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Tribute to Marilla North 6 March 2018

I recognise the fabulous work of Marilla North, author of the *Come in Dymphna* biographical series, which includes *Yarn Spinners* and *Dymphna Cusack: Lucky in Love*. The fascinating life of Dymphna has been uncovered in Marilla's brilliant recreation of her life.

On 10 February, I was honoured to launch the second volume of the series at the Alexandra Hotel in Leura and saw the brilliant performance of Marilla's play *We've been So Lucky, Fella*, starring the incredible Claire Jones as Dymphna Cusack and Tiriela Mora as Norman Freehill.

The afternoon Blue Mountains celebration launch also included hearing the Wombats Crossing ensemble of Christine Wheeler, Rebecca Daniel and Leigh Birkett who performed two pieces from Dymphna's love poems and a ballad called *Boggabri* by Nerida Grant.

I congratulate Megalong Books, Marilla North, the Blackburn family and all involved in this wonderful event.