

A FUTURE FOR THE PAST

CHILDREN'S HISTORY FORUM

A forum promoting historical fiction, school texts and literature aimed at a younger audience.

Speakers include Australia's leading Children's History writers, authors of academic texts, representatives from the History Teacher's Association, the Children's Literature Board, the National Centre for History Education and children who read and treasure their history. Featuring Displays by History Publishers.

Dixon Room, Mitchell Library

SLNSW Macquarie Street Sydney

10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Saturday 8 December 2001

Light lunch and refreshments provided

Entry Cost: \$22.00 (Pre payment essential): Book Early on 9273 1770

As the Premier's Children's History Prize was not awarded this year, the NSW Ministry for the Arts has funded this event to encourage the production of quality history writing for children. Hosted by the History Council of NSW & State Library of NSW

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PROGRAMME

SESSION ONE: 'A FUTURE FOR THE PAST'

Chair: Bruce Scates, School of History UNSW & HCNSW.

- 10.00 Welcome and introduction
- 10.05 'Kids Speak Out': The Students of Matraville High
- 10.15 "Sick As!" Roland Harvey and Gael Jennings on writing the winning entry for the NSW Premier's History Prize
- 10.30 Questions/Discussion
- 10.45 Vote of thanks and presentation to the Students of Matraville High (donated by the School of History, UNSW)
(Lucy Taksa, President, HCNSW)

SESSION TWO: 'MAKING HISTORY'

Chair: Peter Cochrane, Editor of *Historybytes* & HCNSW.

- 10.50 Anthony Hill on the writing of "Soldier Boy"
- 11.05 Libby Gleeson on the 'My Story' Series
- 11.20 Questions/discussion
- 11.35 Break for Morning Tea

SESSION THREE: 'CROSSING CULTURES'

Chair: Shirley Fitzgerald, City Historian, City of Sydney & HCNSW.

- 11.50 Anita Heiss on promoting Indigenous history
- 12.05 Agnes Nieuwenhuizen on escaping monocultural history
- 12.20 Nadia Wheatley on the politics of children's history
- 12.35 Questions/discussion
- 12.50 Break for Lunch

SESSION FOUR: 'EDUCATING/EDUCATORS'

Chair: Rae Frances, National Centre for History Education & School of History, UNSW.

- 1.30 Tony Taylor 'Historical Thinking, Contemporary Society (or John Lenin's Little Known Part in the Bolshevik Revolution)'
- 1.45 Carmel Young and Mike Horsley 'Organising the Australian Awards for Book Excellence'
- 2.00 Questions/discussion

SESSION FOUR: 'TEXTS AND TECHNOLOGY'

Chair: Maria Hill, History Teachers Association & HCNSW.

- 2.15 Kate Cameron 'Writing for the Classroom: beyond the double page spread'
- 2.30 Justin Briggs on history and the web.
- 2.45 Questions/discussion

SESSION FIVE: 'BOOK WORK AND NEW DIRECTIONS'

Chair: Lucy Taksa, President, HCNSW.

- 3.00 Rowena Lennox on being a new writer
- 3.15 Robin Morrow 'The practicalities of publishing and selling books for children'
- 3.30 Questions/discussion
- 3.45 Thanks
- 3.50 Drinks and close (music by John Warner and Margaret Waiters)