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## **New Museum of Brisbane exhibition explores history of city markets**

The history of Brisbane's markets, from the battle of the historic marketplaces of Roma and Turbot streets in the early 1900s to the instrumental 1964 move to Rocklea, is revealed in Museum of Brisbane's upcoming exhibition *Tastes like Sunshine*.

*Tastes like Sunshine*, 18 August – 12 November, explores the flavoursome side of our city's character and reveals its rich and evolving food story through contemporary artworks that experiment with food as art and art as food, personal stories and historical documents and photographs.

Museum of Brisbane Director Renai Grace today announced Brisbane Markets Limited (BML) as the Exhibition Supporter for *Tastes like Sunshine*.

"Brisbane Markets®, as Queensland's most important centre for the marketing and distribution of fresh fruit and vegetables, is the perfect partner for our upcoming exhibition, *Tastes like Sunshine*," Ms Grace said.

"Museum of Brisbane is committed to telling the stories of the people and places of Brisbane and to conserving and exploring our history.

"Brisbane's produce markets have played a key role in the development of our city, expanding and evolving to support the city's population growth and changing tastes. As importantly, the markets have been bringing residents together with the region's producers for generations.

"This remarkable story, which continues today at the Rocklea site, forms a fascinating part of Brisbane's food history and we have discovered great images and characters in our research for the exhibition. We look forward to sharing this story with the team at Brisbane Markets® and BML's many partners, producers and customers."

BML CEO Andrew Young said the company was enjoying the new partnership with Museum of Brisbane, particularly the collaboration with contemporary artist Sean Rafferty, who is known for his 'cartonography' works.

"Sean has been commissioned by the Museum to create a new artwork using the brightly coloured boxes of Queensland fruit and vegetable producers that decorate the trucks and trading sections of the markets daily. He first visited us in May, and as you can imagine had a great time talking to farmers and suppliers about their signature illustrations.

"We know he left the markets brimming with ideas and I can't wait to see what he creates from the colour, bustle and sounds that we have all come to take for granted.

"It's an honour to support a cultural institution dedicated to sharing Brisbane's story with its residents and our many visitors. We treasure the markets' role in the development in Brisbane and are delighted to have this story shared with a wider audience."

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The exhibition is also including insider tours of the Brisbane Produce Market during trading, usually closed to the general public, and education trips to the Arch Martin Brisbane Markets History Room, as part of its extensive program of talks, tours, workshops, events and children's activities.

For more information visit [museumofbrisbane.com.au](http://museumofbrisbane.com.au)

## 2017 Schedule of exhibitions

18 August - 12 November 2017

*Tastes like Sunshine*

1 December 2017 - 20 May 2018

*Mao's Last Dancer the Exhibition: A Portrait of Li Cunxin*

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## About Museum of Brisbane

Museum of Brisbane brings our city's vibrant art, culture and history to life through our FREE exhibitions, workshops, tours, talks and children's activities.

Located in City Hall, the Museum is part of the living history of the city, examining how Brisbane and its people change over time and how our individual and collective stories reveal our character and create our identity. We are also the keeper of City Hall's rich heritage, and visitors can experience a bird's eye view of Brisbane from the top of the iconic Clock Tower on one of our popular tours, as well as learn the stories behind City Hall during an insider's tour of the 90-year-old building.

Museum of Brisbane is an avid supporter of the city's artists, designers and artisans. We are dedicated to transforming their artistic vision into a stunning reality through our exhibitions and artist-in-residence programs. The work of Brisbane's artists, designers and chefs can also be found at the Museum Shop which stocks a bespoke range of jewellery, fashion accessories, home-wares, design objects, books, artworks and gourmet food products.

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## About Brisbane Markets Ltd

Brisbane Markets Limited (BML) is the owner of the Brisbane Markets® site, and is responsible for its ongoing management and development. BML strives to provide international-standard facilities and services for fruit, vegetable and flower wholesalers, retailers, provedores, secondary wholesalers, food processors, transporters, exporters, industry organisations and market support businesses.

As Queensland's only central fruit and vegetable market, the Brisbane Produce Market is the State's most important centre for the marketing and distribution of fresh fruit and vegetables. It records annual trade in excess of 600,000 tonnes of produce valued at more than \$1.3 billion.

More information can be found on our website: [www.brisbanemarkets.com.au](http://www.brisbanemarkets.com.au).

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