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Bogong Moth

Have you seen the striking Bogong mobile display at the National Capital Exhibition? How about making a moth mobile of your own? The more moths you create the larger your 'whisper' of Bogong will become.

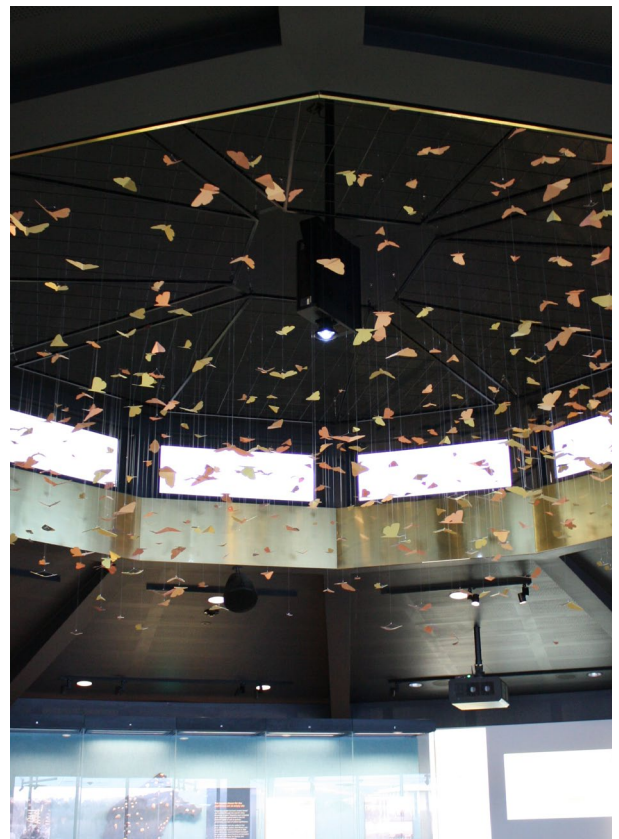
The Bogong moth is significant to Indigenous Australians due to its historical role as an important food source. For thousands of years Indigenous people gathered in the mountains, close to where the National Capital is now, to feast on the moths.

Millions of Bogong moths migrate into the mountains each summer to escape the extreme heat and lack of food further north in Australia. The moths shelter in crevices and caves, making them easy to collect for this feast.

Traditionally, gathered moths were roasted on hot rocks then either eaten immediately or ground into a paste and made into 'moth cakes' that would last some time. The Bogong has a nutty flavour rather like peanut butter. They provide a rich source of fat and protein containing many essential fatty acids for good health.

Representatives of the Ngunnawal people met neighbouring indigenous groups at the borders to their country, welcoming them for feasting, fostering friendships and resolving differences. The National Capital follows on from this ancient human history by being a meeting place for all Australians and the site for our National Parliament.

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Bogong Moth mobile at the NCE



A real Bogong Moth

Image source: CSIRO (SciencelImage) - Entomology

Bogong Moth Origami Instructions



1. Cut a sheet of A4 paper into a square, or use Origami paper from a craft shop. Fold square in half.
2. Fold diagonally.
3. Repeat folding both in half and diagonally to end up with 8 triangular segments.
4. Invert paper to create triangular fold.
5. Turn paper over so that apex of triangle is facing away from you. Lift triangular points at either side of triangle away from you.
6. Fold down triangular points at either side of apex of triangle leaving a gap at either side of central apex. You will end up with three points at the top.
7. Turn paper upside down. Wings of the moth will now appear.
8. Decorate your moth to create colourful markings while moth is still flat.
9. Pinch at centre fold so that wings emerge.
10. Take apex of triangle and tuck underneath.
11. The moth head will now appear.
12. You may like to attach your moths to a branch creating a colourful classroom display.



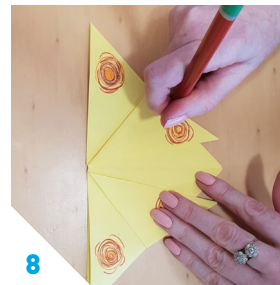
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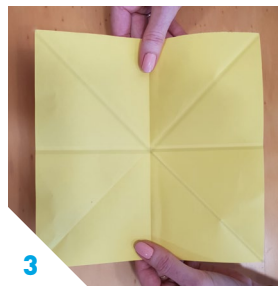
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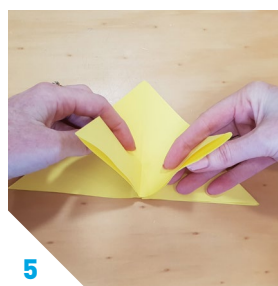
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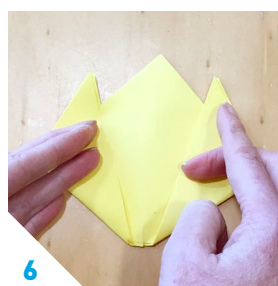
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