



# Perth Museum & Art Gallery Samoa Collection



## COLLECTIONS LEVEL DESCRIPTION

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<b>Title of the Collection</b>	Samoa collection, Perth Museum & Art Gallery
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<p>There are seventeen items from Samoa.</p> <p>The collection includes ten wooden clubs, each incised with geometric decoration and some of which is filled with lime. There is also a carved head of a spear.</p> <p>Two pieces of barkcloth (<i>siapo</i>) were donated in 1917 by John H Dixon, a collector and traveller who lived in Pitlochry, Perthshire. The third piece is in the form of a long narrow patterned strip with some curvilinear painted surface decoration.</p> <p>There is a necklace of 8 sperm whale teeth strung on a coconut fibre binding (1977.118). One of the teeth is pierced at the tip and has been worked. The necklace was collected at Tutuila, Samoa around 1885 by William Moncrieffe of Perth. The collection also includes two fans of woven pandanus leaf. One of these has an openwork edge with a handle wrapped with coconut fibre and a dark leaf.</p>	
Have any aspects of the collection been published? Please provide bibliographic references if available.	
<p>Published collections:</p> <p>Idiens, D (nd), <i>Perth Museum &amp; Art Gallery Catalogue of the Ethnographic Collection: Oceania, America, Africa</i>. Perth.</p> <p>Idiens, D (1990), 'The Pacific Collections in Perth Museum and Art Gallery', in <i>Pacific Arts</i> no.'s 1 &amp; 2 (January/July 1990), pp58-59.</p> <p>Related Publications:</p> <p>Gathercole, P &amp; Clarke, A (eds) (1979), <i>Survey of Oceania Collections in Museum in the United Kingdom and the Irish Republic</i>. Paris: UNESCO</p>	