



# OCTOBER NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

## Library Closure

The library will be closed on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October due to an ABC Radio event. ABC Radio Melbourne is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and will broadcast from the Athenaeum Theatre, which is turning 100 in December. The library space will also be used.

The birthday concert is being hosted by Jacinta Parsons and Brian Nankervis (pictured), will feature musical acts and special guests, and is being broadcast live during the afternoon. More information can be found [here](#).

The library will also be closed on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November for Melbourne Cup Day.



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## Vale Marjorie Dalvean

A memorial service for our much-loved, long-time archives co-ordinator, Marjorie Dalvean, will be held in the library on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Marjorie Ann Dalvean (11 October 1940 – 30 August 2024) first worked at the library as a junior assistant in the 1950s, before returning after retirement to volunteer. At that time, there were no archives – just items stuffed under stairs and in cupboards, with no regard for their protection or preservation.

With the help of a team of volunteers, Marjorie set up a physical and digital archival collection that is worthy of research and intrinsic to the story of European settlement.

Marjorie encouraged research essays to be written and published, promoted the Athenaeum through talks and workshops, welcomed visitors and responded to thousands of inquiries ranging from family research to city planning.

Marjorie retired from the library in 2018, after many years of service. The Dalvean family's involvement with the Athenaeum continues, with daughter Jo Dalvean being a member of the committee of management.

We send our sincere condolences to Marjorie's family.





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## Sumi-e Japanese Ink Art Workshop

Junko Azukawa started learning traditional Japanese calligraphy at the tender age of five.

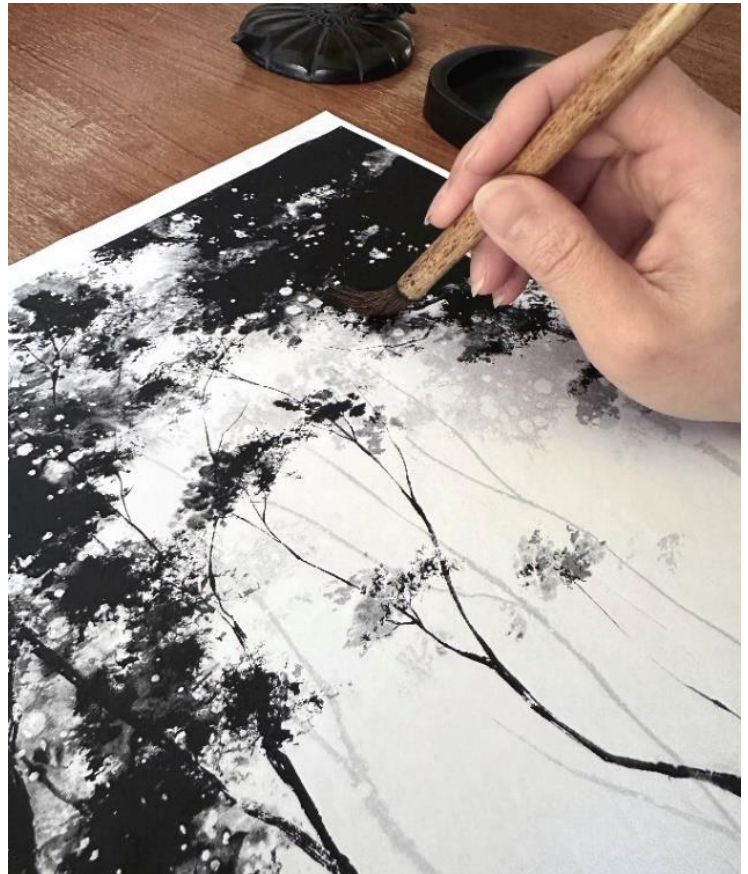
Since becoming a Melbourne resident in 2005, Junko has taught calligraphy and painting to adults and children, and exhibited her artwork at various galleries. One of her artworks, *Bamboo Grove and the Dragonfly*, is in the National Gallery of Victoria's collection.

We are very fortunate to have Junko running a Sumi-e Japanese ink art workshop at the library on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Sumi-e is the ancient art of Japanese brush painting.

Participants will learn to use different ink tones and brush techniques, and will create a unique piece of art to take home. All materials are provided and all ages are welcome.

### Details

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
Workshop from 1pm-2pm  
Free for members and non-members  
Book [here](#).





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## Performance: Flinders Quartet

Approaching their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Flinders Quartet is instantly recognisable as one of Australia's most loved chamber music ensembles.

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October they will perform Felix Mendelssohn String Quartet No.6 in F minor, Op.80, together with other music by Felix Mendelssohn and Fanny Mendelssohn and incidental music by Bryony Marks.



We look forward to welcoming the quartet, comprising Elizabeth Sellars (violin), Wilma Smith (violin), Helen Ireland (viola) and Zoe Knighton (cello), back to the library.

### Details

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October  
Doors open 5.30pm, performance from 6pm  
Free for members, \$20 non-members  
Book [here](#).

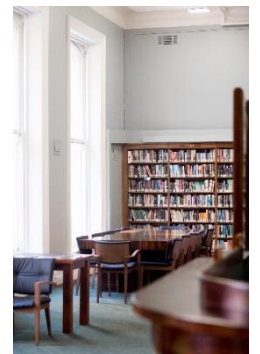
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## Seniors Festival Tours

Just a reminder that the library will be hosting tours during the Seniors Festival, from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October to Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Thanks to our members for your patience during the tours.

This year we are running tours on the library's history and tours on the archives. All are free but bookings are required. If you would like to join a tour book [here](#).







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## Celebrating our 185<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Members are invited to join us on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November for a celebratory afternoon tea with the Governor, Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC (pictured).

The afternoon tea will celebrate our 185<sup>th</sup> birthday, a significant milestone in Melbourne's cultural history.

Various publications exploring our fascinating history will be launched and the Governor will deliver a speech.

Numbers are strictly limited so please RSVP as soon as possible.

### Details

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November  
From 2pm  
Free  
Book [here](#).



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## Save The Dates

There might only be a couple of months left in 2024 but there are still quite a few events for members.

More details will be available in the November and December eNews but these are the dates to mark in your calendars:

- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November – talk by artist-in-residence Alissa Duke (pictured). Bookings and information [here](#).
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Beethoven's Opus 18, third instalment by the Affinity Quartet. Bookings and information [here](#).
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November – workshop by Alissa Duke.
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – a work by playwright-in-residence Ash Flanders.
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – La Descarga.
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Phil Manning.





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## Opportunity to Join U3A Melbourne City

Want to build on your love of literature? [Join](#) U3A Melbourne City and have access to over 80 full year or semester classes and 80 short classes covering poetry and literature, writing groups, book clubs, history and philosophy and much more.

Or if you are looking for something different, U3A's range of Let's Do social and physical activities will get you active and making new friends. Access is easy to all 10 CBD venues with public transport options. The Early Bird Offer of \$70 is from October 7th to November 12th. Download U3A's program [here](#).



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## Fringe Festival Work Penned in Library

A work written at the library by our 2024 playwright-in-residence, Ash Flanders, will premiere at next month's Fringe Festival.

Directed by Stephen Nicolazzo, *A Brief Episode* follows the adventures of a nameless protagonist as he attempts the impossible – to find a place on Aussie TV for a mouthy, middle-aged homosexual with too many opinions.

Ash's other new work will be performed in the library on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November. See the November eNews for more information.

### Details

October 2 – 20

7.30pm

All tickets \$29

Festival Hub: Trades Hall – Solidarity Hall, corner Lygon & Victoria streets, Carlton

Book [here](#).

