

FOCUS ON FRIENDS

ALEXANDRA (VIC)

The Friends held the launch of the book – *Place-Names of the Alexandra, Lake Eildon and Big River Area of Victoria* by Nigel Sinnott in March. They also had a brass band and historical display on the occasion.

BENDIGO (VIC)

Recently celebrated the 20th anniversary of 'Turning of the sod' of the Bendigo Library Complex. Also on the day, Betty Jackman's book *Mayors of Bendigo 1856-2001* was launched. – *a newly established group making some big moves!*

**BRIGHTON (SA)**

At the March meeting, Dieuwke Jessop, who is in charge of Holdfast Bay Council's History Centre spoke about council's historical collection and the way it is being housed in Ringwood. They also held a Giant Book Sale as part of the Brighton Jetty Road Festival.

BAROSSA (SA)

The Langmeil Winery Barossa Vintage Festival 2003 Poetry Competition in collaboration with the Friends of the Barossa Library, is happening once again. It is open to all Barossa school students. The Winery and the Friends offer prizes to individual winners and each first prize winner's school will receive \$100 from the winery to purchase books.

Other activities have been, Meet the Producer (from ABC Radio), a bookstall at the Lyndoch Street Party, books being sold at the Chateau Dorrien Craft Market and a Christmas Party for friends and library staff.

STIRLING (SA)

Pam Holland gave a fascinating talk about world travel, interesting people, and the intriguing history that unfolded when she went in search of the origins of an antique quilt made in 1776. Pam has a background as a commercial photographer and fashion designer.

Friends are raising a voice about action taken by Council to remove the Stirling library site from the community lands register. This removal allows the present council or future councils to sell it without future consultation with the ratepayers. Public outcry resulted in council reversing these plans for some other properties – but not for the library.

(perhaps Stirling should take a lead from Unley Friends in relation to Council action)

WILUNGA AND ALDINGA (SA)

FOVAL has been active in the community, in particular, with Aldinga and Willunga Primary Schools and Southern Vales Christian School in Star of Greece and Circus projects and 'favourite book character' projects with voucher prizes and photographs.

Book sales, coffee n' chat gathering, Poetry Unplugged and quiz nights are also taking place. The AGM took place with Easter eggs and hot cross buns in April.

SALISBURY (SA)

Friends held their traditional Literary Luncheon on 15 May. Rosanne Hawke, well known writer of novels for young adults was guest speaker. Her recent works include, *Jihad* and *Re-Entry*. Numerous copies of Pat Robinson's book, *Migrant Journeys* have been sold at the Friends Shop. Pat donated a clock to the Friends Shop to show her appreciation.



Willunga Library

The Friends are undertaking a survey of members in relation to meeting venues. – *Good idea, never take for granted what your Friends want!*

STATE LIBRARY (SA)

Dr Tony Shinkfield AO presented the annual report for 2002, outlining another successful year for the Friends. Membership stood at 520. The 11 events of 'Wednesday at One' were outlined, along with the considerable achievements of the Volunteer Guides, that regularly conduct tours of the State Library every week. Also outlined, the activities of the 7 Standing Subcommittees: Acquisitions, Printing and Publications, Program, Special Project, Volunteer Guides, Facsimiles and new Accommodation. Another very successful year for our oldest Friends group

GERALDTON (WA)

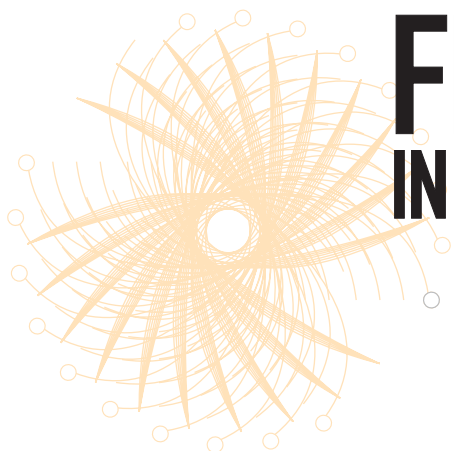
A reminder in the latest newsletter of the Benefits of joining FOGL include...

Invitations to Library functions, Preview of New Books, Regular newsletter, Discounts at participating outlets such as the Art Galley Shop & Museum Shop, Working with a great group of people, The knowledge you are helping your Library. – *Great 'PR', never forget to tell yourself to new members.*

NATIONAL LIBRARY (ACT)

A very successful AGM with 103 members attending as held in December. A full committee of 16 were elected with Russell Doust becoming Chair of the Friends for 2003. The speaker for May was Susanna deVries who has completed two volumes of her groundbreaking study of pioneering Australian women. Some of the women were Eileen Joyce, Dame Roma Mitchell, Annette Kellerman, Dagmar Berne, Joice Nankivell Lock, Kylie Tennant and Miles Franklin.

