



Museum of  
Australian Democracy  
Old Parliament House

# MEDIA KIT



*be surprised*  
at what's inside

## Be surprised at what's inside MoAD this summer

There's something for the whole family to enjoy this summer at MoAD (Museum of Australian Democracy).

Located in the heart of Canberra, at the spiritual home of Australian democracy – Old Parliament House – MoAD celebrates Australia's rich democratic history.

From fun family spaces with games and dress ups, to authentically restored heritage areas and contemporary exhibitions MoAD offers an exciting adventure in one iconic building.

### Current Exhibitions

#### **TRUTH POWER AND A FREE PRESS**

*Truth, Power and a Free Press* is a new contemporary exhibition, housed in a never before seen space of Old Parliament House.

Empowering visitors to unpack the importance of trusted media sources in a democracy, this exhibition brings together powerful stories and objects that span the history of media in Australia.



The exhibition lays bare the technological evolution of Australia's media history, with items ranging from a mid-19<sup>th</sup>-century printing press used by Sir Henry Parkes to the modern-day iPhone.

A 7-foot tall interactive audio-visual installation allows visitors to hear the extraordinary first hand stories from those on the front line for the battle for truth.

As part of the exhibition, the former Parliamentary Broadcasting and ABC Studio were restored to reflect the studio in 1988. This studio has never before been open to the public.

[moadoph.gov.au/truth](http://moadoph.gov.au/truth)

#### **BEHIND THE LINES: THE YEAR'S BEST POLITICAL CARTOONS 2019**

MoAD's annual *Behind the Lines* exhibition brings together some of the best political cartoons from the last 12 months.

Showcasing more than 80 cartoons from 30 of Australia's best cartoonists, *Behind the Lines* sees 2019's politics through the frame of Aussie rock music. Everything from the Federal Election to the woes of Brexit are included in this rock'n'roll themed Greatest Hits Tour.



Visitors will see insightful commentary including work from John Shakespeare, David Rowe, Michael Leunig, Cathy Wilcox and Mark Knight, among other.

[moadoph.gov.au/btl](http://moadoph.gov.au/btl)

## CRAFTIVISM. DISSIDENT OBJECTS AND SUBVERSIVE FORMS

*Craftivism. Dissident Objects and Subversive Forms*, a Shepparton Art Museum curated exhibition, touring nationally by NETS Victoria, challenges the perception of art.

Visitors can see craft in a new light and immerse themselves in the unexpected beauty of activism inspired craft.

Featuring the artwork of 17 contemporary Australian artists, this collaborative, playful and immersive exhibition gives visitors the opportunity to leave their mark on the exhibition by contributing to the collaborative artwork, *Archiloom*.

*Archiloom* is a hands-on artwork that promotes collaboration and social connection with work that allows visitors to participate. Using recycled materials including rope and fabric, visitors can leave their mark on *Archiloom*.

[moadoph.gov.au/craftivism](http://moadoph.gov.au/craftivism)

## THE #UDHRQUILT PROJECT

Craftivism is a global movement that combines craft and activism into quietly powerful protest to call for social and political change.

The *#UDHRquilt Project* features four never before seen quilts from a global craftivism project, each beautifully embroidered with the articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by contributors from around the world.

Stitching in local and global stories of human rights injustices, visitors can see the intricate detail of these quilts that represent the world's conscience.

The *#UDHRquilt Project* moves beyond a traditional museum experience by inviting visitors to get involved. Visitors can immerse themselves in craftivism by participating in a range of hands-on craft activities, workshops and community-based events.

[moadoph.gov.au/quiltproject](http://moadoph.gov.au/quiltproject)



## Interactive Family Spaces

### PLAYUP

Stand up, make up, think up and step up at *PlayUP*, an interactive exhibition space for the young and young at heart.

*PlayUP* celebrates the role of children in our community and provides a welcoming environment for families to learn about democratic processes through imagination, role play and discovery.



