



January Friends

Happy New Year! I hope the holiday season has been a relaxing time for you and has brought you some valuable reading time.

If Peter Temple's *The Broken Shore* was one of the books you read over the holidays, or if you plan to read it over the next couple of weeks, then you might like to join the Friends Book Club for their January meeting when they'll discuss the themes of this book. The book club meets regularly on the last Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in the Friends Lounge, and new members are always welcome. This is a free event for members of the Friends of the Library, but bookings are required on (02) 6262 1551.

The annual Friends of the National Library's New Members Evening will be held on Tuesday 12 February, 5.30–7.30 pm. This event is designed as a welcome for everyone who joined the Friends program in 2007, and to give you a chance to meet other Friends of the Library. There will be refreshments served, live music, and a not-to-be-missed behind-the-scenes tour with our Events and Education Manager, Heidi Pritchard. This event is free to all our new members, but bookings are essential for catering purposes, on (02) 6262 1698 or email: friends@nla.gov.au.

If you haven't already seen it, make sure you don't miss the National Library's latest exhibition, *Pioneers of the Inland: Australia's Muslim Cameleers 1860s–1930s*. This fascinating exhibition reveals the remarkable contribution which Australia's first Muslim community made to the exploration and settlement of Australia's arid interior. The stories of Muslim explorers and pioneers provide an intriguing counterbalance to the dominant white explorer legends of Central Australia. This display can be seen in the Exhibition Gallery until 17 February.

The Library will also be screening a great summer series of documentaries during January and February. Films to be shown are: *The Flight of the Gossamer Condor* (23 January, 12.30 pm), *Eternity* (30 January, 12.30 pm), *The Weeping Camel* (7 February, 6 pm), *Black Chicks Talking* (13 February, 12.30 pm), *Land Mines: A Love Story* (14 February, 6 pm), and *Mad Hot Ballroom* (21 February, 6 pm). Entry is by gold coin donation and bookings are not required.

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Friends of the National Library of Australia

Friends Monthly Book Club

For Friends of the NLA only. This month's book is *The Broken Shore* by Peter Temple.

Date: Tuesday 29 January

Time: 7–8.30 pm

Venue: Friends Lounge

Bookings: (02) 6262 1551,
or friends@nla.gov.au

New Members Evening

An evening event for all who became Friends of the NLA in 2007

Date: Tuesday 12 February

Time: 5.30–7.30 pm

Venue: Foyer

Cost: FREE

Bookings essential: (02) 6262 1698,
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National Library of Australia Treasures Gallery

Treasure of the Month

This page from James Cook's *Endeavour* journal shows his renaming 'Stingray Bay' as Botany Bay in honour of Joseph Banks' discoveries there. Cook's journal of the 'remarkable occurrences' of his First Voyage is the National Library's most celebrated and significant manuscript.



6 May 1770
Cook's Journal showing the naming of Botany Bay

Help us build our Treasures Gallery

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Each month, *National Library of Australia News* will feature an item that may be displayed in the future Gallery. Your contribution to the Treasures Gallery Appeal will help us realise our goal.

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