

CELEBRATING

BEST OF FRIENDS

in SYDNEY

4TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE
SYDNEY 17-19 MAY 2002



George Coe, President, Baker & Taylor, Institutional presented the 2001 Awards to winners of the *Baker & Taylor Best of Friends Awards* at the FOLA biennial conference in Sydney in May. The 2001 Winner was the Friends of Unley Library in South Australia.

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Left to Right: Andrew Hocken (B&T), Chris Awock (FOLA), George Coe (President, Baker & Taylor, Institutional) presents the 'Baker & Taylor Best of Friends Award' for 2001 to Dr Alan Bundy (ALIA President & University Librarian, University of South Australia) accepting for the Friends of Unley Library in SA.



Left to Right: Peter McInnes, Daniel Ferguson, Helen Colman, George Coe, Andrew Hocken

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FOLA'S STRATEGIC MISSION 2002-2006

FOLA has completed the most far-reaching review of the organization since inception in 1994.

Two half day workshops were held at the Baillieu Library, University of Melbourne in June and August. Dr Angela Brigland led the FOLA committee and other key players in an exercise to evolve a new work plan for the next 5 years – a new Strategic Plan.

Dr Brigland, Associate Librarian at the University of Melbourne, a former senior lecturer in librarianship and presently ALIA Board member, proved to be a most effective facilitator. We are greatly indebted to Angela for her skill and wise counsel in developing our master plan.

The plan is in two sections – Short Term Goals for 2002-2004 and Long Term Goals for 2002-2006. Already, some actions detailed in the plan have been acted upon, namely the hosting of our web site – www.fola.org.au via the Australian Library & Information Association. This will allow FOLA to provide a greater range of online services to our members and reach a much wider audience in the library world. The support and active involvement of Ivan Trundle and Jennefer Nicholson from ALIA is much appreciated.

Already, one of the major goals for FOLA, as identified in our Strategic Plan 2002-2006, that of becoming more proactive in lobbying in support of library and information services in Australia, is being put to the test. The Federal, Victorian and New South Wales governments are undertaking reviews of services in preparation of elections in the next 6-18 months.



The collective strength of library users (friends of libraries) around Australia is in excess of 9 million. It would be a foolish government or political party who would ignore the interests of the ABC audience. Likewise, let's not be fooled about the potential of a library audience.

Hugh Mackay, in his keynote address to the FOLA Sydney Conference, stated that Australian society is at a turning point, radical changes are occurring. He went on to speak about a 'sense of place' in a rapidly changing world. Those of us connected with public libraries can often feel this sense of rapid change at the local level, something beyond our comprehension and control.

The message delivered from our Conference keynote speakers was clear. Friends have a significant role to play in the human capital of our society. This is true today, more than ever before.

FOLA recognises the challenge. Our Strategic Plan must make a difference.

Daniel Ferguson

FEATURE

FOLA
salutes

**OUR 2001 BAKER & TAYLOR
BEST OF FRIENDS**

award winners

1ST PRIZE

Friends of Unley Library
(South Australia)

Honourable Mention

Friends of Ballina Library
(New South Wales)

Friends of Tumbarumba Library
(New South Wales)

Meritorious Awards

Friends of Thuringowa Library
(Queensland)

Friends of Kingston Library
(Tasmania)

Friends of Balmain Library
(New South Wales)

Friends of Altona Library
(Victoria)

Friends of Geraldton Library
(Western Australia)

Friends of Wingecarribee
Library (New South Wales)

The 2001 Awards were presented by George Coe, President, Baker & Taylor, Institutional in the presence of Andrew Hocken, Sales Manager for Baker & Taylor, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, at a function held in Sydney on Saturday 18 May 2002, in conjunction with the 4th biennial conference of FOLA.



(l-r) George Coe (B&T) presenting award to Cr George Martin, Mayor of Tumbarumba (on behalf of the Friends of Tumbarumba Library).



Chris Atcock (FOLA), George Coe (B&T) presenting award to Martin Field (Library Manager, Richmond-Tweed) on behalf of Friends of Ballina Library in NSW.



George Coe (B&T) presenting award to Rae Webb (accepting on behalf of the Friends of Thuringowa in Qld).



George Coe (B&T) presenting award to Prue McCausland (accepting on behalf of the Friends of Kingston Library in Tasmania).



George Coe (B&T) presenting award to Margaret Broeks, President, Friends of Altona Library in Vic.

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George Coe (B&T) presenting award to Helen Colman, President, Friends of Balmain Library in NSW.



