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**Swing and Seam:**  
A celebration of cricket in Western Australia



# From the CEO

State Librarian Margaret Allen.

This year has been a busy one for the Library with the release of our Strategic Directions 2006 – 2008 and the resultant changes which have accompanied its implementation. Work has begun on changes to service points in the Library with a single desk being implemented on each service floor to provide a more streamlined service. A number of new staff are commencing with the library in February through our Graduate Program and we look forward supporting them in their new library career.

The Library was honoured late last year to be awarded the 2006 Premier's Award for Service Excellence in the Better Services (large organisation) category. This project has been a labour of love for a number of State Library staff and their passion and enthusiasm to support early literacy development of children from birth

together with the role of the public library has seen their hard work justly rewarded. My congratulations go to the Library project team and my heartfelt thanks for the ongoing support of our project partners Rio Tinto WA Future Fund and local government through the 239 public libraries throughout Western Australia.

At the December meeting of the Library Board of Western Australia, Councillor Janet Davidson was elected Chairman of the Board. I'd like to thank our past Chairman Kay Poustie for her many years of service to the Board and the State Library, particularly as Chair for the past 4 years.

The JS Battye Library of West Australian History celebrated 50 years of service on 14 December with dignitaries, former and current staff, volunteers, researchers and friends attending the celebratory afternoon tea. The celebration was an opportune time to announce the establishment by the Library Board of Western Australia of the James Sykes Battye Memorial Fellowship. This aim of this Fellowship is to foster research and publication into aspects of Western Australia based on the unique collections of the Battye Library.

The Fellowship, up to the value of \$20,000, has been established through the Leah Jane Cohen bequest. Leah Jane Cohen was an avid supporter of the Library and her enduring generosity will enable others to use the Battye collections to further our understanding of Western Australia. More details on the Fellowship will be available in 2007. I'm sure that you will all agree that this is a fitting tribute to the work started by James Sykes Battye and carried on by so many and to mark the 50th birthday celebration of the J S Battye Library of West Australian History.

In 2007 we look forward to another busy year, with our major focus being the presentation of the National Treasures from Australian's Great Libraries in late June 2007 – this promises to be an exciting and enthralling exhibition.

My best wishes for a safe and happy festive season and a wonderful 2007.

