

I AM VISITING THE ROCKS DISCOVERY MUSEUM IN KENDALL LANE, SYDNEY.

The museum building looks like this from Kendall Lane and the colourful things hanging above the lane are artworks which make the lane look nice.

Kendall Lane is in an area of Sydney called The Rocks.

The Rocks area of Sydney has lots of old buildings, and some new buildings. It is a good place to go to find out about what happened in the past.

The Rocks area of Sydney can sometimes be busy. I might see a big cruise ship in the harbour when I arrive there.

The Rocks area of Sydney has lots of cafes and restaurants where people come to eat. I might smell the food when I walk around.



Inside the shopping centre opposite the museum there is a place called Sticky Lollies where people make lollies (candy or sweets).

I might smell the lollies when I arrive at the museum. I might be able to go there before, or after, visiting the museum to watch lollies being made.



There are no toilets inside The Rocks Discovery Museum, so I will need to use the toilet before or after visiting.

There are toilets in the shopping centre opposite the museum which I can use.

The toilets do have hand dryers next to the basins, but I do not have to use those.

Other people might use them, and that is okay. If I do not like the noise from the hand dryers, I can put my hands on my ears to block the noise.

When I get to The Rocks Discovery Museum I might walk through the front doorway, which looks like this.

If the glass door is shut, I can push it open.

The museum is open from 10am to 5pm every day except for Good Friday and Christmas Day.

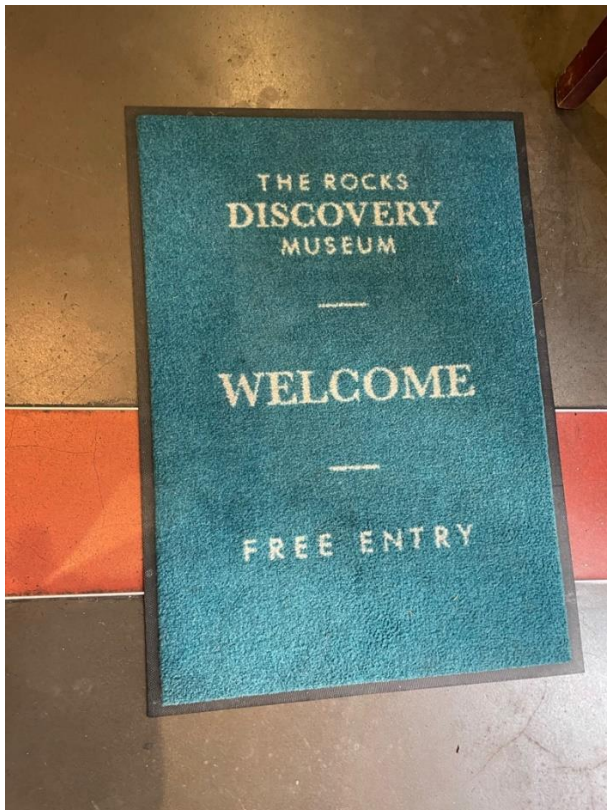


Or I might walk through the back doorway, which looks like this.



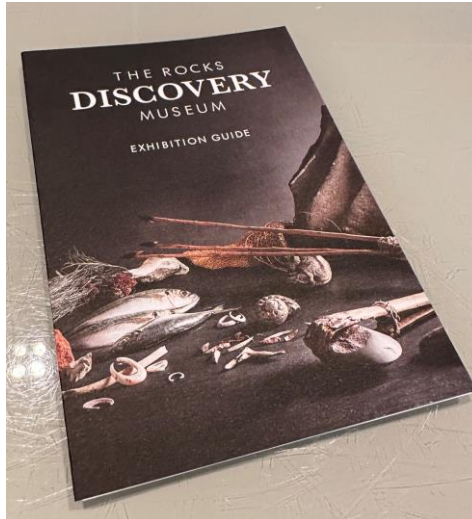
When I get inside The Rocks Discovery Museum the people who work there will say hello to me. They are there to help me.

I do not need to pay to enter the museum. The museum is free of charge and I do not need a ticket.



The people who work at The Rocks Discovery Museum might ask me where I live. They will ask me this information to write down in their survey.

If I need any help, the people who work at the museum will answer my questions. They might give me an Exhibition Guide to the museum, like this, which has a map inside to help me to find my way around.



It is very easy to find my way around The Rocks Discovery Museum because it is not very big.

I will walk through a doorway marked “Museum Entry” into a room called “Warrane” which looks like this.

In this room I will find information about the Gadigal (it is also spelled Cadigal) Aboriginal people and what life was like in The Rocks before 1788.



I can pull out the drawers where there is a hand print symbol to look at what is inside. There are also screens I can touch to read more information.

I should not touch the nets and art work hanging from the ceiling but I might brush against it as I walk past, and that is okay.

