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***Curiocity Brisbane* calls on creators and makers to spark the city's imagination in 2021**

Creators and makers, as well as Queensland locals and visitors alike, will have even greater opportunity to explore, create and play in the city when ***Curiocity Brisbane*** returns in March 2021.

The return of this flagship creative platform is presented by the Queensland Government, through Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ), and Brisbane City Council, through Brisbane Economic Development Agency (Brisbane EDA).

Tourism Minister Kate Jones said the return of Curiocity Brisbane in 2021 was an important part of Queensland's recovery from COVID-19.

"Because Queenslanders have done such a great job fighting coronavirus, we can now focus on our economic recovery," Ms Jones said.

"Major events like Curiocity that pump millions of dollars back into our economy and support local jobs will be crucial to rebuilding our economy."

"This event not only attracts thousands of visitors, it showcases some of our best and brightest minds in science, technology and entrepreneurship."

"We'll continue to back events like this to support local businesses to rebuild and recover following COVID-19."

Curiocity Brisbane [today] opened Expressions of Interest (EOI) from creators and makers, artists, engineers and architects across the world to submit *Curiocities* for 2021.

Premiering in 2019, the *Curiocities* are the intersection of art, science and technology through large-scale, interactive digital and physical installations.

Brisbane Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner encouraged artists and creators to submit ideas that would inspire, educate and entertain locals and visitors.

"Curiocity Brisbane is a fun and powerful event through which Brisbane is showcased as an Asia Pacific hub for science, innovation, technology and the arts," Cr Schrinner said.

"The return of major events such as Curiocity Brisbane will help drive our city's economic recovery by supporting local tourism, accommodation, hospitality and service sector businesses."

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EOI opens today **Tuesday 7 July 2020** and closes **Thursday 20 August 2020**. Applicants must be 18 years or older. Successful applicants will be notified in late August 2020.

Curiosity Brisbane Executive Producer Theresa Famularo said some support was available to encourage collaboration and spark fresh ideas to bring new *Curiocities* to life.

“Curiosity Brisbane strengthens Brisbane’s credentials as a leading centre of innovation and culture and welcomes visitors, including the 325,000 attendees whose imaginations were sparked during the inaugural Curiosity Brisbane in 2019.

“By opening up the Curiocities’ curatorial process, we can tap into a wealth of highly skilled and highly imaginative creators and makers who will again help us shape and deliver a world-class event.”

Discover more about *Curiosity Brisbane* and submit an EOI at curiositybrisbane.com

The Queensland Government, via Tourism and Events Queensland and the Department of Innovation and Tourism Industry Development, and Brisbane City Council via Brisbane EDA, is proud to support Curiosity Brisbane, which features on the It’s Live! in Queensland events calendar. Your perfect next event is in Queensland where live events combine with the most incredible destinations, and life is beautiful one day, perfect the next.

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Curiosity Brisbane sparks inspiration and innovation, transforming our city into an interactive place to “explore, create and play”. Visitors and locals are invited to challenge their curiosity over 17 days from 12 to 28 March with Curiosity Brisbane’s showcase of STEAM related events, physical and digital installations, music and conversations.

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