

Spring's Friendly News

James Halligan (right), has succeeded Lee Kirwan as Executive Officer of the Friends. James comes with a lifetime exposure to the literary world, and a professional background as both an educator and manager in the arts and social sciences. Importantly also, he has a broad knowledge of the Library, having worked earlier this and last year as a contract officer in Collection Maintenance, and Education and Visitor Services.

A very warm welcome to James on behalf of all Friends.

—Ian Dudgeon, Chair, Friends of the National Library of Australia



should arouse a great deal of interest. Director Craig Lahiff's treatment of a superb Louis Nowra screenplay caused a sensation at the 2002 Sydney Film Festival. In addition to international stars Robert Carlyle and Charles Dance, it boasts such Australian luminaries as Colin Friels, Ben Mendelsohn, Kerry Fox, David Ngoombujarra and Chris Haywood. Centred on the treatment of Max Stuart, an Aboriginal man arrested for the rape and murder of a nine-year-old girl in Ceduna in 1959, the film weaves narratives of political manipulation, police corruption and personal crisis. The screening, hosted by the Friends of the National Library in conjunction with members of the National Gallery, will be followed by a reception in the foyer. I urge interested members to see this terrifically compelling story of right and wrong.



Neil Manton lived in Cambodia during the 1960s and early '70s, and has amassed a wonderful collection of rare Asian textiles which he will be displaying, accompanied by a talk, on 14 November in the Asian Collections Reading Room. The main theme of the evening will be the role of the maker, and the image and design of individual pieces. Refreshments will follow in the Friends Lounge.



The special preview screening of *Black and White* on 22 October

James Halligan
Executive Officer

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring 2002

Kenneth Myer Lecture 2002 'Achieving a Fairer Australia'

A thought-provoking lecture by former federal minister and genuinely liberal thinker, the Hon. Fred Chaney.

Date: Thursday 26 September

Time: 6 pm

Venue: National Library Theatre, followed by a reception in the foyer.

Admission free, donations to the Treasures Gallery fund welcome; bookings essential by 20 September
Tel. (02) 6262 1698

Preview of *Black and White*

The Friends of the National Library, in conjunction with members of the National Gallery of Australia, are hosting a preview screening of this thought-provoking film which aroused much comment at the 2002 Sydney Film Festival. Starring Robert Carlyle and Charles Dance, and Ben Mendelsohn as a young Rupert Murdoch, the film explores the treatment of an Aboriginal man, Max Stuart, arrested for the rape and murder of a nine-year-old girl in the South Australian country town of Ceduna in 1959.

Date: Tuesday 22 October

Time: 6 pm

Venue: National Library Theatre, followed by a reception in the foyer.

Admission: \$20 for Friends of the NLA and members of the NGA; \$25 for others
Bookings essential by 18 October on 6262 1698

'Enduring Tradition—The Women Weavers of Cambodia'

A display of rare Asian textiles, accompanied by an erudite talk by collector Neil Manton, who lived in Cambodia in the 1960s and early 1970s.

Date: Thursday, 14 November

Time: 6 pm

Venue: Asian Collections Reading Room, 3rd Floor, National Library

Admission: Friends \$10; Others \$12 (includes refreshments)

Bookings essential, 6262 1698

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