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FOLA's new web site - **www.fola.org.au** was launched at a function at Kay Craddock's Antiquarian Bookshop, Collins Street, Melbourne on Wednesday 8 August 2001.

**Dr Alan Bundy**, President of the Australian Librarian & Information Association, officially launched the site, now open to the worldwide movement of Friends.

Our patron, High Court Judge, Justice Michael Kirby sent his congratulations and his words of encouragement can be viewed on our web site.

FOLA'S WEB SITE WAS DESIGNED BY ANTHONY PEARSALL OF ALIAS DESIGN, AND WILL BE FURTHER DEVELOPED OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS TO INCORPORATE MANY FEATURES WHICH WILL ASSIST FOL GROUPS BOTH IN AUSTRALIA AND OVERSEAS.



Judy Maddigan MLA and Dr Alan Bundy, ALIA President



Peter McInnes, FOLA President, Daniel Ferguson, Executive Director, Anthony Pearsall, Alias Design.

Dr Alan Bundy, ALIA President,
Prue Menzies, Library Manager Casey-Cardinia
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Chris Awcock, FOLA Vice-president,
Bruce Davidson, Parliamentary Librarian.



Peter McInnes, FOLA President, Daniel Ferguson, Executive Director and Anthony Pearsall, Alias Design.





Daniel Ferguson, Executive Director and Kate Caldacott, Community.com.



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Peter McInnes, FOLA President and Kay Craddock, MD Kay Craddock's Antiquarian Bookshop

#### FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



ne of the outcomes of the last FOLA Conference held in Canberra, was agreement in building a closer relationship with the Australian Library & Information Association, the body representing the library profession. In pursuit of this goal, our President, Peter McInnes and myself visited Canberra in June and addressed the full Board of Directors of ALIA.

As a consequence of this meeting and previous discussions with ALIA President, Dr Alan Bundy and Executive Director, Jennefer Nicholson, an agenda of mutual co-operation to pursue key issues of concern to both bodies is being undertaken.

An important outcome to date has been ALIA's invitation to FOLA to be represented on a steering group to establish a promotional plan for libraries to the nation. The plan aims to achieve the following:

- increased awareness and support for library and information services;
- increased involvement of library and information professionals in public policy discussions on key issues, such as free, equal and affordable access to knowledge and information by all;
- increased funding for library and information services;
- more talented young people attracted to the profession and to employment in libraries and information services.

ALIA has established a cross sectoral steering group for the consultancy of the project which is envisaged to take 3-5 years.

FOLA is the only group representing the interests of the library user. Chris Awcock, FOLA Vice-President and myself have been representing FOLA.

The outcomes will be significant both for libraries, friends and the nation.

**Daniel Ferguson** 



Secretary/Treasurer: Margaret Broeks

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#### at the 4th biennial Conference of FOLA

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he FOLA Conference will be held on the weekend prior to the Australian Library & Information Association Conference, to be held in Sydney from 20-22 May 2002. Further details regarding the FOLA Conference will be available in the next NewsUpdate.

If you or your FOL group would like to contribute to the Conference please complete this sheet (or photocopy) and return to FOLA office - Locked Bag 1315 Tullamarine Vic 3043. Please return no later than 30 November 2001. You will be notified in writing of the outcome.

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Sydney I wish to take part in the 4th biennial FOLA Conference to be held in Sydney, 17-19 May 2002. Name: **FOL** group Library/Other **Address** State: Postcode: **Phone Fax** I wish to: (tick the appropriate box) Make a presentation on an issue of interest and concern to FOL members and groups (duration shall be 10-15 minutes accompanied with a written paper for inclusion in the conference proceedings) **Topic** Take part in a Workshop on one of the following: Return this sheet to the FOLA office Locked Bag 1315

Activities and success in organising a book sale

Constitution and legal issues

Maintaining a successful FOL group Building relationships with management and council

Establishing a Junior FOL group

# Dulcie Stretton 1924-2001

n June this year The Library Society (SLNSW Friends) mourned the passing of its founder and patron Dulcie Stretton CBE. A lifelong advocate for libraries and adult education, Dulcie Stretton was renowned for her ability to harness and motivate people from all walks of life to become involved in supporting libraries, and in particular The State Library of NSW.

Dulcie Stretton established The Library Society in 1983 to build a network of goodwill and support in the community and create awareness of the Library's collections and services.

Dulcie's library promotion activities began with her appointment in 1959 as chairman of the Library Week Committee of Victoria. She toured the United States in 1966 under a Carnegie



Corporation Study Tour and in 1967 was elected the foundation president of the Australian Library Promotion Council, serving in that office for the next twenty years. She bought passion, commitment, organising abilities, and stubbornness to this task, allied to great style.

