

MEDIA RELEASE

DISCOVER SOMETHING NEW THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

MUSEUM OF APPLIED ARTS AND SCIENCES

8 – 25 April 2017

With a world premiere touring exhibition and two newly refreshed permanent exhibitions, children of all ages will be excited by their visit to the museum these school holidays. From toddlers in *The Wiggles* exhibition to young primary school aged children getting hands-on with museum objects in *Experimentations* to older children traveling back in time to Ancient Egypt in *Egyptian Mummies: Exploring Ancient Lives*, there is something for everyone at the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (MAAS) in the April school holidays.

This is your last chance to get up close to six mummies from Ancient Egypt at the world premiere of [Egyptian Mummies: Exploring Ancient Lives](#) from the British Museum, before it closes on 30 April. Throughout the school holidays children inspired by the work of Egyptologists can try their hand at archaeology in the giant Dig Discovery Zone. *Egyptian Mummies* is recommended for ages 7+.

Since opening in 2011 [The Wiggles](#) exhibition has been one of the most popular exhibitions at the museum. As a new generation of fans grow up with the world's most popular children's entertainers *The Wiggles* exhibition has been updated with new interactive spaces and the story of Yellow Wiggle Emma and Purple Wiggle Lachy. *The Wiggles* is suitable for infants through to primary school aged children.

[Experimentations](#) was one of the original permanent exhibitions when the Powerhouse Museum opened in 1988. The exhibition has recently undergone a refresh to bring it up to 2017 learning frameworks and is now the most interactive part of the Museum. Curious kids can get hands-on with science and design with the opportunity to make, break and create. *Experimentations* is suitable for ages 5 – 12years.

For kids keen to learn new skills and put them into practice **The Lab** offers workshops in designing games, virtual reality experiences, short films and more.

POWERHOUSE MUSEUM

EXHIBITION DETAILS:

What: *Egyptian Mummies: Exploring Ancient Lives*

When: 10 December 2016 – 30 April 2017

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

What: *The Wiggles*

When: open daily

Price: free with museum entry

What: *Experimentations*

When: open daily

Price: free with museum entry

Dig Discovery Zone, FREE until 30 April, 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.

The Lab workshops, for ages, dates and prices please visit website

Designed especially for the kid coder in the family, these workshops will foster your inner gamer.

Just for Girls Masterclass in Game Design, ages 9 – 12, 18 April, 10am – 4pm, \$100

Create your very own game that can actually be played! From design to coding, build your game complete with sound track and voice over, to launch your

Mini Movie Maker, ages 6 – 7, 18 April, 10am – 4pm, \$100

Make your own movie using animation techniques, green screens and the secrets of movie sound effects. This workshop is run by professionals from the Australian film industry.

Virtual Reality Music Video, ages 11–13, 20 – 21 April, 10am – 4pm, \$100

Design an audiovisual virtual reality (VR) experience, complete with accompanying music track. At the workshop completion you will have a VR experience to upload to YouTube and watch through VR headsets.

SYDNEY OBSERVATORY

Ancient skies Viewing & Tours, all ages, 8 – 23 April, Adult \$10, Child \$8, Family \$26

Look through our safe solar telescope with one of our knowledgeable astronomers before exploring the Universe in our Planetarium. On a clear day, you can see the Sun, bright stars and maybe the Moon or Venus! Day tours run on the quarter-hour for 30 minutes, starting from 10.15am until 4.15pm and include a planetarium show as well as a viewing through one of our telescopes. Bookings can be made in advance online for 2.15pm, 3.15pm and 4.15pm tours daily. Bookings are not essential for all remaining time slots - just arrive 5 minutes before the session starts.

MUSEUMS DISCOVERY CENTRE

Ancient Worlds, ages 4+, 8 – 25 April 2017, 11am–3pm, Free

Become an archaeologist for a day! Step back in time to discover an ancient world. Search for artefacts and investigate famous explorers and archaeologists. Help build structures, such as a giant step-pyramid and an ancient tomb. Inspired by the Discovery Centre's unique and varied collection, learn how people of the past lived and discover the objects they left behind.

Digital workshops, for ages, dates and prices please visit website

From *Scratch Movie Making* to *Minecraft Ancient Egypt* and a *Masterclass in Game Design*, there is a digital workshop for everyone these school holidays.

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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.