



# September Friends

## FRIENDS EVENT

*Perfect Match or Perfect Marketing:  
The Science of Speed Dating*

Lish Hogge

Your chance to speed-date without  
really speed-dating

**Date:** Friday 22 September

**Time:** 6.00 pm

**Venue:** Foyer

**Cost:** \$20 Friends, \$25 non-members

**Bookings essential:** (02) 6262 1698

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

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Does it surprise you that 45 per cent of women make up their minds within 30 seconds of meeting a mate about whether or not they have 'partner potential'? That, according to research drawn from a speed-dating experiment in Edinburgh, compares to only 22 per cent of men. So how do we come to these conclusions when we are single and seeking a mate? Can you explain why 'What's your favourite pizza topping?' is a better pick up line than 'I have a PhD in computing'?

*Perfect Match or Perfect Marketing: The Science of Speed-Dating* is an interactive event for anyone interested in human nature and the laws of attraction. Presented by Lish Hogge, who is passionate about science, it will be a fun and mind-blowing insight into the way we operate. *Perfect Match or Perfect Marketing* will be held in the foyer of the National Library at 6 pm on Friday 22 September. Entertainment will be provided by Liz Frencham (of the wonderful folk band JigZag) and there will be a cash bar for refreshments. Bookings are essential on (02) 6262 1698. Tickets cost \$20 for Friends and \$25 for non-members. And when you book, you need to tell us what your favourite pizza topping is!

Now that your Friday night is arranged, what are you going to do that weekend? *Love and Desire: Literature and the Intimate*, a major National Library of Australia conference, begins at the Library the next morning. Literature continually presents the reader with themes of love, desire and the intimate. What do writers themselves think of the scenes of intimacy and desire that they depict? Join a wide range of outstanding authors, including David Malouf, Fiona Giles, Brenda Walker, Brian Castro, Charlotte Wood, Gail Jones, Carmel Bird, Helen Ennis, Dorothy Porter, Deborah Robertson and Marion Halligan as they discuss themes such as writing as a form of intimate exchange and a way of enacting desire. *Love and Desire* will be held on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 September. A full program is available at [www.nla.gov.au](http://www.nla.gov.au), and Friends can register for the special price of \$90 (two days) or \$50 (one day). Full price is \$110 (two days) and \$60 (one day). For bookings phone (02) 6262 271. I can't think of a better way to spend your weekend.

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