## Launching the Inaugural Festival of Democracy

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PSC Conference Wed, 19 January 2022



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Timed event. Bookings essential.

> 6 activity station

Festival of Democracy at the Parliament of NSW these April school holidays

Friday 16 April 9 am - 10.20 am 10.30 am - 11.50 am 12 pm - 1.20 pm 1.30 pm - 3 pm (book for an 80 minute session)

Celebrate democracy in Australia's oldest Parliament with free, fun activities for children and their families from 4 to 12 years.



• Make a speech in the historic Parliamentary chamber

- Play democracy hopscotch
- Listen to storytellers
- Make craft animals and objects
- Enter the mystery object competition
- Visit the historic rooms

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Chat with Henry Parkes

This is a COVID-safe event.



FREE ENTRY (timed) Activities 9 am to 3 pm LOCATION Parliament of New South Wales, 6 Macquarie Street Opposite Martin Place

The public café will be open.



9230-2047 or E: communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au

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QR code bookings through Eventbrite

## **Firsts**:

- Designed as a COVID 19 safe event
- *Eventbrite* for the first time
- Marketing new Teacher *eNewsletter*, social media and school newsletters
- 90 minute guided and timed sessions
- Groups of 35 people x 4 staff per 90 minutes
- Individual prepacked bags with activity material no sharing
- Feedback wall provided instant feedback
- 6 stations
  - What is Democracy activity
  - Democracy hopscotch
  - Mystery object
  - Voting in an election with the NSW Electoral Commission
  - Tour of Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council by Chamber Assistants
    - and vote for me activity speech in the Legislative Assembly and
    - message stick design and write your own message to Parliament in Legislative Council
  - Craft
    - NSW state emblems activity
    - Bluey the Groper origami (state fish)
    - Parliament crown colour and decorate
    - Decorate your bag

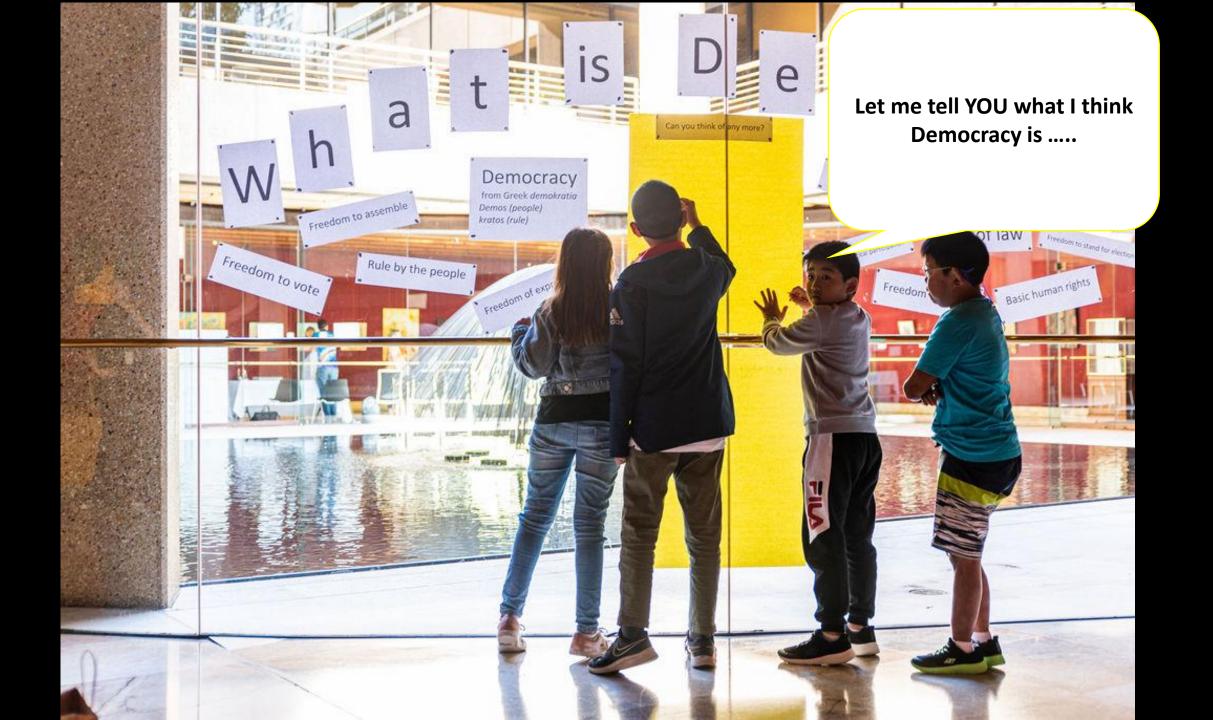




Each child received their own bag with pencils and activities and they could decorate them in any way they wished.















Is it a bird, is it a plane, NO it's William Charles Wentworth...

