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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As usual, there is much to report since the last Newsletter.

The Deane Miller bequest has been finalised with the sale of the property at Summertown. We now face the pleasant task of determining how best to apply the funds. This could consist of a mix of the following;

- An initial Gift to the Library
- A memorial to Deane Miller
- An investment which aims to provide an income over and above keeping pace with inflation

One idea gaining traction is to establish an annual Oration from an eminent person, possibly around the time of our AGM and annual Dinner.

Exciting times!

The Bumper Book Sale, with vinyl records on offer this year, was a big success, thanks mainly to Angela Bannon and her fantastic team of 20 volunteers, not to forget Trevor Grant, who collected many thousands of books until his ankle gave up on him. When the final sales are realised, we will have raised over \$20,000 nett. Having sworn "never again", we are now having second thoughts (sorry Trevor).

Since we had a lot of quality stock - already sorted and priced - left over, we are going to experiment with a secondhand bookshop in our rooms for History Month in May.

Leah will need backup for this, so we are asking for volunteers to help. As there will be several shifts per day, we will only need one or two people at one time. This will be an interesting experiment.

Valmai's portrait is progressing well. Local artist Daryl Austin has passed the half-way point, having spent time with Valmai, getting to know her and observing her closely. Most importantly, Valmai is happy with the way it is shaping up.

We are now starting the campaign to raise the funds to pay for it. We don't anticipate any problem raising the necessary \$10,000. Every donation over \$20 will be listed on an honour board next to the portrait when it is hung in the Library.

Please take time to complete the enclosed form, so that you can show your support for Valmai, and join us in thanking her for decades of wonderful service to the Friends and the State Library.

Mark Gilbert
President

UPCOMING EVENTS

3 April 2019 at 1.00pm

Wednesdays at One

Emma McEwin

4 April 2019, 6 for 6.30pm

Friends of Barr Smith Library

Why do we need a new history of South Australia? Paul

Sendzuik & Robert Foster

Ira Raymond Exhibition Room,

Barr Smith Library

Cost: \$10

9 April 2019 at 10am-12pm

Visit to the Edna Walling

Garden at Medindie

Morning Tea provided

Cost: \$10

1 May, 2019 at 1.00pm

Wednesdays at One

to be confirmed

15 May 2019 at 10.00am

Z Ward – Behind the Walls

(at Glenside)

Cost: Concession \$18

5 June 2019 at 1.00pm

Wednesdays at One

to be confirmed

22 August 2019 at 10.30am

Old Adelaide Gaol & North

Adelaide Railway Station

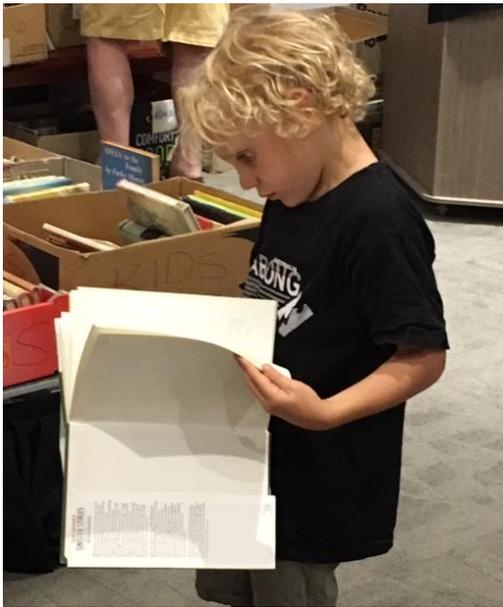
Cost: \$20 plus lunch

BUMPER BOOK & VINYL SALE

Notes from a bookworm



12,000+ books, 2000 vinyl records, 600 boxes, 4 trolleys, 44 volunteers, and these are just things we can count! Add kilometres of driving to collect donations, hours of sorting, pricing, packing and stacking the books and records, countless of cups of coffee, and lots of laughs!



