DRAW WITH THE HERMANNSBURG POTTERS

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About the artists

The Hermannsburg Potters are a group of Arrernte artists from a small community 130 kilometres southwest of Alice Springs. The artists make terracotta pots painted with pictures that tell their stories. These paintings tell stories about their culture; their Country, the mission days, bush tucker and football!

Many Indigenous communities all over Australia are passionate about footy. A game named marngrook used to be played by Victorian Indigenous people, which some say influenced the development of Aussie Rules. In marngrook, 50 to 100 players per side fought for a ball made of possum skin by handballing, kicking and marking.

Are you a diehard footy fan like the Hermannsburg Potters?
Let's draw some pots together!





See the works of art online

The Hermannsburg Potters created twenty pots depicting some of AFL's best and fairest Indigenous players. See the pots online at ngv.melbourne/collection

See ngv.vic.gov.au/learn/resources/ngv-collection-resources/ for teaching resources on the Hermannsburg Potters for primary school students.

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Artist **Rona Rubuntja** has started this drawing – now it's your turn to complete it by drawing your favourite footy moment on the base of this pot. It might be you playing a game at school, kicking the ball in the park or your team playing a game that made your heart soar.

Extension activity

Make your own pot out of clay at home!



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Judith Inkamala has drawn the base of this pot – now it's your turn to add a lid. You could draw an Australian animal or a plant to sit on top.

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These are lines from some of the AFL team anthems. Sing along and see if you can guess the missing team names.

Oh when the go marching in!

We are the greatest team of all!

Good old forever, they know how to play the game!

- 2 The average score of an AFL match is around 90 points to each team. In 1992, Geelong scored the highest score of all time. Can you guess their score?
 - A 239
- **B** 252
- **Q** 197
- Aussie Rules football has fans all around the world. Which of these countries has started its own league for playing AFL?
 - (A) Canada
- **B** USA
- South Africa
- All of the above
- Today, AFL players wear uniforms made from high-tech synthetic fabrics. But this was not always the case. In the late 1800s, when the game was just beginning, which of these items did the players NOT wear?
 - A High lace-up leather boots B Blazer C Lace-up canvas guernsey D Long trousers
- For a AFL is the fastest growing sport for women and girls. What year did a women's league become an official part of the AFL?

teams. Now there are fourteen ALFW teams!

ANSWERS: 1 Bombers / Hawthorn, Hawks / Saints / Geelong / Collingwood. 2 A – 239! They defeated Brisbane and won by 164 points. 3 D – All of these countries have their own AFL league. 4 B – They did not wear a blazer, but from the 1880s onwards they did play with a Sherrin ball, the brand still used today. 5 The first season of the AFL Women's, or ALFW, was in 2017 with eight