

# WHAT'S ON

AT THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA

WINTER 2017



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# EXHIBITIONS



## EXHIBITION GALLERY

### **Melodrama in Meiji Japan**

**Until 27 August**

Step into the tumultuous world of Japan in the 1800s, revealed through the art of *kuchi-e*. Created to illustrate novels, these beautiful woodblock prints accompany stories filled with drama, tragedy and intrigue, reflecting the uncertainty of the times.

### **Meiji WordPlay**

Explore our child-friendly space, where families can experience Japanese art and culture through a fun range of craft, drawing and reading activities.

Open daily, 10am–5pm

Free tours Tuesdays, Thursdays and weekends, 10.30am

## COLLECTIONS-IN-FOCUS

### **Waving the Red Flag: Chinese Posters, 1949–1976**

**From 18 July**

The Library's collection of Chinese propaganda posters dates to the early days of the People's Republic following the communist revolution. Bright, colourful, and full of officially sanctioned ideals for the lives of Chinese citizens in this brave new world, these posters depict a prosperous world led by a communist China.

Open daily, 10am–5pm

Treasures Gallery

## TREASURES GALLERY

Henry Lawson's fobwatch and pen, an adorable collection of miniature books and a special display dedicated to the 1967 Referendum on Indigenous rights are just a few of the many new objects installed in the latest refresh of the Treasures Gallery.

Daily, 10am–5pm

Free tours daily, 11.30am

Entry to all exhibitions is free.

Red Eagle Corps of the Air Force in Nanjing, *The People's Liberation Army Is a Great School for Mao Zedong Thought*, 1970, nla.cat-vn6180837

# melodrama in meiji japan

24 may–27 august 2017

Mizuno Toshikata (1866–1908), *Bouquet of Love* (detail), 1900, nla.cat-vn5744733

free exhibition  
[nla.gov.au/meiji](http://nla.gov.au/meiji)

make the journey

# TREASURES GALLERY

at the National Library of Australia, Canberra

Parkes Place, Canberra

**Free, open daily (except Christmas & Good Friday)**

[nla.gov.au/treasures](http://nla.gov.au/treasures)

**Free tours daily**



Australian Government

Catalyst—Australian Arts and Culture Fund



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This project has been assisted by the Australian government through the Department of Communications and the Arts' Catalyst—Australian Arts and Culture Fund

Otto Bettmann (1862–1945), *Bust of Henry Lawson*, 1900, Tasmanian blackwood, Harry Hastings Pearce Collection, nla.cat-vn1130361. **On display from mid-April.**

# FREE TOURS



## EXHIBITION TOURS

### *Melodrama in Meiji Japan*

(30 mins)

From Thursday 25 May

The Library holds one of the largest collections of Meiji-period *kuchi-e* (Japanese novel-frontispiece illustrations) in the world. Discover these beautiful works, and the stories behind them.

**Tuesdays, Thursdays,  
weekends, 10.30am**

### *Treasures Gallery*

(30 mins)

The Treasures Gallery is a true journey through Australia's history. Join one of our passionate volunteer guides to learn about some of our most unique and valued treasures.

**Daily, 11.30am**

## DISCOVERY TOURS

### *Behind the Scenes*

(45 mins)

Go behind the scenes and explore the Library's enormous stacks, filled with books, magazines and newspapers. Watch out for the robots!

**Thursdays, 2pm**

**Meet in the Foyer**

### *Discover Your National Library*

(45 mins)

Learn about the beautiful Library building, its public artworks and reading rooms. Discover the history and collecting activities of the Library—and how you can access and use our collections in your own research.

**Saturdays, 2pm**

**Meet in the Foyer**

Our free tours are generously run by our team of wonderful Library volunteers.

**Bookings not required**

# events JUNE



**Thursday 1 June**

## LEARNING

### Using Microform Readers

Learn how to use the Library's microform equipment, including scanning, saving and sending newspaper articles.

10am, Newspapers and Family History zone, free

**Tuesday 6 June**

## LEARNING

### Getting Started at the Library

Learn the basics of how to use the Library's website, search the catalogue and request material from the collection. Includes a tour of the Main Reading Room.

11am, Training Rooms, free

**Tuesday 6 June**

## AUTHOR TALK

### Selling the Dream

by Hugh Mackay

In this funny and frighteningly believable satire, Hugh Mackay lays bare the machinations of the multi-million-dollar advertising industry, and leaves you wondering just where the line between parody and reality falls.

