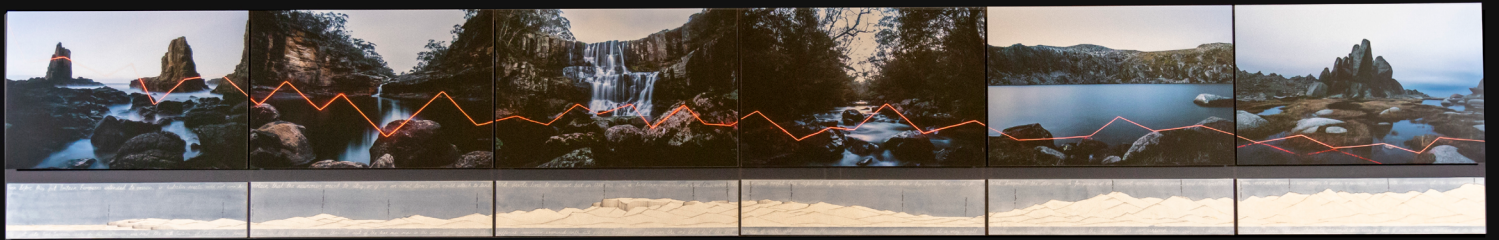


**NICHOLAS WILSON** MEREWETHER HIGH SCHOOL  
*A Land of Great Fertility*  
photomedia on aluminium, artline pen, ink, copic markers,  
dimensions variable

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The work imagines organisms as oversized, living, breathing entities,  
each with their own distinctive personalities.

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## ARTSPACE at home

We have developed ART SPACE AT HOME to give you ideas  
for making art and playing together.



**NICHOLAS WILSON**

### ABOUT THE ARTWORK

‘A Land of Great Fertility’ is an artwork in the *First Class 19* exhibition created by Nicholas Wilson. Nicholas created graphs in the natural landscape using wire. The patterns he made told the story about how the built environment has been quickly growing and impacting upon nature since the arrival of the first fleet.

Please note you will need a Lake Mac Library barcode or card number to access.



### IMAGINATIVE PLAY

**Look at an atlas and open to a map of where you live or open google maps satellite.**

Can you find your house?  
Discuss how many people live here now and how many buildings there are across Australia.

**Look at the map of Australia’s First Nations**

Look how many different nations lived here without impacting on the natural landscape.

Can you design a town that doesn’t hurt the environment?

How would each house look?

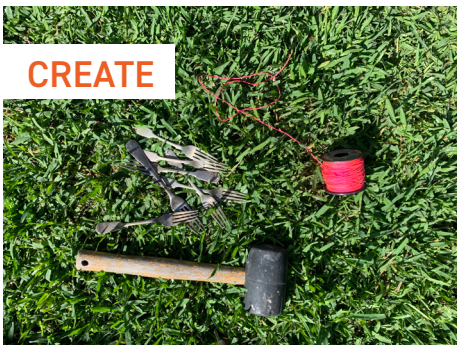
How would it be powered?

What materials would you use to build the town?

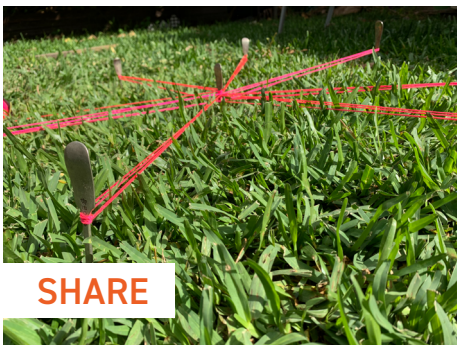
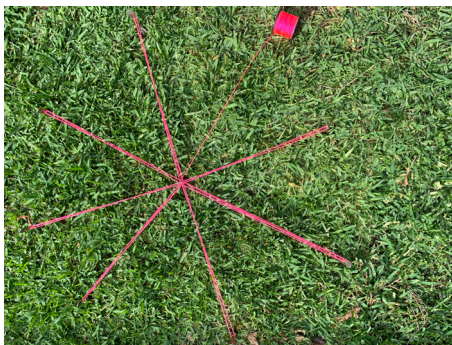


### MORE ARTMAKING

Nicholas created his graphs outside. They were very large. Can you create a large-scale string artwork?  
You could create it in your backyard, on your front fence, or on your bedroom floor.



**CREATE**



**SHARE**



### ARTMAKING WHAT YOU NEED



- Nails or pins or you can use balls of blu tack
- String or yarn/wool
- A magazine or newspaper for collage
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Backing board - a piece of wood/ply or heavy cardboard

### INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Play the video of Nicholas talking about creating his work
- 2 Find images in a magazine that makes you think about how beautiful nature can be and a good example of a building in nature
- 3 Paste the images to your backing board, let dry
- 4 If using timber add nails around the edge. If using cardboard add push pins or blu tac balls
- 5 Create patterns and stories with the string

### MORE ARTMAKING WHAT YOU NEED

- Tent pegs or old forks
- String or yarn/wool

### INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 In your backyard use tent pegs (or old forks) to create a giant string artwork. Or inside using heavy toys as anchor points. You can create this anywhere, even with pegs on to your doona cover.
- 2 Wrap the string around each anchor point (peg) to create a beautiful design that reminds you of shapes you see in nature.

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