



Old
Parliament
House

These are extraordinary times for us and for democracy. As we are all at home trying to find our new 'normal', it is now more important than ever for us to stay connected. We are supporting our community with this by turning our attention to considerate, playful and social engagement online material.

We hope to provide opportunities to inform and reflect, engage with family or simply consider the challenges ahead of us. Whether that be educational resources to support teachers, parents and students with learning at home or developing new, exciting, digital museum offerings for our visitors to enjoy. Our material is continually evolving, so we encourage you to let us know your thoughts on what material you would like to see as we embark on this journey together.

Keep connected via MoAD's [website](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). Stay safe and stay well.

Daryl Karp AM

Director



On Air PlayUP

Need something to keep the kids entertained that is fun and educational?

We are bringing our interactive PlayUP craft sessions directly into your home every Wednesday at 10:30am with On Air PlayUP!

Join your favourite PlayUP facilitators live on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) as they take you step by step through a fun craft activity with a different theme each week. And stay tuned to find out more info on our On Air PlayUP Facebook group which will launch in the next few weeks.

Don't worry if you can't join us at that time – we have all the fun saved on our [website](#) for you to enjoy when convenient.

Want more for the whole family to explore?

Check out the [On Air PlayUP family guides](#) that include the materials list and craft instructions for each weekly theme. There's also Spotify playlists, related book lists and extra games and activities for all age groups.

During craft this week, celebrate the International Day of Human Space Flight and learn how to make your very own rocket ship.

[Download this week's family guide ›](#)



War and Unity: How Australia governs during a crisis

So far during the COVID-19 pandemic response, the government has unveiled many measures for the health and safety of Australian's.

There can be a lot to unpack in these announcements and sometimes hard to understand how the process of our democracy works in a crisis.

MoAD Researcher, Campbell Rhodes explores actions that have been taken during previous



Pets in the spotlight

Thrust into the spotlight by virtue of their human companions or place of residence, these pooches and feline friends had the media profile and public adoration that some polities would only dream of.

Old Parliament House was regularly attended by Droopy the Dog, Mitzi the Cat and Sir John the Sheepdog.

[Read about their life as pets in the House ›](#)

crises to help you understand how the government is working during the current pandemic.

[Read about how Australia governs during a crisis ›](#)



Democratic Fundamentals Podcast

Take some democracy in your pocket on your next walk.

In this special podcast Professor Mark Evans discusses Australian democracy with Emeritus Professor Ian Chubb and Michelle Grattan. The panel dissects the Australian trust in government, compared with other modern democracies around the world. Drawing on the world values survey, the report notes the sharp focus on the quality of democratic governance, especially in the time of global crisis caused by coronavirus.

[Listen to the podcast ›](#)

Democracy 2025 released the latest report, How does Australia compare: what makes a leading democracy? It investigates how Australian attitudes towards issues of trust and democratic practices compare both with other mature liberal democracies and nation states in our region.

[Read the report ›](#)



MoAD Learning

We have a range of online resources that help parents and teachers with distance learning at home and support school and student social cohesion.

Our team have developed several Digital Excursions that can be accessed by the whole class together - even when students are learning at home.

Our museum educators use our location, Old Parliament House, to explore some key people and events from our democratic history with the students.

[View our Digital Excursions ›](#)

We also have a range of easy to follow teaching activities suitable for Year 5 – 12 across various subject areas, aligned to the Australian curriculum.

[See our online resources here ›](#)

Support MoAD's Digital Excursions

With your support our Digital Excursions can reach more students and continue to run at no cost to schools.

[Donate today](#) and help us keep our civics educational programs free for students to continue their education.

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