Other community contributions by Dulcie included membership of the ABC Talks Advisory Committee, the Australian National Commission for UNESCO, Governing Council of the National Book Council and member of the Library Council of the State Library of New South Wales.

Dulcie's outstanding contribution to national life was recognised in 1979 by her appointment as a Commander in the order of the British Empire (CBE).

In 1980 she was awarded the Redmond Barry Award, given by the Australian Library & Information Association as the highest award to a lay person. The citation said 'in the contemporary world of Australian librarianship no one outside the profession has done more for its health than Dulcie Stretton.'



FOLA is compiling a list of Friends groups who have a web site or have a link to their Friends group or are mentioned on the library's web address. Send us details.



Name of FOL group

www address

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#### NEWS FROM INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS GROUPS



#### **FOLUSA NEWS**

 Laura Bush has accepted the invitation to become the honorary chairperson of FOLUSA.



She is the first librarian to be First Lady; she earned her master's degree in library science at the University of Texas/Austin and worked as an elementary school teacher and a librarian and has been active in the Texas Library Association and participated in activities of the Friends of the Dallas Public Library.

- Friends of Lewiston have organised a Adopt-A-Magazine program. The program gives individuals, businesses and organization the opportunity to purchase a year's subscription to a magazine for the library. The sponsor's name will be displayed on the cover of the magazine.
- The Minnesota Association of Library Friends presented the Evy Nordley Awards for the best project by Friends. The finalists presented a five-minute presentation which included objectives, planning process, participants, results, effectives, publicity, evaluation method, target audience, and funding source. The award announcement points out that MALF is looking for "Friends of the Library projects with impact."

#### **FOCAL NEWS**

- Care and Feeding or your Library Manager (building a better relationship):
  - Does your Library manager know who you are and what your goals are?
  - Does your group know who the Library Manager is?
  - Does your group know the Library Manager's current priorities?
  - Have you made a presentation to your library authority?
  - Does the Library Manager know all the members of your executive?
  - Have you been to the local council to exploit the virtues of your group?
  - Has your group asked the Library Manager to attend an executive meeting of your group?
  - Has your group sent an "update" to the Manager and staff to keep them informed?
  - Has your group got posters of who they are in the library?
- Does your group know the Library Manager's secretary, and does she know you?

#### NZ NEWS

 An active Friends group in New Zealand is the friends of Christchurch City Libraries www.library.christchurch.org.nz/ Friends/

Why not ask you library to incorporate a web site for your Friends groups similar to that at Christchurch City Libraries.



#### **UK NEWS**

FOLA Executive Director, Daniel Ferguson will be meeting with Andrew Coburn, National Secretary of The Library Campaign in London in early November to discuss areas of mutual interest concerning the development of Friends groups in both countries.

The Library Campaign is an independent national organisation, established in 1984 to support Friends of Library groups, mainly in the Greater London area.

 Daniel Ferguson will also be meeting with representatives of the Libraries for Life for London, representing friends and user groups in the London area.

## Guidelines for shop volunteers

#### (the Olive version)!

from the Friends of the Salisbury Public Libraries Inc. (SA)

Fraternisation between volunteers is highly irregular and must be discouraged

All 'affairs' must be approved by the Shop Management

No favouritism when disposing of old books

New volunteers to be recorded as 'other goods' at the base of the sales sheet

Customers are not allowed to go through the boxes, they must enter via the main entrance

Donations of books are most welcome. Please do not try to exchange your partner for Stephen King's Misery. You may regret it.

Books on hold. If you cannot hang onto these, scream, drop them and run.

If you have any problems, I don't have the answers. Do not ring me unless it is an interesting proposal.

#### Taminmim (NT)

This newly established group - Friends of the Taminmin Library, Humpty Doo in the Northern Territory has established itself to support its community library. It has already undertaken a major campaign to stop the reduction in services as a result of restructuring of the library (part of the Northern Territory Library and Information Service and Department of Education services).

In response to active campaigning, they have received an additional \$5000 for the purchase of new library materials.

#### Barossa (SA)

Vicki Hutchinson, Chief Librarian of the Barossa Council Public Library, thanks all the Friends who signed the petition in support of library funding. It helped considerably in negotiations for the new agreement.

#### Portland (Vic)

Hilda Egan did not seek re-election at the recent AGM and Jill Hull was elected President. Hilda has given strong leadership to the Friends over past years and made a most valuable contribution to the growth and recognition of the organization - well done.

Bob Vine was elected secretary and Dawn Turner, treasurer.

Portland group is discussing having a Science and Technology Expo next year!

#### A job well done

Hilda Egan (Portland, Vic)

Christl Markovic (Stirling, SA)

Bill Hulme (Salisbury, SA)

FOLA salutes you!



