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EXHIBITIONS



EXHIBITION GALLERY

Dombrovskis: Journeys into the Wild

21 September 2017–30 January 2018

*When you go out there you don't get away from it all,
you get back to it all. You come home to what's important.
You come home to yourself.*

Peter Dombrovskis was one of the world's foremost wilderness photographers. His powerful, reflective and deeply personal images of the unique Tasmanian wilderness has had a lasting impact, changing the way Australians think about their environment. The Library has over 3,000 Dombrovskis transparencies and has printed 70 of the best for a special exhibition in tribute to this remarkable man, the most complete survey of his work to date in Australia.

Daily, 10am–5pm

Free tours Tuesdays, Thursdays and weekends, 10.30am

TREASURES GALLERY

Henry Lawson's fob watch and pen and an adorable collection of miniature books are just some of the many new objects installed in the latest refresh of the Treasures Gallery.

Daily, 10am–5pm

Free tours daily, 11.30am

COLLECTIONS-IN-FOCUS

Waving the Red Flag: Chinese Posters, 1949–1976

Until 2 February 2018

What did it mean to be a citizen in the new People's Republic of China? *Waving the Red Flag* is a mini exhibition of bright, colourful propaganda posters that shows us how the Chinese government communicated its officially sanctioned ideals for the lives of its people in a brave new world.

Daily, 10am–5pm

Treasures Gallery

Entry to all exhibitions is free.

DOMBROVSKIS

\ JOURNEYS INTO THE WILD \

21 SEPTEMBER 2017–30 JANUARY 2018

FREE EXHIBITION \ NLA.GOV.AU/DOMBROVSKIS

Peter Dombrovskis (1945–1996)

Drying Kelp at Sandy Bay, Macquarie Island Marine Park, Tasmania (detail), 1984, nla.cat-vn-4737917

We Are Determined to Liberate Taiwan!, 1967, nla.cat-vn6454325

TREASURES GALLERY

make the journey

100+ new treasures to explore

Parkes Place, Canberra
Free, open daily
nla.gov.au/treasures
Free tours daily
11.30am

FREE TOURS



EXHIBITION TOURS

Dombrovskis:
Journeys into the Wild
(30 mins)

From Thursday 21 September
Hear some of the stories
behind Dombrovskis' powerful
photographs of the unique
Tasmanian wilderness.
Tuesdays, Thursdays,
weekends, 10.30am

Treasures Gallery
(30 mins)

The Treasures Gallery is a true
journey through Australia's
history. Our passionate
volunteer guides reveal the
stories of some of our unique
and most 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



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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

Henry Lawson's fob watch, c.1902, nla.cat-vn2124380

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Wednesday 6 September BOOK LAUNCH

Seeing through Snow by Matthew Higgins

Adopted into a Chinese-Australian family, Les Leong discovers his country with the help of the local Aboriginal community. Join Professor Peter Stanley and author Matthew Higgins for the launch of this story of transformation, set against the backdrop of the Snowy Mountains.

6pm, Foyer, free
(includes refreshments
and book signing)

Five per cent of the proceeds from the launch will be donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Thursday 7 September 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 7 September AUTHOR TALK

Random Life: Cartoons by Judy Horacek

Hear from one of Australia's favourite cartoonists. *Random Life* is a collection of over 230 recent cartoons full of Judy's trademark off-the-wall quirkiness.

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

In association with Horacek Press

Friday 8 September BOOK LAUNCH

The Yakanarra Song Book

Join students from Yakanarra in the Kimberley region for the launch of *The Yakanarra Song Book*, a collection of beautifully illustrated songs, most of which are written in language.

10.30am, Foyer, free
(bookings essential)

In association with the Indigenous Literacy Foundation

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Monday 11 September LECTURE

On War—The Battle of Menin Road

For the first time in history, two Australian Divisions fought side by side in the Battle of Menin Road, supporting each other to take and hold ground. Roger Lee reveals why they would never win the war on the Western Front.

5.30pm, Theatre, free

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

Tuesday 12 September LEARNING

Getting Started @ the Library

Learn the basics of using the Library's website, searching the catalogue and requesting material from the collection. Includes a tour of the Main Reading Room.

