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Friends of the National Library of Australia share a passion for the Library and its collections. The Friends promote and support the Library and the contribution it makes to our society. In return, the Library recognises the Friends as an integral part of its community and gives the Friends access to the inside story of the Library, its treasures, exhibitions and special programs.

The national voice for 13 million Public Library Members

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National Backyard Cricket:

An Amazing First Year Result With Nearly \$70,000 of Grants to 54 Country Public Libraries

BY JACK GOODMAN

As readers of our newsletter and Facebook page know, FOLA has established a valuable relationship with National Backyard Cricket, an annual fundraising event in support of country public libraries.

For those who may have overlooked or forgotten about National Backyard Cricket, it's a fundraiser whereby anybody can organise a game of cricket — at their home, the local park, oval, beach, etc. and raise funds for worthy educational causes. It's the brainchild of the LBW Trust, an Australian charity that has raised millions of dollars over the last 15-plus years for worthy educational causes.

Historically, the LBW Trust (which stands for Learning for a Better World and is, of course, a cricket-themed double-entendre) has raised funds for disadvantaged high school and university students in cricket-playing nations, including India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and elsewhere. With National Backyard Cricket they are expanding their fundraising efforts and mission by including a domestic educational cause.

With FOLA's assistance, the foundation has decided to direct a portion of the funds raised from National Backyard Cricket to Australia's country public libraries, especially given their financial challenges and the critical role they play in their communities.

FOLA could not have been happier with the decision. First, there is no national fundraising campaign that seeks to address the economic inequities that our rural, regional, and remote libraries face. Due to the small and often isolated and dispersed populations they serve, country libraries often struggle under "per-capita" funding models. What is often easily achievable for a larger suburban or metropolitan library is utterly beyond the budget of many rural libraries.

Second, as every friend knows, our libraries provide essential community educational experiences for people of all ages. These include baby rhyme time and storytime for toddlers, homework help and research assistance for school children, language classes and career and employment support for culturally and

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linguistically diverse communities to technology classes for seniors. Due simply to their lack of scale, country libraries often struggle to deliver these experiences.

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And finally, there has long been a curious gap between the investment our nation makes in sport relative to public libraries — in spite of the fact that our libraries are far and away the most popular member-based organisations in Australia. To the best of FOLA’s knowledge, this is the first national fundraising campaign that combines one of Australia’s national sporting pastimes with our love of public libraries.

In this inaugural year, National Backyard Cricket hosted 125 games of cricket and raised nearly \$70,000 in support of regional, rural and remote libraries across Australia. The fundraising included games at the Governor-General’s residence in Canberra and at Government House in Hobart, plus dozens of games in country towns and city suburbs. Some cricket royalty were involved as well — including Justin Langer, Alex Blackwell, Ryan Carters and others — to raise awareness and promote the campaign.

Once the fundraising was over, we moved on to the next phase of the project: developing an application process and reaching out to country libraries. We settled on a super-simple application process; libraries were asked to apply for grants of \$500 to \$1,500 to implement or extend any existing education-related program or technology need. The application process was designed to take about 15 minutes to complete, and we worked closely with several public library leaders across the country to inform country libraries about the opportunity.

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Dozens of libraries applied for grants, and 54 were identified to receive funding in support of a range of educational programs as well as purchasing computer equipment. The fundraising was supported by Harvey Norman, which generously donated \$27,000 worth of gift cards for deserving libraries to purchase desperately needed hardware.

We will be profiling more libraries in the coming issues of our newsletter, and we will also be sharing the stories of the impact of their National Backyard Cricket grants via our FaceBook page. So please stay tuned, and if you would like to get involved, please reach out to us directly at: folafriends@gmail.com or jgoodman@betterlibraries.org.au.

SOME OF OUR WINNING LIBRARIES IN 2021..

Australind Public Library in the Shire of Harvey in Western Australia, applied for \$1,200 to purchase new computer equipment so more local primary aged children can participate in their weekly coding club. Upon learning of the grant branch manager Laine Brown wrote, “It is so wonderful to receive this grant as I know how much it will benefit our coding club kids.”

Wagga Wagga City Library in regional New South Wales was awarded \$1,500 to expand its award winning multicultural programs, particularly its Language Café. This program engages 60 community volunteers to assist new community members with conventional English classes three days per week.

