
OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE

MEMORIES OF THE STRUGGLE

AUSTRALIANS AGAINST APARTHEID



"I want all Australians to share the pride that I feel, because there is no doubt that Australia punched above its weight...we were significant in precipitating the end of apartheid, and there is nothing in my prime ministership of which I am more proud." -

The Hon Bob Hawke AC



In October 1990, less than a year after his release from prison, Nelson Mandela visited Australia in acknowledgement of the Australian anti-apartheid movement. Sportspeople, artists, students, unionists were among the diverse activists supporting the fight against racial segregation in South Africa. Their stories underpin our latest exhibition, *Memories of the Struggle: Australians Against Apartheid* launched by the former Prime Minister the Hon Bob Hawke and South African High Commissioner Mr Sibusiso Ndebele.

The exhibition displays a collection of powerful items and images to tell the story of freedom fighters in Australia, including; the Springbok rugby jersey worn by Gary Foley, Sir Donald Bradman's hand written letters to Meredith Burgmann, reproductions of artwork by George Gittoes, memorabilia from Nelson Mandela's 1990 visit to Australia, films, interviews and more.

Memories of the Struggle is on display at Old Parliament House until April 2017.

[Find out more about Memories of the Struggle exhibition >](#)



The Great Easter Family Selfie Winner

Thank you to over 120+ photo entries in our Easter Egg Trail family selfie competition.

The photo above is the winning image - Congratulations!

[See what events are coming up >](#)



Remembering the struggle

"The global anti-apartheid movement was arguably the greatest social movement of the 20th century and Australia can be very proud of the role it played..."

Exhibition curator Angus Leendertz tells us about the creation of this powerful exhibition.

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



Face Up - A new interactive experience

Coming soon to King's Hall, a new way to interact with democracy and let your voice be heard.

Launching mid-May. Visit the museum to find out more.

Behind the Lines is now on display in Sydney!

As part of our travelling exhibition, the cartoons will be travelling around Australia throughout the year.

Make sure you catch the exhibition while on display at Parramatta Riverside Theatres until 20 May.

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



[See the cartoons here >](#)

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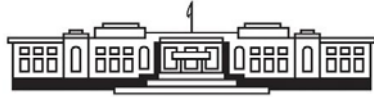
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