

VICTOR GREENHALGH

Born 1900 Died 1983

SCULPTOR

Born in Ballarat.. Educated at the school of mines until the 1st. World War. Following his return he studied at the Working men's College.

He taught art at the Bendigo School of mines, the Ballarat School of Mines and RMIT.

In 1938 he sculpted the George V th. Monument in Sturt St.

He was responsible for the heads of Forde, Whitlam, Holt, Gorton, McEwan and McMahon.

Also Malcolm Fraser but he was not satisfied and the Bust was received after his death.

He has works in the NGV heads of Holt, Menzies, Gorton and McMahon ,also" Mother and Child".

He designed the bust of Menzies for Borrondera

He has a ceramic exhibit at the University of Ballarat, also a bust of Dick Richards and John Gorton.

He designed the Centenary medal for the School of Mines, Ballarat.

He has works in the Gold Coast Gallery.

He lived on the Gold Coast in his later life'

The Victor Greenhalgh Scholarship was established in 2004 to assist in accommodation and living costs for students studying in a programme in the School of Creative Media, disadvantaged by their economic, social or geographic circumstances It was established by Mr Bob Isherwood..

On 17/3/1976 Frank Rogers wrote to him concerning the disappearance of the bust of Gough Whitlam from the Gardens and the possibility of a replacement. In reply he offered the plaster casts of the heads of Whitlam and Gorton and, if required, one of Malcolm Fraser.

In January 1985 Ian Smith wrote to Peter Nicholson concerning the Fraser bust, He states " the Fraser bust was done by Victor Greenhalgh towards the end of his life and took some time for him to complete." He also states that it had drawn constant comment as being "different" to the rest of the collection, a different colour, too big and not a good likeness. Following the installation of the Hawke Bust (by Nicholson) it seemed even more out of place and Ian was enquiring whether Peter would do a replacement and what his fees would be. This was done and the bust sculpture by Greenhalgh was returned to his son P. Greenhalgh.

In a letter to the editor of the Sun Newspaper in August 1987, Ian Smith corrects an error and records the disappearance of the Whitlam Head, its replacement and subsequent return of the one that disappeared having been found. Ian remarks " Some peculiar suggestioins have been made as to what to do with the spare one!