

Old
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Get crafty and creative these school holidays

Learn how to share your ideas at MoAD's new zine-making workshop.

For young people aged 8-15 years, at this two-hour artist-led workshop you will make your own zine.

Zines – small, hand-made, self-published magazines – have been around since the 1930s, providing a way for alternative voices to be heard. They are now part of the low-fi resurgence in the arts scene.

You can learn how to produce your own 8-page zine using collage, stencils, stamps and paper-folding techniques, and share your story or your big idea.



All materials are provided. Bring your own creativity.

From 10am to 12 noon, 12-16 April 2021 at MoAD.

Workshop places are limited. Don't miss out. [Book](#) your free place now.



Seven women who made history

March is Women's History Month and we've recognised some of the firsts of women in Australian politics in our blog - from Enid Lyons and Dorothy Tangney, the first women elected to Parliament, to Linda Burney, the first Aboriginal woman elected to the House of Representatives.

The accomplishments of these seven women tell important stories about democracy and its future. [Read more](#)

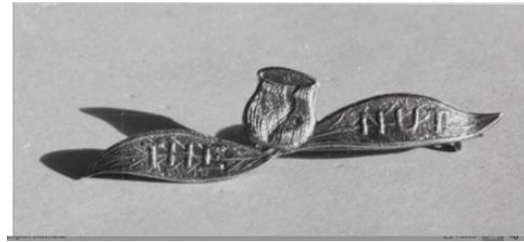
Photo: Australian War Memorial

Around the House – Senator Tangney's 'bottle-axe'

Curator Stephanie Pfennigwerth nominates Senator Dorothy Tangney's 'bottle-axe' as one of her favourite objects in MoAD's collection.

It was presented to the WA Senator in 1944 'with the compliments of the builders of HMAS Shoalhaven', who crafted it from the broken-off end of the Champagne bottle she'd used to launch the frigate.

Tangney was elected to the Senate in 1943 and was the first woman sworn into federal Parliament (she beat the Member for the Tasmanian seat of Darwin, Dame Enid Lyons, by six minutes).



Sneak peek: new tour

MoAD will launch a new tour next month to celebrate some of the notable women who served in Australian politics.

One hundred years ago this year, Edith Cowan won a seat in the Western Australia Legislative Assembly and became the first woman to be elected to parliamentary office in this country.

To mark the occasion, Cowan gave a brooch sporting a cracked gum nut to members of her election committee.

It would take another 22 years before women would crack open a seat in the federal parliament.

Watch this [space](#).

Photo: State Library of Western Australia



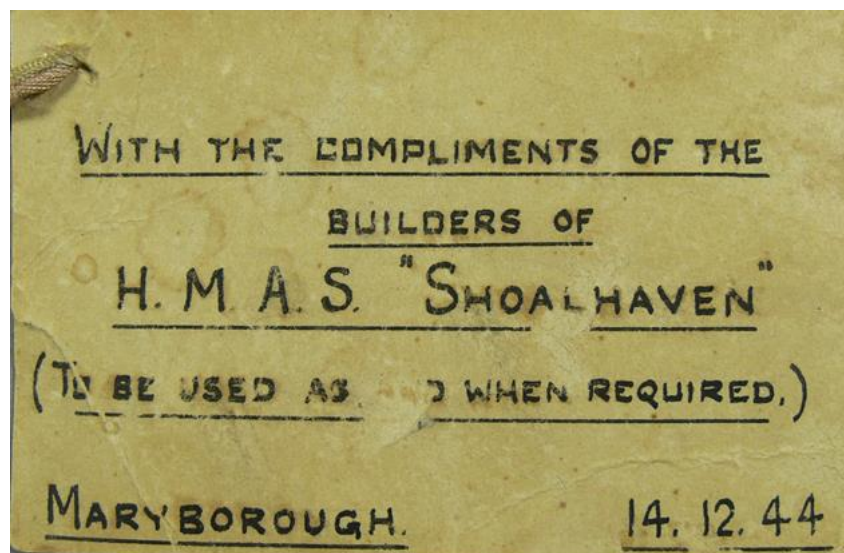
For Pfennigwerth, the 'bottle-axe' says much about this trailblazing woman.

"Senator Tangney was a battler in every sense of the word. As a child she had to sell illegal raffle tickets to raise the money to buy her school uniform. Her personal experience of poverty fuelled her tireless campaign for the underdog. Over her 24 years in Parliament she achieved a formidable record of social service and education reform.



"It's so interesting that the shipbuilders suggested the bottle-axe was 'to be used as and when required'. It was a light-hearted but respectful gesture: an acknowledgement of the battles she'd won to get to the Senate – 41 years after non-Indigenous women won the right to stand for parliament - - and her fights yet to come.

"Senator Tangney proudly displayed her bottle-axe in her office. It seems she turned a pejorative term for a strong woman, battleaxe, into a positive. It demonstrates her wit and grit – prerequisites for any woman in leadership, then and now." [Read more.](#)

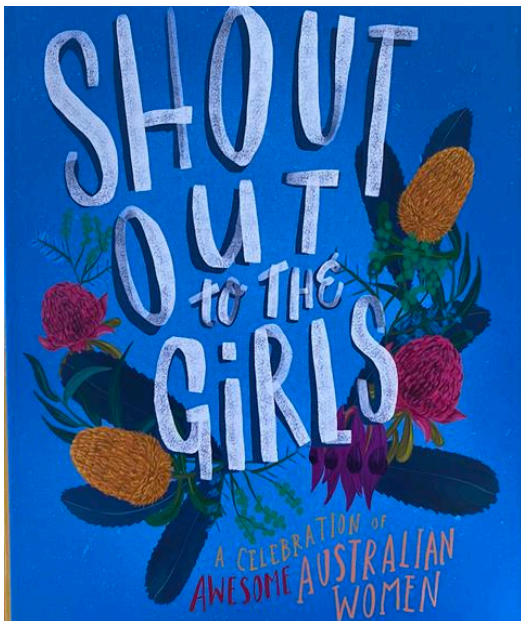


From our shop

After some inspirational reading for the school holidays?

Try Random House's *Shout Out to the Girls: a Celebration of Awesome Australian Women*. From athlete Cathy Freeman to molecular biologist Elizabeth Blackburn, this book tells the exciting stories of women from all fields and walks of life.

All shop sales support the work of MoAD.



Team up with Canberra's culturals

Australia's teachers can tap into the rich well of digital resources produced by the Canberra's cultural institutions, to support learning in the classroom – from Civics and Citizenship to Geography.

MoAD Learning's latest webinar this month brought together 12 organisations to outline their digital learning tools for years 3-12. Now available [online](#).

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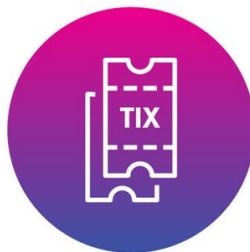
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