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Announcing the fifth *Australian Book Review* Patrons' Fellowship

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RUTH STARKE ON 'MEDIA DON'

Ruth Starke has been chosen as the fifth *ABR* Patrons' Fellow. Dr Starke, who lives in Adelaide, was chosen from a strong field. In this round we sought proposals for feature stories on film or media. Ruth

Starke's project, titled 'Media Don', will focus on the resilient and charismatic South Australian politician Don Dunstan, a long-serving premier who skilfully used the media to fashion his persona and perpetuate his influence, but who in the end was brought down by it. Dr Starke, who will use the extensive resources of the Don Dunstan Collection held by the Flinders University Library Special Collections, will also shed light on the private man. *ABR* will publish her long article later this year.

ABOUT THE *ABR* PATRONS' FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Each *ABR* Patrons' Fellowship is worth \$5000. Funded by *ABR*'s generous Patrons, the Fellowship program is intended to reward outstanding Australian writers and to advance the magazine's commitment to critical debate and literary values. *ABR* will offer three or four such Fellowships each year. Anyone wishing to become a Patron or interested in supporting the Fellowship program should contact Peter Rose (Editor) or Francesca Carter (Philanthropy Manager) on (03) 9429 6700.

THE JUDGES

The judges on this occasion were **Morag Fraser AM**, **Mary Vallentine AO**, and **Peter Rose** (Editor of *ABR*), all of whom are *ABR* Patrons. The judges and *ABR* congratulate Ruth Starke and thank everyone who applied for the Fellowship.

ABOUT THE WINNER

Ruth Starke, a long-time contributor to *ABR*, has published well over twenty books for young people and has won many awards. She holds a PhD from Flinders University, where she was for a several years a Writer in Residence (she now teaches creative writing there).

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