

Basic Detail Report

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Title

Base for New South Wales Centennial Regatta trophy

Date

c 1888

Medium

Glass, metal

Dimensions

Overall: 40 x 395 x 405 mm, 4.8 kg

Name

Trophy base

History

Regattas were central to competitive boating in the 19th century where they functioned as a social and sporting event, as well as a marker of official anniversaries in a public aquatic spectacle. Civic leaders, politicians and merchants offered patronage and sponsorship. Sydney Harbour regattas often featured several races, including rowing, sculling and sailing events usually for professional watermen and amateurs.