



What's On in August



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August 2024

A powerful new exhibition

Opening Saturday 17 August

Discover a little-known chapter in Australia's history. In 1940, refugees from Nazi persecution who had fled to Britain were suddenly classified as enemy aliens and transported to Australia on the ship *Dunera*. Follow their extraordinary stories through almost 200 artworks, sketchbooks and diaries created in the internment camps in regional NSW and Victoria, and mostly held in the Library's

collection.

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Remembering the : Voices of descendants

28 August at 6 pm

Hear remarkable, stirring and confronting *Dunera* stories, as told by a panel of descendants in this special exhibition event.

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Your family history

It's Family History Month! In August we have a range of free online and onsite events to help you on your research journey or visit the pop-up Family

journey or visit the pop-up Family History desk in the Macquarie Street foyer.

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Guided tours

Join one of our free tours. Learn about the exhibitions from the curators who put them together, or go behind the scenes to the Library's photographic studio and underground stacks.

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Talking May Gibbs

14 August at 6 pm

To celebrate the 100th birthday of the iconic *Bib and Bub* curator Sarah Morley explores May Gibbs' little-known, but lengthy, career as a comic strip artist. See a selection of original works by May Gibbs on display in the [Amaze Gallery](#).

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The Love Labs

13 August at 6 pm

Whether you're sick of swiping or are a social animal, come to The Library Bar for the The Love Lab — a speed dating matchmaking experiment. You'll find smooth jazz, dim lighting and a unique way to meet like-minded cuties.

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Author talk

22 August at 6 pm

World-leading forest expert and author of *The Forest Wars*, David Lindenmayer AO joins acclaimed scientist and conservationist Tim Flannery to discuss the logging and mismanagement of Australia's native

forests and their impact on climate change.

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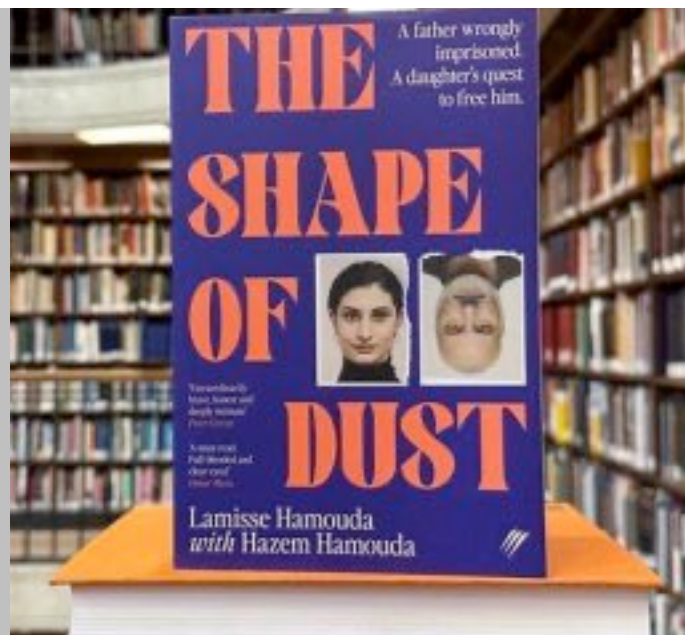
Poetry month gala

29 August at 6 pm

Celebrate with some of Australia's finest poets, singers and writers at a star-studded gala night. Part of the exciting program of Poetry Month events and workshops on at the Library from 28–31 August. Presented by Red Room Poetry in partnership with BBC and ABC.

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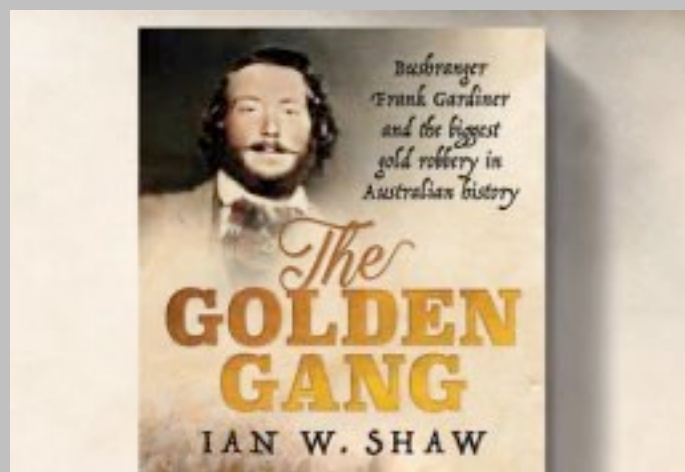




Winners announced

Meet the National Biography Award winners on 17 August at a special event. Lamisse Hamouda's debut memoir, *The Shape of Dust*, won this year's Award. Jillian Graham's biography *Inner Song* (Melbourne University Publishing) won the \$5000 Michael Crouch Award for a Debut Work.

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Giveaway

Win 1 of 5 copies of *The Golden Gang* by Ian W Shaw — the first comprehensive biography of the godfather of Australian bushranging, Frank Gardiner, leader of the Lachlan gang and mastermind of the largest gold heist in Australian history. To enter, tell us why you want to win.

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