6pm, Theatre, \$20

(includes refreshments and book signing)

In association with Pan Macmillan Australia and supported by the Australian National University

# events JUNE



**Wednesday 7 June**

## LECTURE

### On War—Battle of Messines

The Battle of Messines is considered one of the successful battles of 1917. Craig Deayton, historian and author of *Battle Scarred: The 47th Battalion in the First World War*, examines why, how and at what cost.

5.30pm, Theatre, free

In association with the Canberra Great War Study Group, the Estaminet

**Tuesday 13 June**

## FELLOWSHIP PRESENTATION

### Enhancing Knowledge of the Library's Māori Collections

Paul Diamond re-examines remarkable Māori treasures in the Rex Nan Kivell, Ferguson and printed collections, using his Māori heritage and knowledge to shift the lens on European and Māori encounters.

5.15pm, Conference Room, free

Paul Diamond is a National Library of Australia Fellow and the inaugural Curator, Māori, at the Alexander Turnbull Library, National Library of New Zealand. His Fellowship is supported by both national libraries.

**Wednesday 14 June**

## LEARNING

### Asian Collections Highlights

Are you fascinated by Asia? Discover our Asian Collections, which reveal a wide range of intriguing material from China, Japan, Korea, Thailand, Myanmar, Laos and Cambodia. Includes a tour of the Asian Collections Reading Room.

1pm, Ferguson Room, free

**Sunday 18 June**

## TALK

### Winter Tales

Join Press Gallery journalist and author Karen Middleton for conversation and afternoon tea.

2pm, Conference Room, \$15

In association with the Australian Women's Archives Project

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Hugh Mackay

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Phra Mlai, 1800s, nla.cat-vn4365196

# events JUNE



**Tuesday 20 June**

## LEARNING

### Trove for Family History

Discover how to use Trove for your family history research. Tips and tricks include adding tags, correcting text and searching digitised newspapers and government gazettes.

3pm, Ferguson Room, free

**Tuesday 20 June**

## TREASURES

### COLLECTION TALK

#### Indigenous Lives

Discover first contact through the eyes of Indigenous people and the Europeans they adopted into their families. Join Professor John Maynard, Professor Victoria Haskins and National Library Curator Matthew Jones as they explore these encounters.

6pm, Conference Room, \$20 (includes refreshments and gallery tour)

A Treasures Gallery Access Program, supported by National Library Patrons

**Tuesday 27 June**

## IN CONVERSATION

### Capital Ideas

A panel of experts and thinkers tackles some of Australia's key policy issues, from cultural hot topics to pressing social concerns.

6pm, Theatre, free

In association with the Grattan Institute

**Wednesday 28 June**

## TREASURES CURATOR TALK

### Life and Death: Dorothy English Paty's Newcastle Sketchbooks

Treasures Curator Nat Williams sheds light on the brief life of Dorothy English Paty, who created two exceptional early sketchbooks filled with remarkable watercolours of plants. Paty's work is now held in the Library's Rex Nan Kivell Collection.

6pm, Theatre, \$20

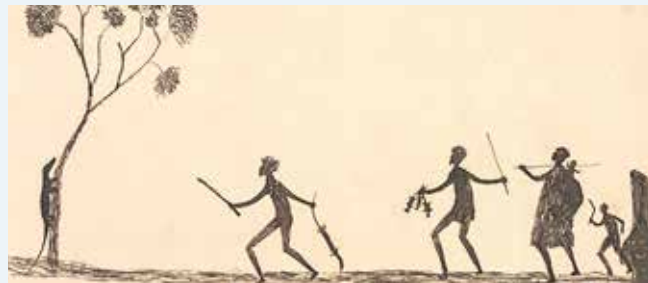
(includes refreshments)

A Treasures Gallery Access Program, supported by National Library Patrons  
The Treasures Curator is supported by Catalyst—Australian Arts and Culture Fund.

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Dorothy English Paty (1805–1836), *Gigantic Lily (Doryanthes excelsa)*, Newcastle, November 6th, 1835, nla.cat-vn2249212

# events JULY



**NAIDOC WEEK 2–9 July**

**Tuesday 4 July**

## COLLECTION TALK

### Our Languages Matter

Drawing on our vast Manuscripts Collection, the Library's 2014 Indigenous graduate Shannon Sutton provides a glimpse of the hundreds of languages spoken before European contact.

12.30pm, Conference Room, free

**Thursday 6 July**

## COLLECTION TALK

### Our Voice: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Histories

The Library collects oral histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to ensure their life stories and personal insights are recorded for future generations. Indigenous staff member Ryan Stoker highlights a selection of interviews and folklore recordings.

