

## Citation for Colin Pearce Award – Ian Lyell

The Colin Pearce Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Teaching and Learning of History and to the History Teachers' Association of Victoria is only awarded to a highly experienced teacher who has demonstrated continuing excellence in and a rare level of commitment to the teaching of history and the activities of the Association. As such, it is not awarded every year.

This year, we have a most worthy recipient. Ian Lyell has a passion for teaching and learning, and he encourages and supports each of his students, helping them to achieve their best. He has proven himself to be a passionate teacher of VCE History and a previous Head of Department. Ian is committed, organised, and pays great attention to detail. He is adept at problem-solving and decision-making and he has inspired the next generation of History teachers from his own classrooms. He has judged the National History Challenge for many years and has continued to involve his own students as competitors. He has also encouraged his students to enter other History competitions annually including the Victorian Spirit of Anzac Prize, which provide enrichment opportunities for young budding historians and researchers.

Ian promotes history via all possible avenues. He is a dedicated teacher and an enthusiastic advocate for History education, and he has always been very generous with both his time and resources. Teachers across all sectors have benefited greatly from his support and professionalism. The rapport that Ian has established with all stakeholders in the field (VCAA, HTAV, educational institutions, teachers, and students) is something to be admired. He is well-respected by the VCAA and has worked with them in various capacities over the years.

Ian is a presenter held in the highest regard at HTAV conferences, events, and student lectures every year by both teachers and students alike, where he freely shares his wealth of knowledge and expertise. His generosity extends to the creation of many resources for the HTAV, including books, articles for *Agora*, and Study and Exam Guides for VCE Revolutions. He hosted the HTAV event for teachers new to VCE History at his previous school for many years. He has also served the HTAV community as a member of the HTAV Board.

Ian has given so much to the HTAV and History Community. He is selfless and devoted to the profession, as well as the students that he teaches. He is an exceptional presenter in his own right and is a true leader in his teaching and learning expertise. Ian is always willing to assist when a presenter is required. He is there for HTAV staff with prompt support, and he always delivers quality professional learning for those that attend. He is an extremely active contributor to online History Teaching Networks. No question is too challenging or 'silly', and he has helped so many to understand all aspects of the History Curriculum.

Please join me in congratulating Ian Lyell as this year's recipient of the Colin Pearce Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Teaching and Learning of History and to the History Teachers' Association of Victoria.

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