

Making tracks on a special print is the Hart of the matter

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RUNNER Cathy Freeman is used to making tracks in a race and Geoff Huegill usually makes a splash in the pool and now her footprints and his goggle marks are part of a painting by Sunshine Coast artist David Hart designed to embody the Australian Olympic spirit.

The pair made their marks on the 6m by 3m canvas at the launch of the Telstra Hero Messages campaign in Sydney last week and the painting is now back at Mr Hart's Tanawha studios.

Showing the same sort of ingenuity as his father, Pro, who was known to have used a cannon to fire paint at canvas, David has also adopted some unconventional methods for this piece, getting Freeman to tramp across the canvas in painted shoes, while Huegill stamped paint on the canvas with goggles and rode a bike with painted tyres over it.



THIS SPORTING PAINTING LIFE: David Hart gets in the Olympic spirit with his canvas which he says was a bit of a challenge. "I've had to pull my studio apart to get it in there."

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