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FANTASTICAL SHARKS & RAYS OPENS AT THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM



Greenback stingaree Arwen Brown



Lined lanternshark Zara Pease



Fiddler ray Leah Djikic

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| WHAT | Fantastical Sharks & Rays exhibition launch and preview |
| WHERE | Australian Museum, 1 William Street, Sydney |
| WHEN | Friday 6 September, 10.30am |
| WHO | Artists - Ken Done, Blak Douglas, Sarah & Sebastian, Jennifer Turpin, Billy Bain, Dion Horstmans, Rosie Deacon and Dylan Mooney. Australian Museum Director & CEO, Kim McKay AO, AMCS shark expert Dr Leonardo Guida |
| PHOTOS | Children and artists seeing their works for the first time in the Australian Museum gallery |

To raise awareness and help protect Australia's unique lesser-known and endangered species, the Australian Marine Conservation Society (AMCS) and Humane Society International Australia ran a competition last summer asking budding da Vincis to create an artwork depicting one of 10 of them.

- The 10 young winners of the Fantastical Shark & Rays children's art competition will see their portrayals of Australia's lesser-known and endangered sharks and rays reimagined by renowned artists including Done, Douglas, Sarah & Sebastian, Jennifer Turpin, Billy Bain, Janet Laurence, Dion Horstmans, Rosie Deacon, Dylan Mooney and Jonathan Zawada.
- Exhibition at the Australian Museum from 7 September (National Threatened Species Day) until 8 December, 2024.
- Over 1500 children entered the Fantastical Sharks and Rays art competition

The young winners are:

NSW: **Southern/eastern fiddler ray** Leah Djikic, 11, Goulburn, NSW. **Maugean skate** Iluka Michel, 9, Sydney, NSW.

Yellowback stingaree Maya Haysom-McDowell, 10, Sydney, NSW.

QLD: **Eastern angelshark** Gryff Nolan, 9, Brisbane, QLD. **Greeneye spurdog** Oliver McIntyre, 7, Sunshine Coast, QLD.

Greenback stingaree Arwen Brown, 10, Sunshine Coast, QLD.

NT: **Lined lanternshark** Zara Pease, 13, Darwin, NT.

VIC: **Whitefin swellshark** Inara Wilson, 4, Melbourne, VIC.

SA: **Longnose skate** Eightrielle Escalona, 9, Adelaide, SA.

WA: **Melbourne skate** Barnaby Snow, 10, Margaret River region, WA.

Artists: [Ken Done](#), [Blak Douglas](#), [Janet Laurence](#), [Jennifer Turpin](#), [Sarah and Sebastian](#), [Billy Bain](#), [Jonathan Zawada](#), [Rosie Deacon](#), [Dion Horstmans](#) and [Dylan Mooney](#)

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