



IN THE NEWS

1987 CBC Awards

The Judging Panel for the 1987 Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year Awards has announced the short list of finalists. These are:

Book of the Year: Older Readers

Baillie, Allan *Riverman* Nelson
 French, Simon *All We Know* Angus & Robertson
 Kelleher, Victor *Taronga* Viking Kestrel
 Park, Ruth *My Sister Sif* Viking Kestrel
 Rubinstein, Gillian *Space Demons* Omnibus/Penguin
 Sharp, Donna *Blue Days* University of Queensland Press

Book of the Year: Younger Readers

Dugan, Michael *Melissa's Ghost*, Illustrated by Elizabeth Honey, Dent
 Hathorn, Elizabeth *All About Anna and Harriet and Christopher and Me*, Illustrated by Steven Axelson, Methuen
 Klein, Robin *Boss of the Pool*, Illustrated by Helen Panagopoulos, Omnibus
 McLeod, Doug *Sister Madge's Book of Nuns*, Illustrated by Craig Smith, Omnibus
 Rodda, Emily *Pigs Might Fly*, Illustrated by Noela Young, Angus & Robertson
 Thiele, Colin *Farmer Schulz's Ducks*, Illustrated by Mary Milton, Walter McVitty
Short List: Picture Book Of The Year
 Base, Graeme *Animalia* Viking Kestrel
 Graham, Bob *The Wild* Lothian
 Morimoto, Junko *Konjuro and the Bears* Adapted by Helen Smith, Collins
 Power, Margaret *Creatures in the Beard* Author: Margaret Wild, Omnibus
 Vivas, Julie *The Nativity* Omnibus

Zak, Drahos *Murgatroyd's Garden* Author: Judy Zavos, Heinemann

Winning entries will be announced in Perth on Friday 14 August.

DUCOS Free

The Defence Union Catalogue of Serials (DUCOS) lists the holdings of approximately 80 Defence Information Services (DIS). The holdings are unlikely to be included in NUCOS for some time yet, so DIS plans to make microfiche copies of DUCOS available to libraries able to make use of this resource. At the moment it is free.

Libraries requiring a copy should write to: Director Information Services and Libraries, Department of Defence, Campbell Park Offices, Canberra, ACT 2600.

Appeal for PNG library

A pre-dawn fire on Saturday 13 December 1986 destroyed the facilities shared by the Ela Beach Public Library and the RSL Club. The origin and cause of the fire are unknown. The Ela Beach Public Library was the largest and oldest public library in Papua New Guinea. Over 15,000 books, magazines, catalogue records, furniture and equipment (collected over a period of 40 years) were completely burned within a matter of hours.

In 1946 the post-World War II administration opened the Ela Beach Public Library in the annex of the wartime officers' club on Ela Beach. Library services in Port Moresby had previously been maintained by private subscription, with the collection housed in the Library Institute building.

The location of the library was especially well-suited to the growing Port Moresby residential community at the time, and over the years has remained convenient and accessible to users of all ages and backgrounds.

An appeal is being made for the library to raise funds for replacement books. The goal is K200,000. Donations are needed quickly to ensure bookstock for the new library which is scheduled to open later this year.

Please make cheques payable to the PNG National Library Trust Account. Be sure to include your name and address so that a receipt can be mailed to you and send to: Ela Beach Public Library Appeal C/o PNG National Library, PO Box 5770 Boroko, National Capital District, PNG.



LAA Lobbying Register

Successful lobbying is vital if we are to ensure that governments at all levels respond to issues of relevance to us.

The Association has been successful with many of its lobbying campaigns but there are always ways in which we can improve, and it is certain that there will be increasing numbers of issues to lobby about in the future.

One way is to put more effort into forward planning to ensure that we are ready to instigate or respond to issues at short notice. To achieve this we are asking for your cooperation.

The Association intends to build up a lobbying register of members who have some political influence. This might include being on first name terms with a politician, being a Friends of the Library Group, or knowing just who are the influential public servants. (It is easy to think that knowing politicians is enough but if you've watched the TV series 'Yes Minister' you'll argue who really makes the decisions).

If you fit into one of the above categories, or think you can help in other ways, we want to hear from you. But don't contact us unless you are willing to be active because when we need your contact we'll expect you to do some of the work.

Lobbying is most successful when it comes from a large number of people spread across a wide geographical area and when it hits the politician on his home territory. You can't leave it to a small group any more. We are all in this together.

If you want to help the profession in its future lobbying campaigns and are willing to play an active role and have your contacts used, please contact me as soon as possible.

We are trying this idea at the suggestion of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects who ran a similar exercise. Naturally, any information you provide will be treated as confidential and will not be given to others before consulting you.

Jenny Adams
Director

Systems built, run, supported, enhanced

Microcomputer Library Management

— New release OCELOT 2.0

Mainframe Library Network Management

— New release DOBIS/LIBIS 1.4

For details, or just to talk over your plans, please call Mike Staindl or Ian McCallum on (03) 541 5600 or (008) 33 5067.

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