Chris Awcock (FOLA), George Coe (B&T) presenting award to Peter Cox, Friends of Wingecarribee Library in NSW

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Following the activities and achievements of Friends of Library groups across Australia.

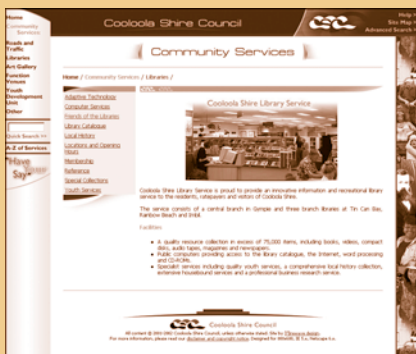
COOLOOLA (QLD)

Participation in the Library Stand at the local Show (one of the best in Australia) was a great success. (Great 'PR' exercise)



Cooloola has sent letters to neighbouring FOL and libraries regarding interest in a regional grouping of FOL's. The benefits of such a group could be: Sharing information and ideas and Combined strength in lobbying.

A continuous Morning Tea is being arranged, an opportunity for Friends volunteers to catch up with others working for the library.



TOOWOOMBA (QLD)

A social funtion to hand over the Access Centre equipment was held in July. Elaine Chippendale (Vice-President) was also the speaker, and a report was given on the FOLA Sydney Conference.

The Annual Library Booksale was held in August. Money raised will help provide facilities for the Young People's Library and Access Centre for disabled users. To date, \$17,000 has been provided for equipment for the Access Centre.



GLADSTONE (QLD)

A successful booksale was held in July. The library has changed to a new computer system and Friends have assisted with a number of projects during the process.

Library Manager – Peter Cramb, was most appreciative of the Friends help.

DOVETON (VIC)

The most recent two booksales raised - \$580 and \$680. The Doveton Friends in conjunction with the City of Casey, contributed to entertainment

during the recent school holidays, one being – Crazy Pete the Amazing Illusionist.

The annual Children's Writing & Poetry Competition will be held in November.

\$500 was donated towards magazine shelving and a train for the children's area.



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ALTONA (VIC)

Two new couches for the foyer were bought by the Friends. Also some videos and DVDs for teenagers were added to the collections at Altona and Altona Meadows.



Magazines not sold at the booksales have been donated to a variety of community organizations – and much appreciated.

FRANKSTON (VIC)

At the Mayor's Picnic Day in March saw the Friends well established with a stand displaying the work of the Friends, with show bags and storytime every hour. (Great 'PR' exercise!)

Friends are providing some funds for furniture and perhaps plants to an outdoor relaxation corner within the library building. Also \$3000 is being earmarked to assist the new Carrum Downs Branch Library.

KEW (VIC)

Guest Speaker at the July meeting was Frances Awcock, CEO and State Librarian. Fran told the gathering about being responsible for the biggest redevelopment program of any Library in the nation - \$190 million, due for completion in mid 2005.

Recent monthly booksales have raised - \$801, \$790 and \$1264. The AGM was held in September in the recently refurbished Phyllis Hore Room of the Kew Library.

GERALDTON (WA)

The April A'Fair at Greenough Hamlet and the booksale raised over \$400. FOGL recently contributed to a new picture storage unit in the children's section. A mini booksale was held during Australian Library & Information Week.

NATIONAL LIBRARY (ACT)

Lee Kirwan, EO of the Friends of the National Library of Australia recently stepped down from the position after two years, and has returned to another department in the NLA.

The new Executive Officer is James Halligan, who has a background in community and cultural affairs.

Friends were reminded that acclaimed actor Ruth Cracknell, who left the stage in May, played a major part in the celebrations to launch the Friends in the 1990s, and remained a member until her death.



STATE LIBRARY OF SA

Coming events include: Adelaide Theological Library Visit, Spring Luncheon, Kapunda/Eudunda Excursion, 'In Search of Tom Black' excursion to Port Lincoln, and in November, the AGM & Annual Dinner.

Barbara Drake recently reported on the 10 years of FOSL Volunteer Guides at the State Library, during which time they have increased the awareness of the value and potential of the State Library of South Australia. – **a job well done**

President, Tony Shinkfield recently reported on the intention of Gerrit Stafford (Vice President) goal of contacting all FOL groups in South Australia with a view to strengthening links and the possibility of sharing some activities.

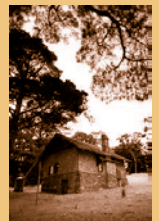


BRIGHTON (SA)

At the June function, guest speaker was Don Hopgood AO, former SA Minister and Deputy Premier, and was attended by a sell out audience. In September the local Brighton identity and well known author, Mem Fox spoke about her 30 published books which have sold over 4 million copies. A recent booksale raised over \$926, the money put aside for Children's Book Week.

