

MPs hang with their objects

IF A mass hanging of polties – on April Fool's Day, no less – sounds like your thing, get to State Parliament on Wednesday evening for the launch of *Parliament Objects*. The exhibition shows more than a dozen state and federal MPs – including federal Opposition Leader Malcolm Turnbull and his trusty sidekick Joe Hockey, and NSW ministers Verity Firth and Virginia Judge – painted with an item of significance. For NSW

Opposition Leader Barry O'Farrell, painted by Dee Jackson, that item is a beautiful mahogany writing slope he bought at an antiques fair about 20 years ago. "It was the laptop of its day – it gave you a firm surface to write on and a place to keep your paper and ink," he said. It even has a secret compartment, in which O'Farrell keeps ... nothing. How disappointing. The event starts at 6pm.

