**Step into the stories of our city in Museum of Brisbane’s new exhibition *The Storytellers***

Ever wondered what it would be like to spend a night in Boggo Road Gaol, what Kangaroo Point has to do with kangaroos, or what went on at your Nan’s place during the Second World War?

Find out at Museum of Brisbane’s next major exhibition, ***The Storytellers*** (opening 17 July), which uncovers Brisbane’s histories, myths and tales through fact, fiction, interpretation and creative narrative as told by nine of the city’s top wordsmiths.

Featuring stories by **Victoria Carless, Simon Cleary**, **Matthew Condon**, **Trent Dalton**, **Nick Earls**, **Benjamin Law**, **Hugh Lunn**, **Kate Morton and Ellen van Neerven**, *The Storytellers* reveals the layers of Brisbane’s history where you can interact with their stories through historical objects, artworks, moving image and sound. Listen to the authors reveal each story and discover Brisbane’s many identities.

Visitors can immerse themselves in a story book landscape of the city where they can relax around the kitchen table or take a seat at a tram stop to discover the personal, funny, inspiring and darker stories of Brisbane.

Highlights include first-person accounts from author **Nick Earls** who reminisces about renovating a neglected Queenslander in Red Hill and **Benjamin Law** who reflects on his family’s pilgrimages to Chinatown.

International bestseller **Kate Morton** looks back at 100 years of South Brisbane’s history with her new short fiction. *Boy Swallows Universe* author **Trent Dalton** takes visitors back to Boggo Road Gaol sharing the life of convicted murderer and repeated escapist Slim Halliday, and **Matthew Condon** dives into the city’s dark and seedy underbelly of crime, corruption and conflict.

Museum of Brisbane Director **Renai Grace** said “*The Storytellers* provides different perspectives and a deeper, human interpretation of our city, while showcasing the work of Brisbane’s talented writers.”

“Over the decades, Brisbane has played host to conflict, celebration, scandal, disaster, ceremony and transformative moments,” she said.

“*The Storytellers* will be a must-do for any Brisbane resident or visitor, who wants to immerse themselves in the stories of those who have walked our streets, experienced triumph and tragedy and grown up in the city we call home.”

The exhibition will evolve over time with a focus on public programs, MoB’s Artist-in-Residence program and activities including workshops, talks, tours, digital experiences and performances.

*The Storytellers* is proudly supported by St Baker Energy Innovation Fund.

***The Storytellers: Step into the stories of our city***

**Opens 17 July 2020**

**FREE entry with a timed-ticket**

**For more information visit museumofbrisbane.com.au**

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**Interview, photography and filming opportunities are available** with Museum of Brisbane Director

Renai Grace, Curator Miranda Hine and authors upon request.

**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 MoB Shop which stocks a bespoke range of jewellery, accessories, homewares, design objects, books, artworks and gourmet food.

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