

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## MoAD launches spine-tingling new ghost tours...if you dare!

From ghostly encounters and mysterious occurrences, to stories of death and dastardly deeds, the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House (MoAD) is sharing its supernatural secrets in a series of spooky new tours.

The **After Dark: Ghost Hunters** tour takes visitors on a torch-led journey through Old Parliament House to hear haunted tales from inside the 90-year old building.

Based on historical records and personal accounts, these eerie encounters come from those who worked and visited the building during its time as Federal Parliament from 1927 to 1988, as well as more recent stories from staff, security guards and visitors.

Some of Australia's Prime Ministers have laid in state in King's Hall and a Senator collapsed and died during Question Time. There are tales of security guards hearing footsteps crossing King's Hall at night and staff feeling strange taps on the shoulder out of thin air.

"The **After Dark: Ghost Hunters** tour separates fact from fiction - we leave it up to the visitor to draw their conclusions about the ghosts of this iconic heritage building," says Brian Leadbeater, Volunteer and Visitor Experience Coordinator at MoAD.

The first **After Dark: Ghost Hunters** tour ran on 25 August as part of the 2017 Canberra Writer's Festival program and sold out quickly.

The next tours will run on Thursday nights throughout September – the 7 September, 14 September, 21 September and 28 September. All tours start at 8pm.

Tickets cost \$20 per person and can be booked via [www.moadoph.gov.au/events/ghost-hunters/](http://www.moadoph.gov.au/events/ghost-hunters/).

More tour dates will be announced via MoAD's social media pages ([Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)) and website: [www.moadoph.gov.au/whats-on](http://www.moadoph.gov.au/whats-on)

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For further information, interviews or photo opportunities, please contact Alice Brown: [alice.brown@moadoph.gov.au](mailto:alice.brown@moadoph.gov.au), (02) 6270 8120 or 0410 997 741.

### INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES:

- Brian Leadbeater, Volunteer and Visitor Experience Coordinator, Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House

### VISUALS:

Images for **After Dark: Ghost Hunters** tour are available to download via Dropbox. Images must be used with the credit provided:

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