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LOCAL HISTORY AWARDS 2021

WINNERS

GEOFFREY BOLTON AWARD: LIFE IN VINCENT

This award commemorates prominent Western Australian historian, academic and writer Geoffrey Bolton who was a former resident of North Perth. Prizes are awarded for well written and researched written entries which can be in the form of memoir, biography, diary, essay or original research on people, places or events in the Vincent area.

FIRST PRIZE



Christine Choo

ANAWIM Refuge for Aboriginal Women.

The judges were unanimous in their praise for Christine's account of the growth of a community welfare organisation in Lane Street Perth which supported Aboriginal women in need from 1977 to 2007.

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SECOND PRIZE



David Kennedy

Charles Washing & Racist Furniture

This is an extract from a larger work of historical fiction by the author about the Wah Shing family's journey from China to Victoria to Perth. The family established the Washing Brothers' Furniture Factory on Newcastle Street Perth in the early 1900s at a time of government sanctioned racism and prejudice against Chinese people and businesses in Australia.

Read here: https://librarycatalogue.vincent.wa.gov.au/client/en_GB/search/asset/2513/0

EQUAL SECOND PRIZE



Gina Fraser

Finley Family Photographers

This is a thoroughly researched and engaging story of a migrant family who ran a local photographic business 'Hollywood Studios' in Fitzgerald Street North Perth, Murray Street Perth and Beaufort Street Mount Lawley from the 1940s – 1970s.

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THIRD PRIZE



Michelle Vercoe

Grenville Purdue: the man who always plays fair

Well researched and engaging story that left the judges wanting to know more about this fascinating Leederville resident and policeman who became well known for his role in solving an infamous West Australian murder case in 1926.

Read here: https://librarycatalogue.vincent.wa.gov.au/client/en_GB/search/asset/2508/0

In 2021, the Judges decided to award several 'special mention' prizes.



SPECIAL MENTION

Jan McCallum

My Ambulance Career

This account of working as a St John Ambulance volunteer in the late 1940s & 1950s by former Mount Hawthorn resident Jan McCallum gives valuable insight into the history of St John's Ambulance and of young women's volunteering and community service in the early post-war era.

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SPECIAL MENTION



Con Christ

Northbridge, our original home.

Vividly told story of childhood on Lake Street Perth in the 1940s and 1950s. Con has contributed various stories to the Local History Collection about growing up in the Lake Street area and his time as a student at Highgate Primary School. The judge's special mention for Northbridge, our original home recognises his ongoing contributing to documenting the social history of Vincent.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC AWARD CATEGORIES: HISTORIC IMAGES

FIRST PRIZE



Ron Gidgup

Gidgup wedding party in North Perth, 1952

Judge's Comments: A stunning family portrait from the 1950s showing a proud Aboriginal family at a wedding in North Perth. The photo is a valuable contribution to the Local History collection for its positive representation of Aboriginal families in the area.

SECOND PRIZE



Terence Mathews

Judge's Comments: A moody black and white view of the Leederville Hotel in the 1980s, before it was adorned with the iconic glittering star which was such a visible feature in the area for decades. The photo is a significant addition to the Local History Collection which has relatively few photographs of this landmark Leederville institution.

THIRD PRIZE



Russell Andrews

Attilio Pertusio – a life on Myrtle Street 1960s-2018.

Judge's Comments: The photo series from 1960 -2000s documents the life of Italian migrant Attilio Pertusio whose connection to Myrtle Street began in the 1960s. He initially boarded in a house on the street and later became a home owner and landlord of properties on the street. He was known for tending the backyard vegie patches of his properties and shared the produce with neighbours including Russell Andrews.

SPECIAL MENTION



Judith Ehling

The Goodall Family of North Perth 1950s-1960s

Judge's Comments: The photos are emblematic of Australian suburban family life in the 1950s. The images of the Goodall children – especially Michael Goodall with his pet chicken were beautifully evocative of childhood in the 1950s.

SPECIAL MENTION



Harold Coppock

The Coppock Family of Mount Hawthorn 1940s-50s

Judge's Comments: The photos show the Coppock family at their home at 87 the Boulevard, as well as their involvement in the Mount Hawthorn Amateur Athletics Club and the Mount Hawthorn Congregational Church.

SPECIAL MENTION



Peter Kalaf

The Kalaf Family of West Perth 1940s-1960s

Judge's Comments: The vibrant and engaging photos of the Kalaf family of Cleaver Street West Perth celebrating family and Greek community events in the 1950s and 60s are full of life and vitality.

SPECIAL MENTION



Merline Fitzgerald

Benjamin Deering and Amelia Hembury with baby beside the family's tent in what is possibly Hyde Park in the late 1890s.

Judge's Comments: The judges felt this was a very important photo which requires further follow up research to ascertain the precise date and location of the image but is nonetheless significant.

