



1999 FOLA BEST OF FRIENDS AWARDS PRESENTATION

Kay Craddock's Antiquarian Bookshop, Melbourne

Helena Kirkwood (Friends of Wingecarribee) receiving award from FOLA President



Colin Dunnett (Friends of Willunga and Aldinga Library S.A.) receiving award from Peter McInnes, FOLA President

Kay Craddock receiving a gift from the FOLA President



Pat Hince (Friends of Euroa Library)

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Five years of FOLA was celebrated at a function for Friends and Sponsors in Melbourne on December 3, 1999. It was a time when we could reflect upon our standing in the library world. FOLA and Friends have come a long way in a very short time. I believe we shall see a dramatic growth in our importance and strength as a support body over the next five years.



A friend of FOLA over these years has been Dr Alan Bundy, University Librarian, University of South Australia. Alan was recently elected vice-president (president-elect) of the Australian Library & Information Association. Few librarians in Australia have supported our growth in such a practical way, as Alan.

FOLA congratulates Alan, and again looks forward to his contribution at our Conference in October.

The link between FOLA and ALIA will be a focus for your executive over the next year or so. With the recent appointment of Jennefer Nicholson as Executive Director and Dr Alan Bundy as President, we have an opportunity to look towards some ways of partnering common goals.

Friends and the library profession have mutual interests. The internet can enhance some of the ways we might come together on particular issues. Partnering has been a strength of Friends in the United States, during the almost 20 years of FOLUSA's existence. It is also seen as important in the growth of the Friends movement in Canada and the United Kingdom.

Thank you to all Friends groups who have sent us information. A strength of FOLA depends upon sharing your activities through the pages of NewsUpdate, keep sending us anything you have.

Daniel Ferguson



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1999 FOLA BEST OF FRIENDS AWARDS

Congratulations to our 1999 recipients:

Winners

Willunga & Aldinga (SA)
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Honourable mention

Euroa (Vic)
Wingecarribee (NSW)
Marion (SA)

The 1999 FOLA Best of Friends & Library Week Awards Presentation took place at a function on Thursday 24 February at 6 pm at Kay Craddock's Antiquarian Bookshop in Collins Street, Melbourne. FOLA executive again thanks Kay and Muriel Craddock for their generous support and sponsorship.



Fola Executive Officer receiving awards on behalf of Unley Friends and Marion Friends



Hon Judy Maddigan, Deputy Speaker, Victorian Legislative Assembly, addressing the gathering with FOLA President

BOOKSALES IN VICTORIA

The Secretary of the Friends of Kew, Pam Richards informs us that ...

Permission should be sought from the **Office of Fair Trading and Business Affairs**, 452 Flinders Street, Melbourne 3000 (Ph 9627 6000) for any book sales (or any other sale of the kind) to which the general public is admitted. There is no trouble in getting

this permission, but it should be applied for each June, and last for a year.

Other States should check to see if similar provisions apply. If so, please inform NewsUpdate, who will publish the details.

Report damns infrastructure neglect

A long-delayed report assessing Victorian local councils' infrastructure was released in January. The draft report was released in

July 1998 for comment but the final draft has only now been released.

The report identified 11 councils, the majority of which were in rural Victoria, which were "in need". They needed to increase their infrastructure expenditure by between 25 and 50 per cent over the next five years.

Council and local government bodies had until 4 March to comment on the report to the State Government in Victoria.

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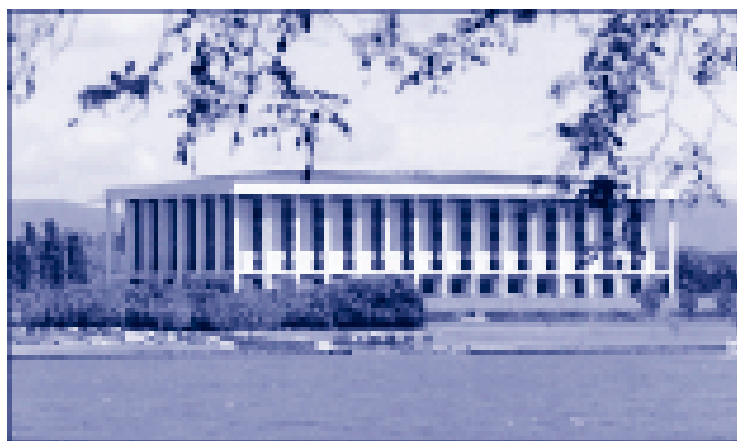
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Conference brochure to be released soon.





