

ANME Collection Highlights

NSW Department of Public Instruction Certificate issued to participating school students on the occasion of the Public Schools Demonstration to welcome the visit of the American Fleet to Sydney in 1908.

The visit of the United States of America navy fleet to Sydney in 1908 was celebrated extensively in NSW by numerous organizations and state and federal authorities. The Department of Public Instruction organized a large exhibition by public school children at the Sydney Cricket Ground on 26th August 1908. Those children participating in this demonstration were issued a certificate as a memento of this occasion. The ANME is fortunate to have received as a donation an example of the certificate which was issued to pupil Winnie Howe, of Fort Street Model School who took part in the official display.



This framed illustrated lithographic certificate depicts three children waving the Australian and the USA flags upon a background illustrating numerous USA battleships. It carries the signatures of Peter Board, the Director of Education and J. Hague the Minister of Public Instruction. It was designed by W.A. Gullick and printed by H.S. Burton. This polychrome lithographic print measures 253mm x 195mm and the copy described is currently on display in the ANME collection.

From the Flaherty Collection, ANME, Canberra.

Donated by Helen and Philip Flaherty