



Malmsbury Historical Society

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Executive Officer,
Rosemary Cameron on executive.officer@historyvictoria.org.au
Royal Heritage Society of Victoria

Dear Rosemary,

RE: Malmsbury Historical Society Nomination for the 2020 RHSV Awards Dr Susan Walter PhD.

The Malmsbury Historical Society is proud to nominate Dr Susan Walter PhD for this prestigious award for 2020.

Sue Walter joined the MHS in 2002 as a researcher; Sue was promptly accepted onto the committee and subsequently served in every position of the committee as Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Vice President and since 2018 is our President.

From 2002 she has written brochures and published several books for the Society, including;

1. Gold 'N Greens – A history of the Chinese of Malmsbury and District – 2010.
2. The Elongated Dog Kennel; The History of Malmsbury Mechanics' Institute, 2012

Both of these books are still in print and are regularly purchased by members of the public and society.

- Sue was awarded "Victorian Community History Awards 2012" commendation for local history, small publication award for "The History of Malmsbury Mechanics' Institute".
- She has had an article published in British Journal of Stone.

- Sue has also spoken at many conferences including the World Stone Conference in Baltimore USA. Sue is also in demand for many speaking engagements throughout central Victoria.
- Led a team that won PROV Map Warping Challenge and was also the Individual Winner for this project.
- Sue is currently working with others to establish a listing for heritage recognition of Victorian Bluestone. She also completes many research requests that enable relatives to extend their family history.

These publications and activities have greatly enhanced the Society's reputation for thorough and accessible historical research.

Since joining the Society Sue has worked assiduously to link up with other historical societies in this region and has personal memberships to four (4) other historical societies. She is also our main representative on the Macedon Ranges Heritage Council.

For the past six (6) years Sue has worked towards her PhD on Malmsbury Mining. Her thesis is titled "Malmsbury Bluestone and Quarries: Finding Holes in History and Heritage". This thesis not only focusses on the history of the mining of bluestone but also the social and employment aspects of the quarry men and their families. This achievement has created personal success for Sue and in addition the Society's reputation and standing has also been markedly enhanced.

Sue is currently undertaking research for the Malmsbury and District Landcare Group on the history of the goldfields situated between the town of Lauriston and Coliban Reservoir.

Sue is an excellent President with her leadership, commitment and dedication to the committee and the society's events. This enthusiasm also inspires others who volunteer and are involved in the MHS to strive for best outcomes and good business practice, ensuring "We Serve to Preserve".

We are very proud of the enormous body of work that Dr Susan Walter produces for our Society and thoroughly endorse this nomination.

Yours sincerely

CHRISTINE BARKER
Secretary on behalf of
Malmsbury Historical Society