



Old
Parliament
House



Want more than long queues and a sausage sizzle on Federal Election Day?

On 18 May 2019, MoAD will transform into an Australian Electoral Commission super booth for local and interstate voters.

Have your say on the future of Australia in the very place where decisions that shaped our nation were made, Old Parliament House.

MoAD is the ultimate place to cast your vote with plenty of games and fun activities to entertain the whole family.

On your way to the voting booths, take part in an interactive game inspired by the unsung heroes of when this place was home to Australia's parliament. Be prepared for the occasional high-energy moment of madness created by performers representing the workers here from 1927 – 1988. Or if you prefer, be an entertained onlooker as you meander through the historic building to cast your vote.

There will also be lots of fun activities for your little ones. They'll love taking part in a mini election in PlayUP or they can ask themselves how they will change the world in our new interactive exhibition, DressUP.

And don't worry – you can still get your democracy sausage – with your second biggest decision for the day being onion on top or underneath!

When: 18 May 2019, 8am - 6pm

Cost: Free entry

[Have your say at MoAD on this fun family day out ›](#)

Have your say early with pre-polling at MoAD

Can't make it to a polling place on Federal Election Day?

Come to the spiritual home of Australia's democracy, Old Parliament House, to cast your vote at MoAD's pre-polling station.

Pre-polling is available at MoAD on Saturday 11 May, 9am - 4pm and Monday 13 May - Friday 17 May, 9am to 5pm

Cost: Free entry for pre-polling

[Cast your vote at MoAD ›](#)



Upcoming Events



Indigenous experiences of democracy tour

Join this tour to learn about the experiences of Indigenous Australians within our democracy.

We will share stories of how Indigenous Australians and their supporters have taken different pathways to bring about change, many of which led them here – the seat of Federal Parliament between 1927 and 1988.

[Book your spot now >](#)



Students to perform on steps of MoAD

On 9 May 2019, students from Ainslie Primary School will perform a song commissioned by MoAD called a *Call To Action*.

9 May 2019 marks MoAD's 10th birthday. It is also the day the first Australian Parliament opened in 1901, the day Old Parliament House opened in 1927, and the day the current Parliament House opened in 1988.

Come to MoAD to see tomorrow's active citizens sing about the importance of democracy and the skills required to participate in it.

When: 9 May 2019, 10.30am - 11am

From the shop

Get prepared for the upcoming election with a selection of great books.

Learn about Australia's election history in *From Secret Ballot To Democracy Sausage* and *Elections Matter* which are both now on sale at MoAD's Little Corner Shop.

[Get in quick before they sell out >](#)



From our collection



Democratic elections are about political parties persuading the electorate that their policies are the best ones to vote for.

For more than a century, Australians have produced and worn badges to protest or support causes and candidates

[Find out more about these badges >](#)

From our blog

Below the Line: How Australia's voting system has changed

Australia's democracy is not static.

Democracy never stops changing and evolving to meet contemporary needs and attitudes.

Over the years, the way Australians have chosen their elected leaders has been constantly evolving.

Before the 2016 Federal Election, the Parliament agreed to changes to the way the Senate is elected.

Some believe these changes to be quite significant, while others believe they are fairly unimportant.

What is important is that Parliament itself sets the rules for how it is elected, and changing the way it is elected is actually quite common.

[Read more about the history of Australia's voting system >](#)

Federal Elections, 1925

Vote LABOR Thus:
SENATE.

5	Andrew, D.
6	Elliott, H. E.
7	Guthrie, J. F.
8	Plain, W.
3	BLAKEY, A.
1	HANNAN, J. F.
2	HOLLOWAY, E. J.
4	KEANE, R. V.

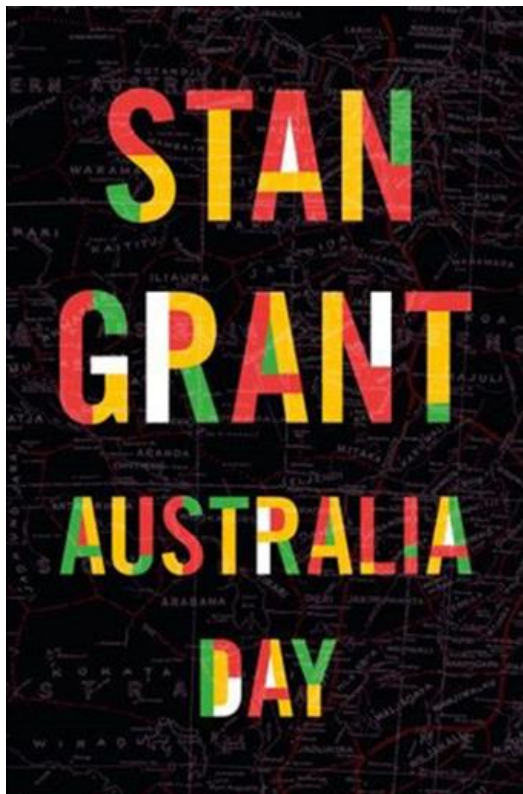
House of Representatives.
KOOYONG.

1	BATTEN, L. L.
2	LATHAM, J. G.

Your Roll No. is.....

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From our partners



In Conversation with Stan Grant

Stan Grant will be in conversation with Mark Kenny on Stan's new book *Australia Day*, the follow up to his Walkley award-winning memoir *Talking to My Country*.

Australia Day asks the questions that have to be asked, that no else seems to be asking. Who are we? What is our country? How do we move forward from here?

Where: Llewellyn Hall, Building 100, William Herbert Place, Australian National University

When: Mon 13 May 2019, 6–7pm

[Find out more about this free event >](#)

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