



ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.

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Marilyn Moore **AWARD OF MERIT NOMINATION**

The Coburg Historical Society is proud to nominate our President, Marilyn Moore for an Award of Merit in 2023. Marilyn has been President of Coburg Historical Society since 2021. She has lived her entire life within the boundaries of the old City of Coburg.

Marilyn loves researching and writing local history. She has had a long involvement with the Society starting as a guest speaker on planning at a 2003 monthly meeting. For a few years she was also actively involved with the Brunswick Community History Group including serving on that committee. She is a member of the Coburg High School Historical Group and, since 2009, an active participant in the Royal Historical Society of Victoria. She was also one of the foundation members of the Friends of Coburg Cemetery and contributed research for their self-guided walk brochure and women's walk. From 2006, Marilyn became a regular participant on the Society's Bluestone Cottage Museum roster and helped with primary school pupil visits. Marilyn still happily shares her extraordinary wealth of Coburg historical knowledge with visitors to the museum.

By 2008, she was researching and writing articles on different topics such as overlooked but significant Coburg women.

Since 2013 Marilyn has selflessly organized and publicized the Society's monthly meeting guest speakers, arranged venues, liaised with organisations and written summary reports of the talks for the web page and newsletter. This is a huge, ongoing task.

In 2015 she became a CHS committee member and participated in the first Bluestone Cottage Museum Open House day. She also organized the Upfield Railway line display for the second Open House. She was elected Vice-President in 2017.

Marilyn was a member of the conference organization committee for the 2017 Brunswick-Coburg Anti-Conscription commemoration and, in 2018-2019, history advisor for an Upfield Railway Line Coalition trying to save local heritage structures, open spaces and trees.

Marilyn has advocated to Council for the retention of heritage buildings and structures such as Coburg High, Pentridge and at 197 The Avenue, appearing at Planning Panels Victoria and VCAT. With the CHS Committee she is currently driving a petition to Council to ensure urgent protection for historical streetscapes and to improve and extend heritage overlays in Coburg.

She has researched and led three Coburg heritage walks - bluestone (central) Coburg in 2016, through Pentridge and along Merri Creek in 2018 and along the Upfield Railway Line in 2019. She continues to organize excursions, exhibition workshop and participates on current subcommittees. She also organized the digitization of the Brunswick and Coburg Leader 1919-21 in co-operation with Moreland libraries.

Currently Marilyn is a member of the Bluestone Cottage Working Group, representing the Society working with Merri-Bek Council, documenting the Museum Collection, and lobbying on behalf of the Society re upcoming changes and works on the Museum complex.

For her past and continued ongoing contributions to our Society, we believe Marilyn deserves this recognition, and we are very proud to nominate her for an Award of Merit.