



**MANNING CLARK HOUSE**  
*A home for contemporary debate and discussion*

## **A Bookshop in Wartime**

**Sunday 21 May 2023 at 2.00pm**  
**Manning Clark House**

In April 1938 a small bookshop opened for business in Canberra, at a time, when Australia's federal capital was still a country town and Burley Griffin's vision for its future had been defeated by years of war, depression and political indifference. The bookshop, under its owner and manager Verity Hewitt, became in time a meeting place for booklovers as well as an art gallery and a library, in an era which was a golden age for books and booksellers. Scientists, artists, diplomats, servicemen and women, public servants, writers, adventurers and immigrants all visited the shop during the war years.



Jenny Horsfield is a Canberra writer with a special interest in the stories of the region where she lives. Her previous book *Voices Beyond the Suburbs* was a study of the Soldier Settlers of the Tuggeranong Valley in Canberra. *A Bookshop in Wartime* is Jenny's seventh book. She has twice been the recipient of an ACT Writers and Publishers non-fiction Book of the Year, for the books *Rainbow: the story of Rania MacPhillamy* and *Building a city: C S Daley and the Story of Canberra*. Jenny is currently writing a book on our native grasslands and the people who care for them.

*Please book your ticket and join in for Q&A with light refreshments after the talk*

**Booking essential**

**MCH members \$15; concession (Gov't Support and full-time students) \$15**

**Non-members \$20**

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