FOLA IN ACTION – AROUND AUSTRALIA



FRIENDS GROUPS IN > SOUTHEAST QUEENSLAND STRENGTHENING THE FOLA NETWORK

Margaret Dawson, Secretary of the Friends of the Cooloola Shire Libraries reports on recent events in south-east Queensland, following a gathering of Friends and librarians hosted by Gympie Library on 26 February 2003.

Friends groups from Maleny, Caboolture, Bundaberg and Cooloola attended, along with library staff from Noosa, Maleny, Caboolture, Bundaberg and Cooloola.

THE OUTCOMES OF THE MEETING WERE:

- ★ That the regional group have a broader base – from Bundaberg in the north and west to Toowoomba and Ipswich (Regional S.E. Queensland).
- ★ That the group is named "Friends of the Libraries of Regional S.E. Queensland".
- ★ That another meeting be convened by Caboolture FOL in six months.
- ★ That Cooloola Friends prepare a newsletter to send to all Librarians and Friends Groups in Regional S.E. Queensland

COMMENTS FROM THOSE ATTENDING:

Jan Balke (FOL Vice President) Debbie Kleidon (Librarian & FOL Secretary)

For Caboolture Shire Friends of the Library the conference exposed the huge enthusiasm, fantastic ideas, vast skills and wide variety of activities of Friends' members. However, many Friends experience a lack of recognition by the community and council.

Pat Faircloth (President, Friends of the Library, Bundaberg)

We met members from many libraries, those whose situations were similar to ours in many respects, and those who worked in very different conditions. To have explained to us the problems facing each group and the varied solutions which were found to these problems, was enlightening. It was hugely encouraging to be able to share success stories. The highlight had to be meeting the interesting people who take part in this worthwhile activity, who share a love of books and reading, and who have a keen desire to help others to enjoy this pleasure.

Doss Cutler (Team Leader, Maleny Branch Library)

Friends of the Library from Maleny Branch, representing Caloundra, one of four very active groups within the Caloundra City.

It was very interesting and informative to listen to how Friends from other libraries assist in helping their libraries run smoothly. Some of the groups are incorporated, and they explained the 'pros' and 'cons' of incorporation. Discussion re marketing, book sales, deliveries to housebound, lobbying, membership fees, issues of recruitment and newsletter contributions were other interesting snippets that we brought back.

Jackie Tonkin (Community Services, Noosa Library Service)

Friends of the Library Noosa is on the agenda for establishment by 2004 but we are forging ahead before that to have a support organization for all volunteers and incorporation by 2004. I really did appreciate the wealth of information covered during the seminar and read over it embedding the facts into the internal files of my brain. Have also been checking out websites and look forward to meeting again.



FEATURE

WOLLONGONG FRIENDS



l-r Ron Pretty, Vivienne Sawyer, Fred Moore, Terry Fox, Ada Rayner, Dorothy Jones

Photo: courtesy Mark Newsam

Friends of Wollongong City Library participated in Senior's Week when six talented local seniors spoke about their involvement with producing books. Terry Fox collected an oral history from South Coast Aboriginal, Percy Mumbler. He spoke about producing *Travelling with Percy* with Lee Chittick. Dorothy Jones appealed to the many feminists in the audience with her talk about women writers, many of whom have been neglected. *At the Coalface* is the first of two books that document the life of coal miners and their communities and we were pleased to have, Fred Moore, to speak about his connection with the book. Representing both the University and the Writers' Centre, Ron Pretty spoke of writ-

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ing and publishing in the Illawarra, particularly in the often neglected area of poetry. Researcher, Ada Rayner, spoke of the misinformation that a researcher encounters and the importance of dating information such as photographs. Ada researches military history for her son, Robert, who has a particular interest in Darwin. Our final speaker was Vivienne Sawyer. She has established a following around the Fold Festival circuit for her

stories and poems. Her poems have been collected in a book called *Bridging the Gap* and she has her own CD called *Woolly Yarns and Whimsies*. In the tradition of all good entertainment Vic left the audience laughing!

Following these talks the audience of 76 were able to browse through the books these people had been involved with and chat with the speakers while enjoying afternoon tea. All agreed it had been a most interesting and entertaining afternoon.

We are grateful to Wollongong City Council, who made this project possible by funding it with a small grant from Cultural Services.