Kalbarri Public Library north of Geraldton on the coast of Western Australia was badly damaged by Cyclone Seroja on the 11th April. National Backyard Cricket granted the library \$1,500 to help rebuild and fill out the children’s and young adult section of the library with new shelving and display equipment.

When **St Arnaud Library** (in the Northern Grampians, 250 km northwest of Melbourne) separated from the Wimmera Regional Library Corporation, it lost access to a Sphero kit of programmable robots. These devices have proven effective engaging young and old residents alike in technology, including learning the fundamentals of programming. A \$1,500 grant will be matched by the St Arnaud FOL group and allow them to buy a new Sphero kit for the community.

Cunnamulla Library serves a population of 1,100 people and is 800 km due west from Brisbane. They run a program called Deadly Digital Communities for the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. In addition to the computers and tablets used for training purpose, they need the ability to print high quality colour images. We have provided the library with \$1,200 in gift cards to acquire the necessary hardware from Harvey Norman.

FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD

Friends of African Village Libraries

A LIBRARY FOR EVERY VILLAGE IN AFRICA!

Taken from <https://favl.org/about/>

Our Commitment

Friends of African Village Libraries is committed to long-term financial and management support for small community libraries in rural Africa. Our goal is to establish long-term relationships with community libraries, rather than provide an initial donation and move on to another village. This is why the number of libraries in our network is small, as they are carefully managed to ensure their continued success. Burkina Faso alone has thousands of villages with primary schools and no libraries; the needs are immense, the means to address the need are limited.

Our Mission

We believe that every child and adult should have the opportunity to pick up a book and read. FAVL is dedicated to increasing access to reading material and other information in rural villages in sub-Saharan Africa. FAVL-supported libraries serve all members of the village community. One core public is the local community of readers — schoolchildren, adult learners, and other persons committed to reading. Most children, particularly in rural areas, have little access to books. While they may go to school, they will probably have little opportunity to read age-appropriate material. There are very few books available in rural schools. FAVL emphasizes books that are highly demanded by local readers: African novels and storybooks, children's books with village themes, and local language materials for the newly literate village reader.

How does FAVL work?

Village libraries are established when donations are sufficient to cover the long-term commitment to support a library. Communities in our program area establish a local management committee and provide a building or a building site for the library. FAVL will then help the village to refurbish an existing building, or build a new building, usually with solar power. A local librarian is hired and trained and the library is stocked with a selection of books. Village



libraries typically hold a collection of one or two thousand books, with titles in English, French, Arabic, and local languages. The typical library has a reading room, a community space and an office for the librarian. In addition to paying the librarian salaries and on-going maintenance of the library, FAVL also helps train library staff to implement reading programs and other activities at their location.

Where does FAVL operate?

FAVL has established and continues to manage and improve upon 38 libraries, 34 in Burkina Faso, 3 in Ghana, and 1 in Uganda. FAVL also supports the Uganda Community Library Association, with 50+ member libraries.

Joining Our Network

If you are a donor committed to assisting a village library or network of village libraries in other countries in Africa, please contact us.

If you are thinking of starting a community library, please read our current policy regarding how FAVL supports community libraries.

If you have been supporting a village library or community library, and would like to join our network, please contact us.

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Friends of the Library Alexandra and District Inc

OUTSTANDING FRIENDS LEADERSHIP

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The Friends of the Library Alexandra and District Inc (Victoria) provide funds for events and resources to enhance the reach and services of the Alexandra Library into the community and for the enjoyment of library patrons. Friends are a major sponsor for most speaker visits and special library events. They also provide a very successful volunteer bookshop, raising annually some \$30,000.

In 2019/2020, together with membership fees and bookshop profit they gave to the library a donation of \$16,235.29 to improve, enhance, promote the Alexandra Library for the benefit of the community.

Major purchases for the year have been — magazine display cases, two couches, defibulator and curtains (\$6,255). Funding for library programs (\$4,356), library development (\$485), literature purchases (\$834).

The Friends produce a monthly newsletter which gives details of Friends and Library events.

A feature of this organisation, apart for the Bookshop, is the Junior Friends group which continues to provide a unique avenue for young people in the community to be fully engaged in the operation of a Friends Group, separate from the adult group.

