

MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRACY



From unimaginable horror, the gift of a new life

Can you imagine receiving the gift of a second chance in a new country?

In our exhibition *The Gift: Art, Artefacts and Arrivals*, four artists have collaborated with migrants who survived the Holocaust; producing artworks that talk about suffering, joy and family in a way that speaks to all migration.

These artists, Lousje Skala, Hedy Ritterman, Linde Ivimey and Linda Wachtel, were at MoAD yesterday for a lunch celebrating this exhibition. MoAD Director Daryl Karp says that 'this exhibition does what art does best – bringing contentious issues back to the personal, telling stories that may open hearts and minds.'

Each visitor to *The Gift* has been invited to reflect on the stories told by these four artworks and write their own message to Australia's new migrants.

In this film, Lousje, Hedy, Linde and Linda introduce their work and read some of the powerful messages from visitors to the exhibition.

[Visit the exhibition >](#)

Coming soon: Enlighten Festival 2018



StepUP, speakUP and buildUP at MoAD

Step inside Old Parliament House and add your voice to the captivatingly colossal *Card Castle*. Your voice will help create the scaffolding for the *Card Castle*, an interlocking story of shared hope, trust, diversity, community, curiosity and courage that will rise triumphant over four nights of Enlighten and transform the majestic King's Hall.

Stay up late with MoAD and explore the museum after dark with late-night openings of galleries and exhibitions.

Discover Old Parliament House illuminated and watch the building come alive with thought provoking large-scale projections.

***Card Castle*: 2-3 March & 9-10 March, 6pm to 11pm**

***Late night openings*: 2-3 March & 9-10 March, 5pm to 11pm**

***Illuminations*: 2-11 March, nightly**

[The Terrace Café](#) will be open during MoAD's late night openings offering coffee and light snacks.

[Watch this space for updates >](#)

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 >](#)



For groups: 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 >](#)



Friday Night Drinks are back

The wait is over, Friday Night Drinks are back for 2018!

With monthly themes and a delicious new menu, you can celebrate that Fri-YAY! feeling all summer long.

When: Fridays from 4 pm

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

[Make your Friday plans now >](#)



Teatime at the MoAD Little Corner Shop

The Little Corner Shop *PlayUP* range is full of items to inspire young minds!

The Kindness Cafe tea set is handmade and ethically-sourced. Used in the *PlayUP* exhibition space to teach young people about the importance of community, it's a great way to keep learning about rights and responsibilities at home.

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

From the blog



Resilience and Hope: Four stories

Take a closer look at the transformative experiences that inspired each of the artworks in our exhibition [The Gift: Art, Artefacts and Arrivals](#).

[Read more on the blog >](#)



The Apology: 10 years on

February 13 marks 10 years since Kevin Rudd made an historic apology to the Stolen Generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. In this blog, writer Paul Daley gives his views on the legacy of that speech.

[Read more on the blog >](#)

For families



Have you seen the latest transformation of PlayUP?

Focussing on the right to have an opinion and be heard, this family exhibition space invites young people to play, discover, and learn all about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child.

[Take a peek inside PlayUP in this video and plan your visit today >](#)

From our partners: Lighthouse Innovation



Teen Start-Up: People Power

In January this year, high school and college students interested in civics, citizenship and social innovation visited MoAD for *Teen Start-Up: People Power*, a school holiday program with a difference.

Presented in partnership with [Lighthouse Innovation](#), *Teen Start-Up: People Power* was a three-day program that challenged participants to come up with a solution to a problem their generation might face in the future.

[Read more on the blog >](#)

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