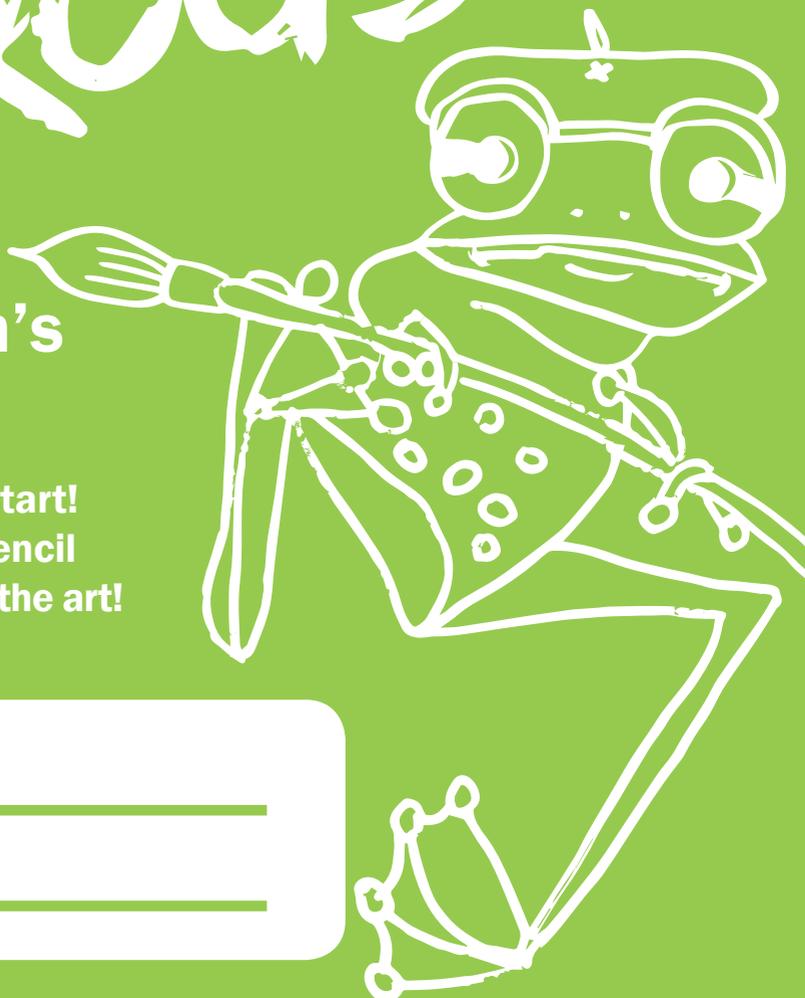


JOHN OLSEN: The City's Son

FLIPPITY FLOPPITY FROGS

**Children's
art trail**

**Let's make a start!
Collect your pencil
and come find the art!**



date:

name:

the artist

John Olsen

John Olsen was born in Newcastle, 1928. He lives and works in the Southern Highlands, New South Wales. John is a painter, drawer, collaborator and visionary.

In early 2016 John Olsen took a special helicopter flight above Newcastle to view the Hunter River. He made sketches of things he liked about the river.



Imagine what your house and its surroundings would look like from a birds eye view. Discuss how rivers and buildings look from above.

Keep an eye out for John Olsen's *Newcastle sketchbook 2016* on display in the Gallery during your visit.

Funny Frog Joke

Q: Why are frogs always happy?

