

Basic Report

Object number:
ANMS0829[057]

Title: Architectural model
of the Australian National
Maritime Museum building
and surrounding wharf with
vessels

Date: 1968

Primary Maker: Max Dupain

Name: Photograph



Object number:
00001259

Title: At Newport, 1952

Date: 1952

Primary Maker: Max Dupain

Medium: Silver gelatin
print on paper

Name: Photograph

History: This photograph
by Max Dupain is one of his
best known. Taken at
Newport Baths on Sydney's
northern beaches, it
encompasses the
"Australianness" that
Dupain became known for.
A beach lover himself,
Dupain shows a natural
affinity for the coastal
landscape and an intimacy
with those swimmers who
also embraced it. The
central figure in the
photograph, the youth
climbing down from the
pools edge, is Peter Heath,
then 14 years old. It is
believed that Heath was
unaware the image was
taken by Dupain until he
received a book of
Dupain's photographs on
his 50th birthday. Heath
was gifted a copy of the
photograph by Dupain
before his death in 1992.



Object number:
00001258

Title: Figures on the beach,
1952

Date: 1952

Primary Maker: Max Dupain

Medium: Paper

Name: Silver gelatin print

History: Dupain preferred
black and white
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the Australian seaside. He
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Object number:
00001255

Title: (Form at) Bondi 1939

Date: 1939

Primary Maker: Max Dupain

Medium: Paper

Name: Silver gelatin print

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Object number:
00001257

Title: Girl kneeling on sand, 1952

Date: 1952

Primary Maker: Max Dupain

Medium: Paper

Name: Silver gelatin print

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Object number:
00001253

Title: Manly Beach, 1938

Date: 1938

Primary Maker: Max Dupain

Medium: Silver gelatin print

Name: Photograph

History: A photograph of the famous Manly beach primarily notable for its artistic quality, but it is also of journalistic interest for the many rubber surfboards which were the rage of the day.

Object number:
ANMS1174[003]
Title: Scrapbook containing
vintage photographs by

Object number:
ANMS1174[001]
Title: Scrapbook relating to
DEER COUNTRY and the Sydney

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ANMS1174[002]
Title: Scrapbook relating to
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vintage photographs by Max Dupain
Date: 1947
Primary Maker: Max Dupain
Medium: Paper
Name: Scrapbook
History: Lars Halvorsen (1887-1936) was a Norwegian boat builder who, after struggling to create a successful boat-building business, migrated firstly to South Africa in 1922, and then after hearing favourable comments about Sydney Harbour, arrived in Australia in 1925. Halvorsen began working from a small rented boat shed in Drummoyne with his eldest son Harold. His first commission was a yacht, and Halvorsen quickly received more work constructing cruising racers. He also began building the first of several 'Missionary boats' for the Seventh Day Adventist church. Needing larger premises, the fledgling business moved to a boat shed at Careening Cove, and in 1927 to Lloyd's yard at Neutral Bay. In 1928 Lars Halvorsen built Sydney's first trailer boat - a dinghy with an outboard motor. In the same year, Halvorsen was given the commission to build the MIRAMAR II. Described in the press as a 'floating palace', it was a 75 foot sea-going motor cruiser and was reportedly the

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00001254

Title: Surf race start, 1940s

Date: 1940s

Primary Maker: Max Dupain

Medium: Ink on paper

Name: Silver gelatin print



Object number:

00001256

Title: Sunbaker, 1937

Date: 1937



Object number:

00001260

Title: Surfboat launch, 1938

Date: 1938



Date: 1937

Primary Maker: Max Dupain

Medium: Paper

Name: Silver gelatin print

History: Dupain preferred black and white

photography to capture the dazzling light and colour of the Australian seaside. He was a leading figure of the modernist New Photography movement in the 1930s and pursued a life long fascination with extremes of light, perspective and its relationship to form. "Max used to say that his punishment in hell would be to print the 'Sunbaker' forever. He reckoned it was one of the most difficult to print because the neg was so poor - stretched and blotchy". ('State of the Art', Number 8, April 1994). "It was taken on some empty South Coast beach, where a group of friends were camping one summer weekend. One, glistening from the surf, flung himself on the sand, pillowed his head on a forearm, and slept in the sun. Another of the group, 26 year old Max Dupain, photographed him as he lay, and the ensuing image, Sunbaker 1937, was to become an Australian icon. Endlessly reproduced in prints, on posters and bookcovers, it

still retains its sheer physical impact, the near-tangible glisten of water and grit of the sand"



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(Sydney Morning Herald, 1
August 1992).



