
OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE



Democracy in action at OPH on Election Day

We were thrilled to host democracy in action on Election Day, welcoming over 9500 people to the building. The corridors were abuzz with voters choosing to cast their vote in the very place where decisions that shaped the nation were made.

ACT and interstate queues were kept amused with brilliant Federation-inspired souvenir booklets replete with cartoons and games by the talented Chris Downes. Two roving reporters from the 1920s interviewed crowds and kept them entertained as they waited to have their say in Australia's democracy. Over 200 kids also voted in a mini election in PLAY UP. And then of

course, there were the delicious #democracysausages and #snagvotes...thousands of them!

Massive thanks to everyone who came and shared the day with us. We loved creating a fun and vibrant environment for active and engaged citizenship.

Check out the [social media coverage of the day](#) and our [Facebook photo album](#).



Well, that was a close one!

With results too close to call even a week after voting day, it was clear the 2016 election was a tight race.

Our brilliant researcher Campbell Rhodes explores six other times Australian Elections were down to the wire...

[Read Campbell's blog here >](#)

Upcoming events: Canberra Writers Festival

Taking place from Friday 26 August – Sunday 28 August the Canberra Writers Festival will showcase a range of local, national and international writers across an array of venues around the National Capital.

Power, Politics and Passion are the driving themes of the inaugural festival, which will deliver a range of engaging events from workshops, panel sessions, keynote addresses to intimate events such as literary lunches and dinners.

[Check out the events on offer >](#)



THE HANSARD MONOLOGUES: AGE OF ENTITLEMENT



3 Years. 2 PMs. 1 Helicopter.

Satirical theatre in historic surrounds

Fresh from Canberra's political chopping block, *The Hansard Monologues: Age of Entitlement* is a satirical theatre experience, capturing the passion and policies, the opinions and the onions, the banter and the boats, the slips and spills of the 44th Parliament of Australia.

[Book tickets now >](#)

Dress Code: Empire, coming soon

An old coat rescued. Sir Edmund Barton revealed. In this new exhibition discover an intriguing tale of power, prestige and Australia's changing ties to Britain. Opening 13 August!

[Watch the Dress Code: Empire video >](#)



Tweet Tweet: amazing women alert

If you follow us on Twitter, you might've seen this recent Tweet celebrating the formation of the Women's Suffrage League in July, 1888. (If you don't but would like to, [follow us now](#).)

It was hugely popular on Twitter so we thought we'd share a little more about this amazing group of women and the suffragette movement with you.

- [World first in South Australia](#)
- [Woman Wrecker: A suffragette's story](#)



#OnThisDay 1888 The Women's Suffrage League is formed in South Australia. (Image of League Dinner 1956) [@nlagovau](#)



6:00 PM - 20 Jul 2016



Remembering John and the fight against apartheid...

"One of the tragedies of the apartheid system has been the waste of life and the loss of so much potential from all races..."

In this blog Jane Harris shares the moving story of her family's involvement in combatting social injustice and apartheid in South Africa.

[Read Jane's story >](#)

Our [Memories of the Struggle: Australians against apartheid](#) exhibition is now open.

Artists and activists: The Ongoing Adventures of X and Ray

To celebrate NAIDOC week this year we featured the work of Indigenous artist Lin Onus. He, together with his non-Indigenous collaborator Michael Eather, and his son Tiriki, have produced a series of remarkable artworks, *The Ongoing Adventures of X and Ray*.

The museum recently acquired a full set of high quality prints of these incredible artworks.

[Browse the artworks >](#)



Behind the Lines: Now in Darwin

Behind the Lines continues its tour of Australia and is now on display at the Museum and Gallery of the Northern Territory until 25 September.

The exhibition is always on display at Old Parliament House too, so you won't miss out if you're visiting Canberra!



[See the cartoons here >](#)

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