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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

How did you go with our cryptic crossword in the last newsletter? We have an equally challenging quiz for you this time, which will test your knowledge of the literature/cricket interface! Good luck with that – if you can score 50% you will be doing pretty well.

We welcome letters to the editor, so if you have a bouquet or brickbat or just want to express your opinion about something please email or write to the Friends at leah.cronin@sa.gov.au or GPO Box 419, Adelaide SA 5001.

You may have heard that the State Library will be open in a limited form from 9 June, and although it won't quite be 'business as usual' it is an encouraging start. I hope there will be an announcement soon about our Friends' rooms re-opening, as we're missing our gatherings and social contact. I think our little bookshop is missing us too, and we will be refreshing the shelves with some newly donated books when we open again. What a shame we couldn't hold our Book Sale or participate in the History Festival. Many other organisations will be feeling much the same, and here's hoping these events will soon be back on the calendar.

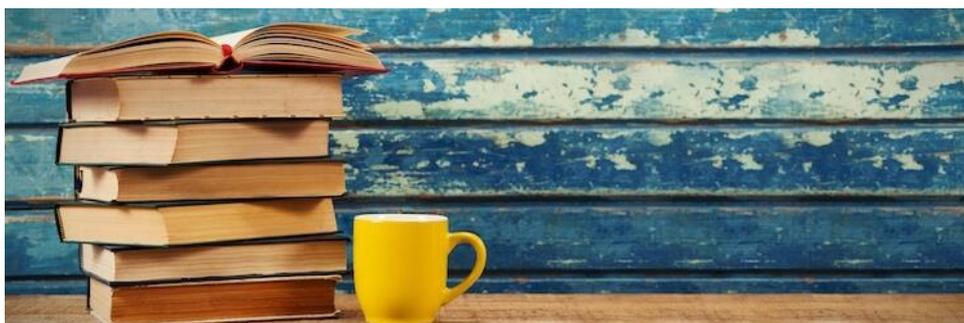
Friends' postponed events, such as our talks and outings will be re-instated as soon as possible, although they may have to take a somewhat different form. We are yet to work out what will happen with our end-of-year activities, the AGM, the Dinner and our Dean Miller Oration, but will keep you informed as soon as decisions can be made.

Thank you, Members, for your continued support and engagement over the past months. I'm sorry we can't offer our usual fare, but hope you have been able to find some satisfying activities to fill the gaps.

Thank you to all the contributors to this extra edition of our newsletter. We welcome suggestions and articles from members, as well as letters, photos, essays and puzzles.

Stay safe and keep reading,

Angela Bannon



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

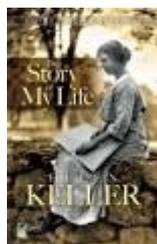
Dear Editor,

Thank you for the Friends newsletter, so timely and welcome! I loved the articles and will do the crossword, trying not to cheat as I noticed the answer printed upside down.

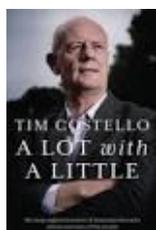
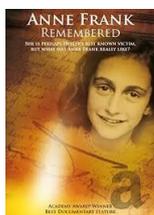
As to Books – and giving them away (or not) – I have just read Penelope Lively’s memoir *Ammonites and Leaping Fish* published in 2013 at the age of 80. This book is about the many ways in which memory, an uncontrolled part of our individual and collective lives, “bubbles up and ambushes us” and also about being a novelist. It gave me much pleasure. I especially appreciated that she confesses she cannot part with any of the many books on her crowded shelves. She says we are made up of many people, and these books, (read and unread) have been part of who she is, and who she may still become, and she wants them around her. Just the excuse I needed to hang on, and acquire/read more!

I have just experienced another wonderful Zoom Bookgroup, where we shared biography, autobiography or memoir we have enjoyed, and the above was my choice. It helped that we circulated a few thoughts ahead of time. The list included Tim Costello’s *A Lot with a Little*, *Anne Frank Remembered* by Miep Gies, Helen Keller’s *The Story of my Life* (chosen by a profoundly deaf member) and Julia Baird’s *Phosphorescence*.

I can see that each of us will have to create a ‘New Normal’ to structure our time to be. It will take discipline to choose from so much on offer!



Mary Wilson
Burnside



Dear Editor

I have a suggestion for you to consider.

