

# PARLIAMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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Welcome to the Parliament of Western Australia's Parliamentary Education Office (PEO) Community Newsletter.

We hope that you enjoy this edition and come and see us soon!

## What's New for 2018



HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT HAPPENS BEHIND THE SCENES OF PARLIAMENT HOUSE?

Now you can watch the locally produced documentary series **"The Key to Your House"** on the Parliament website. In this series, the doors of Parliament House are prised open for a journey behind the scenes that goes back all the way to the beginning.

Viewers will see places that have never been accessible to the public and hear candid and frank accounts by parliamentarians from all sides about life in Parliament.

You will be able to explore parliamentary process, find out about the role of a Member of Parliament, discover when women were first given the right to vote, learn about the first female politician in Australia and other parliamentary firsts, hear about the construction of Parliament House, wonder at our art collection, and most importantly, understand how the public can influence decision making. Including dynamic footage, historic images and interviews with members and staff,

this series will enlighten and entertain you through raw and honest discussions and quirky observations along with the traditional pomp and ceremony.



You can watch every episode of The Key to Your House on the Parliamentary website by [clicking here.](#)

## TALK & TOUR

Talk & Tour is a wonderful way to experience Parliament in comfort. Starting with a catered presentation, you will then get to explore the Legislative Assembly and Council Chambers. An informative and fun day out! Talk & Tour cost \$5.00 each which covers the cost of morning or afternoon tea.

### Talk & Tour

The 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month 1:15pm – 2:45pm

The 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month 10:15am – 11:45am

Also available by arrangement on non-sitting days.

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## ART COLLECTION

DID YOU KNOW THE PARLIAMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA HAS ONE OF THE LARGEST COLLECTIONS OF LOCAL ART OF ANY STATE PARLIAMENT IN AUSTRALIA.

Many people may be unaware of Parliament House's beautiful art collection. We have four different art collections that can be seen online including our Claude Hotchin collection, the Local Government Collection, Philippa Nikulinsky's Landscape Collection and the Aboriginal Art Collection.

The majority of these art works are not in public areas, so go online and look through our fascinating [collection](#) or book to go on an [art tour](#) which runs the first Friday of every month at 3pm.



The Parliament of Western Australia's Education Office recently conducted a **Demystifying Democracy workshop** at the City of Bunbury for dozens of community members of the South West. Participants had the opportunity to learn about lodging petitions, contacting Members of Parliament and how to make a submission to a Parliamentary Committee. Seniors, Secondary, VET and University students also learnt what a typical day for a Member of Parliament entails. We thank Hon Adele Farina, who is one of the six Members of the Legislative Council representing the South West Region, for her involvement on the day. Further Demystifying Democracy workshops are scheduled for Albany and Kalgoorlie later in the year.

## PARLIAMENTARY POETRY COMPETITION

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE PARLIAMENTARY EDUCATION OFFICE IS HOLDING OUR INAUGURAL POETRY COMPETITION IN 2018?

Open to all secondary school aged students, the three overall finalists will have their poems published on the Parliament of Western Australia's website and attend an official reception at Parliament House! So, if you know a young, budding poet please direct them to our website [here](#).

## FACT CORNER

2018 MARKS THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR I.

War was declared on 28th July 1914 and over the next four years, many Western Australian families suffered the horrors of war. It had a significant impact on Parliament, with eight Members granted leave to undertake active service during the war with one member, Bartholemew Stubbs, killed in action in Belgium in 1917.

To discover more about this time in our history please click the link to see Episode 9 of the Key to Your House [here](#).