

Newsletter #5

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

December 2021

Dear Members and Supporters,

As this year draws to a close, we can reflect on a number of very positive developments for The Fund as outlined in Newsletter #4. We are also deeply appreciative of the financial support provided by Members which has made recent acquisitions possible.

I also encourage you to consider supporting the exciting new commission, *Kangaroo & Emu*, now being constructed, which signifies the Governor-General's deep interest in the Australian Community.

Our most recent acquisitions have been positively received by the Offices and Incumbents. Sonya has recently been able to place the much-admired Munro Ferguson Collection of Australian native timber books on prominent display at Government House.



The Fund's handsome bookcase, c.1845, (pictured right) is the perfect home and its situation near the State Entrance means the 'Books' will be seen by the many visitors who attend Government House for years to come.



We hope that the imposing sculpture *VAJRASANA Meditation*, by celebrated sculptor Margaret Worth, another recent acquisition, can be installed at Government House early in 2022.

I would like to thank all the Council members for their active support and engagement in the work of The Fund. Special thanks to Sonya Abbey, Fine Art Advisor, for all her wonderful work over this past year in relation to the Collection and all her other activities including keeping us all connected.

Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I look forward to seeing many of you at the activities being planned for 2022.

Jennifer Sanders
Chair

The Australiana Fund

EVENT DATES FOR 2022

- ACT - The Australian Federation of Friends of Museums (AFFM) invite Australiana Fund Members to join them for an online talk by Canberra Museum & Gallery about the Ruth Lane-Poole exhibition. Thursday 3 February 2022, 12.30pm. Details will be circulated to Fund Members once confirmed.
- NSW - A private, curator led tour of the Chau Chak Wing Museum, Thursday 24 February 2022
- QLD - A programme of guest speakers is planned for the Queensland Club. Dates and details in the New Year to be advised.
- VIC - A visit to the historic property of Coriyule, Curlewis on the Bellarine Peninsula, in March / April 2022. Dates to be confirmed.
- SA - **Annual General Meeting & Program of Events, 9-11 September 2022** – including a tour in the Barossa Valley, some wonderful private viewings, a Vice Regal reception and a return to the ever-evolving gardens and restorations at Anlaby Station.

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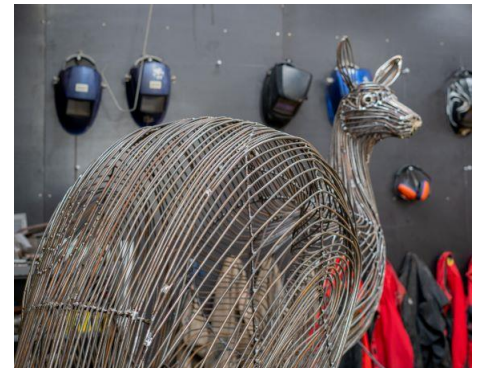
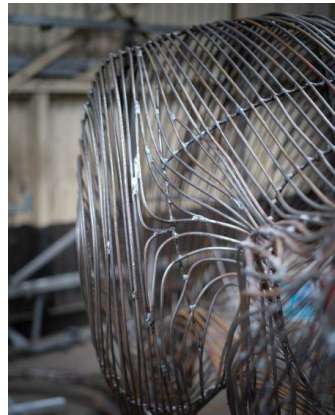
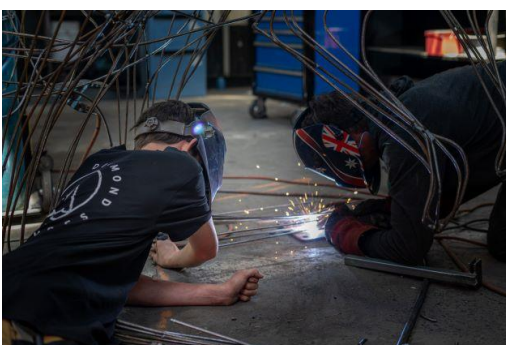
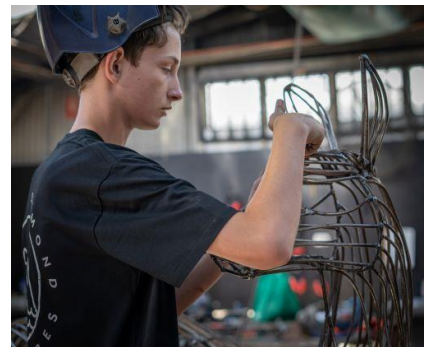
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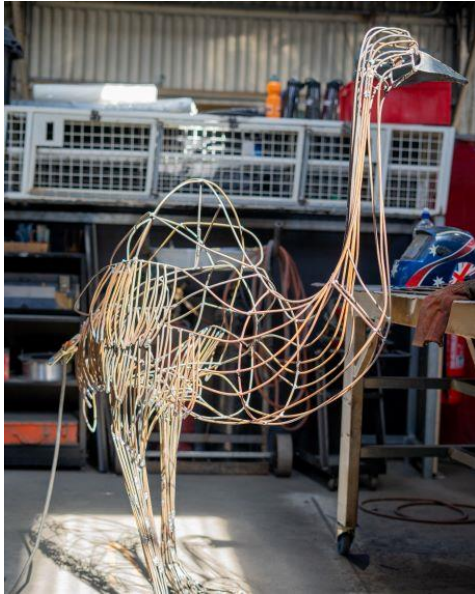
Kangaroo & Emu