BAROSSA (SA)

The September meeting held a bus trip to 'The Cedars', home of noted Australian artist Hans Heysen. At the end of June the Friends held a two day booksale in the mall at the Barossa Regional Shopping Centre in Nuriootpa. The sale being a great success, raising \$990. Some of the money raised has been spent on toys for the young children in the library.



Langmeil Winery and Friends will join forces again to sponsor the 2nd Poetry Competition as part of the 2003 Barossa Vintage Festival.

WILLUNGA & ALDINGA (SA)

Friends enjoyed an outing to Amaroo Water Gardens and the new Library complex at The Hub Aberfoyle Park then onto The Woodcroft Library recently. At the AGM, Libraries' Manager Geoff Stempel addressed the gathering and talked about proposed changes to the library service.

Concern for the future of the Friends group was expressed in the September newsletter, with the idea of co-operation with U3A (both groups of members use the library and see the need of such services). After 15 years operating, the Friends have raised over \$50,000 on behalf of the library.

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FOCUS ON FRIENDS

SALISBURY (SA)

Well known Adelaide media personality Judith Barr addressed the May meeting of the Friends at the Annual Literary Luncheon.

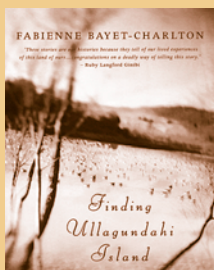
Departing Library Manager, Tania Paull, in writing to the Friends, expressed her thanks and appreciation for the support and co-operation given by the Friends during her 4 years with the library service. In particular, noting the development of the Friends Shop and the enthusiasm of committee members and President's. *(a vital partnership for Friends success!)*

CLARE (SA)

During the past year over \$1700 was raised from raffles and \$1700 from annual booksales. A successful **Port, Poetry & Prose** evening, two successful literary evenings with Monica McInerney, local author of **A Taste For It** and **Upside Down, Inside Out**, and also celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Clare Public Library becoming a public institution.

STIRLING (SA)

The AGM was held in June when the guest speaker, Fabienne Bayet-Charlton, author of **Finding Ullagundahi Island**.



A recent donation of \$2000 by the Friends was spent partly on Art books in the library. Cooking, gardening and science books will be bought with the remaining \$1000.

Life membership was recently given to Jean Fitzgerald for her long standing work as a Friend and repairer of books.

— *Well deserved Jean*

MURRAY BRIDGE (SA)

The Friends of Murray Bridge are walking public relations vehicles.

The Film Night to **A Beautiful Mind** sold over 170 tickets. Friends have organised a raffle, to be drawn in September, with 1st prize and CD Soundzone. A big booksale is scheduled for 6-8 November.



“As a Library Friends, I assisted two ladies who were typing a special THIS IS YOUR LIFE notice for a birthday party. I was able to assist the ladies in their quest. It involved some very easy computer skills.”

— *All about being a Library Friend!*

WAGGA WAGGA (NSW)

Booksales took a change of pace – with the introduction of smaller and more frequent sales, commencing in August on Saturday between 9am and 12 noon. At a recent meeting of the Friends, funds were approved for the purchase of a marquee, similar to those used at the Farmers' Market. It is expected that it will be used by the Library for many outdoor events.

BALMAIN (NSW)



Recently held a talk by food writer Margaret Fulton on genetically engineered foods and the modern food industry, with a delicious supper!

— *another food success from Balmain!*

BENLEDI & GLEBE (NSW)

In celebration of the Library's fifth birthday the Friends held two great events – a Monoster Booksale in May and Robert Billington's Exhibition **Glebe: Twentyfour seven** opening at the Glebe Library with champagne.



*Train over the Opera House
— Robert Billington*

WENTWORTH FALLS (NSW)

Friends organised a Literary Winter's Lunch in June and July. It provided local people and Friends an opportunity to come together.

WOLLONGONG (NSW)

In July an all day bus trip to Old Parliament House and the National Library of Australia.

The Friends, in conjunction with Collins Booksellers held a function to launch Hugh Mackay's latest novel, **Winter Close**. A discount on the book was available on the evening — *no doubt signed by the author!*



WINGECARRIBEE (NSW)

The Friends have organised a tentative agreement with local FOL groups at Wollongong and Kiama, to co-operate in selected activities. — *Well done Peter!*

Successful literary events continue at Wingecarribee with Colin McPhe-dran, Alan Ventress, and Gordon Hughes.