A Message from the FOLA President

**The last year of the twentieth century saw
significant development in areas of
importance to Friends groups throughout Australia.**

One very pleasing development was in the area of membership. Group numbers rose from seventy in 1994 to one hundred and sixty in 1999.

Concern expressed by some member groups led to the conduct of a seminar on Compulsory Competitive Tendering (CCT) at the Baillieu Library at the University of Melbourne on February 26th 1999.

Copies of the report from that seminar were distributed to member groups.

In 1999, on-going attention was given to the development of a FOLA Web-site. Many public libraries now have Web-sites and many of them refer to their Friends of the Library groups.

Interspersed with reflections on significant issues in 1999 are personal memories of pleasant events.

I recall with particular pleasure visits to Friends functions at Kew and Altona, both of which are suburban Melbourne public libraries. In one case I enjoyed witnessing the official opening of a Friends bookshop by the Mayor of Hobsons Bay, in the other I enjoyed listening to guest speaker, Sir Zelman Cowan, who fascinated his audience with reflections on his time as Governor General.

Friday, December 3rd 1999 marked another memorable occasion, when a Gala Dinner was held in Melbourne to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the founding of FOLA. Our patron, the Honourable Justice Michael Kirby was our guest speaker at an extremely pleasant function attended by our major sponsors and representatives from Friends Groups.

Each of these three events was different - one from the other - but all had one thing in common. Each was attended by people who

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share concern about the future of libraries and an interest in FOLA, an organisation with a growing capacity to meet the needs of its members.

What then, of the year 2000, the beginning of the new Millennium?

An event for which planning is well advanced, is the third National Conference of FOLA, to be held at the National Library in Canberra in October.

Each of the previous National Conferences, the first in Melbourne, the second in Adelaide, was, in my view, an outstanding success. In both cases, they revealed the vibrant interest of groups of Friends in their local libraries, and the pleasure and benefit derived from an opportunity to share experience and ideas with others.

I am confident that the proposed Canberra conference will serve a similar purpose.

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The FOLA executive shares one prime characteristic with the majority of other Friends groups, and that is that its members are all volunteers.

However, unlike other Friends groups, FOLA does not have a pre-existing infrastructure into which it could merge, where material support and practical help from decision makers were the norm.

For that reason, it is appropriate to acknowledge our gratitude to our two major sponsors, Phil Walshe, Managing Director of Bolinda Publishing, and Sandra Lavender, Managing Director of Ulverscroft Large Print Australia. Without them, FOLA would not have survived.

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Sponsorship must become a priority issue for FOLA. Our organisation continues to grow, and our capacity to service a growing membership will, to some degree, be dependent on our ability to establish a tenured executive officer position.

Reference to FOLA's central committee calls to mind attendance at monthly committee meetings, occasional sub-committee meetings, and events with which the committee was directly involved.

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But that is not what FOLA is. It is instead, a growing association of groups centred on libraries across the country; groups who represent the users of library services spread across Australia.

It is my hope that, early in the new millennium, most libraries will have Friends Groups, most will belong to FOLA, so that FOLA itself will become a voice which must be heard.



