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# 1899 Melbourne Cup Trophy for Auction

Fine Asian Australian & European Arts & Design  
Auction in Melbourne 6 April 2016



The 1899 Melbourne Cup Trophy comprising a silver presentation tray together with a tea and coffee service, Walter, Michael, John, Stanley Barnard with Robert Dubock, tray London 1896 and service London, 1898. Estimate \$60,000-80,000.

One hundred and seventeen years after it was awarded, the 1899 Melbourne Cup Trophy will be presented by Sotheby's Australia for auction on 6 April 2016 in Melbourne. Held in the same private collection for over 80 years, the trophy was first awarded to Mr Herbert Power in 1899 for the Melbourne Cup win by Merriwee. Comprising a silver presentation tray together with a tea and coffee service, the trophy's original value was 100 sovereigns and will be offered for sale with an estimate of \$60,000-80,000.

The Melbourne Cup of 1899 was described as one of the most disappointing events Flemington had ever witnessed. A deluge of rain had discouraged attendances and the track was under water before the start of the race. Named after a lagoon near Condobolin in New South Wales, Merriwee lived up to his name and seemed to appreciate the billabong conditions, leaving the gates in ninth position and by the final straight was in the lead. Merriwee became the fifth horse to win the Victoria Derby / Melbourne Cup double.

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Geoffrey Smith, Chairman of Sotheby's Australia commented: 'Sotheby's Australia is honoured to be entrusted with the sale of the 1899 Melbourne Cup Trophy. We have had a long history of selling racing memorabilia, including the *1867 Queens Plate* and *1867 Melbourne Cup* to the National Museum of Australia in October 2011 for \$720,000'.



Henry Short 1807-1865, photographer  
*"Merriwee", winner of the Melbourne Cup 1899*  
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## AT A GLANCE

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1899 Melbourne Cup won by Merriwee

Owner: Herbert Power

Prize Money: £4,293

Fine Asian, Australian & European Arts & Design

Auction in Melbourne, 41 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, 6 April 2016, 6 pm

Exhibition in Melbourne, 41 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, 31 March – 5 April, 10 am to 5 pm

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