

# EXPLORE THE FUTURE AND THE PAST AS **RELICS RISES AT THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM**

*LEGO®-Inspired Exhibition Opens 16 August*



**Sydney, August 9 2025:** The Australian Museum's (AM) much-anticipated exhibition [\*RELICS: A New World Rises\*](#) is about to open to the public next **Saturday 16 August**. Created by former **LEGO® Masters** champions **Jackson Harvey and Alex Towler**, this imaginative new exhibition brings intricate LEGO® civilisations to life inside a series of upcycled vintage objects, with a dash of Minifigure mayhem.

The Australian Museum's *RELICS* exhibition reimagines the traditional museum experience through an extraordinary display of thousands of LEGO® pieces that come together to tell multiple interconnected stories. This immersive exhibition weaves together themes of sustainability and futurism with playful, imaginative narratives that challenge visitors to see familiar everyday objects in entirely new ways.

**Australian Museum Director and CEO, Kim McKay AO**, said *RELICS* promises visitors of all ages an entirely original, shared experience where everyone has a chance to share their own perspective.

"*RELICS* invites visitors into a world where the closer you look, the more you see! Not only will it spark conversations about our wasteful world, and the future, but it's also a fun way to discover the power of creative storytelling. Jackson and Alex's exhibition combines a heady mix of nostalgia, sustainability and future-facing creativity and it's unlike anything we've exhibited before," Ms Kim McKay said.

The former *LEGO® Masters* champions said *RELICS* is a passion project the two have worked on for years, and showcases all their insights and ideas when it comes to creative storytelling.

"It's important to us that every Minifigure we place in the exhibition is telling its own story. We like to put ourselves into the minds of each character ... What have they been up to? Are they having a good day? Who are they with? By thinking about their stories, it helps bring the Minifigures to life as they inhabit their *RELICS* world," said Alex Towler, *RELICS* co-creator.

Part art installation, part science fiction, and packed with detail for curious minds of all ages, *RELICS* transforms now-obsolete everyday objects into vivid miniature worlds. A refrigerator becomes a cryogenic health resort, a typewriter transforms into a newspaper headquarters, and a brand new 'Museum of Humanity' will be unveiled in the exhibition, crafted specifically for the Australian Museum. Each is filled with tiny Minifigure stories and offers a glimpse into a strange, imagined future.

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“We hope visitors will be thinking about the life material possessions have after they are discarded and encourage people to be more thoughtful about what they throw away. It’s exciting for us to take an object that to most people would look like trash and give it a whole new life,” Jackson Harvey, RELICS co-creator, said.

Set in the year 2130, *RELICS* imagines Earth in recovery after human abandonment, where nature is returning and LEGO® societies have emerged from the remains of a consumerist past. *RELICS* has been touring Australia and New Zealand over the past two years.

Exhibition highlights include:

- 14 large-scale displays combining antique objects with original LEGO® constructions
- An interactive LEGO® build zone where visitors can create and display their own models
- Custom scavenger hunts designed for both children and adults

Visitors are encouraged to book early, with strong interest expected across the opening weekend and into the school holidays. Tickets are on sale now at [australian.museum](http://australian.museum).

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Pullman Sydney Hyde Park is offering accommodation packages for Australian Museum visitors, including tickets to *RELICS* exhibition, a morning buffet breakfast, overnight accommodation, and an activity pack for children.

#### **EVENT DETAILS**

**What:** *RELICS: A New World Rises* exhibition

**When:** From Saturday 16 August 2025

**Where:** Australian Museum, 1 William St, Sydney NSW

**Exhibition Tickets:** Adult: \$29.00, Concession: \$25.00, Child 4-15: \$19.00, Child 0-3: Free

For more information and to book tickets visit Australian Museum

**Editors note:** Imagery, footage, background information here

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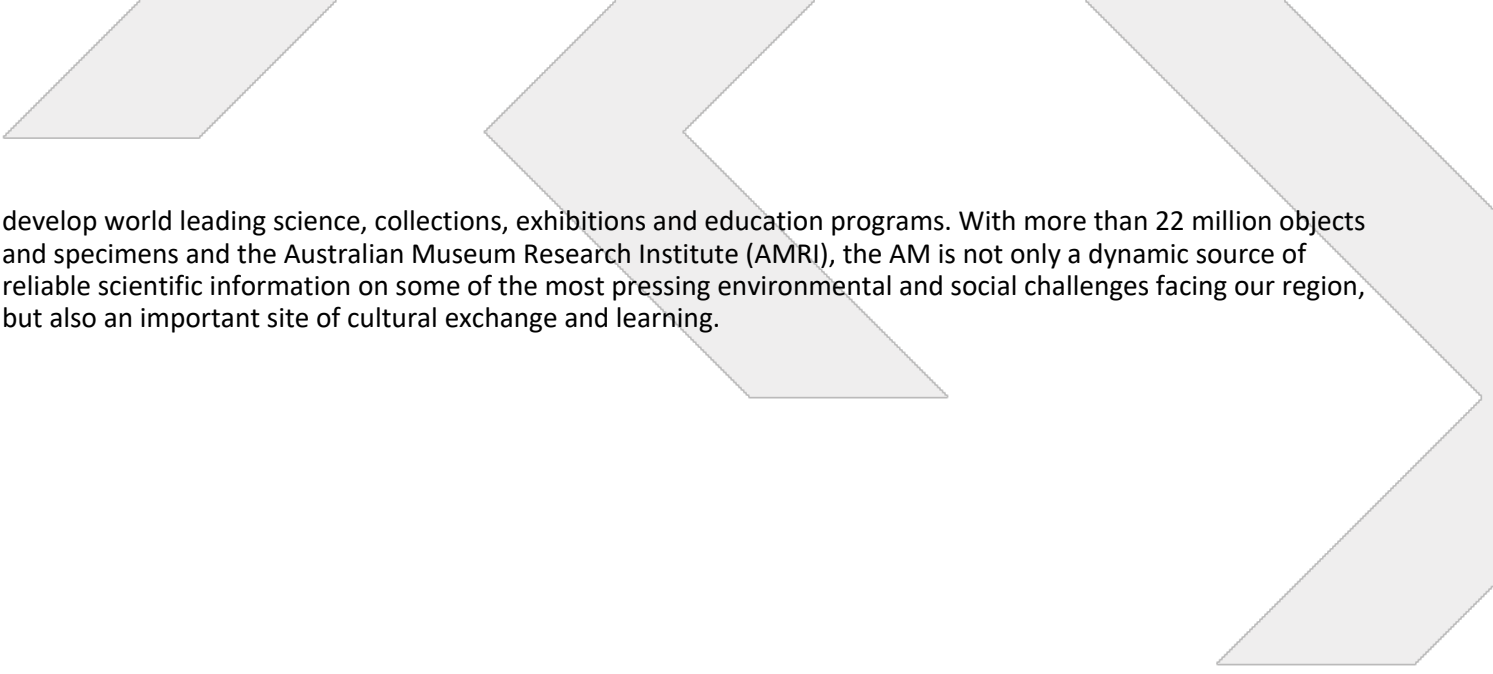
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