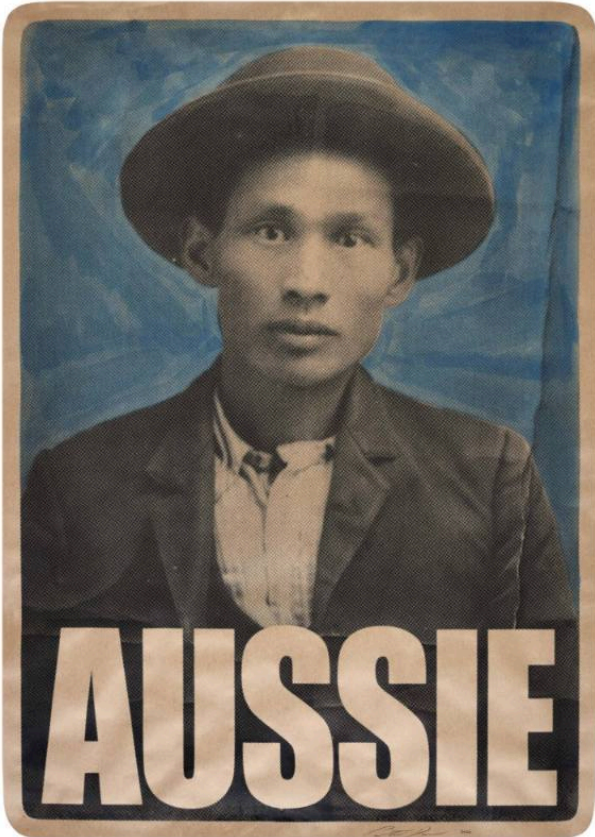


# Basic Detail Report

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**Title**

Ah Sing AUSSIE

**Date**

2016

**Medium**

paper

**Dimensions**

Overall: 1177 × 834 mm

**Name**

Poster

**History**

Since 2013, Adelaide street artist and activist Peter Drew has been installing his handmade posters in public space to raise awareness of issues around immigration, asylum seekers and Australian identity. Peter Drew was born in

Adelaide in 1983. He holds a Masters degree from the Glasgow School of Art. His artworks have been exhibited at the Art Gallery of South Australia and the National Gallery of Australia, although his most prominent work is installed on city streets. Drew says, 'The aim of my work over the last year has been to pose a question about the casual assumptions that underlie Australia's identity; does 'Aussie' describe the people who wrote the White Australia policy, or does 'Aussie' have more to do with the people who survived it? I see more to admire in the courage of those who chose to make Australia their home, despite the racial discrimination of its government.' Adelaide street artist and activist Peter Drew created the Australia Says 'Stop the Boats' poster in response to Prime Minister Tony Abbott's promise during the 2013 federal election campaign, which resulted in the introduction of Operation Sovereign Borders. This was a military-led border security operation that aimed to stop the arrival of seaborne refugees through the disruption of people smuggling operations, boat interceptions and turn backs, and mandatory offshore detention for asylum seekers.