



Footscray Historical Society Inc.

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8TH April 2021

Rosemary Cameron,
Executive Officer
Royal Historical Society of Victoria
Email: executive.officer@historyvictoria.org.au

Re: 2020 RHSV Awards of Merit

Dear Rosemary,

On behalf of the Footscray Historical Society Committee, I wish to highly recommend that the Award of Merit be given to our long-time volunteer Catherine Reichert. Catherine has recently stepped down from the role of Vice President to take a more precautionary position in view of her age and the current circumstances, after a career with us spanning over 30 years.

Catherine has held executive roles in the positions of Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. She also has contributed regularly to our Newsletter and wrote the "History of the Footscray Baths". Her role in collections management and policy have been pivotal to the curation of our collection after undertaking professional development in this field in order to best ensure its management and survival.

In her time with our society, she has assisted with research for local and state government representatives and authorities, and has represented the society in many forums, for her exceptional knowledge and expertise on the History of the inner west of Melbourne. Local researchers and authors have all much valued her work.

Her dedication to us followed on from an extensive career as a Nursing sister, specialising in infectious disease, both at Footscray Hospital and in the United Kingdom. Catherine has had an outstanding working career both in her professional capacity and in her outstanding voluntary work and tireless contributions to us.

We hope you look favourably upon Catherine Reichert to receive an Award of Merit for her outstanding contribution to this society.

Yours sincerely

Ian Johnson
President of the Footscray Historical Society



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