From listening pods and a role play Kindness Café to a fuzzy felt wall and craft activities, *PlayUP* has a range of exciting and immersive experiences that flip the traditional idea of museums completely on its head.

Young visitors can participate in a facilitated craft activity, daily from 10.30am until 12.30pm. Each week there is a new craft activity to participate in.

[moadoph.gov.au/playup](http://moadoph.gov.au/playup)

### YOURS FAITHFULLY

MoAD invites visitors to rediscover the art of letter writing in *Yours Faithfully*.

In an age of pithy one liners, text messages and FaceTime, letter writing might seem redundant.

Yet rediscovering this lost art reminds us to slow down and express our inner thoughts with others.



Over the years, everyday people have used the modest pen and paper to communicate, persuade, and initiate change.

Visitors can use beautifully restored typewriters, pens and paper to craft their own letter; whatever the subject and whomever the recipient. Once they are done writing, visitors can pop the letter into the post box – postage is on us.

[moadoph.gov.au/yoursfaithfully](http://moadoph.gov.au/yoursfaithfully)

### BEHIND THE LINES FAMILY SPACE

The young and young at heart can live out their rockstar dreams in the *Behind the Lines* family space.

Practice your best air guitar moves in front of the stage mirror while dressing up in costumes inspired by the best rockstar's of the 1980s.



Rock'n'roll inspired board games will entertain the whole family for hours on end, and older kids can go on a cartooning trail through the exhibition, following clues to learn about the art of political cartooning.



## **Upcoming Events and Tours**

### **UPRISING**

MoAD is helping visitors live up to their New Year's resolutions to make a change and have more fun, with its UPrising event 12 January, 9am–12pm.

There's something for all ages in this special event, held in MoAD's iconic House of Representatives and Senate courtyards. Visitors are invited to bring their imagination for hands-on activities and meet inspiring people who are improving the world one project at a time.



Members of the Scullin Community Group and environmental volunteers are on hand to chat about how Canberra communities are working together to make a difference.

**9am – 12pm, Sunday 12 January 2020**

**Adult – \$5.00pp; Child – \$3.00pp**

**[moadoph.gov.au/uprising](http://moadoph.gov.au/uprising)**

### **OPEN AIR PLAYUP**

*Open Air PlayUP* is back these school holidays in the beautiful Senate Courtyard at Old Parliament House.

Soak up the spring sunshine, play some giant lawn games, or curl up with a book in one of our teepees.

**10 am - 5 pm, January 25 - 27 2020.**



### **AFTER DARK: GHOST HUNTERS TOUR**

The corridors of Old Parliament House are no stranger to intrigue, but after dark a whole new world of mystery comes to life...

This torch-lit tour explores Old Parliament House's most active paranormal locations. From deaths in both chambers to mysterious late-night happenings, there are plenty of spooky untold tales to uncover.

**8.30pm – 9.15pm, Thursdays and Saturdays in January 2020**

**\$29.00pp**

**[moadoph.gov.au/ghosttour](http://moadoph.gov.au/ghosttour)**

### **ANIMAL HOUSE TOUR**

Dogs and cats, birds and bees, kangaroos and emus, elephants and mice...from opening day to the present Old Parliament House has seen all kinds of creatures.

MoAD's experienced guides take visitors around the building to learn how animals bolstered and challenged, inspired and amused the building's workers and visitors alike.

**Daily until 27 January 2020**

**\$8.00pp**

**[moadoph.gov.au/animaltour](http://moadoph.gov.au/animaltour)**

## **About MoAD**



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The Museum of Australian Democracy celebrates Australia's proud history as a democratic nation and actively promotes the participation of its citizens in determining its future.

MoAD is a museum not just of objects but of ideas, a place where stories, conversations and narratives from myriad perspectives can be heard and discussed. In our iconic heritage building, we tell the story of Australia's journey to becoming one of the world's most vibrant and multicultural democratic nations.

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**IMAGES:** <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/2flbny00cwvg73z/AACOCJwY1eom8YLPT4H3F6iqa?dl=0>