

Friends of the Wollongong City Library Annual General Meeting

Friends of the Wollongong City Library Annual General Meeting and Election of Office-Bearers will be held on:
Monday 12th October
5 p.m.

Tom Thumb Room, Ground Floor
Wollongong City Library



Remember! To vote at the AGM or to nominate for a position on the Committee, you need to be a financial member. Renewal forms have been posted out to all current members. A nomination for Office-Bearer form can be found on p.8 of this newsletter, or by requesting a copy from the Secretary on **42 673369**

Meeting begins 5 p.m.
followed at 5.30 p.m. by wine and cheese
with our special guest speaker

Jane Turner Goldsmith



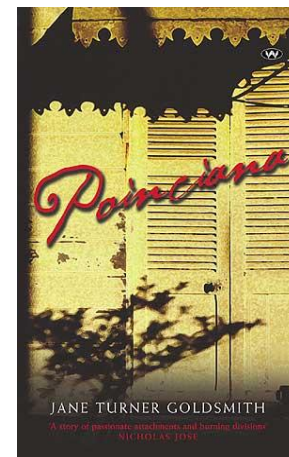
Jane Turner Goldsmith, author of *Poinciana*, will be talking about her novel and her life in the South Pacific. Currently based in Thirroul, Jane Turner Goldsmith lived for 4 years in New Caledonia in the late 1980s – an uneasy political period in the history of that region. Here she witnessed events which form the background to her novel. She is also a psychologist and writer of short stories, poetry and children's fiction.

(There is no charge for this event)

Jane Turner Goldsmith *Poinciana*

"Poinciana" is a very special novel A story of passionate attachments and burning divisions, told with subtle understanding that brings to life the troubled world of New Caledonia ... "Bright, diffident academic Catherine Piron has a muddled background. She spent her early years in Noumea until her father died. As a child, she moved with her mother and her sister to France and then to Adelaide, where she now lives. Her estranged sister, Vivi, still lives in Paris. Before Catherine's mother dies, she reveals that their father is not dead after all. Determined to follow the trail of her lost father, Catherine flies to Noumea.

On her trek, Catherine meets intriguing Algerian journalist Henri Boulez, who mingles brusqueness with concern. An understanding begins to bud between them, as they travel into the remote regions of New Caledonia to uncover Catherine's past. Running parallel to Catherine's search is the story of Robert, a mixed-race orphan living in the French Pacific who is growing up within a white foster family, amid a culture of bubbling violence and tensions between Kanak militants and settlers. What follows is a tale of deception and lost families, as Catherine attempts to untangle the snarled skeins of the past and come to terms with the future



Poinciana. Wakefield Press, 2006. ISBN 1862546991
1 Copy held at Thirroul Library at the Fiction no. TURN

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<http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/library/friends.asp>

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