

## Museum of Brisbane now online with virtual tours and fun DIY activities

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Museum of Brisbane has joined the likes of London's British Museum, New York's Guggenheim Museum and the Musée d'Orsay in Paris to provide virtual access to some of their collections as well as a variety of activities to help people young and young-at-heart stay entertained during isolation.

### ***Remembering the First World War***

To commemorate Anzac Day, Museum of Brisbane have launched a free specially-curated online exhibition, *Remembering the First World War*, which shares the war experiences of service people who enlisted through primary documents such as photographs, diary entries and letters.

Among the items featured will be paper sculptures by *Brisbane-based artist Greer Townshend*, who will also participate in the museum's first artist talk via Zoom on 25 April, to discuss her practice, project and developing ideas for her most recent project, *Here I Came to the Very Edge*.

Greer has also developed a paper-based folding activity, **Sending Love From Afar**, exploring themes of remembrance and symbolism associated with the First World War, which people can download and make at home. We encourage them to display their piece on their front door or mailbox this Anzac Day.

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### **Easton Pearson Archive**

Through Google Arts & Culture, you can delve deep into the Easton Pearson Archive—the largest textile collection from a single Australian fashion house held by a museum—from the comfort of your home.

The Easton Pearson Archive features the complete collection of internationally acclaimed fashion house Easton Pearson and comprises more than 3,300 signature garments, as well as accessories, original sketches, look books, ephemera and runway footage.

Museum of Brisbane's Director Renae Grace said digital visitors would be able to explore the unique embellishment, design and garments in extraordinary detail through immersive technology.

"Visitors can hear directly from the designers and look closely at the garments and accompanying ephemera that tell the detailed stories of Easton Pearson's creative process and evolving aesthetic.

"This is a great opportunity for lovers of fashion and an eye-opening one for those wanting to know more about the role of fashion in art, craft, design and culture."

Those with an interest in the slow fashion phenomenon sweeping the globe will also enjoy the **Slow Fashion in a Fast Fashion World** podcast by Vogue Australia's Sustainability Editor-at-large and author of *Wardrobe Crisis*, Clare Press.

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Ms Press chats to designers Pamela Easton and Lydia Pearson about the design and making processes that placed Easton Pearson as a pioneer of ethical production and slow fashion.

[Museumofbrisbane.com.au/whats-on/easton-pearson-archive](https://museumofbrisbane.com.au/whats-on/easton-pearson-archive)

### **MoB Kids**

There's no doubt about it, keeping the kids entertained while isolated can be a challenge—until now. Stem the tide of boredom and let your kids play, create, learn and discover with fun-filled DIY activities thanks to **MoB Kids**.

Ms Grace said the museum's online activities not only provide hours of fun and creativity but also have a strong learning element.

“Each activity has been inspired by what's around us, from our location in Brisbane's iconic City Hall, to our current exhibitions and cover topics including construction, design, architecture, fashion and art.”

The craft ideas feature easy step-by-step guides and include projects from making your own fashion headband or Pineapple Plushie—perfect for sewing beginners—using templates designed by Brisbane artist and long-time Easton Pearson collaborator Stephen Mok.

Budding architects and engineers will love building Brisbane's iconic City Hall from home—all that's needed is scissors, glue or tape, and our printed template.

The newly restored City Hall is one of Brisbane's most iconic buildings, lovingly known as 'the People's Place' and it is celebrating 100 years since construction in 2020. This activity provides an opportunity to learn about the art, architecture and history of our city. Once you've constructed City Hall, why not design your own city around it?

[Museumofbrisbane.com.au/mob-kids](https://museumofbrisbane.com.au/mob-kids)

### **Artists @ Home**

To support local artists who may be struggling during this time, Museum of Brisbane has also flipped the switch on their Artists in Residency program, launching Artists @ Home—a paid residence to be completed in the artist's home or studio.

“During this unprecedented time of isolation, our new Artists @ Home program aims to bridge physical distance through making, sharing and connecting,” Ms Grace said.

“We hope to capture the experience of the present, at this significant point in our history, through the eyes, hands and words of Brisbane's makers—visual artists, designers, photographers, videographers, musicians, performers, writers and poets.”

*Museum of Brisbane's Artist-in-Residence Program is generously supported by Tim Fairfax AC.*

## MoB Shop

Looking for a little something to brighten your day or send to a loved one?

MoB Shop is proud to showcase local creative—presenting a contemporary, handcrafted selection of jewellery, stationery, ceramics, fashion, gourmet treats and homewares online, with exclusive and bespoke pieces drawing on the Museum's exhibitions and ever-growing collection.

Dedicated to sharing Brisbane stories, MoB Shop also stocks a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books with a focus on Brisbane history, art and culture.

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**Interview, photography and filming opportunities are available** with Museum of Brisbane Director Renai Grace is available for interviews, filming and photographs.

**Museum of Brisbane is temporarily closed due to social distancing practices in response to Covid-19. The museum website is a source of great discovery, where the public can explore online exhibitions, shop pieces by local creative and find fun activities to do at home.**

## 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.

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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