

November Friends

Tony and Maureen Wheeler: A Celebration

Celebrate the life and work of the creators of the Lonely Planet travel guidebooks.

Date: Saturday 8 November

Time: 2 – 4 pm

Venue: Theatre and Foyer

Cost: free

Bookings: (02) 6262 1698
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Friends Monthly Book Club

For Friends of the National Library only. This month's book is Blue Ribbons, Bitter Bread:

*The Life of Joice NanKivell Loch—
Australia's Most Heroic Woman
by Susanna de Vries*

Date: Tuesday 25 November

Time: 7 – 8.30 pm

Venue: Friends Lounge

Bookings: (02) 6262 1551
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Friends AGM and Christmas Party

Date: Monday 8 December

Time: AGM at 5.30 pm,
Christmas party at 6 pm

Venue: AGM in Theatre,
Christmas party in Foyer

Cost: \$15

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Donald Friend (1915–1989)
Shoppers at Night, Bondi Junction Mall
(detail)

From 'Ayam-Ayam Kesayangan'
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As the Friends events program begins to wind down for 2008, this month sees one of our biggest annual events, the Celebration. Each year, the Friends of the National Library honour the work of someone who has contributed significantly to the creation of books and book culture in Australia. This year's joint recipients are Tony and Maureen Wheeler, founders of the internationally successful *Lonely Planet* travel guidebooks. The Celebration will be held on Saturday 8 November at 2 pm in the National Library's Theatre. Although this event may have been booked out by the time this magazine goes to print, you should, if you are interested, phone the Friends office on (02) 6262 1698 or email friends@nla.gov.au, as we often have last minute cancellations. The event is free and an afternoon tea in the Foyer will follow the proceedings.

Although not a Friends event, an evening not to be missed will be 'Amazing Women at the National Library', which has been put together by the Library's Events staff. This evening event, on Friday 21 November, gives you the chance to dress up for a glamorous evening of cocktails and conversation. Four well-known women who are making amazing contributions to Australian life,

plus a special guest MC, will talk about the Australian women who have inspired them in their personal and professional lives. The entry price of \$50 (\$45 concession) includes cocktails and finger food throughout the evening, live music, and the chance to mingle with guests and our speakers. Further details are available on the Library's website at www.nla.gov.au/apps/events/ or phone (02) 6262 1271.

Finally, I would like to remind you that the Friends Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 8 December in the Theatre of the National Library. All Friends are welcome and the meeting will be followed by our Christmas party in the Library Foyer, where you can chat with fellow Friends over light refreshments and enjoy live music. The Bookshop will also be offering all Friends a 20% discount on items for this night only, a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping. Tickets to the Christmas party are restricted to Friends only and are available at \$15 per person. For bookings, contact the Friends office on (02) 6262 1698.

