

# NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA



The National Museum of Australia houses the National Historical Collection. This rich and diverse collection of Australian historical material is held in trust for the nation.

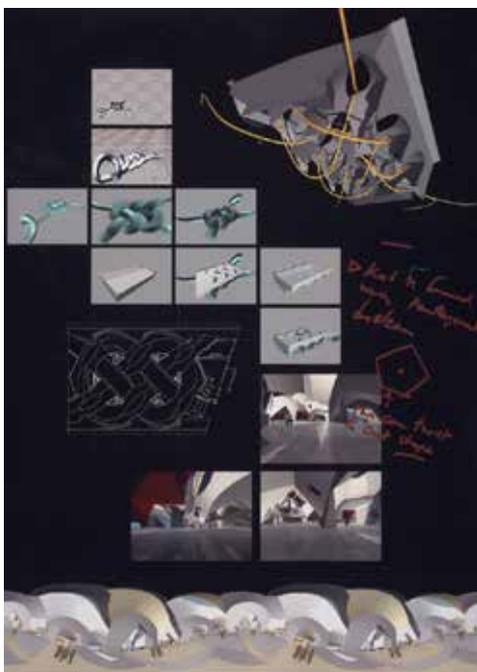
The Museum researches, collects and represents three inter-related fields: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories, Australian history and society since 1788 and human interaction with the Australian environment. These three areas are intertwined and many of the Museum's collections relate to more than one field.

It is located on Acton Peninsula, the site of Canberra's first hospital.

**[ABOVE LEFT]** The Museum on opening day.

**[BELOW LEFT]** Design images illustrating how shapes within the structure relate to knots, symbolising a people linked together.

**[BELOW RIGHT]** Two images of the construction of the building.



## BLOCK FACTS

The building of the Museum was the key Centenary of Federation construction project, opening on 11 March 2001. It houses 6600 square metres of exhibition space and is composed of several individual spaces pieced together like a jigsaw puzzle, forming a semicircle around the Garden of Australian Dreams.

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