

SHADOW BOXER

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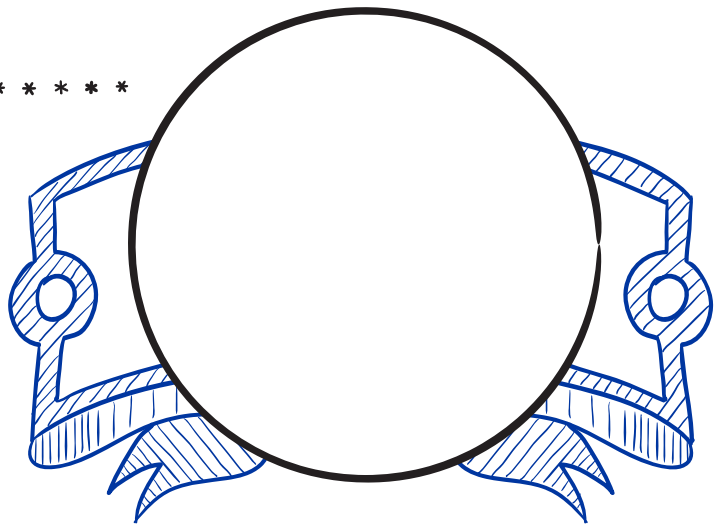
Shadow Boxer is an exhibition that tells stories about Maitland and Australia, inspired by the 'Maitland Wonder' Les Darcy and the legacy of Aboriginal tent boxers like Dunghutti fighter Dave Sands.

By focusing on the sport of boxing, *Shadow Boxer* brings stories and images from the past and present together to question what it means to be a "fighter" and remind us that the things that make us unique, like where we come from, our culture or gender, can make us champions.

LOCAL LEGENDS

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Peek inside the black drawers to learn more about Les Darcy. Could you spot the badges his fans wore to show their support? **Pick something unique that makes you legendary and create your own badge for your fans.**



SPORTING SONNETS

Read Keri Glastonbury's *Shadow Boxer Sonnet II* and **write a short poem about your favourite sport or activity.** Try to use descriptive words to communicate the look, feel, sound, and smells.



STRIKE A POSE!

Stance and movement are important in boxing, and to many of the artists in the exhibition. **Look at the way Nigel Millsom depicts boxers and then move, bend and stretch to recreate these poses.**



Standing back from the raised platform, look closely at Wiradjuri artist Karla Dickens' *Pound-for-Pound* sculptures. The raised glove is a powerful reference to political movements for racial equality. Can you guess what she's made them from?

What do you think these objects might be referencing?

SHADOW SELF-PORTRAITS

Could you find the paint-spattered mirrors created by Richard Lewer? These mirrors reference 'shadow boxing', the act of sparring with an imaginary opponent, like your shadow.

Use touch to draw a shadow self-portrait.

Place your finger at the top of your forehead and let it travel around your face, recording each curve and dip with your pencil on the page.



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