

The LiNQ Editors would like to thank our guest editor Dr Deborah Jordan for an exciting edition of LiNQ. This will be the third edition of LiNQ that we have overseen.

Our theme of islands was decided after listening to Deborah's conference presentation at the Tropics of the Imagination conference in Cairns in November 2009 where she presented a paper on two of Australia's best known literary figures, Vance and Nettie Palmer, who published novels, poetry, short fiction, criticism and journalism from the 1920s to the 1950s.

Vance and Nettie spent some time on Green Island. We began to reflect on how many islands make up our region of North Queensland, with the Great Barrier Reef on our doorstep. One of the seven wonders of the natural world, the Reef has 2900 individual reef systems and coral cays and 900 islands stretching for 2600 kilometres.

This island theme was taken up with gusto by Deborah and contributors have reacted with inspiring fictional, non-fictional and academic accounts on the theme.

This edition of LiNQ will be the first to be able to be purchased online via our LiNQ website [www.linq.org.au](http://www.linq.org.au)

We hope you will be as fascinated as we are with the contents. We also hope the website will provide an opportunity for us to be much more interactive and less dependent on snail mail. We look forward to building the website further and getting your feedback.

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