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NEW EXHIBITION DELVES DEEP INTO THE NATURAL WORLD

The Andrews Labor Government is delivering another cutting-edge exhibition to Victoria, with *Tyama: A deeper sense of knowing* bringing an immersive exploration of First Peoples' knowledge and the wonders of nature.

Taking over Melbourne Museum's 1,000 square metre Touring Hall, *Tyama* – pronounced 'Chah-muh', the Keerray Woorroong language word 'to know' – combines large-scale multimedia projections with fauna from Museums Victoria's collections and mesmerising soundscapes.

Developed in collaboration with Keerray Woorroong knowledge holders Yoolongteeyt Dr Vicki Couzens and Yaraan Bundle, *Tyama* incorporates First Peoples storytelling to convey the link between land, language, and culture.

Through immersive and interactive digital technology, visitors will be able to direct night-time worlds and unlock stories told from the perspective of the creatures we share the sky, sea and land with.

In reawakening visitors' connection to nature, *Tyama* also provides an insight into the way First Peoples of Australia continue to relate to the natural world.

The exhibition opens as Melbourne Museum enjoys a huge year of new exhibitions and attractions, including the record-setting *Triceratops: Fate of the Dinosaurs* exhibit, *Open Horizons: Ancient Greek Journeys and Connections* which runs until 14 August, and the new Gandel Gondwana Garden set to open later in 2022.

These offerings have seen visitors flock back to Melbourne Museum, contributing to the cultural reactivation of the city and its visitor economy.

Tyama: A deeper sense of knowing will be on display from 22 July 2022 until 29 January 2023 at Melbourne Museum. For tickets and more information, visit museums.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Creative Industries Steve Dimopoulos

"This stunning exhibition is a profound way for Victorians to gain a deeper understanding of First Peoples knowledge and connection to nature, while exploring their own connection to the natural world."

"From Ancient Greece to ancient dinosaurs, Melbourne is home to some of the most extraordinary museum experiences in the world and Tyama will add another exciting exhibition to Victoria's must-see attractions."

Quote attributable to Museums Victoria CEO and Director Lynley Crosswell

"Informed by First Peoples' knowledge, Tyama is a multisensory experience of nature that reimagines what a museum exhibition can be, using new perspectives to deepen our connection to the natural world."

Quote attributable to Yoolongteeyt Dr Vicki Couzens

"I hope people are inspired to realise that every rock, insect, plant, person has a place of Belonging in nature. That being a part of Country is being a part of one great family and we all have a responsibility to care for our family - our Country."

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