

# Celebrate with Snugglepote and Cuddlepie

**S**nugglepote and Cuddlepie first burst into public view in November 1918 and have never been out of print since.

The annual May Gibbs Week will be celebrated in the first week of November with many schools and libraries putting on displays. Some will also hold activities to assist the May Gibbs Foundation to acquire 'Nutcote', where May Gibbs lived for 45 years.

Many countries throughout the world have made museums of the houses of their famous authors for the particular enjoyment of children. Australia has no such museum, but in May Gibbs it does have an author worthy

of such a tribute. She was the first to give Australian children a fantasy world of their own. Her bush babies and bad banksia men brought, and still bring, a rich fairyland as close as the bush is to their back doors.

'Nutcote' was specially designed for May Gibbs by the well-known architect B.J. Waterhouse. From her lovely studio overlooking the harbour at Neutral Bay she wrote and illustrated most of her books and the long-running cartoon strip Bib and Bub.

For more information on May Gibbs Week contact The May Gibbs Foundation, PO Box 500 Drummoyne NSW 2047; telephone (02) 816 1612.

## Affirmative action awards

**I**nstitutional members might be interested to know that *PortFolio* magazine and the Affirmative Action Agency have joined together to reward organisations pursuing affirmative action for women in employment. Prizes will be awarded in four categories: Communications, Strategy, Achievement, and a special category

for institutions of higher education. One overall winner will receive a business-class return trip to London and \$2000 spending money. Entry forms are available in October's *PortFolio*, or from the Affirmative Action Agency, Level 1, 65 Berry Street, North Sydney, NSW 2060; telephone (02) 963 4999; (008) 24 9928. Entries close 3 November 1989.

## The race is on!

### ALIA elections

Just who are the people itching to steer the Association onward and upward?

The election brochure, carrying statements of concern for candidates for the positions of Vice President (President-Elect) and on the Board of Education, gives you a good idea. The brochure, incorporating the ballot paper, came as an insert in *Incite* 15.

If you have unanswered questions though, the candidates would be most happy to hear from you. Daytime contact numbers are given below. For Vice-President (President-Elect 1990), two nominations have been received:

John Levett (002) 92 1604  
Kay Poustie (09) 345 8593

For the Board of Education, two positions, each for a 3-year term, are to be filled. The nominations are:

Jean Bailey (02) 692 3140  
Kate Beattie (053) 33 9000  
David Clarke (062) 98 0256  
Ross Harvey (03) 565 2953  
James Henri (069) 22 2584  
Joyce Kirk (02) 413 8371  
Michael Middleton (09) 386 0379  
W. Boyd Rayward (02) 697 3445  
Vicki Williamson (09) 351 7152

All personal financial members of the Australian Library and Information Association as at 1 September 1989 are eligible to vote. Voting provides members with the opportunity to ensure that the Association continues to meet their needs. Don't forget to have your say — ballot papers need to reach ALIA head office by 5 pm on Wednesday 15 November, 1989

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