

## **Presents**

## **Collits' Inn: Uncovering the Past**

## Christine Stewart



Collits' Inn, circa 1989 (Wikipedia)

Christine Stewart will discuss her recent book *Collits' Inn: Uncovering the Past, Surprises Found in Restoring this 1823 Australian Icon.* Collits' Inn sits at the foot of Mount York in Hartley Vale, just on the other side of the Blue Mountains. The book is her personal story of restoring one of Australia's earliest inns, which an ex-convict built to welcome travellers who had descended the Blue Mountains on their way to Bathurst and the West. There were many surprises: the Collits Inn operetta written by two Mosman neighbours in 1932, the cemetery, the murder, the many beautiful linoleums, two strange medieval customs, and more.

Christine Stewart is an artist. She also has an Arts degree. In 1998 she and her husband took on the project of restoring the derelict but historic Collits' Inn.

This is the annual 'Pat Mills Tribute Talk'. It honours the late Pat Mills, a former Mosman Historical Society President.

Venue: Mosman Library.

Time and date: 7.00 pm, Wednesday 14 September 2022 (immediately

following the Annual General Meeting).

All those wishing to attend should contact David Carment, <a href="mailto:davidcarment@mac.com">davidcarment@mac.com</a> (preferred) or 0418857182, before Monday 12 September 2022. It may be possible for the Annual General Meeting and the talk to also be on Zoom. Please advise David if you are interested in using this option.

Refreshments will be served following the talk.