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PREMIER'S HISTORY AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED

Melbourne's rich history has been brought to life with a book about a famous lithographer winning the Premier's History Award as part of the Victorian Community History Awards announced this week.

Amanda Scardamaglia's book *Printed on Stone: The Lithographs of Charles Troedel* tells the history of a renowned lithographer who founded his business in Melbourne in 1853.

Described by the judges as 'visually superb and endlessly fascinating', the book details Troedel's work with local artists to design thousands of posters, labels and letterheads for some of the biggest brands of the time.

Nick Anchen was also recognised for his work on film photography, winning the Judges' Special Prize for his book *Visions of Victoria: The Magic of Kodachrome Film, 1950-1975*.

Other winners of the Victorian Community History Awards included books written by Cheryl Threadgold, Brian Rhule and Benjamin Wilkie with digital storytelling websites and apps featuring more prominently this year.

The Victorian Community History Awards are presented by Public Record Office Victoria and the Royal Historical Society of Victoria to recognise the work of individuals and organisations that preserve and share Victoria's history.

The full list of winners is available at prov.vic.gov.au and historyvictoria.org.au

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Government Services Danny Pearson

"Congratulations to Amanda Scardamaglia for winning the top prize for her incredible book 'Printed on Stone' which brings Melbourne's 19th Century society and culture to life. "

"It's so important to preserve and share the histories of Victorian people, towns and communities and I'd like to thank every historian, writer and creator who participated in this year's Victorian Community History Awards."

Quote attributable to Public Record Office Victoria's Director and Keeper of Public Records Justine Heazlewood

"Well done to all the winners and those shortlisted for Victorian Community History Awards this year. We are pleased to be able to acknowledge and celebrate your work in telling the diverse stories of Victoria's past."

Quote attributable to Royal Historical Society of Victoria President Emeritus Professor Richard Broome

"With 176 entries in 2020, many of a very high standard, it is impossible to honour all deserving entries with an award or commendation. Congratulations to all who have inspired us with stories from Victoria's past."