

SUPPORT STATE LIBRARY VICTORIA

Join us and celebrate this great cultural and heritage institution. Your support will help the State Library acquire, house and conserve significant collection items, as well as mount exhibitions, events and programs. There are many ways to get involved, from one-off donations to ongoing memberships that offer great benefits and experiences.

For information on how to get involved
visit slv.vic.gov.au/get-involved

2015 ANNUAL APPEAL SUCCESS

Thanks to generous contributions received in response to our 2015 Annual Appeal, the Library has acquired three literary treasures for the collection: a rare first edition of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, 36 original Blinky Bill illustrations and the papers of award-winning Australian author Sonya Hartnett. Come and see the first edition of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* now on public display in our Dome Gallery exhibition, *Mirror of the World*.

The Library would like to thank all of our supporters who contributed to the Appeal. It is only through your generosity that we are able to secure important historical items such as these. Now and in the future, they will be a source of pleasure, learning and inspiration for all Victorians.

CREATIVE FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM

Creative Fellowships are offered annually to independent scholars, artists and writers who propose innovative ways to explore and use the Library's extensive collections and resources to create new works. Fellows are awarded a grant, scholar privileges and the use of an office at the Library.

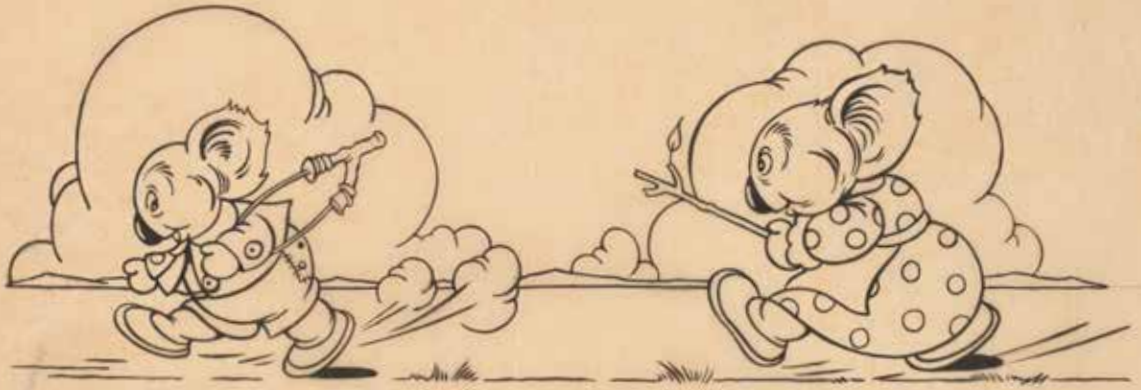
Dorothy Wall, Blinky Bill and Mrs Koala, pen and ink on tracing paper, Pictures Collection H2015.180/21. Through the 2015 Annual Appeal, the State Library purchased 36 unique hand-drawn Blinky Bill illustrations by author Dorothy Wall (1894–1942) from the private collection of the author's family. The set includes paintings, tracings and preparatory drawings depicting much-loved characters such as Blinky, Bib and Nutsy. The Library holds one of the most significant collections of children's books and illustrations in the country.

The Fellowships Program is the largest program of its kind in Australia and has supported more than 140 artists, historians, composers, academics, playwrights, writers, poets and other creative researchers with over \$1.5 million in funding since it commenced in 2003.

The Library aims to celebrate the work of our Fellows where possible through performances, publications, talks, exhibitions and other events. Our 2015 exhibition *Australian Sketchbook: Colonial life and the art of ST Gill* resulted from the 2009 Honorary Fellowship undertaken by Emeritus Professor Sasha Grishin. It was accompanied by a publication and an international conference, and in 2016 it will also be shown in Canberra at the National Library of Australia, our exhibition partner.

The Fellowships Program is made possible thanks to partnerships and through philanthropic donations and bequests.

To support the Fellowships Program
please contact the Giving Manager.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Since 1856, the State Library has been a cultural centre for Victoria, inspiring generations of writers, artists, researchers and students. Through your support we can continue to develop and conserve our collections, be a leader in the discovery of information, and be a centre for knowledge, creativity and the generation of new ideas.

Friends of the Library annual membership is \$85 (incl. GST) for individuals, \$100 for couples and \$75 for regional members (100 km from Melbourne).

To become a Friend of the Library please contact the Memberships Coordinator.

BEQUESTS

All bequests make a difference and help us protect and share Victoria's extraordinary heritage now and into the future. Making a provision for the Library in your will – be it financial, a percentage of an estate, a book collection or work of art – helps us maintain and add to our historic collection. To thank you for your generosity, those who nominate to support the Library in their will are acknowledged with a complimentary Redmond Barry Society membership. Members enjoy a varied program of special events throughout the year.

To leave a lasting legacy through a bequest please contact the Giving Manager.

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

Become a corporate member of State Library Victoria and align your organisation with one of Australia's premier cultural institutions. Enjoy special rates for the Library's grand event spaces, invitations to exclusive cultural experiences and networking opportunities with prominent thought leaders.

SPONSORSHIP

There are many opportunities to partner with State Library Victoria, including sponsoring our world-class exhibitions, cultural and educational programs and collections.

To become a Corporate Member or for more information about sponsorship please contact the Partnerships Manager.

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What's your story?

Marking the 50th anniversary of the publication of Michael Cannon's groundbreaking history of Melbourne's land boom of the 1880s and 1890s, *The Land Boomers*, this issue features an extract from Cannon's unpublished autobiography, and a companion piece reflecting on his long and productive writing and publishing career.

This issue also includes articles on Melbourne theatre

during World War I; the natural history paintings of Neville Henry Cayley exhibited at the 1888 Melbourne International Exhibition; the epic journey of a table belonging to Augustus Tulk, the first chief librarian of the then Melbourne Public Library; Carl Pinschof and Elise Wiedermann-Pinschof as arts patrons in pre-World War I Melbourne; and the naming of the Maroondah aqueduct.



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