

100 Objects

The 100 cultural objects and scientific specimens featured in the exhibition *200 Treasures of the Australian Museum*, celebrate treasures of history, science and culture from Australia and the world. The exhibition showcases some of the most important and intriguing items in the Australian Museum's (AM's) collection of more than 18 million objects and specimens, along with two objects on loan: Australia's first bank note, on loan from Westpac; and a 10-kilogram gold nugget discovered in 1887, on loan from the NSW Government.

Many of the treasures were chosen for their scientific value, historic value or cultural value. The 100 treasures include objects that are: unique (such as the Tasmanian Tiger pup); rare (Kalani'opu'u's feathered cape); beautiful (bird of paradise); strange (*malagan* figure); curious (Tasmanian Cave Spider); elusive (Night Parrot); ingenious (lyrebird mimicry); loveable (koala); or feared (funnel-web spider).

There are treasures collected by AM scientists. Or treasures that have come from sea captains, missionaries, school children, international exhibitions, battlefields and backyards.

The exhibition features each treasure among an entanglement of objects, both natural and cultural, in recognition of how they are entangled with people, places, animals and things. These entanglements bring out stories beyond the focus on singular objects.

Curator Dr Peter Emmett said: "Astounding specimens and fossils of extinct animals, along with contemporary artefacts from Indigenous Australia and the Pacific, are among the treasures featured in the permanent exhibition."

The 100 treasures are:

1. Australia's first bank note
2. Maitland Bar gold nugget

KREFFT'S CHAIR CASE

3. Krefft's chair
4. Upper incisors and lower jaw of *Diprotodon optatum*
5. Bottle used by Sir Joseph Banks or Daniel Solander
6. *The Birds of Australia* by John Gould

7. Butterfly and moth paintings by Harriet and Helena Scott
8. Dilly bags made by Bundjalung women
9. Australian Lungfish (*Neoceratodus forsteri*)

PLATYPUS RUG CASE

10. Rug made from 75 Platypus skins (*Ornithorhynchus anatinus*)

11. Superb Lyrebird (*Menura novaehollandiae*)
12. Koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*)
13. Lord Howe Island Phasmid (*Dryococelus australis*)
14. Sydney Funnel-web Spider (*Atrax robustus*)
15. Tasmanian Tiger pup (*Thylacinus cynocephalus*)
16. Birds' eggs in hobby display
17. Skeleton of Sir Hercules and a rider

RAINFOREST SHIELDS CASE

18. Rainforest shields
19. Lamond collection drawer, *Morpho* spp. (Nymphalidae)
20. Larval fish collection
21. Paradise Parrot (*Psephotellus pulcherrimus*)
22. Mel Ward's crab collection

MORNING STAR POLE CASE

23. Morning Star Pole by Terry Dhurritjini Yumbulul (Warramiri people)
24. *Tunga* (bark baskets) from the Tiwi Islands
25. *Matjka-wuma* or string figures
26. Shell dolls
27. Edward Collett's notebook
28. Bark paintings from Groote Eylandt

CROCODILE TURTLE MASK CASE

29. Crocodile turtle mask
30. Harvest mask
31. Carved arrows from Mer (Murray Island)
32. Dari headdress

RORO FEATHER HEADDRESS CASE

33. Roro feather headdress
34. Bark belts
35. Tree-kangaroo skins
36. Asaro Mud Men *holosa* masks
37. *Ehara* mask and *Kovave* spirit mask

BIRD-SHAPED PESTLE CASE

38. Bird-shaped pestle
39. Carved canoe prow
40. *Tetale* bird figure

UPE HATS CASE

41. *Upe* hats
42. Kokorra funerary post
43. Neck ornaments
44. *Mendaska* mask
45. *Kulap* (chalk figures)

MALAGAN FIGURES CASE

46. *Marumarua Malagan* figures
47. Reverend Brown's cabinet of birds from Papua New Guinea

MOTHER AND CHILD CASE

48. Mother and child
49. Wickerwork shield with inlay shell
50. *Tindalo* (carved chalk head)

KIRIBATI ARMOUR SET CASE

51. Kiribati armour set
52. Funafuti expedition 1897 reef core samples
53. Canoe models
54. *Meto* navigation stick chart

CAPTAIN COOK'S HAWAIIAN CAPE CASE

55. Captain Cook's Hawaiian 'ahu'ula (feathered cape)
56. *Korowai kereru*, or Kereru feather cloak, from Opotiki
57. *Mere* or short clubs and *hei-tiki* pendants
58. Fishing hooks
59. *Siapo* (barkcloth)
60. Sarah Stone drawings of objects from the Leverian Museum
61. *Mahiole* (wicker helmet)

FIGURE OF ARJUNA CASE

62. Figure of Arjuna
63. Frogs of the Greater Mekong
64. Ship cloth *palepai*
65. Cloth painting of Sita's fire ordeal
66. Dr Francis Day's fish collection
67. Kenyah barkcloth jacket

ZULU SHIELDS CASE

68. Zulu shields
69. Aardvark (*Orycteropus afer*)
70. Bow-stand with female figure

THEBAN MUMMY IN COFFIN CASE

71. Theban mummy in coffin
72. Model of a funerary boat

RAVEN HEAD MASK CASE

73. Raven head mask and Echo mask
74. *Olla* basket made by Apache people
75. Jasperised wood from the Petrified Forest National Park, Arizona

MAWSON'S SLEDGE CASE

76. Douglas Mawson's equipment
77. Adelie Land meteorite
78. King Penguin (*Aptenodytes patagonicus*) and egg
79. 'Shirase' sword or *katana*

MULTI MEDIA

80. Type specimens
81. Scientific imaging
82. Irish Elk skeleton (*Megaloceros giganteus*)

OPALISED PLIOSAUR CASE

83. Opalised pliosaur (*Umoonasaurus demoscyllus*)
84. Cerussite from Broken Hill
85. Dance boards from Yuendumu
86. Papunya paintings
87. Eel trap from Darling River

CANOWINDRA FISH FOSSILS CASE

88. Canowindra fish fossils
89. Skull of a horned turtle (*Meiolania platyceps*)
90. Tasmanian Cave Spider (*Hickmania troglodytes*)
91. Two-circle (theodolite) reflecting goniometer
92. Talbragar fossils
93. Night Parrot (*Pezoporus occidentalis*)
94. Crocoite on limonite
95. Common Seadragon (*Phyllopteryx taeniolatus*)
96. Blaschka glass models of marine invertebrates
97. *The Nudibranchs of Port Jackson, NSW, Twelve Plates from Nature* by George French Angas
98. Manly *mogo* or stone axe
99. *Thetis* expedition (1898) marine invertebrates
100. Lord Howe Island diorama