

150th anniversary

EVENTS SCHEDULE

14 November 2005

Launch of the on-line 1891 Women's Suffrage Petition

One of the largest petitions received by Parliament was the 1891 Women's Suffrage Petition, signed by close to 30 000 Victorian women who were seeking the right to vote in parliamentary elections. Visit www.parliament.vic.gov.au/WomensPetition

17 November 2005

The 150th anniversary celebration will begin with an official launch at the regional sittings of the Legislative Assembly in Geelong and the Legislative Council in Colac.

November 2005 – October 2006

Bills, Bells and Ballots – 150 years of Victoria's Parliament

Parliament's 150th anniversary travelling exhibition – *Bills, Bells and Ballots* – 150 years of Victoria's Parliament will travel the State during the anniversary year. *Bills, Bells and Ballots* will feature an informative walk through the history and role of the Parliament and will travel to the following locations:

23 November – 18 December 2005

Castlemaine Market Building
44 Mostyn Street, Castlemaine

16 January – 10 February 2006

The Supper Room – Portland Civic Centre
Bentick Street, Portland

18 February – 13 March 2006

Ararat Gallery Town Hall
Cnr Barkly & Vincent Streets,
Ararat

18 March – 17 April 2006

Visitor Information Centre,
Alfred Deakin Centre
Cnr 12th Street & Deakin Ave,
Mildura

22 April – 14 May 2006

Wheatlands Warracknabeal Museum
Henty Highway, Warracknabeal

20 May – 11 June 2006

Shepparton Art Gallery
Eastbank Centre, 90 Welsford Street,
Shepparton

19 – 30 June 2006

Queen's Hall, Parliament House
Spring Street, Melbourne

15 July – 5 August 2006

Arts Space Wodonga
Cnr Lawrence & Hovell Streets,
Wodonga

14 August – 1 September 2006

East Gippsland Art Gallery
2 Nicholson Street, Bairnsdale

21 September – 1 October 2006

2006 Royal Melbourne Show
Epsom Road, Ascot Vale

6 – 25 October 2006

Latrobe Regional Gallery
138 Commercial Road, Morwell

Venue opening hours vary; please go to www.parliament.vic.gov.au/150th or phone Information Victoria on 1300 366 356 (local call cost) for more information.

6 – 24 March 2006

Cartoon Exhibition – Parliament House

Features published cartoons of former Premiers and significant political events from Melbourne's newspapers and political journals.

19 March 2006

150th anniversary of the secret ballot
Victoria's secret ballot was a world first

21 April 2006

150th anniversary of the Eight-Hour day

Celebrations will include a re-enactment of the 21 April 1856 march of building workers from the University of Melbourne to Parliament House.

3 May 2006

The first public lecture by the Chair of Victorian State Parliamentary Democracy

25 June 2006

Open Day 2006 – Parliament House

An opportunity to see inside this historic building and find out what goes on inside!

2 – 9 July 2006

NAIDOC Week Indigenous Art Exhibition, Parliament House

25 – 28 September 2006

YMCA Victoria – Youth Parliament, Parliament House

Celebrating 20 years of YMCA Youth Parliament and 150 years of the Parliament of Victoria.

9 October – 1 November 2006

Petition Exhibition – Parliament House

Over the last 150 years many petitions have been presented to Parliament; this exhibition will give Victorians a chance to lift the archive lid and view a variety of previously unseen petitions. Petitions will range from quirky one-off petitions to those that have influenced Victorian legislation.

29 October 2006

Open Garden – The gardens of Parliament House

Parliament's gardens will be open to the public to wander through on self-guided tours.

25 November 2006

150 years since the official opening of Parliament House and the 2006 State election.

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