## Back Issues

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Cricket at the State Library and the  
Museum. Don Bradman and Stan  
McCabe at the WACA 1930's  
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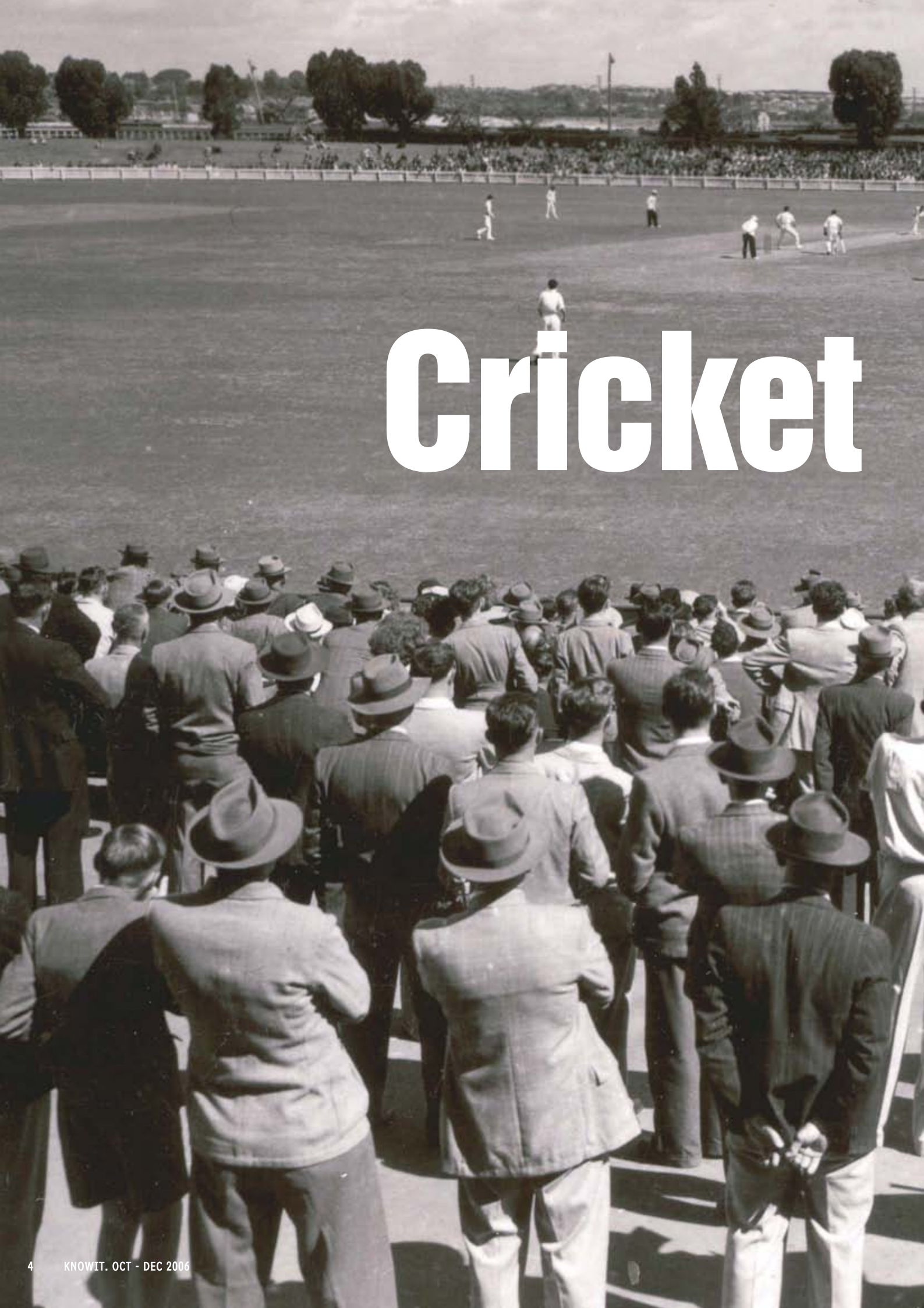
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# Cricket

