



# Friends

of the National Library of Australia

BOOKINGS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL FRIENDS EVENTS. Please call (02) 6262 1698 or email friends@nla.gov.au to secure your place.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Friends Autumn Day Tour: A History of Gundagai—The Two Rivers

Join the Friends for a day tour to Gundagai, New South Wales, focusing on the history of the area.

Saturday 4 April • 7.30 am – 5 pm

Cost: \$85 Friends, \$100 non-members

### Ballets Russes in Australia 1936–1940

An exclusive viewing of the Library's new exhibition, *Ballets Russes in Australia 1936–1940*, led by Dance Curator Lee Christofis. For Friends only.

Friday 17 April • 6–7.30 pm • Visitor Centre

Cost: \$15 (includes light refreshments)

### A Monster at Heart: The Romances of Frankenstein

Join Dr Rich Pascal for a lecture and group discussion of the gothic classic *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley.

Tuesday 28 April • 6 pm • Friends

Lounge

Cost: \$10 Friends, \$15 non-members

(includes light refreshments)

### Restaging the Ballets Russes:

#### An Afternoon with Artists of The Australian Ballet

Discover what goes into recreating a work by the Ballets Russes. Join The Australian Ballet's Wendy Walker (Ballet Mistress and Repetiteur), Nicolette Fraillon (Music Director and Chief Conductor) and dancers for an insight into the restaging process.

Sunday 24 May • 2–3.30 pm • Theatre

Cost: \$20 Friends, \$30 non-members

## OF INTEREST

The Library's events team has also put together a great program of autumn events. Full details are contained in the Library's *What's On* guide (available at the reception desk in the Library foyer). Highlights include:

### The Prime Ministers: Biography and Public Life

 FRIDAY 13 MARCH

A free seminar exploring the challenges of writing prime ministerial biographies. The seminar will feature writers Jenny Hocking, Peter van Onselen and David Day.

### The Voss Project

 FRIDAY 15 MAY

As part of the Canberra International Music Festival, the Library is offering a rare opportunity to view collection items relating to Patrick White's novel, *Voss* (1957). Some of the greats of the Australian opera scene will reflect on the translation of White's novel into an opera.

## FRIENDS BOOK CLUB

Friends of the National Library of Australia are welcome to join the free monthly book club for literary discussions. The meetings are run by participants and each month a group member volunteers to facilitate the discussion.

- *Lieutenant* by Kate Grenville  
Tuesday 31 March, 7–8.30 pm
- *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley  
(special lecture, see 'Forthcoming Events')  
Tuesday 28 April, 6 pm
- *The Gathering* by Anne Enright  
Tuesday 26 May, 7–8.30 pm

All meetings are held in the Friends Lounge.



## NATIONAL LIBRARY BOOKSHOP SPECIAL OFFER

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### TREASURED PARTNERS

Work on the Library's Treasures Gallery will commence in 2009. The planned new gallery, to be located on the ground floor, will enable us to show off the best of the Library's collections, bringing our greatest treasures and their stories to life.

The Treasures Gallery will be the result of the generous donations of people who support the initiative. Why not join these supporters in becoming a Treasured Partner of the Library?

### SUPPORT A BOOK

If you love to curl up with a good book, then keep a lookout for the Library's recently launched Support a Book program. Supporting a book in your own name or as a unique gift for someone else is a great way to help the Library care for its remarkable collections. All donations will fund conservation work on collection items. There is a range of books and support levels to choose from.

LEFT  
Catholic Church  
*Book of Hours* c.1500  
vellum book of 139 leaves; 16.0 cm  
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[nla.ms-ms1097-6](http://nla.ms-ms1097-6)

### DONATIONS

The next time you visit the Library, don't forget to leave a donation in our Donations Box, located on the ground floor. Please provide your contact details on one of the envelopes provided if you would like to be sent a receipt.

If you are unable to visit the Library, you can still make a contribution either online or by contacting us directly.



George Raper (1769–1796)  
*Crimson Rosella (Platycercus elegans)*  
watercolour; 40.8 x 32.0 cm  
Pictures Collection  
[nla.pic-vn3579081](http://nla.pic-vn3579081)

### RECENT NEWS

Late last year, members and friends of the Library's Heritage Collectors' Circle enjoyed a walk in Sydney's Mosman Bay, following in the footsteps of First Fleet artist George Raper (1769–1796). Pictures Curator Linda Groom transported the group back to 1788–1789, when HMS *Sirius* was careened in the area and midshipman Raper painted images of local birds and flowers. These remarkable drawings and paintings are now held in the Library's collection.

To learn more about Raper's work, go to [www.nla.gov.au/exhibitions/georgeraper](http://www.nla.gov.au/exhibitions/georgeraper).

To explore the Library's digitised collections, visit [www.nla.gov.au/digicoll](http://www.nla.gov.au/digicoll).

**HERITAGE COLLECTORS' CIRCLE**  
Specialist collectors of rare heritage and cultural material are invited to become members of the Library's 'Heritage Collectors' Circle'. The membership recognises your status as a serious collector and provides a rare opportunity to engage with the Library's wealth of heritage and cultural material.



**NEW**

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*Susan Hall*

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*Stephanie Owen-Reeder*

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ISBN 978-0-642-27687-2  
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RRP \$24.95



**NEW**

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*Susan Hall*

Is she that bird with the pink feathers? ... the big beak? ... the round eyes? ... the skinny legs? Learn about Australian birds with this lift-the-flap book from the National Library of Australia. Use the visual clues to guess which flap hides the penguin, the owl, the pelican or the eagle, and help the baby bird to find its mother!



ISBN 978-0-642-27679-7  
2009, pb, 210 x 190 mm,  
28pp, colour illus.  
RRP \$17.95

**NEW**

**ELLIS ROWAN'S FAIRY WORLD**  
*Susan Hall*

Ellis Rowan's wonderful paintings have a special secret to share. Can you spot the fairies and elves hiding among the flowers? What do you think they look like? Lift the flap and find out! As well as enjoying the beautiful pictures and charming rhymes in *Ellis Rowan's Fairy World*, you can also read some fascinating facts about these flowering plants.

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