
OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Be surprised, be delighted, be entertained



Crafternoons at MoAD: One Million Stars to End Violence

We're weaving these gorgeous stars for a very special cause.

[One Million Stars to End Violence](#) is a peaceful global weaving project that engages communities in a conversation about ending all forms of violence.

The Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House is committed to weaving 10,000 stars and will run a series of free Sunday Crafternoons on the last Sunday of each month between February and July 2017, all welcome.

[Check out the website for details >](#)

Upcoming events



New Mystery Tour: Daring Dames

They came from far and wide, city and country, senators and stenographers alike. These women changed the Federal Parliament forever, from the toilets to the Whip's Office...

Come behind the scenes with us and discover that truth is stranger than fiction.

Tours start: 11 February, 10:30am and 2:30pm daily

[See our website to make a booking >](#)

COLD LIGHT

In Conversation

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February 22



Cold Light: In Conversation

Don't miss this lively evening of conversation with novelist Frank Moorhouse and playwright Alana Valentine about their recent collaboration, *Cold Light*, premiering at The Street Theatre in March. With scenes set in Old Parliament House, *Cold Light: In Conversation* sets the tone for discussion about Frank's remarkable research and Alana's adaption of the novel.

Join us for a unique experience in the Members Bar. Martini Whisperer Phillip Jones has created a bespoke *Cold Light* Martini evoking the depth of the story, which will be available for sale.

When: Wednesday 22 February, 6pm

Numbers limited, [bookings essential](#) >



Enlighten Festival 2017

We invite young and old alike to be part of a unique and playful installation capturing significant moments in our nation's history from Hansard.

Rearrange, remix and reframe the written word to craft your own record 'for the record' as part of this cutting-edge collaborative experience.

When: Friday and Saturday nights, 3 - 12 March

[Join in the fun](#) >



Friday Night Drinks returns

Friday Night Drinks at Old Parliament House is back for 2017!

Join us for more food, live bands, and delicious drinks in the leafy surrounds of the House of Representatives courtyard.

Each week is a different theme, stay up-to-date on our Facebook page!

When: Friday's from 4pm

[Find out more](#) >



New Workday Lunch Menu!

Savour a delicious lunchtime meal in the courtyard, or in our boutique heritage atmosphere with this new lunch offer.

Enjoy a tasty 2 course lunch for \$25, or 3 courses for \$30 from Hoi Polloi Restaurant.

Offer available Monday-Friday, 11:30am-2:30pm

[See the menu >](#)

Behind the Lines is on the road!

A travelling version of *Behind the Lines 2016* is touring Australia!

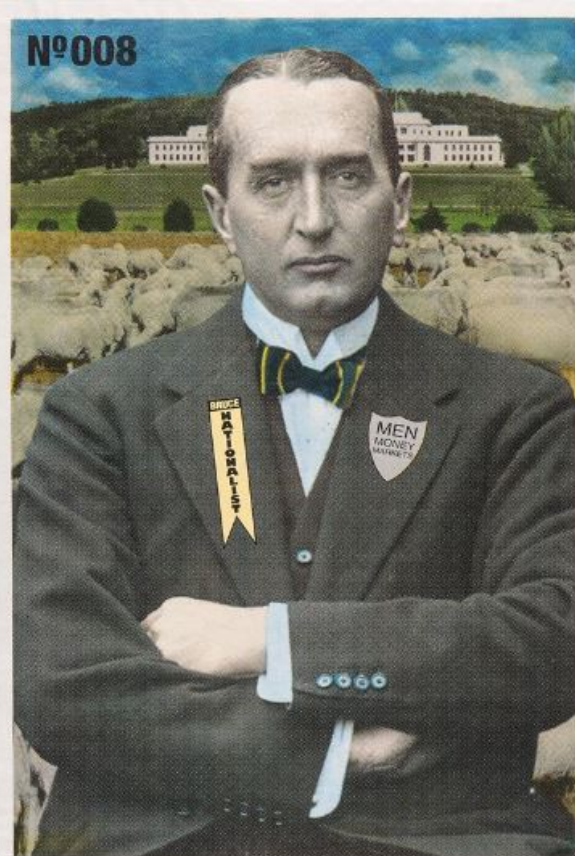
Where to next:

Gosford Regional Art Gallery: Ends 13 February

Grafton Regional Gallery: 20 March 2017 – 8 May 2017

[Find the venue closest to you >](#)

Upcoming exhibition



Onetoeight: Australia's First Prime Ministers

Canberra-based artist Alison Alder reinterprets and reinvigorates portraits of Australia's first eight prime ministers in this contemporary art project.

