



TOWN OF VINCENT

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A Slice of Vincent Life Preserved

The Town of Vincent is pleased to announce the winners of the Local History Awards for 2008.

On 24 September Mayor Nick Catania had the pleasure of presenting the winners with their commemorative certificates and prize money.

"This year we were pleased to welcome a new sponsor and a new category – Migrant Stories, reflecting our multicultural roots. Once again we have been honoured to have so many people enter the awards and again the calibre was exceptionally high", said Mayor Nick Catania.

"These awards are an important part of our commitment to not only celebrating our heritage and history but to also preserving the memories of our vibrant past. All entries become part of the Local History Collection, housed in our new Local History Centre, and will be available for researchers now and in the future. The desire of our community to help us to record our history must be applauded and I have no doubt that this resource will prove to be invaluable", concluded Mayor Catania.

All the winners:

Personal Memoirs

- 1st prize – Fred McCulloch – “Growing up in the Town of Vincent”
- Joint 2nd prize – June Merrett – “Growing up in Leederville in the Depression and WWII” & Wilfred Paget – “I thank God for cream buns”
- Special Mentions – Harold Coppock – “Mount Hawthorn at the end of the 1950s” & Mary Kelly – “The Neille-Franklin family history in the Town of Vincent: Mt Hawthorn – North Perth – Leederville 1906-1997”

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Written Research

- 1st prize – Ruth Venables – “Pioneers of Leederville”
- 2nd prize – Rod Smoker – “A humble heritage: the Smoker and Stockley families and the Swan Maternity Hospital”
- Special mention – Ralff Merlo – “The history of my house in Glebe Street, North Perth”

Migrant Stories (sponsored by Fiorentina Patisserie, Gelateria and Café)

- 1st prize – Jamie Bentley – “The East Perth 'Pom' 1949”
- 2nd prize – Elizabeth Caiacob

Photographic Memories (sponsored by Woodville Property)

- Pre-1926 – Bill Smith, Peter Arcus & Jenny Marshall
- 1926 to 1950 – Frances Thomas, Nancy Cotterell & Bill Smith
- 1951 to 1978 – Meryl Atherton, John McIntosh & Sophie Spartalis
- Special Mentions – Jenny Marshall & Nancy Cotterell

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