



**NATIONAL  
SPORTS  
MUSEUM**

# NSM CONVERSATION STARTERS

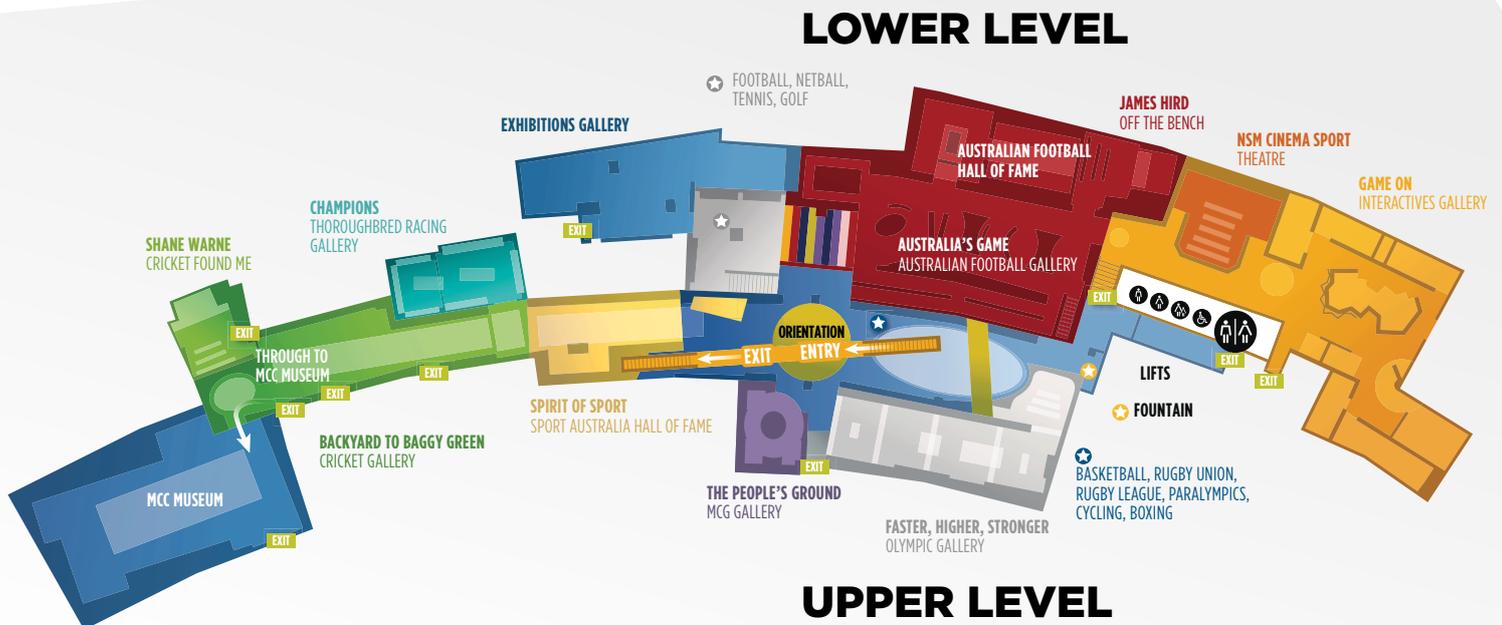
## TEACHER-GUIDED MUSEUM ACTIVITY

NSM Conversation Starters are designed to improve your time in the museum by promoting engagement, exploration and conversation with your students. No pre-planning or prior knowledge of the museum is required. The activity can be used with both primary and secondary students.

Planning your visit

- Print out the Conversation Starters for your needs ( group work, pairs etc)
- There are two ways of using the Conversation Starters:
  1. Choose a question that is appropriate to your class. Ask students to explore the museum or specific galleries and report back to the group either during your visit or back at school.
  2. Provide pairs or small groups of students with different questions. Students explore the museum or specific galleries and report back to the group.

Volunteers will greet you upon arrival and are available in each gallery to assist.

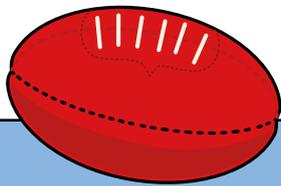


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# GENERAL QUESTIONS TO USE THROUGHOUT THE MUSEUM



Find your **favourite** object in the museum. What is it? Why?



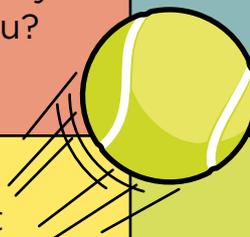
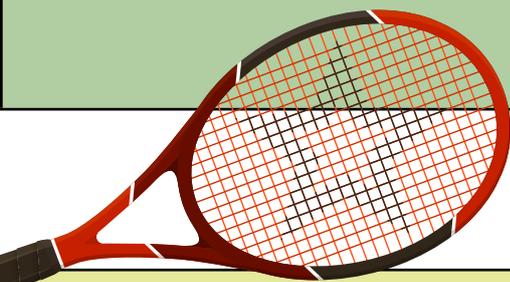
Find an interesting item of **clothing** How old do you think it is and what sport is it associated with? Why does it interest you?

Find a story of an Australian **sports woman** Who is she? What did you learn about her story?

What is your **favourite place** in Australia? Find an object that reminds you of this place. Explain why.

Select an object that relates to an **indigenous Australian** Who is the person? What makes their story interesting for you?

Find an object or story that **inspires you** Why did you select this object or story? Which sportspeople inspire you in general?



## GALLERY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

### FASTER, HIGHER, STRONGER GALLERY UPPER LEVEL

Find as many **animal objects** as you can. What are the biggest and smallest animals you found? Which one was your favourite?

### ORIENTATION AREA UPPER LEVEL

Find something interesting on the **touch trolley** What do you think the object is used for? Create a story about this object.

### BACKYARD TO BAGGY GREEN & CHAMPIONS GALLERY UPPER LEVEL

Find an object that is **older** than you are. Are objects like this still used today? If so, how have they changed?

### MCC MUSEUM UPPER LEVEL

Pick a photograph or painting **imagine** stepping inside this image. Describe what is happening.

### DRAWING A LAUGH! AUSTRALIAN SPORT CARTOONS LOWER LEVEL

Find a cartoon that seems to have a **strong opinion** Do you agree with this opinion or not?

### MULTI SPORTS & AUSTRALIA'S GAME LOWER LEVEL

Find an **unusual** object. What do you think is unusual about it? Use 3 adjectives to describe it.

