

Basic Detail Report



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Title

Photograph of Walter Reeks designed ferry

Date

c 1900

Medium

Photograph

Dimensions

Overall: 75 x 105 mm

Name

Photograph

History

One of two photographs of ferries, one of which has been identified as a Walter Reeks design. Walter Reeks (1861 - 1925) has strong claims to being Australia's first full time professional naval architect. Reeks pioneered the double-ended, sea-going configuration of ferries with the first two propeller driven craft for the service, MANLY 1896 and KU-RING-GAI in 1899. The double ended ferry in this photograph is almost certainly one of these vessels. All the Lady Class ferries up to 1915 (excepting the LADY NAPIER) were designed by Reeks for the Balmain New Ferry Company, and a number featured his unorthodox cambered keel profile or the single push/pull screw arrangement. Reeks also designed ferries for the Vaucluse run including the GREYCLIFFE.