

Report to NSW MPLA General Meeting: November 2011

Subject: National Year of Reading Initiative

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National Year of Reading Founders Committee

- “Are we there yet?” touring Exhibition at Newcastle 13 August – 21 September 2012
- Soft launch was held in Melbourne on 1 September – announcement of Adult Learners Week competition winners.
- Good Reading Magazine September issue featured NYR . 2 other issues NYR issues planned in February and August 2012.
- Jennifer Byrne will announce the NYR on the Tuesday Book Club Summer Special 10 December 2011
- “Our Story” shortlist has been released. Libraries can expect entries from 1 November.
- Please refer to the website love2read.org.au for updates

NSW Steering Committee

- Representatives from NSW MPLA, PLNSW – Country, SLNSW, NSW English Teachers’ Association, Department of Education & Training.
- NSW launch at SLNSW on 14 February 2012, late afternoon to avoid local library events.

Greater Sydney Committee

- Third Meeting held in September 2011
- Link on NSW MPLA page – information and tools will be added.

Statewide Author Talks/ Writing Workshops

The NSW Steering Committee discussed how to best support NSW public libraries to participate in the National Year of Reading.

There was agreement that the SLNSW, NSW MPLA and the PLNSW – Country should sponsor Author Talks and Writing Workshops throughout NSW. I expressed the view that “regions” should include metropolitan NSW. Sponsorship of country events would be more expensive due to the travel costs but metropolitan libraries are in a better position to provide more suitable venues.

The SLNSW will contribute \$20,000. Public Libraries NSW – Country has committed to contributing up to \$10,000 to NSW initiatives.

At the May NSW MPLA Quarterly Meeting the meeting was advised that \$5,000 had been allocated for the National Year of Reading and \$10,000 had been allocated for National Initiatives. It now

looks unlikely that the NYR National campaign will need further funding from the state associations. The NSW MPLA President advises that to date there has only been one request for funding for other initiatives - \$2,000 to fund updating of the National Standards and Guidelines.

In view of this it would seem appropriate to meet the \$10,000 funding commitment by Public Libraries NSW Country. This would leave us \$5,000 for funding National initiatives – until July 2012.

MOTION

THAT NSW MPLA commit to contributing up to \$10,000 to NSW initiatives for National Year of Reading in 2012