

Dear Manning,

You may remember that I told you recently that a biography of Robin is being contemplated. I would be do. etc.

Dear Zelman,

It was good to see you in March, ~~even~~
I am sorry John & I didn't have a chance
to get together ^{with you}. I did enjoy seeing you, we
had lunch together in a rather noisy
restaurant but ^{we} managed to ~~talk~~ ~~it~~ ~~out~~ ~~well~~

~~I am~~ to catch up with our respective news.

For I am writing to ask you a favour.

A biography of Robin is being contemplated ~~at the moment~~
~~at the moment~~

Dear Joe

It is a long time since ^I ~~we~~ have seen you
& Agnes but I hear ^{news of you} from the Hottacks and
Una Fraser.

I am writing to ask you a favour, as a friend of
mine & Robin's.

~~The~~ On other matters, the A.O. had a very
successful season in Melbourne both artistically
& financially, which is good news. We saw
"Worther" in Sydney recently, it was wonderful.
very good cast & superb sets, & well received.

Isn't it good that you have had such a
great summer in England?

My very good wishes to you & Anna, Yours ever.

I ~~like~~ ~~to~~ ~~ask~~ I hesitate to ask you, a very
busy person to do this for me.

A biography of Robin is being contemplated and I would be extremely grateful if you could give me some of your recollections of your friendship with him.

To make it easier (?) for you perhaps these questions would help, just a suggestion

When and where did you & Robin become acquainted and what topics did you discuss? ^{and events in particular}

Did you generally agree or take ~~opposite~~ opposite views what strong impressions of him remain ⁱⁿ your mind, chiefly as architect, author or critic (friend)

Which written works made the most impression on you & how would you estimate his influence on Australian history.

Could you make any observations of interest to a biographer.

None of this material ^{will be} used before the author consults you.

As far as length goes please write what you think is appropriate but ~~don't~~ ^{don't} omit anything of particular interest to you.

I would

Hector Crawford, Manning Clark, Brian Lewis, P. McIntyre
Bill Williams, Fred, Zelman C, Joe Burke

Dear Mr. Ruck,

I am the widow of Robin Gerard Penleigh Boyd, C.B.E.
I read in the Age on Monday, November 14, that he
had been chosen to be amongst the 200 Outstanding
Australians. This was the first knowledge I had of
the Award.

With my permission Robin's name was put forward
by Professor Manning Clark of Canberra and Sir
Zelman Cowen, Provost of Oxriel College, Oxford.

I was bitterly disappointed that I was not informed
and invited to the Awards in Canberra.

I believe Professor Clark attended the function. I told
I am at a loss to understand why I was not informed
of this distinction — I have lived at this address
for many years. I hope you will express my
displeasure with members of your staff responsible for
this oversight and trust I will receive a medallion
and a leather bound book for my children in
due course.

Yours sincerely

distraction — There would have been no
problem in contacting me for I have lived
at this address for 29 years!

Olle