

Children's Sports on board RMS "Orion."



Sack race.



Potato race.



Three-legged race.



Biting the elusive apple.

# FAMILY STORIES





## The photo album

Here are some close-ups taken from a very special family photo album from our collection at Immigration Museum.

Have a closer look at the album, and search through our many other albums, on Collections Online: <https://collections.museumvictoria.com.au/items/1411092>

This photo album was made by the Palmer family to record their journey from England to Australia in 1947. Gertrude and George Palmer moved with their children and dog halfway across the world to live in Melbourne! They came on a ship called the RMS Orion.

Have you ever been on a ship? The Palmer family's journey to Australia was a long one. How long do you think it took?

It took them 6 weeks! Can you imagine being on a ship for that long? What would you do to pass the time?

The children on the ship spent their time playing all sorts of games. Can you work out what they are doing in these photos?



Have you ever done these things? What are your favourite games and sports?

What do you like to dress up as?



### **Photo Albums**

Have a look around your house and see if you can find a photo album.

Do you have any albums that record a journey? Try to find out more about the photo albums in your home.

What does your family's photo album record?



We have lots of old cameras in our collection. These are just few examples of our film cameras that you can look at online. Have you ever seen a camera like one of these? Have you used a film camera? Your grandparents or great-grandparents might have used a camera that looked a bit like one of these!

## Cameras to record a story

You and your family probably take lots of photos. Photos are a great way of recording things that happen. Once they are recorded, these things become history!

What do you and your family use to take photos?

Do you have any old cameras lying around the house? Ask your parents or caregivers if there are any cameras at home that you can have a look at.

The Palmer Family used a film camera to capture moments which all add up to tell the story of their journey to Australia through their photo album.



## Old cameras

Now it's your turn to make a photo album! Your album can record what happens in a day, or a week, or even longer. What sorts of things will you record through photos?

You might like to use an ipad, tablet, or smart phone to take your photos.



Once you have enough photos, you might like to create a digital photo album using an app like Book Creator. Otherwise, you might be able to print out the photos to create an album. You could cut out and paste different things to add to your album to create a scrapbook.

### **You could take photos of:**

- Games to pass the time. The Palmer family played games on their journey to Australia. What games have you been playing to pass the time? Take a photo of the action!
- Dress-Ups. Just like the Palmer family children – find some fun clothes and dress up for the day! Take a photo to record how you look!
- What's for lunch? Maybe you're helping to cook food at home. Take a photo of something delicious!
- What's happening outside? If you go for a walk or have a backyard, have a close look at what you might find. You can even take a photo out the window to record your view from home. Take a photo of what you see outside!
- How are you staying in touch with friends and family who don't live with you? Take a photo of what it's like to spend time with your loved ones when you are away from them.

You can add anything else that you do in your day or week that you think might be interesting to record and share- just remember to take a photo of it!









## Eva Schubert's story

This is a photo of Eva Schubert in her workshop.

Can you work out what she is doing?

What is she making?

Eva and her husband left their home in Germany to come to live in Victoria in 1958. They were woodworkers.

Eva made this wood carving to tell the story of her journey from Germany to Australia.



How many animals can you count?

How did Eva and her husband get to Australia?

How do you think Eva felt to be leaving her home in Germany?

Where does the story start and end in the sketch?

Can you work out which parts of the drawing are showing German life, and which parts might be her new Australian life? What can you see in each country?

