

MEDIA RELEASE



## EGYPTIAN MUMMIES: EXPLORING ANCIENT LIVES TALKS AND EVENTS

### Cutting-edge technology reveals secrets of mummies from British Museum

**Sydney, Australia:** Ancient cultures meet modern technologies in *Egyptian Mummies: Exploring Ancient Lives*, at the Powerhouse Museum until 30 April 2017. Explore beyond the wrappings to reveal the mysteries of mummification buried for thousands of years. Australian audiences have a chance to see inside mummies from the British Museum collection via the latest non-invasive computed tomography (CT) scan and 3D visualization technology.

An extensive public program for all the family runs throughout February and March at the Powerhouse Museum. Highlights include:

#### Expert Floor Talks

**Wednesdays & Saturdays 2.00 pm, free with exhibition admission**

Join some of Australia's leading and emerging Egyptologists as they reveal the history behind *Egyptian Mummies: Exploring Ancient Lives* in this regular series of object-focused talks which delve into specific aspects of ancient Egyptian history.

#### Death and Dying Discussion Series

**12 February | 16 March | 2 April 2017, from \$8**

Join cultural specialists for panel discussion exploring death and dying from ancient civilisations through to today. Hear from experts as they share their perspectives on what it means to die 'well'. The series includes a comparative analysis of the mourning practices of ancient Egyptians and Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

#### Two-Day Workshop: Kopi — Building an understanding of grief from an Indigenous cultural perspective

**Saturday 11 – Sunday 12 February 10.00 am, from \$125**

Join artist Maree Clarke in an experiential workshop exploring art making for healing within both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultures. Participants will be guided through a process of building and decorating clay headwear (KOPI) to support a deepened understanding of Aboriginal culture and the connections between arts and emotional well-being.

## **In-Conversation: *Grave Business: Dendroglyphs and grave makers of South-Eastern Australia***

**Monday 13 February 12.30 pm — 1.30 pm, free with museum entry**

Like the ancient Egyptians, Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples constructed signposts to mark important cultural sites. Learn more about this significant cultural practice.

## **Mummy Movie Night (Adults): *The Mummy* (1959)**

**Friday 17 February 6.00 — 8.30 pm, from \$5**

Special after-hours exhibition viewing of *Egyptian Mummies: Exploring Ancient Lives* and go retro with a screening of the 1959 horror classic *The Mummy*.

## **Family Sundays**

**Sundays 10.00 am — 4.00 pm, free with museum entry**

*Egyptian Mummies: Exploring Ancient Lives* comes to life with activities for the whole family every Sunday. Learn about ancient Egyptian buildings, what pharaohs wore, how artists worked, or become an archaeologist for the day. Experience a different theme each week:

Sunday 5 February: Pharaoh

Sunday 12 February: Archaeologist

Sunday 19 February: Architect

Sunday 26 February: Artist

Sunday 5 March: Pharaoh

Sunday 12 March: Archaeologist

Sunday 19 March: Mummies

Sunday 26 March: Artist

**Details for the *Egyptian Mummies: Exploring Ancient Lives* extensive public program can be found at: <https://maas.museum/event/egyptian-mummies-exploring-ancient-lives/programs/>**

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## **EXHIBITION DETAILS**

**What:** *Egyptian Mummies: Exploring Ancient Lives*

**When:** Until 30 April 2017 \***Late Wednesday openings until 9pm in February**

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

**Exhibition Entry Price:** Adults \$27 Concession \$25 Children \$16 Family Pass \$65. Pre-book and save.

**Images available for download here:**

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/tteuxoeurlj4mjw/AAAV9zaGFjT16g9k4b7NMgz4a?dl=0v>

## **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.