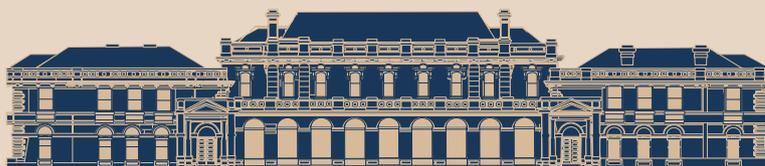




POWA to the People

PARLIAMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



IN THIS EDITION WE WILL:

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- Talk and tour
- Put Parliament in the picture
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HOUSE COLOURS

Did you know that our state's premier home of democracy doesn't just reflect community issues inside Parliament House? Every year, many important health and social issues are also reflected onto the exterior of Parliament House, through specific lighting. For example to mark BeachSAFE Appeal Day on 29 November, WA Parliament was lit red.

Originally completed in 1904, this grand structure's elevated view, works perfectly as a beautiful beacon to be viewed from many vantage points throughout the city. If you would like a closer look behind the facade, why not attend a **free tour?** You'll be tinkled pink!

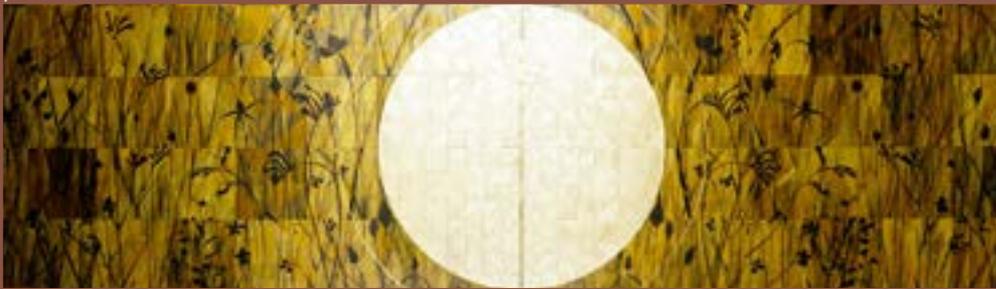




TALK AND TOUR

If a good old fashioned yarn washed down with a nice hot cuppa appeals to you and your service group or social club, then Parliament House is the place to be. 'Quirky Tales and True Stories' is an engaging and often humorous look at the history of our State Parliament. This tour has become increasingly popular with our senior Western Australians interested in the fascinating facts behind the bills, spills and rumour mills.

The Talk and Tour is held on the fourth Monday and Friday of each month at the modest cost of \$5.00 per person to cover light refreshments and is limited to groups of twenty. Bookings are essential. [Book the tour online.](#)



PARLIAMENT IN THE PICTURE

With the generous support of the Art Gallery of WA tour guides, Parliament conducts a tour of the parliamentary art collection on the first Friday of each month. For all art tour booking inquiries call (08) 9222 7279 or email arttours@parliament.wa.gov.au.

A new highlight of the tour is **Golden State** (pictured above), by Parliament's 2019 artist in residence, **Monique Tippett**. More information on Golden State is available on our [website](#).



Hon Peter Watson, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, and Monique Tippett, 2019 WA Parliament Artist in Residence

WHAT IF I CAN'T GET TO PARLIAMENT?



Many of us, for reasons of distance, mobility or simply lacking time, may not get the opportunity to come to Parliament House. Well, now Parliament can come to you, directly through your mobile or other devices. The Parliament of Western Australia website is jam-packed with opportunities to engage. Whether you wish to watch some of our 13 episodes of **'The Key to Your House'**, find out more about your local member or simply watch a live stream of Parliament in action, all are now possible. Whilst you're at it, why not visit our Facebook, Twitter and You-Tube Channel as well.



DEMOCRACY GOES DIGITAL

Students from North Metropolitan TAFE recently completed a new short animation entitled **'You, Me and Democracy'** aimed at showing how you can get your voice heard at WA Parliament. Our partnership has benefited the students and

Parliament as the students receive credits towards their diploma and Parliament has a new animation that helps explain the democratic process. The students involved in the animation production recently attended Parliament for a 'thank you' afternoon tea hosted by Hon Kate Doust MLC, President of the Legislative Council.



