

Kids vote Australian winners

KOALA function honours children's writers

The Sixth Annual Kids Own Australian Literature Awards (KOALA) saw Paul Jennings *Unmentionable!* voted the most popular book for primary students and Robin

Klein's *People might hear you* the winner among secondary students.

Manildra Public School was presented with the *Marilyn Cosgrove Memorial Award* in honour

of Marilyn's career as a writer and her support of KOALA. Manildra Public School was chosen for this extraordinary award as the 'most distant yet loyal Friend of KOALA' having been a member since KOALA's inauguration, and broadcast their 'long distance thanks' to the audience on a taped message.

KOALA is a nonprofit voluntary organisation which supports Australian literature and is run by teachers, librarians in primary and secondary schools and municipal libraries. Its annual Awards Ceremony is one of a number of activities held to celebrate Children's Week in October. Each year students who are Friends of KOALA nominate books for primary and secondary readers and shortlists are prepared so students can vote by September.

Any school or library that would like to become involved in the Awards for 1993 should contact Miranda Harrowell, Ryde Children's Library, tel (02) 952 8340; fax (02) 952 8355. ■



Robin Klein and Paul Jennings at the Awards. Both won a category

Books received

The most important building in town. Short of funds for your library? Call in the birds!

This charming fairy tale by Garry Hurlle about a most unusual lobby group has just been published by Hill of Content (ISBN 0 85572 210 X, rrp \$14.95, from all good bookshops). Aimed at 8-12 year olds, it tells how an elderly Dusky Wood Swallow becomes a supporter of his local library. He rallies his friends just in time to persuade the local Mayor and corporation to double the library budget rather than halve it. The illustrations by Mali Moir catch the atmosphere perfectly: a little whimsy, a little serious concern. Alas, there is an unhappy ending to the story, but the poor old bird dies fulfilled, reading a book. Recommended, but keep the tissues handy.

Printmate is one of those little books that used to be described as a *vade mecum*. Written and published by Trevor Wilson for Associated Pulp and Paper Mills (APPM) in Melbourne (ISBN 0 85828 0140), it gives in non-technical language summaries of printing history, printing proc-

esses, pre-press preparation, type, platemaking, binding methods and kinds of paper. If ever you need to prepare material for printing, you should have a copy of this nearby. Available from technical and educational bookshops price \$23.95 incl p & h, or from your nearest APPM office.

The Australian directory of academics, Second Edition, by Glyn Edwards and Terese Sullivan. This 3-kilogram, 987-page work lists almost 10 000 academics who would like to do research or consultancy. It has a detailed *Who's Who*-style entry for each of these experts, and three levels of subject indexes. They are available from Universal Consultancy Services, PO Box 1140, Coffs Harbour, NSW 2450, price \$139.95 incl p & h, ISSN 1038-6432.

The Australian directory of faculties, by the same authors, is the new *Who's Where* that complements the above, weighing in at a modest 600 pages. It has more names—35 000 staff members with their qualifications and departments—and a listing by subject. It is available from UCS at the address given, price \$97.95 incl p & h, ISSN 1038-6440. ■

Nominations for Fellowships

The Australian Library and Information Association may confer the distinction of Fellowship of the Association on an Associate (professional) member who has made a distinguished and sustained contribution to the theory and/or practice of librarianship. Nominees normally must have at least 8 years' standing as a professional member of the Association.

Nominations for Fellowship may be submitted by professional members or Divisions of the Association. They should be supported by details of the following: nominee's achievements and leadership in librarianship or archives administration; contribution to the objects and work of ALIA; publications on bibliography, librarianship archives; and/or conduct of research or development in librarianship archives. Nomination forms are available from the Membership Services Manager, Australian Library and Information Association Office, PO Box E441, Queen Victoria Terrace, ACT 2600.

Members should note that any recommendations for Fellowships must be made in strict confidence. Failure to comply with this requirement will jeopardise the nomination. Nominations should reach the ALIA office by 1 June 1993.