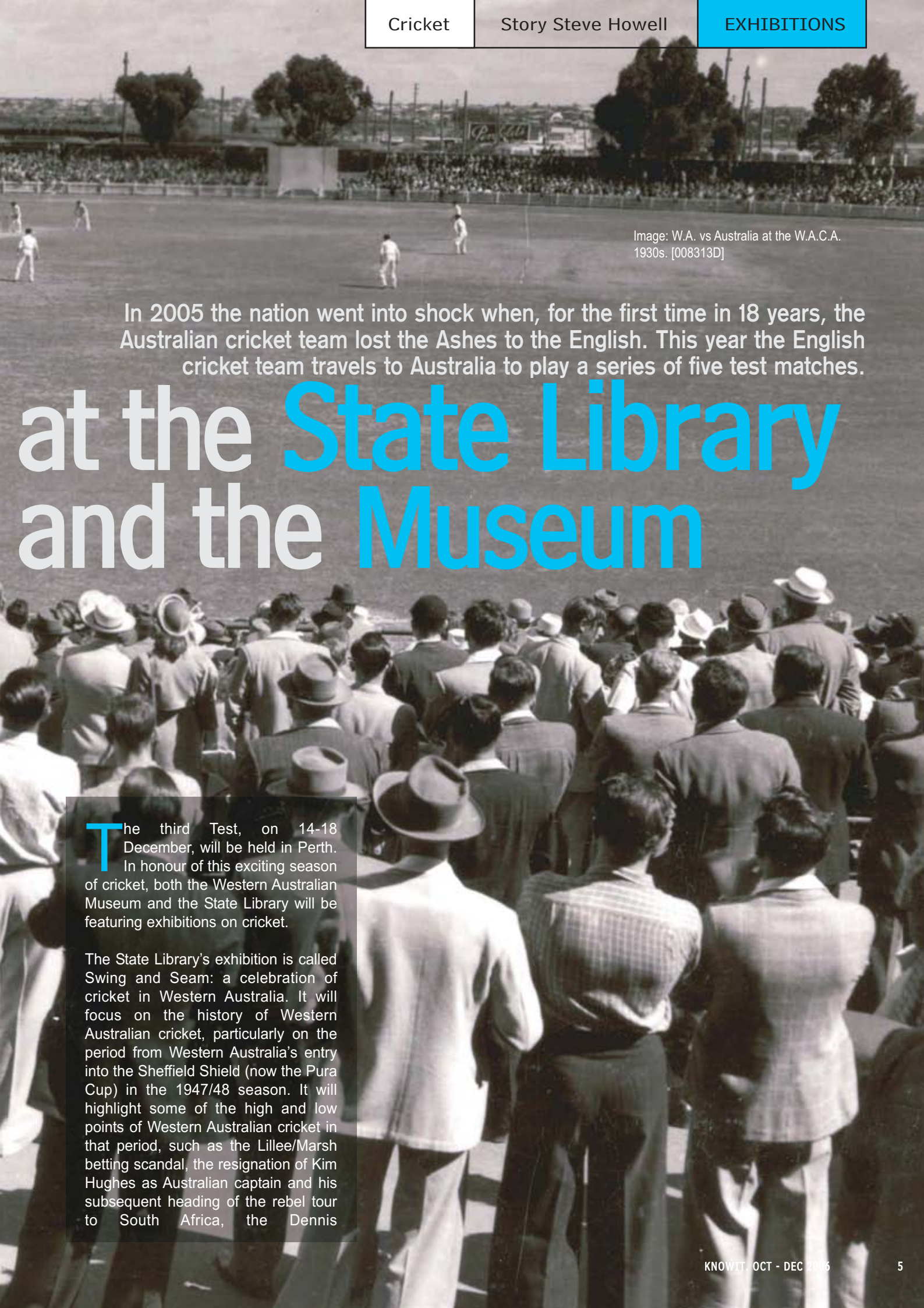


Image: W.A. vs Australia at the W.A.C.A.  
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In 2005 the nation went into shock when, for the first time in 18 years, the Australian cricket team lost the Ashes to the English. This year the English cricket team travels to Australia to play a series of five test matches.

# at the **State Library** and the **Museum**

**T**he third Test, on 14-18 December, will be held in Perth. In honour of this exciting season of cricket, both the Western Australian Museum and the State Library will be featuring exhibitions on cricket.

The State Library's exhibition is called *Swing and Seam*: a celebration of cricket in Western Australia. It will focus on the history of Western Australian cricket, particularly on the period from Western Australia's entry into the Sheffield Shield (now the Pura Cup) in the 1947/48 season. It will highlight some of the high and low points of Western Australian cricket in that period, such as the Lillee/Marsh betting scandal, the resignation of Kim Hughes as Australian captain and his subsequent heading of the rebel tour to South Africa, the Dennis

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## FRACAS AT THE WACA

### Lillee fined \$200 for kick in Test

By ION CASILLAS

Champion Australian fast bowler Dennis Lillee was fined \$200 last night for kicking Pakistani Test captain Javed Miandad.



Lillee, who was fined \$200 last night for kicking Pakistani Test captain Javed Miandad, was seen in action during the match. The incident occurred during a Test match between Australia and Pakistan at the WACA.



Smugger Terry Cotter tries to separate Dennis Lillee and Javed Miandad. — PHOTOS BY JIMMY LANGRISH

## HOMOSEXUAL THEORY ON MURDER

**SYDNEY:** The police are leading a charge against a group of homosexuals after the murder of the Irish ambassador.

The police have linked the murder of the Irish ambassador to a group of homosexuals. The case has caused a major scandal in Sydney.

