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## Shear Success

FINE ASIAN, AUSTRALIAN & EUROPEAN ARTS & DESIGN

AUCTION IN MELBOURNE 29 OCTOBER 2013



THE JACKIE HOWE MECHANICAL SHEARS. SOLD FOR \$46,360 OCTOBER 2013

Shear excitement was aroused as the Jackie Howe Mechanical Shears were offered for auction at Sotheby's Australia's Fine Asian, Australian & European Arts & Design sale. With competitive bidding from the telephones and the room the final price was \$46,360 including buyer's premium (IBP) to a telephone bidder (estimate \$15,000-25,000, lot 37, pictured). Presented to Jackie Howe by the Wolseley Company in 1893, for his records in shearing sheep, Howe used the shears for many years, and they have remained in family hands until sold by Sotheby's Australia. The successful bidder cannot be disclosed at the time of this release.



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Sotheby's Australia recorded outstanding results at the evening sale. The auction achieved a total of \$1,241,167 IBP, or 79.30% by volume and 124.13% by value. The carefully selected collection comprised 256 lots of exquisite Chinese ceramics and works of art; designer furniture; European glass and silver; Australian and European paintings and works on paper.

'Sotheby's Australia is delighted with the result of the Jackie Howe Mechanical Shears,' said Geoffrey Smith, Chairman of Sotheby's Australia. 'This was an outstanding result for an item of historical and social significance. The overall results achieved are testament to the quality of works on offer by some of the leading practitioners of Asian, Australian & European arts & design.'

## AT A GLANCE

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29 OCTOBER 2013 | 6 PM

ANZAC HOUSE, 4 COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE

TOTAL SALE INCLUDING BUYER'S PREMIUM \$1,241,167

SOLD BY VALUE 124.13%

SOLD BY VOLUME 79.30%

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**For high resolution images, further information or to arrange an interview with Geoffrey Smith, Chairman, please contact John Keats or Yumeko Leung.**

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