11am, Training Rooms, free

Tuesday 12 September 2017 SEYMOUR BIOGRAPHY LECTURE

Truth. Truthfulness. Self. Voice

Raimond Gaita, author of *Romulus, My Father*, tackles the big concepts of truth, truthfulness, self and voice in his writing.

6pm, Theatre, free
(includes refreshments)

Supported by Dr John and Mrs Heather Seymour

Wednesday 13 September FELLOWSHIP PRESENTATION

Remembering the Ivan Southall Phenomenon

Author Dr Gabrielle Carey explores the inspiring and unique influence the Australian fiction writer Ivan Southall had on a generation of young readers, by delving through their remarkable correspondence.

5.15pm, Conference Room, free

Dr Gabrielle Carey is a National Library of Australia Fellow in Australian Literature, supported by the Ray Mathew and Eva Kollsman Trust

Bookings: nla.gov.au/events or 02 6262 1111

Judy Horacek (b.1961), *Woman with Altitude*, 1995

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Raimond Gaita

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Wednesday 13 September
2017 KENNETH MYER
LECTURE: MELBOURNE
20/20 Vision: Where Is
Australia Headed?

In a special reprise of our 2017 Kenneth Myer Lecture, Dr Anne Summers AO explores how she would promote positive change in Australia.

5.30pm, Auditorium,
Melbourne Brain Centre,
University of Melbourne, free
(places limited)

Generously supported by
The Myer Foundation

Saturday 16 September
IN CONVERSATION

A Month of Saturdays

Join *The Saturday Paper's* chief political correspondent, Karen Middleton, for 'A Month of Saturdays', one of a series of conversations about Canberra's big policy debates.

2pm, Theatre, free

In association with Schwartz Media

Tuesday 19 September
LEARNING

Felon in the Family

Do you have a convict in your family's history? Follow the convict trail using records at the National Library and see if you can unearth a black sheep!
11am, Ferguson Room, free

Thursday 21 September
2017 RAY MATHEW LECTURE
A Paradox of Empowerment

Novelist Kim Scott reveals how reclaiming Aboriginal language and story may offer a narrative of shared history and contribute to social transformation.

6pm, Theatre, free
(includes refreshments)

Supported by the Ray Mathew and
Eva Kollisman Trust

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Kim Scott, courtesy Colin Murty

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Saturday 23 September–
Sunday 8 October
FAMILY ACTIVITY

Wordplay

Drop in to read, write, illustrate and imagine with a range of fun activities and games exploring the shape, meaning and use of language. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Ages 4 and over.

Daily, 10am–4pm,
Brindabella Room, free

Wednesday 27 September
CURATOR TALK

Dombrovskis: Journeys into the Wild

Exhibition curator Matthew Jones gives an insight into the life and work of Peter Dombrovskis, revealing how he created some of his iconic and powerful images and how his work changed the way Australians think about their environment.

12.30pm, Conference Room,
free (includes a tour of
the exhibition)

Wednesday 27 September
BOOK LAUNCH

International Treasures:
Canberra's Embassies
by Dorothy Hart,

illustrated by Isla Patterson
This fascinating book explores 36 of Canberra's embassies and high commissions, each identifiable by the diverse architecture of their homeland. Major General the Honourable Michael Jeffery will launch this uniquely illustrated history and guide book written by Dorothy Hart with artwork by Isla Patterson.

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

Bookings: nla.gov.au/events or 02 6262 1111

Peter Dombrovskis (1945–1996), *Sand Cliffs, Fraser Island, Queensland, 1995*,
nla.cat-vn4802897

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Tuesday 3 October

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Spring Storytime

Share your love of reading and stories with some funny and charming tales from the collection. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
11.30am, Conference Room,
\$2 per child
(bookings essential)

Tuesday 3 October

CHILDREN'S FILM

FernGully (1992, 76 mins, G)

The magical inhabitants of a rainforest fight to save their home, which is threatened by logging and a polluting force of destruction called Hexxus. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

