
Report to NSW MPLA General Meeting:

Subject: National Year of Reading Update

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There is a great deal of discussion centred around the National Year of Reading. There is a Greater Sydney Committee, a NSW Steering Committee and NSW MPLA participates in the National Founding Partners teleconferences.

Greater Sydney Committee

- Representatives from most of the working groups and acts as a forum for NYR information sharing.
- Two meetings have been held with the first being a brainstorming session.
- Meeting every 2 months but meetings may increase as NYR nears
- Has approached 4 NSW ambassadors – Susanne Gervay and Richard Glover have accepted.
- 6 nominations for the NSW Our Story (One Country Reading Project) panel
- Link on NSW MPLA page – information and tools will be added.

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, probably early morning or cocktail hour to avoid local library events.
- NSW reading panel for Our Story (One Country Reading Project) selected - all 6 nominations from NSW MPLA accepted
- Discussion about sponsorship opportunities.

National Year of Reading Founding Partners

- Funding for the Reading Hour and Indigenous Literacy projects should be confirmed soon.
- Adult Learners Week competition 'It's never too late to learn to read' attracted 288 entries and winners will be announced on 1st September in Melbourne. This is the soft launch for NYR.
- September issue of Good Reading magazine will have NYR information included.
- One Country Reading – reading panels selected voting will be on-line through ABC Arts Gateway, in Libraries and bookshops
- Negotiations for involvement of ABC nationally and locally progressing well
- National launch will be around midday (depending on Simon Crean's availability) at the National Library, Canberra Feb 14th with William McInnes (National Ambassador) involved.

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- 'Are we there yet' tour featuring Alison Lester's art work, objects from the book and a short film will tour to one library per State /Territory. Four NSW MPLA submitted Expressions of Interest - Newcastle was selected as the NSW location.
 - Information about adding ambassadors will be included on the NYR Wiki.

MOTION

THAT the report be received.