

## Book Reviews

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pronounced judgment on or written or spoken about. So keeping in character with this book, this review is a smorgasbord of ideas, using different tunes from various songs.

What a friend we have in Kirby all our libraries  
carry his wares

What a privilege to carry everything Michael says  
in print

O what topics he talks on: breastfeeding to polar  
bears

Now we have a book written by others on  
Michael's legacy

(To the tune *What a friend we have in Jesus* by  
Joseph Scriven)

They love to write about Michael

From administrative law to trade practices law

Geoffrey Robertson not hypothetically speaking

Burnside having the final word

All in *Appealing to the future* – Michael Kirby  
and his legacy

(To the tune *Duncan* by Pat Alexander)

Farewell Michael Kirby

Like Melba you'll be back

Though you missed the UN appointment

You'll be back for more

You're big bold and tough

But you're not so rough

As Heffernan would say, as you fly away

(To the tune *Farewell Aunty Jack* by Graham  
Bond and Rory O'Donoghue)

*Many ideas about Michael Kirby*

Freckelton, I and Selby, H. (eds). *Appealing to the future: Michael Kirby and his legacy*, Pymont, N.S.W.: Thomson Reuters, 2009. ISBN 9780455226699 (hc); 9780455226682 (pbk). \$84.00.

This book is a smorgasbord of ideas particularly in the areas that Michael Kirby has either

Give me a home among the libraries

With lots of wisdom among its shelves

An academic or two, practitioners by the score

A bibliography out the back

Law reform in the front

And an extensive index ending there

(To the tune *Home among the gum trees* words  
and music by B Brown/W Johnson)

He's been to cities that never close down  
From New York to Rio and old London Town  
Discovered Mahler in Paris and been to Rome  
He still calls Australia home  
(To the tune *I still call Australia home* by Peter  
Allen)

There are essays in there  
And photos as well  
There is a bibliography to see  
And stories to tell  
Open wide stay inside  
It's *Appealing to the future*  
(To the tune *Playschool* words and music by  
Casey/Campbell)

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