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Sydney's Planning History:

From Go to Woe?

Paul Ashton



Detail from a Mosman map showing subdivisions and land for sale through Richard Hayes Harnett, 10 December 1889 (Local Studies, Mosman Library)

Professor Paul Ashton will discuss how Sydney has been described as an 'accidental city', one with a planning history characterised by opportunistic development and disjointed or abortive attempts at holistic planning. Despite attempts by colonial governors back to Arthur Phillip to regulate urban growth, Sydney grew 'like Topsy'.

Paul is an adjunct professor of public history at the University of Technology Sydney, where he co-established the Australian Centre for Public History in 1999. He is also an adjunct professor at Macquarie University and the University of Canberra. He has authored, co-authored and edited more than 40 books. These include *The Accidental City: Planning Sydney since 1788* (1993).

This talk will, as at previous Mosman Historical Society September meetings in recent years, honour the late Pat Mills, a president of the Society.

Venue: Mosman Library.

Time and date: 7.00 pm, Wednesday 13 September 2023 (immediately following the Annual General Meeting).

All those wishing to attend should contact David Carment, davidcarment@mac.com (preferred) or 0418857182, before Monday 11 September 2023.

Refreshments will be served following the talk.

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