

## Battle for Federation

EVENT TYPE: TALK / LECTURE HOSTED BY: PARLIAMENT OF NSW

In March, 1891, 46 delegates from all the Australian colonies and New Zealand, met in the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of New South Wales and, in the course of the meeting, the first draft constitution for Australia was drawn up. Within ten years, on January 1, 1901, the Commonwealth of Australia made up of the six former colonies, now states, was proclaimed in Sydney and celebrated throughout the new nation.

Leaders in the colony of NSW, spearheaded by Henry Parkes and Edmund Barton, played an integral role in the move to nationhood and Federation. Many different parties emerged in the late 19th century all with strong views on whether the states should federate.

Conducted by Parliamentary Education, this program is presented in the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council Chambers of Australia's oldest Parliament. Participants will hear an address from Professor Anne Twomey, Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Sydney and view the annotated draft of the Australian Constitution at the State Library next door.

## **ON VIEW FROM**

7 September 2015

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Parliament of NSW

6 Macquarie Street, Sydney

Disability Access. Parking Availability.

## COST:

Free, but bookings are essential.

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