



November Friends

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Frank Moorhouse, A Celebration

Date: Sunday 14 November,

Time: 2 pm

Venue: Theatre and Foyer,

admission by donation

Bookings essential: (02) 6262 1698 or

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above: Donald Friend (1915–1989)
Shoppers at Night, Bondi Junction Mall
(detail)

From 'Ayam-Ayam Kesayangan'
Manuscript Collection MS5959, Item 2

right: Alec Bolton (1926–1996)
[Portrait of Frank Moorhouse,
Balmain] 1985
print, gelatin silver on
resin-coated paper
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Last month I mentioned that the Friends of the National Library of Australia is holding its annual Celebration event on Sunday 14 November, this year honouring the author Frank Moorhouse. Previously the achievements of Alec Bolton, Geoffrey Serle, Katharine Brisbane, Ruth Park, Rosemary Dobson, David Malouf, Michael Leunig, Tim Winton, Mem Fox and David Williamson have been celebrated.

Frank Moorhouse began his writing career with the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* as a cadet journalist and later worked on several country newspapers. In 1963 he became the editor of *The Australian Worker* which led to his involvement as a union organiser for the Workers Education Association and the Australian Journalists Association. He has received many awards during his career, starting in 1964 with the Banjo Paterson Short Story Competition, for *Walking Out*. In 1985 Frank Moorhouse was made a member of the Order of Australia and continued his writing career with further award winning short stories and novels. In 2001 he won the Miles Franklin Award for his novel, *Dark Palace*, a companion novel to the earlier *Grand Days*. He has previously been a recipient of the National Library's Harold White Fellowship and has honoured the National Library with the gift of his papers.

The Celebration book this year has been compiled with contributions from Associate Professor Catharine Lumby and Professor Bruce Bennett AO. Catharine Lumby, a widely published print journalist, is Associate Professor of Media Studies at the University of Sydney. Bruce Bennett is Professor of English with the University of New South Wales at the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra and will be launching the publication *Frank Moorhouse: A Celebration* at the event.

The Celebration is taking place on Sunday 14 November at 2 pm in the National Library Theatre. After speeches in the theatre, the proceedings will move into the National Library Foyer for book signings and afternoon tea with Frank and his colleagues.

Please join us for this special event and remember, bookings with the Friends Office are essential.

A reminder that nominations for the Friends Committee close at 5 pm on Friday 5 November 2004. All Friends members are eligible to join the committee so if you are interested please fill in a nomination form. The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the National Library of Australia Inc. will be held at 6 pm on Tuesday, 7 December in the National Library Theatre, followed by the Friends Christmas Party at around 7 pm. For Christmas Party bookings, please call the Friends Office on (02) 6262 1698. All members are welcome to attend.

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Acting Executive Officer

