



## ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.

239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne 3000

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### **Bergliot Dallas AWARD OF MERIT NOMINATION**

On behalf of the Nepean Historical Society, I wish to nominate Bergliot Dallas for the 2023 RHSV Award of Merit.

She has been a member for 23 years, a life member for 9, acting as committee member for 11 years and welcoming the public on roster at the museum for a long period.

For a number of years she organised our group tours and visits, tailoring the programme for individual groups' needs (e.g. for disabled visitors) and coping, aided by her carefully organised team, with up to 60 schoolchildren at once. She 'became' Mrs. Watts and the loving curator of our 150 year old cottage over the years, and has played an important rôle in the planning and running of temporary exhibitions, stalls and refreshments at open gardens, and sausage sizzles, held to publicise and finance the society's operations.

Bergliot has also represented our Society at meetings of the Local and Regional History groups, carried out oral history interviews and original research at times, and made valuable contributions to our journal 'The Nepean'.

All these varied and valuable tasks and activities have been undertaken by this dedicated, enthusiastic lady alongside her 'basic, official' job as a member of the Archives team, i.e. the indexing and cataloguing of our collection of documents and maps, which she has carried out in the most meticulous way, and which necessitated adaptating to new developments over time, in particular 'going digital'.

At nearly 90 years of age, Bergliot has decided to retire and we believe she thoroughly deserves the special recognition which the RHSV Award would bestow on her.

Nominated by Janet South,  
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