



PARLIAMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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The Community Education Office develops and implements programs to promote awareness of the Parliament to the community and supports the Parliament's place in the Australian Curriculum, SACE, and adult education. The Community Education Office consists of the Community Education Officer and is coordinated by the Serjeant-at-Arms and Usher of the Black Rod.

The Community Education Officer is responsible to the Clerk of the House of Assembly and the Clerk of the Legislative Council.

The Community Education Officer focusses on the following areas:

- education programs and special events for visiting schools;
- resources for classroom use;
- professional development for teachers;
- education programs for adult learners (including tertiary students and English as an Additional Language/Dialect learners);
- programs for public service employees;
- wider community engagement for the general public and visiting organisations;
- education services for Members and electorate office staff; and
- effective inter-parliamentary relations with other parliamentary educators and education agencies involve in civics, legal studies or citizenship programs.

### *General Community Education Initiatives*

The Community Education Officer has recently managed the following initiatives crossing over all strands of community education:

- implementation and ongoing development of a House of Assembly Facebook page, including related policies and guidelines;
- developing new data collection procedures to accurately capture the number of visitors at Parliament House (no data collection was in place prior to 2017);
- supporting Parliament's website re-development;
- developing a new tours booking system;
- collating proposals for digital signage on the exterior of Parliament House;
- collating proposals for new graphic design work for all promotional and educational materials;
- preparation for a re-enactment of the 1894 suffrage debates for the 125th anniversary of women's suffrage in South Australia; and
- development of an updated master set of tour notes for Members and staff and instructional tour guides for all Members.

### *General Public*

The following programs are in place for the general public:

- **Public Tours:** Public tours are conducted by the House Services Officers and the Legislative Council Messengers at 10am and 2pm on non-sitting days. The Community Education Officer, House Services Officers and Messengers regularly collaborate to ensure consistency across public tours. 1143 visitors attended public tours during FY 18/19.
- **Community Group Tours:** Tours of Parliament House for community groups, service groups, special interest clubs or associations, and constituents can be booked in advance through a House of Assembly or Legislative Council Member's office. During FY18/19 82 community group tours were conducted.





### *Education Programs and Special Events for Visiting Schools*

School tours and special events for school aged students make up the largest group of visitors to Parliament House, with 9048 students attending for a program during FY18/19 (with 973 accompanying teachers and parents).

Regular programs include:

- sitting day/non-sitting day school tours with a Member of Parliament;
- question time bookings for students to view in the public galleries or Speaker's/President's galleries; and
- the Parliamentary-style debate program.

Special events include:

- "Hansard as a Source" for Senior Secondary Students, training students to use Hansard as a source for SACE tasks;
- a customised program for SACE Legal Studies students from Golden Grove High School around using Parliament as a source for SACE work; and
- the SA Secondary Schools State Constitutional Convention.

The Parliament of South Australia is now a Children's University Learning Destination and implemented related programming.

### *Resources for Classroom Use*

In FY 17/18 the Community Education Officer produced a new video series to be used on social media and Parliament's website. Due to a change of government, the launch has been delayed pending replacement footage.

The Community Education Officer provides quizzes and learning resources to schools upon request.

### *Professional Development for Teachers*

The Community Education Officer hosts full day training sessions in conjunction with the Centre of Democracy, the Migration Museum, and the Australian Electoral Commission during school holiday periods. 145 teachers attended a professional development session at Parliament House during FY18/19.

The Community Education Officer is a consultant on the “Teachers’ Big Days Out” program and will provide professional development opportunities for 3 consecutive days in 2020.

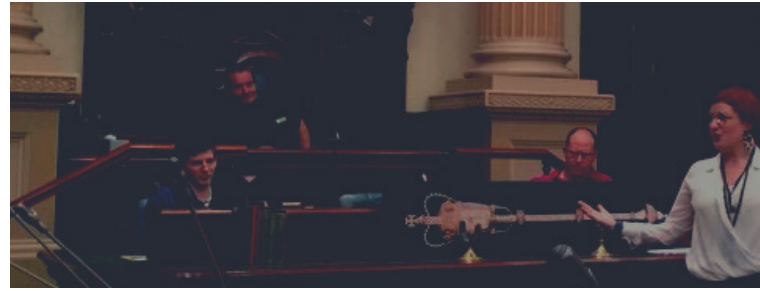
### *Public Service*

The Community Education Officer delivers regular tailored tours to public service graduates, trainees, and mentors, particularly focusing on the relationship between the Parliament and the Executive. In FY18/19, 98 public service employees attended a training session.