Alder's installation with its Term-O-Meter animation and intense patterned wallpaper honouring the wives of the prime ministers, interprets a dramatic time of change in our history that was lively, dynamic ... and with parallels to our own.

Exhibition opens 28 Feb

[More information >](#)

From the collection



Demonstrations of democracy

Marches, protests and demonstrations are a powerful form of democratic participation.

Last month, the Women's March on Washington saw millions of women march globally against infringements on their rights. This event gained global momentum, with over 20 countries participating in the protest.

We look back on four memorable marches in Australia, and how they influenced societal change.

[Take a peek at the gallery >](#)



Klärchen's Passport

During the Nazi reign of terror, Jews were forced to identify themselves in ways that separated them from other people.

Our Living Democracy gallery displays a German passport issued to Klärchen Dames and daughter Gertrud. The passport has features to mark the women out for further persecution.

It was stamped by the Berlin police on 15 March 1939 ... but this story has a happy ending. Klärchen, husband Jakob and daughters Gertrud and Frieda escaped to Australia. This passport is kindly loaned by the Sydney Jewish Museum.

[Learn more about our collection >](#)

From the blog



Besties (or not) from the West: PMs and Presidents

As we reflect on President Trump's inauguration, MoAD's Historical Curator Campbell is exploring the relationship of U.S. Presidents and Australian Prime Ministers... Who were friends? Who were foes?

No matter their personal friendships, one thing is for sure; the relationships between our nation's leaders across the pacific have always been interesting.

[Campbell explains >](#)

#MuseumSelfie Day

Thank you to everyone who joined in with #MuseumSelfie Day!

We love this building, the museum and all the stories, exhibitions and programs within.

[See what our fans said about us >](#)





moadoph.gov.au Fun and games at Behind the Lines!

There are new games on offer at our latest installment of Behind the Lines: the year's best political cartoons.

Play Celebrity Political Heads, and challenge yourself to describe and guess the identities of our nation's leaders. Or, play Political Tarot to look into the future to see what your political destiny holds...

On display now at Behind the Lines 2016. [See the website for more >](#)

From our partners



Cold Light at The Street Theatre

How far can a woman of vision go?

Here comes Edith Campbell Berry, fresh from international acclaim at the League of Nations, handsome British diplomatic husband in tow. Look out 1950's Canberra, she's on her way to the top. Or is she?

Cold Light, an epic story of national significance surveying the transformation of Australia from the post-WWII Menzies era to the mid-1970's Whitlam government, features AFI award-winning actress Sonia Todd as one of Australia's greatest fictional characters Edith Campbell Berry.

Cold Light premieres at The Street Theatre Friday 3 March.

[Buy tickets here >](#)



CANBERRA
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Special Event - Madeleine Thien

Madeleine Thien is a Canadian short story writer and novelist whose most recent book, *Do Not Say We Have Nothing* was shortlisted for the 2016 Man Booker Prize for Literature.

Hear from Thien as she explores the epic and resonant novel about the far-reaching effects of China's revolutionary history, told through the stories of two interlinked musical families, from the 1940s to the present day.

Join us at the National Library of Australia on **Tuesday 28 February, 6pm.**

Tickets include book signing and refreshments. [Reserve your seat >](#)

Join our online community

Join our online community to get updates as they happen, see behind-the-scenes photos of everyday happenings at the Museum and chat with us directly. Like us on Facebook, or follow us on Instagram and Twitter to join the conversation.



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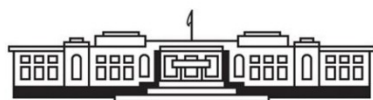
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