

## April 2005

### Friends' Executive Officer

Lauren Donald, our acting Executive Officer, has accepted a position as the Events Coordinator of the National Library. Lauren has done a terrific job and has worked enthusiastically and tirelessly for the Friends. We wish Lauren every success in her new position and thank her for her effort and professionalism over the past six months. The new Executive Officer is Jillian Edwards. Jillian brings considerable experience to the job from the National Film and Sound Archive and the Australian National Botanic Gardens. Welcome Jillian and thank you for accepting the offer. We look forward to a fruitful and beneficial working relationship.

### *A Feast of Poetry – Sunday 10 April*

Poetry is for gourmets: an exotic food in which the ingredients – language, image, rhythm and sound are blended together in delectable form. Join Nicola Bowery and Harry Laing for a cook's tour of some of the remarkable flavours of poetry: relish the taste of poems from all over the world including some lesser known work by Australians as well as fine poetic food from Hungary, Estonia, Brazil and Russia.

Sunday 10 April, 2pm. \$5 members, \$7 non members. Bookings essential: Contact Hayley in the Friends office on 02 6262 1698.

### **Bus Trip to Brindabella Station: 21 and 23 April**

The all-day bus trips to Brindabella Station, the home of Miles Franklin, have proven to be a huge hit with an extra bus running on Thursday, 21 April. Our second trip, has been **rescheduled to Saturday 23 April** due to unforeseen difficulties organising transport. At the time this newsletter went to print both trips were almost booked out but if you would like to come we urge you to give us a ring to be put on the cancellation list. The day will include talks on the environment in which Miles Franklin lived, a tour of the spectacular gardens, morning tea and lunch (9am – 4:45pm departing from the National Library of Australia), \$65 for members and \$75 for non-members. To be added to the cancellation list contact Hayley in the Friends' Office on 02 62621698.

### **Harold White Fellowship and Events**

Named after the former National Librarian, the Harold White Fellowships enable the recipients to spend several months researching in the collections of the National Library. For 2005 the research spans the

natural sciences, social sciences and the humanities and is funded courtesy of the National Library, New York benefactor and arts patron Eva Kollsman and the bequest of Harold S. Williams.

- **Presentation**

Dr Simon Potter, English historian and current Harold White Fellow, has been looking at the connections between the mass media in Britain and Australia and the other Dominions in the period 1920-70, and the role of the media in sustaining and eroding the imperial connection. Don't miss his presentation titled *Commonwealth Broadcasting: Australia and the British Empire* on Tuesday 12 April, 5:30pm. Conference Room. Free (no bookings required).

- **Celebratory Conference - *An Open Book: Research, Imagination and the Pursuit of Knowledge***

Join outstanding Australian authors, researchers, commentators and international guests for an important three-day event marking the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Library's Harold White Fellowship scheme over the weekend of Friday 29 April through Sunday 1 May. Previous Fellows Geoffrey Bolton, Ann Moyal, Frank Moorhouse, Henry Reynolds, Ian Hancock and Bridget Griffen-Foley are among the speakers who will explore the value of this major research collection as a resource and inspiration for writing. Check your Autumn Program brochure or the NLA Web site for further details. Bookings and enquiries to Lauren Donald ph: 6262 1122, email: [events@nla.gov.au](mailto:events@nla.gov.au)

### **Berkelouw's Booksale - Bonus for Friends - ANZAC Weekend**

Berkelouw's Bookbarn, located on the historic Bendooley property 3kms from Berrima, NSW, are holding a 20% off sale on the Anzac Weekend (23, 24 and 25 April). Their Bookbarn is offering Friends of the NLA, 25% off all items (the regular markdown for other customers being 20%). Only 80mins from Sydney or 100 mins from Canberra, why not take your membership card, enjoy a Devonshire tea by the log fire in the Bookbarn Café and make a day of it. (For details see enclosed insert from Berkelouw).

### **School Holiday Programs**

Our holiday programs consist of an activity and screening. *Windows of Light* give children the chance to make their own stained glass window inspired by the Library's Leonard French windows. Sessions are organised for the 4 – 6 age group and the 7 – 11 group on Tuesday 12 and 19 April and Wednesday 13 and 20 April. *Little Screen, Big Screen* comprises of episodes from the popular television program *Round the Twist* on Friday 15 and 22 April. Check your Autumn Program brochure or the NLA web site for further details.



# Coming Events April 2005

Here is a selection of events for April 2005. The full programme can be consulted in the What's On section of the National Library's Web site at <http://www.nla.gov.au/apps/events/>.

