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Canberra
Writers
Festival

**POWER
POLITICS
PASSION**

**21-25
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The Canberra Writers Festival is back at MoAD!

The 2019 Canberra Writers Festival is the place to be from 21 to 25 August! Australian and international authors will converge on Canberra's most iconic venues, including MoAD, to discuss *Power, Passion and Politics*.

This five-day celebration of literature offers a range of events such as author talks and exciting panel presentations from top-class journalists and political commentators.

Join us within the walls that housed power, passion and politics in Australia for 61 years.

When: 21 to 25 August

Where: Museum of Australia Democracy

[See the full program of events >](#)

What's On



Liberalism and Australian Democracy: lessons from history

During this free talk, David Kemp reflects on the contribution of liberalism to Australia's democratic story and asks what can we learn for the future in this public talk, part of Democracy 2025's *Future Democracy* series.

When: 5.30pm - 7.30pm, 27 August 2019

Where: House of Representatives

[Save your spot now >](#)



Indigenous Experiences of Democracy Tour

Bring your group on this insightful tour which considers aspects of the experiences of Indigenous Australians within our democracy.

During the tour, learn stories of how Indigenous Australians have taken different pathways to bring about change, many of which led them to the seat of Federal Parliament between 1927 and 1988.

[Book your tour today >](#)



Sunday Roast at Hoi Polloi

Enjoy a delicious Roast lunch every Sunday during winter at Hoi Polloi.

The beautiful heritage space is the perfect place to cosy up on a chilly winter's afternoon, enjoying a delicious Sunday roast with warming soup entrée.

When: Every Sunday in August from 11.30am to 2.30pm.

Cost: \$24pp

To book, contact Hoi Polloi on 6261 7210 or moadophcafe@restaurantassociates.com.au

From our collection



The Prime Minister's Suite at Old Parliament House has recently undergone a refurbishment, to authentically reflect former Prime Minister, Bob Hawke's office. One of the objects housed in the Prime Minister's Suite is the telephone and switchboard used by Hawke.

[Learn more about this significant object ›](#)

From the shop

MoAD is opening a special pop-up shop in King's Hall, during the Canberra Writers Festival.

The pop-up shop will feature products that reflect the history of Old Parliament House, many of which have been produced by local Canberra artists.

Items for sale, include handmade soaps and handmade jewellery, as well as classic *Behind the Lines* products.

When: 23 - 25 August, 9 am to 5pm

Where: King's Hall, Old Parliament House



From our partners



In June the Board of the Henry Parkes Foundation visited MoAD to present a gift of \$10,000, to support MoAD's work strengthening democratic engagement in Australia. MoAD and the Foundation have a shared purpose of encouraging all Australians to be active citizens. In 2018 Professor Megan Davis delivered the Foundation's [annual oration](#) at MoAD.

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