This group has been well supported since establishment in 1991 by Libby Kotchet, a library staff member, who has remained the driving force for the unique success of this operation. Libby recently retired after 38 years of dedicated service to the library service. A detailed account of the Junior group was given in the FOLA NewsUpdate Spring/Summer 2008/2009. http://www.fola.org.au/pdfs/fola54_15.pdf

Friends Executive at present are: Carly Heath (President), George Evans (Vice President), Fred Blank (Treasurer), Tom Proctor (Secretary), Tom Farrell (Newsletter), Ron Cooper (Bookshop), Julie Hardy (Membership), Ann Barkla, Alan Smith, Bob Scott and Leanne Monro.

Alexandra is within Murrindindi Shire and has two other Friends groups — Kinglake and Yea (which also has a Friends Bookshop).

Together, these three Friends groups support both the library and the community, delivering and maintaining the library at the forefront of Council decision-making. They exemplify the very best of Friends support in the development of library services.

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July 2021 Newsletter

Book review by Sally Dean of "The Museum of Modern Love" by Heather Rose

This isn't one of my favourites but it is fascinating. The story centres around a real event, The Artist is Present. Marina Abramovic sat at a table, for 8 hours a day for 3 months in The Atrium at MoMA, New York, in 2010. The public could queue to sit opposite her, for as short or long a time as they wanted, as long as they didn't move or speak; just to look into Marina's eyes. 1554 people did this, including Alan Rickman, Lou Reed and Bjork, while more than 850,000 people watched.

The fictional characters include a composer, Arky Levin, whose wife has exiled herself in a nursing home after a long term illness was worsening, and Jane Miller, a recently widowed woman from out of state. Other characters, both fictional and real, are written about as the story weaves around those watching. We learn more of why Arky's wife withdrew from him; his relationship with his daughter, and his new film score project, for a Japanese adult animation. Jane slowly comes to terms with her life, and plans form, as she sits and watches, to go walking, in Spain.



If you already receive the newsletter by email you are a member until January 2022.

**Friends of the
Alexandra Library**

Member 2021 \$5
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 10 year membership \$50

Also, I'd like give a donation to help Friends support library activities and projects
 \$5 \$10 \$50
(thank you)

Please pay at the Alexandra Library counter

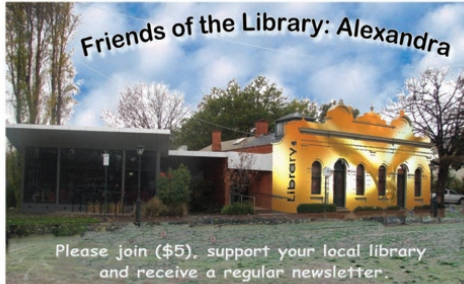
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Friends of the Library: Alexandra

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Contributions to your Friends of the Alexandra Library newsletter welcome.

Book reviews, reviews of events, photos, stories of how libraries affected your life, recipes...

Tom Farrell Editor tfarrell@dkc.net.au

Friends of the National Library of Australia

IMPRESSIVE AND SUCCESSFUL



Recent examples of the NLA Friends program — taken from www.facebook.com/NLAFriends/

Do you love artists' books?

Artists' books are an art form that explores the book format as a canvas for artistic expression. At 6pm Wednesday 12 May, join the Friends for the annual collection viewing night and discover more about these fascinating objects.

The Library has a beautiful collection of exceptional artists' books with tiny, exquisite handprints, hand-made paper, sculpted paper, extraordinary bindings, and many other usual methods that artists use to express themselves. You'll see work by well-known Australian artists such as Judy Watson, Katharine and Garth Nix, Stephen Dupont, G. W. Bot, Dianne Fogwell and Caren Florance



The Secrets of Making Artists' Books

Do you have a passion for paper? Have you ever paused over a piece of poetry? Have you ever wanted to make a book and didn't know where to start? The Friends of the Library can help with all of these, if you join us for our workshop 'The Secrets of Making Artists' Books' with artist Dr Caren Florance from 12.30pm - 4.30pm Friday 2 July. Learning simple binding techniques and discuss tips and tricks concerning planning and making artists books. All levels of experience are welcome.



Meaning and beauty in gardens

Join us for Trisha Dixon: Meaning and beauty in gardens — a joint Australian Garden History Society & Friends of the National Library event, at 12.30pm Wednesday 9 June.

Trisha explores the relationship that exists between ourselves, our gardens and the natural landscape. Her message is the need to understand and respect the environment in our garden making.

By approaching nature with humility, rather than a desire to control it, we can make our gardens places of beauty and peace. Seeking meaning as well as beauty in garden making.

