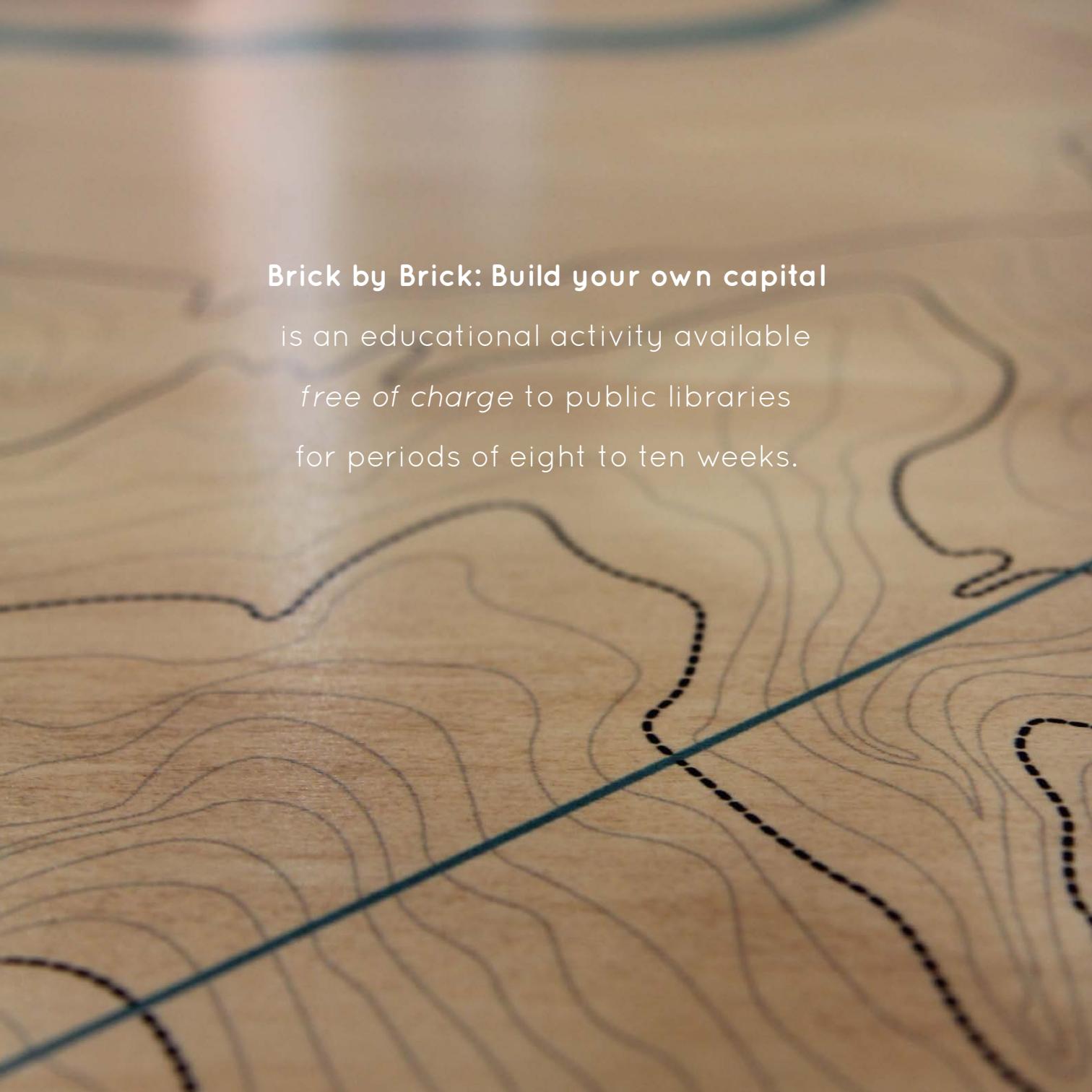




A TOURING EXHIBITION BY THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AUTHORITY

BRICK BRICK

BUILD YOUR OWN CAPITAL



Brick by Brick: Build your own capital

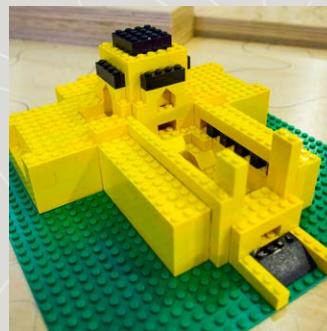
is an educational activity available
free of charge to public libraries
for periods of eight to ten weeks.

