



Friends of the
**NATIONAL
LIBRARY**
OF AUSTRALIA INC.

**Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 5 November 2012, 6:00pm
National Library of Australia
Conference Room, Level 4**

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and apologies**
- 2. Adoption of the minutes of the 2011 AGM**
- 3. Chair's report** – on the Friends' activities for 2012.
Presented by Gary Kent, Chair.
- 4. Financial report** – for the financial year 2011-2012.
Presented by Lynette Adams, Treasurer.
- 5. Presentation by Anne Xu, recipient of the 2012 Friends Travelling Fellowship**
- 6. Presentation of the 2013 Friends Travelling Fellowship**
- 7. Presentation of the 2012 Friends Medal**
- 8. Other business** – invited from the floor
- 9. Election of the Friends Committee for 2013** – a list of nominees is attached
- 10. Meeting closure**

FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA INC.
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
6:00pm, Monday 15 November 2011
Conference Room, National Library of Australia

Present:

Members of the 2011 Committee:

Chair	Joan Kennedy
Deputy Chair	Gary Kent
Treasurer	Lynette Adams
Executive Officer	Sharyn O'Brien
Members	Jasmine Cameron
	Greg Cornwell
	Anne Davis
	Phillip Dean
	Alan Ives
	Sylvia Marchant
	Robyn Oates
	Margo Geering
	Margaret Pender
	Timothy Walshaw

35 other members of the Friends were also present for the AGM.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Joan Kennedy welcomed members.

Apologies were received from Bruce Ainsworth, Terry & Grace Birtles, Sylvia Deutsch, Marlene Eggert, Helen Elliot, Meredith Hinchliffe, Margaret Hodge, Rosemary and Anthony Ketley, Paul Larsen, Yvonne Lipscomb, Tanya Mark, June & Richard McCluskey, Dorothy Munns, Judith Parker, Judy Pearce, Katharine Pinkerton, Libby Robin, Bruce & Shirley Rollins, Pamela Rutland, Anne-Marie Schwirtlich, Grant Thompson, Shirley Troy, Maggie Watts, Kaye Wesley-Carter and John Worcester.

2. Adoption of minutes of 2010 AGM

The minutes of the 2010 AGM were examined and no changes were requested. Earl Ewers moved that the minutes be accepted, seconded by Bill Geering. Members present at the AGM accepted the minutes without dissent.

3. Chair's Report for 2011

Joan Kennedy presented the Chair's report for 2011, noting that it had been a particularly busy year. April 2011 marked the 21st anniversary of the organisation, with a birthday celebration held to mark the occasion. The Friends Rules of Association were reviewed during the first half of 2011, with a Special General Meeting passing all amendments without alteration in July 2011. The Library's Treasures Gallery was opened in October 2011 with the Friends hosting a members' cocktail party, which included the

official launch of the new Oral History Wall. The Friends Committee also took the decision to increase to \$12,000 the amount offered through the annual Friends Travelling Fellowship.

The Chair noted that a new online Friends membership page had just been launched, offering secure, real-time processing of membership payments. She also announced that the Committee will embark on a membership drive in 2012.

The Chair thanked her fellow Committee members and National Library staff for all their support and hard work throughout the year.

Acceptance of the Chair's report was proposed by Len La Flamme and seconded by Margaret Pender, with the members present adopting the report without dissent.

4. Treasurer's Report for Financial Year 2010-2011

Lynette Adams delivered the Treasurer's report, presenting the audited financial statement for the Friends of the National Library for the year ending 30 June 2010. She reported that the Friends made an operating surplus of \$18,740 for the financial year. This profit was attributed to several factors including changes in when the Friends Travelling Fellowship is paid, and a decrease in the annual expenditure on wages (due to staff turnover and illness) and travel & accommodation costs.

The Treasurer also noted that in the 2009-10 financial year, the Friends donated \$10,000 to the cost of the new Oral History Wall, located outside the new Treasures Gallery. The Committee had also recently made a commitment of \$15,000 to fund one year of the digitisation of the Canberra Times. This commitment will be reflected in the 2011-12 financial statements.

There were no questions from the floor regarding the financial statements. Acceptance of the Treasurer's report was proposed by Margo Geering and seconded by Greg Cornwell, with the members present adopting the report without dissent.

5. Presentation by Jennifer Lloyd, recipient of the 2011 Friends Travelling Fellowship

Jennifer Lloyd presented a brief report on her 2011 Friends Travelling Fellowship. This Fellowship enabled Ms Lloyd to travel to Europe to attend the International Council for Museum's 16th Triennial Conference of the International Committee for Conservation in Lisbon, and to visit the British Library to discuss a range of preservation issues relating to library collections.

Ms Lloyd thanked the Friends for supporting her trip, noting that experiencing in person how various institutions manage their collections was a very valuable experience.

6. Announcement of the 2012 Friends Travelling Fellowship

The Chair announced the recipient of the 2012 Friends Travelling Fellowship, worth \$12,000, as being Anne Xu, from the Document Supply Service at the National Library. Ms Xu use the funds to travel to California and Ohio in June 2012 to investigate e-book lending models adopted by US libraries and attend the American Library Association.

Ms Xu thanked the Friends for awarding her the Fellowship.

7. Presentation of the 2011 Friends Medal

The Chair announced that the 2011 Friends Medal was awarded to Allan Rice for his significant contribution to the National Library of Australia over many years, both as a Volunteer since 1998 and as a member of the Friends Committee in 2000 and 2001.

Allan Rice thanked the Chair, stating that he was both humbled and grateful to receive this award.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Election of the Friends Committee for 2012

The Chair announced those retiring from the Friends Committee – Margaret Pender, Tim Walshaw and herself - and thanked Margaret and Tim for their contribution during 2011.