Once the donations arrived, they were sorted into subjects and priced. There was a buzz of excitement when something special was discovered. Amongst the donations, we received some valuable items and they will be auctioned separately at a later date.

When sorters came across a saucy cover or a funny book title it went on display as 'book of the week' and raised smiles. We found several books that had long since served their purpose as reading material, and had already begun their new lives as mouse nests!

BUMPER BOOK & VINYL SALE cont.

Bringing the stock from the warehouse to the Institute was carried out like a military operation, with the help of some strong friends with their vans and twelve willing and energetic students from St Mark's College.



At the Sale there were volunteers on the checkout and circulating, while others braved the elements at the tables of books set up outside the Institute.



As the last customer struggled out with his box of bargains on the last day, it wasn't over yet for the helpers! Everything had to be tidied up – but importantly the total takings had to be counted. Over \$17,000 was raised!

Donors, collectors, sorters, pricers, packers, transporters, sellers, tidiers, coffee makers, suppliers of snacks and jokes, and of course the customers – all these helped to make our Sale the best yet!

It was fun to be involved with, and great to be working with so many wonderful book people.

Many thanks to everyone involved! Roll up your sleeves for next time!

CLIPPER SHIP TOUR

Tour attendee



On 13 February, one of our largest groups ever gathered for a tour of the *City of Adelaide* clipper ship at Port Adelaide, conducted by Mark Gilbert.

The *City of Adelaide* has been listed as one of the twelve most historic ships in the world and is the oldest surviving composite clipper ship. It was built in 1864 specifically to bring passengers to Adelaide from the UK.

Mark is a director of the organisation which saved it from demolition in Scotland and brought it home to Adelaide about 5 years ago.

We had a wonderful tour inside the ship, going to areas not normally accessible to the public, and heard the roller-coaster story of how a group of passionate volunteers achieved the remarkable feat of rescuing this 500 tonne ship and how they raised the millions of dollars to do so. It was the result of 10 years' campaigning, planning and hard work.

Mark outlined the work that the 50 strong team of regular skilled volunteers had achieved and what is presently underway, including the reinstatement of the first class cabin area, which will be magnificent when complete.

He also gave us an insight into the struggles they have had with successive State Governments in seeking a permanent home within the Port. Now, for the first time, they feel their vision of a seaport village at the Port is being taken seriously and they are optimistic of receiving some good news soon. We wish them the best of luck.

FRIENDS OFFICE HOURS:

Monday and Wednesday:

10.00am to 2.00pm

Tuesday and Thursday:

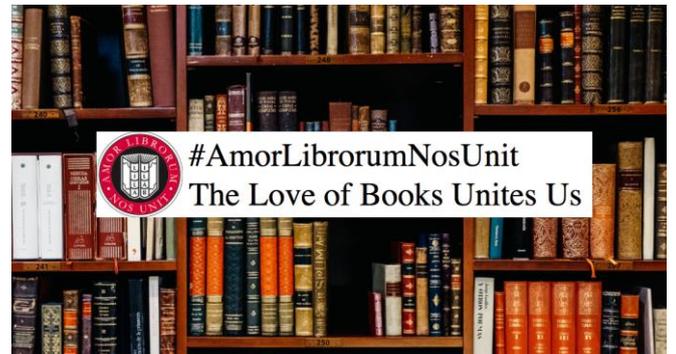
10.00am to 3.30pm

AMOR LIBRORUM NOS UNIT

From Alison Flood article, *The Guardian*, 6 Nov 2018

The motto of the International League of Antiquarian Booksellers, "Amor librorum nos unit" or "love of books unites us", has been adopted as a battle cry this week by an army of hundreds of secondhand booksellers around the world. From Australia to Mexico, they have united in a flash strike against Amazon, after its secondhand books marketplace AbeBooks announced it will withdraw from markets including South Korea and Russia, which booksellers fear will devastate local businesses.