During my time as a member, I have briefly met some very interesting people. People who have filled public positions, manage unusual businesses, who are scholars, scientists, educators, artists and much more. There are travellers, collectors, food and wine specialists, and, of course book writers, collectors and publishers. But, my meetings with them are brief, and give little time to understand the depths of their lives and experiences.

So, I wish to suggest a ‘Getting to Know You’ section in the newsletter. So many of our members could offer us an insight into themselves and their life by briefly penning an anecdote to share. Thus, when we meet next time at a Wednesday@1, or on an excursion, or even bookbinding, we will be able to engage with each other from a position of curiosity and warmth.

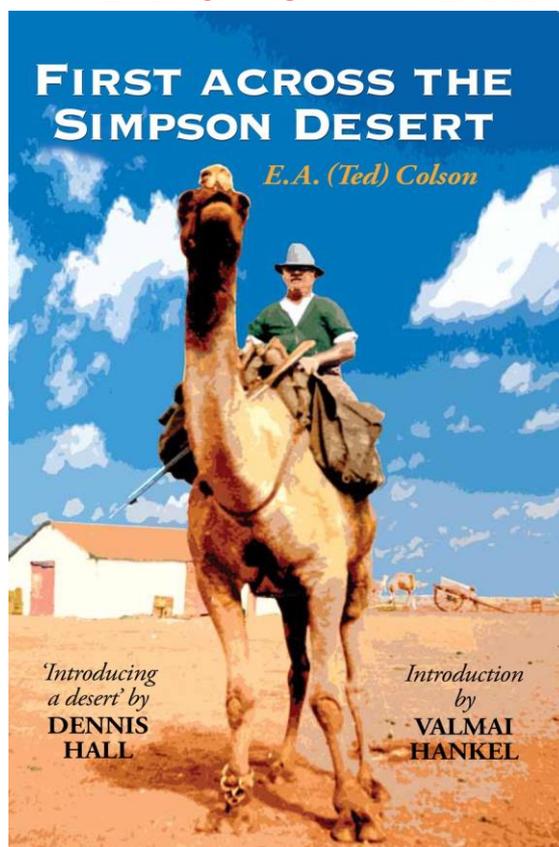
Anecdotes can illuminate the person and engage their audience. They engender connection.

I hope you will give due consideration to this little idea.

Faithfully,

Pauline McCarthy

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CRICKET LITERATURE QUIZ

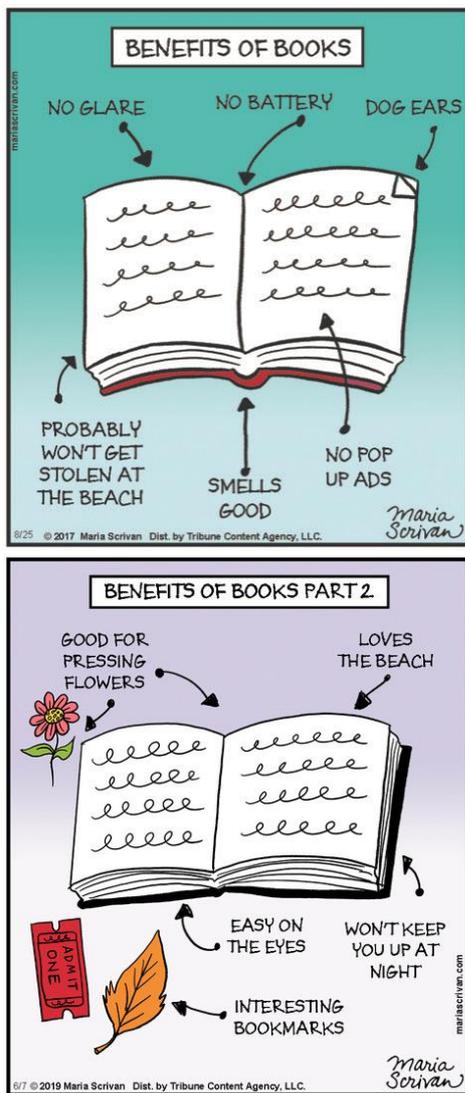
Members with a literary bent as well as cricket knowledge may be inclined to test their knowledge in front of a fire, glass of port or hot beverage to hand as winter approaches.