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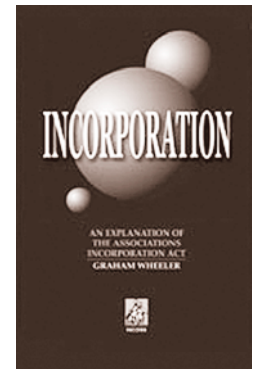
A must-have book for ALL Friends groups

Incorporation: An explanation of the Associations Incorporation Act by Graham Wheeler. Published by the Council of Social Service of New South Wales, 2002.

This excellent book (which costs under \$50) is a must for all Friends groups in Australia. Although published in New South Wales, the book is applicable to all States and would be a handy guide both before and after your Friends group has incorporated.

CONTENTS INCLUDE:

- ★ **What incorporation means**
- ★ **Applying for incorporation**
- ★ **Steps after incorporation**
- ★ **The Public Officer**
- ★ **Responsibilities of Management**
- ★ **Meetings**
- ★ **Limits to limited liability**
- ★ **What incorporation does not provide**
- ★ **Ending incorporation**
- ★ **Answers to questions**



calling
WWW
friends...

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 (URL and name of FOL Group).

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The book also includes blank forms and a Schedule of fees for Associations.

The book can be obtained from NCOSS (Council of Social Services of New South Wales) at 66 Albion Street Surry Hills NSW 2000 Ph 02 9211 2599 Email info@ncoss.org.au Web www.ncoss.org.au or ask your library to purchase a copy from your library supplier quoting the ISBN 1 875326 33 2.



NEWS FROM INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS



FOLUSA NEWS

★ **Friends of Pelican Rapids Library, MN wins \$10,000.**

Pelican Rapids are the winner of the 2003 Kingsolver Award, granted yearly to a Friends of the Libraries organization by FOLUSA.

The group played a major role in easing the pains of change in their community. They sponsored diversity workshops, provided foreign language and learning materials to English as a Second Language courses and helped the library offer free Internet access for the first time. They also created a "Tapestry of Friends" by collecting fibre art from representatives of all the ethnic backgrounds now in their community. Twenty-one artists are represented in the final "Tapestry of Friendship" – Hispanics, Bosnians and Somali, Czech, Norwegians, Native Americans, French and others.

★ **MISSION STATEMENTS:**

Friends of the West Allis Library

- ★ To augment the library services, supporting the freedom to read as expressed in the American Library Association Bill of Rights.
- ★ To focus public attention on the library.
- ★ To stimulate the use of the library's resources and services.
- ★ To receive and encourage gifts and bequests to the library.
- ★ To accept other tasks than those assigned to staff.

- ★ To support and cooperate with the library in developing library services and facilities for the community.

★ **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: SOME QUICK TIPS**

- ★ People join because they are asked.
- ★ Some places to find new members: friends of Friends, other community organizations, set up at table in the library.
- ★ Show off! Be sure your print materials are good looking.
- ★ Brag a little – be sure prospective members get to know your group's activities and accomplishments.
- ★ "What's in it for ME?" Inform about the benefits.
- ★ And when they join – send a thankyou note.
- ★ Friends of the Smyrna Library, GA are contacting all local businesses in an effort to increase their budget and name recognition. A window decal featuring the group's new logo will be presented to businesses that join. Friends are encouraged to patronize the businesses displaying the new window decal.
- ★ Friends of the Maryland State Library for the Blinds and Physically Handicapped, MD recognised volunteers last year with a "Survival Kit". Each volunteer received a kit which included: a tea bag to say "You're Tea-rrific", a Band-Aid for all the aid you provide, Lifesavers to remind you that you're appreciated a "hole It", two pennies so you have the "cents" to realise how valuable you are, a mint to remind you that we're thankful for your commit-"ment", a Tootsie Roll

for the important "roll" you play, a paper clip for keeping thins organised, a crayon to colour your days cheerful and bright, and a rubbe band to remind you to stay "flexible".

BOOK SALE REMAINDERS — WHAT TO DO WITH THEM!

- ★ Friends of the Rochester Library partners with the local food bank, hospital and sheriff's youth program to give away books with food.
- ★ Friends of Pikes Peak Library reported that they group distributes leftover books to the local soup kitchen and retirement communities.
- ★ Friends of Glendale Public Library sends books to the Los Angeles County Jail System.



NEW ZEALAND

★ **Friends of Christchurch Libraries**

"Everybody needs friends Libraries are no different Befriend your library. Join the friends now"

A useful website at:

<http://library.christchurch.org.nz/Friends/>

Includes information on – Who are Friends of the Library; Rewards for being a friend; How do friends enrich the library; The purpose of the friends is:

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FOLA Committee meetings for 2003:

27 August AGM — Altona City Library (Vic),
8 October, 10 December.



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

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