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FROM THE CONVENOR

This edition of *Transmissions* includes a report of the AFN Forum at the National Library over Easter last, together with news of new AFN activities and projects. The usual roundup of news and information is included, together with an article on the subtleties of the collector-informant relationship and related questions of access and copyright by Rob Willis.

We hope to feature at least one lengthier item in each edition from now on and invite readers to send in submissions for consideration. We are interested in a range of pieces on various aspects of folklore collection, archiving, research, issues (ethics, for example),

discussion papers (had a couple of these in previous editions), reviews of books and recordings and reports on fieldwork/research projects. With regard to the latter, we include a preliminary list of projects that AFN affiliates and readers are involved in. Please let us know if you have any to add to the list.

We also include an invitation to contribute to the AFN's current publishing project - *Handmade Nation: Traditional Australian Crafts and Their Makers*.

On a sad note, we have to record the passing of yet another Australian collector, Stan Arthur, also a respected performer and organiser.

Graham Seal

AFN FORUM 2004 REPORT

As in 2003, the Forum was hosted by the National Library of Australia. The Convenor presented a brief report followed by discussion on future developments. The main item was a proposal for a national and international folklore conference to be held in conjunction with the National Folk Festival in 2005. A committee was formed, consisting of Graham Seal (Chair and representing Curtin University), Rob Willis (representing the AFN) and Graham Dodsworth (representing Folk Alliance Australia). The NLA supported the proposal and suggested a letter from the committee to the NLA requesting that institution host the conference.

Convenor's Report

Following on from last year's report, the National Register of Folklore Collections was updated and continues to be made available on the web. Such things as are not high profile but vital for research and preservation.

The AFN's major project *Verandah Music* was published last November. It is a partnership between the AFN, NLA and Curtin University that has been very successful commercially and in bringing this aspect of Australian folk tradition to a much wider public. We have received a large amount of high level media coverage and a TV documentary based on the book is under development. Especially pleasing have been the many messages from contributors, their families, descendants and communities saying how much being represented in a quality production has meant to them.

As well as the book, CDS, website and doco, Rob Willis has organised many VM concerts around the country and there has been a great deal of interest from ABC Radio, with interviews and a number of series of VM through Music Deli. We even made national TV on the '7.30 Report'! Once again, these are all valuable ways of taking our message to the broader community.