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2nd June, 1981.

Mr Andrew Taylor,  
Superintendent,  
Parks & Recreation,  
Municipal Offices,  
Lyttleton Terrace,  
BENDIGO, Vic. 3550

Dear Mr Taylor,

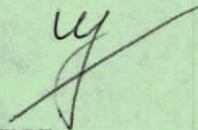
re: Amy Huxtable Memorial

The Committee of the above Memorial held a Meeting last evening and I was asked to write to you to enquire whether any progress had been made in relation to the siting of the Memorial.

Mr Delecca is fully prepared to meet with you and/or anyone planning the design of the area and pergola, and he can be contacted at Bendigo 43 1259 which is his home number at 28 Mill Street. At the present time Mr Delecca is on long service leave and is spending this time working on the Memorial Seat.

We will be interested to know how far the matter has progressed.

Yours faithfully,



Chairman,  
Amy Huxtable Memorial Committee

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## CITY OF BENDIGO

MUNICIPAL OFFICES,  
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BENDIGO,  
VIC. 3550  
P.O. BOX 19

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE: AAT:spp  
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2nd July, 1981

Miss N.D. Young,  
Chartered Accountant,  
Sandhurst Trustees Building,  
16 View Street,  
BENDIGO, 3550.

Dear Miss Young,

Re: Amy Huxtable Memorial

I have attempted to contact Mr. Delecca on a number of occasions by telephone without success, hence my letter to you.

Unfortunately I have been unable to progress on the planning and design of the Memorial due to the volume of work which I am presently handling.

It is unlikely that the position will improve, at least for the next three to six months, and therefore I apologise for my inability to work on the project during this time.

I will however contact Mr. Delecca and discuss with him the work that he has carried out and attempt to at least pave the way for the project to continue.

Yours faithfully,

ANDREW A. TAYLOR,  
SUPERINTENDENT PARKS AND RECREATION.

Mr Andrew A. Taylor,  
Superintendent,  
Parks & Recreation,  
Municipal Offices,  
Lyttleton Terrace,  
BENDIGO, Vic. 3550

7th July, 1981.

Dear Mr Taylor,

re: Amy Huxtable Memorial

Your letter of the 2nd July was discussed at our meeting last evening, and we have now discussed a change in the siting of the Memorial due to your present difficulties in planning the changes at the Conservatory Gardens.

Mr Delecca has had another look at the Conservatory and suggests the seat from the Amy Huxtable Memorial and the one offered by the Business & Professional Womens Club should be put against the Conservatory facing the Advertiser office, and replacing the two park seats which are at present in this position.

We also envisage a Memorial plaque in a free-standing frame situated near the seat, giving some explanation as to the work and life of Amy Huxtable.

At the present time the roof on the Conservatory building is looking very untidy due to the weather effect on the paint, and we understand that this happens during the winter months and would therefore like to have our presentation a little later in the year when the Conservatory would be repainted, and the whole area would then lend itself to a public presentation to the City of Bendigo.

We realise that it will be necessary for you to present this idea to the Committee of the Council, or alternatively to the Council itself, and would ask you to please do this and let me know their reaction.

We have not set a definite date for the presentation as yet but are contemplating some time towards the end of October or early November when the weather will be better for a public function out of doors.

cont.

The seat is almost completed, being now to the stage of final assembly and painting.

Mr Delecca will be in touch with you later this week of early next week to further discuss the matter, and I would appreciate it if you could let me have a reply as soon as you have had a chance to present the matter to the Council.

Yours faithfully,

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Chairman  
Amy Huxtable Memorial Committee

7th July, 1981.

Mr Denis O'Hoy,  
Acting Head of Department of  
Art & Design,  
Bendigo College of Advanced  
Education,  
Edwards Road Campus,  
Edwards Road,  
BENDIGO, Vic. 3550

Dear Mr O'Hoy,

re: Amy Huxtable Memorial

The Committee of the above Memorial wish to extend their sincere thanks to you for supplying the clay and plaster needed for the preparatory work on the garden seat being designed by Mr Delecca.

We do appreciate your interest in this project.

Yours sincerely,



Chairman  
Amy Huxtable Memorial Committee

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE: AAT:spp  
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22nd July, 1981

Miss N.D. Young,  
Chairman,  
Amy Huxtable Memorial Committee,  
C/- Sandhurst Trustees,  
16 View Street,  
BENDIGO, 3550.

Dear Miss Young,

Re: Amy Huxtable Memorial

I have reported to Council on the progress and the suggestions regarding the Amy Huxtable Memorial put forward by your Committee.

Council has agreed to the proposal to site two garden seats against the Conservatory, facing the Advertiser Offices.

It was noted during discussions on the matter that the plaque stand would need to be vandal resistant in its design. Please will you ensure that this point is considered in the design of the plaque stand.