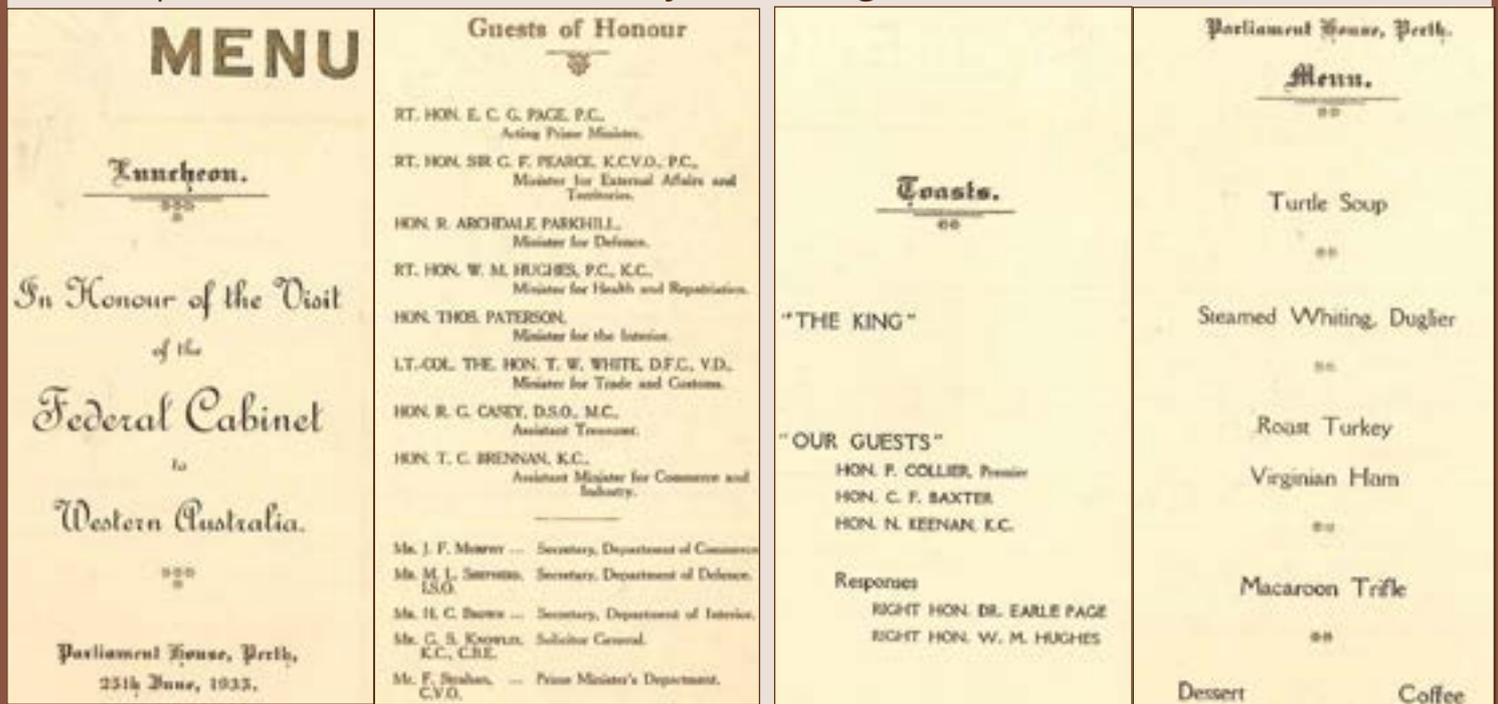
REGIONAL OUTREACH

This year has seen the Parliamentary Education team visit communities in the South West, the Mid West and the Pilbara regions. During these visits, the team delivered 'Pop-up Parliaments' to over 2,000 primary and secondary students and ran professional development workshops for dozens of teachers. An important feature of our regional outreach program is the opportunity for community members to learn how they can get their voices heard in Parliament by attending a free seminar entitled 'Demystifying Democracy'. These sessions were held in Bridgetown, Port Hedland and Geraldton and feedback from those who attended was very positive. Next year the team is planning to conduct outreach programs in the Great Southern and Kimberley regions. Details will be posted on our [website](#) in January.



FESTIVE SEASON MESSAGE

To all of our friends of Parliament we would like to wish you a happy and safe festive season and if you are considering a special meal during this time, have a look at our Members' Dining Room menu from 1933. The good news for turtles is that now that they are a protected species in Western Australia, they are no longer on the menu.



QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

In this edition, we asked Hon Mia Davies MLA, Leader of the National Party and Member for Central Wheatbelt, to tell us more about her hobbies and interests.

Favourite movie: **The Iron Man series**

Favourite footy team: **Fremantle Dockers**

Most significant Role Model: **My dad Dexter**

Favourite food: **Crème Brulee – gets me every time**

Favourite activity: **Hanging with my family, especially my rambunctious nephew and niece!**

Dream dinner party guest: **Teddy Roosevelt and Barack Obama – the Presidential dream team!**

Favourite artist: **I'm a Johnny Farnham tragic – used to be a member of his fan club.**

How would you describe Central Wheatbelt in 3 words? **Robust. Resilient. Reliable.**

Why did you want to become a Member of Parliament? **Through watching dad and others I knew become MPs I saw the positive change being a Member could bring to regional communities. We operate in one of the most important decision making forums of the State. It's an honour and privilege having a job where I can fight for the needs and interests of my electorate, of regional West Australians and for the advancement of this State as a whole.**



Mia (left) with niece Ella, sister Emma and mum Leonie at Southern Brook.