

LOCAL HISTORY AWARDS 2019

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GEOFFREY BOLTON AWARD: LIFE IN VINCENT

This award commemorates prominent Western Australian historian, academic and writer Geoffrey Bolton, a former 'North Perth boy' who died in 2015.

- **First prize**
Gina Fraser
North Perth – Always Home!



The judge's felt it was a well-researched and well written memoir that covers the history of six generations of the Finley and Adonis families over 8 different properties in the City of Vincent. It made good use of photographs, with unique images capturing the interiors of homes and places of worship. The memoir gives insight into several different migrant groups and businesses, and showed the effect of war on families, causing migration and separation, economic hardship and creative solutions.

- **Second Prize**
Rita La Bianca
Beachway Store



Rita has written a funny and engaging history of her family's mixed business in Mount Hawthorn in the 1960s. Rita's writing brings to life a specific time in the history of liquor licencing in Western Australia when complex and arcane rules for the sale of liquor contrasted with the relatively lax rules for drinking and driving. Rita's story is told against the backdrop of post-war migration and social change which she brings to life by highlighting the various characters who were customers of her family's business on Scarborough Beach Road.

- **Third Prize**
Gilbert Field
Perth Blues Club



Gil has contributed a great potted history of the Charles Hotel as an important local music venue and home to the Perth Blues Club since the early 1990s. This entry is a significant contribution given that relatively little was held previously in the Local History Collection about the Charles Hotel or the Perth Blues Club.

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There were no youth entries in 2019. Instead, the judges decided to award special mention to two family histories.

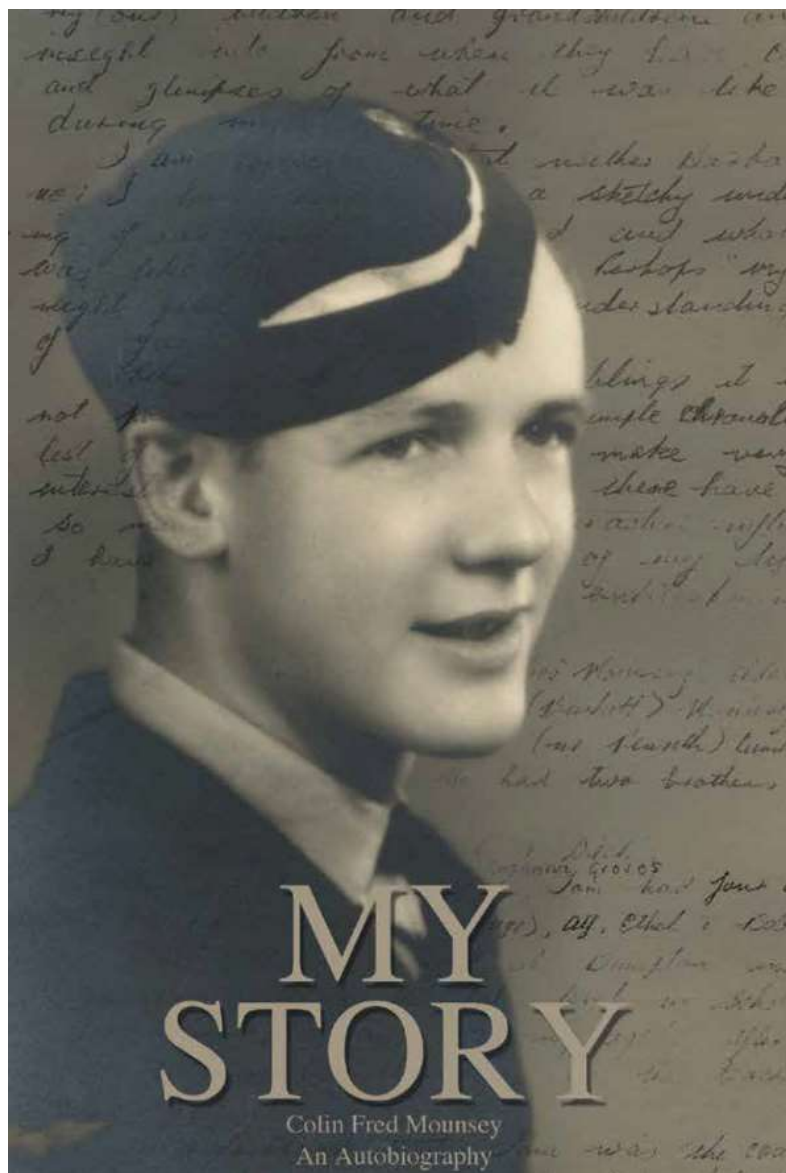
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➤ Special Mention

Colin Mounsey

My Story.

