

June 2005

Committee News

Warwick Bradney has resigned from the 2005 Friends Committee. On behalf of all the Friends, thank you Warwick, for your time and commitment on the Committee. John Chapman is the new Chair of the Committee, and Karen Rush is the new Deputy Chair.

October trip to Western Australia

Full details of the Friends tour to Western Australia, including the registration form, are outlined in the attached flyer. There will be an **information session** for all those interested in knowing more about the trip **at 5:15pm, Monday 20 June in the Friends Lounge** at the National Library. For further information contact Hayley on (02) 6262 1698.

The 2004/2005 Tsunami explained

Dr Phil Cummins, a seismologist with Geoscience Australia, will give a lunchtime talk on Wednesday 29 June. Hear about the great earthquakes which occurred off Sumatra in December 2004 and March 2005 and the associated Tsunami, from a geophysical perspective. What other events can be expected and how might we prepare for them? The talk is at 12:30pm on 29 June. Bookings essential, phone Hayley on (02) 6262 1698.

Friends of the School of Music Guitar Concert

The Friends of the ANU School of Music invite Friends of the NLA to join them at a concert, entitled *The 'Dominant Seven' goes North*, to be held in the Library foyer at 6pm on Friday 24th June. This fund raising concert is to farewell two student ensembles who are to perform in the prestigious Darwin International Guitar Festival in early July. The program includes a composition by current ABC personality and composer Julian Day, and arrangements of the music of De Falla, Piazzolla and Sarasate. Friends SoM and Friends of the NLA, \$25; non-members \$30. For bookings ph. Garth Hartley on (02) 6296 7746.

What's the Friends Book Special of the month?

A Sporting Nation: Celebrating Australia's Sporting Life – Friends Special
Price: \$21.00 (see page 22 of June NLA News for details).

Frank Hurley - genius or just a conjurer with a camera?

The Friends of the NLA, the National Gallery and the National Museum, are joining forces for a screening of the Mitra Films documentary *Frank Hurley - The Man Who Made History (2004)*. Hurley was a pioneer of many camera techniques, including colour photography, and can also lay claim to originating the modern documentary film. Yet, as a man he was a product of his time: Victorian values, morally conservative, a loner, absentee father and husband, and an Imperialist.

A master of the darkroom, Hurley was able to manipulate images to tell any story he chose. And that story was an endless retelling of the oldest myth of all, the hero's journey. Again and again we feel Hurley's presence in the vast archives he left behind, always searching for an emotional impact on his audience.

Hurley has many modern critics, concerned that his images are not an authentic record of the great adventures he photographed. He would barely comprehend this point of view. For him the photographic image could never be considered separate from the artist's vision. Hurley died in 1962 and it is a testament to his important place in the history of the image that he can still provoke arguments 40 years after his death.

Hurley's work and manuscripts are well represented in the National Library's collection. Over 11,000 of his photographic images have been digitised and are available via the National Library's web site.

Join us to find out more about him. The evening will begin with refreshments in the National Library foyer at 5:30pm on Wednesday 29 June. Simon Nasht, the film's Director, will be present to answer questions following the screening. Bookings essential, Friends \$8, Guests \$12. phone Hayley on (02) 6262 1698.



Director of *Frank Hurley: The Man Who Made History (2004)*, Simon Nasht, at Commonwealth Bay, Antarctica.

Coming Events June 2005

Here is a selection of events for June 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

<p>Wednesday 29 June, 12:30 - 1:30 pm Conference room, Ferguson Room Free but gold coin donation most welcome.</p>	<p>The Canberra Series The 2004/05 Tsunami - a geophysical explanation - Talk by Dr Phil Cummins from Geoscience Australia Hear about the great earthquakes which occurred off Sumatra in December and March and the associated Tsunami. The tectonic background for these events will be introduced, along with a description of what happened immediately following their occurrence. What other events can be expected and how might we prepare for them?</p>
<p>Wednesday 29 June, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Foyer, Theatre Seats strictly limited. \$8 Friends \$12 Friends Guests</p>	<p>Special Event - Friends and Guests only <i>Frank Hurley: The Man who made History</i> (Mitra Films) Film, 59 mins Friends of the National Gallery and National Museum and guests are invited to join the Friends of the National Library for a special screening of a Mitra Films documentary on Frank Hurley. The evening will begin with refreshments in the foyer and the screening will be followed by a Q & A session with Director Simon Nasht.</p>

