



Old
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House

BREAKING 75 YEARS OF WOMEN IN PARLIAMENT THROUGH

Celebrating 75 Years of Women in Parliament

On Saturday, 25 August we launched our latest exhibition *Breaking Through: 75 Years of Women in Parliament*.

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the first women elected to Australian Federal Parliament, the *Breaking Through* exhibition at MoAD explores the journeys of 11 trailblazers, each the first to hold particular parliamentary positions.

The stories told in the exhibition are stories of resilience, perseverance and ground-breaking achievements. They recognise the significant contributions these women made in Australia's democracy.

Breaking Through is a multi-faceted experience that takes visitors on a journey through the entire museum, allowing them to walk in the footsteps of the first women Parliamentarians.

Breaking Through: 75 Years of Women in Parliament is now open at MoAD.

[See their inspiring stories today >](#)



Kathy Lette, with former Senators Margaret Reid AO & Susan Ryan AO

Bestselling author, Kathy Lette, was our special guest speaker at the launch of *Breaking Through*. During her speech she highlighted the struggle faced by women in parliament and specifically the media's treatment of female politicians.

She was joined at the launch by several of the trailblazing women profiled in *Breaking Through*.

From Girls to Men: Social Attitudes to Gender Equality in Australia

New research, from the 50/50 by 2030 Foundation, on the attitudes and beliefs about women and girls in Australia was launched at Old Parliament House earlier this week.

The report from the Foundation, which was established by the Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis at the University of Canberra, shows that gender equality progress in Australia is in trouble.

When asked to identify areas of society where sexism is most widespread, both men (**53 per cent**) and women (**63 per cent**) were in agreement that Australian politics was one of the worst perpetrators of sexism.

[Read the full report here >](#)

What's On At MoAD



Tall Poppies and Poplars Tour

Want to visit a more exclusive garden this spring?

Join us for a 45 minute tour through the green spaces of Old Parliament House.



Democracy. Are You In?

Told through powerful stories of democracy in action, this exhibition will provoke thought and motivate you to recognise the power of your voice and take a stand.



Insights Group Tour

The House of Representatives, Senate and Prime Minister's Office are some of the most significant spaces in Australian political history.

Discover secret gardens and learn about the stories behind them.

[Save your spot today >](#)

Learn about Australia's democratic history through powerful AV displays and a collection of unique objects.

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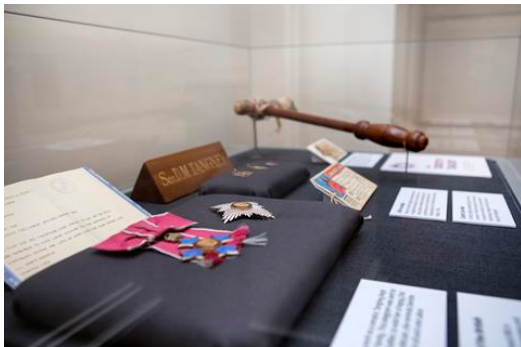
Join us on a tour that explores the events of Australia's political history, in the very places where they occurred.

[Book your group tour >](#)

In the Museum

The Breaking Through exhibition showcases a selection of objects that explore the personal and professional lives of the first two women to enter Parliament.

[Objects Belonging to Dame Dorothy Tangney](#) [Objects Belonging to Dame Enid Lyons](#)



[On display now in Breaking Through: 75 Years of Women in Parliament >](#)



Pop in to the Little Corner Shop

Get ready for spring with a guide to help you grow your very own Roses.

Your gardens will be looking as beautiful as ours in no time.

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