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S MEMBERS ARE AWARE, the main purpose of the Friends is to provide exceptional acquisitions for the State Library. These have been directed towards the Rare Books Collection, the Mortlock Collection and the Children's Literature Research Collection.



FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER



At the March meeting of the FOLA committee a number of important decisions were taken. It is envisaged that the outcomes achieved will strengthen the work of FOLA well beyond 2001.

Let me briefly outline the decisions:

- ◆ The President of FOLA and Executive Officer will meet with the incoming president of the Australian Library & Information Association, Dr Alan Bundy at the earliest opportunity. The forging of closer ties with the Association and the executive director, was one of the outcomes agreed to at our 2000 Biennial Conference held in Canberra.
- ◆ FOLA committee members will be meeting personally with a number of Friends groups during April and May, strengthening our ties and support, along with answering questions.
- ◆ Dissemination of information is vital in our networking with members and non-members. The FOLA web site will be upgraded and significantly expanded. It is envisaged that the first stage of this project will be completed by August.
- ◆ The committee reaffirmed our commitment to hold the next biennial conference in Sydney in 2002, in conjunction with the Australian Library & Information Association conference. Planning for this will begin almost immediately.
- ◆ FOLA President, Peter McInnes has forwarded a letter to all members regarding a FOLA Charter. The purpose is to gain acceptance for a set of guidelines in the formation of FOL groups. Already, members have responded positively to the draft.

The next 12 months promise a great deal more!

Daniel Ferguson

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"Friends of the Vancouver Public Library is an association of community members who value our library and demonstrate support through membership and volunteer participation."

Goals:

- ◆ Raise funds for library collections and special projects
- ◆ Build membership
- Promote and assist with library programs
- ◆ Encourage donations
- ◆ Advocate for the library



E-Friends Newsletter

www.library.upenn.edu/friends/members/index.htm

"Every year, the Friends sponsor a diverse series of programs--lectures, exhibit openings, symposia--to stimulate the intellect and the imagination. All members are invited.

All members receive a subscription to the Friends of the Library Newsletter. The Newsletter offers an inside look at the Library's programs, services, personnel, recent acquisitions, and future plans. Members at the \$1,000 level are recognized as members of the University's Red and Blue Society; members at the \$2,500 level are recognized as members of the Benjamin Franklin Society.

Above all, membership in the Friends brings the satisfaction of helping to build one of the nation's most important research collections. It means sharing in the stewardship of a great institution.



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"Entrepreneurial libraries is not an oxymoron. In the broadest sense, it includes a variety of enterprises that libraries can sell to serve patrons better and to generate additional revenue. Above all, it has to do with demonstrating to taxpayers that libraries can think out of the box. That libraries can be resourceful. That they can take a page or two from the private sector.

Can it replace funding by taxes? No. Even those large metropolitan libraries that have strong revenue generating enterprises have equally large operating expenses. It's all proportional. It doesn't mean, however, that New York Public Library doesn't value its space rental program and retail store or Los Angeles its restaurant and info-for-fee business. They are not the bottom line. but they make an important contribution to it."



Jill Jones, President, Friends of the Cooloola Shire Libraries Inc.

n Tuesday 27 February, the Friends of the Cooloola Shire Library hosted a "Get-together" of Friends of the Library groups from the surrounding region.

The libraries represented were: Ipswich, Caboolture, Caloundra, Gympie, hervey Bay and Bundaberg. This was the first time in Queensland that such a large number of Friends groups have met together.

The purpose of the Get-together was two-fold. Primarily we had gathered together to share our experiences as Friends and to gather information about how the other Friends of the Library groups operate. We achieved this by forming small groups and brainstorming two key topics:-

 Recruitment of Members - with emphasis on advertising for and screening of new members, membership fees, legal cover, training and age limits on membership.

- ◆ The role of Members with regard to public relations for the library, political lobbying, members doing the work of paid staff and fundraising eg. Book sales, applying for grants etc.
- ◆ Secondly, this first regional Get-together of Friends of the Library groups was keen to have an input into the forthcoming Queensland conference of Friends of the Library, which will take place in Bundaberg on 20-21 September, 2001. Again this will be a first as Friends of the Library groups from all over Queensland will be able to meet together and hopefully form a Queensland committee of Friends of the Library. The Gympie meeting proposed topics and speakers and discussed the format of the Bundaberg conference with ray McInnerney from the Bundaberg Library which is organising the conference.

