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**Strung Out or Seduced? Exploring the Scandalous  
*Queen of Nations* Shipwreck  
*Peter Hobbins***



*Queen of Nations*'s intended destination: Fred B Schell, *Port Jackson Heads* (with Hornby Lighthouse), 1888, Australian National Maritime Museum 00001102

In 1881 the barque *Queen of Nations* was bound for Sydney when, seemingly inexplicably, it sailed straight onto a beach just north of Wollongong. Why would its master make such an error of judgement so close to safe harbour? With the crew alleging that the captain was drunk, is there more to the story of this highly significant shipwreck?

Dr Peter Hobbins is Head of Content at the Australian National Maritime Museum in Darling Harbour. As a historian his research focuses on the development – and disasters – surrounding medicine, aviation, maritime and defence technologies.

**Venue:** Mosman Library.

**Time and date:** 7.00 pm, Wednesday 13 March 2024.

All those wishing to attend should contact David Carment, [davidcarment@mac.com](mailto:davidcarment@mac.com) (preferred) or 0418857182, before Monday 11 March 2024.

**Refreshments will be served following the talk.**

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