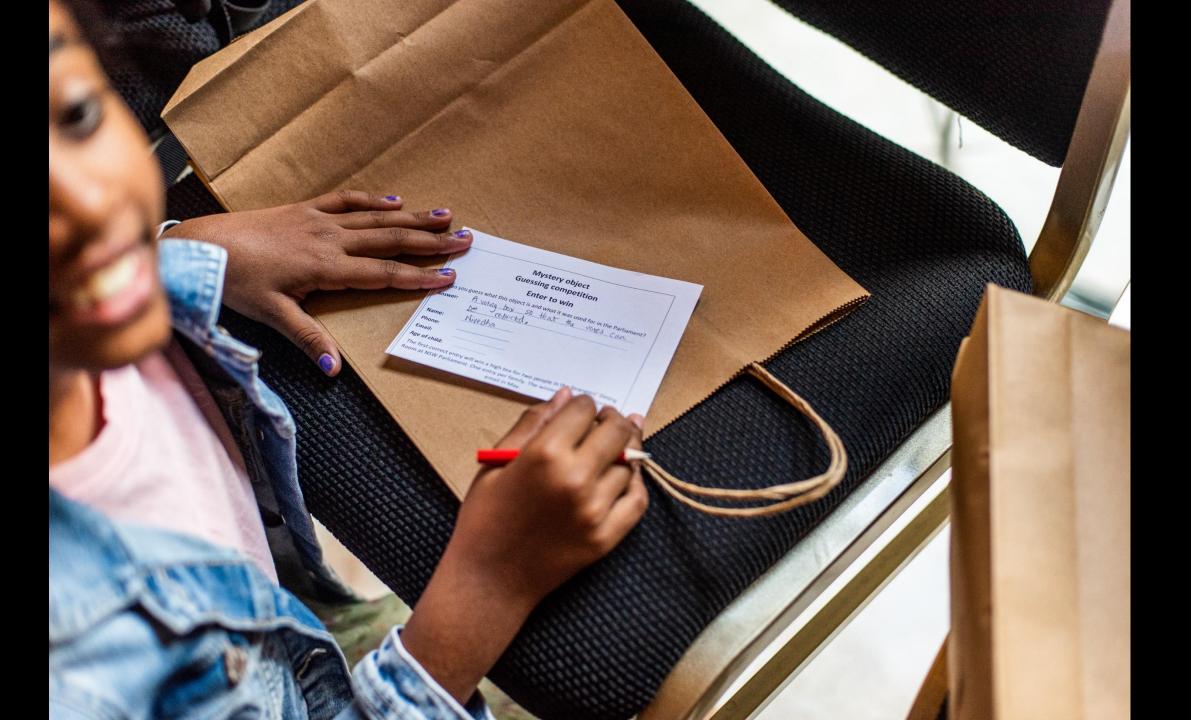






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Here is my origami Bluey the Groper



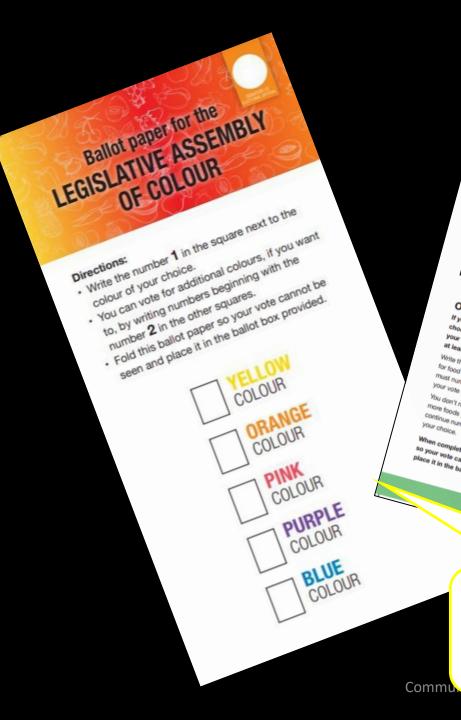


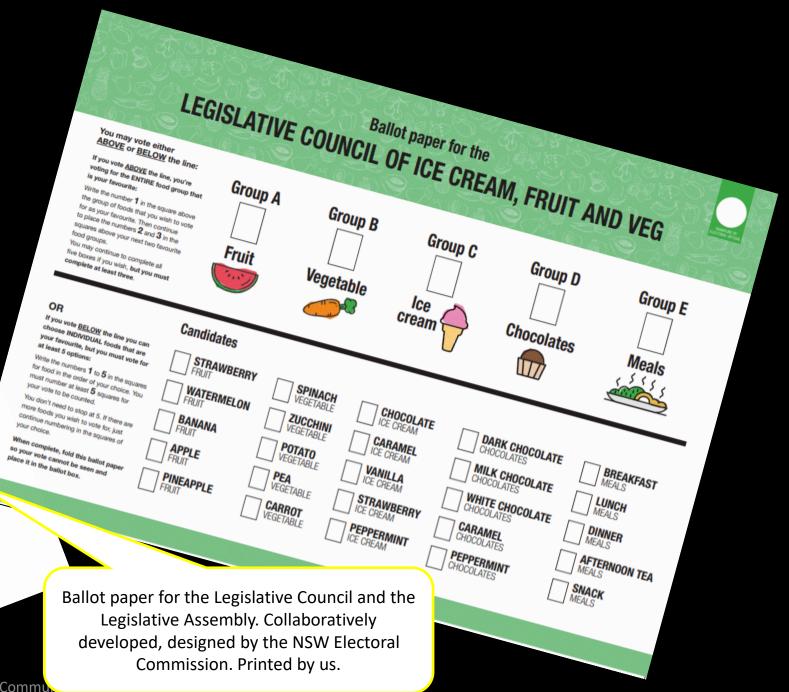
Working with our friend Cameron from the NSW Electoral Commission



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Ballot boxes provided and set up by the Electoral Commission staff.



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