

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 2025 the Award was announced at our Volunteers' Morning Tea on 8 December. 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 2025 was **Dette Glenday** member number 1276. All services mentioned have been voluntary.

Dette Glenday

I would like to nominate Dette Glenday for a Services to Family History Award for 2025.

Dette joined QFHS in April of 1989 and was issued with membership number 1276.

She began her journey as a Library Assistant in 1990 and has been supporting both members and non-members for over 35 years. In 2016, she advanced to the role of Library Assistant Co-ordinator, a position she has carried out with dedication for the past nine years.

Although I am a relative newcomer to the Society, it quickly became clear to me just how much time Dette devotes to the Research Centre. She capably manages the roster, ensuring absences are covered, and when no replacement is available, she steps in herself so the Centre can remain open. Even when not physically present, she is always just a phone call away, ready to provide guidance and support with any questions or issues that arise.

To keep Library Assistants well-informed and confident in their roles, she regularly circulates updates via email and, several times a year, organizes training sessions to ensure everyone is up to date with new developments and procedures.

Dette took up a position on the Management Committee in 2024 and has continued in that role this year.

In early 2018, Dette, together with Wendy Angliss and Charlotte Sale, co-founded the Colonial India and Far East Special Interest Group, which held its inaugural meeting in August of that year. From the outset, Dette has been warm, supportive, and enthusiastic about helping members and exploring new

ideas. Her modest demeanor often conceals a deep well of knowledge about the India and Far East region, which shines through in engaging and insightful discussions. She continues to serve as co-convenor alongside Wendy, who notes that they've shared many laughs and looks forward to many more as the group continues to evolve and grow.

Dette has consistently shown kindness, professionalism, and flexibility, making collaboration smooth and effective.

I believe Dette is well deserving of a Services to Family History Award.



*Dette receiving her award from
President Graeme Drew*

CONGRATULATIONS DETTE

Nominated by Pat Gardner. ■