



Old
Parliament
House

The always popular Open Air PlayUP is back!

Join the fun in the spring sunshine this school holidays.

The Senate Courtyard will be transformed with games and activities to keep little hands and minds busy. There's also facilitated craft and story time to inspire young imaginations.

Don't miss Open Air PlayUP, sessions daily from 23 September.

Spots are limited, bookings essential.

[Reserve your spot here >](#)



Our little piece of Floriade

Floriade has been reimagined with the annual spring celebration moving from its traditional home in Commonwealth Park to bloom across Canberra - and you can see the Floriade tulips here at MoAD!

Tiptoe through the tulips in the House of Representatives courtyard, or take a seat and enjoy a coffee, lunch or cheeky wine from Hoi Polloi.



Gardens blog

As Canberra emerges from winter into spring, let's reflect on some of the lesser known things about the beautiful historic gardens of Old Parliament House - including some of their temporary occupants.

[Read the blog here >](#)

[Book your General Museum Pass today >](#)



Miss parties? Come visit our Life of the Party display

Life of the Party is a new display at MoAD which shows the chronological history of political parties in Australia. The display provides facts on the Australian party system – what parties are, what they do, how they operate, and what they mean for Australia's democratic system.

Learn why political parties are central to Australia's democratic system and how they play a critical role in deciding who forms government and who the opposition is.

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Prime Minister's Suite

Has 2020 been a bit much? Do you miss the 1980s? Visit us here at Old Parliament House and step back in time as you walk through the restored office of former Prime Minister Bob Hawke. It will feel as if he's just stepped out down the corridor to address parliament!

Don't miss the spy hole in the Principal Secretary's office that peeps straight into the Prime Minister's Office.



Explore the museum this school holidays on the Discovery Trail

Grab a map and follow the Discovery Trail, with things to find, see, hear, do and try around every corner. Spy through the peephole, write a letter on a typewriter and find hidden clues while you explore the building - we will stamp each step along the way.

Start discovering from 25th September. [Book a General Museum pass](#) before you visit and see our friendly staff on arrival to grab your map.



From the Shop

In celebration of spring why not treat yourself to some spring inspired goodies.

The Rose Garden and Privileged Bee Soap will smell like a spring afternoon and Gardeners Balm will heal the hands of even the most avid gardener.

All are eco-friendly, sustainably sourced and support small Australian businesses.

[Plan your visit >](#)

[Book your General Museum Pass and step back in time today >](#)

High Tea among the tulips

Spoil yourself or a loved one with High Tea at Old Parliament House. Enjoy an assortment of sweets, sandwiches and sparkling wine while taking in the view of the flowers in the stunning House of Representatives courtyard.

Two sessions available each Saturday and Sunday. Bookings essential.

[Find out 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**



**We recommend
to pre-book your
session time to
avoid a wait**



**Hand sanitiser
is available
throughout
the museum**



Open 9am - 5pm daily

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