



Perth Museum & Art Gallery Micronesia Collection



COLLECTIONS LEVEL DESCRIPTION

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<p>There are six items from Micronesia, including artefacts from Kiribati, Marshall Islands and Nauru.</p> <p>The collection includes two spears mounted with rows of shark teeth from the Republic of Kiribati. Also from Kiribati are two neck ornaments each formed from a series of finely carved pearl shell discs with serrated edges. One has a cord of coconut fibre finely plaited with sections of human hair.</p> <p>There is a mat (<i>jaki-ed</i>) of finely woven leaves from the Marshall Islands which would be worn around the waist by men or women. It is part of a larger collection acquired in 1917 from John H Dixon.</p> <p>From Nauru comes a fishing line of plaited human hair given to the Perth Literary and Antiquarian Society by Mr Stewart in 1839.</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 & 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 & 2 (January/July 1990), pp58-59.</p> <p>Related Publications:</p> <p>Gathercole, P & A. Clarke (eds) (1979), <i>Survey of Oceania Collections in Museum in the United Kingdom and the Irish Republic</i>. Paris: UNESCO</p>	