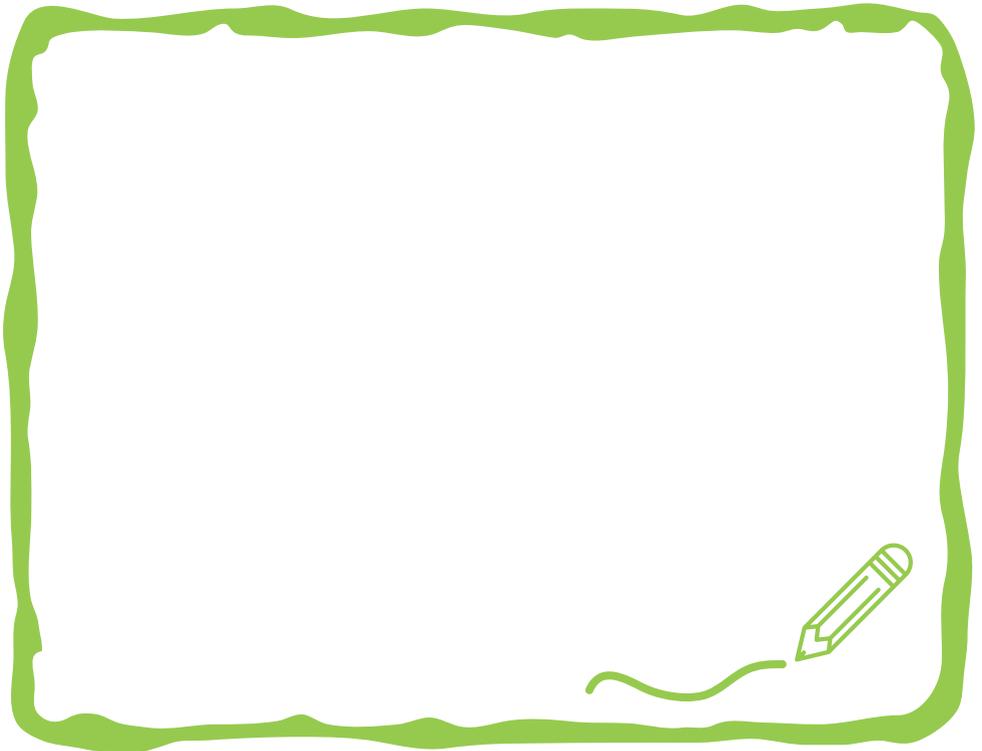
A: Because they eat whatever bugs them!

look up

Welcome

Lie on the Gallery benches and gaze up at the painting on the ceiling. This work of art titled *The sea sun of 5 bells* 1964 celebrates the hustle and bustle of the Sydney Harbour and the sea.

John Olsen has used many kinds of lines in this painting. What lines can you draw? Fill the box below with different lines: *wiggly, wobbly, strokes and dots!*

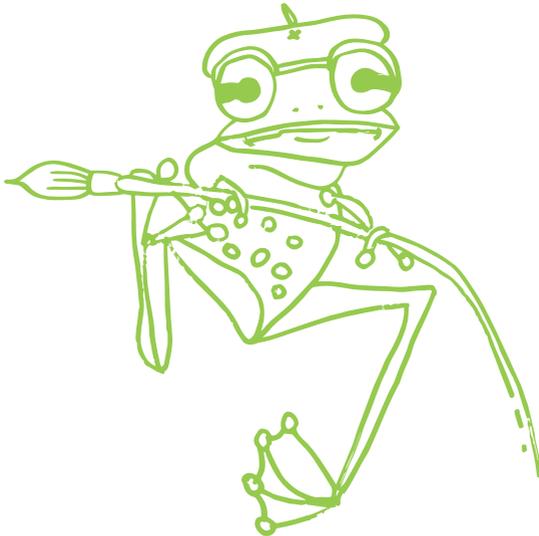


imagine it

Tree frog

The tree frog is a key motif in John Olsen's works of art. He likes the way they swim, their bulbous eyes and long bouncy back legs.

Use your imagination and draw a background for this frog. Where does he live and what is he doing?



Funny Frog Joke

Q: What kind of frog lives in a tree house?

A: A tree frog!

draw it

Wild camels

Can you find the work of art titled *Wild camels* 1976? John Olsen is interested in camels for their distinctive physical qualities. He is fascinated with their long limbs.

What do you find interesting about them? Draw your own quirky camel below!



