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MoAD welcomes funding announcement

The Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House (MoAD) welcomes today's funding announcement by the Prime Minister and Minister for the Arts of \$37.9 million over 4 years.

MOAD's role is to protect and preserve the significant heritage building of Old Parliament House (OPH), and to celebrate the spirit and stories of Australian democracy and the power of our voices within it through exhibitions, content and programming.

'This funding commitment is a testament to the importance of this building and its place in Australia's history. It will allow us to strengthen our historical interpretation, collections, exhibitions and digital engagement programs to share with all Australians,' says OPH Board Chair Nick Minchin AO.

The funding will also enable MoAD to undertake critical infrastructure works to help protect our iconic building, particularly in the lead up to celebrating the centenary of OPH in 2027. These works could result in further parts of the building being opened up for public access like the heritage kitchens.

MoAD Director Stephanie Bull says the funding guarantee will also enable the Museum to embed philanthropy as a core part of the Museum's sustainable operations into the future.

'It will allow us to explore philanthropic and corporate funding opportunities, and build partnerships with supporters and donors. Through this work we'll be able to expand our reach so more Australians can access our unique exhibitions and stories,' she says.

'We are delighted with the opportunity this funding announcement affords us to continue showcasing Australia's political legacy and the intrinsic value of democracy.'

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