

Passion Project Sydney Opera House

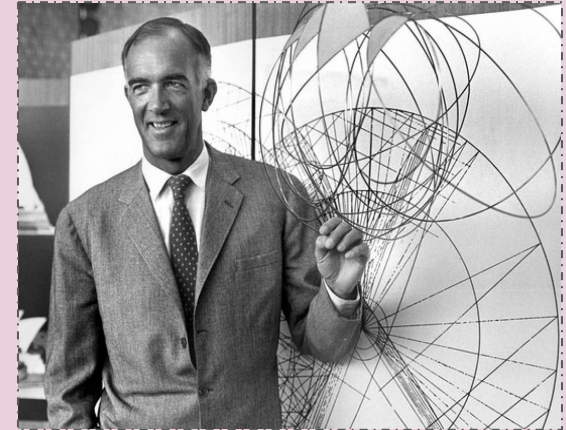
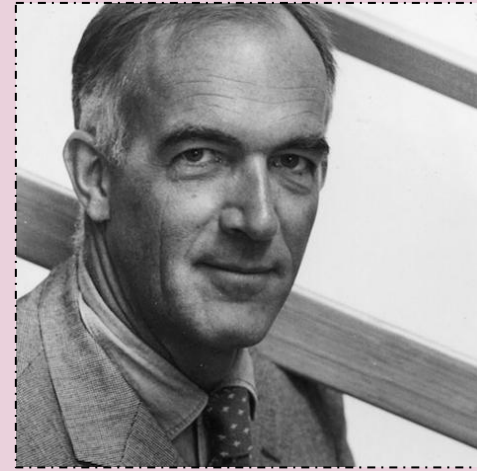
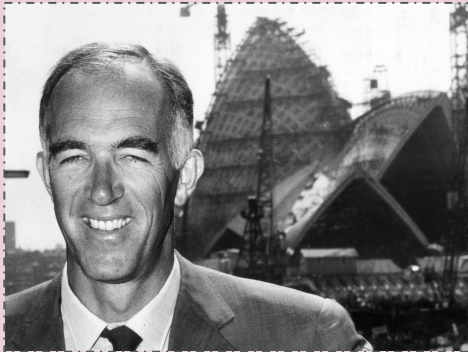
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Who's idea was it to build the Sydney Opera House?

Jørn Utzon a 38 year old man who wasn't very famous, was the **architect** of the well known Sydney Opera House. Jørn Utzon was born in Copenhagen, Denmark on April the 9th, 1918. Utzon had won some smaller architectural competitions but nothing major. Sydney Opera House was his biggest.

"I like to be on the edge of the possible."-Jørn Utzon



Why was the Sydney Opera House built?



The Sydney Opera House was built to help the community keep together and brighten their lives with astonishing performances and large gatherings. It helped them to socialise and communicate with each other. Now one of Australia's top tourist attractions it attracts 8.2 million tourists each year.



<https://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/first-nations.html>



How long did the Sydney Opera House take to build and how long ago was it?

The Opera House construction started in 1959 and was expected to take 4 years to build. Instead it took a whole 14 years! 10 years longer than expected! 10,000 construction workers helped build the Sydney Opera House. Construction ended in 1973 and the Sydney Opera House officially opened on the 20th of October in the same year.

<https://www.nfsa.gov.au>

<https://www.sydneyoperahouse.com>



How much money did it cost to build?



The original cost of the Sydney Opera House was considered to be around 7 million. But the final cost of the Opera House turned out to be \$102 million! The Sydney Opera House's sails cost a whole \$100,000 each! Wow! The cost of the Opera House was paid for by a state lottery.



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<https://world.new7wonders.com>



What is the Sydney Opera House made of?

The exceptionally strong roof of the Sydney Opera House is made from hard **concrete panels** covering the entire roof. They weigh nearly 15 tonnes each! The body is also made of concrete sheets. The sails were covered in thick panels of glass protecting it from scrapes and scratches.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sydney_Opera_House



Why is the Sydney Opera house important to Australians?



The Opera house is a true wonder of the 20th century, combining magnificent architecture and new ideas along with creativity. It's an Australian icon **symbolising** the astonishing architecture of Australia.

Many find it fascinating as it's massive **foundation** sits upon the water of Bennelong Point, supplying an excellent view of the city. The Sydney Opera House showcases an amazing display and one no one could ever forget.

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Sydney-Opera-House>

<https://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/sydney-opera-house>





What is the Aboriginal history behind the Sydney Opera house?

The Sydney Opera House sits on Bennelong point in the Tubowgule land. This land was owned by the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. Even before the Sydney Opera House was built this land was a special gathering place for the Eora nation. Bennelong point was named after a man called Woollarawarre Bennelong, an Aboriginal man from the Eora nation.

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What was the first performance held at the Sydney Opera House?

The first performance at the Opera House was performed a while before the Opera House was finished and even before the construction on the sails had started. In 1960 an American singer named Paul Robeson sang Ol' Man River to the construction workers when they were eating their lunch!

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Glossary

Architect: designer

Concrete panels: a building material

Symbolising: stands for

Foundation: base, ground

That's the end of our presentation!
I hope you enjoyed it and learnt
something new.