



# Friends

of the National Library of Australia

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### LUNCHTIME LIBRARY TOUR

#### Australian War Memorial's Research Centre

Join the Friends for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the Australian War Memorial's Research Centre.

Friends are to make their own way to the Memorial and meet in the Orientation Gallery to begin the tour.

Tuesday 23 March • 12.30 pm

Orientation Gallery, Australian War Memorial • Gold coin donation • Bookings are essential, as places are limited

### AUTUMN BOOK CLUB LECTURE

Join the Friends for a special Book Club Lecture to discuss the life and work of Jane Austen.

Tuesday 25 May • 6 pm • Friends Lounge  
\$10 Friends, \$15 non-members (includes refreshments)

### SPECIAL JOINT LECTURE

#### presented in association with the Australian Garden History Society

In this special joint lecture, 'Literary Landscapes', author Trisha Dixon will discuss the connection between people and landscape.

Wednesday 2 June • 6 pm • Conference Room • \$10 for Friends and members of the Australian Garden History Society; \$15 for non-members (includes refreshments)

### WEEKEND VISIT

#### St Clements Retreat, Galong

Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 May

Galong, New South Wales, was first established as a pastoral property in the 1830s by Irish convict Ned Ryan. Today, the historic location has been developed by the Redemptorist order into a beautiful, modern retreat.

Highlights of the weekend will include talks on the history of Galong, special tours of the property and a formal dinner in the Galong Castle dining room.

Please call the Friends Coordinator or go to [www.nla.gov.au/events](http://www.nla.gov.au/events) for accommodation prices • Participants are to make their own way to Galong • Bookings are essential, as places are limited

### FREE FILM SCREENINGS

The Friends of the National Library in association with the Reel McCoy Film Society present fortnightly film screenings exclusively for members of both organisations.

Membership cards must be shown at the door and membership to either organisation can be arranged on the night. The full movie program can be viewed online at [www.nla.gov.au/events](http://www.nla.gov.au/events) or please call 02 6262 1698 for further information.

Movies commence at 6 pm in the Library's Theatre. Bookings not required.

**Please note:** The screening of *Baby Doll* scheduled for Wednesday 31 March has been moved to Thursday 1 April

### FRIENDS BOOK CLUB

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

- *The Pages* by Murray Bail  
30 March • 7–8.30 pm
- *Human Traces* by Sebastian Faulks  
27 April • 7–8.30 pm
- 'Jane Austen' special Autumn Book Club Lecture  
25 May • 6–8 pm

All meetings are held in the Friends Lounge



### NATIONAL LIBRARY BOOKSHOP

#### SPECIAL OFFER

Reclusive philosopher Wesley Antill spent much of his life toiling away in the shed on his family's sheep station in western New South Wales. He has died and Erica, a philosopher, is sent from Sydney to appraise Antill's life work. The pages lie untouched in the shed, just as he left them—a mystery as to what they will reveal and where this journey of discovery will take Erica and her travelling companion Sophie.

*The Pages* is a beguiling meditation on friendship and love, on men and women, on landscape and the difficulties of thought itself.



#### *The Pages*

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# SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL LIBRARY: NEW VISTAS



After the Ray Mathew Lecture (from left): Sir James Gobbo, Chair of the National Library, Geraldine Brooks and Jan Fullerton, the Library's Director-General



LEFT Robyn Holmes, Curator of Music at the Library, speaks with Larry Sitsky during his birthday celebration



Larry Sitsky watches Geoffrey Lancaster and Angela Giblin performing two songs from *The Jade Harp: Seven Songs for Voice and Fortepiano* (2007)



The home page of the Larry Sitsky website, [www.nla.gov.au/exhibitions/sitsky](http://www.nla.gov.au/exhibitions/sitsky)

## THE MUSICAL JOURNEY OF LARRY SITSKY

The National Library of Australia recently joined the Australian National University School of Music to celebrate Larry Sitsky's milestone 75th birthday. The special event was held on the evening of Friday 11 September 2009 and attracted some 250 friends, colleagues and supporters. The Library launched the Larry Sitsky website, made possible by the generous support and work of Sitsky's former student Dr Marcia Ruff Hewitt and featuring the beautiful photographs of Heide Smith.



## NEW ACQUISITION

The Library recently acquired the archive of Australian photographer Peter Dombrovskis (1945–1996). Comprising 3580 transparencies, the archive documents the Australian wilderness in Tasmania, Fraser Island and other parts of the country.

