

Capturing Nature: Early photography at the Australian Museum 1857-1893



Sperm Whale flipper, Megaptera longimana. Photo © Australian Museum.

Saturday 15 May 2021 | 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

In *Capturing Nature*, we travel back to a time when photography was revolutionising science, art and society. These never-before-seen images dating from 1857 to 1893 have been printed from the Australian Museum's collection of glass plate negatives and are some of Australia's earliest natural history photographs. Sitting at the nexus of science and art, they tell both the story of pioneering research as well as the advent of photography in the young colony less than 20 years after the birth of photography in Europe.

To celebrate the opening why not join us for a free day of family fun!

- At 10:30 AM watch a tap dance spectacular with a touch of magic and madness as the Observatory Theatre presents [Utopia! And the Caravan Calamity](#)
- At 1:00 PM is [Grey area](#), a photography workshop with Katie from Embellysh Photography. She will teach digital camera users the fundamental basics of capturing light and shadow in order to create bold and dramatic black and white images.
- All day you are welcome into the Imaginarium to experience 'Brainchild' - a celebration of inventions! There will be inventions to create, design and play as well as activity packs to take home.

Book early as places are strictly limited.

[Book now](#)

[Capturing Nature](#) exhibition is on display Friday 14 May - Sunday 22 August 2021.

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