

Basic Report

Object number:
00015519

Title: Instruction sheet for 'Buccaneer' board game
Date: 1940s
Primary Maker: John Sands Pty Ltd
Medium: Ink printed on paper
Name: Board game accessory
History: Board games were widely distributed before World War II, before the advent and popularisation of television. Manufacturers across Australia often created individual designs for each board game which resulted in highly detailed pieces that became artworks in their own right. They were often used for educational purposes and provided an engaging storytelling exercise for children. The vibrant nature of these board games conveys a long history of fascination surrounding maritime adventure and exploration. They illustrate how maritime themes and history, especially about pirates, permeated cultural activities and entertainment and were cemented in children's imagination as folklore.

Object number:
00054041

Title: Instruction sheet for Blachon's for Greenpeace jigsaw puzzle
Date: 1980s
Primary Maker: Roger Blachon
Medium: Ink on paper
Name: Jigsaw Puzzle
History: Greenpeace was established in 1971 by a small group of activists protesting against nuclear testing in Alaska. Six years later they held their first demonstration in Australia against the Cheynes Beach Whaling Company and were significant players in banning whaling in Australia and New Zealand by generating public awareness of the issue. Greenpeace NSW and Greenpeace Adelaide joined in 1987 to become Greenpeace Australia which has since expanded to become Greenpeace Australia Pacific. Dedication to the protection of the marine environment is still a primary goal of the movement in the region including sustainable fishing and protection of the ocean's biodiversity.



Object number:
00028206

Title: Instruction sheet for the game Catchalot
Date: 1936
Medium: Paper
Name: Game instructions
History: Chester S. Howland was a renowned New Bedford MA resident, whaling expert and lecturer. He was the author of *Thar She Blows!* and the son of Captain George Howland, a whaling captain. A brochure about Mr. Howland is available on the object file or online at: <http://sdr.lib.uiowa.edu/traveling-culture/chau1/pdf/howland/4/brochure.pdf> <http://sdr.lib.uiowa.edu/traveling-culture/chau1/pdf/howland/2/brochure.pdf>



Object number:
00006083

Title: A Race to the Gold
Diggings of Australia board



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Object number:
00006409

Title: Keel belonging to
model ship FLYING FISH



Diggings of Australia, board

Date: c 1855

Medium: Linen, paper ink

Name: Board game board

History: Children's board games offer an insight into the ideals and values of the society that manufactured them.

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model SKIFF FLYING FISH

Date: 1940

Primary Maker: Jim Lamond

Medium: Lead and steel

Name: Model keel

History: David Payne of the Australian National Maritime Museum is very familiar with the world of model skiff racing and here recounts their popularity: "Model skiff designs were based on their larger, fully crewed 18 foot cousins and usually built by their skipper. The big skiff origins go back to the 1870s when a number of classes raced regularly on Sydney Harbour. The 1890s saw the 18-footers begin their rise to dominance as the showpiece skiff class, and the massive 22-footers and 24-footers faded into history. Meanwhile as always, there were people playing with and racing model boats, largely on ponds and lakes. In Sydney, the south of the city, the natural water plains and ponds that drained towards Botany Bay had been landscaped to become parklands, areas now known as Centennial Park and Moore Park. The lakes were ideal model boat venues and the pond boats were a regular weekend feature. View historic images of a 1947 race in Rose Bay, Sydney. About a year or so before 1910 some model yachtsmen developed the

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Object number:
00006410

Title: Rudder belonging to
model skiff FLYING FISH



Object number:
00006408

Title: Hull of model skiff
FLYING FISH

Object number:
00006367

Title: Square tailed Oregon
redwood surfboard



MODEL SKIFF FLYING FISH

Date: 1940

Primary Maker: Jim Lamond

Medium: Cedar, brass

Name: Model rudder

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Primary Maker: Jim Lamond

Medium: Cedar, ash, brass, steel, bamboo, copper

Name: Model hull

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REDWOOD SURFBOARD

Date: 1930s-1940s

Medium: Oregon redwood, paint

Name: Surfboard

History: Though Australia was first introduced to surfing in the late 19th century by traders and travellers who had passed through Hawaii, the surfing demonstration of Hawaiian Duke Kahanamoku at Freshwater Beach in 1914 was a significant moment in Australia's surfing history. Solid hardwood planks were common on Australian beaches between World War I and World War II, and pre-dated the Australian surfing boom of the late 1950s and early 1960s. Designs were often similar to the Duke's 1914 board, which was shaped from sugar pine purchased from Hudson's Timber Mill in Sydney, and incorporated many of the standard Hawaiian design characteristics. Wooden boards were covered in layers of varnish, oil or shellac to prevent the board from becoming waterlogged. They were finless until the early 1950s, and often featured a brass or copper band or sheet fitted to the nose to prevent the wood from splitting. Redwood was recognised as being tough and durable, though much lighter boards in balsa and alwood were also popular

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0000716

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Medium: Wood

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