



2020: A year to Remember

January: A call for greater Aboriginal recognition



Crochet: Jimmy Crow: Crows Nest, depicting an Aboriginal statue and palm trees, c mid-20th century, 42x27 cm.

The crochet was made in honour of Jimmy Crow, an Aboriginal who lived in the area named after him, 'Crows Nest', Queensland, which is now in the Toowoomba local government area. It is believed that the crochet was made around the time a statue of Jimmy Crow measuring 198 cm (6'6") was unveiled by the Minister for Labour and Tourism at Crows Nest in 1969 (two years after the Aboriginal Referendum).

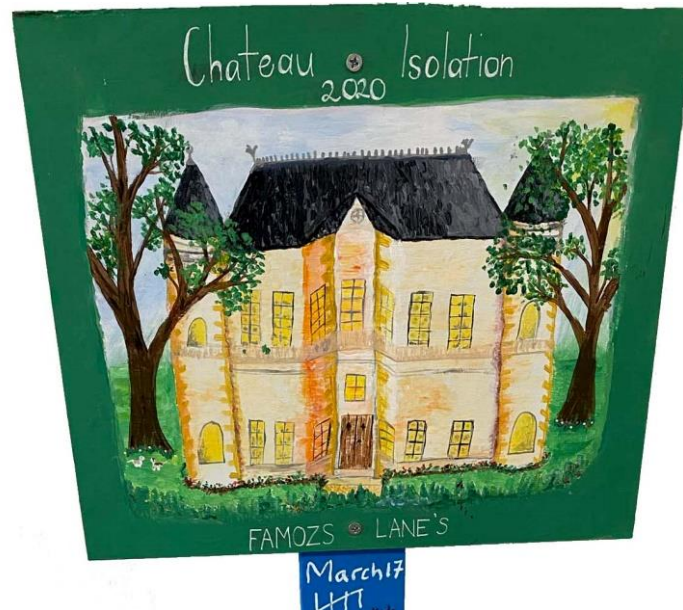
February: Bush Fires



A fund raising sign for the Kangaroo Island Wildlife Park, drawn by eight year old Iris Butchart of Norwood SA. Paper 30 x 21cm.

In the wake of the summer 2019-20 bushfires on Kangaroo Island, a group of families with children attending Rose Park Primary School decided to raise money for the Kangaroo Island Wildlife Park.

March: *The beginning of the lockdown*



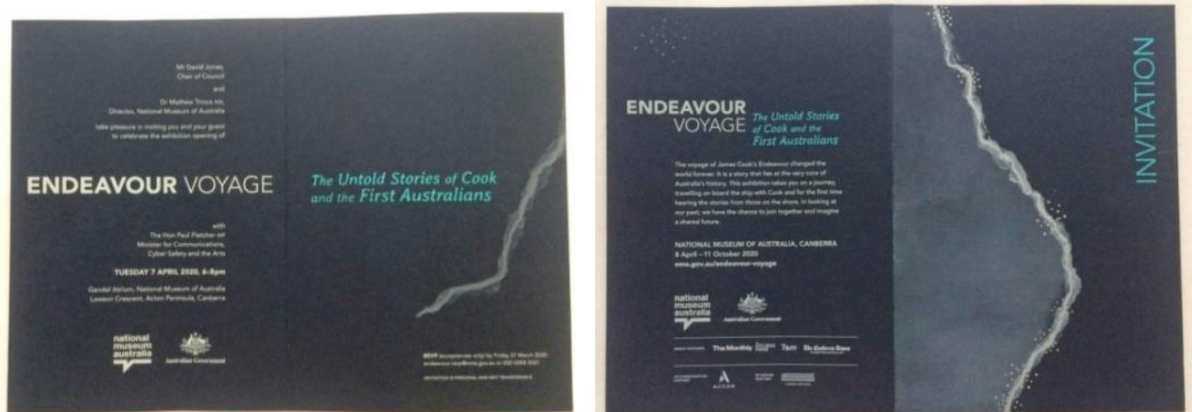
Painted MDF board and timber, Chateau Isolation, 2020.

Makers: Famozs Lane's Size: Board 33 x 38 cm mounted on a pole 93 cm tall.

Counting the days of social distancing by 13-year-old twins Zara & Scarlett Lane with the help of their younger twins Owen and Amelia, age 11, of Mona Vale, NSW.

During the time spent at home in isolation because of the COVID-19 'stay at home' restrictions, Zara and Scarlett discovered a new show to watch with their family 'Escape to the Chateau'. The show inspired them to make this time-line and keep a tally of how long they are in isolation. Importantly, it allowed them to dream of the excitement of renovating a fairy-tale Chateau and the fun adventures you can have at home.

April: *Endeavour Voyage Exhibition postponed at the NMA*



National Museum of Australia's invitation to the opening of the Endeavour Voyage Exhibition, 7th April 2020. Folded A4 card, 21x29.5 cm

The exhibition was to tell 'the Untold Stories of Cook and the First Australians'. The exhibition dates: 8th April – 11 October 2020. Rescheduled due to COVID-19 Restrictions, start date amended to 4 June with a closing date of 26 April 2021.

