

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 2021 the Award was announced at our Members' Meeting on 17 November 2021 and also at the Volunteers' Morning Tea on 22 November 2021, and presented to our member at our Members' Meeting. 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 2021 was **Leanne Donovan**, Member Number 4483. All services mentioned have been voluntary.



Leanne with her award and certificate presented by Kevin Haley

It gives me great pleasure to nominate Leanne Donovan. The sterling work that she has done for many years as Membership Secretary will be well known to most of our members. Support for this nomination would come from innumerable members who can attest to the invariably friendly and helpful attention to these duties. Her contribution to the Society extends widely.

Leanne joined the Society in November 2006, and it was a little over a couple of years later that she answered the call to fill a

Library Assistant vacancy on the first Saturday of the month, serving with Dawn Montgomery. These duties brought her into contact with Jackie Buttress, and they teamed up to take on the duties of Membership Secretary when in early 2011, due to ill health, Jill Ritchie stepped down from that role. By the end of 2011 Leanne took over by herself, so she has dependably served in that crucial position for over 10 years. She brings great administrative and people skills to the demanding job and has displayed these in the way she has met the needs of changing systems.

Generosity with the time she has devoted to the Society was demonstrated frequently during the two years from June 2016 to June 2018 in which she served on the Management Committee. In 2017 she took on the added duties of the sale of publications from Robert Browning when he had to retire. As time passed, she has also taken on the lead role of selling our publications at our outside educational events. Also, during 2017 when the need arose for additional Library Assistant presence at Saturday morning SIG meetings, Leanne again answered the call.

Dependability and friendliness to all are her outstanding virtues, and we all benefit greatly from her on-going dedication to the activities of the Society.

Nominated by Lyndal Cosgrove

CONGRATULATIONS LEANNE

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