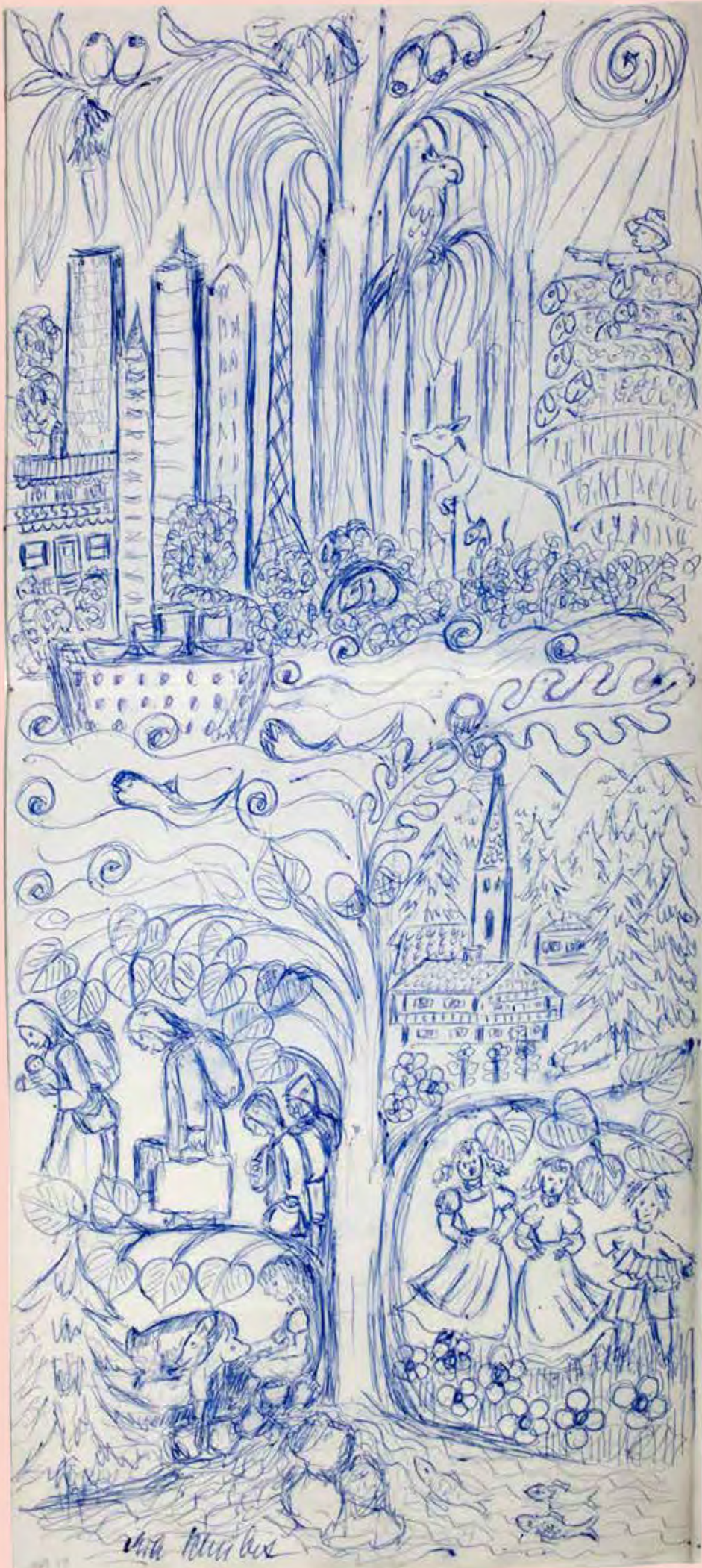
Before she made this carving, she made a sketch of what it would look like. Have a very close look at this sketch.

## Your story

Lots of people have moved to Victoria and Australia from all over the world. People record their journeys in lots of different ways. Eva used her woodcarving skills to record her story. There are lots of different ways to record a story by creating art.

Imagine you are an artist and you have decided to use colour to tell Eva's story. You can be a painter or an illustrator. Using paint, pencils, crayons or anything else, turn Eva's sketch into a colourful work of art. Make sure you colour in all the details.

Once you've finished colouring Eva's story, have a think about how you could record the story of your life or your family's story. You could use any materials you like to create a work of art. You can even include photos and words to help tell the story. Your work of art might be big or small, it might be flat or 3D, it might be decorative or useful and it might even be digital or use sound recordings. Get creative!



Use any materials you like to tell your story .

Text, photos, words, colour, sound. It might be digital or it might be a book made from paper.

It's your story, tell it any way you would like.

