

### Immerse yourself in a Brisbane of your own making

Paris, Palm Springs, London, Sydney ... and now Brisbane. Whimsical Australian illustrator Megan McKean has brought her light touch to the river city to create Museum of Brisbane's new exhibition *BRISTOPIA*, 27 April – 14 October 2018.

In her largest artwork commission to date, Megan has created a six-metre wide illustration of the Brisbane skyline for *BRISTOPIA* which is brought to life with animation to reveal quirky facts about some of the city's favourite landmarks.

Museum of Brisbane Director Renai Grace said when we approached Megan to add Brisbane to her list of illustrated cities, she jumped at the opportunity.

"Her signature style of bright colours, strong line work and hidden details within the artwork perfectly match Brisbane's naturally bold colour palette and casual lifestyle, and the resulting illustration is a beautiful depiction of our city," Ms Grace said.

"Visitors will have a great time looking closely to find landmarks and identify their own favourite places."

Ms Grace said the exhibition was fully interactive with touch screens allowing visitors to create their own *BRISTOPIA* using Megan's illustrated components, such as Queenslanders, parks, libraries, CityCats and Jacaranda trees, even the brush turkey has been included.

"While the artwork has a sense of whimsy, the intent is serious as we are asking people to take the time to consider what their ideal Brisbane would look like and to share that with us and the wider community via social media," she said.

"This exhibition gives our audience a fun way to contribute to the conversation about our future and explore what they value about our city, its community and environment."

Visitors can also add comments about their perfect Brisbane to cloud-shaped stickers which will be added to a collective sticker wall, images of which will be shared with Brisbane City Council's Connected Communities team regularly.

Museum of Brisbane has also collaborated with Megan to create a new product range to complement *BRISTOPIA* so don't miss your chance to purchase a limited edition Studio McKean Brisbane scarf or tote bag. For more information visit <u>museumofbrisbane.com.au</u>

### 2018 Schedule of exhibitions

18 May – 28 October 2018 Life in Irons: Brisbane's Convict Stories
15 November 2018 – 21 April 2019 The Designers' Guide: Easton Pearson Archive

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### **About Museum of Brisbane**

Museum of Brisbane brings our city's vibrant art, culture and history to life through our 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's MoB Shop which stocks a bespoke range of jewellery, fashion accessories, homewares, design objects, books, artworks and gourmet food products.

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