

Aussie mottoes

David Jones' reviews in *The Source* are always immensely readable and erudite, and somewhat predicative, too, as his review of Urdang and Robbins' *Mottoes* proves ('Bons Mottoes', *InCite*, 7 August 1987).

David Jones noted of this publication that 'only legitimate mottoes' had been included, and that 'Australian coverage is slight'.

This is a shortcoming in existing compilations of mottoes that I have been addressing for the last two years, during which time I have been compiling a book of Australian mottoes, both traditional and popular.

In the traditional section I have included Australian civic, educational, ecclesiastical,

hereditary, commercial, political, sporting, literary, musical, medical, scientific, legal, institutional and defence force mottoes. I would be happy to liaise with any interested individual or organisation to confirm that a motto has been included in the correct form.

I am particularly interested in expanding the non-traditional or popular motto section, that is, words and phrases that motivate Australians, and would like to add to those mottoes of prominent Australians, mottoes from the wider community.

Mr Jones identified *Non illegitimi carborundum* (which has other even less elegant forms) as one of these non-traditional mottoes and there are of course many more. I would be very pleased if any reader were to write to me, c/- PO Box 667, Lismore, NSW 2480 including the following details of a personal motto: motto, meaning, origin if known, and why adopted, so that I might include this in an extended section of my publication.

Vivienne Sigley

ILL & Victoria

The Public Libraries Section in Victoria is most concerned about the impact that ILL

charges are already having on public libraries. We understand that NSW has an exemption scheme in operation for public libraries. Our Committee suggests that a national scheme be seriously considered, similar to the NSW model.

Victorian Regional and country libraries are being particularly hard hit by the new charges, and the public, who have no other means of access to certain materials, are being denied service. We believe there is a strong case for exempting public libraries on the basis of this impact.

We understand that a resolution was agreed to by AACOBs to carry out a study, after charges had been introduced, to examine the impact of charging for ILLs. We are interested to know when such a study will be carried out, as the sooner problems are identified, the sooner they can be rectified.

Alasdair Wardle
Secretary

Horatio Knibbles Vs ILL

The NLA resources are provided by taxpayers — individual and corporate — around the whole Australian nation. By its motto the NLA claims to be 'The Information Resource for the Nation'. It *should* be so. The NLA is also supposed to have a policy of offering 'equal access'.

However, our National Library has recently imposed a \$6 interlibrary loan charge for borrowing books, films, etc from *our* national resource. Canberra residents, however, can walk into the NLA and use its services free. So, in fact, the NLA operates as a big branch of the Canberra Public Library. Our NLA puts Canberra school children ahead of researchers and business people anywhere else in Australia. Now, the NLA wants to insult us further!

The Canberra Times of 25 August (p.14) advertises a children's film, 'Mr Horatio Knibbles and his friends' at the National Library Theatre. The advertisement bears the NLA name and logo, and its motto '... for the Nation'. Canberra children are invited to 'Enter the world of enchantment'. I believe the NLA itself is headed into fairyland.

Canberra already has a separate public library system (CPL), which is also very well funded (per capita) by us. Resourcing the nation's libraries should be NLA's priority, rather than competing to entertain Canberra kiddies!

NLA is paying for staff time, borrowed films, and paid advertisements. This means that a children's amusement activity comes ahead of free interlibrary loan access to the nation's resources. You guessed it! I am angry, and I believe that these NLA priorities are very wrong.

Duncan Marshall
Riverina Community Library Service

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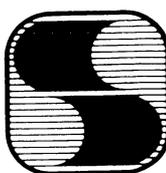
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