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Title

Flagpole with Bondi pennant for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games Closing Ceremony

Date

c 2000

Medium

Metal, cloth

Dimensions

Overall: 3000 x 3000 mm, 1.86 kg

Name

Costume accessory

History

The Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games were events of great significance for the people of Sydney, New South Wales and Australia. In addition to the huge scale of these events and the outstanding achievements of the athletes, they led to the creation of a substantial number of objects which also provide a lasting legacy of the staging of the Games and contemporary statements on the development of Australian culture. Many of these objects were associated with the Opening and Closing Ceremonies for the Olympic Games, in particular, and immediately achieved icon status through their use in those events which were broadcast across the world. They also demonstrated the spirit, humour and inventiveness of Australians and provided powerful images of our society to which Australians and others readily related. The extent and quality of many of these objects also parallels the preparations, development of skills, commitment and sustained effort of the athletes who were the major stars of the Games.