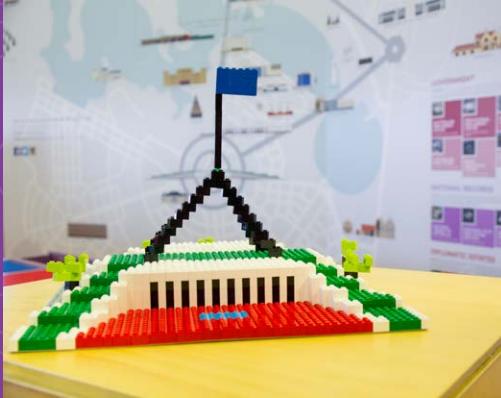
THE ACTIVITY

Brick by Brick encourages school-aged children to create original buildings for their own National Capital or replicate major buildings in Canberra using LEGO™ blocks. The exhibition is designed for children from four years and of all abilities. It includes specially designed wheelchair accessible furniture.

Instructions to create 11 major buildings from the National Capital are provided as part of the activity. These have been specifically designed using widely available LEGO™ pieces which children are likely to have in their own collections (participants are encouraged to take the sheets home to continue building). These sheets also include fascinating facts and figures about major cultural institutions and other buildings in the National Capital.

A large map identifying the location of the institutions in the National Capital is included.

