

MEDIA RELEASE

WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN INTO THE SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS MUSEUM OF APPLIED ARTS AND SCIENCES 17 December 2016 – 30 January 2017

Ancient Egypt comes to life at the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences this summer. The world premiere of [*Egyptian Mummies: Exploring Ancient Lives*](#) from the British Museum opens at the Powerhouse Museum on 10 December. To celebrate the arrival of the six mummies from ancient Egypt, children and their families can enjoy workshops and FREE activities across the three MAAS venues this summer.

Children can step back in time at the **Powerhouse Museum** and take on the role of a Dig Discoverer to reveal the lives of ancient Egyptians and use technology to uncover secrets buried for thousands of years. Join the giant dig pit and try your hand as a mini archaeologist, crack the code to escape from a tomb and embark on a night at the museum with Ancient Egyptian themed movie nights.

Discover the wonders of the night sky at **Sydney Observatory** alongside expert star gazers. Learn how ancient cultures interpreted the night sky and make a time capsule for future archaeologists to find. Step back in time at the **Museums Discovery Centre** and learn from past explorers and historians to dream up your own ancient civilisation.

POWERHOUSE MUSEUM

Dig Discovery Zone, FREE 17 December – 30 January, 10am – 5pm

Search for lost artefacts in a giant 20 metre dig pit, using archaeological tools to uncover the lives of ancient Egyptians and what they left behind. There is a special pit for under-fives.

Rosita Stone Escape Room, Sunday 15 January, 11am and 1pm

Find yourself in a tomb about to collapse and you have to crack the code to escape! Join Western Sydney University experts and learn the art of linguistic code cracking.

Mummy Movie Night, Saturday 21 January, 6pm

Settle in for a movie inspired by *Egyptian Mummies: Exploring Ancient Lives* and join an after-hours exclusive exhibition viewing.

SYDNEY OBSERVATORY

Family Day and Night Tours, throughout January

Discover the wonders of the night sky through immersive astronomy experiences alongside expert Observatory guides.

Twilight Extravaganza: Ancient Skies, 19 January, 5pm

Watch the sky change as the sun goes down on Observatory Hill. Discover how ancient cultures have viewed and used the skies and hear ancient stories about our universe.

MUSEUMS DISCOVERY CENTRE

Ancient Worlds, FREE 3 - 30 January, 11.00 am – 3.00 pm

Mine the collections of MAAS, the Australian Museum and Sydney Living Museums to learn about historic civilizations. Join the collective build of artefacts such as tombs and pyramids.

EXHIBITION DETAILS:

What: *Egyptian Mummies: Exploring Ancient Lives*

When: 10 December 2016 – 25 April 2017

Where: Powerhouse Museum, 500 Harris Street, Ultimo NSW 2007

Price: Adults \$27 Concession \$25 Children \$16 Family Pass \$65

POWERHOUSE MUSEUM

500 Harris Street, Ultimo NSW 2007

SYDNEY OBSERVATORY

1003 Upper Fort Street, Millers Point NSW 2000

MUSEUMS DISCOVERY CENTRE

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About the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences The Powerhouse Museum, alongside Sydney Observatory and the Museums Discovery Centre, is part of the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (MAAS), Australia's contemporary museum for excellence and innovation in applied arts and sciences. The Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences has a vast and diverse collection of over 500,000 objects.