12.30pm, Conference Room, free

Bookings: [nla.gov.au/events](http://nla.gov.au/events) or 02 6262 1111

Tommy McRae (c.1806–c.1901), *Aboriginal Family Hunting Goanna, Wahgunyah Region, Victoria, 1881*, nla.cat-vn626733

**Thursday 6 July**

## LEARNING

### Using Microform Readers

Learn how to use the Library's microform equipment, including scanning, saving and sending newspaper articles.

10am, Newspapers and Family History zone, free

**Wednesday 12 July**

## LEARNING

### Getting Started at the Library

Learn the basics of how to use the Library's website, search the catalogue and request material from the collection. Includes a tour of the Main Reading Room.

12pm, Training Rooms, free

**Thursday 13 July**

## FAMILY ACTIVITY

### Winter Storytime:

#### Japanese Stories

Share your love of reading and stories with some funny and charming tales from Japan. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

11.30am, Ferguson Room, \$2 per child (bookings essential)

# events JULY



## Thursday 13 July CHILDREN'S FILM

### **Wolf Children**

(2012, 117 mins, PG)

Celebrate Japanese artistic tradition by joining us for this family anime classic. Hana moves to the countryside to raise her two werewolf children. They have adventures in the woods and at school. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

1pm, Theatre, free  
(bookings essential)

## Wednesday 19 July FELLOWSHIP PRESENTATION

### **Shōjo: Changing Representations of Girlhood in Japanese Popular Culture**

Dr Masafumi Monden examines how manga (comics) and anime (animation) portray the idea and aesthetic of 'shōjo femininity' and youthful selfhood in contemporary Japanese culture.

5.15pm, Conference Room, free

Dr Masafumi Monden is a National Library of Australia Fellow supported by the Harold S. Williams Trust for Research in Japan Studies.

## Thursday 20 July LEARNING **Apps for Research and Study**

Discover some of the many useful apps that can help streamline your study or research.

2pm, Ferguson Room, free

## Thursday 20 July AUTHOR TALK **Beauty in Thorns** by Kate Forsyth

Named 'one of the finest writers of this generation', Kate Forsyth reimagines the story of Sleeping Beauty—in its love, desire, obsession and tragedy—in her new novel *Beauty in Thorns*.

6pm, Theatre, \$20  
(includes refreshments and book signing)

In association with Penguin Random House

# events JULY



## Tuesday 25 July FELLOWSHIP PRESENTATION **Searching for Japan in Contemporary Italy**

Dr Michele Monserrati examines diplomatic and cross-cultural relations between Italy and Japan from the Meiji restoration (1868–1912) through to the Second World War, using the Harold S. Williams and Arundel Del Re collections.

5.15pm, Conference Room, free

Dr Michele Monserrati is a National Library of Australia Fellow supported by the Harold S. Williams Trust for Research in Japan Studies.

## Thursday 27 July AUTHOR TALK **The Secrets She Keeps** by Michael Robotham

From the internationally bestselling author dubbed by Stephen King 'an absolute master' of the psychological thriller comes a riveting suspense novel about the unlikely friendship between two pregnant women. The book asks: how far would you go to create the perfect family?

6pm, Theatre, \$20  
(includes refreshments and book signing)

In association with Hachette Australia

## Sunday 30 July TALK

### **Winter Tales**

Join Susie Beaver, co-owner of Beaver Galleries, one of Australia's most long-running commercial galleries, for conversation and afternoon tea.

2pm, Conference Room, \$15  
In association with the Australian Women's Archives Project

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# events AUGUST



**Wednesday 2 August**

## **AUTHOR TALK**

**Colombiano by Rusty Young**

For seven years, Rusty Young, author of the international bestseller *Marching Powder*, lived and worked in Colombia, where he interviewed Special Forces soldiers, snipers, undercover intelligence agents and members of two vicious terrorist organisations. The result was *Colombiano*.

6pm, Theatre, \$20

(includes refreshments and book signing)

In association with Penguin Random House

**Thursday 3 August**

## **LEARNING**

**Using Microform Readers**

Learn how to use the Library's microform equipment, including scanning, saving and sending newspaper articles.

10am, Newspapers and Family History zone, free

**Thursday 3 August**

## **BOOK TALK**

**Stories from the Sandstone**

**by Anne Clarke, Peter Hobbins and Ursula K. Frederick**

Authors Anne Clarke, Peter Hobbins and Ursula K. Frederick uncover the fascinating stories of Sydney's 150-year-old Quarantine Station.

6pm, Conference Room, free (includes refreshments and book signing)

**Tuesday 8 August**

## **FELLOWSHIP PRESENTATION**

**Judith Wright: Poetry and Public Apology in the 20th Century**

Dr Bridget Vincent explores the power of literature as a form of public apology, by examining Judith Wright's idea of 'writer-as-activist' in her poetry and letters.

