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John Zubrycki – Teaching Tango in Shanghai: Florence Broadhurst and her Eastern Interlude

Graham Shirley – Heritage and Filmmaking: Greystanes House and Rangle River, 1936

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Peter Hobbins – Concrete Reminders: Why we should Value our Bunkers

Lisa Murray – Gambling, Sly-grog and Stand-over Men: Alexandria and Erskineville, 1920s-1930s



2021 CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT

These awards honour the contributions made by members of RAHS affiliated societies to local and community history.

Rod Aanensen – Marrickville Heritage Society (MHS)

The MHS acknowledges Rod's longstanding commitment, involvement and considerable contributions since 2014. He has served as an executive committee member, including a year as Vice President in 2016-2017. Rod has contributed journal articles and co-authored the history of Marrickville Public School. His dedication to the history, heritage and advocacy of threatened buildings in his local area is keenly appreciated, along with his assistance with public enquiries about the history of the area. Rod's efforts in reconstituting the Society's website have produced the greatest benefits for the MHS. Rod also co-monitors and updates the MHS's Facebook and has facilitated the digitisation of all issues of the newsletter (1984-2018).

Bruce Cain – Kempsey Family History Group (KFHG)

For his continuous and dedicated voluntary service to the KFHG since joining as a foundation member in 2010. Bruce was elected as the first President and has maintained the position on the executive since. He has been responsible for the current Pioneer Register Project, having spent over 7,500 hours creating, researching and recording the information. Bruce has also compiled databases on local cemeteries and was Research Officer for the Burrumbutti Indigenous Commemoration at the East Kempsey Cemetery. He is also responsible for designing and maintaining the KFHG's website and Facebook. As a volunteer, he is always available and willing to assist with research enquiries from members and non-members.

Beverley Earnshaw OAM – Kogarah Historical Society (KHS)

The KHS acknowledges Beverley's generosity and involvement in the development and running of the KHS and Carss Cottage Museum. Since becoming a member in 1978, Beverley has held several executive positions, including Vice President in 2003 and President in 2005, which she held for 12 years. Beverley also edits the bi-monthly newsletter, is very involved in the Museum's exhibitions, and is a speaker and guest presenter for the Society, Museum and various community organisations. Beverley has written several publications for the KHS, including six for children and the recently published fiftieth anniversary history of the KHS. For her service to historical organisations,

and as an author, she was awarded an OAM in 2016.

Janice Eastment – Ryde District Historical Society (RDHS)

Janice's involvement and extraordinary contributions to the Society and local community are acknowledged by the RDHS. She joined in 2000 and served as President in 2011-2013. She has written articles for the *Ryde Recorder*, contributed to publications and conducted tours of Ryde's historic house, *Willandra*, the Village of Ryde, St Anne's and Field of Mars Cemeteries. With Kevin Shaw, she has co-written the history of two of Ryde's major cemeteries, *The Field of Mars Cemetery at Ryde* and *Churchyard on the Hill: St Anne's at Ryde*. The latter is a major achievement which includes the histories of more than 300 families of Ryde, Hunters Hill, and surrounding suburbs.

Peg Harvey – Berrima District Historical & Family History Society

Since Peg joined in 1997, she has been an active member and regular volunteer at the museum. She was appointed to the Management Committee in 1998 and acted as Minutes Secretary for two years. Peg managed the affairs of the Society with great skill during her time as Treasurer in 2002-2005. Since 2017, she has held the role of Secretary, while also maintaining the database of members as Membership Secretary. For almost 25 years, Peg has worked in the Society's archives, indexing, entering and maintaining entries for the Ryerson Index. Peg's longstanding involvement and considerable contributions to the Society and the local community is acknowledged by the Society and its members.

Helen McDermott – Gerringong & District Historical Society (GDHS)

Awarded for her longstanding involvement, dedication, leadership and voluntary service to the Society and local community since joining in 2009. As President, Helen has managed the GDHS through a difficult and demanding four-year period. She has worked with Kiama Municipal Council to design and build a new museum and library complex that incorporates the renovation of the 140-year-old School of Arts building. Throughout the process, Helen has kept the Gerringong Community informed via social media, market days and newsletters. She has rallied troops, attracted funding, increased membership and ensured that people feel valued and appreciated. Through Helen's passion for preserving local history, her problem-solving, communication and project

management skills, with her relentless commitment and gracious attitude, the Society has survived and thrived.