1pm, Theatre, free
(bookings essential)

Tuesday 3 October

AUTHOR TALK

Call of the Reed Warbler by Charles Massy

Charles Massy was once like many farmers, unknowingly contributing to the decline of the soil through the use of chemicals. He is now a radically eco-minded farmer who has carefully nursed a 2,000-hectare property back to natural health. He reveals the real story of industrial agriculture and the global profit-obsessed corporations driving it.
6pm, Theatre, \$20
(includes refreshments)

In association with Penguin Random House

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Wednesday 4 October

FAMILY EVENT

Don Spencer—

I Wish I Had an Elephant

Singer, songwriter and founder of the Australian Children's Music Foundation, Don Spencer OAM has released a delightful children's book based on his song *I Wish I Had an Elephant*. Enjoy a reading of the book and songs performed by this much-loved *Playschool* presenter. Book signing to follow.
10.30am, Conference Room,
free (bookings essential)

Thursday 5 October

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 10 October

AUTHOR TALK

Living the 1960s by Noeline Brown

The sixties: a decade of safari suits and droopy moustaches? *Living the 1960s* guides you through the landscapes of 1960s Australia, from the smoke-filled bars and cafes to the pastel lounge rooms and boardrooms.
6pm, Theatre, \$20
(includes refreshments and book signing)

In association with NLA Publishing

Wednesday 11 October

LEARNING

Getting Started @ the Library

Learn the basics of using the Library's website, searching the catalogue and requesting material from the collection. Includes a tour of the Main Reading Room.
1pm, Training Rooms, free

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Detail of *FernGully: The Last Rainforest*

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Noeline Brown

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Wednesday 11 October FILM SCREENING

Barry Jones: *In Search of Lost Time*

Join us to celebrate the contribution Barry Jones AC has made to Australian cultural, intellectual and political life and to recognise the work of Garry Sturgess, one of the Library's eminent oral historians.
5pm, Foyer, \$20
(includes refreshments)

Thursday 12 and Friday 13 October 2017 INDEPENDENT SCHOLARS OF AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE Revolution, Activism and Social Change

Australia's leading independent scholars reveal recent research in the arts, humanities and sciences.

9am–5pm, Conference Room,
Members, \$130 for two days
Bookings: info@isaa.org.au

Thursday 12 October ISAA ANNUAL LECTURE 2017

The Legacy of the Russian Revolution

David Christian, Director of Big History Institute and Professor in History at Macquarie University, explores one of the most important legacies of the Russian Revolution: can we build a better world?
5.30pm, Conference Room,
\$10
Bookings: info@isaa.org.au

Monday 16 October AUTHOR TALK

The Life to Come by Michelle de Kretser

In her new novel, Michelle de Kretser explores the art of fiction and how art can transform and sustain, as well as belittle and betray. Her meditations on time and loss make us laugh and also feel a little paranoid!
6pm, Theatre, \$20
(includes refreshments
and book signing)

In association with Allen and Unwin

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Michelle de Kretser

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Thursday 19 October LEARNING Researching British Army Ancestors

Find out how you can use resources from the National Library of Australia and service records from other institutions to learn about military service in your family history.
2pm, Ferguson Room, free

Thursday 19 October FELLOWSHIP PRESENTATION Love, Loss and the Last Days of Rangoon

Dr Michelle Aung Thin reveals how Gordon Luce's Burmese collection is helping her imaginatively recreate the vanished world of the wealthy, cosmopolitan and colonial city of Rangoon for her new semi-autobiographical novel.
5.15pm, Conference Room,
free

Dr Aung Thin is the 2017 Creative Arts Fellow for Australian Writing, supported by the Ray Mathew and Eva Kollsman Trust

Bookings: nla.gov.au/events or 02 6262 1111

Rangoon, courtesy Dr Michelle Aung Thin

Thursday 26 October FELLOWSHIP PRESENTATION

Enlightening the Child: Children's Literature and Transnationalism in China, 1875–1915

Dr Shih-Wen Chen discusses how books and cultures were shared between Britain, America and China, at a time when children's literature in China and the West was developing rapidly in line with imperialism and missionary activity around the globe.