Peter McInnes

FOLA 5th ANNIVERSARY



*Daniel Ferguson,
Justice Micheal Kirby,
Peter McInnes*



Chris Awcock, Colin Dunnett, Phil Walshe, Peter McGuinness, Sandra Lavender, Margaret Brookes, Dick Mills, Daniel Ferguson



*Dick Mills,
Sandra
Lavender,
Phil Walshe
and Justice
Michael Kirby*

FOCUS on FRIENDS

State Library of SA

Almost three weeks after his 87th birthday, Professor Colin Horne AM, FAHA died on 19 November 1999. A Friend since 1958, a Committee member for 21 years and President for 12, Colin was made an Honorary Life Member in 1995. As an 18th century scholar of taste and judgement he had a major influence on the choice of many gifts to the Library. He would have been delighted by the coincidence of his funeral's taking place a few hours before our AGM and dinner, an occasion on which he was affectionately remembered in tributes from the President, Jenny Tonkin, Peter Morgan, Robin Eaden and Valmai Hankel.

To commemorate Colin's great contribution to the Friends, it has been decided to present an 18th century item to the Library, and all Friends are invited to assist in its purchase. Peter Morgan has decided to step down from the position of Vice President, and so end 27 years as a committee member. Peter's father was the first honorary secretary of the Friends and President for seven years until his resignation in 1972.



The Annual Report records membership of the Friends stands at 510, an increase of 60 on this time last year. The staff of 15 volunteer guides, led by Gerrit Stafford, conducted 480 people on library tours during 1999. An outstanding achievement.

Kew (Victoria)

Friends of Kew Library were delighted to sponsor their first book launch in November. Over 100 friends, family and members of FOKL joined Dr David Pitt in launching his autobiography - *For the Love of Children, My Life and Medical Career*.

President, Eric Flynn reported in the Annual Report that the Friends had committed over \$20,200 to the library, which included \$6,000 contributed by Trinity Grammar School, which helped purchase the \$12,000

universal copier of genealogy records. Around \$650 from booksales was raised on a monthly basis.

The excellent programme of speakers and events for 2000 include- Dr George MacDonald, (a Canadian) the new CEO of the Museum of Victoria, Douglas Lawrence, director of the Ormond College Choir, recently returned from Europe and Professor Christian Grawe of Melbourne University, who speak on Jane Austen from a German viewpoint.

Kew have an excellent programme of events and speakers for 2000.

State Library of NSW

Two high profile identities addressed well attended gatherings of The Library Society at the end of 1999. David Marr spoke on his new book *The High Price of Heaven* and Philip Adams offered a glimpse of his remarkable collection of modern art, manuscripts and Roman, Pre-Columbian, and Egyptian artefacts.

High profile Arts personality, Melvyn Bragg from the UK will be guest at a function at 6pm on Friday 10 March.

Altona & Laverton (VIC)

The end of the year Dinner and Booksale contributed to another great year for this very successful group. The 2-3 day sales are proving very popular.

Willunga & Aldinga (SA)

The second Friends of the City of Onkaparinga Libraries Forum was held in November, and was another great success. Dr Alan Brissenden, President of the Friends of the State Library of SA delivered the keynote address.

A newly formed group (the Delegates Group) comprising representatives from six library Friends groups will take charge of organising the Forum for 2000.

The New Member's Handbook has just been released. It contains a brief history of the group, highlights of significant events each year, the Constitution, committee members names and addresses and other management issues. A great idea for all FOL groups.

Willunga & Aldinga have just announced they are on the Web. The Web page location is within the City of Onkaparinga, under libraries and accessed as follows -

<http://www.geocities.com/Paris/Library/4492>

Wollongong (NSW)

The December newsletter gave a review of the year's events. The Friends encouraged young Year 9 readers at the Michael Kent Golden Page award readings at Corrimal Library. Joined the other detective fiction fans at the Annual Literary Dinner, with the chance to meet the amiable architect-turned-crime-writer, Barry Maitland. Barry talked on the history and traditions of detective and crime fiction and covered works and authors of all kinds, from Dickens to the present day.

Salisbury (SA)

The November sidewalk booksale raised \$350. The year concluded with an excellent Christmas Dinner at the Troopers Room, Eureka Tavern in Salisbury.

In February we heard our favourite 'friend', Gary Lockyer, who spoke to us on - "Nostalgia".

