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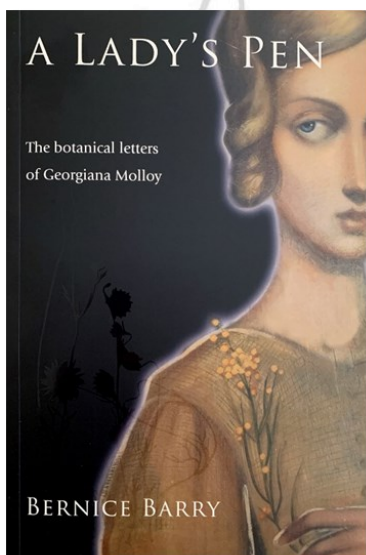
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A Lady's Pen

Book Launch with Bernice Barry

Venue

Royal Western Australian Historical Society
49 Broadway Nedlands



April 26th
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Doors – 4.30pm
Talk – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Books sales and signings
will follow the talk.



Between 1837 and 1843, Georgiana Molloy collected specimens and seeds of the native plants of Taalinup and Undalup (Augusta and Busselton) and sent three exquisite botanical collections to James Mangles in London, who had requested the work. They were the highest quality that British botanists had ever received from WA. She was self-taught but her dried wildflower specimens are still studied in world herbaria. She died aged thirty-seven, having received no payment or formal recognition for her scientific achievements.

A Lady's Pen provides the first full, unedited transcriptions of her letters to Mangles.

Join Bernice Barry (author of Georgiana Molloy's biography, *The Mind That Shines*) for this fascinating journey through the remarkable and enduring work of WA's first internationally successful female botanist.

Bernice Barry will be joined by Dr Alex George AM, Adjunct Associate Professor at Murdoch University, who will be launching the book.

In a long and distinguished research career as one of Australia's foremost taxonomic botanists, Dr George has published 200 botanical papers, seventeen books and edited many others, including fourteen volumes of the *Flora of Australia* as Executive Director of the project. He is the world's leading authority on the genus *Banksia*. He has named more than 300 new species and several new genera and is the only botanist to have served two terms as Australian Botanical Liaison Officer to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

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