5.15pm, Conference Room, free

Dr Bridget Vincent is a National Library of Australia Fellow in Australian Literature supported by the Ray Mathew and Eva Kollman Trust.

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Cover detail of *The Unknown Judith Wright* by Georgina Arnott

# events AUGUST



**Wednesday 9 August**

## **AUTHOR TALK**

**The Songs of Trees**

**by David Haskell**

Author of the Pulitzer Prize finalist *The Forest Unseen*, David Haskell visited 12 sites around the world over two years, revealing surprising and fascinating arboreal secrets hidden in the canopies of ordinary trees.

6pm, Theatre, \$25

(includes refreshments and book signing)

In association with Black Inc. Books, Bendigo Writers Festival and Byron Writers Festival

**Thursday 10 August**

## **LEARNING**

**Getting Started at the Library**

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2pm, Training Rooms, free

**Thursday 10 August**

## **2017 KENNETH MYER LECTURE**

**2020 Vision: Where Is Australia Headed?**

Dr Anne Summers AO explores how she would promote positive change in Australia. Dr Summers is a bestselling author, journalist and thought-leader with a long career in politics, the media, business and the non-government sector in Australia, Europe and the United States.

6pm, Theatre, free (includes refreshments)

Generously supported by the Myer Foundation

Bookings: [nla.gov.au/events](http://nla.gov.au/events) or 02 6262 1111

Dr Anne Summers

# events **AUGUST**



**Sunday 13 August**

## **TALK**

### **Winter Tales**

Join soprano Louise Page, admired singer and teacher, for conversation and afternoon tea. 2pm, Conference Room, \$15  
In association with the Australian Women's Archives Project

**Tuesday 15 August**

## **LEARNING**

### **Maps for Family History**

Learn how to make the most of the Library's unique Maps Collection for your family history research.

11am, Ferguson Room, free

**Tuesday 15 August**

## **LECTURE**

### **On War—The Amiens Gun**

The 'Amiens gun' was the largest single trophy seized by Australian troops in the Great War. David Pearson asks: what is its story? 5.30pm, Theatre, free

In association with the Canberra Great War Study Group, the Estaminet

**Friday 18 August**

## **FAMILY EVENT**

### **Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year Awards**

The Children's Book Council of Australia and the Library invite you to the presentation of the Book of the Year awards and the launch of Book Week 2017, followed by book signings.

11.30am, Theatre, free (places limited)

# events **AUGUST**



**Wednesday 23 August**

## **LEARNING**

### **Discover Family through Ancestry DNA**

Family history librarian Ralph Sanderson reveals his experiences locating relatives and relationships through his DNA.

2pm, Ferguson Room, free

**Tuesday 29 August**

## **FELLOWSHIP PRESENTATION**

### **In the Eyes of Their Foes: Anzac Travellers at Gallipoli, 1990–2015**

Professor Ayhan Aktar presents findings from his National Library of Australia Fellowship research. 5.15pm, Conference Room, free

Professor Ayhan Aktar is a National Library of Australia Fellow supported by past and present members of the National Library Council.



**Friday 25–**

**Sunday 27 August**

## **CANBERRA WRITERS FESTIVAL**

### **Power, Politics, Passion**

Celebrate the best in Australian writing at the Library. Meet favourite authors and discover some new reads.

See [canberrawritersfestival.com.au](http://canberrawritersfestival.com.au) for program and ticketing information.

Bookings: [nla.gov.au/events](http://nla.gov.au/events) or 02 6262 1111



# FRIENDS



## Thursday 6 July

### Visionary or Vandal?

Lancelot 'Capability' Brown is famous for transforming the English landscape. Who was this genius? On the 300th anniversary of his birth, Sue Ebury describes with photographs and documents how the Georgian gentry lived on their estates, spectacularly designed by the most fashionable landscape gardener and architect of the times.

6pm, Conference Room, \$15 Friends and AGHS members, \$20 non-members

In association with the Australian Garden History Society (ACT)

## Friday 4 August

### Coffee with the Curator: *Waving the Red Flag*

Join Dr Nathan Woolley for a curator-guided tour of Chinese propaganda posters on display in the Treasures Gallery, followed by morning tea in the Friends Lounge. 10.30am, Treasures Gallery & Friends Lounge, \$15 Friends members only (max. 20 guests)

Bookings: [nla.gov.au/events](http://nla.gov.au/events)  
or 02 6262 1698

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- discounts and special offers from a variety of Australian businesses
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- a copy of the Friends newsletter and *What's On* every quarter.

