



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friends Event

New Members Evening

Tuesday 18 January, 5.30 pm – 7 pm

Bookings Essential: 6262 1698

Entry by gold coin donation, Podium

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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

January Friends

Welcome, new Friends and old, to the New Year. I hope that everyone has been enjoying the festive season.

On Sunday 14 November the Friends of the National Library of Australia celebrated the achievements of Frank Moorhouse. The Friends Celebration is an annual event to honour the work of any person who has contributed significantly to the creation of books and literary culture in Australia. The award was designed by the Friends to honour the recipient but also to attract nationwide media and community attention to the Friends organisation, and, more importantly, to the National Library of Australia. It was developed with the idea of revealing the Library's focus on serving the nation as well as the ACT region.

Professor Bruce Bennett and Associate Professor Catharine Lumby both contributed essays to the book *Frank Moorhouse: A Celebration* published by the National Library of Australia, and both were present on the day. Professor Bennett delivered an engaging speech about Frank and his life, and launched the Celebration publication. Apart from the essays, the book also includes excerpts from works by Frank and passages from an oral history interview conducted by Hazel de Berg in 1974. At the conclusion of the launch, Frank entertained the audience

with anecdotes from his career as a journalist and writer and answered questions from captivated listeners. Guests then moved to the foyer where they had the opportunity to talk to Frank and ask further questions while their books were signed. Members who did not attend on the day should by now have received their complimentary copy of the book through the mail. If for any reason you missed out, please contact the Friends Office.

The National Library's latest exhibition *In a New Light: Australian Photography 1930s – 2000* opened in December. The Friends are holding a special event on Tuesday 8 February with Helen Ennis, the curator of the exhibition. Helen will be conducting a walk and talk through the exhibition and will provide some fascinating insights into the photographic works on display. Numbers are limited due to the small size of the exhibition space so please ensure you book your place.

I hope to see many of our new members at our New Members Evening, to be held on Tuesday 18 January starting at 5.30 pm. Please come and join the new Friends Committee to celebrate the new year. Refreshments are being provided and bookings are essential.

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