

# Parliament of Victoria

## Parliament activities

Here is a list of resources and experiences that you may wish to incorporate into your project idea.

### Parliament spaces

Parliament has a few meeting spaces that can be arranged to accommodate either boardroom/roundtable set up (capacity 16) or theatre style (capacity 40). Basic equipment such as microphones, lecterns and TV screen can be arranged.

Permission to use one of the chambers can be requested, however this would require permission from Parliament's Presiding Officers. Please note that approval may only be sought for activities that align with the purposes of the chamber such as discussion, information sharing and debate.

The Parliament Gardens to the rear of Parliament House consist of a rooftop terrace, lawn area and bowling green.

If you wish to provide catering for your event at Parliament House, please be advised that only internal catering is permitted, and no food is allowed in the chambers.

### Parliament experiences

Parliament's Community Engagement team can help you to connect with people who play a role in the day-to-day operations at Parliament. We can request presentations with the following:

- Senior parliamentary officials can explain parliamentary processes and the happenings of a typical sitting week
- Committee managers and Members of Parliament can speak about a particular inquiry or the inquiry process overall. You can find out about the various committees and their current inquiries on Parliament's [website](#).
- Library staff can speak about the role of the library in supporting MPs and the history of the space
- A member of the Press Gallery can talk about their role reporting on the work in Parliament
- An electorate officer can talk about the role of an MP as your local representative and how electorate officers can assist with queries from members of the community.

You may also wish to invite your local MPs to participate in your project (be sure to consider both Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council members). You can find your local MPs by entering your geographic area on our '[Find a Member](#)' webpage.

Parliament's sitting dates for 2026 are available via [our website](#). Members of the public can watch from the public gallery. Please be aware that bookings cannot be made, and there may be some group size restrictions for Question Time.

Parliament offers [public tours](#) and [architecture tours](#), for which groups must book.

Members' Statements are 90-second speeches made by MPs in the chamber to highlight an issue or celebrate a community achievement. Subject to availability, during non-sitting weeks role plays can be organised that would allow community members to see what it's like to deliver a statement in the chamber.

'Hypotheticals' are guided discussions on topics that support learning about democratic processes eg. 'If we were to remove one level of government, which would it be?"

## Parliament resources

The Teach and Learn page on Parliament's website contains a number of free learning resources. These resources may also be useful for your project.

- Understanding Parliament presentation – a comprehensive slide deck explaining how Parliament functions (Available Feb 2026)
- [Inside Parliament](#) downloadable booklet – a small number of hard copies may be available upon request.
- Victoria 2050 (Available Feb 2026)
- [Mission Control](#) (Collaboration with Science Gallery Melbourne)
- [Engaging with parliament](#) digital posters
- [Engaging Perspectives](#) card deck
- [Electorate data cards](#)
- [Three levels of government](#) flashcards
- [Aboriginal Change Makers](#) - Stories of Aboriginal self-determination and empowerment, available as a downloadable resource
- [A focus on committees](#), videos from an expert panel
- [How a law is made](#) resource
- [Leadership and Advocacy](#) resources, including two video series

If you have any questions about any of the content outlined here, don't hesitate to contact us at [community@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:community@parliament.vic.gov.au)