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Elliptical shaped spearthrower, attributed to Coranderrk

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Physical description

A concave, tapered elliptical spear-thrower, which consist of a conical bulbous proximal end, and a resin knob holding a tooth at an acute angle at the distal end of the shaft. The spear-thrower is adorned with an incised scallop pattern.

Statement of significance

This collection of 150 objects shows the agency of Indigenous people in designing and making 'tourist' artefacts and demonstrates their engagement with the non-Indigenous economy. It expands the NMA's collection of these often overlooked 'tourist, souvenir', Aboriginal objects.

The attribution of many of the artefacts in this collection to particular artists and places is a significant element of this collection, as artefacts by known artists are difficult to obtain, and are a useful means of giving agency to Aboriginal histories. The NMA has very few Indigenous artefacts with artists attributed to them.

Object information

What

Type	Spearthrowers
Collection	Robert Croll Indigenous Artefacts collection
Dimensions	L 490mm x W 62mm x D 30mm
Material	Wood , Resin - non specific , Tooth

Where

Place made
[Coranderrk, Victoria, Australia](#)
Attributed



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