

Old
Parliament
House

Bring MoAD home with you

Your plans to visit your favourite places may have changed, so this month we are bringing you some ways to connect with MoAD from anywhere in Australia while staying right at home.

MoAD remains open and we are looking forward to seeing you whenever it's safe and possible for you to visit.

We would also like to thank you for your patience and understanding as our programming has changed in compliance with COVID-19 restrictions.

READ: What bees can teach us about democracy



In this article, Head Beekeeper at Parliament House, Cormac Farrell shares insights into the fascinating parallels between honeybees and democracy. Farrell says, "The fun thing about bees is that each colony, much like a House of Parliament, has its own mood or zeitgeist. In the same way you can hear the volume of debate in a House of Parliament rise and fall with the intensity of the decision, you see the same within a beehive." [Read more.](#)

LISTEN: History Detective podcast



MoAD has joined forces with the History Detective Podcast to produce a new series. Ladies in the House celebrates the trailblazing endeavours of Hazel Craig, Gay Davidson and Janine Haines who worked at Old Parliament House between 1927 and 1988. [Listen now.](#)

LEARN: Digital school excursions



Attention teachers, would you like to connect your students with MoAD educators in real time from the Sir Henry Parkes Digital Studio? Our digital excursions can bring Old Parliament House directly into your classroom. [Book a free digital curriculum-linked program.](#)

WATCH: Ms Represented on ABC iView



Old Parliament House is currently playing a starring role in the new ABC series, Ms Represented. Hosted by Annabel Crabb the show takes a fascinating look at the challenges, progress, and achievements of women in federal parliament over the past century (including the absence of toilets for parliamentary women when the first female MPs arrived in our building). [Watch Ms Represented on ABC iView.](#)

If you're able to visit MoAD then our [Pins, Pearls and Portfolios Tour](#) is the perfect companion to the show, it traces the century long quest by women to serve in parliaments around Australia.

Photo: Dorothy Tangney (left) and Dame Enid Lyons entering Parliament House, 24 September 1943. The first women to be elected to federal parliament, in the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively.

PLAY: On Air PlayUP episodes



PlayUp craft and activities are available online and on demand! Each episode includes a family guide with craft instructions, games to play, books to read and other fun activities. [Visit On Air PlayUP](https://moadph.gov.au/families) for a range of engaging activities for the little ones and the whole family to enjoy.

DO: Knit one, give one



This month we have been inspired to take up a new, lockdown-friendly hobby by Canberra Knitters and Crocheters. A group of the city's most enthusiastic crafters joined MoAD to mark World Wide Knit in Public Day, the largest event for knitters to celebrate their craft in communities around the world. Long considered a distraction for parliamentarians, this was the first time knitting has been permitted in the House of Representatives Chamber. [Learn more.](#)

When visiting us, please follow the below guidelines to help us keep everyone healthy.



We have increased our on-site cleaning to help us protect the community



Remember to wash your hands to protect yourself and others



Keeping a 1.5m physical distance protects everyone



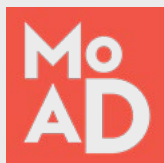
If you feel unwell, please postpone your visit



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