Friends PAGE

Alec Bolton with his press at home

THE FRIENDS of the National Library will hold their Seminar *'Undesirable in the Public Interest': Censorship in Australia from 1933 to 1993* on 9 October, at 10.00 am. Registrations from 9.30 am in the Library Foyer. The Seminar will feature a re-screening of the 'cut' film material shown at the Library Theatre by the Hon. Don Chipp when he was Minister for Customs (1969–72), with an introduction and commentary by Mr Chipp entitled 'A Reprise of the Halcyon Days'. The title of the Seminar derives from the Customs regulations which empower the Film Censorship Board to refuse to register a film imported for public exhibition if, in the Board's opinion, it is 'blasphemous, indecent or obscene'; 'likely to be injurious to morality'; or 'undesirable in the public interest'. The aim of the Seminar is to inform and entertain, rather than debate and polemicise. Booking details below.

On 19 October, the TDK 1993 Australian Audio Book Award will be presented at a cocktail function at the National Library by Senator the Hon. Graham Richardson. Ms Louise Adler, Publishing Director, Reed Books Australia, will speak on Australian audio book production. The TDK Australian Audio Book Award, established in 1988 and presented annually, recognises and encourages producers and narrators of quality Australian audio books. The Award aims to improve the quality and promote the availability of audio books produced in Australia. Tickets are $20.00 each, and more information is available from the Award Coordinator, Pat Stracey by telephone on (06) 262 1289 or fax (06) 273 4493.

Each year the Friends honour an individual whose contribution to book culture is regarded as outstanding. This year we are delighted to celebrate the achievements of Alec Bolton, founder of the Brindabella Press, with a function to be held on 5 November, 1993. Booking details below.

Also planned for 4 November, is the last Family History Seminar for 1993. 'A Guide to the Collections' will only be held if there is sufficient demand for places, so please contact me on (06) 262 1698 if you wish to attend.

CALENDAR OF FRIENDS' EVENTS

October

Censorship Seminar

Date:	*Saturday, 9 October 1993*
Time:	10.00 am–4.00 pm
Venue:	National Library Theatre
Cost:	Friends $45.00, Others $50.00
Bookings:	Telephone (06) 262 1698

TDK 1993 Australian Audio Book Award

Date:	*Tuesday, 19 October 1993*
Time:	7.00 pm–9.00 pm
Venue:	National Library Foyer
Cost:	$20.00
Bookings:	(06) 262 1289

November

Family History Resources Seminar

An introduction to the family history resources in the National Library—the collections and how to use them.

Date:	*Thursday, 4 November 1993*
Time:	5.30 pm–7.30 pm
Venue:	Lower Ground Floor 1
Cost:	$6.00 Friends, $10.00 Others
Bookings:	Telephone (06) 262 1698

Celebration of Alec Bolton

Date:	*Friday, 5 November 1993*
Time:	6.00 pm–7.30 pm
Venue:	National Library Foyer
Cost:	No Charge
Bookings:	Telephone (06) 262 1698

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