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Humanity's space ambition to be focus of first Powerhouse Parramatta exhibition



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For the first time, the public will be able to get close to astronaut Katherine Bennell-Pegg's Australian-flagged space suit. *(Supplied: Eugene Hyland)*

In short:

Powerhouse Parramatta has revealed a major opening exhibition will focus on aerospace and include strong Australian links.

The four-level, 2,200-square-metre exhibition will feature artistic and technological displays.

What's next?

Powerhouse Parramatta is due to open in late 2026.

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The new Powerhouse Parramatta will open with the largest exhibition space in the country, with a focus on humanity's mission into outer space.

Cutting edge technology, spaceship parts and the history of space exploration will feature in the two-year exhibition at the new western Sydney museum.

The exhibition, dubbed Task Eternal, will be housed in an 18-metre high space over 2,200 square metres in which visitors will ascend through four sections.

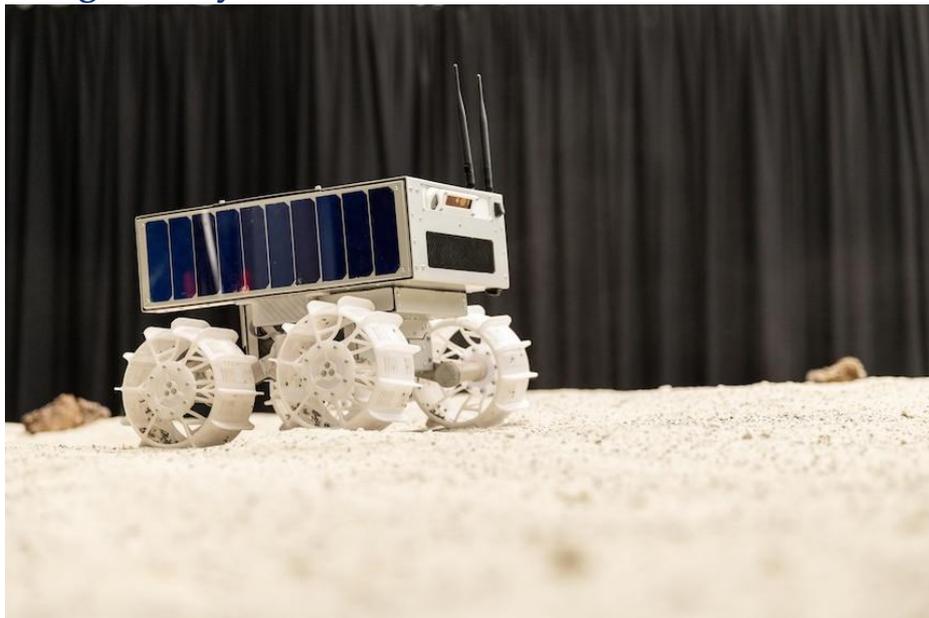


The Powerhouse Museum in Parramatta will open in late 2026. (ABC News: Anton Rose, Monish Nand)

[Powerhouse CEO Lisa Havilah](#) says the exhibition will feature elements of science, technology and creativity.

"Task Eternal is an exhibition about our human ambition to get into the sky," Ms Havilah told 702 ABC Radio Sydney.

"You'll move through the exhibition, but you'll also move through and up and around a tower and experience stories and objects and artworks along the way."



A prototype of the Roo-ver will feature in Task Eternal. (*Supplied: Powerhouse*)

Among the displays will be [Australian astronaut Katherine Bennell-Pegg's](#) spacesuit — the first time it will be available to the public.

It will also include a prototype of the [Roo-ver lunar probe](#) which is being developed for a mission to the moon with the Australian Space Agency at the end of the decade.

Some of the creative displays include artworks from [First Nations and international artists interpretations of the dimensions of space.](#)



Artistic displays will include a Torlap Larpjaroensook kinetic sculpture based on the Voyager 1 space probe. *(Supplied: Anna May Kirk)*

Museum to open with 5 exhibitions

The space exhibition will be one of five exhibitions at the Parramatta site when it opens in late 2026.

"We don't have a date as yet, but it'll be in that very end of next year," Ms Havilah said.

Ms Havilah told [702 ABC Radio Sydney](#) that all the exhibitions at Powerhouse Parramatta will be temporary.

"Some will go for a year, some will go for two years, but there'll always be new exhibitions and new stories," Ms Havilah said.

"We'll open with five major exhibitions and so we're just announcing the first one today, which is really exciting, and so over the next year we'll share the other projects and exhibitions that are coming up."



Task Eternal will be one of five opening exhibitions, Powerhouse Museum CEO Liz Havilah told 702 ABC Radio Sydney. *(ABC News: Sean Tarek Goodwin)*

Powerhouse, Australia's flagship science and technology museum, has not had a museum open since it closed its Ultimo premises for major renovations in February 2024.

The Ultimo museum is expected to reopen to the public in 2027.