



Toy wooden ferry, c1940s. MAG&M Collection

# MANLY BY FERRY

## Treasures from the Vault

Children's Exhibition Trail

This exhibition celebrates the Manly ferry and the journey it makes across Sydney Harbour.

Artists have been inspired by the Manly ferry for over 140 years. They have captured it travelling back and forth across the Harbour carrying day-trippers and busy workers in all kinds of weather.

In this exhibition you will see paintings, photographs and museum objects from Manly Art Gallery & Museum's collections that tell stories about these much-loved vessels.

**Walk** around this room.

**Look** at each of the artworks and the museum objects.

**Think** about the questions in this booklet.

**Create** your responses.

There are no wrong answers and no limits to your imagination!

## Artist: Michael Muter



Michael Muter, South Steyne, 1988

The artist has painted different Manly ferries crossing Sydney Harbour. This painting depicts the large steamship SS South Steyne. Find all 6 artworks by this artist.

**Draw** a Manly ferry.

**Artist:**  
**Edward W Fevyer**



Edward W Fevyer, Fashionable frills on the old Manly Wharf, 1897 (PS Brighton)

**Find** this painting. In 1897, paddle steamers carried day-trippers across the Harbour between Manly and the city.

**Describe** the figures in this artwork.

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**At home - Imagine** you are going for a ride on a Manly ferry. What would you wear?

**Draw** yourself.

## Journeys by the water

Do you like travelling across the Harbour?

**Write** a short poem about a journey by boat. Begin each line with the letters that form the word **JOURNEY**.

**J** \_\_\_\_\_

**O** \_\_\_\_\_

**U** \_\_\_\_\_

**R** \_\_\_\_\_

**N** \_\_\_\_\_

**E** \_\_\_\_\_

**Y** \_\_\_\_\_

**At home - Think** about a journey you have taken by water.  
Did you come to the Gallery on the Manly ferry today?

**Draw** your journey.

## Historic signage



This old sign features the Manly ferry SS South Steyne. The sign was designed to promote Manly as a relaxing seaside destination.

**Draw** your own poster or sign and include a Manly ferry.

**At home - Create** a collage using text and images.



**Artist:**  
**Robert Carter**



Robert Carter, Ferry SS Manly, 2000

Stand in front of this painting that shows a ferry on Sydney Harbour. The word 'hue' is sometimes used to describe different tones of a colour.

**Describe** the water in this painting and its different hues.

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**At home - Paint** a harbour scene.

## Collections: Ferry Signage



These old ferry signs are part of Manly Art Gallery & Museum's collection of historic objects. Do you have your own special collection?

Ferry signage. MAG&M Collection

**Draw** an object from your collection.

## Artist: Wendy Sharpe

This painting by artist Wendy Sharpe is called Two girls at Manly Wharf.

**Imagine** sitting on a wharf on a calm night watching the lights reflecting on the Harbour.

**Draw** what you see.



Wendy Sharpe, Two girls  
at Manly Wharf, 2019

**Artist:**  
**Charles Bryant**



Charles Bryant, Jubilee water pageant, Manly, 1927

This painting from the 1920s shows a celebration in Manly Cove with a ferry berthed at the Wharf. Have you ever seen fireworks on the Harbour? Close your eyes and imagine that experience. **Describe** the mood of this painting.

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