5.15pm, Conference Room, free
Dr Shih-Wen Chen is a National Library of Australia Fellow, supported by Ryan Stokes

Tuesday 31 October LECTURE On War—The Desert Campaign 100 years on

To mark the 100th anniversary of the charge at Beersheba, Jenny Horsfield tells the story of Rania MacPhillamy, a remarkable woman who worked tirelessly in difficult conditions to support the men of the Light Horse during the desert campaign in Egypt.
5.30pm, Theatre, free

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

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Thursday 2 November

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 2 November

TREASURES

COLLECTION TALK

Death or Liberty!

Understanding the Battle of Vinegar Hill Sketch

Dr Guy Hansen, Director of Exhibitions, explores the significance of a watercolour sketch that shows the clash between 200 rebel convicts and a contingent of infantry near present-day Rouse Hill on 5 March 1804.

6pm, Conference Room, free

A Treasures Gallery Access Program, supported by National Library Patrons

Wednesday 8 November

AUTHOR TALK

The Passage of Love

by Alex Miller

Alex Miller speaks about his new work, *The Passage of Love*, an exquisitely personal novel of love and creativity. Alex has won the Commonwealth Writers' Prize and is a two-time winner of the Miles Franklin Literary Award.

6pm, Theatre, \$20

(includes refreshments)

In association with Allen and Unwin

Thursday 9 November

LEARNING

Getting Started @ the Library

Learn the basics of using the Library's website, searching the catalogue and requesting material from the collection. Includes a tour of the Main Reading Room.

3pm, Training Rooms, free

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Saturday 11 November

TREASURES

COLLECTION TALK

The Blaeu Map Returns

Joan Blaeu's *Archipelagus Orientalis* (Eastern Archipelago) was acquired by the Library in 2013 and was in desperate need of conservation. See for yourself the amazing results of four years of work on the map.

2pm, Theatre, free

A Treasures Gallery Access Program, supported by National Library Patrons

Thursday 16 November

FELLOWSHIP PRESENTATION

Drama and the Dark Art of Biography: From Historical Fact to Dramatic Truth

Friends of the National Library Creative Fellow Timothy Daly, an internationally produced playwright, specialises in dramatising significant cultural and political figures. Daly and a group of actors show how historical material can be turned into exciting contemporary theatre.

5.30pm, Theatre, free

(includes refreshments)

Sunday 19 November

TREASURES

COLLECTION TALK

Hal Missingham's *Fully Bound*

On retiring from the Art Gallery of New South Wales in 1971, Hal Missingham received an extraordinary gift: a bound volume containing contributions from over 200 Australian artists.

Join Treasures Curator Nat Williams, Peter Missingham and Lou Klepac to explore this fascinating volume.

2pm, Theatre, free

A Treasures Gallery Access Program, supported by National Library Patrons

Tuesday 21 November

2017 NATIONAL FOLK FELLOW PRESENTATION

Mission Songs

2017 National Folk Fellow Jessie Lloyd presents a collection of Indigenous songs from Christian missions, Aboriginal reserves and the fringes of townships where Indigenous people were relocated. Selected from the Library's Oral History and Folklore Collection.

6pm, Theatre, free

In association with the National Folk Festival

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Wednesday 22 November **LEARNING**

Discover Birth, Death and Marriage Records

Learn how to research the key events in the lives of your ancestors using parish registers and civil records held by the Library.

1pm, Ferguson Room, free

Monday 27 November **AUTHOR TALK**

Unbreakable by Jelena Dokic with Jessica Halloran

From war-torn Yugoslavia to Sydney and, later, Wimbledon, Jelena Dokic narrates her hellish ascent to international tennis stardom and her heart-breaking fall from the top.

6pm, Theatre, \$20
(includes refreshments)

In association with Penguin Random House

Tuesday 28 and **Wednesday 29 November** **CONFERENCE**

Relating Histories: **Studying the Family**

This conference examines the 'return' of family history. Information and bookings: relatinghistories@gmail.com

Thursday 30 November **FELLOWSHIP PRESENTATION**

The Golden Years of the Humanities? Australia in the 1960s and 70s

Emeritus Professor Lesley Johnson explores the history of institutions that have shaped the humanities and how complex forces continue to create uncertainty about their value today.