I have had discussions with Mr. Delecca on the proposals put forward by your Committee including the Public Presentation and I'm sure a suitable date would be arranged in October, 1981. I await notification of the desired date.

Should there be anything my staff can assist in, such as the fixing of the seats to the pavement, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

ANDREW A. TAYLOR,  
SUPERINTENDENT PARKS AND RECREATION.

14th August, 1981.

Mr Andrew Taylor,  
Superintendent,  
Parks & Gardens,  
City Offices,  
Lyttleton Terrace,  
BENDIGO, Vic. 3550

Dear Mr Taylor,

re: Amy Huxtable Memorial

I have had a further discussion with Mr Delecca and we feel that we should have a plaque made by the firm which makes the plaques for the Bendigo Lawn Cemetary, as these seem to be very sturdy and almost vandal proof.

We would suggest that this should be mounted on a sloping concrete base, say approximately 15 inches high and perhaps covered with a similar stone to the present paving around the Conservatory.

I will be getting in touch with the firm which makes the plaques and obtaining a size according to the wording we would like on the plaque and I will communicate with you again.

If you do not think this type of structure for the plaque would be suitable, would you please let me know before I go ahead and make the arrangements.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. G.' or similar, written in a cursive style.

8th September, 1981.

Cr. C. Stoltz,  
Municipal Offices,  
Lyttleton Terrace,  
BENDIGO, Vic. 3550

Dear Cr. Stoltz,

re: Amy Huxtable Memorial

As you are no doubt aware a Public Meeting set up a Committee to arrange an appeal and a suitable memorial to the Late Amy Huxtable.

The work on this memorial which is to be a garden seat to be located in the Conservatory Gardens, has now been completed.

The Committee are desirous of handing over the seat officially to the City Council, and we would like to suggest that this should take place ~~on~~ at 2 o'clock on a Sunday afternoon, the alternative dates being 15th, 22nd or 29th November.

I would appreciate it if you would communicate with me and let me know which of these dates is suitable for you to receive the Memorial from the Committee.

We have been in constant touch with Mr Andrew Taylor the Superintendent of Parks & Recreation, and he is aware of the details.

When we receive your letter suitable publicity will be given to the fact that the Memorial is to be presented.

Yours faithfully,



Chairman  
Amy Huxtable Memorial Committee





BENDIGO WAXFLOWER



CITY OF BENDIGO  
MUNICIPAL OFFICES  
BENDIGO 3550

12th October, 1981.

Miss. N.D. Young,  
Chairman,  
Amy Huxtable Memorial Committee,  
P.O. Box 111,  
BENDIGO 3550.

Dear Miss Young,

Thank you for your invitation to receive a garden seat on behalf of the Bendigo City Council as a memorial to the Late Amy Huxtable.

As indicated verbally to Mrs. Dingle Sunday 22nd November, 1981 at 2.00 p.m. in the Conservatory Gardens will be suitable for me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Stoltz', written over the typed name.

CR. C. STOLTZ,  
MAYOR.

Cr. C. Stoltz,  
Mayor,  
City Offices,  
Lyttleton Terrace,  
BENDIGO, Vic. 3550

10th November, 1981.

Dear Cr. Stoltz,

I thank you for your letter of the 12th October in which you accepted the invitation to receive the Garden Seat which is a Memorial to the late Amy Huxtable.

For your information I enclose a copy of the suggested program for the afternoon.

Yours faithfully,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Stoltz', written in a cursive style.

Mr John Worthy,  
B.C.V. 8 Newsroom,  
B.C.V. 8,  
Lily Street,  
BENDIGO, Vic. 3550

10th November, 1981.

Dear Mr Worthy,

Following the death of Miss Amy Huxtable a Public Meeting formed a Committee to arrange for a memorial to Amy.

This memorial is taking the form of a garden seat to be placed in the Conservatory Gardens and the presentation to the City is to take place on Sunday 22nd November at 2 p.m.

The Committee would appreciate it if you could arrange for the attached item to be read during your Community Board next week.

If it can be arranged we would also appreciate a news item on say the Friday evening before the function (20th November), and as the seat will be in place in the Conservatory at that time your photographer might like to take a photograph of it to show during the announcement. At the present time it is anticipated that the seat will be placed in the Conservatory on Wednesday 18th. The Council men are picking up the seats at 8.30 a.m. and it may be that your photographer would be interested in taking a film of the men placing the seat in position.

There will actually be two seats, as a companion one is being presented to the City by the Business & Professional Womens Club to commemorate their Golden Jubilee.

If you wish for any further information from me, please ring me at the above number which will also reach me at home during the evening.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. G.', written over a horizontal line.