Coffee with the Curator: New Treasures

Curator Susannah Helman discusses some of the significant items included in the current iteration of the Treasures Gallery as she takes guests on a special tour of the latest iteration. Ask questions and discover more over refreshments following the tour. Book at <https://www.nla.gov.au/..coffee-with-the-curator-new..>



2021 Summer Scholars: Jake Gordon, Brendan Casey, Catherine Gay, Victoria Perin, Tim Calabria

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Friends Travelling Fellowship

GREAT IDEA FOR FRIENDS GROUPS

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A challenge for the Friends in 2020 was to fund the FNLA Creative Fellowship, FNLA Travelling Fellowship, and the gift to the NLA for the 50th anniversary of the building. This was achieved with the funds of \$29,255 being met from operating funds.

The 2019 Friends Travelling Fellowship was awarded to Rachael Eddowes. Rachael commenced working in the IT section of the Library in 2015, working to help connect the collection to those who use it.

Rachael’s Fellowship involved travelling to the United Kingdom to survey digital engagement and discovery and attend the library user experience conference UXLibs. She toured libraries in Edinburgh, Aberystwyth, Oxford

and London, as well as the conference at the University of London Royal Holloway.

Rachael gave a presentation at the Friends 2020 AGM. Among her activities, she presented a conference poster From the Reading Room to the Living Room, explored strategies for digital engagement at the Welcome Collection, and digital discovery at the Science Museum. She has since contributed her findings to Blueprint and other review processes at the Library and applied her knowledge in the redesign of Trove.

The funding of a Fellowship to undertake research, study or travel for a library staff member, is something ALL Friends groups could consider. This is a project that many Friends of Library groups have undertaken in the USA.



Fellowships are open to individuals with research at any stage of development, as well as those undertaking research which forms part of a larger project. When an individual is contributing to a collaborative project, they must demonstrate their own research component.

The period of Fellowship research may lead to longer-term outcomes, rather than immediate publication or public outcomes. The Library does not expect Fellows to compete a body of work during the residency.

As part of the residency, all Fellows will benefit from:

- a sustained period of research based on the Library’s collections
- special and supported access to collections
- access to the Fellows room, with full office facilities and a personal workstation

- copies of collection materials (within reasonable limits and according to access and copyright conditions)

Funded Fellowships will also receive the following financial support:

- an honorarium of AUD \$1,000 per week for 12 weeks
- accommodation support of AUD \$700 per week for 12 weeks if required (not payable to residents in the Canberra region)
- reimbursement of travel costs equivalent to one return domestic airfare to Canberra (not payable to residents in the Canberra region), subject to substantiation of the expenditure. Reimbursement of international travel is capped at AUD \$2,500, and limited to one return flight.

FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD

Friends of the East Hampton Public Library REBUILDING

The Friends of the East Hampton Library (USA) were established in the late 1960's to support the programs and offerings of the East Hampton Library.



Friends of the East Hampton Public Library was awarded the Achievement Award for her work reviving the long dormant Friends group. At one point,

the Friends had a long and successful history. For years they were a strong organisation with their own permanent book sale and a robust membership. Some 13 years ago, however, the group faltered from a rift between members and thus remained mostly dormant. In January 2018, Victoria Fielding decided that the Friends group deserved a more active and robust organisation. She rallied the troops via Facebook posts and announcements in the local newspaper. From the first meeting with about 10 people, she worked tirelessly to grow the organisation again. Today the Friends contributes thousands of dollars towards the library each year. It has become a thriving organisation, once again.

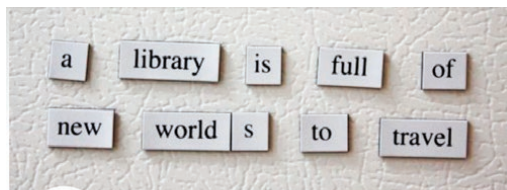
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Some of the programs undertaken include:

- sponsor author visits and other adult and children's programs
- help purchase craft materials
- fund Museum Passes
- fund a scholarship for local high school students
- conduct book sales
- help organise other library events and fundraisers that encourage community members to visit the Library.

In 2019 they gained the Individual Achievement Award from the Friends of Connecticut Library Organisation. Victoria Fielding, President of the

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FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD

BOOK SALES AND BOOK DONATIONS A GUIDE

Friends of the Belmont Public Library, USA



“The Friends of the Belmont Public Library greatly appreciate the generous donation of your gently used books, DVDs and CDs.”