Object number:
00038571

Title: Sydney Harbour
Crepuscle

Date: 1937

Primary Maker: Max Dupain

Medium: Silver gelatin print

Name: Photograph

Object number:
00038310

Title: Tug HERO towing the
sinking ship DAMIR

sailing ship PAMIR

Date: 14 April 1947

Primary Maker: Max Dupain

Medium: Silver gelatin
print, wood, glass

Name: Photograph

History: PAMIR Built by Blohm & Voss in Hamburg, PAMIR was launched in 1905 and joined the fleet of the German company Laeisz primarily for use in the Chilean nitrate trade. After World War I the ship was awarded to Italy as war compensation, but was bought back by Laeisz in 1924 and continued working the trade route around Cape Horn to Chile. PAMIR was later sold to Captain Gustaf Erikson of Finland, and in 1932 the vessel entered the Australian grain trade. It made headlines in February 1934 when it arrived in Sydney from Port Victoria, South Australia and had to lower the topgallant mast in order to pass under the Sydney Harbour Bridge. During World War II the ship changed hands again when she was seized as a war prize while berthed in Wellington, New Zealand in August 1941 - the first ship ever taken in this way in New Zealand. Under the New Zealand flag with Captain Horace Stanley Collier in command, PAMIR made several commercial voyages to Australia. In January 1947, PAMIR brought 750 000 super feet

brought 750,000 super feet of New Zealand timber and stayed in Sydney for three months as a result of minor industrial disputes and the wharf-labourers' strike. One major event during the vessel's sojourn was Sydney's Anniversary Regatta. The 111th Australia Day Regatta was held on the public holiday on 27 January 1947. The PAMIR was the flagship of the regatta and, along with a naval gunboat, was moored at Kurraba Point acting as the starting and finishing line for some 2,000 race participants. In the end, 30 vessels were capsized during the races, a record at the time. In 1948 the vessel was returned to the Erikson Line. PAMIR then sailed from New Zealand to Australia to collect grain before voyaging onto Falmouth, on the journey that confirmed the vessel's status as the last sail ship to carry a commercial load around Cape Horn in July of 1949. As the Erikson fleet became more reliant on steamships, sailing ships such as PAMIR were becoming obsolete and the vessel eventually became a training ship for the German navy. In 1957 tragedy struck en route from Buenos Aires to Hamburg. The ship became caught in a hurricane and sank in the middle of the Atlantic. Of the 86 men

Atlantic. Of the 88 men aboard, only 6 survived to be rescued. The legacy of PAMIR is closely linked to the shipping history of Cape Horn as she was the last commercial sail ship to pass the cape in 1949. HERO The tug HERO, pictured with PAMIR in this image, was a regular feature in the harbours of NSW for nearly 70 years. HERO was built in England in 1892 for towage firm J&T Fenwick and was one of the most powerful tugs of the time. During HERO's long career the tug safely and successfully guided many ships to port including the famous clipper ships CUTTY SARK and THERMOPYLAE. In 1905 HERO was involved in the dramatic rescue of the American barque ABBY PALMER. The tug's crew braved life threatening weather conditions in order to prevent ABBY PALMER from being destroyed against the cliffs at Bondi and to tow the barque to safer waters. HERO came close to disaster several times while performing the often dangerous duties of towage with two near fatal collisions in 1908 and 1929. While berthing British freighter NORTHUMBERLAND in 1940 the tug collided with the ships bow and sank, with the loss of one life. HERO remained at the bottom of Sydney Harbour

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until 1943 when a wartime
shortage of vessels saw
the tug salvaged by the US
Navy. At this stage HERO
was 50 years old, and went
on to serve another 17
years with Fenwicks before
an incident in 1960 with
the ship BULWARRA at Port
Kembla saw HERO
irretrievably sunk.