

A dictionary of Australian colloquialisms G A Wilkes, OUP Australia

This book first appeared in 1978. The new concise format has been revised and reset from the 1985 edition, omitting some ephemeral material and reducing the number of citations, but adding about a 100 new entries. The author has updated some 200 others, and his citations come right up to 1990. Credit is given to almost 30 references and also to 'those who have written over the years with queries or suggestions'. This has clearly been a labour of love, and what has emerged is a fascinating compilation of around 2000 sayings, each with a definition and examples of its use.

Many of us take a great interest in our language, its origins and its evolution. All those who have written to the author since the first edition have helped to ensure that the book is comprehensive and up to date, and no doubt are prompting a next edition. It has already resolved one puzzling question for the reviewer, and is certainly a fascinating lucky dip. At \$18.85 RRP it is great value.

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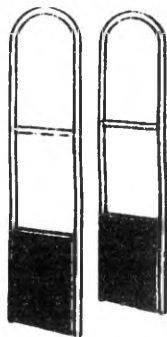
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 - (c) assistance with the publication of works in Australian health librarianship.

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3. No current member of the Health Libraries Section National Executive or the Administrators shall be eligible to receive a personal award from the Fund.
4. Applications shall be made using the format prescribed by the Administrators.
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8. All applicants shall be notified of their success or otherwise as soon as the recommendation for the Award has been ratified by the National Executive.
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