5.15pm, Conference Room, free

Professor Johnson is the National Library Fellow supported by past and present members of the National Library Council

UNBOUND: THE NATIONAL LIBRARY'S ONLINE MAGAZINE

Unbound uses the Library's collection to tell exciting Australian stories, about comet hunters, shipwreck survivors, wartime romance and more.

Read the spring issue now: nla.gov.au/unbound

Bookings: nla.gov.au/events or 02 6262 1111

Emeritus Professor Lesley Johnson

FRIENDS



Tuesday 19 September **EXHIBITION PREVIEW**

Dombrovskis: Journeys into the Wild

Join a special Friends preview of the Library exhibition *Dombrovskis: Journeys into the Wild*.

6pm, Theatre, \$20 Friends,
\$25 non-members
(includes refreshments)

Friday 20 October **LUNCHTIME LECTURE**

Discovering Ferdinand Bauer

David Stuart explores the work of the botanical artist Ferdinand Bauer.

12.30pm, Conference Room,
\$10 Friends and AGHS
members, \$15 non-members

Presented in association with the
Australian Garden History Society (AGHS)

Bookings: nla.gov.au/events or 02 6262 1698

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Join now. Call 02 6262 1698 or visit nla.gov.au/friends.

Ferdinand Bauer (1760–1826), *Stewartia serrata*, 1800s, nla.cat-vn213950

DINING



BOOKPLATE

Relax with friends in the spring sunshine at BOOKPLATE over brunch or over an indulgent High Tea with our selection of homemade sweets. Breakfast and lunch are served until 2pm.

PICNIC pop-up bar will reopen on the outdoor terrace, and is the perfect way to celebrate the warming weather. Happy Hour every Friday from 5pm–7pm.

Now is the time to plan and book your end-of-year festivities. Whether you want drinks and canapés on the outdoor terrace overlooking the lake, or a relaxed lunch or private dinner, BOOKPLATE is the ideal location.



PAPERPLATE

Only have a moment? Duck down to PAPERPLATE, the little sister of BOOKPLATE, for quick coffees, light meals and snacks. Treat yourself to a homemade muffin while you take a break from your day. PAPERPLATE is closed weekends and public holidays.



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Open daily, 9am–5pm

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Shop online at bookshop.nla.gov.au



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Journeys into the Wild:

The Photography of Peter Dombrovskis

Introduction and commentary by Bob Brown

Journeys into the Wild is a poetic escape to a fragile and breathtaking wilderness, with celebrated photographer Peter Dombrovskis as our guide. Bob Brown introduces Dombrovskis' work and provides commentary on some of his favourite images.

RRP \$39.99



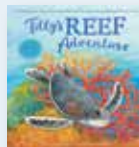
Available
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Living the 1960s

By Noeline Brown

With her trademark dry sense of humour and storyteller's gift, award-winning actor and comedian Noeline Brown combines entertaining social history with lively anecdotes to paint a picture of a decade that didn't just swing—it twisted, stomped and screamed.

RRP \$39.99



Available
November

Tilly's Reef Adventure

Written and illustrated by Rhonda N. Garward

This delightful lift-the-flap book is about a baby Green Turtle who, against the odds, makes it to the Great Barrier Reef, meeting friends and foe along the way.

RRP \$19.99

To purchase or pre-order: 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.

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Friday–Saturday, 10am–5pm

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Public holidays, closed

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Monday–Thursday, 10am–8pm

Friday–Saturday, 10am–5pm

Sunday and public holidays, closed

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Monday–Friday, 10am–5pm

Weekends and public holidays, closed

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Friday, 7.30am–4pm

Saturday and Sunday, 9am–4pm

Public holidays, 10am–3pm

Paperplate

Monday–Friday, 8.30am–3pm

Weekends and public holidays, closed

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PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Family and Community Day

Monday 25 September

Labour Day

Monday 2 October



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