

Basic Detail Report



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Title

Captain James Crook edition 4 of 4

Date

2013

Primary Maker

Jason Wing

Medium

Bronze

Dimensions

Overall: 638 × 540 × 270 mm, 24900 g

Name

Sculpture

History

The first iteration of this artwork was titled "Australia was stolen by armed robbery" which won the Parliament of NSW Indigenous Art Prize in 2012. This work took the form of a ready-made sculptural bust which the artist purchased on gum tree, to which he added a balaclava. This work was subject to an alleged intellectual property and moral rights challenge, with the artist also potentially facing a civil suit for defaming Captain Cook's good name. Nothing eventuated from all of these potential legal challenges except that they spurred the artist to recreate the work as a new balaclava-clad bronze bust. As a result of this work he received death threats and hate mail. Media identities Andrew Bolt and Steve Price publicly criticised Wing in mainstream media and much more.