

# National Simultaneous Storytime 2005

**Goey, brewy, yummy, chewy — Wombat Stew!**

Calling all public library services, primary school libraries, early childhood centres and pre-schools — it's National Simultaneous Storytime!

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) will be held on **Friday 2 September 2005 at 11.00am AEST**. This year the book chosen for NSS is *Wombat stew* by Marcia K Vaughan and Pamela Lofts, published by Scholastic Australia. *Wombat stew* will be celebrating its 21st anniversary this year and, to mark the occasion, Scholastic will be releasing a special hardback anniversary edition.

This year we'll be doing things a little differently!

In 2005, ALIA will be providing a one-stop shop for NSS participation. Libraries wishing to participate will be able to do so through the ALIA website. In return for a registration fee of \$27.95, registered participants will receive:

- a hardback 21st anniversary edition of the 2005 NSS picture book, *Wombat stew*
- an exclusive *Wombat stew* activity promotion pack containing posters, bookmarks,

balloons, a guide for readers' theatre, craft ideas and a media kit for promoting NSS in your library.

Only by registering through the ALIA website will you be able to receive this fantastic offer, and postage is included!

ALIA organises NSS in September each year to promote the value of reading and literacy; to promote the value of books; to promote an Australian writer and publisher; and to promote storytime activities in public libraries around the country. Storytime is a highly valued and utilised service to the community. NSS provides a great opportunity to involve parents, grandparents, the press and others to participate in and enjoy the occasion. At the same time, it highlights the importance of reading and literacy in children, and demonstrates how this can be a fun experience.

Go to <http://alia.org.au/advocacy/storytime/> for further information and to download the order/registration form, or visit the ALIA shop at <http://shop.alia.org.au> to order/register online. ■



## President Gillian Hallam and directors invite members

to join them and delegates of the National Advisory Congress for the

# ALIA General Meeting

First notice of General Meeting and rules of meeting

*The General Meeting of the Australian Library and Information Association will be held at 5:30pm on Friday 25 November 2005 at ALIA House, 9-11 Napier Close, Deakin ACT, followed by drinks.*

### AGENDA

- 1 Notice of convening meeting
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Special resolution: motion

**That the constitution of ALIA be amended by special resolution to allow for the election of all directors by the membership-at-large.**

In all locations listed below:

- Clause 13.3 (a) (ii)
- Clause 13.3 (a) (iii)
- Clause 13.3 (a) (iv)
- Clause 13.3 (a) (v)
- Clause 13.5
- Clause 13.6 (a) (ii)
- Clause 13.6 (a) (iii)
- Clause 13.6 (b)

*Rationale and specific changes to the ALIA constitution can be found on ALIANet at: <http://alia.org.au/governance/meetings/2005.general.meeting.html>*

*Moved:* Gillian Hallam, ALIA president  
*Seconded:* Dagmar Schmidmaier AM, ALIA vice-president

4. General business

### RULES OF MEETING

1. The only items that may be raised under general business are those of an informal nature, or those that are within the scope of the business already laid down. Motions of a substantial nature relating to items not covered in the notice of the meeting will not be allowed.
2. If any item of urgency arises which is not within the business of the meeting, the chairperson has the power to accept it without notice or rule that due notice must be given.
3. All motions additional to those on the printed agenda and in accordance with rule 2, and amendments, shall be in writing, signed by the movers (forms will be provided), and delivered to the chair.
4. When addressing the chair, the person desiring recognition will properly identify themselves, giving his or her name and affiliation. Only ALIA members may speak.
5. Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker, no speaker may have the floor twice on the same question until all who wish to speak have spoken.
6. Proxies. To be valid, proxies must be in the form set out in the *Constitution* — item 8.2 and be in the hands of the ALIA executive director, ALIA, PO Box 6335, Kingston ACT 2604, e-mail address: [enquiry@alia.org.au](mailto:enquiry@alia.org.au), by **6:00pm on 23 November 2005**. Proxy forms must not specify how the holder of the proxy is to vote on specific areas. A proxy must also be a member. A form is available from ALIA National Office or on ALIANet at <http://alia.org.au/governance/meetings/general.meeting.2005.proxy.html>
7. By general consent, if there be no objection, or by a two-thirds vote, any rule governing the debate may be suspended.
8. The chairperson's rulings on procedural matters may not be debated. The reference for rules and their interpretation by the parliamentarian will be Joske's *The law and procedure at meetings in Australia*, 8th ed, 1994. A parliamentarian will be appointed to advise the chairperson on procedures and to assist in determining the results of a poll of members present if necessary.

**All members are invited to attend. RSVP to: Mary Ann Ryan, ALIA National Office, ph 02 6215 8214, [maryann.ryan@alia.org.au](mailto:maryann.ryan@alia.org.au)**