



ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.

239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne 3000

Guy Wilson

Nomination for the Barbara Nixon Award

Guy joined the RHSV as a volunteer in January 2021. He was then a new retiree looking for meaningful activities. The RHSV struck gold when Guy walked through our front door.

Guy had recently retired from running RMIT's library at its Bundoora Campus and prior to that he'd spent his working life in the public library system. He was an exceptionally experienced and talented librarian. He told us that he was willing to help with anything as long as it didn't involve managing people!

Guy quickly grasped the reforms and changes that Jillian Hiscock, our Collections Manager, was implementing and he became her right-hand man.

Guy has contributed hugely to the organisation and auditing of our collection. His work has enabled us to make great strides in ensuring the physical collection is usable by updating labels, re-cataloguing books, moving the collection around so that it better fits the space and is more user-friendly and creating signage. All these things sound ordinary and mundane, but to a librarian it is important that these underlying tasks are done well and accurately, as they are the bedrock for all collection management tasks. Guy is meticulous and a very safe pair of hands.

Guy is also a very social person so the volunteer morning teas and lunches are energetic and full of chatter. He is much loved by staff and volunteers alike. He has helped the RHSV also by funnelling RMIT Library cast-offs our way – we have a fleet of trolleys thanks to Guy.

Guy often works more than 1 day a week so he works with different teams of volunteers. He is a quietly focussed presence and simply having Guy in the building is a good feeling.

Guy Wilson has provided exceptional service to the RHSV during his short period at the RHSV. His passion and energy for the collection, the RHSV's greatest asset, is truly deserving of the Barbara Nixon Award and we have no hesitation in nominating him for this very special award.

Rosemary Cameron
Executive Officer

Jillian Hiscock
Collections Manager & Volunteer Co-ordinator

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