

Museums Discovery Centre

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MUSEUMS DISCOVERY CENTRE SENIORS DAY 2018

The Museums Discovery Centre (MDC) in Castle Hill will join the NSW Seniors Festival for the first time in 2018, presenting a full day of events and activities to celebrate the annual festival. MDC Seniors Day will take place on 11 April.

The MDC is home to objects from the state collection from the **Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences**, the **Australian Museum** and **Sydney Living Museums**. It houses everything from rare butterflies to yachts and is responsible for the care of millions of NSW stories.

Highlights of the MDC Seniors Day include:

- Take a walk down memory lane with free entry for one day only
- Get an insider's view of the Deep Stores. Choose from a **Transport Tour** or **Australian Social History Tour** to see how objects are stored and learn fascinating behind-the-scenes museum secrets
- Enjoy fascinating talks by museum curators
- Delight, challenge and inspire your inner kid in a digital workshop to learn 21st Century skills such as creating interactive clothing and wearable technology
- Discover the collection and join a museum volunteer in a **Highlight Tour**
- Imagine and create with new innovative Microsoft HoloLens technology
- Finish your day in the Yarn Up Talking Place for some damper and goolie-gum (golden syrup)

MDC Seniors Day is part of the NSW Seniors Festival, an annual event celebrating its 60th birthday in 2018. With the theme 'Let's do more together', the festival promotes inclusive communities and provides an opportunity for seniors to try new things, share skills, contribute, and remain active and engaged in their local communities. The NSW Seniors Festival is the largest festival for people over 60 in the Southern Hemisphere, attracting up to 500,000 seniors across the state. Hundreds of events at venues across NSW will inspire seniors to eat well, stay active and connect with their local community. The festival runs for 12 days from Wednesday 4 April to Sunday 15 April 2018.

NSW Seniors Festival is presented by the Department of Family and Community Services. For the latest updates and event listings visit <http://www.seniorsfestival.nsw.gov.au>

Event: *Museums Discovery Centre Seniors Day*
Dates: Wednesday 11 April 2018, 10am – 5pm (last entry at 4pm)
Tickets: free entry for one day only. See website for ticketed events.
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About the Museum of Arts and Applied Sciences. Powerhouse Museum, alongside Sydney Observatory and 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. MAAS has a vast and diverse collection of over 500,000 objects.

About the Museums Discovery Centre The Museums Discovery Centre (MDC) is a collaboration between the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (MAAS), Australian Museum (AM) and Sydney Living Museums. Inside the Museums Discovery Centre you will find millions of treasures, with hundreds on display for you to explore, and thousands more waiting to be discovered through booked tours of the deep collection stores. A visit to the MDC also provides you with a rare opportunity to learn about museum collecting, conservation and research practices.