**FORECAST**

Perth: Partly cloudy, 18-25

Adelaide: Partly cloudy, 15-22

Brisbane: Partly cloudy, 20-28

Melbourne: Partly cloudy, 12-18

Sydney: Partly cloudy, 18-25

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Left: The West Australian, November 17, 1981. Right: The West Australian, Souvenir cricket supplement, December 11, 1970

Lillee/Javed Miandad fracas, the aluminium bat saga, the injury to Terry Alderman during a pitch invasion, Hayden's (then) world record test score of 380 against Zimbabwe, Glenn McGrath's hat trick against the West Indies and Doug Walters' century in a session against England.

The exhibition will feature items from the collections of the Batty Library, including photographs recently saved for the collection by Lotterywest through the Historic Records Rescue Consortium, newspapers, cricket equipment, ephemera, serials, books, posters and other historic documents. This will be a free exhibition which will be on display in the State Library's

Centre for the Book from 17 November 2006 to 28 January 2007. Smaller displays featuring a cricket or sporting theme can be found on each floor of the Library.

The Museum's cricket exhibition - *Howzat! Western Australians and cricket* - provides the public with a chance to see the holy grail of cricket, the Ashes urn. For the first time the Marylebone Cricket Club is allowing the Ashes Urn and a unique collection of related relics to come to Australia to tell the story of the origin of "the Ashes". The Urn will be the centrepiece of the Museum's display from 10 - 20 December, to coincide with the third Ashes Test at the WACA.

After this it will travel to the Melbourne Museum as part of a national tour.

*Howzat!* has been developed by the Museum's curatorial staff and reflects the willingness of Western Australians to play cricket anywhere, at any time and in any conditions - in back yards, at the beach, in the bush, at picnics, clubs, country pubs and schools. It is an exhibition that celebrates the history and humour of cricket in Western Australia on and off the field. *Howzat!* will be a fee-paying exhibition which will remain on display through the summer school holidays until March 2007.





L-R: Margaret Allen, Nola Allen, Sue North, Shirley Reilly (City of Armadale), Margaret Kett and Lucia Ravi after collecting the Awards from the Premier.

# Prestigious Award for the 'Better Beginnings' Program

The State Library of Western Australia's Better Beginnings Family Literacy Program is the award winner in the 2006 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Public Sector Management in the Better Services (Large Organisation) category. The Premier presented the award on 22 November 2006 at the Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre.

The *Better Services* award particularly recognizes outstanding performance and achievement in the delivery of quality and accessible services to Western Australians. Judging criteria includes the extent to which the project or initiative:

young children has a positive impact on literacy development, and a life long influence on educational, social and justice outcomes. It is also a further opportunity for libraries to contribute in yet another positive way to the communities which they serve.

local governments – and it is hoped to have achieved 100% coverage by the end of the four-year project.

The State Library of Western Australia thanks and acknowledges these partners in the Better Beginnings project: Local Government and the 239 public libraries throughout Western Australia, Community Health Nurses, Rio Tinto Future Fund, and the Government for their support of the project.

Congratulations to the project team of Sue North, Nola Allen, Margaret Robson Kett, Lucia Ravi and Zosh Carter on achieving this prestigious award, and the many other State Library staff who have also assisted along the way to make the project successful.

- Achieves outstanding performance in the delivery of 'joined up' quality services
- Demonstrates effective consultation and collaboration.
- Is innovative and a role model
- Achieves continuous improvement
- Achieves the agency's mission and the Government's goals
- Demonstrates sustainability and collaboration.

Better Beginnings aims to spread a simple but critical message that the act of sharing books and stories with even the smallest babies and very

To date, Better Beginnings has reached more than 45,000 Western Australian families and has been taken up by 93% of metropolitan and 49% of regional

Back row: Jennie Carter, Lennie McCall.  
Front row: Ronda Jamieson, Margaret Medcalf,  
Mollie Lukis and Patricia Allen.