Murray Bridge (SA)

First giant booksale was held in November on 3rd-5th, in the Town Hall. It was voted a success as they sold over 3000 books. It is hoped that it will become an annual event.

Murray Bridge is a very small group (10 members) who meet every six weeks, alternating between a general meeting at 10 am and a committee meeting held in the evening. Good luck Murray Bridge!

Liverpool (NSW)

Kerry Collison was to have addressed Friends at a literary morning tea, speaking on Indonesian politics and his books set in that part of the world. Alas, only an hour before he was due to speak, he phoned to say his car had broken down! Luckily, at very short notice, they were able to get a speaker from the Timorese Emergency Support group in Cabramatta. Bernadino gave members a history of the East Timorese people and graphically illustrated the dire circumstances affecting the whole population.

Geraldton (WA)

FOGL were delighted that member Max Cramer received the Australia Day Award. Max continues to be a strong supporter of the library, his autobiography was launched on 10 December.

Friends are assisting with the library's aim of having a dedicated Seniors PC and establishment of a Seniors Net in Geraldton.

The Friends Treasurer, Margaret, reported on her travel to the eastern states and a visit to the Tamworth Friends in NSW.

National Library (ACT)

In November the Friends held the Tim Winton celebration and the Crookwell weekend. Ian Templeman, publisher and former National Library staff member launched the celebratory publication and several young Canberrans read short excerpts from Tim's works.

Tim responded to an audience of nearly 400 Friends and fans. Tim signed many books afterwards and went out of his way to write personal messages. A great occasion.

Friends are looking forward to an exciting year with many new faces joining the committee for 2000.



Baillieu (VIC)

A special edition of the University of Melbourne Library Journal to mark the 40th anniversary of the opening of the Baillieu Library recorded the significant contribution made by the Friends of the Baillieu Library since 1966.

The President, Peter McInnes (FOLA President) and Merete Smith (Baillieu Friends executive secretary) record the history of the group and the items donated to the library collection since 1966.



Stirling (SA)

In February, Friends held an evening - Take a trip to Lapland & the arctic circle. Gunnar Erbsland who lives in the district travels every year to Lapland and even further north into the Arctic Circle, leading small groups of adventurers who travel by dog sled. He illustrated his talk with slides.

In August this year, the Friends of the Library, Stirling, will celebrate their 20th birthday.

Balmain (NSW)

The FOBL Christmas Bash went with a great swing. Local resident and author, Cathy Cole, spoke about writing and particularly about her recently published first novel, Dry Dock, which she describes as a celebration and record of "old Balmain".

The AGM was held on 7 March when the guest speaker was Bruce Spence, patron of FOBL, local resident and actor.



Editor

Our mistake. The Summer NewsUpdate page 11, incorrectly cited the exhibition by Reiko Nagao under the heading of 'Salisbury' - it was an event undertaken by Stirling Friends in South Australia. On page 9 under 'Stirling' it should have stated that ... 'The Cedars' house and garden of Sir Hans Heyson and daughter Nora.



NEWS FROM INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS GROUPS



FOLUSA NEWS

- ◆ Friends of the Council Bluffs Public Library sponsored the one-year anniversary celebration of the library's new building by distributing cookies, magnets with the library phone number and hours, and special bookmarks to everyone who visited the library that day. In addition, everyone who checked out a book could register to win one of seven gift packages donated by the Friends.
- ◆ Year 2000 calendars, a joint project of the Friends of the Ellsworth Library and the Ellsworth Historical Society. The calendars celebrate the history of the community and sell for \$8, benefiting both organisations.
- ◆ Many libraries and Friends groups are considering special programs for the middle-school-age crowd. Junior Friends and Young Adult Advisory Councils are hot topics. Friends of the New Smyrna Beach Regional Library, Florida, share their success with sponsorship of a program for this age group. The Chat Room Café offers snacks, entertainment, and a chance for young people aged 10-14 to voice their opinions about what programs the library should provide for this age group.