### *Visiting Organisations*

The Community Education Officer works with the following organisations to provide any support required for their events at Parliament House:

- Parliamentary Internship Program
- UN Youth
- YMCA Youth Parliament
- Jasiri
- Even Wars Have Laws
- Debating SA
- Rostrum



### *Adult Learners*

The Community Education Officer develops and delivers targeted support for the following groups of adult learners:

- Tertiary students: The Community Education Officer works with academics within law, politics and education faculties to encourage Member hosted or Community Education Officer hosted visits to Parliament House to support student learning. The Community Education Officer delivers recurring tours for HASS education students from Flinders University and the University of South Australia regarding options and strategies and resources for leading parliamentary learning.
- New arrival groups and English language students: The Community Education Officer delivers tailored tours for migrant, English language learner, and international visitor groups, predominantly through TAFE and the University of Adelaide.

760 adult learners attended for programs at Parliament House during FY18/19.





### *Services for Members and Staff*

The Community Education Officer supports Members of both Houses, and their staff, with their parliamentary education requirements. This includes:

- developing current and curriculum linked tour notes for Members and staff;
- one on one/group Member and staff training;
- monitoring of tour delivery and bookings practices to provide responsive guidance and problem-solving; and
- providing custom resources and advice for Members on demand, including for delivering tours to groups with special requirements.

### *Resources for Classroom Use*

The Community Education Officer is a member of, or has a relationship with, the following organisations, programs, and committees:

- Australasian Parliamentary Educators;
- Legal Education Teachers Association of South Australia;
- the Centre of Democracy;
- the History Trust of South Australia;
- the State Library of South Australia;
- the Governor's Civics Awards for Schools;
- a regular committee of education officers within the North Terrace precinct;
- the Australian Electoral Commission;
- the Electoral Commission of South Australia;
- the Museum of Australian Democracy;
- Children's University; and
- the Department for Education:
  - Constitutional Convention Advisory Group
  - Cultural Institutions Education Group
  - Festival of Music

The Community Education Officer attends regular professional development sessions and conferences to meet educators in the Civics & Citizenship area.

Tours and programs at Parliament House are promoted through the existing Parliament website, the new House of Assembly Facebook page, the tour sign on the exterior of the building, visitor information centres and the Community Education Officer's teaching networks.

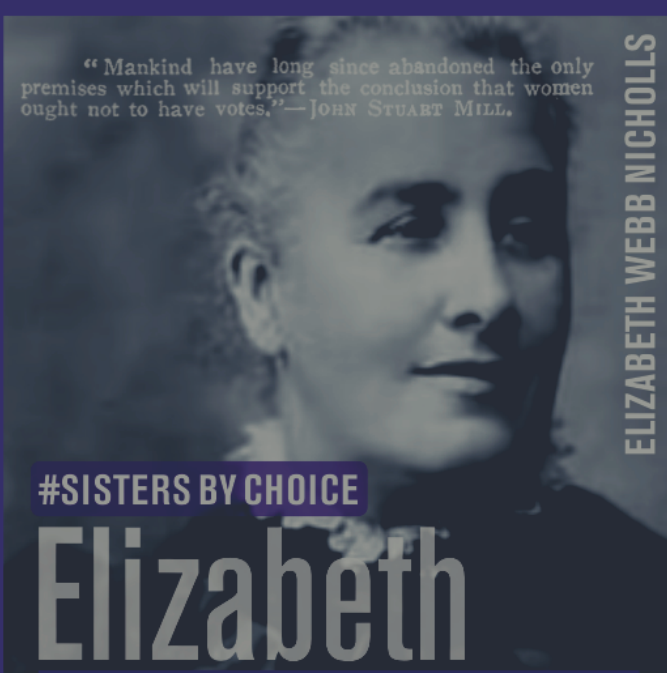
During FY18/19 **13,787** individual attendees visited Parliament House. This represents a 13% increase in the number of visitors compared to the FY17/18 (12,188). In FY 16/17 the figure sat at 9631.

Please note that a number of visitors attended Parliament House under the supervision of a Member, but were not booked into the tours system. These attendances cannot be calculated for the purposes of visitor statistics.

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION PARTICIPATION FY18/19

<i>Public Tours</i>	1 1 4 3
<i>Community Group Tours (Member Hosted)</i>	1 6 2 0
<i>School Tours (Member Hosted)</i>	8 9 6 3
<i>Accompanying Teachers/Parents (Member Hosted)</i>	9 7 3
<i>Students - Special Education Events</i>	8 5
<i>Teacher PD Attendees</i>	1 8 5
<i>Tertiary Student Tours</i>	2 3 3
<i>Adult Learner Tours</i>	4 8 7
<i>Public Service Tours</i>	9 8





A Special #SASuffrage125 Event



*Upcoming Projects*

The following projects are in progress:

- a reenactment of the 1894 suffrage debates;
- website redevelopment of the education pages, including online professional learning;
- development of a digital application to support use of the live broadcasting system in classrooms;
- twilight and lunchtime tours;
- participation in Open House events;
- development of a student/public run Instagram account;
- tactile tours;
- AUSLAN tours;
- student exam preparation support sessions; and
- regional and remote visits with relevant Members.