

QFHS INC. AWARD FOR SERVICES TO FAMILY HISTORY

Nominations are called each year for the QFHS Inc. Award for Services to Family History, which is reserved for QFHS members only, and in 2019 the Award was announced at our Volunteers' Morning Tea on 25 November. The nominations are considered by previous awardees as designated by the Management Committee and they form an ad hoc committee for this purpose each year.

The nomination accepted for 2019 was **Chris Schuetz**, Member Number 3743. All services mentioned have been voluntary.



Chris Schuetz

Prior to joining the Society in November 2001, Chris Schuetz had accumulated advanced knowledge on Family History research and immediately showed a willingness to help others. His early involvement with the Scottish Interest Group led to his appointment to the Management Committee in 2009. Seven years of continuous service on the Management Committee included two years as Vice-President in 2013-14 and 2015-16.

Since 2016, Chris has led the Scottish Interest Group. This followed a long period of assisting the Convenors and two years as Co-Convenor with Morag Hutton. He has been a strong supporter of the Society's participation in Brisbane's annual Tartan Day celebrations.

In late 2013, Chris, together with Ann Swain, was instrumental in establishing the DNA Interest Group. This early inception of a DNA Interest Group put Queensland Family History Society as a leader amongst Australian family history societies. Ongoing popularity and success of the group are attributable to Chris's dedication to keeping members well informed on the latest news in genetic genealogy.

Chris has been a regular contributor to the Society's education program. His eclectic and wide-ranging interests have enabled him to present on an array of topics for Fridays@QFHS. He has also been a presenter of one of the sessions of each of QFHS's *Finding Your Family: a beginners course in research* and has spoken at our monthly members' meetings. His education presentations on family history and consequent promotion of the Society have extended to numerous events away from the Society, most notably at Moreton Bay Regional Council libraries.

Generosity in sharing his time is the hallmark of Chris's contribution to the Society as a whole and the many individuals that he has assisted.

Nominated by Kevin Haley ■

WINNER OF THE GERMAN SIG RAFFLE



Eric Kopittke presenting the prize to Gay Reed ■