

Amber Boardman, Trophy Melt, 2022, oil on canvas

FAIR PLAY

Sport as motif & metaphor

Children's Exhibition Trail





Fair Play is an exhibition of work by 9 contemporary artists. These artists explore the role that sport plays in our lives through multidisciplinary art practices including painting, ceramics, film and installations.

Their works encourage us to think about the connection between art and sport and how both these activities allow us to express ourselves. Sport and art also enable us to connect and communicate with each other around the world across borders, cultures, languages and generations.

The exhibition includes newly created works as well as works from Manly Art Gallery & Museum's collections.

Walk around the gallery spaces.Find each of the artworks.Think about the questions in this booklet.Create your responses.

Let your imagination take leaps and bounds!

Words:

Motif - a recurring idea

Metaphor - something regarded as symbolic of something else

Sportsmanship - includes values such as following the rules, respecting team members and rivals, encouraging friendship among competitors and having a positive attitude

Competition - a contest, game, match or tournament; an event or activity of striving to gain or win something by defeating or establishing superiority over others **Discrimination** - the unjust treatment of different categories of people, especially based on their race, age, sex or disability

Culture - the ideas, customs and social behaviour of a particular group of people or society

Room 1 (Batten - Large gallery)



Billy Bain is a contemporary Aboriginal artist of Darug descent.

Find these ceramic sculptures. Look closely at their gestures and facial expressions. Describe them. Do you recognize any of these athletes? Describe your favourite athlete. **Write** a poem about yourself. Begin each line with the letters that form the word **IDENTITY**.

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At home - Draw yourself playing your favourite sport				

Room 1 (Batten - Large gallery)



Find this painting by artist Amber Boardman. Write down all the different colours you can see. Imagine watching a game or competition at a sports stadium.

Draw what you see.

Abdullah M.I. Syed

Room 1 (Batten - Large gallery)



The artist Abdullah M.I. Syed grew up in Karachi, Pakistan. His artworks are about the games he played as a child.

Think about the sports you play with your friends. **Write** down 5 words to describe how you feel when you win or lose a game?

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Forbidden Fruit, 2007 - 2022, hand carved and altered leather cricket balls, rubber, wood, metal, 24k gold leaf and wire, tape and banknotes

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Stand in front of this large lino-cut print by artist Rew Hanks. It is called Surfing the Bombora and features Captain Cook in Botany Bay. **List** 5 words to describe this artwork.

Look at all Rew Hank's artworks. **List** at least 5 animals you can see. Are they native or introduced species?

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Kellie O'Dempsey

Room 1 (Batten - Large gallery)



This installation created by artist Kellie O'Dempsey was inspired by childhood memories of her father.

Think about a memory from your own childhood that you'd like to remember when you're an adult. **Write** it down.

At home - Gather different objects to create your own installation. Photograph it and post it on Instagram using the hashtag #fairplaymanly

Room 1 (Rubbo - middle gallery)



Watch this video by artist Ben Rak. Ben explores ideas around identity and cultural belonging.

Draw an outline of your body playing your favourite sport.

Michael Garbutt & Sehar Naz Janani

Room 2 (Rubbo - middle gallery)



Watch this video of an imaginary sport called Anchoring the Kangaroo by artists Michael Garbutt and Sehar Naz Janani. Imagine inventing a sport of your own. What would you call it? Write down 3 rules.

At home - sit outside and play Anchoring the Kangaroo. Post a photo of yourself on Instagram and use hashtag #anchoringthekangaroo

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Room 2 (Rubbo - middle gallery)



Find this installation by artist Lyndal Irons.

Stand in front of the work and imitate the poses.

Draw a design for the best trophy you can imagine.

Lyndal Irons, Young girls at Junior Nationals execute a tricky move in the floor routine which requires hamstring flexibility and core strength, 2012, photograph

Room 2 (Rubbo - middle gallery)



Look closely at these ceramic thongs by artist Gerry Wedd. They depict Hawaiian surfer Duke Kahanamoku and Isabel Letham. Imagine yourself surfing on a surfboard. Draw yourself.

At home - create an outline of a pair of thongs and cut them out. Draw or paint your own ideas on them.



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