

# Basic Detail Report

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**Title**

Heroes of Colonial Encounters - Matthew Flinders

**Date**

2017

**Primary Maker**

Helen S Tiernan

**Medium**

Oil on canvas

**Dimensions**

Overall: 305 × 305 × 40 mm

**Name**

Painting

**History**

This painting of Matthew Flinders by Helen S Tiernan is based on the 1807 portrait by Toussaint Antoine de Chazal de Chamerel. As part of a series of portraits that make up 'Heroes of Colonial Encounters', this portrait is part of Helen Tiernan exploration of the singular European view of colonial history and the way Indigenous peoples are depicted as the 'primitive' or 'other'. The portraits she paints of Bennelong, Bungaree, Colby, Bidgee Bidgee, Ballodere and Tommy sees them treated equally as their European contemporaries such as Cook, Joseph Banks, William Bligh, Arthur Philip and Matthew Flinders. All portraits are to hang together on the same wall, equally ornate, equal in style and equal in history.