**Friends' Events: Bookings essential. Call 02) 6262 1698 or email [hpearson@nla.gov.au](mailto:hpearson@nla.gov.au)**

Sunday 10 April, 2:00 – 3:00pm. Conference Room. Friends \$5.00, non-members \$7.00 Refreshments provided.	<b>A Feast of Poetry</b> join Nicola Bowery and Harry Laing for a cook's tour of some of the remarkable flavours of poetry.
Sunday 8 May, 3:30 - 5:00 pm Bookplate Restaurant Friends \$12, non-members \$15	<b>Author! Author! with writer Louis Nowra</b> The Friends present the first in a series of literary events featuring contemporary Australian writers.

**NLA Lunchtime talks, exhibitions and events, free (unless otherwise stated)**

Tuesday 12 April, 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Conference Room	<b>Commonwealth Broadcasting: Australia and the British Empire</b> Harold White Fellow presentation by Dr Simon Potter.
Wednesday 13 April, 12:30 – 1:30 pm. Ferguson Room	<b>A Very Peculiar Beach: Charles Meere's 'Australian Beach Pattern' - A new look at an Australian icon.</b> This talk by Petherick Reader, Joy Eadie will reveal the painting as complex, ambiguous and ironic.
Thursday 14 April, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Theatre Admission by donation. Bookings essential: Ph (02) 6262 1271, email: <a href="mailto:rsvp@nla.gov.au">rsvp@nla.gov.au</a>	<b>Crime and Punishment in Guantanamo Bay</b> Independent Scholars Association of Australia lecture delivered by Stephen Kenny, lawyer for David Hicks.
Wednesday 20 April 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm. Ferguson Room Free	<b>What's New at the National Library—MusicAustralia</b> Lunchtime talk by the Music and Dance section on the recently launched MusicAustralia service.
Saturday 23 April 2005 – Sunday 17 July 2005. Exhibition Gallery	<b>MILES FRANKLIN: A Brilliant Career?</b> A State Library of New South Wales travelling exhibition.
Wednesday 27 April, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Conference Room	<b>The Real Miles Franklin</b> Exhibition talk with curator Paul Brunton.
Friday 29 April - Sunday 1 May 9am - 4.30pm Conference Room 3 days full rate: \$130 3 days concession rate: \$110 1 day full rate: \$55 1 day concession rate: \$45 Dinner: \$80 Bookings essential: contact (02) 6262 1122 or email <a href="mailto:events@nla.gov.au">events@nla.gov.au</a> visit <a href="http://www.nla.gov.au/events/openbook">www.nla.gov.au/events/openbook</a>	<b>An Open Book: Research, Imagination and the Pursuit of Knowledge.</b> Join outstanding Australian authors, researchers and international guests for an important event marking the 21st anniversary of the Library's Harold White Fellowship scheme. Themes to be discussed include: the environment, history, politics, the role of the imagination, cultural diversity and biography. The event will include the inaugural Kenneth Binns lecture delivered by Geoffrey Bolton.



Reader Education, free: **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**, contact Liz Matheson on (02) 6262 1316 or [ematheson@nla.gov.au](mailto:ematheson@nla.gov.au)

Thursday 14 April, 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Main Reading Room	<b>Catalogue Training:</b> Are you looking to get the best from your research at the National Library? Why not join one of our free group training sessions. Effective searching methods, linking to online resources, e-mailing, saving records, and requesting will be addressed.
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E-Resource Tutorials, free: **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**. To register contact Liz Matheson, by phone on 6262 1316 or by e-mail [ematheson@nla.gov.au](mailto:ematheson@nla.gov.au).

Tuesday 26 April, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Main Reading Room Thursday 28 April, 10:00 am - 11:00 am Main Reading Room	<b>e-Resource Tutorial - Early American Imprints (1639-1800)</b> Covering American history and literature through the colonial period up to the eighteenth century, this database covers most aspects of American life from agriculture and auctions through to foreign affairs, diplomacy, literature, music, religion, war, slavery, temperance, and witchcraft. Come and join a FREE, hands-on session and learn how to use this online resource.
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Western Australia Trip.....

Would you like to come on a one-week trip to Western Australia with the Friends in mid-October 2005?

We are planning an exciting itinerary including a visit to New Norcia, a chance to meet the Friends of the Battye Library, a visit to the Gravity Discovery Centre and of course, an opportunity to see and learn about the exquisite flora of the region.

To help us plan further and cost the trip, we need an idea of numbers. If you are interested, please contact us to express your interest – there is no obligation at this stage.

Call Hayley on (02) 6262 1698