# A golden anniversary for the Battye Library

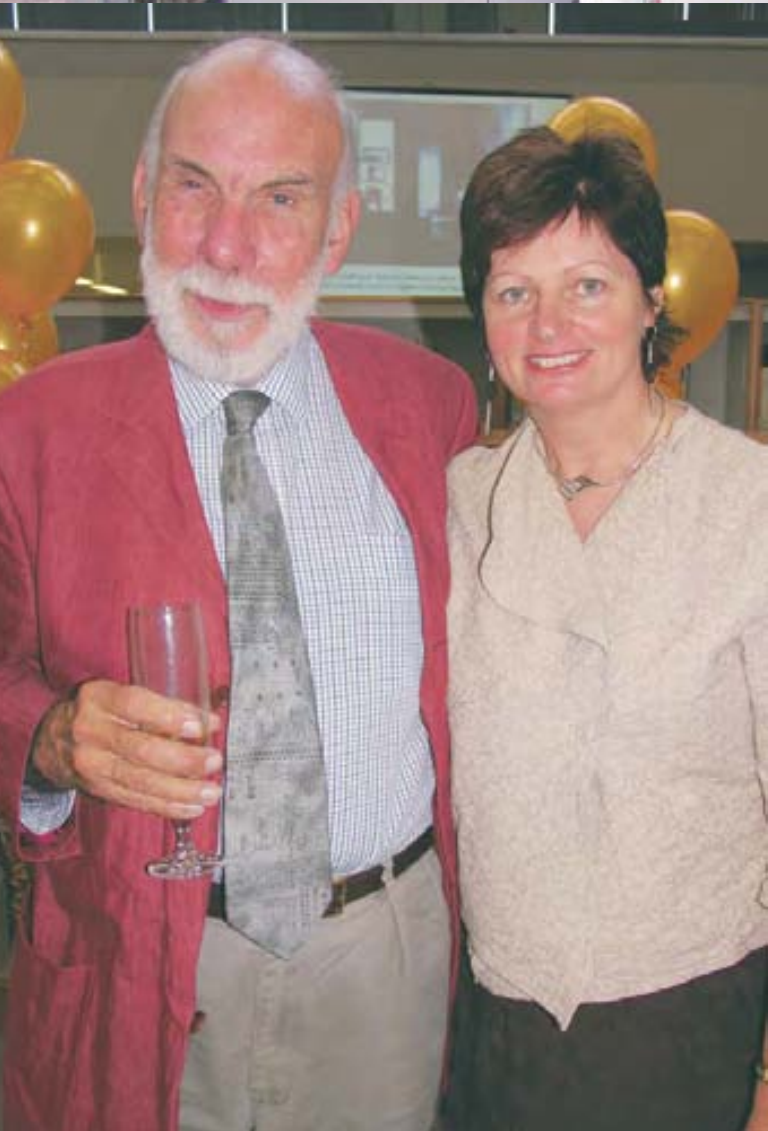
The J S Battye Library of West Australian History  
celebrated its 50th anniversary on 14 December 2006.



The Battye Library houses the State Library of Western Australia's collections of Westraliana, including materials such as books, serials, newspapers, maps, ephemera, photographs, oral history, private archives, film and video. The Battye Library also coordinates the collection and preservation of these materials, and provides a reference service based on these collections.

#### Origins

It all began with a £5000 grant from the Legislative Assembly in August 1886 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Jubilee. This sum was used to lay a foundation stone for a library in St George's Terrace on 21 June 1887, however, the site was never used. On 26 January 1889, the Victoria Public Library, as it was then known, opened in temporary premises in a bank building on



the opposite side of the street from the foundation stone site, with 1,786 volumes on its shelves.

The Library moved to a site in James Street shared by the Museum and the Art Gallery in August 1897, which is still used by the Museum today. These premises soon became very cramped, and in 1903 the Library moved a few dozen metres into the rear half of the building. This became its permanent home for more than 80 years.

In 1904, the Victoria Public Library was renamed the Public Library of Western Australia to avoid confusion with its Melbourne counterpart. Construction began in 1911 on the second half of the Library's permanent quarters. This imposing façade, known as Hackett Hall after Sir John Winthrop Hackett, opened on 18 August 1913.

#### Dr J S Battye

On 1 August 1894 James Sykes Battye commenced duty as librarian of the Victoria Public Library. Aged 23 he came from Victoria and was initially employed for

Top Left: **Margaret Allen** addresses the crowd.

