

The Friends Year in Review

The Friends of the Baillieu Library enjoyed a rich and varied program of events in 1993.

Professor Bill Coaldrake, Foundation Professor in Japanese, addressed the Friends' Annual Dinner, telling us about his fascinating experiences in Japan assisting master craftsmen on a sacred building site.

In June and September respectively, specialist tours were conducted to two unique collections, the University of Melbourne Archives and the Herbarium Library.

The *Oxford Companion to Australian Childrens Literature* was launched in the Leigh Scott Room, Baillieu Library, on 8 July, an event attended by many Friends and other guests. The Companion is edited by Stella Lees and Pam Macintyre, who extensively consulted the collection of children's literature held in the Library's Special Collections.

The seminar How to look after a Book Collection, presented by Rare Books Curator Merete Smith, was a practical and entertaining workshop for

booklovers. Ms Smith also curated a highly successful exhibition, Facsimiles of Illuminated Medieval Manuscripts; in conjunction with this exhibition, Professor Margaret Manion (pictured) gave a well-attended talk on the Library's remarkable collection of these facsimiles.

A number of other special lectures were sponsored by the Library. Professor Stuart Macintyre, Ernest Scott Professor of History, presented an insightful lecture on Ernest Scott, the founder of modern history research at Melbourne University. Warren Horton, Director General of the National Library, presented the inaugural annual Library Lecture, jointly sponsored by the Library and the Department of Library and Information Studies. Mr Horton spoke about a wide range of timely issues under the topic 'Change and the Library Profession'.

The 1994 program of events is currently being finalised. Highlights include visits to leading Melbourne bookshops, namely Kay Craddock's Old and Rare Books in February, Page's Bookshop in

March and the Melbourne University Press in April. Details will be forwarded to members; other interested persons should contact the University Library on 344 7257.

Once again, we are most grateful for the generosity and invaluable support of the Friends, and their outstanding contribution to the Library. We note with pleasure that the Friends' membership continues to steadily grow.



Professor Margaret Manion (pictured) presented a fascinating and well attended public lecture about 'Illuminated Medieval Manuscripts and their Afterlife' in the Baillieu Library on the evening of 26 July.



From L to R: restaurateur and writer Stephanie Alexander; publisher Philippa Sandall; Reader in Renaissance History, Ian Robertson; and Treasurer of the National Book Council (Victoria), Graham Dudley. Pictured at the successful seminar 'Cookery Bookery' jointly sponsored by the National Book Council and The Friends of the Baillieu Library.