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Australian National Maritime Museum Launches Corporate Family Fun Day Experiences

One of Sydney's most spectacular waterside venues – the Australian National Maritime Museum - is fast becoming *the* place for creating a memorable conference or event with its ability to offer unique spaces and full-scale entertainment whilst immersing guests in fascinating natural history and maritime heritage.

The Museum hosted nearly half a million special events guests across a diverse mix of conferences and events in 2018. The full selection of the Museum's expansive range of 11 venues were utilised, which offer a total capacity of up to 2500 guests across the precinct.

The Museum has announced a new offering to its event experiences for corporate clients - **Corporate Family Fun Days** – which cater to an ongoing work/life balance focus to give back to staff and their families.

The Corporate Family Fun Day packages include access to vessels, pirate guides, craft activities including 'make your own pirate cupcakes' and treasure hunt tours across the museum's galleries. The experience is available to all ages and caters for between 80 to 1500 people.

The new offering is part of a continued focus for the Museum as an events venue says Rebecca O'Brien, Acting General Manager, Commercial Services. "The Museum is perfectly positioned to create a memorable, experience -based event, which is so important for organisers when trying to engage conference delegates."

"With a spectacular backdrop like Sydney Harbour, our access to the ICC and Darling Harbour attractions, our showcase of ever-changing exhibitions, innovative catering and connections with entertainers and speakers – both within the Museum and externally – an event at the Museum offers a multisensory experience which is very appealing."

These experiences encompass a wide range of both entertaining and informative offerings. The Museum's suite of exhibitions and tours can be incorporated into a conference or event program.

They include the [Wildlife Photographer of the Year](#) exhibition – an annual exhibition on loan from the Natural History Museum in London from 7 March to 25 August 2019; the Museum's ongoing program of [guided tours](#) aboard its docked vessels and behind the scenes; and [engaging talks](#) charting a historical timeline from the Eora first people, to First Fleet seafarers and the rich history of immigration to our shores.

Of course, when the educational portion of an event is over, the Museum provides flexible event spaces to cater to large scale festivities or intimate dining functions.

“We've had everything from tap dancers, Cher impersonators and full-scale brass bands performing from the top of the Waterfront Pavilion, but can just as easily provide an intimate wardroom dinner for 16 people on board the HMAS Vampire,” said Ms O'Brien.

The Museum will be hosting a special function for the event industry on 14 March to celebrate 2018's milestones and share news for the year ahead. The event is in partnership with its award-winning caterer, Laissez Faire Catering, and sponsors White Umbrella and Douglas Fabian Production.

For further information on the Australian National Maritime conference and event venues visit www.sea.museum/venues/venue-spaces or contact venues@sea.museum or phone +61 9298 3649.

The Australian National Maritime Museum is committed to sharing Australia's maritime history and connecting the stories, objects, people and places that are part of the country's narrative.

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