



## Making Music hands-on activity

This activity involves looking at the showcase display of a bush picnic, identifying objects and gaining an insight into the simple entertainments available to working-class families in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century.

Extracts from the Taylor sisters' diaries describe a bush picnic and the music played and sung on that occasion.

Other social outings, a fatal accident at a picnic and a journey by horse and cart at night bring the leisure time of ordinary people vividly to life.

By trying out these instruments which were cheap, small, lightweight and easy to play, participants will gain an understanding of the social context in which they were used.

Contrasts can be made with leisure activities of the wealthy depicted in the other showcase.