Bottom Left: Emeritus Professor **Geoffrey Bolton** and Minister for the Arts, **Sheila McHale**.



three years, thereafter for “as long as he performs well,” a provision which he interpreted to mean “for life.” (He was to die in office on 15 July 1954 aged 83, having occupied the post for 60 years.)

Dr Battye was a historian who wrote and compiled several books on the history of Western Australia. He was an avid collector of Western Australian historical material, and ensured that both archival and printed materials were acquired and preserved. Dr Battye was responsible for the formation of an Archives Branch of the Public Library in 1945.

The Library Board of Western Australia was established in 1951 and the first State Librarian, Francis Aubie (Ali) Sharr, was appointed in 1953. Plans were made to allow Dr Battye to retire from his position and a retirement package was being drawn up, but he died before it could be formalised.

After Dr Battye’s death, Sharr oversaw the reorganisation of the Public Library of Western Australia into subject divisions, such as cataloguing, bibliographical and reference services. It was renamed The State Library of Western Australia and opened on 14 December 1956. A new section

devoted to Western Australian materials was named the J S Battye Library of West Australian History and State Archives in honour of the role played by Dr Battye in the acquisition of Western Australian heritage materials. The adjective *West* was deliberately chosen instead of *Western* to indicate that the focus of the Library went further back than 1829, when Western Australia officially came into existence. Mollie Lukis, who had been head of the Archives Branch, was appointed the first Principal Librarian of the Battye Library, followed by Margaret Medcalf in 1971.

#### A New Home

By the 1970s, the old State Library building had become inadequate and crowded. The building could not contain all the collections and staff, therefore a variety of annexes were also utilised. A new building was needed, and planning for the new Library began in earnest at the end of 1977 with the appointment of the Perth architects Cameron, Chisholm and Nicol, who worked in association with the Building Management Authority and consulting engineers Norman, Disney and Young Pty Ltd. Construction of the main library frame began in January 1982. The building was completed early in

1985 and library staff began to move in from the ten different premises and annexes around the city. The building was named after Professor Fred Alexander, Chairman of the Library Board from 1952-1982. The Battye Library and State Archives were housed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors of the new building. The building opened to the public on 29 April 1985, but was officially opened on 18 June 1985 by then Premier Brian Burke.

In 1988, the Battye Library and the State Archives were administratively separated. The State Records Office opened its own search room in 1999, and the passing of the *State Records Act* in 2000 established it as a completely new agency.

The State Library’s *Strategic Directions 2006-2008* spurred a restructure which came into force in July this year. The Strategic Directions statement represents a significant shift in focus and the approach by which the State Library will deliver services to the public. The J S Battye Library of West Australian History remains an integral part of the State Library and its mission to collect, preserve and make available heritage collections of Western Australian importance.





Author **Markus Zusak** with the 1,000 copies of his book, *The Book Thief* prior to distribution to public libraries.

The Perth International Arts Festival's *One Book* initiative invites people to celebrate the written word by reading, sharing and discussing one book.

The featured title for One Book 2007, *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak, highlights the 2007 Festival theme of The Human Family. *The Book Thief* is a novel about courage, empathy and the power of words. Set in Germany during WWII, it takes the reader on a journey of discovery about life, death, the madness of war and the survival of dignity against all odds.

Award-winning author Markus Zusak has given us one of the most enduring stories of our time. *The Book Thief* has already received widespread critical acclaim and a debut at number three on the New York Times Bestseller List. 1,000 copies of *The Book Thief* have been made available in public libraries throughout Western Australia, connecting communities through the public library network in the biggest book club in the state.

Introduced in 2005, the *One Book* initiative encourages Western Australians across the state to engage with the featured title. Supported by Chevron Australia, *One Book* continues to attract over 14,000 readers in Western Australia.

There are many ways to participate over summer. Read the book, visit the State Library of Western Australia, your local public library, have a chat over a coffee, organise a book club, listen to radio discussions and join in *One Book* events.



# One Book Perth Events

## Metro Author Talks

Markus Zusak will visit selected Western Australian libraries during the Festival season (9 February – 4 March 2007). For further event details please contact your library.

