

MEDIA ALERT



MoAD to thank community with family fun day nearly one year on from devastating fire

The Museum of Australian Democracy (MoAD) will open its newly restored front doors to mark the completion of fire remediation works.

In late 2021, a devastating fire caused significant damage across the interior and exterior of the building. Since then, Old Parliament House has been under constant repair and restoration.

At *MoAD Says Thank You*, held on Sunday 27 November, the museum will host a day of celebration to thank the community for their outpouring of support since the fire.

A range of activities and freebies are on offer for new visitors and old friends of the museum.

Children and parents alike can explore the building in a scavenger hunt to search for some of the historic objects that were cleaned and restored following the fire.

PlayUP, MoAD's family exhibition designed to educate, excite and challenge young minds, moves to the sunshine of Senate Courtyard.

For those interested in an in-depth look at what it takes to restore a heritage building, a short film on the conservation and restoration works will be screened in the House of Representatives.

Plus, the first 100 visitors will be treated to a free coffee and cupcake!

MoAD Acting Director Andrew Harper says the event is a small way that MoAD can express how much the museum values its visitors.

'The messages we received from members of the public after the fire made it very clear just how much this building means to people.'

'*MoAD Says Thank You* is an effort to show how grateful we are that our visitors stuck by us while we repaired the fire damage and how thrilled we are to see them return to the museum.'

MoAD Says Thank You runs all day from 9:00am to 5:00pm Sunday 27 November

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