

How to make Australian
women's history
accessible, engaging
and entertaining
through a walking tour

Sita Sargeant

Founder of She Shapes History





The Problem

In 2021, found myself asking – Where are the women? Where are the women in the story of Australia? Where are the women in the story of Canberra?

I kept noticing in public spaces that men were often positioned as the main characters of Australian history. Women had frequently been cast as minor characters.

I knew that the stories were there. But I only knew this because I had a background in research.



The Solution = Walking Tours

Walking tours offer a unique opportunity to share history in an inclusive, accessible, and non-judgemental context.



Reclaiming Canberra



Canberra is Australia's capital city. It should be the one place in Australia where all Australians are represented, politically and culturally.

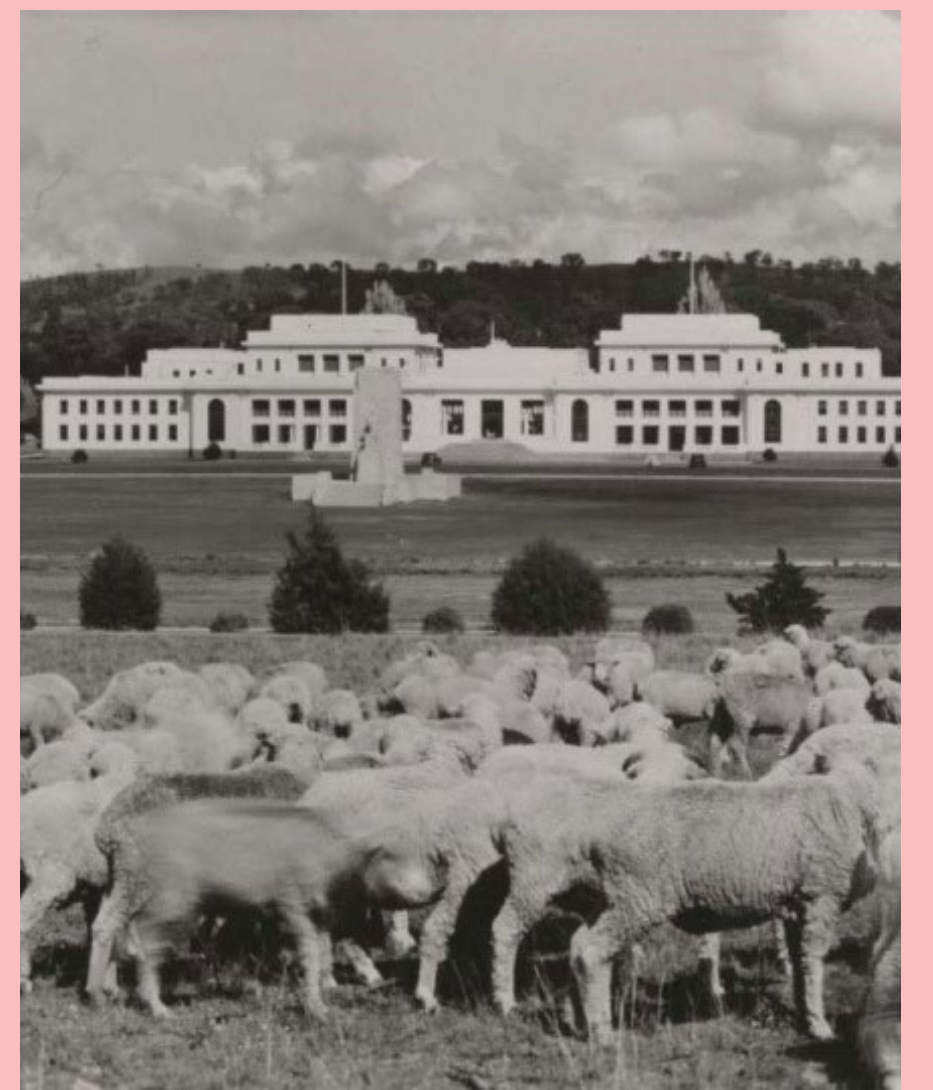
Yet, despite being co-designed by a woman, it was not a city that was made for women.

Walking tours are a way to reclaim the story of Canberra and the story of Australia.

Marion
Mahony
Griffin



Canberra was
not a city that
made space
for women to
shape history.



**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
VOTING PAPER.**

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, being duly Qualified, do hereby Vote for the parties under-mentioned, against whose names my Initials appear.

~~MR. JOSEPH DAVIS~~
~~MR. THOMAS ANDREWS~~
~~MR. A. S. PALMER~~
~~MR. JOHN MILES~~
~~MR. W. T. SMITH~~
MR. WALTER SMITH
~~MR. HUGH McMILLAN~~
MR. E. JACKSON
~~MR. O'KEEFE~~
MR. FROOMES
MR. V. HERSCHE
~~MR. S. LOVE~~
MR. COLLYNS
MR. WIGHTMAN
~~MR. T. HINDS~~
~~MR. F. HERSCHE~~

Signed *Fanny Hinds*

N.B. No Person can attach his Initials to more than Seven of the above Candidates, without Invalidating this paper.

Fanny
Finch



Stories like Fanny's
make people feel
connected to history.





The stories we tell matter

The stories we tell about ourselves matter. They shape our understanding of the past, influence our present, and guide our future.

We want all Australians, no matter their race, gender, or sexuality, to be able to see themselves in Canberra's landscape, in Australian history, and the story of our nation.

Thank you!

Book a tour & learn more
www.sheshapeshistory.com.au

Follow us on Instagram, Facebook & LinkedIn
[@SheShapesHistory](https://www.instagram.com/SheShapesHistory)

Reach out
sita@sheshapeshistory.com.au