



Old
Parliament
House

It has been wonderful seeing our beautiful building come alive again with visitors. We are delighted we are able to offer a safe space for people to reconnect with family and friends and engage with the *Behind the Lines* and *Truth, Power and a Free Press* exhibitions.

I am pleased to announce that additional museum spaces and exhibitions will be open from Monday, 20 July. Following the successful completion of recent conservation and renovation projects, visitors are now able to explore more exhibitions and historic interpreted spaces of the main floor of the museum.

I welcome you to visit us at MoAD but if you are not quite ready, we will continue to offer content online through our social quizzes, blogs, weekly [On Air PlayUP](#) sessions and [Digital Excursions](#) for schools.

I would like to personally thank you for your on-going support and look forward to seeing more of you back in the museum. In the meantime, keep connected and #MuseumAtHome using MoAD's [website](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Daryl Karp AM

Director



More of MoAD to explore

Book your Museum Pass to explore more of what MoAD has to offer. From July 20, we are opening further areas of MoAD as well as recommencing our popular Building History Tour.



On Air PlayUP

Don't forget to tune into On Air PlayUP on our Facebook and Instagram channels and join our fun craft activity.

Step back in time and visit the authentically preserved spaces of historic Old Parliament House such as the House of Representatives Chamber and Prime Minister's Suite.

Discover exhibitions that celebrate the stories and spirit of our democracy and the power of our voices within it including Democracy. Are You In? and Yours Faithfully.

Sessions are timed and bookings are preferred.

[Book your museum pass >](#)



Grab a bite to eat

Hoi Polloi restaurant at MoAD has reopened. Guests are invited to enjoy a range of food and beverage options in the art deco inspired restaurant space. If you are short on time, grab a takeaway coffee or something to eat from the takeaway menu.

Things will be a little different than usual as we follow Australian Government guidelines to ensure the health and safety of our guests. Bookings are preferred as the number of dine-in guests are limited due to social distancing rules.

[Book a table >](#)

This week we are celebrating World Youth Skills Day, a day that acknowledges the importance of equipping young people with skills for the future.

Join the conversation in our [PlayUP Community](#) Facebook group where you'll find like-minded PlayUpers or discover all the episodes and other fun activity suggestions on our website.

[Learn more >](#)



Canberra Writers Festival

MoAD is proud to once again partner with the Canberra Writers Festival and host both onsite and live streamed sessions.

Tickets are now on sale with limited availability for onsite sessions due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Get in early to secure your spot or book the live stream option.

[View the full program and get your tickets here >](#)



Join the conversation

Faced with pandemics, protests and global upheaval, democracy is under threat. How can we save democracy in a post COVID-19 world?

Have your say through a new international crowd sourced project calling for ideas on how to strengthen democratic practice and identify pathways to reform.

Every three weeks Professors Mark Evans and Gerry Stoker are releasing draft chapters of a new international democratic project, and are inviting public comments.

The publication will be released by Palgrave Macmillan at the end of the year.

[Read the draft first chapter >](#)

Learn more about this project [here](#) and join the discussion in our [Facebook group](#).



Political Football

Now that the AFL and NRL are back on our TVs, we wanted to explore the connection between footy and federal parliament. Over the last 100 years, both sports have garnered support from our politicians.

Pictured above is former Prime Minister, Ben Chifley with the Bathurst Football Club rugby union team.

This month, the blog explores our football loving politicians, ranging from former Prime Minister Alfred Deakin who played AFL in his youth, to current Prime Minister Scott Morrison who never misses a game played by the Cronulla Sharks.

[Read the blog >](#)



Citizen Activism: reclaiming childhood rights

Developed in partnership with La Trobe University and presented as part of *Democracy. Are You In?* Citizen Activism: reclaiming childhood rights explores how citizen activism can bring about crucial social and political change, through the first-hand stories from three tenacious women, Joanne McCarthy, Chrissie Foster and Leonie Sheedy.

Their stories illustrate how public pressure can be harnessed to hold power to account by triggering the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

[Watch the short film series >](#)

From our partners



Role of press freedom as a pillar of democracy

Global press freedom is at one of its lowest points with restrictions placed on the media on the rise in several countries. These worrying trends need to be taken seriously as threats to media freedom risk undermining not only faith in journalism and the media but also eroding the pillars of democracy and the trust that people place in it.

Our partner, Griffith University is hosting an in-conversation, chaired by Stefan Armbruster, with Marites Danguilan Vitug, Peter Greste, Scott Waide and Stefan Armbruster, exploring the changes in press freedoms in our region specifically Australia, the Pacific and South East Asia.

Thursday, 16 July 2020 5.00pm - 6.00pm

[Register for the live webcast >](#)



Open 9am - 5pm daily

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