The judges agreed that *My Story* was a comprehensive and well written family history with excellent use of photographs and a rich description of childhood in Mt Hawthorn.



➤ Special mention

Coby Ellen O'Keefe

Ramon Fern.

This is another account of a childhood in the 'wilds' of Mount Hawthorn in the 1930s and 40s which the judges agreed was an engaging inter-generational biography and a great character study.



Photographic Award Categories

Historic Images

➤ First Prize

Terence Mathews

Matlock Street deli in Mount Hawthorn, 1980



Judge's Comments: This photo captures a quintessential corner deli scene showing life for young people in the Vincent suburbs in the 1980s. The photo is rich in nostalgic details that strikes a chord with any kid of the 1980s from the cricket gear, to the pinball machine, banana seat bikes and advertising of the day (which includes cigarette advertising and a KISS concert poster from their band's world tour which came to Perth in November 1980).

➤ Second prize

Andrew Duckworth

North Perth Fire Brigade Hose Tower, corner Fitzgerald and Forrest Streets North Perth 1919



Judge's Comments: This photo captures the North Perth Volunteer Fire Brigade in action up a hose tower on the corner of Fitzgerald and Forrest Streets North Perth where they were initially located prior to moving to View Street in 1926. The location (86 Fitzgerald Street) is now the present day 7 grams Café.



Third prize

Judith Willson

Girls skipping rope at Highgate Primary school, 1952



Judge's Comments: A beautifully captured action shot that shows girls at play in the schoolyard on a cold winter's day – the girls are skipping to keep warm. Action shots of school girls at play are relatively rare in the Local History Collection which adds to the significance of the photo.



Special mention

Judith Zappavigna

Celebration at 27 York Street North Perth, 1950s



Judge's Comments: Family photograph rich in detail which shows several Italian migrant families celebrating on the veranda of 27 York Street. The photo captures the heyday of Italian migration to Western Australia, and North Perth was home to many Italian migrants and their extended families who shared their homes and hospitality with friends and relatives.

➤ **Special mention**

North Perth Bowling Club

North Perth Ladies Bowling Club, Woodville Reserve 1960



Judge's Comments: Woodville Reserve has been home to the North Perth Bowling Club since the early 1900s. The North Perth Ladies Bowling Club was an active part of the club from the 1950s to the 1990s. This photo captures the women at play in front of the old original club house.

Contemporary Images

➤ **First prize**

Travis Deane

Cyclist having coffee in Leederville, 2015



Judge's Comments:

This was an engaging contemporary image of a cyclist enjoying his morning coffee in Leederville. A quintessentially Vincent image involving bikes and coffee!

- **Second prize**
Panizza Allmark for
Lincoln Street Ventilation Stack, Highgate



Judge's Comments: A beautifully framed image of a local Highgate landmark. The angle and framing of the image highlight its imposing presence in the area of this heritage listed iconic Art Deco landmark.

- **Third prize**
Denise Teo
Mural by Marek Bona at rear of 452 Fitzgerald North Perth



Judge's Comments:

Captures a magnificent piece of commissioned street art at the rear of a lovingly restored heritage building (former Bank of NSW) on Fitzgerald Street.

- **Youth prize**
Eva Bull
Children performing at Kyilla Primary School Assembly, 1989



Judge's Comments:

Slice of life image at Kyilla Primary School sourced by the daughter of one of the children in the image showing an interest in family history and heritage of the school which has a forthcoming 75th anniversary in 2020.

➤ **People's Choice Award.**

Terence Mathews

Matlock Street Deli, Mount Hawthorn 1980



This image was the overwhelming public favourite with most number of votes tallied on Survey Monkey, hard copy votes deposited at the Library and social media engagement.

173 people who voted for the People's Choice Award left their names and addresses. A random number generator was used to select a random winner of a framed copy of their favourite image. The randomly selected entrant was

Alana Martin who receives a framed copy of her favourite image of the Perth Skyline in the 1940s (submitted to Janet McCallum).

