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Easter Trails connect thousands of young visitors to Old Parliament House

Over 5,500 children and their families took to the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House on Easter Sunday as part of The Great Easter Egg Trail.

This event contributed to the highest ever attendance recorded for the Easter long weekend, with more than 8,400 people visiting the museum over four days.

“It was great to see so many young visitors engaging with the museum and this iconic building,” said Ms Daryl Karp, Director of the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House. “We pride ourselves in creating fun yet meaningful learning experiences for our family audience by developing activities that encourage younger visitors to interact with our content in a way that resonates with them.”

Four Easter trails took families around the building in a self-directed learning experience that connected visitors with the museum’s stories, objects, exhibitions and spaces. Many parents commented that this was a great way to involve and excite children about parliament and democracy.

"The prospect of free sweets was a smart incentive by MoAD {Museum of Australian Democracy} and it allowed me to sit with my kids, in the old House of Representatives and Senate debating chambers, and talk to them about how laws are made, how society is shaped by those laws, and how Australia took some momentous decisions within these same walls," Facebook post by a visitor who attended the Easter Egg trail event.

Families also got a chance to visit Play Up—an exhibition that explores the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), and places children’s voices at the heart of the experience.

The museum is committed to developing engaging and creative programs for kids and families that dispel the notion that museums are hands off and that turn the traditional idea of what goes on in museums completely on its head. For information on our April school holiday program visit www.moadoph.gov.au

A national icon, a place of great beauty, magnificent design and historical significance, Old Parliament House is home to the Museum of Australian Democracy. Be inspired by the spirit of Australian Democracy and the power of your voice within it.

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