Booksellers in Hungary, the Czech Republic, South Korea and Russia were told by AbeBooks that from 30 November, it would "no longer support sellers located in certain countries". "We apologise for this inconvenience," added the marketplace, which was founded in 1995 and acquired by Amazon in 2008.



The move was, said booksellers Jan and Ondrej Schick of Antikvariát Valentinská in Prague, a "complete shock" and means they will "almost certainly have to dismiss at least five employees. It also leaves them no outlet to sell around 20,000 books that aren't in Czech, which are harder to sell in store."

The Schicks contacted the International League of Antiquarian Booksellers (ILAB), which mobilised its members – including British bookseller Simon Beattie, who proposed a mass demonstration of solidarity with those affected by AbeBooks's withdrawal, by taking what he described as a "vacation" from using the website. Now, around 2.6m books from more than 460 booksellers in 26 countries are now listed as "temporarily unavailable".

STOP PRESS

Amazon's AbeBooks backs down after booksellers stage global protest

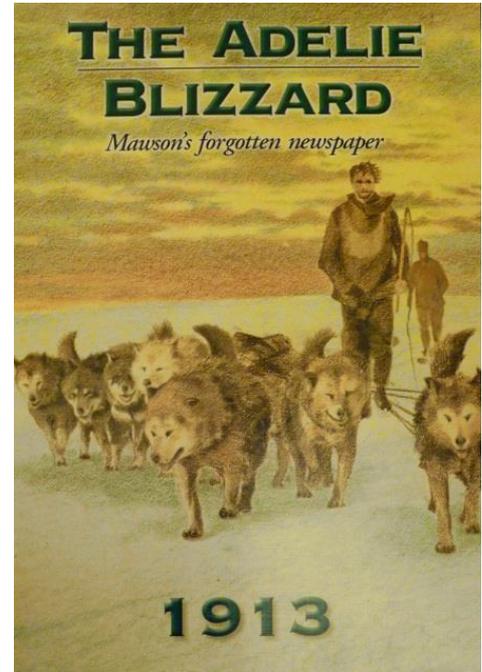
After almost 600 booksellers withdrew 3.5m books from the secondhand marketplace in support of countries dropped by the website, it apologises for a 'bad decision'.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER...

2018 was certainly a busy year for the Friends and 2019 is looking very similar. We have already completed a very successful Book & Vinyl Sale and now are planning for our 'Pop-up Bookshop' during the History Festival in May. Our Program Committee has also been very active organising some not-to-be-missed tours and events for the year. We are busy organising Wednesdays at One talks. There will also be a function honouring Valmai and this will include the presentation of the Portrait in June or July.

Also, as a 2019 fundraising initiative, we are selling the Entertainment Book. Don't miss out on such a great opportunity to support the Friends, while enjoying some amazing discounts at hundreds of venues.

Thankyou for your ongoing support! – Leah Cronin



WEDNESDAYS AT ONE – 3 April 2019 at 1.00pm EMMA McEWIN



Emma has written two books, *An Antarctic Affair*, published in 2008, and *The Many Lives of Douglas Mawson*, 2018. Most recently a post-doctoral research essay on bacteriologist Nancy Atkinson, who held a senior position at the University of Adelaide from 1939 to 1975, was published in the December 2018 issue of the *Australian Journal of Biography and History*. Emma loves research and is especially interested in bringing to light lesser known lives. Emma has a BA and honours degree in English literature, and a PhD in Creative Writing from the University of Adelaide.

This beautifully produced facsimile newspaper gives an insight into the lives of members of Douglas Mawson's 1911-14 Antarctic expeditionary team during the winter of 1913 at Cape Denison, Commonwealth Bay.

With a preface by Emma McEwin and an introduction by Elizabeth Leane and Mark Pharaoh, this volume was published by The Friends of the State Library of South Australia in association with the Friends of Mawson at the South Australian Museum.

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