The Regional Get-together in Gympie also gained valuable information on the new Tax System from an address by two Tax Officers from the Australian Taxation Office. They informed us that Friends of the Library groups are Charities and of the need to become Income Tax Exempt. The Officers also gave us advice on the need for Incorporation and facts about ABN's and GST registration.

All of the Friends groups participating in the first Regional Gettogether agreed the day had been a great success and it was hoped these meetings could continue on a regular basis with each library taking turns to host the event.

FROLIQ Conference For all Friends of Library groups in Qld

Thursday 20 - Friday 21 September 2001 Bundaberg Library Queensland

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FOLUSA NEWS

- ◆ A recent survey in the USA indicates that people come to their libraries for more than just books or to log onto the Internet. People are coming to libraries in increasing numbers to meet authors, artists, and performers face-to-face. They come to hear poets and authors read from their works, to listen to live music, to explore the past through exhibitions and lectures. They come to talk to each other and build community.
- More than eight of every ten libraries surveyed - 85.6%, offer some type of adult cultural planning. And, the library Friends group is the most frequent source of outside funding for adult programming.

The dollars from Friends that support these special programs are definitely well spent, benefiting individuals, the library and the community.

Seven Habits of Effective Friends

- 1. Start with a supportive Library Director
- 2. Know where you are going
- 3. Build a great Board (committee)
- 4. Make Friends the place to be
- 5. Play the technology card
- 6. Master the media game
- 7. Have fun together

NEWS FROM INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS GROUPS

UK NEWS

 Friends of the British Library have assisted in the acquisition for the library of an important 19th century panorama in India.

Indian photographs in the Oriental and India Office Collections are the most important of their kind in the world, comprising as they do some 200,000 images of the sub-continent taken between the 1850s and the 1940s.

The panorama acquired was of Lucknow taken by Felice Beato in March or April 1858.

Felice Beato (1820-1900) is among the most important nineteenth century war photographers. He had already photographed the Crimean War, and went to the China Campaign of 1860, before settling in Burma in the late 1880s.

 Friends of the British Library are planning a visit to New York, visiting libraries and many cultural icons of the city.
 What an event!

OTHER NEWS



Outstanding Service

At the AGM of the Friends of the State Library of South Australia, the Friends Committee members were all re-elected with the exception only of retiring Vice President, Mrs Kathleen Symes OAM, whose fine contributions to the Friends had been sustained for almost 70 years.

Congratulations

The President of the Friends of the Doveton Library (Vic), Mrs Marlene Hobbs was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in the New Year honours.

The award was given for services to the community, the Friends of Doveton Library being one of the groups she has been a member of for the past 10 years, the last three as President. In 1995 she was awarded Citizen of the year by the City of Casey for voluntary work in the municipality.





Gladstone (Qld)

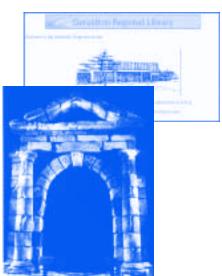
Friends have had a busy year, raising over \$1500 from book sales and evenings with speakers, with topics such as feng shui and living and working in Antarctica.



A new \$3.5 million library is being planned with the opening in 2002. Even though our group has only 10 active members, we a currently saving money towards purchasing items for the new library, including dishwasher and microwave oven for use in the community room(s).

Geraldton (WA)

Book launches were held at the end of 2000 by two local writers. Tony Horn launched *Ten True Blue Yarns* for toddlers and big ones alike. A few days later *Letters to Home* by Anthea Kalazich. Letters written by Bert Fawcett between 1926-1942, and through his eyes we relive the life of his time. These two books and more can be bought at the Library.





Thuringowa (Qld)

Barossa (SA)

Every December Friends of the Barossa Library award prizes in their annual Local History Competition, which began in 1992. This year students from Faith Lutheran School took part, in particular, Year 9 students. First prize was won by Karin Holzknecht for her illustrated essay on "Organbuilders of the Barossa Valley".

Book sale held during December raised money for a new cupboard for the local history collection at Nurioopta Library.

Friends of Thuringowa City Libraries

A non-profit community organization, established in 1995 to support Thuringowa Libraries and Pinnacles Gallery. Interested members of the public pay a nominal fee annually to belong to the group.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the months in the Fitzpatrick Room at the Thuringowa Council building, commencing at 4 pm, members gather prior at 3.30 pm for afternoon tea.

