

March Friends

Canberra Series Lecture:

Marion Le

Date: Wednesday 21 March

Time: 12.30 – 1.30 pm

Venue: Friends Lounge

Cost: \$5

Bookings essential: (02) 6262 1698
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The aim of this series is to provide eminent Canberrans with the opportunity to speak about their work or a particular aspect of it. The lectures will be held quarterly and will include speakers from all fields of endeavour.

Our first lecture will be presented by Marion Le, a well known refugee advocate. She is a human rights lawyer, a registered migration agent, and has been a consultant with the Departments of Education and Ethnic Affairs, specialising in the areas of refugee and migration law, and Chinese and Indo-Chinese relations. Marion has consulted widely on cultural issues both within Australia and in Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia and with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. She was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 1990, the Austcare Paul Cullen Award for Outstanding Contribution to Refugees in 1994, and the Human Rights Medal in 2003.

Marion Le is a passionate and engaging speaker who will take this opportunity to reflect on her experiences as a human rights and refugee advocate both at home and abroad. In particular she will focus on the current situations in Afghanistan and Iraq. I urge you not to miss this lecture on what is a very

topical subject. The first Canberra Series lecture for 2007 will be held on Wednesday 21 March, 12.30 – 1.30 pm in the Friends Lounge. There is an entry fee of \$5, payable at the door, and bookings are essential on (02) 6262 1698 or friends@nla.gov.au.

To celebrate the acquisition of a collection of papers relating to the life and career of Patrick White, the National Library will host a special event: The Journalist, The Dealer, The Scholar and Patrick White, on Friday 30 March. David Marr ('The Journalist'), Nicholas Pounder ('The Dealer') and Professor Elizabeth Webby ('The Scholar') will share personal recollections and responses to the discovery of Patrick White's literary archive. Chaired by Marie-Louise Ayres, the discussion will offer an intriguing view of a complex literary character. This free seminar will be held in the theatre from 12 – 1.30 pm and bookings are essential on (02) 6262 1271. Selected items from the Patrick White Collection will also be on display from 10 am – 4 pm. Please note that, due to the level of interest generated by these papers, you should be prepared for possible queues when viewing the collection.

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