launches and everything in between, and was most often referred to as the Women's Pub during those six activity-filled years.

Pat died in London during a trip to visit her daughter and granddaughter in Paris and was buried in England. A memorial service was held at the Metropolitan Community Church in South Melbourne on 1 August 1992 to celebrate her life and considerable achievements.