
OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE



Come inside and explore the house, no need to be quiet as a mouse,

Explore the corridors and the rooms, discover and collect all the clues,

Decipher the riddle; we know you're wise, complete the trail to receive a prize!



The Great Easter Egg Trail

9am - 12pm, Sunday 27 March

Our free Easter Egg Trail will lead you on a journey of discovery inside this wonderful

Free family games and activities

9:30am - 2:30pm, Sunday 27 March

Join us in the courtyard where the Gecko Gang will be hosting an array of fun kids activities

historic building, learning fun facts about Australia's history and democracy.

including novelty races, face painting and a tug-o-war!

Oh, and you'll be rewarded for your findings with yummy chocolate eggs of course!

Fun for all ages, there are plenty of activities for everyone on Easter Sunday at Old Parliament House.

[Check out the Facebook event >](#)

The best part? All [Easter activities](#) at the museum are FREE.



Easter feasts and treats

A tasty sausage sizzle will be on offer from 9:30am on Easter Sunday to soothe rumbling tummies, a coffee cart for warm drinks, plus sweet treats and savoury delights from Terrace Café and Hoi Polloi restaurant for you to enjoy.

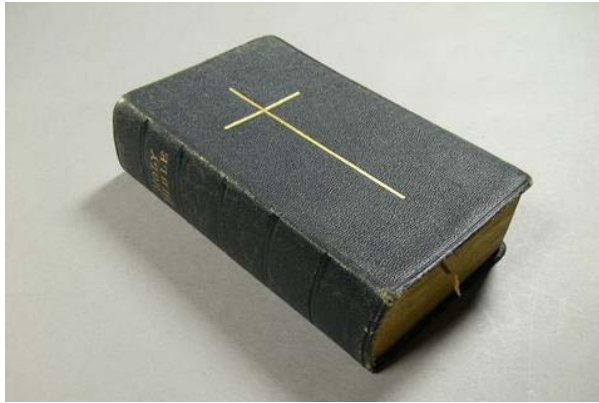
Win toy voucher prizes!

Snap a family selfie during the Great Easter Egg Trail to win a \$250 or \$50 voucher to Toys'R'Us!

All you need to do is snap a creative family selfie at Old Parliament House and post the photo to '[The Great Easter Egg Trail at OPH](#)' [Facebook event](#) between 9am and 3pm on Sunday.

There will be dress-ups around the building for inspiration!





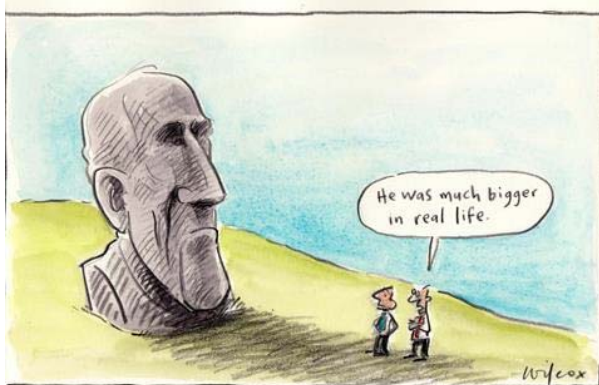
From the collection:

Did you know that Joseph Aloysius 'Joe' Lyons, Australia's 10th prime minister and a man of strong Catholic faith, died in office on Good Friday in 1939?

This is the bible he used when he was sworn in as prime minister just five months before on 7 November 1938.

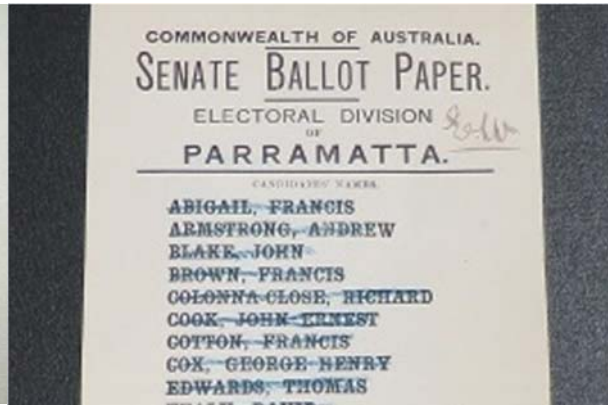
It is inscribed with the details of his swearing in and signed by the Governor-General at the time, Lord Gowrie.

[More about the bible >](#)



Now for a slightly different Easter flavour...

The monolithic human figures called 'moai' on Rapa Nui (Easter Island) bear a striking resemblance to former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser.



From the blog:

Below the Line: How Australia's voting system has changed

Australia's democracy is not static. Recently, the Parliament agreed to changes to the way the Senate is elected. Parliament itself sets the rules for how it is elected, and changing the way it is elected is actually quite common.

Campbell takes a look at how the voting system has evolved over time.

[Read the blog >](#)



ACT Writer-In-Residence program applications open

Are you a creative Australian writer looking to expand your skills? Would you like to work in historic Old Parliament House ?

Originally the likeness was drawn due to Fraser's facial characteristics and perceived lack of emotion. His later advocacy for the humane treatment of asylum seekers gained him the stature and permanence of these remarkable monoliths.

Cathy Wilcox's cartoon, *Monumental*, commemorates the death of Malcolm Fraser on 20 March 2015 and is on display now in Behind the Lines 2015.

This unique Australian residency program is open to Australian writers working in any genre. The program provides the selected writer with a stipend of \$5,000 plus accommodation at the recently refurbished Gorman Arts Centre and an office at the Museum of Australian Democracy (MOAD).

Applications are now open.

[More on the ACT Writer-In-Residence program >](#)

[Check out the full set of Behind the Lines 2015 cartoons >](#)

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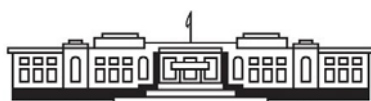
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