



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Lunchtime talk

Committee member John Chapman will talk about his work classifying the Library's vast collection of maritime photographs

**Date:** Thursday 21 October

**Time:** 12.30 pm

**Venue:** Friends Lounge

**Admission:** Free

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# October Friends

It is time again for the annual nominations for the Friends Committee. To nominate, you will need to fill in a nomination form, available from the Friend's Office (see contact details on this page). This form must include the consent of the nominee, and the names of the nominator and seconder. All three must be financial members of the Friends. The Executive Officer must receive the nomination form no later than 5 pm on Friday, 5 November 2004.

The Director-General of the National Library, Jan Fullerton, is a member ex officio, and the Director-General nominates two Library staff members, and appoints the Executive Officer who attends all meetings of the committee. The Chair, Deputy Chair and Treasurer are elected by the committee at the first committee meeting following the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the National Library of Australia Inc. will be held on Tuesday 7 December at 6 pm in the National Library Theatre, followed by the Friends Christmas Party. All members are welcome to attend.

The Norfolk Island visit in July proved to be a wonderful occasion for all who travelled. The group spent a week on the island, their visit coinciding with the Norfolk Island Writers and Readers Festival. Most took advantage of this and attended various sessions of the festival whilst spending free time exploring the island. The group listened to many fascinating speakers including

Yvonne Cramer, Professor Martin Canny, Professor Margaret McCully, Dr Pam Bell and local historians Les Brown and Alice Buffet. The topics ranged from the story of convict John Grant, to the preservation of Norfolk Island's language, to the fascinating history of Norfolk Island pines. Many thanks for the work of Warwick Bradney, Yvonne Cramer and all those who made this tour such a great success.

Each year the Friends of the National Library of Australia holds a Celebration event to commemorate a writer, publisher, illustrator or printer who has made a significant contribution to the Australian book world. This year the Friends will be honouring the author Frank Moorhouse who, in 2001, won the Miles Franklin Award for *Dark Palace*, the companion to his 1993 novel *Grand Days*. Make a note in your diary that the Celebration event will be held at the Library on Sunday, 14 November at 2 pm.

This month's event will be committee member John Chapman speaking about his work in the Library's Picture Branch classifying over 10 000 photographs of all types of ships. The talk will describe the history and organisation of the collection and the evolution of ships over the past two centuries. Please join us on Thursday, 21 October at 12.30 pm in the Friends Lounge for a lunchtime talk with John.

LAUREN DONALD  
Acting Executive Officer



Director-General of the National Library of Australia, Jan Fullerton, with Harry and Penny Seidler. Professor Seidler gave the Kenneth Myer Lecture for 2004

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

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