

Friends of the Library Annual General Meeting 2023

President's Report

Our major event of 2022 was our Fundraiser Concert - Take Two Oboes - with Celia Craig and Joshua Oates on Sunday 9th October in the wonderful heritage environment and acoustic of the Reading Room, with Simon Healy as MC, to commemorate Jiří Tancibudek AM (1921-2004), world acclaimed oboist and eminent Conservatorium teacher, and the 90th Anniversary of the Barr Smith Library. The event raised a profit of close to \$1700 from ticket sales and sponsored raffle prizes, shared between the Jiri Tancibudek Memorial Scholarship for Oboe and the Barr Smith Library Annual Appeal.

The Friends also continued for the third year to host an Elder Conservatorium Student Intern to programme and produce a lunch time Elder Conservatorium Student Performance in the Reading Room. Intern Lauren Borg produced a Parlour music recital on 8 June of well-known and less well-known voice and instrumental music from favourite Schubert lieder to guitar folk melodies via Wagner. While the audience braved the winter chill of the unheated Reading Room our future Intern concerts will be in the more hospitable conditions of Semester 2.

Our Author and Discovery events highlighted below continued and included a collaboration with the Friends of the State Library to host international speaker Tim Bullamore on his experience as an obituary writer for leading newspapers. Our best attended author event was Tim Reeves on *The Death of Dr Duncan* which packed the Ira Raymond Room to capacity.

As members were notified the Friends very successful Adopt a Book program for sponsorship of rare book conservation and repair, and which featured in the 2022 Barr Smith Appeal, has been paused as the donations exceeded the capacity of the available conservation services for several years.

It is pleasing that the membership of the Friends Network increased over the year and demonstrates the strong regard for the Barr Smith Library as an iconic part of the alumni experience and relationship with the University.

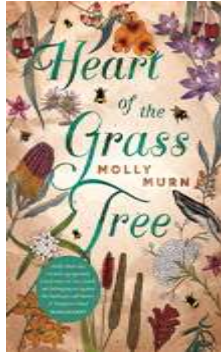
Thanks is due to your 2022 Committee which has met regularly throughout the year. Thanks also to University Librarian Sian Woolcock who took up her appointment early last year and has been very supportive of the Friends. Thanks also to Library Communications staff who maintain our webpage. Much thanks for the support of Alumni Relations of which we are network. And finally a big thank you to our sponsors: Wakefield Press; The University of Adelaide Theatre Guild; and Coriole Vineyards for their long standing wine sponsorship and generous renewal of wine sponsorship for 2023.

Dr Rachel Spencer

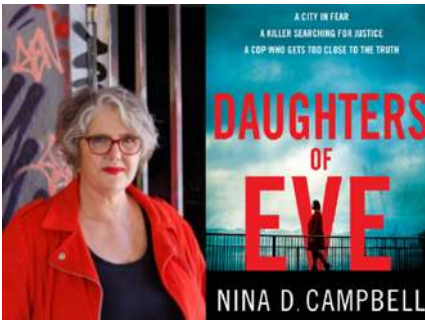
Author Events 2022



31 March Tim Reeves
The Death of Dr Duncan
Wakefield Press 2022

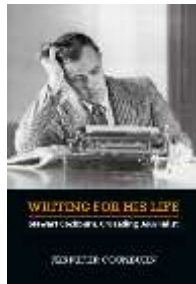


28 April Molly Murn
The Heart of the Grass Tree
Penguin Australia 2019



24 November Nina Campbell
Daughters of Eve
Allen & Unwin 2022
In a Q&A with Dr Charmaine Power

Discovery Events and occasional speaker 2022



30 May Jennifer Cockburn
A Rich Paper Trail:
researching and writing the
biography of Stewart Cockburn
Melbourne U.P. 2022



30 June Cheryl Hoskin
On her Adopt a Book
Berthe Hoola van Nooten's *Fleurs, Fruits et Feuillages* de l'île de Java . 1880



28 July
Jade Ryles
2021 Hugh
Martin Weir
prize-winner

How World War II altered the relationship between Australian children and their families



25 August Tim Bullamore
A shared event with the
Friends of the State Library

International visiting speaker Tim Bullamore from the UK shared his experiences writing obituaries for leading newspapers for almost 30 years