

Basic Detail Report



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Title

Picnic held at Lady [sic] Macquarie's Chair Sydney NSW in 1852

Date

c 1852

Primary Maker

J Henderson

Medium

Coloured inks on paper, wooden frame

Dimensions

Overall: 720 x 915 mm

Name

Lithograph

History

Regattas were central to competitive boating in the 19th century and functioned as a social and sporting occasion as well as a marker of official anniversaries in a public aquatic spectacle. Civic leaders, politicians and merchants offered patronage and sponsorship. Community regattas often featured several races, including rowing, sculling and sailing events usually for professional watermen and amateurs. The regatta was not just a means for exercising competitive sport but also a focus for social and recreational entertainment in Sydney. Sites around the foreshore provided a place for spectators to gather and have picnics, while night time entertainment was provided with dances and recitals.