



# ISAA

## National Newsletter

*The Boab tree is self-sustaining; it draws on its own resources. Upside down, it flourishes against the grain.*

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### ISAA Publications

#### Draft Timetable 2009

Summer *Conference Proceedings*  
February *ISAA Review*  
Mar-Apr *ISAA Newsletter*  
August *ISAA Newsletter*

### MEMBERSHIP

\$70 – Full Members & Friends  
\$45 – Concessional Members  
\$85 – Household Membership



*Seasons Greetings for 2008 and a thought for 2009. In her article 'Doing the right thing is worth money in the bank' (Sydney Morning Herald, 27 November 2008:13), Elizabeth Farrelly calls for a renewal of moral courage to challenge contemporary social pressure to take a 'balanced view' rather than make a judgement in public. 'Do it!' Farrelly wants to shout. 'Pass judgement. Say something stupid, wild, crass or just plain wrong but for GODSAKE voice an opinion'. Susan Steggall, editor*

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### President's Report

At the end of my first year as President I feel there are significant signs of a successful year. There has been an increase in membership numbers with fresh faces and new ideas and we now have seven members in Queensland. There has been a full program of interesting and relevant activities in many states, plus another successful conference – all of which is generating a positive 'can-do' attitude.

These successes are the result of the work of many individuals: in the ACT Doug Cock's work as coordinator and the willingness of many members to contribute to talks and discussions; in NSW Janet George and a very active committee who keep coming up with fresh ideas; in South Australia Virginia Cotterell-Kenny has arranged regular well attended meetings; in Victoria Walter Struve has brought new members into ISAA and in the Newcastle region John Ramsland has also brought in new members.

The *Newsletter* under Susan Steggall has increased in frequency and each issue has been full of useful information and news about members. We now have a fresh look for publications with the expert assistance of Catherine Rogers and Gretchen Poiner's involvement.

In addition, two ISAA members are on prestigious selection panels: Joy Hooton on the National Library Scholarship Panel and Pam Burton on the Australian Prime Minister's Panel.

Nevertheless there are some important challenges for 2009:

- Our Internet presence is not as good as it could be and we could improve our use of email, but we will need to find someone who can assist in this;
- We need to continue to be aware of how we can support members outside the major centres; and
- We need to recruit new members to the Council to make up our numbers.

I would like to thank all the members of the Council for their help and support. I would also like to thank Keith Powell whose term as treasurer and council member has come to an end, and Marie-Louise as our administrative officer for her dedication and thoroughness.

**Ian Keese, President ISAA National Council. ♦**