Before Federation in 1901, there was no such thing as the Commonwealth of Australia.

Our system of government is uniquely Australian, a hybrid of the British and American systems.

Our democracy is governed by a two-house process.

We form government in the House of Representatives.

The Senate includes representatives from each state and territory.

The public doesn't vote in a Prime Minister.

The opposition is the major party not in power.

Voting is compulsory for Australian citizens over 18.

Want to know more? Pick up a copy of Democracy Matters to learn more about these fast-facts.