

HENRY GOLD OAM



Received the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to wilderness preservation through the use of photographic documentation.

Henry Gold arrived from Austria in 1955 and has been a member of the Sydney Bushwalkers since 1956.

In 1967 he took over the task of providing photographs for use in the Colong dispute, the first major conservation battle in NSW, against the mining of limestone in the Colong Caves area of the Kanangra wilderness.

Since then he has worked with the Colong Foundation for Wilderness as their honorary photographer in their ongoing effort to save wilderness areas from destruction.

His work has been used to lobby Governments during campaigns such as the ten years long NSW rainforest campaign, the Greater Blue Mountains National Park proposal which resulted in the World

Heritage listing of our precious walking country.

He has covered Kakadu, the Snowy Mountains, and in 1973 together with Frank Rigby, who wrote the text, produced a book on the MacDonnell Ranges. It was submitted to the National Estate inquiry under the Whitlam Government. At the time it was recognised as a landmark publication and it had a strong influence in the establishment of the today's West MacDonnell Ranges National Park.

Over the years, Henry's powerful images have converted many members of the public as well as decision makers to become wilderness supporters.

Henry says it all started half a century ago when Geoff Wagg convinced him to join the Sydney Bushwalkers and he began to appreciate and love the unique Australian bush.

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