“Volunteers are needed year round to sort and organise books. And many hands are needed prior to the Book Sale for set up, sales and clean up. Interested in helping out?”

The Friends of the Belmont Public Library, USA have produced guidelines for Book Donations. Items for book sales may come from the library’s collection, or via donations from the public. This guide may be helpful if you are receiving items from the public.



Book Donation Guidelines

The Friends of the Belmont Public Library greatly appreciate the generous donation of your gently used books, DVDs and CDs. Donations should be dropped off at the library’s delivery entrance behind the building.

We ask that you consider the following before making your donation. We cannot sell books that are:

- Dirty
- Mouldy
- Highlighted or underlined
- Water stained, yellowed or brittle
- Outdate (ie old computer manuals, travel books more than 10 years old)
- Textbooks
- Very dog-eared

We accept DVDs and CDs that still play but we cannot accept any other media or electronic (no LPs, VHS, computers, monitors etc).

We must throw away books that we cannot sell and this consumes much volunteer labour. So, before donating, please ask yourself: “would I buy this book?”

Everyday Book Sale

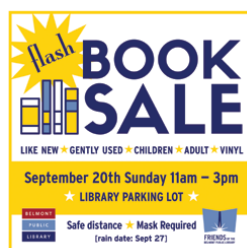
Gently used hardcover books, softcovers and paperbacks, DVDs and CDs for patrons of all ages and interests are on sale during library hours on the first floor near the circulation desk. There is an honour box for payment, or you can pay online.

Help with Used Books

Volunteers are needed year round to sort and organise books. And many hands are needed prior to the Book Sale for set up, sales and clean up. Interested in helping out? Fill out a volunteer form and we shall get in touch.

Donate Books to the Friends

Your donation of books will help fund programs for Library patrons of all ages. A tax receipt is available at the Library information desk.



Friends Around Australia



FRIENDS OF BENDIGO LIBRARY

Goldfields Libraries
May 20 · 🌐

Yesterday across all of our libraries we hosted National Simultaneous Storytime!

We had a great time dressing up and making rockets and displays, and we hope y... See More

FRIENDS OF INVERLOCH LIBRARY

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 17-23 MAY 2022

FRIENDS OF BYRON SHIRE LIBRARIES

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Sat. 3rd, Sun. 4th
9am - 4pm

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9am - 4pm

Byron Surf

FRIENDS OF WAGGA WAGGA CITY LIBRARY

Cold weather weather getting you down? Cheer up and warm up by heading along to the monthly Friends of the Library meeting!

Out next meeting will be held at the Wagga Wagga City Library from 4:45pm on Tuesday the 14th of May. Current members and anyone interested in getting involved are encouraged to attend.

Friends of Libraries
Byron Shire

FRIENDS OF WAVERLY LIBRARY

WAVERLY LIBRARY

BOOK CLUB

The Book Woman Of Troublesome Creek
By Kim Michele Richardson

Meets Tuesday, June 15th @ 10:30 am

*This is an outdoor event, due to Covid restrictions. Bring a lawn chair, weather permitting.

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FRIENDS OF INVERLOCH LIBRARY

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CHRIS FLYNN

FRIDAY 28TH MAY 6:00 PM
INVERLOCH COMMUNITY HUB.
This event is brought to you by the Friends of the Inverloch Library.

Message from the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A feature of the past 18 months has been the closure and re-opening of libraries. Programs advertised and events cancelled. The unpredictability of operating in a COVID-19 pandemic world.

Such circumstances have made life difficult for many Friends groups as well as the Library. How can we plan, in fact how can we operate in such circumstances.

Libraries have been adaptors to change, often at the forefront of technology and innovative service delivery. Friends in recent times have been adapting as well, many providing on-line via Zoom, author talks, discussion groups and the basic meeting. They have just kept going, despite the unknown challenges. Small Friends groups, the Alexandra model in Victoria or the prestigious New York Public Library Friends.

Online services are not always a substitute for the physical location and the interaction with friends, however, being able to transition between these worlds can provide a sustaining benefit to the individual and the community. And, that is what Friends do best.



Finally, our president Jack Goodman has been leading FOLA in new and creative ways with the development of our partnership with the LBW Trust and National Backyard Cricket. The recent program and success of funds for education projects in country

libraries across Australia, has demonstrated FOLA's goal to remain creative, even during these times of unpredictability.

A full picture of the program will be detailed in the next FOLA *NewsUpdate*.

Daniel Ferguson
Executive Director & Founder



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