



# ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.

239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne 3000

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**Lois Comeadow**

## **AWARD OF MERIT NOMINATION**

For near to the past eighteen years, since Lois' involvement began with The Brighton Cemeterians as a founding Committee member she has held office positions and led numerous activities and projects demonstrating an unflagging and uplifting devotion, despite even her own bouts of infirmity. Here then, is a summary of her contribution to the life of The Brighton Cemeterians: 2005 (last remaining) Founding Committee member – and ongoing office bearer

**CURRENT OFFICE:** Treasurer

### **PUBLICATIONS:**

- 2005 'Journal' quarterly publication of biographical essays of the interred (currently to issue 72)
- 2006 onwards annual photo-book publication of events and activities
- 2007 'Happenings' ongoing monthly newsletter of events
- Booklet series:
- Time Lines of the Brighton Cemetery – visits to the cemetery over many years
- Time Lines of the Brighton Cemetery - 1850s – 1909; 1910 -1929; 1930-1959; 1960-2015
- Our Men & Women of WW1
- Remembering Those Who Served: Flag Ceremonies x 3
- Artists of the Brighton Cemetery x 3
- The Argus – Brighton General Cemetery: personal notices, obituaries and inquests
- Brighton General Cemetery through the eyes of Trove Digitised Newspapers
- Women of Brighton General Cemetery x 3

### **ACTIVITIES:**

- 2006 Walking tours organised, ongoing - based by theme : soldiers, nurses, artists, sports people, and others
- Individual plaque designation and installation x approx. 40, including war service graves + persons of note
- Individual commemorative ceremony support and facilitation
- Collective commemorative ceremony support and facilitation
- Assistance with monument restoration
- Liaison with the Southern Memorial Cemeteries Trust
- Genealogical database creation including Burial Order and Registry transcriptions with 73,000 gravesites documented and photographed

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

From Jane M. Carolan's 'Visionary Lives: five hundred biographies from the Brighton General Cemetery' 2013  
*"Lois Comeadow of the Brighton Cemeterians was unfailingly patient in undertaking meticulous research for the names and photographs."*

### **ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY INVOLVEMENT IN AREAS OF LOCAL COMMEMORATIVE RESEARCH:**

- The War Graves Working Group Heritage and Commemorative Committee of the Returned Services League of Australia ( Victorian Branch): - Assisting in the identification , location and nomination for war graves state-wide
- Caulfield Area Memorials: Honour Roll Board database hosted by Caulfield RSL: - Currently including over 7,000 entries

### **SUMMARY:**

I hope that the adjudicating Council will see fit to recognise and acknowledge Lois' sheer output and resilience over the years: in short - her good heart, her good will and her good works.

Nominated by Isaac Hermann

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