



ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.

239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne 3000

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Jan Morris AWARD OF MERIT NOMINATION

Jan Morris served as President of the Anglesea & District Historical Society for 10 years and was the cornerstone of the organization.

She stepped down in October 2022.

Over her period as President she reinvigorated the society and took it a long way by developing its activities and raising its profile. Its success is recognized by the Surf Coast Shire who have provided a letter of support for her nomination. (see attachment)

As well as what was achieved during the 10 years, Jan nurtured many projects some of which are yet to come to fruition.

She was involved in all aspects of the organization:

- * At the helm of the committee of management
- * Acted as public spokesperson and advocate for the society
- * Organised the annual program of speakers and events such as excursions. At these she also organised and contributed to the catering As a result, these events steadily increased in popularity.
- * Edited the Quarterly newsletter "Coastal Current"
- * Researched people, places and events and documented all this for the society
- * Revised the society's publications
- * Took on responsibility for the maintenance of the Bark Hut at Aireys Inlet where in the past she organised Heritage days
- * Her practical work included: gardening, rubbish removal, volunteering at fundraising events such as re sale shed and sausage sizzles

The qualities she brought to the society were; leadership, inclusivity, delegation to maximise the skills of others, thoughtfulness and awareness of the needs of others and a work ethic like no other! Jan contribute time, energy and money but was unfortunately forced to step down from the committee due to serious health issues.

In addition to her tireless efforts for the Anglesea & District Historical Society, Jan worked to promote the Surf Coast Shire Heritage Committee and acted as spokesperson for this committee in dealings with the Shire.

This committee is also endorsing this nomination. (see attachment)

Jan has unquestionably earned a merit award for going above and beyond in her contribution to local history

Nomination by Barry Davidson
President, Anglesea & District Historical Society