



100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Join us for a year of celebrations

Join us for an exciting year as the National Library celebrates 100 years since its birth. Many people are not aware that the National Library was established the same year as the Federation of Australia in 1901, and grew out of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Library. To mark our centenary we are inviting you to come along to the many special events we have planned. Here are a few of the highlights from our Anniversary Calendar.



The Library will continue its tradition of delivering high-quality exhibitions with *Cook & Omai: The Cult of the South Seas* (15 February–29 April 2001). Find out about Omai, the first Tahitian to visit Europe, in 1774. Arriving in England with the crew of Captain Cook's second voyage to the Pacific, Omai was an overnight sensation, celebrated in all the best circles and written about in everything from poetry to pornography!



Don't miss *Belonging: A Century Celebrated* (22 August–18 November 2001), a joint Federation exhibition between the National Library and the National Archives of Australia, the State Library of New South Wales and the State Library of Victoria. Our historical links with the Parliamentary Library will also be celebrated with the *Centenary Exhibition* opening on 2 June 2001, in the Presiding Officer's Gallery at Parliament House.



So that more people can join us in our Anniversary year, the National Library will be extending its online access. Beginning at the National Library in January 2001, *Bunyips—The Travelling Exhibition and*

Internet Experience takes our unique collections on a tour of Australia. The National Library will also release the Barton Manuscript Collection online—4000 digital pages that include letters, personal papers, press-cuttings and photographs.



Come along to *An Inventive Magic: Donald Friend and his Diaries* (23–24 February 2001), a thought-provoking two-day conference exploring Donald Friend's artistic and personal life. Later in the year, the Library will convene another conference, *The Secret Self: Exploring Biography and Autobiography* (October 2001). *The Secret Self* will invite some of Australia's most intriguing authors to reveal the fascinating role of biography in re-inventing the private as public—uncovering family mystery and capturing political life.



To commemorate our Anniversary, there will be a range of new publications and merchandise. *Remarkable Occurrences: The National Library's First 100 Years, 1901–2001*, due for release in April, a beautiful hardcover publication which tells the fascinating stories that lie behind the Library's collections. We will also publish the first volume of *The Donald Friend Diaries*, and as a special keepsake the Library will celebrate 100 years with a limited-edition series of exquisitely handcrafted glass paperweights, which will be available for sale in the National Library Bookshop.



And to finish our Anniversary year on a high note, the National Library is thrilled to bring you some of the most precious items and objects from the world's major libraries in an

international exhibition, *Treasures from the World's Great Libraries*, opening on 6 and 7 December 2001.



Visit our Anniversary web site at www.nla.gov.au/anniversary from 1 January 2001, to find out more about our Anniversary celebrations.

FRIENDS

The year 2001 is one of anniversaries it seems. The Friends of the National Library are planning to celebrate the Library's centenary with funds for a 'special' acquisition and, towards the end of the year, an exclusive 'white gloves' event at which those who attend will be able to handle treasures from the collections.

On Saturday 3 March the Friends will mark the centenary of the Army with an all-day seminar entitled 'The Australian Army: Researching 100 Years of Service'. An impressive line-up of military historians will speak in the morning, and in the afternoon, attendees will break into groups and visit areas of the Library harbouring records of our military history. The day will conclude with an evening viewing of the film *Gallipoli*. The latter will be introduced by Bill Gammage who was the military adviser for the film.

Also, watch this page in the February issue for details of your new Friends committee and a smorgasbord of events for the year ahead.

Have a safe and happy new year.

Lee Kirwan
Executive Officer