

Basic Detail Report



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Title
Hobart Town 1856

Date
1856

Primary Maker
Henry Gritten

Medium

Oil on canvas

Dimensions

Overall (including frame): 620 × 827 × 60 mm, 3.7 kg

Name
Painting

History

Hobart is the second oldest city in Australia and was developed in 1803 as a penal colony, situated on the Derwent River at the foothills of Mount Wellington. By the 1840s Hobart was a busy port attracting trade ships, whaling vessels, sealing ships and shipbuilders. The settlement was largely dependent on maritime industries and the Derwent River provided an ideal waterway for the town’s growth, being one of Australia's deepest and accessible ports.