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

<p>Wednesday 8 June, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm. Ferguson Room</p>	<p>Musical Lives How a passion for music shaped the lives of two influential Australian composers: Margaret Sutherland and Peggy Glanville-Hick. Lunchtime talk by pianist and composer, Margaret Legge-Wilkinson.</p>
<p>Tuesday 14 June, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Conference Room Free</p>	<p>Harold White Fellow Presentation <i>The Fishes, the Silence and the Gum trees: Historical Accounts of Fish in the Murray River.</i> Concern for the state of fish - primarily Murray cod - in the Murray River was voiced as early as the 1860s. From the 1870s, successive ichthyologists added to the list of species but with so much having happened already, how are we to ever know what really existed in our most iconic river? Talk by Harold White Fellow Paul Humphries</p>
<p>Wednesday 15 June, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm, Ferguson Room. Free</p>	<p>Robert Hoddle and the Library's earliest paintings of the ACT Lunchtime talk with Linda Groom, NLA Pictures Librarian</p>



<p>Sunday 19 June, 2:00 - 3:00 pm Theatre Free Bookings: (02) 6262 1271</p>	<p>Engagement: Politics and the Life of the Mind Peter Rose talks to political commentator and renowned essayist Robert Manne about Manne's work as an advocate for compassion and justice in public life, and as a writer who believes that history offers vital lessons for humanity. Manne's latest book, <i>Left, Right, Left: Political Essays 1977–2005</i> provides a focus for the discussion.</p>
<p>Saturday 25 June, 9:45 am - 4:30 pm. Foyer, Theatre Free Bookings essential: (02) 6262 1122 Email: events@nla.gov.au</p>	<p>Inside Story: Writers, Manuscripts and the Creative Process A one day symposium about writers, manuscripts and creativity, <i>Inside Story</i> celebrates the work of a variety of authors represented in the Library's Manuscript Collection. The program explores how manuscripts are developed, what they reveal or obscure about an author's life and published work, and their value as social, artistic and cultural evidence. Featured speakers will include: Tom Shapcott, Nadia Wheatley, John Kinsella, Chris Mansell, Phillip Mead, Bob Ellis and Michael McGirr.</p>
<p>Thursday 30 June, 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm. Theatre Free</p>	<p>Return of the Nomad - Andrea Stretton in conversation with Robyn Davidson Join writer Robyn Davidson, author of best selling book <i>Tracks</i> and recipient of the 2005 ANU H C Coombs Creative Arts Fellowship, in conversation with arts and literary presenter Andrea Stretton. Robyn will discuss her life as a nomad and expatriate stretching the boundaries of travel literature.</p>

Reader Education, free: BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL, on (02) 6262 1316 or tutorials@nla.gov.au

<p>Thursday 16 June, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Main Reading Room</p>	<p>Catalogue Training: 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..</p>
<p>Wednesday 22 June, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Ferguson Room Free</p>	<p>Getting it all Together: new desktop resources in the reading room Wireless access, MS Office, Downloading and sending documents, newspaper scanning and emailing. Lunchtime talk with Martin Woods, Paul Livingston and Tom Foley.</p>

E-Resource Tutorials, free: BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. To register by phone 6262 1316 or by e-mail tutorials@nla.gov.au.

<p>Tuesday 28 June, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Main Reading Room Thursday 30 June, 10:00 am - 11:00 am Main Reading Room</p>	<p>e-Resource Tutorial – Google Searching and more Learn effective techniques that will enable you to get the best out of your Internet searches. Highlights advanced searching and the invisible web. Come and join a FREE, hands-on session and learn how to use this online resource.</p>
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