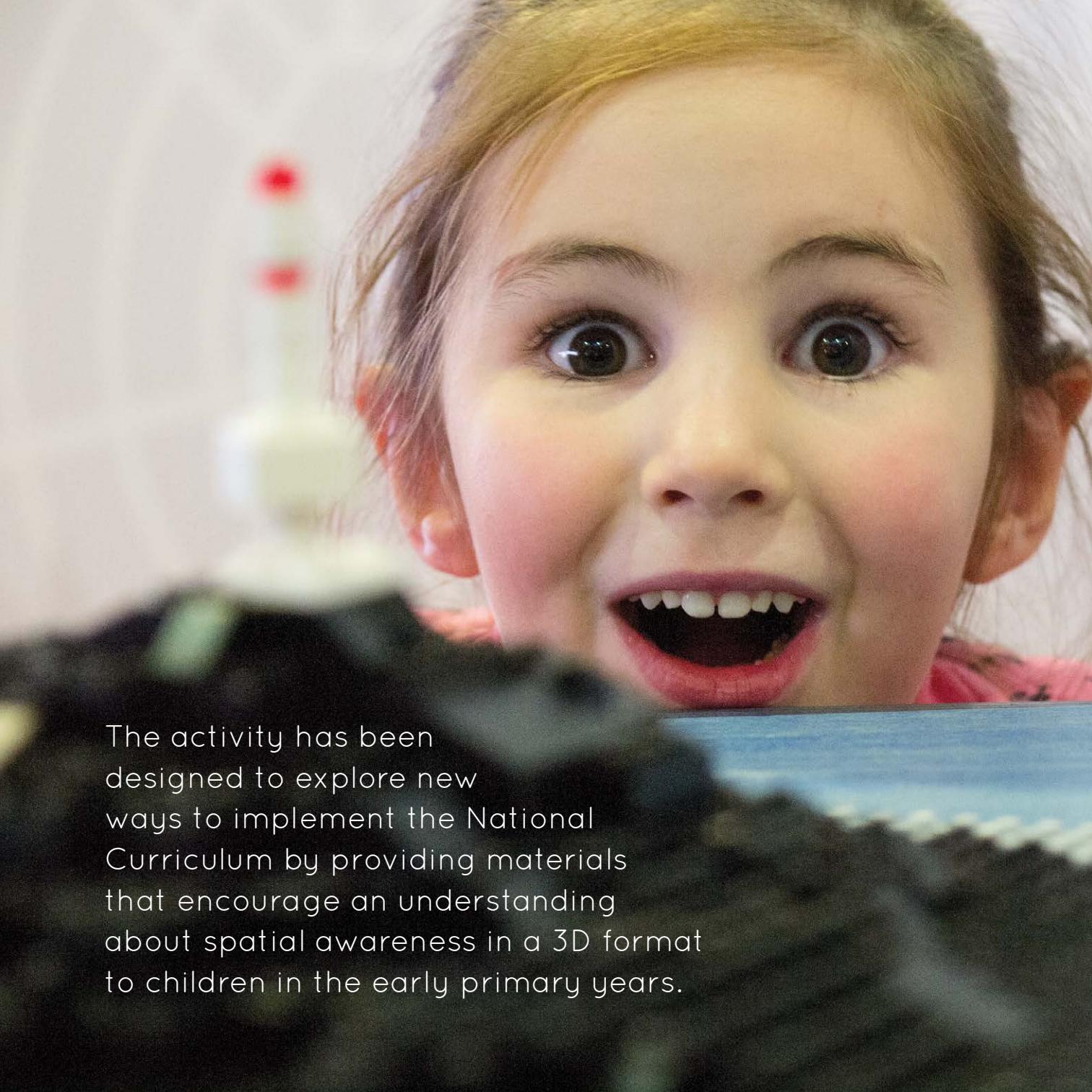




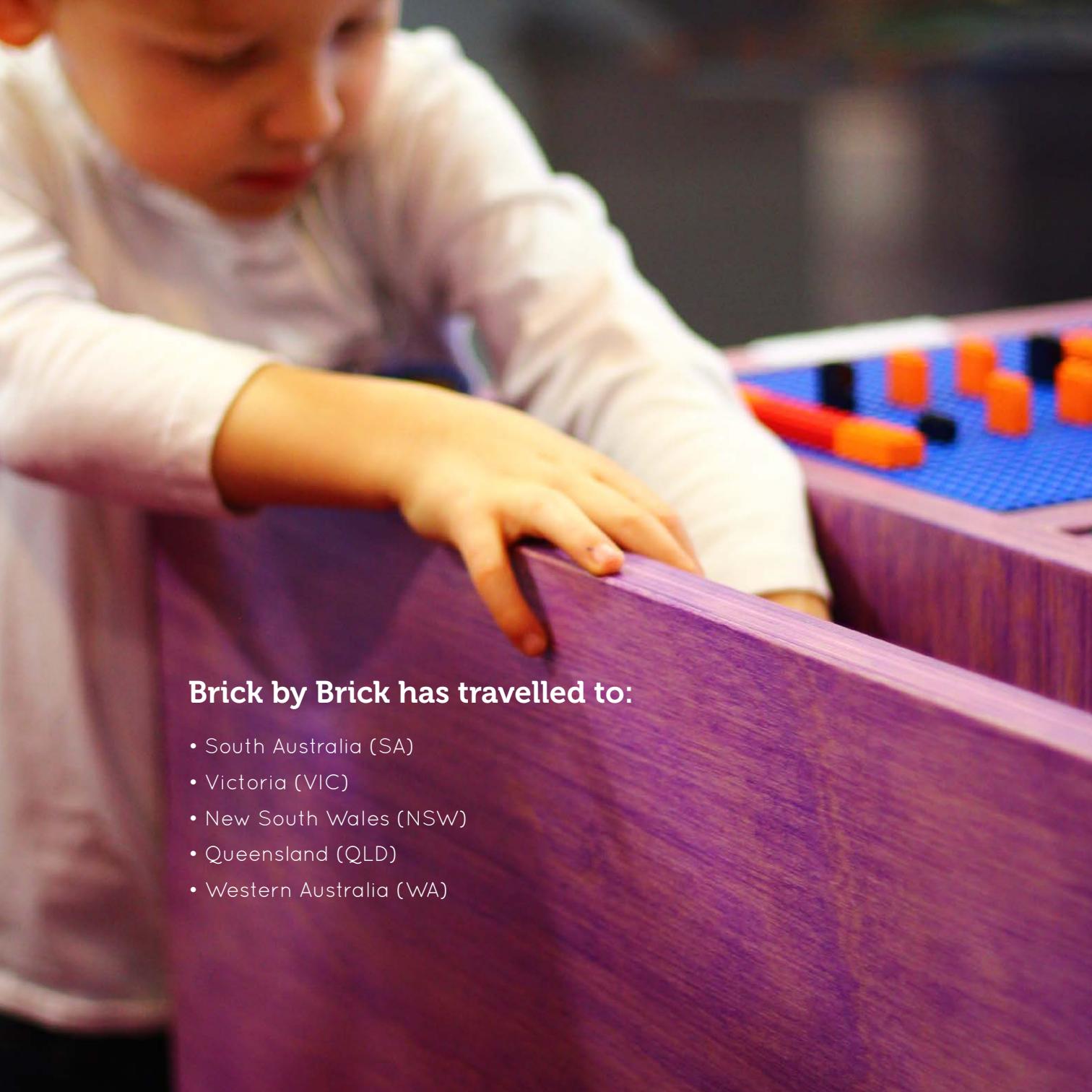
**The aim of the exhibition is to increase
Australians' awareness of the unique
characteristics of the National Capital.**

These include:

- ~ the seat of National Parliament and Government ~
- ~ home to the High Court of Australia ~
- ~ the location of national commemoration ~
- ~ celebrating Australian culture through its national institutions ~
- ~ hosting over 100 diplomatic missions from around the world ~



The activity has been designed to explore new ways to implement the National Curriculum by providing materials that encourage an understanding about spatial awareness in a 3D format to children in the early primary years.



