

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 2020 the Award was announced at our Volunteers' Morning Tea on 23 November, and presented to our member at a later convenient and safe time. 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 2020 was **Lyndal Cosgrove**, Member Number 5398B. All services mentioned have been voluntary.



It is my pleasure to nominate Lyndal Cosgrove for this award, primarily, but by no means only, for her contribution over many years to the production of the *Queensland Family Historian*.

In January 2014 Lyndal joined and took on leadership of the editorial team producing our journal. At that time the other members of the editorial team were her mother Pearl Whatling and Dawn Montgomery. Coincident with taking on this role Lyndal and her husband Richard joined the Society. However, this was certainly not the start of Lyndal's work for the Society. Testament to her earlier contribution comes from Leanne Ploetz in the August 2013 Journal editorial, when she wrote: "Most importantly, I would like to thank the children of associate editor, Pearl. They (Lyndal and Lester) have no relationship with QFHS except through their

mother. Yet they are critical in putting the final pages together, ready for the printer."

In early 2015 Lyndal assumed sole editorship, and has used her management, administrative and people skills in working with the small team of members to produce our highly acclaimed journal. It is that team that would best attest to Lyndal's leadership and dedication to producing a great journal in the service of the Society.

When QFHS decided to update their website in late 2014, Lyndal offered to compile the Members' Interests entries from the *Family Historian* from early 2008, so there were over 460 Interests entries online to start. Since then she has entered new Interests into a spreadsheet for our Webmaster to enter online, as well as listing them in the *Historian*.

In January 2016 Lyndal accepted appointment to fill a vacancy on the Management Committee. She is now approaching five years of continuous service on the Management Committee and it has been highly beneficial to have the Journal editor in such a position.

Soon after joining the Committee, Lyndal generously offered to take on the role of Speaker Co-ordinator for the monthly Members' Meetings of the Society. She has shown considerable skill in organising, in a no fuss way, to invariably provide interesting speakers for our enjoyment.

Lyndal generously contributes her time to numerous events and activities of the Society.

Nominated by Kevin Haley

CONGRATULATIONS LYNDAL

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