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

1.00pm - 3.00pm

6.00pm - 8.00pm

**Belmont** - Ruth Faulkner Public Library

**Girrawheen** - Girrawheen Library

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

1.00pm - 3.00pm

6.00pm - 8.00pm

**Gosnells** – City of Gosnells, Knowledge Centre @ The Agonis

**Perth City** - State Library of Western Australia

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

1.00 - 3.00pm

6.00pm - 8.00pm

**Spearwood** - Spearwood Library

**Melville** - A H Bracks, Melville Library

For more information about *One Book* please visit <http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/onebook.html>

Linda Papa and Jean Ryding



# LocLib Awards

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## Jean Ryding Award

This award is presented to a public librarian, in professional employment for less than six years, who has demonstrated the fundamental skills and attributes required in public librarianship.

The award is named in honour of Jean Ryding and her extensive contribution to public library services and librarianship in Western Australia during her long career. Even now, 15 years after her retirement, Jean's contributions to the public library community are keenly felt by all.

The nominees in this category were:  
John Toomey – Branch Librarian – Knowledge Centre – City of Gosnells

Kelly Butun – Youth Services' Librarian – City of Bayswater  
Lincoln Kay – e-Services Librarian – Town of Victoria Park  
Linda Papa – Adult Services' Librarian – City of Bayswater

The Jean Ryding Award was presented to Linda Papa who impressed the judging panel with her enthusiasm and her proactive, positive attitude in providing library services. Linda clearly articulated the broader vision and role of public libraries; providing equitable access to information and the desire and ability to assist the community in library services.

## Service Excellence Award

This award is presented to a member of the clerical support team in a public library. Started in 2002, it is intended to recognise the tremendous contribution to quality service that library clerks and assistants provide.

The nominees in this category were:  
Catherine Hutchinson – City of Stirling  
Chantal Carroll – Town of Vincent  
James Hunt – City of Gosnells  
The Service Excellence Award was presented to Chantal Carroll for her participation in outreach and extra

organisational activities, and the positive impact that she has made as an individual on the Library team at the Town of Vincent.

## Country Library Officers - Service Excellence Award

This award recognises the outstanding job done by Country Library Officers who are often the only person working in the library, yet manage to deliver a range of services and programs while sometimes fulfilling other roles within the Council.

The Country Library Officers – Service Excellence Award was presented to Camilla Cavoli from the Katanning Public Library. Camilla's enthusiasm is evident in all that she undertakes for the Library, as demonstrated by the numerous new programs and activities she has implemented, and her reassessment of procedures and processes to ensure more effective Library management.

Congratulations to all nominees, whose commitment to public libraries is appreciated by their colleagues and customers alike.

## Would you like a career at the State Library?

As part of the State Library of Western Australia's leadership role for the library profession, the SLWA Graduate Program has been developed as an opportunity for graduates to participate in a structured, developmental program consisting of work placements plus training and development opportunities.

The Graduate Program offers Librarian and Library Technician graduates a twelve-month program and several full-time positions are offered under the inaugural 2007 program.

### Outline of program

As a Graduate Librarian or Graduate Library Technician, you will experience many aspects of services and operations of the State Library. You will spend time in both the Client Services and Resource Services Directorates work areas as well as have the opportunity for an external placement.

During the program you will work in the areas of:

- Information Services (reference desk)
- Stock and Stack
- Collection Development
- Acquisitions & Accessions
- Preservation and Maintenance

### Eligibility

To be eligible for the Program participants must:

- be eligible for Associate membership of the Australian Library and Information Association OR for Library Technician membership of the Australian Library and Information Association.

- be a permanent resident of Australia

- be available to work rostered hours for a 7-day per week operation including evenings and weekends.

As all positions require specific physical capabilities, your appointment will be subject to a satisfactory pre-employment medical and physical screening (cost covered by the State Library).

### Conditions of employment

Graduates are employed on a fixed term contract for 12 months under the Public Service General Agreement at level 2 year 1. Following successful completion of the Graduate Program, permanent employment may be offered depending on operational requirements.

