



Glasgow Museums New Britain Collection



COLLECTIONS LEVEL DESCRIPTION

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<p>There are eleven items from New Britain.</p> <p>There are three clubs which have a wooden shaft flaring out at the top with a spherical stone head. One of the clubs was donated in 1896 by Dr Alexander Skottowe (recorded on the museum database as Skoltowe) who was a district medical officer in Fiji, 1886-92. Skottowe also gave a bone spoon, a coconut cup, a string of shell money, and two turbo shell arm ornaments from New Britain.</p> <p>There is a carved wooden dance stick acquired in 1894 believed to be from New Britain. It depicts three faces and is decorated with black, red and white pigment. Some cassowary feathers are attached. The collection also includes an anklet of woven cane edged with <i>nassa</i> shells.</p>	
<p>Have any aspects of the collection been published? Please provide bibliographic references if available.</p> <p>Gathercole, P & A. Clarke (1979), <i>Survey of the Oceanian Collections in Museums in the United Kingdom and Ireland</i>. UNESCO.</p> <p>Kwasnik, Elizabeth (ed.) (1994), <i>A Wider World: Collections of Foreign Ethnography in Scotland</i>. National Museums of Scotland</p> <p>Lovelace, A (1992), 'The Pacific Collections at Glasgow Art Gallery and Museum', <i>Pacific Arts, The Journal of the Pacific Arts Association</i>: 19-23</p>	