

What's on at MoAD this month...

MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRACY



David Rowe takes out political cartooning trifecta

Behind the Lines 2017 is now open here at MoAD, celebrating the best political cartoons depicting the political circus of the last 12 months.

David Rowe was awarded the MoAD *Behind the Lines 2017* Cartoonist of the Year, as well as taking out the Australian Cartoonist Association's prizes for best editorial/political cartoonist and overall cartoonist of the year.

'If we want to protect free speech and the free press, we must vigorously protect the editorial cartoonist.' - Ann Telnaes, Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist.

Editorial cartoonist for the Washington Post, Ann Telnaes took part in this year's *Behind the Lines* launch celebrations. Ann spoke about [the important role of political cartooning](#) in a healthy democracy at MoAD's Women in the Media luncheon.

[Visit the exhibition or take a look at this year's cartoons online >](#)

Upcoming tours



Taking the Plunge

Join us for a mystery tour with a unique take on the seat of power. Come and explore secluded spaces with us and discover what is around the next bend.

[Book your ticket today >](#)



Finding and Keeping

Join museum experts and access areas that are usually off-limits, including our 'bunker', and discover how we take an object from acquisition to storage and display.

[Book your group experience today >](#)

For families



★ All-new PlayUP! ★

Stand up, make up and step up at *PlayUP: the Right to Have an Opinion and Be Heard*.

Behind the Lines family games

Enjoy a family game of Snap! with a political twist, play Guess Who with the

School holiday programs

In January our school holiday program will see the return of our popular *Open Air PlayUp* with activities in the Senate

After an exciting transformation *PlayUP* has all-new activities to educate, excite and challenge young minds.

[Find out more >](#)

political stars of 2017, or channel this crazy year in politics by dressing up as the characters of the circus!

[Find out more >](#)

courtyard for pre-school and primary school aged kids.

[Find out more >](#)



Merry little gift ideas from the MoAD Little Corner Shop

Just in time for the festive season, the *MoAD Little Corner Shop* has some novel ideas for gifts and stocking fillers.

Delight political fans with a *Behind the Lines* catalogue gift packs, or choose something special for the little ones from our all-new *PlayUP* range.

[Find out more about the MoAD Little Corner Shop >](#)



Festive flavours any day in December at Hoi Polloi!

It's the time of year to celebrate with work mates, family and friends, and Hoi Polloi is offering festive flavours every day in December!

Hoi Polloi has a selection of modern and traditional festive flavours that are perfect for your work lunch or social gathering.

Available daily until Sunday 24th December. Bookings essential: 02 6261 7200

[Take a look at the menu and booking details >](#)



Get that FriYAY! feeling at Friday Night Drinks

With a different theme every Friday, you can kick-off each weekend with a twist.

Friday Night Drinks wraps up for 2017 on December 15, but don't worry, you'll be able to get that FriYAY! feeling when it starts up again in February 2018.

When: 4 pm-late, every Friday until December 15

Where: The courtyard, Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House

[Check out this week's theme >](#)

From the blog



[Eight by-elections that changed the game](#)

With Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce and Liberal MP John Alexander contesting by-elections in their former seats, we take a look at some other important by-elections that have had an impact on the Australian political landscape...

[Find out more on the blog >](#)

Image: Charles Doudiet, Swearing Allegiance to the Southern Cross, 1854. Ballarat Fine Art Gallery.



[MediaMe 2017: Australia's first media literacy conference for kids](#)

At the Museum of Australia Democracy we take young Australian's voices seriously. After all, they are the decision-makers, change-makers and voters of the future. In November we were proud to partner with Crinkling News to deliver MediaMe, the first ever national conference on young people's media literacy.

Oisin Taifernopoulos, one of the conference's Media Literacy Leaders, reflected on his experience for our blog.

[Read about Oisin's MediaMe experience >](#)

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