



June Friends

Cultural Landscapes of Asia: Hidden Gems

A lecture by Emeritus Professor
Ken Taylor.

Date: Wednesday 11 June

Time: 6.00 – 7.00 pm, followed by
light refreshments

Venue: Conference Room, National
Library of Australia

Cost: \$10 Friends and members
of the Australian Garden History
Society; \$15 non-members

Bookings: (02) 6262 1698, or
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Friends Monthly Book Club

For Friends of the NLA only.
This month's book is *Diary of a Bad
Year* by J.M. Coetzee.

Date: Tuesday 24 June

Time: 7.00 – 8.30 pm

Venue: Friends Lounge

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This month the Friends of the National Library, in conjunction with the Australian Garden History Society, presents the lecture 'Cultural Landscapes of Asia: Hidden Gems'.

Taking iconographic examples such as Angkor Wat (Kampuchea), Borobudur (Indonesia) and Bagan (Myanmar), as well as examples of ordinary everyday places, this illustrated lecture looks at the concept of enduring heritage significance and considers these places, in wider terms, as cultural landscapes. Why are such places outstanding examples of a continuous living or nourishing tradition and history? The lecture considers how celebrated architectural monuments are a component of the wider cultural landscape pattern to which they are inextricably tied—the intriguing histories of their settings, and the day-to-day lives of ordinary people shaping that landscape. It argues that seeing the monuments without seeing this wider setting is akin to seeing the leaves but not the tree. Similarly, in considering more ordinary, everyday places, we need to understand the link between people, setting and sense of place.

This lecture will be given by Emeritus Professor Ken Taylor, Adjunct Professor in the Research School of Humanities at the

Australian National University, and Visiting Professor at Silpakorn University, Bangkok. Professor Taylor is a former Director of the Cultural Heritage Research Centre, University of Canberra. He has published nationally and internationally on cultural sites, their meanings and values and on landscape conservation. He is a member of the International Council on Monuments and Sites Scientific Committee, and has acted as a consultant to UNESCO, including presenting a paper at the 2003 UNESCO Fourth International Experts' Meeting in Borobudur, Indonesia, on Historical Landscape Planning. He is currently co-writing a book on cultural mapping for ASEAN countries.

To hear more about cultural landscapes in Asia, don't miss this fascinating lecture. The event will be held at 6 pm on Wednesday 11 June in the Library's Conference Room. The entry fee is \$10 for Friends and Australian Garden History Society members, and \$15 for non-members, which includes drinks after the lecture. To book, contact the Friends office on (02) 6262 1698 or email friends@nla.gov.au. I hope to see you there.

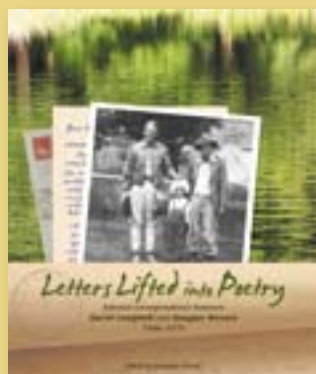
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Shoppers at Night, Bondi Junction Mall
(detail)

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Printed copies of the form are available from:
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National Library of Australia Treasures Gallery

Treasure of the Month

This kookaburra portrait comes from the Library's Ducie Collection, containing 56 watercolours by George Raper, an 18-year-old midshipman on the flag ship *Sirius*. One of the most talented of the First Fleet artists, his works depict the birds and flowers of the Port Jackson area (Sydney), as seen between 1788 and 1790, reflecting the awe and wonder of this first encounter.

The Raper paintings were purchased from the Ducie/Moreton family, in England, in October 2005, having been discovered in an outbuilding of an English manor in 2004. Because the folio had been closed away from light and left undisturbed for more than 200 years, the paint seems as fresh and brilliant as when first applied.

This work and other Raper paintings were copied by his superior officer, Captain John Hunter, for his 'Birds & Flowers of New South Wales, Drawn on the Spot in 1788, '89 and '90', held in the Library's Rex Nan Kivell Collection. Raper's kookaburra toured Australia as part of the Library's *National Treasures* exhibition, 2005–2007.



George Raper (1769–1796)
[Laughing Kookaburra (*Dacelo novaeguineae*) 1789?]
watercolour; 40.7 x 32.0 cm
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The National Library's collection has been growing since its foundation in 1901, and contains many items of national importance. To make these more accessible to the public, the Library is planning a Treasures Gallery to showcase them, with accompanying interpretation and the highest standards of preservation. Telling the stories of Australia's history and culture, the Gallery will be a must-see destination for all Australians. Each month, *National Library of Australia News* will feature an item to be displayed in the future Gallery.

Your donation to the Treasures Gallery Appeal will help us realise our goal.

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