Those who had nominated to continue on the Committee in 2012 were announced as being Lynette Adams, Greg Cornwell, Anne Davis, Phillip Dean, Margo Geering, Alan Ives, Gary Kent, Sylvia Marchant, and Robyn Oates.

Acceptance of the new Committee was proposed by Bill Geering and seconded by Margaret Pender, with no objections from the members present.

The Chair also advised that as per the Friends Rules of Association, the remaining three vacant positions on the Committee may be filled by a co-option of financial members by the Committee. The Committee has already received three additional expressions of interest from members wishing to join the 2012 Committee. The Committee will discuss the co-option of these members at their first meeting on 13 December.

Gary Kent moved a motion of thanks to Joan Kennedy on behalf of all members in appreciation of her work as Chair in 2011. This motion was greeted with applause by those in attendance.

10. Meeting closed 6.45pm

Friends Nominations for 2012 AGM

New Nominees for the Friends Committee:

William Geering

Dr Bill Geering is veterinarian, who retired from a senior position in the Australian Public Service in 1998, and then worked for the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations in Rome. In all he has worked in some 35 countries. For the last 6 years he has been a volunteer in the Maps Section of the National Library, archiving rare atlases. He has also helped in the preparation of NLA children's books on animals. He was on the Friends Committee for three years, during which time he helped to organise successful tours, amongst other things.

Joan Kennedy

Joan Kennedy has served two terms on the Friends Committee and was Chair in 2011. She has a Commonwealth Public Service background and worked mainly in the education portfolio before retiring. She enjoys languages having studied French, German and Latin and dabbled with Chinese and Japanese."

Emeritus Professor Dennis Pearce

Dennis Pearce is an Emeritus professor and Visiting Fellow at the ANU college of Law, Australian National University. Dennis is a former Commonwealth Ombudsman. He has also chaired or been a member of a number of organisations, including the Australian Press Council, the ACT Racing Appeals Tribunal and the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal.

Margaret Pender

Margaret has lived in Canberra since 1964. An ANU graduate, she was a public servant for more than 25 years and has also worked as a freelance editor and researcher. Since leaving the paid workforce, Margaret's been a volunteer for a range of organisations, including Vinnies and the National Foundation for Australian Women and its Australian Women's Archive Project. Currently she is a Volunteer at the National Library, and was a member of the Friends Committee 2009-2011. Her interests include politics, history and Nordic crime fiction.

Current Committee members re nominating:

Elizabeth Kennedy, Rosalie Welch, and Jennifer Oates were co-opted to the Committee in December 2011. All are Friends of long standing, active committee members and re-nominating for 2013.

Alan Ives

Alan has worked variously as a librarian, archivist and bookseller, working at the National Library of Australia (1971-1973), Australian Archives (1973-1983) and Charles Stuart University (Regional) Archives (1983-1994). He has previously had long term involvement with the Australian Society of Archivists, the International Council on Archives, the Canberra Lifeline Book Fair and the Canberra Antiquarian Book Fair. Alan has been an avid book collector since 1961 and is also an amateur photographer with a special interest in Tasmanian historical buildings. Alan was a member of the Friends Committee from 2007-2009 and in 2011-12.

Gary Kent

Gary Kent has served as Chief of Staff to several Federal Ministers and Company Secretary of the Defence Housing Authority. Since 2009 he has held a senior position at the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. He was President of the ACT Liberal Party 2000-2007. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Laws, a Graduate Diploma in Public Law and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Recreational interests include genealogy and book collecting. He has been a regular user of National Library for 25 years and a member of the Friends of the National Library since its inception. Gary was a member of the Friends Committee from 2007-2009 and in 2011, holding the positions of Chair in 2008 and 2009, Deputy Chair in 2011 and Chair in 2012.

Anne Davis

Anne Davis held senior roles in the property, finance, tourism and international airfreight sectors in Sydney before moving to Canberra in 1990 where she worked for Computer Power Group, Morgan & Banks and the Ross Group in various positions. More recently Anne has worked as a consultant and contractor for several government departments. Anne has qualifications in Real Estate Practice, Human Resources and was a Member of the Institute of Personnel Consultants from 1995 to 2007. Last year Anne commenced studies in Museum Practice which

include conservation/ preservation and is a regular visitor to the Library and other cultural institutions. A keen photographer, other interests include design, art, Australian history, outback travel, excursions around Canberra, bowls and olive growing. Having been a Friend of the National Library for many years, she welcomes the opportunity to make a contribution to the organisation. Anne was a member of the Friends Committee in 2011-12.

Phillip Dean

Phillip Dean was born in Canberra and has lived and worked in the area for most of his life. He went to school at Forrest Primary and Canberra Boys Grammar. He studied French Language and Civilisation at the Sorbonne and commenced his undergraduate studies at Kings College in London, finishing his degree at the ANU. After 2 years nursing training at Royal Canberra Hospital he joined the public service for 8 years. Since then he has worked in the IT industry in sales, marketing and consulting roles, and is the Managing Director of a local company that consults in Information Access and Management. For the last 8 years he has been President of the Bungendore Spring Ball Committee, and is currently a Vice President on the Parents' and Friends' Association of Girls' Grammar. He was a member of the Friends Committee in 2011-12.

Dr Sylvia Marchant

Sylvia Marchant is a Canberra historian, writer and reviewer and has a PhD in history from the ANU. Her career in the public service included as a historian for two major departments and as an editor and contributor to the *Biographical Dictionary of the Australian Senate*. She has also contributed entries to the Australian Dictionary of Biography and feature articles to several publications including the *National Library News* and is a regular book reviewer for the *Canberra Times*. As a Petherick reader she uses the Library frequently for research and writing. Sylvia was a member of the Friends Committee in 2011-12.