



## ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.

239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne 3000

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### **Andrew Henry Mackenzie AWARD OF MERIT NOMINATION**

Over the past forty years, Andrew Mackenzie has been a wonderful contributor to Historical Societies throughout Victoria and has since the 1980's been a member of the Heidelberg Historical Society, since the bushfires of 2009, a member of the Marysville & District Historical Society, the Healesville and District Historical Society and is also a long time member of the Eltham District Historical Society - his help with this Society dating back to the 1980's.

Andrew has helped many of your members and is known throughout Victoria for his generosity, his numerous gifts to Societies and his willingness to support members in their times of need.

After the devastating Black Saturday Bushfires of February 2009, it was Andrew who stepped in to help Mary and Reg Keneally rebuild the Marysville & District Historical Society collection. Over the years Andrew donated around 3,000 items from his own collection and helped rebuild the Society collection to around 25,000 items. As a mark of respect to Andrew the Society named their Reference Library in his honour and he was further nominated for an OAM - which he received in 2014.

Andrew's academic publications have contributed greatly to our understanding of the Art History of Victoria and his "World First" Signage for the Heidelberg School Artists Trail has brought knowledge of Victoria's rich Art Heritage to the awareness of many thousands of viewers over the past twenty five years.

Such is the respect for Andrew's scholarship, Allan Myers QC AC and his wife, Maria Myers AC have kept Andrew busy for the past 17 years as personal Archivist to their large and historically important Art Collection, which includes a number of the rarest and earliest images of the Western District of Victoria.

I believe Andrew Mackenzie would be a very worthy recipient of a RHSV Award of Merit.

Nominated by John Meynell Withers



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Please note, the following information is from a brief biography of Andrew Mackenzie available on the "In the Artist's Footsteps" website.

- "On Australia Day, 26 January 2014, Andrew Henry Mackenzie, Mount Eliza, Vic. was Awarded Medal (OAM) in the General Division For service to the community of Marysville, to the arts, and to the preservation of local history."
- He helped rebuild the Marysville & District Historical Society Collection after the devastating "Black Saturday" Bushfires, 7 February 2009 completely destroyed the History Centre and the Collection of 15,000 items built up over forty years.
- Donated 522 (A3 size, laminated) rare early photographs of Healesville to the Healesville and District Historical Society on 19 June 2014 as part of his "Greetings from Healesville" Project to celebrate Healesville's 150th Birthday.
- In 1985, Organized the Touring Exhibition, "A Tribute to Victor Cobb, 1876-1945" as part of "VICTORIA 150".
- In April 1987, was Concept Creator and Project Manager for the Heidelberg School Artists Trail -A "World First" in this form of Interpretive Art Signage. This Trail is still being enjoyed today.
- Contacted Port Phillip Bay Councils about extending this Trail and provided the Concept and information to the Bayside City Council, who later created the "Bayside Coastal Art Trail" which won a RHSV Award.
- Awarded a Commendation for Best Exhibit/Display in the Victorian Community History Awards for 2004 for the exhibition, "The Artists' Journey: Discovering the Victorian Coastline 1840-1910", Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Summer 2003/2004.
- In 2000, Provided Artist biographies for "In the Artist's Footsteps" website, including first biography of Sir William Dargie. This website is still very popular today.
- Consultant for Documentary, "The Great Gold Rush" aired 20 October 2001 and produced to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Discovery of Gold in Victoria.
- Considered an authority on the Heidelberg School, he has a considerable body of academic publications, including books, journal articles and art catalogues.
- Produced three entries for "The Australian Dictionary of Biography": Walter Herbert Withers, John Thomas Nightingale Rowell and William Nicholas Rowell and was on the VAS 2020 - 150th Birthday Committee and writer of the first two chapters of their 150th Anniversary publication.
- He wrote the Story of "William James Capewell" in "Fine Spirit and Pluck: World War One Stories from Banyule, Nillumbik, and Whittlesea", 2016

### Professional Publications include:

- "Significance Assessment Report on the Marysville & District Historical Society Collection": prepared for the National Library of Australia, June 2012. 70 pages and 150 Appendices.
- "Frederick McCubbin 1855 - 1917: "The Proff" and his art" Mannagum Press
- Sotheby's Australia, 1990. 354 pages.
- "Walter Withers 1854 - 1914" (Famous Australian Art Series), Mallard Press, 1989
- "Hans Heysen 1877 - 1968" (Famous Australian Art Series), OZ Publishing Co.,
- Queensland, reprinted, Mallard Press, 1989
- "Albert Namatjira 1902 - 1959" (Famous Australian Art Series), OZ Publishing Co.,
- Queensland, reprinted, Mallard Press, 1989
- "The Etchings, Lecture Notes and Writings of Victor Cobb, 1876 - 1945", Pioneer Design Studio, 1987
- "Walter Withers: The Forgotten Manuscripts", Mannagum Press, 1987. 144 pages.



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