

Australia Day honours for librarians

inCite's cover story with this title (No. 2, 25 February) immediately drew the comment that we had missed two more. With due apologies we hasten to put this right, pausing only to offer as an excuse that neither citation mentioned libraries. We are proud to honour our colleagues: Marion Taylor is currently a member of ALIA; Patricia Scott was a very active member of the LAA in the '60s and '70s. That neither received her award for 'librarianship' should also not surprise us. Librarians by their calling have a boundless range of interests and achieve excellence in many of them.

Patricia Scott (The Order of Australia)

For service to children's literature

Patricia Scott is a freelance storyteller, lecturer and consultant in children's literature. She has tried to ensure that anyone who has any connection with children is aware of the importance of sharing a wide range of language skills with children; of the richness of the literature available to share, and of the satisfaction that comes from sharing stories and rhymes with others of all ages.

To that end, Patricia Scott has worked and talked with students and staff in educational institutions for all age levels, with librarians and community groups, whenever and wherever the opportunity has arisen in Australian capital cities and outlying areas. She has worked at Universities and Colleges in Goulburn, Armidale, Ballarat, Canberra, Melbourne, Bathurst, Hobart, and Launceston. She is Patron of the Storytellers' Guild and has



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run workshops and seminars in Victoria, NSW, Queensland, and the ACT, and South Australia.

Patricia Scott has contributed to Workshops for the Australian Children's Television Foundation among others, and has published papers in journals relating to children's literature and librarianship. She has also collected and published rhymes and stories old and new for children.



Marion Elizabeth Taylor

Marion Elizabeth Taylor (Medal of the Order of Australia)

For service to conservation and education

Since 1978 Marion Taylor has coordinated many of the activities of a large group of volunteers — the Friends of Coolart — who assist in the operation of Coolart Reserve on the Mornington Peninsula in southern Victoria.

This wildlife sanctuary is widely known for its lagoon, its wetlands, its ibis rookery and the Victorian homestead and formal garden. It is home to many species of Australian birds and small animals which live and breed in the range of habitats provided within its boundaries.

Coolart is owned by the Victorian Government and was purchased 'for conservation and education purposes' for the people of Victoria in 1975. There are now over 1000 Friends of Coolart and they provide day to day administrative assistance to the permanent staff, organise and cooperate in fund-raising activities and join working parties to perform a range of conservation and maintenance projects on the reserve.

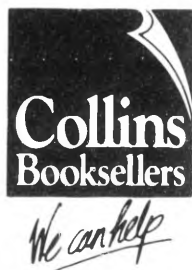
In addition to coordinating and taking part in many of the Friends' activities and editing their quarterly newsletter, Marion has been a member of the Coolart Committee of Management since 1981. She is also chairman of the Friends Committee and a member of the Committee of Management of Lorna's Triangle, a small conservation reserve near Coolart.

Marion is the librarian at the Holmesglen College of TAFE in Victoria.

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