Basic Detail Report



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Title

Two women at Botany Bay

Date

c 1924

Medium

Silver gelatin photographic print, paper

Dimensions

Overall: 79 x 132 mm, 0.001 kg

Name

Photograph

History

Botany Bay, like other coastal suburbs, became popular destinations for pleasure seekers from the early 1800's. From the 1840's the tourist market began in earnest and at Botany Bay hotels such as the Sir Joseph Banks catered to the growing trade. This hotel "included attractions for holiday makers such as pleasure grounds, dancing, sporting fixtures and by 1850 a private zoo". By the 1920's shorter working hours, urban expansion and improved public transport saw more and more Australians indulging in leisure activities. A more relaxed approach to beach fashion and accessibility saw women and children able to enjoy the outdoors in greater numbers. Botany Bay was a popular destination as not only did it offer the beach and infrastructure of food and entertainment, it had the historical appeal of being the landing place of Captain Cook.