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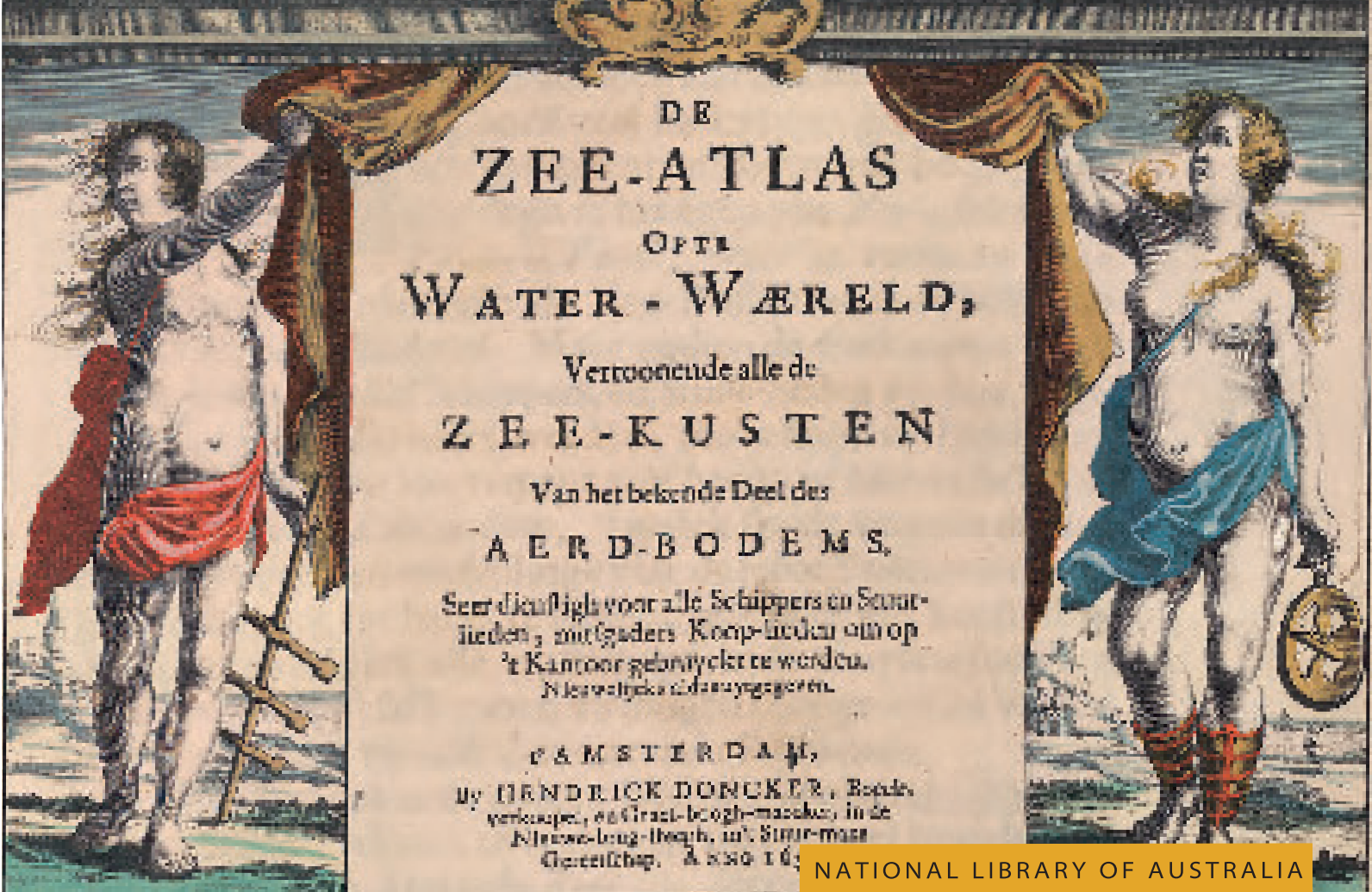
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Hendrick Doncker's *De Zee-Atlas*

De Zee-Atlas, or *The Sea Atlas*, is a collector's edition of the actual charts which would have been used by Dutch mariners of the day. First published in 1659, Doncker's popular atlas remained in print for more than 50 years.

Although acquired by the Australian Government in 1909, it was not until later that the Library's copy was found to be the only surviving first edition anywhere in the world. This slim book contains 19 charts of the then known world, with a truncated western portion of the Australian continent featuring on the *Mar di India* map. The final edition of the atlas, published in 1712 after Doncker's death, contained 77 charts.

The atlas was the work of prolific Dutch cartographer Hendrick Doncker (1626–1699), who for more than half a century compiled and sold navigation charts and aids, including pilot guides, sea atlases and books on the art of navigation. *De Zee-Atlas* is his best-known work.

This rare book's cover of plain vellum belies its colourful contents: each map is richly illustrated and decorated with gold leaf, and the title of each plate is surrounded by a cartouche (an oval or shield decorated with ornamental scrollwork).

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