**Join now. Call 02 6262 1698 or visit [nla.gov.au/friends](http://nla.gov.au/friends).**

Blenheim Palace, courtesy Sue Ebury

# DINING



## BOOKPLATE

What better way to start your day than with a delicious breakfast, basking in the glow of the Library's stained-glass windows? Open daily from 7.30am, Bookplate is the perfect spot for business meetings at any time of the day, or for a catch up with friends. Enjoy barista-poured espresso coffee, local wines and boutique beers, and delightful dishes using fresh local produce.

**Monday–Thursday, 7.30am–5pm**

**Friday, 7.30am–4pm**

**Saturday and Sunday, 9am–4pm**

**Public holidays, 10am–3pm**  
Breakfast and lunch served until 2pm

## PAPERPLATE

For a break from your research, head downstairs to Paperplate for coffee, freshly made sandwiches, wraps and muffins, and other light meals. Use the Library's free wi-fi.

**Monday–Friday, 8.30am–3pm**

**Paperplate is closed weekends and public holidays.**

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**BOOKPLATE**

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Visit the National Library Bookshop for the latest releases by Australian and selected international award-winning authors and a wide range of uniquely Australian gifts and merchandise.

Daily, 9am–5pm

Enquiries: 02 6262 1424

Online bookshop: [bookshop.nla.gov.au](http://bookshop.nla.gov.au)

## Don't miss the NLA Bookshop Pre-Stocktake Sale!

A great opportunity to purchase Australian books and unique gifts at reduced prices.

**Friday 9–Monday 12 June**

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NOTE: THE BOOKSHOP WILL BE CLOSED FOR ANNUAL STOCKTAKE ON THURSDAY 29 JUNE AND WILL REOPEN AT 1PM ON FRIDAY 30 JUNE

# BOOKSHOP



## LATEST FROM NLA PUBLISHING



Available  
August

### *The Crying Years: Australia's Great War* By Peter Stanley

*The Crying Years* evokes the drama and tragedy, suffering and sacrifice, the pain and the pity of Australia's Great War. Prize-winning historian Peter Stanley weaves his narrative around striking images to create a visual history.

RRP \$44.99



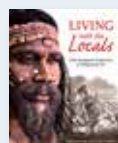
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Now

### *Amazing Animals of Australia's National Parks*

By Gina Newton

*Amazing Animals* features over 120 animals from more than 55 national parks across Australia. Each animal is featured on its own page, with a stunning photograph, its conservation status and information about the species, presented in an accessible, fun way.

RRP \$29.99



Available  
Now

### *Living with the Locals: Early Europeans' Experience of Indigenous Life*

By John Maynard and Victoria Haskins

*Living with the Locals* tells the stories of 13 men, women and boys who were taken in by Indigenous communities between the 1790s and the 1870s, for periods from a few months to over 30 years. These shipwreck survivors, convicts and ex-convicts survived only through the generosity of the Indigenous communities they found themselves a part of.

RRP \$44.99



To purchase or pre-order: [bookshop.nla.gov.au](http://bookshop.nla.gov.au) or 1800 800 100 (freecall). Also available from the National Library Bookshop and selected retail outlets. Enquiries: [nlasales@nla.gov.au](mailto:nlasales@nla.gov.au).

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# PLAN YOUR VISIT

## OPENING HOURS

### READING ROOMS

#### Main including Newspapers and Family History

Monday–Thursday, 10am–8pm

Friday–Saturday, 10am–5pm

Sunday, 1.30–5pm

Public holidays, closed

#### Special Collections and Petherick

Monday–Thursday, 10am–8pm

Friday–Saturday, 10am–5pm

Sunday and public holidays, closed

#### Asian Collections

Monday–Friday, 10am–5pm

Weekends and public holidays, closed

Collection delivery times vary. No collection deliveries on weekends. Check [nla.gov.au](http://nla.gov.au) before visiting.

### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Queen's Birthday

Monday 12 June

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## BOOKSHOP

Daily, 9am–5pm

Stocktake closure: The Bookshop will be closed from 9am on 29 June to 1pm on 30 June for its annual stocktake.

## GALLERIES

Daily, 10am–5pm

## CAFES

### Bookplate

Monday–Thursday, 7.30am–5pm

Friday, 7.30am–4pm

Saturday and Sunday, 9am–4pm

Public holidays, 10am–3pm

### Paperplate

Monday–Friday, 8.30am–3pm

Weekends and public holidays, closed

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Enquiries

General—02 6262 1111

Reference—02 6262 1266

Venue hire 02 6262 1234

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Speak & Listen 1300 555 727

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