



Murchison & District Historical Society Inc.

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Re: Nomination for Award of Merit for Kathleen (Kay) Ball

Kay is currently the President of Murchison and District Historical Society, a position she has held for the last 7 years and prior to that was Secretary for 14 years. Over that time Kay has contributed and continues to contribute to the work of the Society other than fulfilling her Executive role, in many different ways:

- Actively worked towards remodelling of our Heritage Centre opened in 2014 making it a very suitable history resource centre and significant town asset
- Co-ordinated several major events: *Creation of a Village* (celebration of 150 years of the Village of Murchison 1990), *Tripping the Light Fantastic* (period lighting exhibition celebrating electricity connection 2002), *80-year Celebration of Bridge Opening* (2017), *Rock on Murchison* (celebration of landing of Murchison meteorite 2019)
- Sourcing funds to support the work of the Society including many successful applications for grants, sponsorships, helping on BBQ's and stalls selling local history books and souvenirs
- Kay set up Society Website in 2011, maintains content, posting a fresh item at least once a month disseminating information on Society events and promoting details of local history
- Orientation of new members in regard to being on duty when Heritage Centre open
- Kay compiled the book *Art Captured* that won Local History Award – small publication (2018) and with others, has edited and assisted publishing other people's writing of history books
- Writing articles for local and regional newspapers and has contributed to *History News*
- Initiated celebration by our Society of History Week since 2013 with an event (COVID allowing) ranging from book launches, exhibitions and visiting lecturers
- Presentation of talks and slide shows to visiting groups
- Provides guided history coach tours of our town
- Promotes membership of the Society at every opportunity
- Sought after speaker at regional Lions Clubs, U3A, Probus and RSL Clubs and recently at Shepparton Art Museum
- Conducts research for family history enquiries
- Kay takes her turn on duty when Heritage Centre open
- Arranging of both permanent and temporary displays in Heritage Centre
- With team members compiles and maintains interpretive signage throughout town
- Liaison with town groups: Primary School, Neighbourhood House and RSL on any history matters
- Representative on Greater Shepparton City Council Heritage Advisory Committee, member of Heritage Signage Sub-committee and currently Deputy Chairperson
- Kay has taken part in several films recording our local history

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary

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We acknowledge and pay respect to the elders, past, present and emerging, of the original custodians of the Murchison District, the Ngurai-illum people.