

EVENTFUL FRIENDS

Apart from the National Library's Open Day on Sunday 23 September, we look forward this month to one of the Friends' major annual events—the Celebration of the accomplished author and poet, David Malouf.

David Malouf has won numerous literary awards, including the Adelaide Festival Prize for Fiction (1992), the Miles Franklin Award for *The Great World* (1991), the Gold Medal of the Australian Literary Society (1982), the NSW Premier's Award for Fiction for *An Imaginary Life* (1979) and the Commonwealth Writers' Prize. His overseas awards include the inaugural IMPAC Dublin Literary Prize for *Remembering Babylon* (1996) and the French Prix Femina Etranger. He was named the 2000 Laureate of the Neustadt International Prize for Literature by Oklahoma University (USA).

Ivor Indyk, the editor of the new Australian literary journal, *Heat*, has compiled an affectionate tribute to David Malouf, one copy of which will be sent free to every Friend. Contributors to the book, which also contains excerpts from Malouf's work, are the writer Nicholas Jose, the poet Judith Rodriguez who has known Malouf since her teenage years, poet and critic Vivian Smith and his friend, the well-known Irish author Colm Tóibín, who was in Australia in 1999.

Friends and their guests are warmly invited to attend this free tribute to one of Australia's highest literary achievers on Saturday 29 September at 2.30 pm, beginning formally in the National Library Theatre. Afternoon tea will follow in the Foyer where Malouf will sign extra copies of the celebratory book (and copies of his own works), available from the National Library Bookshop.

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If you are going to take advantage of the Open Day to learn more about the National Library, call by the Friends



Lounge for a complimentary cup of tea or coffee. Good Friend Louise Gaudry has kindly volunteered to help on the day and members of the Friends Committee will also be available to answer questions. If you sign up a new member it could be lucky for them—and you as well!

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Last call for what has now become a day trip to Cowra on Saturday 13 October, to have fun and hopefully indulge in that engaging Japanese pastime of viewing the cherry blossoms in the Japanese Garden. We'll transport you by bus to a number of points of interest with morning and afternoon tea and a light lunch (but not wine) included in the price of \$70 per person. Please note that bookings and payment must be finalised by 28 September.

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In closing, a reminder that you will need to produce your membership card to collect the discounts available to you as Friends. These discounts apply to membership holders only, not guests of members, though the management of the *bookplate* café is prepared to make an exception where a Friend pays the bill for an entire party.

Lee Kirwan
Executive Officer

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September–October 2001

Open Day

Come and join the Friends at Open Day—explore your Library from top to bottom and enjoy some of the specially planned events. Visit the Friends lounge for free tea and coffee.

Date: Sunday 23 September

Time: 10 am–4 pm

Free admission

Celebration

This year the Friends celebrate the life and work of one of Australia's greatest living authors, David Malouf.

Date: Saturday 29 September

Time: 2.30 pm

Venue: National Library Theatre and afterwards in the Foyer

Admission free but bookings are essential by 25 September

Great Escape to Cowra

A day trip by bus to the town of Cowra. Come along and view the cherry blossom in the Japanese Garden, visit the site of the POW breakout and sample some of the district's fine wines. Morning and afternoon tea and a light lunch are included in the price.

Date: Saturday 13 October

Time: An early start (around 8.00 am from the front steps of the NLA) to 6.00 pm

Cost: \$70 per person

Bookings and payment to the Friends Office, Tel. 6262 1698, by 28 September

For all bookings, details of membership and subscriptions, contact:

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(above) Alec T. Bolton (1926–1996)
Portrait of David Malouf, Manly, 1984
(detail)

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