

March News

I know that since the success of the last one, many of you have been keenly anticipating the next White Gloves event, so I am delighted to let you know that this month, one of the most fascinating genres of the National Collection will be on display at a very special Friends event.

Revealing Ephemera will explore some of the little known, rare and elusive treasures (many are as yet uncatalogued) from the Australian ephemera collection. Items on display will include theatre programmes, invitations, travel brochures and posters, advertising catalogues, menus, junk mail, and some other oddities and surprises! The colour and power of advertising, iconic imagery, vivid social history, popular culture and instant nostalgia awaits those who attend.

Ros McDonald, Manager of Australian Collection Development, has been kind enough to allow access to these collection items, some of which are extremely fragile and valuable. The event will be presented by new Friends Committee member Richard Stone. Many will be familiar with Richard, as he only retired from the National Library in 2000 after a long career as a senior librarian. After gaining experience in many areas of

the Library, including as Liaison Officer in New York, Richard specialised in the development of the Library's printed Australiana collections where his responsibilities included the acquisition and control of printed ephemeral publications. Richard has written widely and presented conference papers in Australia and overseas on collecting Australiana, on printed ephemera and on performing arts documentation. Richard currently works with AusStage, the university-based online index and gateway to Australia's performing arts history, and is an active volunteer at the Library. As well, he is completing a book on the National Library's Ephemera Collection, to be published in 2005. As with other White Gloves events, this is a must-see, as it will be a rare opportunity to see these items at close hand. Join Richard and the Friends for this special event, followed by refreshments.

James Halligan
Executive Officer

Printed material related to the
sound recordings collection
Ephemera Collection



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2004

Friends Special Event
Revealing Ephemera
Presented by Richard Stone
Thursday 25 March, 6 pm
Conference Room
Tickets: \$20 Friends, \$25 Others
Bookings essential, places limited:
(02) 6262 1698 or email
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For bookings, details of membership
and subscriptions, contact:
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Memorial for Warren Horton

**Director-General,
National Library of Australia,
1985-1999**

Jan Fullerton, Director-General, and staff of the National Library of Australia are hosting a celebration of Warren Horton's career at 6 pm on Friday, 26 March 2004 at the National Library. If you would like to join us in remembering Warren and his significant contribution to the library profession, please phone (02) 6262 1122 or email rsvp@nla.gov.au by 23 March.