



### Secret Stories from *Remembered Gardens*

Holly Kerr Forsyth

Come hear the stories behind Holly's book, *Remembered Gardens*. A book signing will follow.

**Date:** Sunday, 8 October

**Time:** 2 pm

**Venue:** Theatre

**Cost:** \$2 Friends, \$5 non-members

**Bookings recommended:**

(02) 6262 1698

### Spring at Springfield—Goulburn Day Trip

Join the Friends on a day trip to the Goulburn region.

**Date:** Saturday 14 October

**Time:** 8 am – 5 pm

**Cost:** \$75 Friends, \$85 non-members (includes bus, lunch and refreshments)

**Bookings essential:** (02) 6262 1698

### Thomas Keneally—A Celebration

This year the Friends are proud to be celebrating the life and work of internationally acclaimed writer Thomas Keneally.

**Date:** Sunday 22 October

**Time:** 2 pm

**Venue:** Theatre

**Cost:** Free admission, donations to the Friends of the National Library Professional Development Grant welcome.

**Bookings essential:** (02) 6262 1698

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Donald Friend (1915–1989)

*Shoppers at Night, Bondi Junction Mall* (detail)

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# October Friends

As Floriade blooms around Canberra, the Friends of the National Library join in the floral festivities with an illustrated presentation by Dr Holly Kerr Forsyth about her recent book, *Remembered Gardens: Eight Women and their Visions of an Australian Landscape*.

Holly Kerr Forsyth is a garden historian and writer, well known through her weekly garden column in *The Weekend Australian*. *Remembered Gardens* brings the lives of eight key public and private women in Australia's gardening history—including Elizabeth Macarthur and Edna Walling—into focus against a background of their passion for gardens, and describes the evolution of Australian gardening to the contemporary style, a more relaxed blending of exotic species and native plants. Holly will discuss the work of these important figures in Australian garden design on Sunday 8 October at 2 pm.

Our gardening theme continues with our second Friends day trip for the year—'Spring at Springfield'. This day trip to Goulburn on Saturday 14 October will feature a garden tour and morning tea at the historic homestead, Springfield, as well as a tour and lunch at the Goulburn brewery, a visit to places familiar to Miles Franklin as a schoolgirl and a walking tour of the Towrang Stockade on the Wollondilly River at Danganelly station. Lunch, morning and afternoon tea are all included in the ticket price.

Our final event for October is the annual Celebration lecture. Each year the Friends of the National Library honour the work of someone who has contributed significantly to the creation of books and book culture in Australia. This year's recipient is Thomas Keneally, one of Australia's most prolific and admired writers.

Thomas Keneally is perhaps best known for his novel *Schindler's Ark*, which won the Booker Prize in 1982 and was later made into the award-winning film *Schindler's List*. His novels *The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith* (1972), *Gossip from the Forest* (1975) and *Confederates* (1979) were short-listed for the Booker Prize, while *Bring Larks and Heroes* (1967) and *Three Cheers for the Paraclete* (1968) are past winners of the Miles Franklin Literary Award. He has written 12 works of non-fiction, including *The Commonwealth of Thieves* (2005), and 28 works of fiction, including *The Tyrant's Novel* (2003). The celebration honouring Thomas Keneally's career will take place at 2 pm on Sunday 22 October at the National Library of Australia.

I do hope you'll be able to join us for one or more of these wonderful events. Bookings are required for all three, and I recommend that you book early to avoid disappointment.

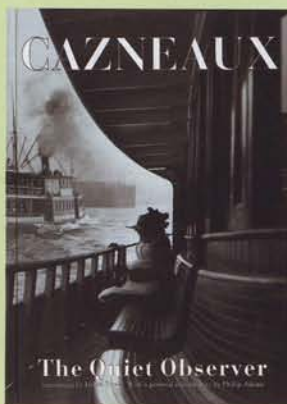
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