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This site was the arrival point of the First Fleet in 1788 (on land which had been home to the Gadigal people for thousands of years) and Australia's original naval dock was constructed here. In 1989, the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) moved into the sandstone art deco Maritime Services Building, which was designed in 1939 by WH Withers but delayed by WWII and not finished until 1952. As the MCA collection grew in scope and popularity, the facility was redeveloped and a contemporary wing, designed by Sam Marshall, opened in 2012, at a cost of \$53m. Jenga-like blocks in black, white, grey and brown are piled on top of each other and glazed staircases link to the main building, allowing views from each level. There's also a rooftop sculpture garden and café (T 9250 8443). 140 George Street, T 9245 2400, www.mca.com.au