

NSS across Australia

Acting out *Wombat stew* in Launceston

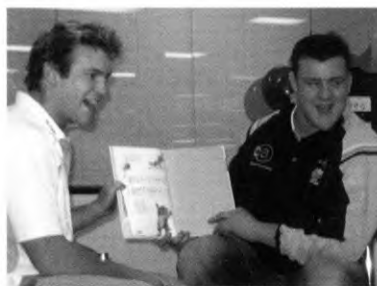
Sixty Summerdale Primary students (with teachers, parents and library users) joined six University of Tasmania Performance Arts students for National Simultaneous Storytime at Launceston Library. David Thomas narrated the story, Paige Rattray read the dialogue while David Orlando, Danielle Vos, Dragon Fli Wulfe and Jason Searle played the animals. *Wombat* was played by one of the Summerdale children.



The children of Summerdale Primary School sit and wait to see if Dingo will put wombat in the stew...

Children helped 'stir the stew' and found 'slugs and bugs', 'gumnuts' and 'billabong mud'. When the story was over, children and presenters were given bookmarks and shared dingo droppings (chocolate bullets), wombat whoppers (caramel squares) and billabong mud (cocoa truffles). For most of the school children, this was their first experience with Launceston Library. Judging by the happy faces — teachers as well as children — it won't be their last...

...with Brumbies players at Woden Public Library ACT Brumbies rugby union players Julian Salvi (left) and Guy Shepherdson (right) read *Wombat stew* at Woden Library, ACT, as part of National Simultaneous Storytime celebrations. Both players chatted and signed bookmarks for students from



Julian Salvi (left) and Guy Shepherdson (right) read *Wombat stew* at Woden Library

Lyons, Bonython, and St John Vianney Primary Schools.

...and in Unley with animals

The Unley Library's NSS was a huge success. Jane Doyle, a newsreader from Channel 7 Adelaide, was fabulous and did an amazing job reading *Wombat stew* even though she was losing her voice. The wombat from Remabi Park was a huge hit, as were the parrot and snake. The *Wombat stew* colouring-in provided a nice end to the event.



The director of the State Library of South Australia, Alan Smith, with the Unley Library CEO Mark Withers and Jane Doyle from Channel 7



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