The Amy Huxtable Memorial Committee has much pleasure in announcing that a Memorial Garden Seat will be placed in the Conservatory Gardens and officially presented to the Mayor as a representative of the citizens of Bendigo, at 2 p.m. on Sunday 22nd November.

No official invitations will be issued and anyone interested is invited to be present at that time.

PRESENTATION OF AMY HUXTABLE MEMORIAL SEAT

CONSERVATORY GARDENS 2 p.m. 22nd November, 1981.

1. Welcome by Chairman Miss N.D. Young.
2. Chairman will introduce Mrs Sylvia Hampson who will speak about Miss Amy Huxtable, her life and interest.
3. Miss Young will introduce Mr <sup>W.M. WEBSTER (BILL)</sup> ~~Frank Trewarne~~ of the <sup>much</sup> ~~many~~ Bendigo Advertiser who will also speak about the late Miss Huxtable. <sup>^</sup> <sub>a member of ASA (as was amy) and who subbed a lot of ~~his~~ amy's work</sub>
4. Miss Young will thank all concerned and present seat to his Worship the Mayor.
5. His Worship the Mayor Cr.C. Stoltz will respond and receive the seat.
6. The Mayor will unveil the plaque. <sub>poem-</sub>
7. Miss Young will then introduce the President of the Business & Professional Womens Club of Bendigo.
8. The President of the Business & Professional Womens Club of Bendigo Mrs Lillian Kissick will present the seat which commemorates the Golden Jubilee of the Bendigo Club.
9. The Mayor will receive the seat and thank the Business & Professional Women.
10. Miss Young will close proceedings.

SEAT DESIGNED BY W. DALLEN

"It is better to light a candle, than curse the darkness."

service to others,

Her strength of character, high morals, gentle manner and  
journalistic skills enlightened, inspired and encouraged the  
community to greater achievements in many facets of culture,  
a keen appreciation of history, and the challenge and joy of

1957 - 1960

23 years - Women's Editor of the Bendigo Advertiser

Mrs HUXTABLE

In memory of

by the people of Bendigo & District

This seat has been placed here

This seat has been placed here  
by the people of Bendigo and District  
in memory of

AMY HUXTABLE

23 years - Women's Editor of the Bendigo Advertiser  
1957 - 1980

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Across the street is where she worked  
To tell us all of what some few  
Had done each week to grace the name  
And life of Bendigo

The flowers here are what she wrote  
This lawn her green serenity  
And over there is where she worked  
Until eternity

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Seat designed by Mr. W. A. Delecca.

*Roger Sawder.*

Mr C.K. Beamish,  
Executive Officer,  
City Offices,  
Lyttleton Terrace,  
BENDIGO, Vic. 3550

16th August, 1984

Dear Mr Beamsih,

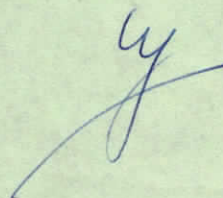
re: AMY HUXTABLE MEMORIAL

At a meeting of the committee re the ~~above~~ held last evening, our members were rather concerned that the seat which is situated in the Conservatory Gardens is beginning to weather.

It would seem that the varnish is lifting on the wooden slats and rust is beginning to show in a few minor places.

The committee asked me to write and request that you ask your staff to have a look at the seat (and I understand the B.P.W. seat is in the same condition) and perhaps something could be done before the deterioration gets too bad.

Yours sincerely,

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23rd August, 1984

Miss N.D. Young,  
Sandhurst Trustees Building,  
16 View Street,  
BENDIGO, 3550.

Dear Miss Young,

I received your letter expressing concern at the state of weathering of the Amy Huxtable Memorial Seat at the Conservatory Gardens.

I wish to inform you that the necessary maintenance work will be carried out later on this year.

Yours faithfully,

A.R. IRELAND,  
SUPERINTENDENT,  
PARKS AND RECREATION.



BENDIGO REGIONAL ARTS CENTRE

28th June 1990.

Amy Huxtable Memorial Society,  
C/O Miss Norma Young,  
3 College Cres.,  
BENDIGO.  
3550

Dear Norma,

Thankyou very much for your generous response to our appeal for donations to purchase seats for the Capital Theatre.

A receipt for \$1000 is enclosed.

The inscription on the seat/s will read:-

Donated by:- Amy Huxtable Memorial Society

*also advised by phone.*

In Memory of:- Amy Huxtable

If you prefer another wording please contact 'The Capital' in person or by telephone 41 5344.

If you wish to select a particular seat number/s this can be done by contacting 'The Capital', otherwise seats will be allocated.

Once again sincere thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,

*Bob Colbourne*

Bob Colbourne.

(Secretary)

*D. D. Wright*

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Chairman  
SEAT SALES COMMITTEE