Brick by Brick has travelled to:

- South Australia (SA)
- Victoria (VIC)
- New South Wales (NSW)
- Queensland (QLD)
- Western Australia (WA)

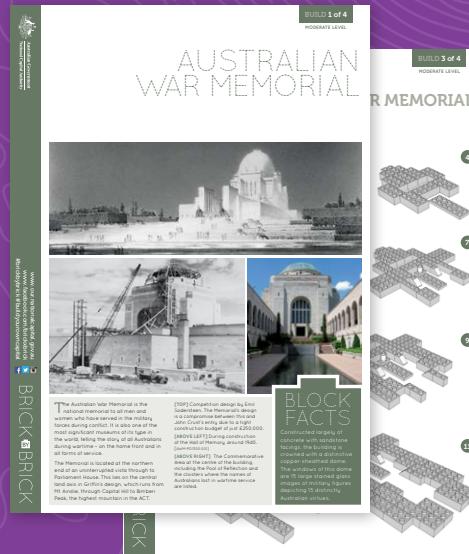
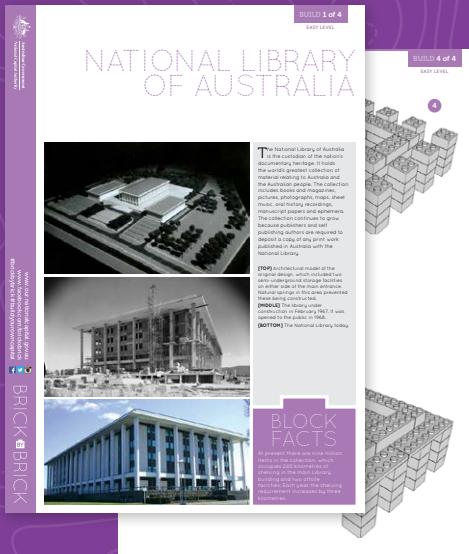


Requirements of the participating venue:

- A space of approximately 50 square metres
- A space that has security (potentially in a staff traffic area or close to a circulation desk)
- Organisation of a launch event (primarily involving children)
- Marketing campaign to local schools and other educational organisations
- Implementation of an education program (provided by the National Capital Authority) by either staff or volunteers
- Provision of statistical data to the National Capital Authority
- Washing the LEGO™ in a dishwasher at regular intervals and before it is sent to the next venue

What is provided by the National Capital Authority:

- ~ The activity free of any fees ~
- ~ 30,000+ LEGO™ pieces ~
- ~ Specially designed furniture to suit ages 4+ ~
- ~ Regular replacement of LEGO™ ~
- ~ Fact and build sheets ~
- ~ An education program ~
- ~ Training for staff and volunteers ~
- ~ Marketing materials (postcards, banners, footpath decals) ~



Canberra was conceived as an expression of our national identity.

More than 100 years ago, an international design competition was held for the National Capital, which attracted entries from around the world. The vision was to create a modern, progressive city, breaking free from the crowded, unsanitary conditions of major urban centres of the time and this was achieved.

Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahony Griffin's winning design for the city was contemporary and bold with a poetic vision of mountain vistas, wide tree-lined boulevards, community gardens, open spaces and a central lake.

The Brick by Brick education activity provides an opportunity for children to investigate our National Capital and re-imagine its next hundred years.

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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

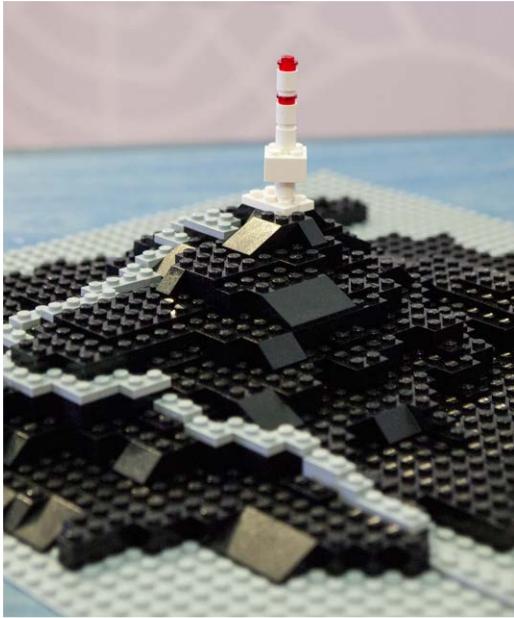


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