1. Which famous English novelist was the son of a professional cricketer? Among his many novels was *Tono Bungay*.
2. Which winner of the Nobel Prize for literature played first-class cricket?
3. His two brothers were both cricket historians, one of Leicestershire County Cricket, the other of Fiji, which novelist wrote the saga *Strangers and Brothers* in which there are many references to cricket?
4. Which famous Australian historian played first-class cricket?
5. Who was the Australian Test cricketer who wrote under the pseudonym, 'Felix'?
6. Complete the following:

It is little I repair to the matches of the Southron folk
Though my own red roses there may blow
And I look through my tears on a soundless-clapping host
As the run-stealers, flicker to and fro
O my _____ and my _____ long ago.

7. Name the poet.
8. The second novel in the Glenroy series, *The Gift of Speed*, features a young boy who idolizes 'the Great Lindwall' and spends much of his time bowling at his back fence in outer suburbia. Who is the author?
9. The grandson of which poet captained England against Australia in 1921?
10. The Test match between India and Australia at Bombay in 1959 features in the novel, *The Moor's Last Sigh*. Name the novelist?
11. In the novel *A Suitable Boy* the 1951-52 Test match between India and England at Calcutta is featured. Who is the novelist?
12. Which English writer bore the nick-name 'Crusoe' that features in some of his works?
13. Complete the calypso tune: With those little pals of mine _____ and _____.
14. Which Australian journalist and writer penned *Beyond the Bazaar*, an account of Australia's performances in the Indian subcontinent?
15. In which novel does a cricket match take place in Dingley Dell?
16. Which West Indian Marxist writer and journalist was the author of *Beyond the Boundary*?
17. Which novelist and poet wrote *Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man* in which the Flower Show Match is described.
18. An English fast bowler wrote two volumes of poetry titled *Contrasts* and *Memories and Thoughts*. Who is he?
19. Who am I? Aside from my high reputation as a journalist and cricket writer I have also written books on true life crime, abortion law reform, asbestos mining, office work and the death of the Australian car industry.
20. Which well-known playwright and librettist also wrote a biography of Shane Warne?

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Maria Scrivan - Cartoonist/Author

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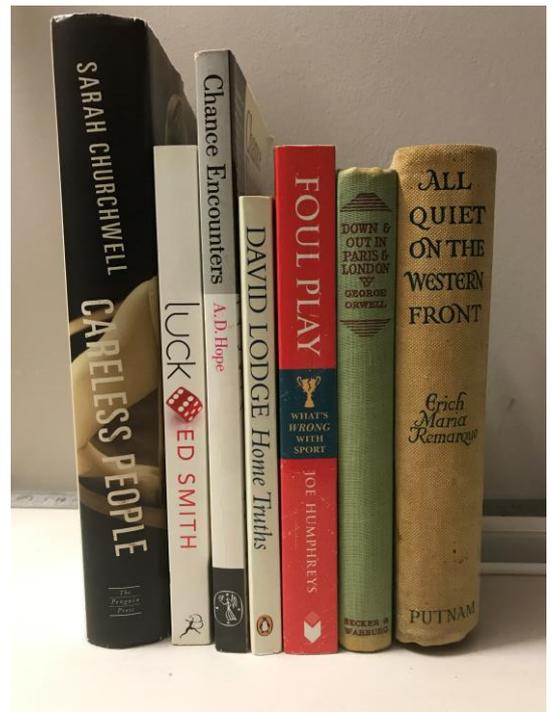
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ANSWERS	
11. Vikram Seth	1. HG Wells
12. RC Robertson-Glasgow	2. Samuel Beckett
13. Ramadhin, Valentine	3. CP Snow
14. Mike Coward	4. Manning Clark had three games for Oxford University.
15. Pickwick Papers	5. Tom Horan
16. CLR James	6. Hornby, Barlow
17. Siegfried Sassoon	7. Francis Thompson
18. John Snow	8. Steven Carroll
19. Gideon Haigh	9. Alfred Lord Tennyson
20. Louis Nowra	10. Salman Rushdie

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER...

Thankyou for your continued support of the Friends in these very unique times.

This is now the beginning of my third month working from home. For a number of those weeks I was joined by my children who were also learning from home. These weeks gave me a much higher appreciation for our teachers.

I look forward to seeing you all face-to-face again soon. – Leah Cronin

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