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## Mad hatters and merry-go-rounds at State Library

Discover the lighter side of politics with the *Behind the Lines* and *Swings and Roundabouts* exhibition at State Library of Queensland from 15 August.

Touring exhibition *Behind the Lines 2018: Curiouser and Curiouser*, curated by the Museum of Australian Democracy, takes visitors on an *Alice In Wonderland* inspired journey through the year's best political cartoons.

It includes work by leading political cartoonists Mark Knight, Alan Moir, Cathy Wilcox, John Shakespeare, Judy Horacek and 2018 Political Cartoonist of the Year, Matt Golding.

Accompanying the touring exhibition is *Swings and Roundabouts: 100 Years of Queensland Political Cartoons* showcasing some of the state's key political moments through cartoons from the extensive State Library collection.

Early cartoons by A.J. Hingston from the early 1900s to the contemporary work of Sean Leahy and Neil Matterson will explore topics such as the Fitzgerald Inquiry, the Newman Government, the introduction of the GST, Pauline Hanson, Sir Joh and the Kevin 07 campaign.

### Exhibition highlights:

- Contemporary cartoons
- Historic cartoons
- Political ephemera from State Library collections
- Political tarot, snap and 'guess who' activities

### Quotes from State Librarian and CEO Vicki McDonald:

"State Library is excited to partner with Museum of Australian Democracy to bring this satirical exhibition to Queensland."

"Political cartoons help tell the story of Queensland in creative and engaging ways, highlighting key moments in our political history."

"The exhibition will help introduce visitors to the wide range of political ephemera held at State Library for all to enjoy."

### ***Behind the Lines and Swings and Roundabouts***

15 Aug — 1 Nov

Open daily | Free entry

Philip Bacon Heritage Gallery, level 4 | State Library of Queensland, Cultural Centre, South Bank  
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