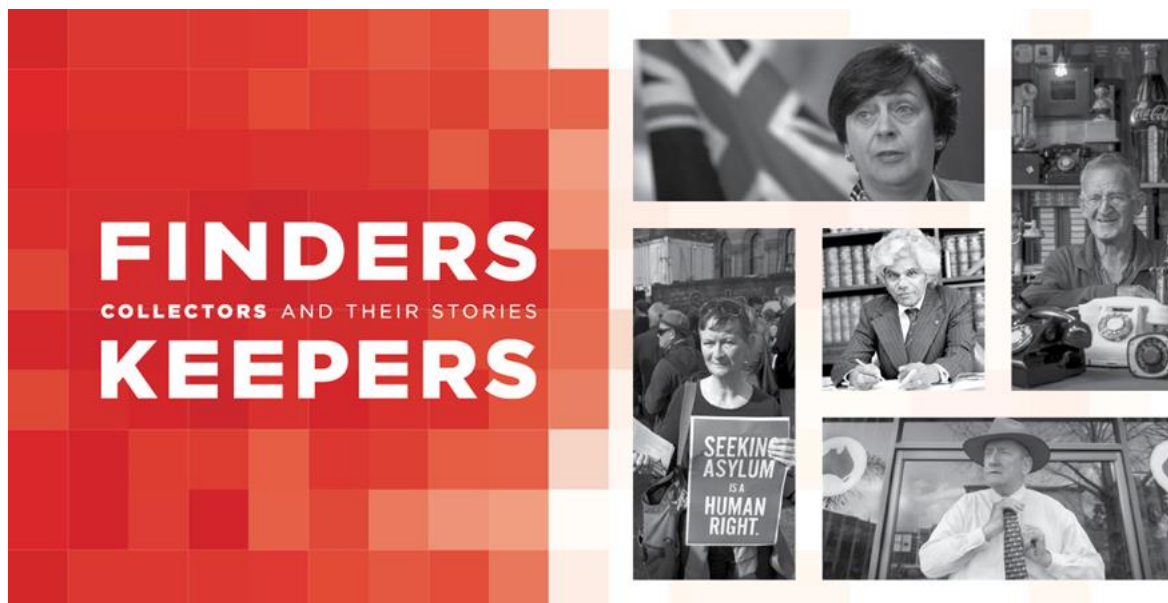

OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE



Opening Saturday: Finders Keepers

This week has seen a buzz of activity from staff working behind-the-scenes with object conservators, curators and fabricators, adding the finishing touches to our new exhibition *Finders Keepers: Collectors and Their Stories*.

Be one of the first to see our largest display of objects from our collection as we open the doors in time for the **Queen's Birthday Long Weekend**.

Peek into the personal collections of five fascinating collectors. Diverse, rich and often surprising, these collections are brimming with stories.

Opening: Saturday 10 June

[Learn more >](#)

Images below: MoAD staff behind-the-scenes, carefully preparing items for display as part of the Finders Keepers exhibition.



Events



School Holidays at MoAD: Superhero Masterclass

Do you enjoy wearing capes? Are you good at helping people? Discover your inner superhero in our hands-on workshop. Design and make your own superhero costumes out of recycled materials, then you will be ready to save the world!

When: Monday 3 – Friday 7 July, 9:30 am – 11:00 am

5 years and over with an accompanying adult. \$8 per child including entry fee.

[Book now >](#)



Vinnies CEO Sleepout at Old Parliament House

On Thursday 22 June, CEOs across Australia will roll out their sleeping bags and brave the winter cold in support of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

The Museum is proud to be hosting this year's Canberra event, with over 150 local CEOs taking part, including Museum Director Daryl Karp.

Want to donate? You can help Vinnies by [donating here >](#)

Know a CEO you want to register for the event? [Register here >](#)



Save the date: Canberra Writers Festival

25 - 27 August 2017

The Museum of Australian Democracy is a proud founding partner of the Canberra Writers Festival, helping create a new major cultural event looking at writing and writers through the filter of power, politics and passion.



The Museum will host a variety of the Canberra Writers Festival workshops, orations and events aimed to inspire readers and writers alike. Stay tuned for more details!

[Canberra Writers Festival website >](#)

From the collection



Ties that opened doors...

Former National Party Leader Tim Fischer has worn hundreds of ties throughout his lifetime. Tim credits his diverse collection of ties (along with a diplomatic personality and friendly disposition) with opening multiple doors within his political life.

Author and Journalist Paul Daley sat down with Tim ahead of the tie collection being displayed in *Finders Keepers: Collectors and Their Stories* to learn more about Tim's early life, rise to politics, and how a simple item of clothing can start a profound conversation.

Exhibition opens Saturday 10 June

[Read Paul's article >](#)

From the blog



The Same, But Different: UK election compared to Australia

There's no denying our political heritage as a Westminster system. When you sit down to have your morning cuppa, pause to ponder our friends in the UK who go to the polls today to elect a leader.

What are the similarities and differences between our political systems?

[Researcher Campbell explores >](#)



Hands That Shook Australia

A handshake can be a powerful thing. The tradition is very old and European in origin, though it has spread across the world in modern times as a standard form of greeting. Recent news stories have highlighted the importance of the handshake in American presidential meetings – President Trump is said to have a deliberately firm, aggressive handshake.

So while we're talking about shaking hands, let's look at some handshakes, points, touches and other gestures that made a statement in Australian history.

[Read Campbell's blog >](#)



Feeling peckish?

Enjoy fine dining in a heritage atmosphere at Hoi Polloi restaurant, in the old Non-Members' Bar.

Open for lunch 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. [View the menu >](#)

Need a pick-me-up?

The Terrace Café offers delicious coffee and sweet treats from 8:30 am to 5 pm daily.

Sit in the sunny café and enjoy views of Mount Ainslie.

Love the museum?

As the end of financial year approaches, consider donating to the Museum to help us create brilliant exhibitions, interactive experiences and education programs. All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

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