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Tipping, Marjorie Jean

(1917 - 2009)

Born	19170320, Melbourne Victoria Australia
Died	20090928, Melbourne Victoria Australia
Occupation	Art historian, Author, Consultant

Summary

Marjorie Tipping was a prolific writer and historian of art and colonial Australia. In 1990, based on her many published scholarly works, she became the first woman to earn the degree of Doctor of Letters by examination from the University of Melbourne. Tipping's books include *Eugene von Guerard's Australian Landscapes* (1975) *Ludwig Becker: Artist & Naturalist with the Burke & Wills Expedition* (1978), *Melbourne on the Yarra* (1978) and *Convicts Unbound: The Story of the Calcutta Convicts and Their Settlement in Australia* (1988).

Tipping was the first woman president (1972-1975) and fellow (1968) of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria. She was a member of the Victorian Council of the Arts and numerous other committees and community organizations, often in a voluntary capacity. Tipping was appointed as a Member of the Order of the British Empire (13 June 1981), for her contribution to the Arts.

Tipping was the patron of and one of the founders of the E W Tipping Foundation for Mentally Retarded Children and Adults, established in 1970. Tipping travelled on six continents; her interests included music, theatre, archaeology, Australiana, and Chinese art.

Source(s): Personal Communication (2002), *Who's Who of Australian Women*, *Who's Who 2002.*

Events

1917 - 1917
Born: daughter of John Alexandra and Florence Amelia (nee Paterson) McCredie

1999 - 1999
Contributor to Encyclopedia of Melbourne project Monash University

1999 - 1999
Contributor to University Melbourne, Oral History Project

1981 - 1981
Doctor C H Currey Fellow

1968 - 1968
First woman Fellow Royal Historical Society Victoria

1972 - 1975
First woman President of the Royal Historical Society Victoria

1990 - 1990
First woman to receive Doctor of Letters by examination from the University of Melbourne

1976 - 1984

Foundation Chairman Victorian Publications and Literature Committee

1978 - 1991
Foundation Member Science and Humanities Committee Museum Victoria

1963 - 1963
Founder Affiliated Historical Societies

1975 - 1978
Government nominee Council of Adult Education Committee

1975 - 1987
Government nominee Victorian Government Placenames Committee

1992 - 1992
History Consultant Grundy Television for Convicts Unbound (TV Series)

1942 - 1942
married Edmond William Tipping (dec. 1970)

1982 - 1990
Member Board of Directors Victorian State Opera

1965 - 1979
Member Council International Social Service

1996 - 1996
Member Foundation Committee La Trobe and Baillieu Libraries

1973 - 1973
Member Literature Board awards Australia Council

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1974 - 1981
Member Victorian Ministry Arts Advisory Council

1979 - 1980
Member Victorian Theatre Policy Committee Victorian Arts Centre

1958 - 1958
Organising Chairman four biennial conferences and the Australiana Festival

1970 - 1970
Patron and Foundation Member E W Tipping Foundation for Intellectually Handicapped

1974 - 1974
Vice-Chairperson, Matthew Flinders Bicentenary Committee

Published resources

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