

West Australian Young Readers' Book Award

Newsletter Term 1 2005

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Meet James Palmer – Author and songwriter of “Spirit of Broo”

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday February 22nd at 4:15pm

To be held at **WESTBOOKS**
122 Burswood Road, BURSWOOD

Display of listed books *Participation tips*
Purchase stickers, bookmarks and our new Alison Flack poster

WAYRBA for 2005

Welcome to our exciting Silver Anniversary year. Believe it or not WAYRBA began way back in 1980 and it is your support that has helped this happen. In order for this wonderful programme, that gives children a purpose for reading to operate for another 25 years your continued support is imperative.

Enclosed with this newsletter is everything you need to participate in the 2005 West Australian Young Readers' Book Award.

Bookmarks, Stickers and Poster

This year Alison Flack has created an impressive poster for us. The stickers are purple and white.

As usual an order form is enclosed which should be completed and returned as soon as possible, **OR** join us at our celebratory Annual General Meeting and pick up all your stationery requirements there. We will accept cash or cheque payments and issue you with a tax invoice if stationery is purchased at the AGM. All stationery orders **must** reach us by **Thursday April 7th, 2005**. No late orders will be processed. The first round of orders will be packed and sent by courier or post in the first weeks of March.

How To Vote

Voting is very easy. Photocopy the voting slip once you have included 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 the Author's surname and forward to:-

Attention: Votes Coordinator
WAYRBA, PO Box 256
GUILDFORD 6935

OR – If your school uses the Government School or Catholic School Courier drop it in the courier bag addressed to

Government Schools –
Courier # B175
Alinjarra Primary School
Northumberland Avenue
ALEXANDER HEIGHTS
Attn: Christine Begovich – WAYRBA

Catholic Schools –
Saint Maria Goretti Primary School
64 Morrison Street
REDCLIFFE
Attn: Rosemary Bennett - WAYRBA

Votes can be sent in at any time. We do appreciate Getting them early as it makes the counting process easier. Please **do not** staple the votes together. All votes must be sent to the above addresses by the 5th of August 2005.

Selection of Books

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

REMEMBER – the young readers of Western Australia have nominated the books on the lists 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 the 2006 Lists

Encourage your readers to nominate books they have enjoyed for the 2006 list by completing a nomination Form (photocopy after adding your School's or Library's name) and forward it to WAYRBA.

The books on the lists can only be as good as the nominations received. It is important that we expose the young readers to quality literature that they in turn may choose to nominate.

Dates to Remember

Start promoting WAYRBA – Anytime, the sooner the better!

WAYRBA AGM Tuesday, February 22nd 4:15 pm at Westbooks – ALL WELCOME!

Stationery orders close – April 7th, 2005

Special WAYRBA Dinner May 23rd, 2005

Voting closes – 5th August, 2005

Book Week – Aug 20th – 26th. 2005

Presentation night – Friday September, 16th, 2005

Nominations close – Friday October 28th, 2005

WAYRBA Web Site

To find any information relating to WAYRBA check out the site at

www.wayrba.iinet.net.au

If you wish to contact us by email please use this email address –

wayrba@iinet.net.au

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

WAYRBA AGM

Please join us for our AGM at Westbooks on Tuesday, February 22nd at 4:15pm. Come and meet James Palmer.

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

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 15th.**

We also welcome more committee members. Please feel free to come to our monthly meetings.

If you have any queries on any aspect of WAYRBA – please contact – Rosemary Bennett 9 454 7831
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