Funny Frog Joke

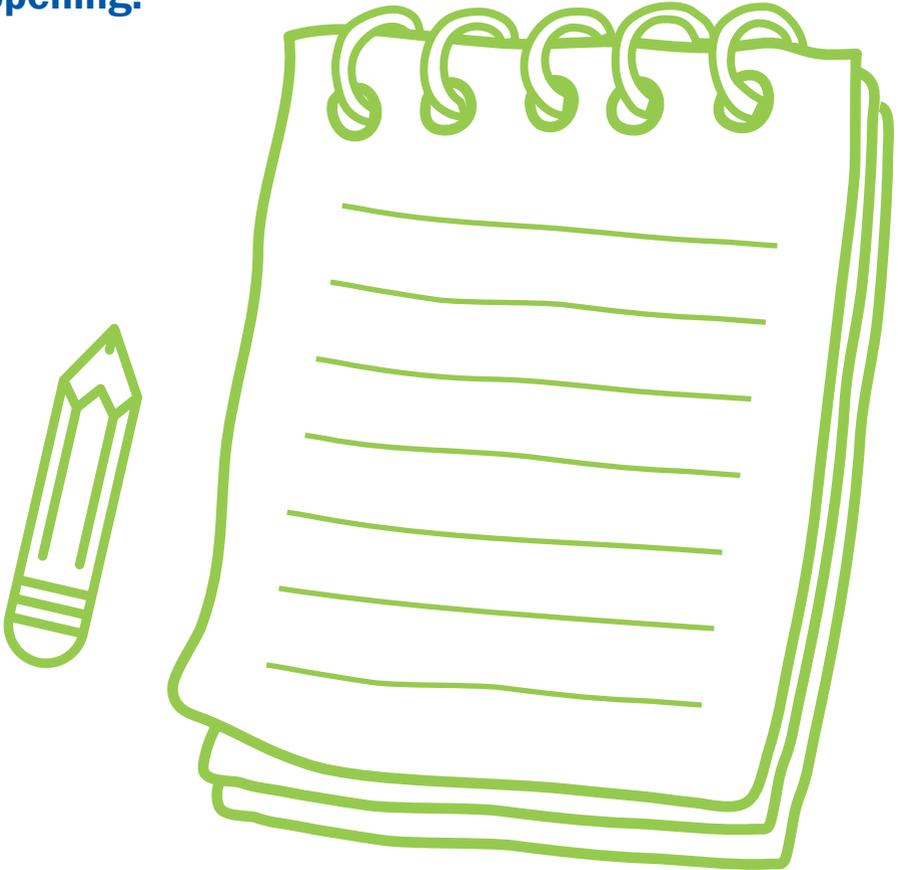
Q: What do you get when you cross a frog with a rabbit?

A: Ribbits!

write it

Finding figures

Take a look at the work of art titled *Myself, eminent philosopher and scientist viewing sea objects 1973*. Write a story or poem based on what you imagine is happening.



Funny Frog Joke

Q: What happens if a frog parks in a bus stop?

A: He gets toad away!

sketch it

Frog and the lake

This frog is dancing around in a lake. The dots you can see are tadpoles and algae.

Draw the rest of this picture. What might the frog and tadpoles like to eat?



Funny Frog Joke

Q: What happens when two frogs catch the same fly?

A: They get tongue-tied!

learn it

Look at Labels

Can you find
the picture
to match
this label?

When and where
the artist was born

Artist name

Did you know?
John Olsen was awarded
an Order of the British Empire
and an Order of Australia

Work of art title and
when it was made

What the work of art
is made from

John OLSEN OBE, AO
born 1928 Newcastle NSW

King Sun & the Hunter 2016

acrylic on linen

Purchased with the assistance of the Les Renfrew Bequest,
Newcastle Art Gallery Foundation, Newcastle Art Gallery Society,
Laurel Bale, Experienced Office Furniture, Peter Frost (in memory
of Denise Frost), Eric Hardman Family Trust, John and Margaret
Tonkin and public donation 2016
Newcastle Art Gallery collection

Who helped to buy
this work of art

Who owns the work of art
(hint: this means you!)



NEWCASTLE ART GALLERY

1 LAMAN STREET NEWCASTLE 2300 | NAG.ORG.AU |  