PHOTOGRAPHIC AWARD CATEGORIES: CONTEMPORARY IMAGES

FIRST PRIZE



Terence Mathews

Picking olives in North Perth, 2015

Judge's Comments: Terence has a distinct eye for seeing the beauty in everyday places or events in Vincent. In this photo of elderly Greek residents picking olives from a street tree in Vine Street North Perth, he has captured a moment that is becoming less common in our neighbourhoods as elderly migrants age and pass on.

SECOND PRIZE



Leo Hagan

Bulwer Street Barber, 2021

Judge's Comments: This photo shows a slice of contemporary life in a local business (the Men's Room Barbershop on Bulwer Street) after the latest 4 day COVID lockdown in Perth in late June 2021. The photo shows barber Jules and photographer Leo reflected in the mirror wearing masks with an unmasked client getting a shave and a haircut.

THIRD PRIZE



Jay Jay Jegathesan

for Richard Pace in the pool at Beatty Park, 2021.

Judge's Comments: Beautiful photo of swimmer Richard Pace at Beatty Park taken during the making of the documentary 'Pacing the Pool' which explores how Richard's daily swimming routine helped him manage disability and develop a supportive community of fellow swimmers over decades.

SPECIAL MENTION

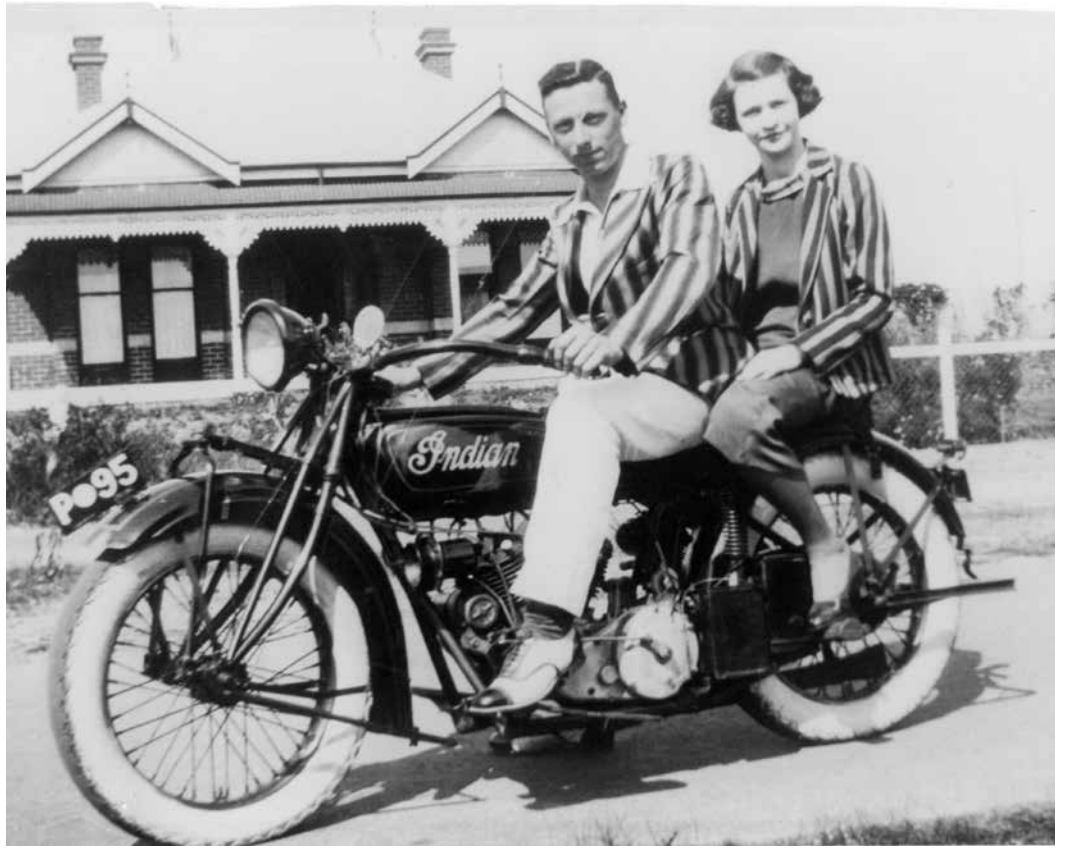


Sophie Farnan

for Lincoln Street Ventilation Tower, Highgate 2021.

Judge's Comments: This is an unusual interior view of an iconic Highgate landmark.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD



Frank Howe

*Walter & Nellie Howe on their Indian motorcycle,
Flinders Street Mount Hawthorn 1935.*

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Congratulations to the winner and thank you to all contributors.

All photographic entries can be viewed online at:
https://cityofvincent.imagegallery.me/site/welcome.me?search=~mc_search:236&search_str=Album:%202021%20Local%20History%20Awards