◆ Friends of Indiana Libraries have presented 16 ways to make more money at your book sale.

- 1 Collect lots of donations.
- 2 Make it easy for people to donate.
- 3 Sort. Once the sale is bigger than 8 tables, sort into categories.
- 4 Make it look good.
- 5 Make the space appealing.
- 6 Market the sale.
- 7 If at all possible, keep it open for more than one day.
- 8 Raise the prices and vary the pricing.
- 9 Price the good items higher than the base price.
- 10 Try a Silent Auction of the real treasures.
- 11 Treat the Friends to a members only presale.
- 12 Make the sale a good place to be, a community event.
- 13 Keep remembering everyone - workers and buyers - that it benefits the library.
- 14 Celebrate your success.
- 15 Sell, sell, sell.
- 16 Make it a regularly scheduled event, so donors and buyers look forward to it.

FOLCAN NEWS

- ◆ The Ontario Library Association Conference was held in early February. The Friends Day Conference discussed - Funding and Gaming in Ontario, Regulations for Non-profit organisations in Ontario, Running a successful book sale, Friends and relations, Round table discussions on membership, amalgamations, fundraising, challenges for rural libraries, sponsorship. - Sounds familiar!
- ◆ Once again, Random House of Canada sponsored the Friends Day and the Ontario Library Association offered registration and administration for the day.
- ◆ Oakville Friends obtained an Ontario Lottery Corporate Grant of \$17,266 to purchase reading machines and cassette players for CNIB talking books and videos for the visually impaired.
- ◆ Many Canadian Friends have a web site, located at <http://www.library.on.ca/friends.htm> There is a wealth of information to be gleaned from these pages, including examples of newsletters, membership forms, constitutions, mission statements, bookstores, ideas for fundraising etc.

Stephen Spurling's Panorama of Launceston 1881

A unique project of the Friends of the Library, Launceston

A limited edition of 1000 posters of Stephen Spurling's 'Panorama of Launceston 1881' is now available for sale.

The poster is a project of the Friends of the Library, Launceston, in collaboration with the Launceston Library in partnership with the Jackson Motor Company.

Stephen Spurling set out in 1881 to capture the image of a fledgling Launceston on film.

To create his Panorama, Spurling would have taken three exposures on large dry plates and contact printed them in his studio. Enlargement was not an available technique at the time.

Just 34 years old, the pioneering photographer succeeded in producing a fascinating panorama of the city 75 years after the first soldiers and settlers disembarked on the banks of the Tamar.

The original panorama is part of the photographs collection in the local studies section of the Launceston Library.

The Friends' objective is to publish significant items from the library's collection in order to promote the collection and assist in the interpretation and understanding of Launceston's past. Revenue gained from the publishing program will be used to conserve the collection, fund future publications and to promote the library, in particular its local studies collection.



*a detail of the
panorama*



Friends of the British Library

Highlights from the 10th Annual Report

Membership stood at 2000, an increase of 470 on the previous year.

A team of volunteers have been running a Friends' recruitment and information desk in the St Pancras entrance hall since August 1998, for three or four hours two or three times a week. The profile

of the Friends and the rate of recruitment have significantly risen as a result of this new initiative. (The magnificent new British Library building has no doubt contributed as well!)

Corporate Friends from the world of publishing and bookselling were invited to an evening in the new building at which Professor Sir Colin St John Wilson spoke.

Total income for the year improved significantly from £36,114 to £51,421.

The Friends made a number of significant grants during the year, totalling £40,734.



IMPORTANT DATES

2000

- 15-21 May Australian Library Week
16 August FOLA Annual General Meeting - Melbourne
20-22 Oct FOLA biennial Conference - Canberra
23-26 Oct ALIA biennial Conference - Canberra



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FOLA Committee meetings
for 2000 are as follows:

Committee meets on April 19,
June 21, August 16, October
18, December 20.

Executive meets on March 15,
May 17, July 19, September 20,
November 15.

Committee meetings are held in
the Baillieu Library, University
of Melbourne, Parkville.

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