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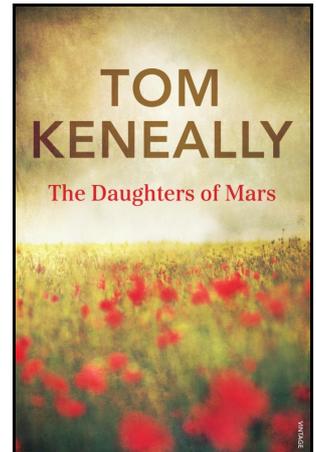
## TOM KENEALLY

To coincide with the release of his new book

## The Daughters of Mars



**When:** Wednesday 6th June, 7.30pm  
**Where:** MALT CAFE  
23-25 South Concourse, Beaumaris  
**Cost:** \$50.00 per person- **includes**  
admission, finger food  
**AND ONE COPY of**  
**THE DAUGHTERS OF MARS**  
Beverages at bar prices.  
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**Thomas Keneally** won the Booker Prize in 1982 with *Schindler's Ark*, later made into the Academy Award-winning film *Schindler's List* by Steven Spielberg. His non-fiction, includes the memoir *Searching For Schindler* and *Three Famines*, an LA Times Book of the Year, and the histories *The Commonwealth Of Thieves*, *The Great Shame* and *American Scoundrel*. His fiction, includes *The Widow And Her Hero* (shortlisted for the Prime Minister's Literary Award), *An Angel In Australia* and *Bettany's Book*. His novels *The Chant of Jimmy Blacksmith*, *Gossip from the Forest*, and *Confederates* were all shortlisted for the Booker Prize, while *Bring Larks and Heroes* and *Three Cheers For The Paraclete* won the Miles Franklin Award. *The People's Train* was longlisted for the Miles Franklin Award and shortlisted for the Commonwealth Writers Prize, South East Asia division.

Inspired by journals of Australian nursing sisters who gave their all to the Great War effort and the men they nursed, ***The Daughters of Mars*** is vast in scope yet extraordinarily intimate. This is Keneally at the height of his storytelling powers; a stunning tour de force to join the best of First World War literature, and one that casts a fresh light on the challenges faced by the Australian men and women who voluntarily risked their lives for peace. In 1915 sisters Naomi and Sally Durance answer a call for nurses to join the war effort. They are escaping the family dairy farm in the Macleay Valley, and they carry a secret with them. Soon they are in Egypt, where they are put to work on the Red Cross hospital ship *Archimedes* as it patrols the Dardanelles. On *Archimedes* they witness Mars in all his ferocity, as he pummels soldiers in the massive, brutal metal brawl that is Gallipoli. Later, they are then sent to northern Europe, where again, they must face the inhumanity of war in its many terrible guises - where trench warfare and gas abound. But it is here, too, that the sisters meet the remarkable men with whom they wish to spend the rest of their lives.

