



## WILLIAM WHYTE AWARD 2023

### Joan Orr MAP, ACCCF

Each year the Queensland Philatelic Council can present the William Whyte Award to a member of the philatelic community on the recommendation of a club or society, to recognise outstanding service to philately at club and society level.

Joan joined the then Queensland Philatelic Society in 1978 and has been the President - 1991-93, 1996-98 and 2015-17, the Exchange Superintendent - 2000-11 and is currently a committee member. She has been a long term office bearer in the Queensland Philatelic Council. She was an office bearer at Southside Philatelic Society for many years. She was instrumental in the reinvigoration of the Cairns Stamp Club, and was a co-organiser of that club's first exhibition. She was a founder of the Nanango Stamp Club. She was also a member of the City of Brisbane Stamp Club, Waterloo Bay Stamp Club, Gladstone & District Philatelic Society and Junction Park Stamp Club.

Joan has contributed displays at the society and many others over a very long period, as well as providing articles for the *Queensland Stamp Collector*, *Thematics Queensland*, *Australian Postal Stationery Collector*, *Australian Aero-philatelist* and the ACCC of NSW *Bulletin*. She is also an accomplished exhibitor – awarded the Sheard Memorial Trophy on 13 occasions and at state, national and international exhibitions to gold medal level across many classes. Joan is also a qualified international judge. She has been responsible for the nurturing and development of nearly all the successful exhibitors from Queensland.

Joan has been involved in the organising committees for all the national exhibitions held in Queensland. She has contributed to workshops for exhibitors, judges and young collectors and has been involved in the youth area at the Australian Philatelic Federation. She has also been a contributor in the background – all those little items necessary to make things function.

Joan by her relentless contribution and service epitomises the qualities of a William Whyte Awardee.

*Dr Philip Levine (President)*

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