#### Stirling (SA)

Christl Markovic concluded 12 years as President and Alan Edmonds-Wilson was elected the new president. Christl was the driving force behind the revival of the Friends in 1989 and has overseen it's growth and influence - well done.

The Friends have helped with a petition of 370 names which was presented to the Council arguing the case for increases in funding, staff and space, essential to the library's ability to meet the demands and expectations of users. Stirling has approximately 76% of the population as registered library users.

#### Hub (SA)

The Friends recently donated \$2000 to the library for additional OPAC tables. In May the Friends assisted in a library survey to gauge borrower and user attitudes to the overall library service, and a positive result was the response. A limited booksale was held raising \$317 and at the June quiz night, attracting 65 participants, \$437 was raised. In July the Friends donated \$3000 to the library and over the past 12 months the Friends have received over \$6000 in computer course fees.



#### Salisbury (SA)

The AGM was held in August, when hardworking President, Bill Hulme and Helen Barnes (Treasurer) did not stand for re-election. The new President is Olive Snuggs and the Treasurer is Murray Whitcher.

The guest speaker for the evening was Barbara Jenkins, one of the 'younger members' and Salisbury's Young Citizen of the Year for 2001 and State Youth Governor in 2000.

Barbara spoke about issues that are of concern to the youth of today and the older generation.

#### Willunga & Aldinga (SA)

The recent booksale raised over \$2000 and a cheque was subsequently handed to the library.

In September Leonard Woodley gave a talk on the history of books from the beginning of time to the present day of the e-book.

#### Altona (Vic)

At the AGM in August, Margaret Broeks was re-elected as President and the Library Manager, Peter Hunt, expressed his appreciation of the help given to the library by the Friends.

The Booksale Room continues to provide a source of good income for the Friends and is regularly open for business on Friday's and Saturday's.



#### Barossa (SA)

Vicki Hutchinson, Chief Librarian, thanked all the Friends who signed the petition in support of library funding. She stated that this helped considerably in negotiations for the new agreement.

Again Langmeil Winery has initiated a highly successful Poetry Competition centred around the Barossa Vintage Festival. The Friends sponsored the second prizes.



#### Wingecarribee (NSW)

In August the Friends hosted a preview of the film *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* at the Empire Theatre in Bowral.

Matthew O'Sullivan of the Company of Players proved to be a most entertaining speaker at the last "Tea and Talk" morning which raised \$144 along with the recent raffle of \$342.

#### Liverpool (NSW)

Annual General Meeting was held in August.

#### Wagga Wagga (NSW)

At the AGM Gretchen Sleeman was elected President and Greg Robinson the new Secretary.

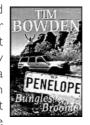
Fundraising for the past year was mostly expended on new computers, quality non-fiction materials for the collection and a contribution to the Wagga Wagga Family Literacy Collection. One of this year's projects is to acquire a set of microfilm copies of the Daily Advertiser from 1963 to 1998.





#### Wollongong (NSW)

ABC broadcaster and documentary maker Tim Bowden spoke at the recent Literary Lunch at the Villa D'Oro. Tim spoke on his latest travels West and North to remote



parts of Australia in search of people, stories and history and his latest book *Penelope bungles to Broome*.



#### Kew (Vic)

Rose Blustein, librarian at the Braille and Talking Book Library (now Vision Australia) spoke at the September meeting.

The August booksale raised \$919 in part thanks to an extra supply of non fiction books.

The committee has made available funds for librarians from Kew Library to share a registration at the ALIA Public Libraries Conference in Melbourne during November.

#### State Library of SA

Valmai Hankel was the guest speaker at a lunch at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club in September. Former Premier of SA, John Bannon spoke on *Books of the Federation* at the Wednesdays At One in September.

The Friends of Carrick Hill invited Friends of the SLSA to their Annual Spring Lunch in October. The guest speaker was Mario Andreacchio, a South Australian Film Director, Producer and Writer.

## National Library of Australia

On October 3-6, a conference on the theme *Friends as Advocates* was held at the National Museum. Speakers included the Minister for the Arts,



The Friends of the State Library of South Australia Inc.

Peter McGauran and the Directors of the National Museum and National Gallery and Lee Kirwan, Executive Officer of the FNLA. The Conference explored the issue of how friends of regional, state and national cultural organizations best support their development.





#### **Coming Events:**

**FOLA** biennial conference

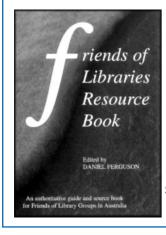
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### Remaining FOLA Committee meetings for 2001 are as follows:

Committee meets on November 14, December 12 FOLA Executive meetings are also held on the

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



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#### Categories

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