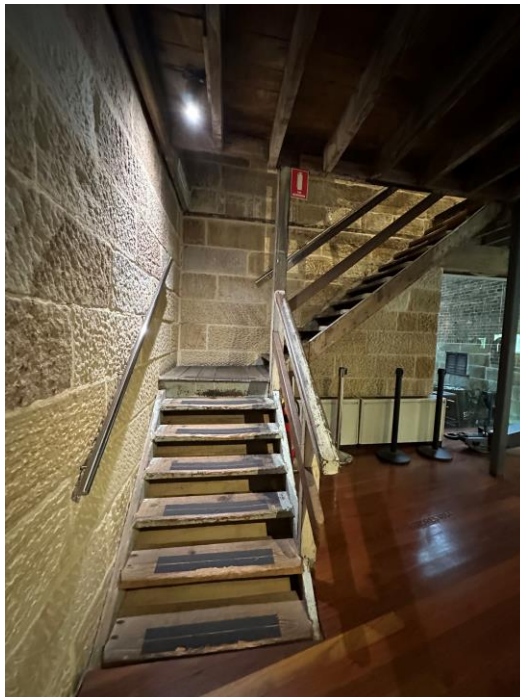
After I have finished looking at everything in the Warrane room, I will walk through a doorway to the next room, called “Colony”, which looks like this:

In this room there are things to look at which come from the time period 1788-1820 and help me to understand what life was like in The Rocks area of Sydney during that time.



There are also more touch screens I can use to read more information.

After I have finished looking at everything in this room, I can go upstairs. I can either use the stairs from the “Colony” room which look like this:



Or I can walk back through “Warrane” and ask the people who work at the museum to help me use the lift/elevator to go up to the next floor. The lift is near the front door and looks like this:

If there is no one there to help me, I need to press the button to call the lift. When it is ready to use I will hear a loud “bong” noise and need to pull the door open towards me



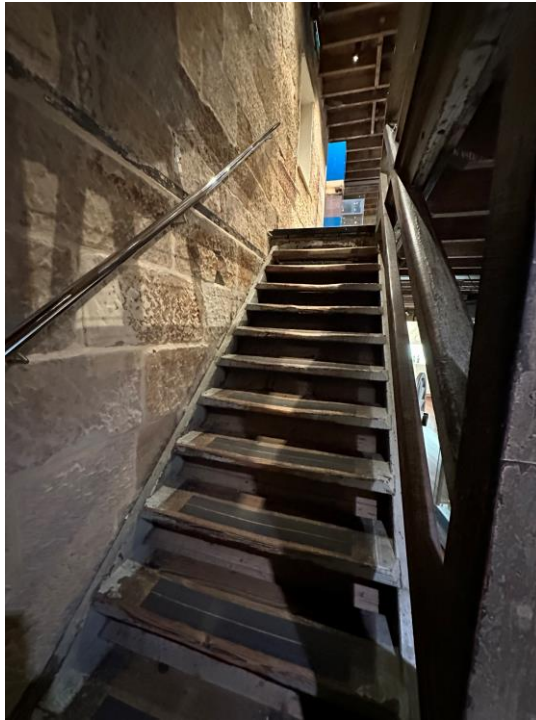
When I get into the lift I will need to let the door close behind me and then press and keep hold of the button labelled “1” to take me upstairs.

The lift will stop automatically when I get to the floor upstairs and will make a loud “bong” noise. I will need to push the door to get out of the lift. The door will bang shut behind me.



If I have walked up the stairs, I might hear some sounds, which turn on automatically. They are the sounds from a port. A lady's voice says "Hello Sailor" and there is the sound of a bell. I will arrive in a room called "Port".

If I have taken the lift to the upstairs, I will need to walk through a room called "Transformations" back to the room at the top of the stairs called "Port".



The room called "Port" explains what happened in The Rocks area of Sydney between 1820 – 1900 and it looks like this:

There are things on display which will help me to understand this time in history.

There are touch screens I can use to read more information, and there is a game I can play. There is also a touch table with a big map of The Rocks area.



There might be a puzzle of a broken plate that I can try to piece back together like a jigsaw puzzle. Some of the pieces of the plate are missing, and that is okay.

When I have finished exploring “Port” room I can move through to the next room called “Transformations”, which looks like this:

There are touch screens I can use to read more information, and there are videos playing on a big screen which I can sit down and watch. The videos play for about 30 minutes in total. There are benches and stools for me to sit down.



There might be a special exhibition in the attic room, up on the next floor. If it is open, I can get to the attic room using stairs going up from “Port” room, which look like this:

If the “NO ENTRY” sign is across the stairs, then I must not go up the stairs.

If the sign is not across the stairs, it means I can go up the stairs.



The attic room looks like this, but it might look different if there is another exhibition, and that is ok:



When I have finished looking at the “Transformations” room and attic room I can go back downstairs using the stairs or the lift.

If I use the stairs, then I will hear the sounds and “Hello Sailor” again.

If I use the lift, I will need to press and hold the button labelled G and the lift will take me back down to the ground floor where I started.



If I want to find out more information about The Rocks Discovery Museum after I have visited, I can visit the website using this URL: <https://rocksdiscoverymuseum.com>