Peter Dombrovskis (1945–1996)  
*Morning Light on Little Horn, Cradle Mountain—Lake St Clair National Park, Tasmania* 1995  
Pictures Collection, [nla.pic-an24365564](http://nla.pic-an24365564)

## PATRONS' EVENT WITH THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

Many people support the Library and their generosity is greatly appreciated. In 2009, the National Library of Australia Fund was established to further assist in developing the Library's remarkable collections and making them accessible to all Australians. On Wednesday 23 September, Director-General Jan Fullerton hosted a special collection viewing event to personally thank Patron level contributors of the new Fund.

From left: Dr Ron Houghton, John Ulm, Angela Thorn, Nanette Houghton and Dr Marion Amies viewing collection material



## KENNETH BINNS LECTURE

Generously supported annually by Alison Sanchez, the Kenneth Binns Lecture was delivered by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Geraldine Brooks on Saturday 24 October 2009. Part of the Library's conference, 'The Flight of the Mind: Writing and the Creative Imagination', Brooks' talk, 'Hearing Voices and Other Close Encounters with the Dead', was a stimulating account of her search in unlikely places for characters for her works.

## INAUGURAL RAY MATHEW MEMORIAL LECTURE

On Thursday 22 October 2009, Geraldine Brooks also gave the inaugural Ray Mathew Lecture, 'The Opportunity of Distance' (see page 8). Supported by the Ray Mathew and Eva Kollsman Trust and, in 2009, by the Embassy of the United States of America, it is intended that the lecture will be delivered annually by an Australian living abroad. The lecture is named in honour of the Australian poet and playwright, Ray Mathew, who left Australia in the late 1960s, never to return. Mathew spent most of his life living in the New York apartment of his patrons, Eva and Paul Kollsman. He died in 2002. The Ray Mathew and Eva Kollsman Trust is a generous bequest, made to the Library by Eva Kollsman, to support and promote the work of Australian contemporary writers.

**YOUR DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE!** A gift to the Library helps to ensure that we continue to acquire and offer access to materials of national significance, protect our remarkable collections and contribute to the vitality of Australia's culture and learning resources. Follow the links at [www.nla.gov.au/supportus/](http://www.nla.gov.au/supportus/) to find out how to donate to the Library—or contact the Development Office on 02 6262 1770 or [development@nla.gov.au](mailto:development@nla.gov.au) \* Donations over \$2 are tax deductible \* ABN 28 346 858 075

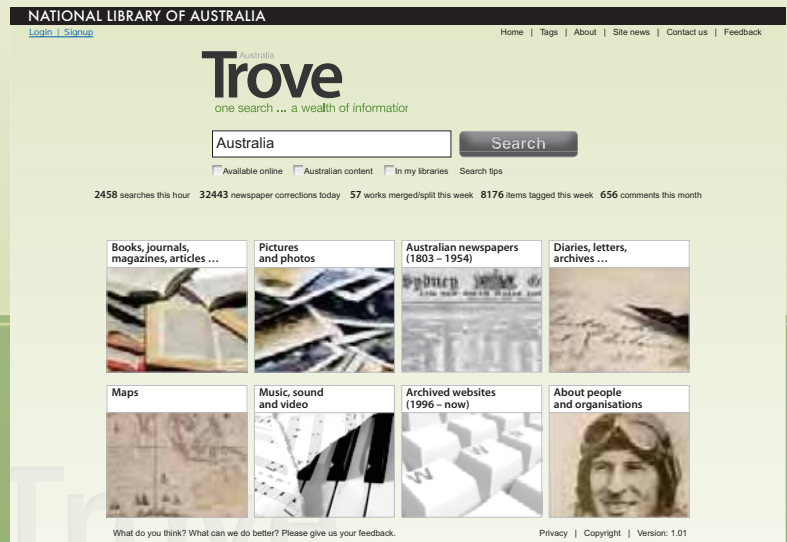
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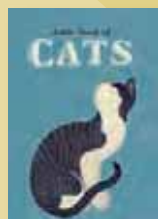
### LITTLE BOOK OF HORSES

Horses have an integral connection with the Australian character. From the earliest pioneering days to the spectacle of the Melbourne Cup, whether helping to muster cattle or part of the parade, these sometimes gentle, sometimes wild and always complex creatures are part of our national psyche.

*Little Book of Horses* is a showcase of poetry and imagery from the National Library of Australia. Enjoy this celebration of horses through the works of some of Australia's much-loved poets and artists, including Henry Lawson, Andrew 'Banjo' Paterson, Michael Leunig, Harold Cazneaux and Conrad Martens.

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