May: The lockdown continues



A peephole from Gladstone Gaol in situ.

The Gladstone Gaol, located in the Southern Flinders Ranges in South Australia was built between 1879 and 1881 and housed 'inebriates and debtors' with up to 86 prisoners being held in the original building. During World War II it was used as an internment camp for Italians and Germans. In 1955 the complex was increased to 125 cells. The prison closed in 1975 and opened to visitors in 1978. You can now stay in a cell for \$20 a night and the gaol is now listed on the South Australian Heritage Register.

June: Aussie Rules Season started on the 12th



Bob Skilton, Aussie rules footballer knitted doll.

Bob Skilton (1938-) started his career with number 14 in 1956, and the following year he asked for number 7 and the club agreed, it was the number worn by his hero, but before the 1957 season began he realized that many children adored him and wore his number 14 on their jumpers..., and therefore he decided to keep his original number. Skilton won three Brownlow medals and continued to play until 1971. South Melbourne Football Club was established in 1874 and in 1982 relocated and became known as the Sydney Swans.

July: keeping warm during mid-winter nights



Mary Card designed fillet crochet bedspread depicting Australian fauna c 1913

Mary Card (1861-1940) was born in Castlemaine Victoria. In 1880 she attended the National Gallery School of Design. Her crochet designs were published in America and Australia. She visited the USA and lived in Berkshire, UK for several decades. During her last year she returned to Victoria

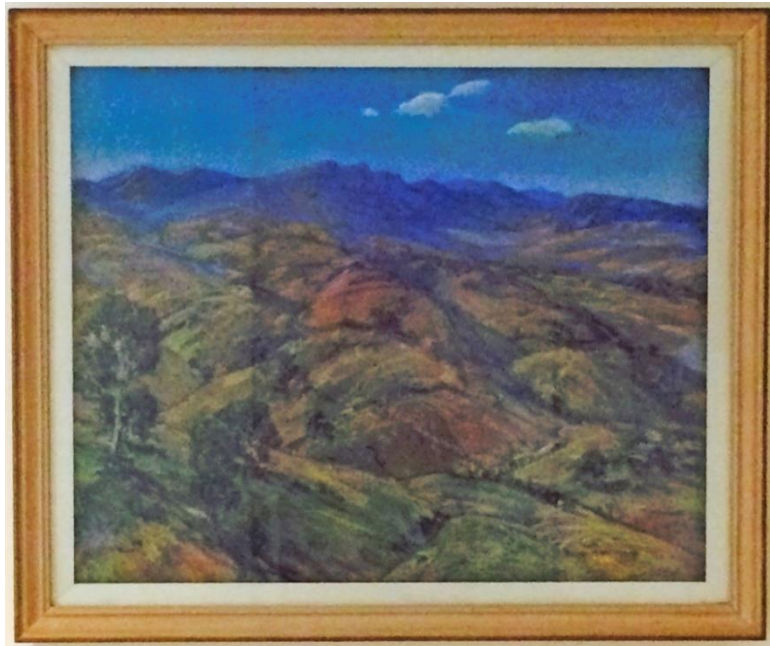
August: 75th Anniversary of the end of WWII



Leather V for Victory badge, maker unknown.

The V for Victory sign was introduced in 1941 and the badge was sold as a fundraiser during the war.

September: *Visitors start travelling to the outback*



Pastel, Flinders Rangers by Artist: Athol M (Miller) [Matson] Nicholas. 1898-1964, 55 x 44cm.

Nicholas had studied medicine for a year when he enlisted into the AIF as a private. He was the brother of Major George Matson Nicholas who married the famous artist Hilda Rix Nicholas. He was discharged in February 1918 and he and his brother widow's returned to Australia later that year. He never completed his studies and took up painting full time.

October: *Book week 17-24*



Book publisher, Rigby Limited's logo on a printers stamp.

The founder of the business, William Charles Rigby arrived in Adelaide in 1859 and immediately opened a book shop and much later the business focused on publishing books. In 1984 all the staff were laid off and traded for a brief period as a subdivision of the Reed Elsevier Group. The well-known and much loved Don Gare, worked at Rigby's in their book layout design department and his son Justin used to sit in his office and paint before he was old enough to go to school. Justin co-won the Australiana Society's Peter Walker Fine Art writer award for 'Kingston's vision: South Australia's earliest and most enigmatic piece of colonial furniture' in 2019 and was presented the award this year.

November: Remembrance Day; 11th Day the 11th Hour



Soldier On, The quilt maker's interpretation of the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. Lucy Carroll, 2013, Queensland, 100 x 180cm.

This quilt is one of 25 examples in an exhibition titled *War and Pieced: The Annette Gero Collection of Quilts from Military Fabrics*, at the David Roche Foundation House Museum, Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, from 10 September to 19 December 2020.

December: Buying Xmas presents



Australian Toys: a collection, by Luke Jones, published by Melbourne Books, 2019

Author Luke Jones wrote an article on his collection which was published in the November issue of the *Australiana* magazine. He was to speak on his collection of toys at the Adelaide Society Collectors at their Xmas Dinner, but due to a second wave of COVID-19 in SA, the dinner has been postponed until the 25 February 2021.