Jennifer Myers – Lake Macquarie Family History Group (LMFHG)

Jenny's contributions to family and local history since joining in 1999 are an invaluable service to the LMFHG. She has held positions as President, Assistant Secretary, Secretary, Newsletter Editor and research volunteer at the Speers Point Library. She currently fills the roles of Vice President and Raffle organiser and is a representative at the Lake Macquarie City Council Library's family history course conducted in conjunction with the Society of Australian Genealogists. Jenny has also helped with researching, transcribing and proof-reading material for their publications and has been a guest speaker for local associations. She has organised and directed beginner's courses for members as well as a six-week course for the local U3A.

Warren Oliver – Lake Macquarie Family History Group

The LMFHG acknowledges Warren's commitment, contributions, dedicated support of local history and outstanding service since joining in 2000. Warren has been a keen and valued member, serving continuously as Honorary Secretary since 2004 and as co-editor of the LMFHG's journal, *The Chronicle*. He has also helped with outings, functions and table displays and regularly attends general meetings and research days, assisting members and visitors with understanding their Irish heritage. He has assisted with researching, transcribing, entering and proof-reading data for the LMFHG's publications, including *Pioneers & Settlers of Lake Macquarie* and the four-volume *St Matthews Church of England, Windsor NSW Parish registers*.

Kevin Shaw – Ryde District Historical Society

The Society acknowledges Kevin's achievements and considerable contributions since joining in 1987 and as co-founder of the RDHS's Family History Group in

1988. Kevin has held several executive positions, including President in 1989-1996 and Treasurer in 1998-2013. He managed the *Ryde Recorder* in 2002-2020 and has conducted tours of Ryde's historic house, *Willandra*, the Village of Ryde, St Anne's and Field of Mars Cemeteries. Kevin has written articles for the newsletter and submitted contributions to publications, with his most significant published works being the history of two of Ryde's major cemeteries, co-written with Janice Eastment, *The Field of Mars Cemetery at Ryde* and *Churchyard on the Hill: St Anne's at Ryde*.

Kerima-Gae Topp – Friends of St Johns Cemetery, Parramatta / Friends of Mays Hill Cemetery / Hills Historical Society / Parramatta Female Factory Friends

Awarded for her continued endeavours and commitment as Treasurer for all four of these organisations. Kerima-Gae is an active and enthusiastic participant, returning meticulous treasury details at each committee and general meeting, conducting tours, writing flyers for activities and is a popular guest speaker. An historian and member of the Institute of Australian Tour Guides, she is always warm and welcoming in her manner and encouraging of new members. Each organisation appreciates Kerima-Gae as an invaluable asset, who achieves far beyond most in her activities and is well deserving of the honour of this award.

2021 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

These awards honour the contribution made by RAHS volunteers.

Bron Stepowski

The Society acknowledges RAHS member Bron's achievements and contributions as a valuable RAHS Volunteer. Since 2017, he has diligently sorted, digitised and organised approximately 2,500 previously uncatalogued photographs, glass slides and albums from RAHS collections in preparation for inclusion into our image databases. Bron has also digitised, as high-resolution copies, sixty percent of our catalogued glass slide collections.

OBITUARY James Brian McAteer (1929-2021)

Brian McAteer was an RAHS Councillor from 1989-1991, serving as Treasurer. With wife Beth, he remained an active participant in the activities of the Society long after he had ceased being an office bearer. He passed away in 2021 at the age of 92.

Born in 1929, Brian went with his family to England when he was 18 and worked at Australia House recruiting post-war migrants. On his return, he worked for the Rural Bank, becoming manager of the

Crows Nest Branch. He was an active member of the Australian Catholic Historical Society. Brian lived at Balgowlah and contributed his memories of the 1950s to the History of Seaforth which he edited with the Seaforth Centenary Committee in 2006.

Carol Liston, RAHS President



