

# West Australian

## Young Readers' Book Awards

Newsletter Term 1 2003

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Meet Peter Kendall and Trevor Todd at our

### ***ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING***

**Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 PM**

To be held at **Westbooks**

122 Burswood Road, Victoria Park

\*Display of listed Books\* \*Participation tips\*

\*Purchase stickers, bookmarks and our great new poster\*

#### **WAYRBA for 2003**

Enclosed with this newsletter is everything you need to participate in the 2003 West Australian Young Readers' Book Award.

#### **Bookmarks, Stickers and Posters**

There is a new poster for 2003. This year is 'Blown Away by Books'. Stickers are an orange colour.

An order form is enclosed which should be completed and sent off as soon as possible, OR come along to the Annual General Meeting and pick up all your stationery there. We will accept cash and issue you with a tax invoice if you purchase your stationery at the AGM.

All stationery orders must reach us by Thursday **April 15<sup>th</sup>**. **No late orders will be processed.** The first round of orders will be packed on March 18<sup>th</sup> and sent by courier or post immediately after that date.

#### **How to Vote**

Voting is easy. Photocopy the voting slip after first writing in the name of your School or Library. Place a voting form into each of the books from the lists or leave a number of voting forms near your display of WAYRBA books.

Once students have voted please sign and sort the votes into alphabetical order by author's surname and forward to -

**Attention: Votes Coordinator  
WAYRBA, PO Box 256  
GUILDFORD 6935.**

You can send votes in at any time. We appreciate getting them early as it makes counting easier for us. Please do not staple the votes together. All votes must be sent to the above address by August.

## Selection of Books

There are two lists - one for Younger Readers and one for Older Readers. However, readers are able to read and vote for books from either list, as they have no prescribed year levels.

*REMEMBER* - The books on the list have been nominated by the young readers of Western Australia and it is important that you carefully consider your selection policy before purchasing. Individual authorities are expected to make their own decisions regarding any controversial aspects of books purchased for their readers.

*You do not have to purchase all the books to participate in the voting.*

## Nominations for 2004 Lists

Encourage your readers to nominate books they have enjoyed for the 2004 lists by completing a Nomination Form (photocopy after adding your Library's name) and forward it to WAYRBA.

Remind readers that if their nominated book wins, they will receive a copy of the book.

- ◆ Books are eligible for the reading list if they are fiction published or reprinted within the last five years and currently in print.
- ◆ Books must be written by a living Australian or overseas author.
- ◆ Only one title of any author may be included on a list in any year



## Oops

*Pizza Features* by John Larkin is on the reading list and we have discovered it has been on a previous list. We are leaving the book on the list, as there will be students who have not read the book.

During the holidays Rosemary has chased up all the reading lists since 1980 so we should be able to avoid putting books on the list twice.

Now that we have the complete WAYRBA reading lists, we can inform you as to what books students were reading ten or fifteen years ago. If you would like a list of the books from the 1993 WAYRBA reading list to compare with what is being read this year, please email us and we can email the list to you.

## WAYRBA Web Site

The WAYRBA website is now up and running. To find any information relating to WAYRBA check out the site at

[www.wayrba.iinet.net.au](http://www.wayrba.iinet.net.au)

Not only can you read the current newsletter, but also you can check older WAYRBA reading lists, find out past winners and print out the nomination and voting form.

If you wish to contact us by email please use our new email address -

**wayrba@iinet.net.au**

To save on postage and printing cost, we would appreciate it if libraries would consider having their newsletter emailed to them. If so, please contact us at the above address giving us your email address.

Thank You

## Winners from 2002

### Younger Readers' List

Highest Ranked Book -

*The Forests of Silence* by Emily Rodda

Hoffman Award (Highest ranked West Australian author) -

*Whacko!* By David Caddy

### Older Readers' List

Highest Ranked Book -

*The Amber Spyglass* by Philip Pullman

Avis Page Award (Highest Ranked Australian/West Australian author) -

*Juice* by Katy Watson

## Dates to Remember

*Start Promoting WAYRBA* - Anytime, the sooner the better! -

*WAYRBA AGM* - Tuesday February 18  
4:15 PM at Westbooks *All Welcome!*

*Stationery orders close* - April 15, 2003

*Voting closes* - August 8, 2003

Book Week - Aug 16 - 22

*Presentation Night* - Friday November 7,  
2003 7:00PM

**Please note - WAYRBA posters will be folded and posted out. If you do not want your poster folded, please pick it up at the AGM.**

## WAYRBA AGM

Don't forget our AGM at **Westbooks** on Tuesday, **February 18<sup>th</sup>** at **4:15pm**. Come along and meet **Peter Kendall** and **Trevor Todd**.

**Peter Kendall**, illustrator of *A Sausage Went for a Walk*, will inform us on how illustrators can influence children's books. Certainly timely as we are all interested in visual literacy.

**Trevor Todd** (author of *Ingrid Rules the Waves* and countless dramas for children's television) will be speaking on how (as an author) to get your voice heard nationally and internationally. He will link this to writing children's literature.

We will have the books on display as well as helping with a few ideas for promoting the WA Young Readers' Book Award in your library.

WAYRBA stationery will be available for purchase at the AGM.

All executive positions on the WA Young Readers' Book Award Committee are open. If you are interested in nominating for a position please email us before Tuesday February 11<sup>th</sup>.



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