### What we expect of Graduates

Be committed to the objectives and strategic directions of the State Library.

Be prepared to make a contribution to the ongoing work of the State Library and approach your work with curiosity, innovation and enthusiasm.

Consider your involvement in the Program as a first step in your career and to treat each work rotation and your initial post-program placement as learning opportunities.

### Job offers

It is anticipated that offers for Graduate Employment with the State Library of WA will be made in late November / early December 2006 with Graduates commencing employment in February 2007

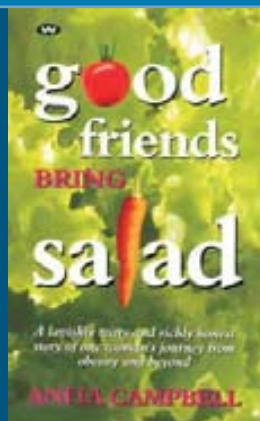
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# Graduate Program

# Battye about Books

bookswa.com.au

The website promoting Western Australian books and WA publishing,  
for authors, publishers, libraries, and readers.



## *Good Friends Bring Salad*

Anita Campbell

"Get ready for it, the moment that changed my life, the moment that shaped the next ten years. D.C. meant 'double chin'! My life was over."

The story is a raw and comical account of a teenager's journey from obesity to self-fulfilment.

Wakefield Press, Kent Town SA, 2005

FEAR AND POLITICS  
CARMEN LAWRENCE

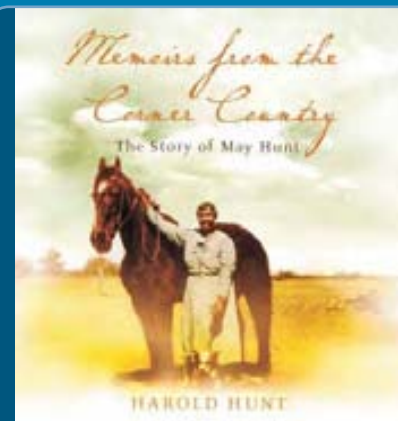


## *Fear and Politics*

Carmen Lawrence

Dr Lawrence charts the consequence and effects of fear in shaping Australia's public policy in recent years. She also looks at the sustained campaigns on law and order, and the exaggerated anxieties people have on the risks of terrorism, assault, child abuse and immigration.

Scribe Short Books/Scribe Publications, Carlton North VIC, 2006



## *Memoirs from the Corner Country: the story of May Hunt*

Harold Hunt

"Nanna was an imposing woman. She was large and dark, with strong arms and silver hair. She had a lump on her shoulder from the continual rebound of a 12-gauge shotgun, and a .22 calibre bullet that rested alongside her spine. Yet she remained the epitome of femininity and strength." - H.H.

Magabala Books, Broome WA, 2006

GASCOYNE MURCHISON  
OUTBACK PATHWAYS



## *Gascoyne Murchison Outback Pathways*

Samille Mitchell

The Outback Pathways self-drive trails travel through the heart of the Gascoyne and Murchison in Western Australia, opening up a world of ruggedly beautiful landscapes, colourful history, charismatic characters and unique wildlife.

Mid West Development Commission/Samille Mitchell, WA, 2006

HUGH EDWARDS



## *The Buccaneer's Bell*

Hugh Edwards

In 2001, an Australian expedition of seven men set out for the far South Atlantic, on a journey to find the final resting places of two famous exploration vessels - the Uranie, Louis de Freycinet's frigate which was lost in the Falkland Islands in 1820, and William Dampier's Roebuck, wrecked on Ascension Island in 1701. Hugh Edwards places the historical context alongside the modern adventure of the search for the lost ships.

Tangee Publishing, Kalamunda WA, 2006



## *Peter Kovacsy: a studio practice*

Diana Roberts

The story follows the progress of Peter Kovacsy's career from builder to craftsman to artist-designer, and illustrates his unique manipulation of wood and glass that has more affinity with non-functional art than practical craft.

The Peter Kovacsy Studio, Pemberton WA, 2006



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