

1953 – appointed to NSW Parliament Migrant Advisory Committee by the Hon Eileen Furley MLC, Founder of Liberal Party in NSW

1953 – joined Liberal Party of Australia, NSW Division

1953-2003 – organised annual concert for the commemoration of Mass Deportation from the Baltic States, traditional conducted at the Latvian Hall in Strathfield.

1954 January 1-3 – first Estonian Days of Australia (Festival) in Sydney; main announcer; translated the programs into English

1955, February 24 – organised and Opened the commemoration of the 37th Estonian Day of Independence

1955-1960 – member, Club of the World, YWCA Sydney

1955 – 2003 – member, Liberal Party of Australia, NSW division – various branches, various positions

1956-66 - Office Manageress, “Meie Kodu” Estonian weekly Newspaper in Australia

1956, May 11 – organiser a concert ball for the United Council of Migrants from Communist Dominated Europe

1956, December – assisted organising the YWCA Xmas exhibition; joined the World Fellowship Committee, organising a monthly meeting with a talk about a different country, a sampling of its food and culture.

1958-1969 – member of the Board, Sydney Estonian Society

1957 – December 1985 – Royal Alexandria Hospital for Children city office; Public Relations section – Manageress, Assistant PRO.

1960, November 6 – husband Leonid Looveer died

1959, November – announced as the Migrant of the Month, delivering a speech to the Women’s Group of the NSW Liberal Party.

1960 – with Douglas Darby MLA, founded the Captive Nations Council of NSW and served as Honorary Secretary for the entire life of that body, which continued its work until after the liberation of Eastern Europe. Organised many successful events including numerous large demonstrations against Soviet imperialism.

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1967, October – produced English edition of “Meie Kodu” (weekly Estonian newspaper in Australia)

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1968, July 14-19 – Arts and Crafts exhibition, Captive Nations Week, Curzons

1969, April – organised first folk-dancing to Sydney Easter Show (Royal Agricultural Show); also exhibition of handcrafts for Joint Baltic Committee; these continued for many years

1974-1986 - Secretary Narwee branch, Liberal Party of Australia

1975, July 27 – foundation member of the Ethnic Affairs Council of NSW (this followed three years of planning and preparation for this)

1976 – 1981 – member, State Council, Liberal Party of Australia, NSW division and office bearer of the Liberal Ethnic Council.

1976-1981 – member, Advisory Committee on Ethnic Affairs to Hon Steven Maugher, Minister for Youth and Ethnic Affairs (NSW) and Premier Neville Wran Q.C. M.P.

1976-1978 – member, Advisory Committee on Ethnic Affairs to the Hon Michael McKellar, M.P., Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs (Australia)

1976 – 1981 - member, Womens’ Welfare Issues Consultative Committee, to the Federal Minister for Social Security

1979 – With Liberal Ethnic Council president, Lyenko Urbanchich, organised highly successful Liberal Ethnic Concert in Sydney Town Hall in July in support of then Leader of the Opposition John Mason MLA.

From the time of her arrival in Australia, Lia cared for her mother-in-law and her daughter, until their deaths in 1993? and 2000? Respectively

For the greater part of her adult life, Lia was burdened by poor eyesight requiring her to wear thick glasses. Laser eye surgery in 1990? allowed her to discard her spectacles, even for driving, and enhanced her enjoyment of her later years.

Lia is survived by her son Dr Juho Looweer and daughter in law Denise, and their children Krister, Katherine and Cassandra.

(Material kindly collated by Dr Juho Looweer PhD)



FUNERAL SERVICE Wednesday, 8 November 2006, 10:00 a.m.
Old St Paul's Chapel 221 Old Northern Road (corner Francis St) Castle Hill