

## Imagining the Seven Siblings of Eucalara

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In late 2019, MOD. at the University of South Australia will present an adaption of the SEVEN SIBLINGS FROM THE FUTURE exhibition that was developed by the Heureka Science Centre in Helsinki, Finland and the Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra to honour Finland's 100 years of independence.

The original Finnish version of the exhibition draws on a well-known Finnish Novel "The Seven Brothers" and explores the future of Finland as experienced in 2067. Visitors meet seven siblings, who are each driven by the particular set of values that map to the Finnish culture, and as the visitor interacts with each sibling they learn about possibly trajectories for technologies, climate change and the future of work.

This exhibition though has universal truths about humanity and the future that is relevant for all audiences.

To adapt it for an Australian audience, the team at MOD. had three specific challenges as follows:

- Considering the evidence base for the future of Australia in order to determine a timeframe, and settling on southern coastal Australia in 2050 due to the availability of existing research;
- Develop a realistic but non-specific coastal town that it would be relevant to most Australians, including assessing impacts of climate change and resource use to understand how the region might look and feel;
- Assessing probable population trends to estimate demographic diversity and revising the characterisations of the siblings so their values, motivations and background stories could represent future Australians

Each of these relied on collaboration with Heureka as well as local advisors and researchers to inform the optimum outcome.

In addressing these challenges, the adaption of the Finnish SEVEN SIBLINGS exhibition by MOD. has allowed for the application of research and science to inform design considerations as well as providing a template for other centres to collaborate with Heureka and MOD. on the ideas informing this exhibition.