Activities and events have included:

assistance with library and gallery openings and touring exhibitions provision of prizes for Children's Week, National library Week and other related literary events

assistance with sponsorship for visiting authors

management of a soft drink machine outside the Library

Profits from our activities have provided:

a printer for the Library's internet PC's

furniture for the elderly in the large print area

a map cabinet for the Heritage area

a screen for training and seminars

a donation towards a community notice board

The organization has also:

assisted with community expos in 1999 and 2000

conducted regular book sales

conducted talks and seminars bi-monthly on subjects of interest, such as 'Snakes Alive', and a Wildlife Evening, both family orientated. 'Family History' and 'Modern Banking Practices' a were both popular with adults.

Five years service certificates were presented to members at the annual Christmas Break-up in 2000.

Salisbury (SA)

At the Salisbury "Australia Day Awards" presentation ceremony, Barbara Jenkins (longtime Friend) was presented with the "Young Citizen of the Year" Award for services to Youth.

The Annual Literary Luncheon was held in March when the new Director of the State Library of SA, Bronwyn Halliday addressed the gathering.

Wingecarribee (NSW)

In March, the Friends had a picnic lunch at Berrima and a visit to the Berrima Historical Society Museum. The Annual General Meeting was also held in March and was addressed by Councillor Rick Mandelson.

Balmain (NSW)

At the March AGM, former prisoner of war and ALP Federal Minister, Tom Uren, spoke to a large gathering in the Balmain Town Hall. Throughout his career, Tom (a Balmain resident) has maintained a wide interest in many issues, particularly at the local level.

Change of sponsor - The new sponsor for the newsletter Balmain Bookworm, is one of the local real estate agents, Richardson and Wrench.



Stirling (SA)

The May fundraiser will be a garden talk by Trevor Nottle: 'Gathering stones, a travelling gardeners tale.'

Membership drive by Stirling Friends offers 2 free tickets to any of the functions for 6 new members recruited and a box of chocolates for 3 new members.





Liverpool (NSW)

Trevor Langland, radio presenter, poet, writer and entertainer was the guest at the March meeting.



THE FRIENDS OF THE WOLLONGONG CITY LIBRARY

Wollongong (NSW)

AGM was held in March when Ashley

Hay, author of 'The Secret: the strange marriage of Annabella Milbanke and Lord Byron', was the guest speaker.



The Michael Kent

Golden Page Competition will again be held in August. This inspiring competition invites year 9 students in the district to share their pleasure in their favourite books by reading passages aloud.

Kew (Vic)

The January afternoon booksale raised \$825. Once again a very interesting programme for 2001 has been arranged. In March, Mrs Jean McCaughey spoke on her work with 'The People Together Movement 1994-1999'. Mrs McCaughey is the wife of the former State Governor, Dr Davis McCaughey.

The March edition of the Friends News listed a large collection of CD titles that the Friends have donated to the Kew Library in recent times. Mention is also made of \$2000 being given by the Friends to the library to purchase new videos and CD's.

National Library of Australia

New committee members were introduced in the March edition of the National magazine. Warwick Bradney is the new Chair of the Friends of the NLA, Warwick is a retired barrister and solicitor who has practised in Western Australia and the ACT.

The new Vice-Chair of the committee is Russell Doust, former State Librarian of New South Wales (1973-1987).

Mid -Winter Lecture and Dinner to be held on 13 July. Guest speaker will be James Fitzpatrick, Young Australian of the Year.

State Library of NSW

The Friends (The Library Society) appointed three new members to the committee for 2001. Justice David Levine, Jane Butterworth and Mary Maltby.

2001 being the International Year of Volunteers, the State Library is taking steps to give extra recognition to its many volunteers.

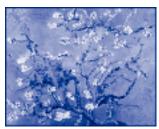
State Library of SA

Popular series - Wednesday At One continue, with speakers: Bronwyn Halliday (Director SLSA), Margaret Lehmann (Barossa Valley Councillor), Dr Kerryn Goldsworthy (Visiting Research Fellow and Writer), and Tim O'Loughlin (CEO, Dept Urban Planning and the Arts).



Willunga & Aldinga (SA)

Pre-Easter Booksale was held on April 7. A Booksale will again be held at the Almond Blossom Festival on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.





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Remaining FOLA Committee meetings for 2001 are as follows:

Committee meets on May 9, August 8 (AGM), November 14.

FOLA Executive meetings are also held on the above dates.

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

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