

Christopher Boddy citation for RHSV Award of Merit, 28 May 2020

Nominated by Graham Hansen, president of Knox Historical Society

Christopher Boddy has given outstanding service to the Knox Historical Society for 31 years and has assisted historical projects far beyond the boundaries of the City of Knox. His grandfather founded a butter factory in Seymour and this sparked Chris's interest in that district and his work scanning local records. He grew up in Ashburton and attended Ashwood High school; he is now scanning the school's records to facilitate the writing of the school history.

Christopher has supported the Knox Historical Society in significant roles. He was secretary in the 1990s and involved with the restoration of the Lysterfield Avenue of Honour and in securing grants for Ambleside Park Homestead, the meeting place of the Knox Historical Society. He was membership secretary for about 25 years and a former editor of the society's periodical, *Knox Historian*. He has been treasurer for more than 20 years and introduced digital accountancy to the society.

A longtime supporter of the Anglican Church, Chris was an inaugural trustee of the Tyler House Trust, which distributes grants to the church's welfare projects. He edited the parish paper of the RAFT Anglican Church at Rowville for four years and is presently scanning the church's records.

Chris has given extraordinary service to the Knox Historical Society and made a contribution to scanning records relevant to aspects of the history of Victoria. He richly deserves the honour of an Award of Merit from the Royal Historical Society of Victoria.