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Model spear

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Description

This is one of a set of small models of Australian Aboriginal objects made in 1868 by Albert Alexander Cochrane Le Souef. These models were accompanied by a wooden display box, ornately decorated by Albert's wife, Caroline Le Souef, with a series of etched scenes depicting different aspects of Aboriginal life. The Le Souefs made three similar sets of models and accompanying decorated wooden boxes. The two other sets are held by Melbourne Museum and the Hamburg Museum fur Volkerkunde. This object is part of the set of models and associated box which the Le Souefs displayed at the 1880-81 Melbourne International Exhibition.

Physical description

A model of a spear, fusiform wood shaft with 'V' notch distal end. Commercial cotton thread attached distal end. Pointed sharply proximal end.

Object information

What

Type	Small scale models
Collection	JC Le Souef collection
Dimensions	L 860mm x W 25mm x D 15mm
Material	Wood


When

[1868](#)

 Who

Craftsperson

[Mr Albert A. Le Souef](#)

 Where

[Elwood, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia](#)

[Northern Western Australia, Western Australia, Australia](#)

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