An acquisition by commission from Adam Humphreys & BackTrack Youth Works

The Fund's September/October Newsletter #4 provided a full outline of this project. This significant acquisition to commission a pair of steel sculptures by Adam Humphreys, made with the involvement of Indigenous children and regional students from the BackTrack Youth Works. (www.backtrack.org.au) is progressing very well.

His Excellency, The Governor-General and Mrs Hurley are Patrons of BackTrack Youth Works and actively support the organisation's mission – 'To help as many young people having a hard time as possible.'





Fundraising Appeal for *Kangaroo & Emu*

The commission will cost \$15,000 per sculpture, delivered and installed. The Council have resolved to raise the funds for the commission by appealing to our Members and Supporters for your generous support for this significant acquisition.



We invite you to share in our excitement about this new commission and, its subsequent benefit to the charity BackTrack, by making a donation towards this commissioned acquisition.

Please use the form at the end of this newsletter.
Donations can also be made by
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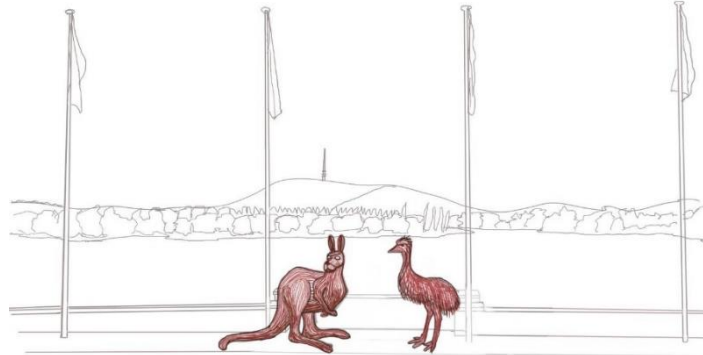
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WAYS TO DONATE

Since 1978, The Australiana Fund's members and supporters have contributed more than \$10 million to support collection acquisitions and preservation as well as initiatives to promote the collection to a wider audience. The Fund's Collection continues to grow as a visual expression of our nation's distinctive cultural and contemporary creativity.

To contribute to this important endeavour, we invite you to support this commission:



Acquisition of the Kangaroo & Emu Sculpture

by Adam Humphreys and BackTrack Youth Works

Work on this commission has commenced. The Fund will fund its creation, delivery and installation onsite at Government House, Canberra.

1. To make a donation online, go to - <https://www.theaustralianafund.org.au/supportus>
2. Return this Donation Form, or Send a Donation via EFT (details below)

This form can be printed, scanned and returned to The Fund by email to austfund@bigpond.net.au

Payment can also be taken by phone (02) 9994 8034 Mon-Tues & Thurs-Fri from 10-4pm

If returning this form by Mail – please mail to:
The Fine Art Advisor, PO Box 906, Maroubra NSW 2035

To contribute to this appeal please mark your amount here \$.....

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Please mark your deposit with "First Initial Surname Donate" E.g. "JSmithDonate"

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