

Your voice

Muddled-up farm

On behalf of the preschool and library staff at St Peter and Paul's School, I would like to thank the Association for organising us a copy of the book *Muddled-up farm* for the National Simultaneous Storytime held on Friday 3 September.

Our thanks also go to Random House Australia Pty Ltd for sending us a copy of the book so promptly so that we could participate in the storytime.

It was a wonderful experience for our pre-schoolers to participate in, as our two pre-school groups came together at 11:00am to hear the story. It also culminated their learning for the term which incorporated a visit to a farm.

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Bulimba, Qld*

Tribute to our past leaders

I congratulate president Imogen Garner on a well-

researched and well-written tribute to several past leaders of the profession who have died recently (*inCite*, November 2004). Recent organisational changes to ALIA have, rightly or wrongly, given some of us the impression that its history, and the contributions of those who strove to make the Association, and the profession, what it is today, are of little current interest and are therefore less valued. I am much heartened to see these giants of our profession being publicly recognised.

Neil A Radford, Balmain, NSW

Recognising our past leaders

I was so pleased to see Imogen Garner's 'Tribute to our past leaders' in the most recent *inCite* (November 2004, p12-13). We seem to have lost so many in such a short period of time and it was fitting to take a moment to reflect on who they were and what they

had done collectively for the profession in Australia.

Of them I was closest to Margaret Trask of course but also to Jean Whyte (she was, like myself, a product of the Graduate Library School at the University of Chicago, as was Eoin Wilkinson, too, who has also just died, and that was a special tie).

Warren Horton was my first boss and we remained in contact through the years since the early 1960s when, in what was then the Public Library of New South Wales, I stood at attention behind the reference desk at which Warren presided as officer-in-charge waiting for his instructions.

Thank you for recognising what a special group they were and for taking the time in a busy conference for providing a moment for participants to learn something about them, because for many young people theirs are inevitably and rightly no longer names to conjure

with, and for some of us who knew them personally, to recall them, celebrate them and lament their deaths.

W Boyd Rayward, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

Ed: Those who are interested in library history will be pleased to hear that ALIA is soon to publish Uniting a profession: The Australian Institute of Librarians 1937-1949 by Jean White and David Jones. Watch inCite for details...

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