

## Australia gets the honours!

Australia has made history by winning both categories of the Hans Christian Andersen Award. This is the first time both sections of the Award have gone to one country — and the first time Australia has entered.

Considered to be the world's most prestigious award for children's literature, the Hans Christian Andersen Medal was first awarded in 1956, when the winner was Eleanor Farjeon.

This year Australia took out both the honours. Patricia Wrightson won the Award for Writing, and Robert Ingpen for illustrating.

Patricia Wrightson, four times winner of the Australian Children's Book of the Year Award, was said by the judges to have shown 'remarkable progression both in her style of writing and range of subject matter'. They also made special mention of the fact that in her trilogy *The Ice is Coming*, *The Dark Bright Water* and *Behind the Wind*, Patricia Wrightson has made a 'unique statement which is undeniably Australian but . . . international and universal . . .'

Robert Ingpen received the award for illustrators, the judges noting the wide range of themes he covered, while never losing the individuality of his work. They commented on his ability to make an artistic experience of the portrayal of everyday objects, bringing back wonder to the way children see the world around them. Robert Ingpen's most recent book is the *Encyclopedia of Things That Never Were*.

It is very pleasing to see this kind of recognition for the work of two very talented people.

Their nominations were put forward by IBBY Australia (The International Board on Books for Young People) with funding provided by the LAA.

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### Alumni to meet Karen Krueger

All graduates and former staff of Kuring-gai CAE's School of Library and Information Studies are invited to an evening with Karen Krueger at the College on Wednesday 11 June, 1986. An informal supper and get-together will follow.

Karen Krueger, the Director of the Arrowhead Library System in Janesville, Wisconsin, will speak on co-operative collection development among libraries of all types and the new approach being tried by libraries in various parts of the United States.

The School and its graduates have come a long way since its formation in 1976. Many graduates work in a diversified and broad range of occupations in the information field. This meeting will be an opportune time to renew acquaintances and friendships and meet others in the profession.

As part of the evening a booklet titled *Whatever happened to . . .* will be distributed. It will include information on as many graduates as possible. The organising committee would appreciate your help with information for this booklet and forms are available from Jan McMillan (02) 467 9336.

The Alumni evening costs \$6. Please book with Jan McMillan by Friday, 23 May, 1986.

### AUSLOAN II

Please note that the deadline for the return of comments for the draft manual of Ausloan II has been extended to May 16.

Any enquiries should be directed to the convener Michael Hill (03) 669 9835.

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