

Sue Rosen & Associates



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Sue Rosen becomes Dr Sue Rosen

HAAH's Director Sue Rosen is to be awarded a doctorate by the University of Western Sydney for her thesis, *'That Den of Infamy', the No.2 Stockade, Cox's River: An historical investigation into the construction, in the 1830s, of the Western Road from Mt Victoria to Bathurst by a convict workforce.* Sue's exhaustive research and penetrating analysis brings the stockade at Cox's River to life, in all its political and physical complexity, examining the making of the Western Road through the eyes of every party - from the Governor, to the convicts clearing stumps and breaking rocks for the new road. She reveals a world driven and controlled by the conflicting aims of punishment and progress - not a chaotic lack of rationale, as many have argued, but an order frustrated by competing ideologies.



HAAH and Worley Parsons assess 228th concrete bridge for RTA



With Dr Sid French of Worley Parsons, the HAAH team last month completed a fourth major heritage study of RTA controlled bridges, a group of 77 Pre-1948 Reinforced Concrete Beam Bridges, Northern, Hunter and Western Regions, NSW. At last count, we have assessed the significance of 228 concrete bridges for the RTA since 2003, and have gained a new respect and appreciation of reinforced concrete in the process.

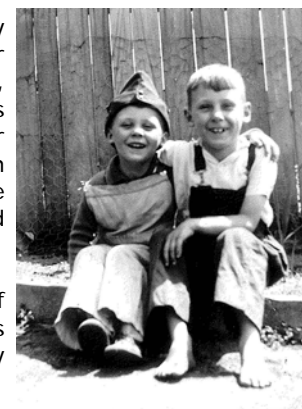


Sue Rosen presents 2006 Margaret Barry Memorial Lecture

On Thursday August 17th, Dr Sue Rosen will present the 2006 Margaret Barry Memorial Lecture at the Redfern Town Hall, an event organised by the Inner Sydney Regional Council for Social Development. Marg Barry was an activist, campaigning for affordable housing and for a sustainable community of residents of all walks of life in South Sydney. Her campaign started in the 1970s when her own home in Raglan Street, Waterloo was to be demolished and replaced with Housing Commission high rise. She banded together with Jack Munday and the Builders' Labourers Federation, helped created the Green Bans movement and saved her street. (*Good Weekend*, August 12, 1995)

Sue's lecture "We Never Had a Hotbed of Crime" will explore the rich fabric of Inner Sydney community in the 20th century, through the voices of local residents who participated in the South Sydney Oral History Project conducted in the early 1990s.

If you'd like to attend the lecture and launch of the South Sydney Consortium (17th August, 3.30 - 5pm, Redfern Town Hall, 73 Pitt Street Redfern) please RSVP by 11th Aug, ph. 9698 7690 or by email innerv@iinet.net.au.



Rosemary Kerr celebrates Ten Years with HAAH

Last month, Rosemary Kerr celebrated the tenth anniversary of her association with HAAH. Champagne and strawberries were consumed at the local Epping Hotel. Sue and Rosemary met in July 1996, when Rosemary began to assist Sue in editing the transcripts of the South Sydney Oral History Project. Rosemary was working as an accountant, and had just completed an Honours Degree in history at Sydney University.

She was thrilled to have a start in history, saying that her career change is 'the best thing I've ever done!' Since then, Rosemary and Sue have collaborated on a fascinating array of history and heritage projects. Some of Rosemary's favourites have been the Conservation Plan for Sydney University and Grounds, where she was able to contribute to the policy side of the report as an historian; the creation of a family and corporate archive for the Woods Family and Woods Great Peppermint Cure Company; and HAAH's recent assessments of bridges for the Roads and Traffic Authority.



The history and heritage of hotels holds a particular appeal for Rosemary - pub architecture and the people, stories and dynamic social scenes that develop inside them. She has contributed to assessments, Conservation Plans and recordings of hotels such as the Tea Gardens Hotel at Bondi Junction, Star Hotel at Newcastle and the Palisade Hotel, Millers Point.

HAAH continues to grow and develop as a centre of excellence in heritage and history and Rosemary is keen to be part of what promises to be an exciting future.

HAAH wins Hornsby Heritage Award



HAAH's Emma Dortins recently compiled and edited a history of Beecroft Children's Library in collaboration with the Library sub-Group of the Beecroft/Cheltenham History Society, *Beecroft Children's Library - Giving the Gift of Reading, 1942 - 1998*. The book won an award in the Hornsby Shire Council Heritage Awards, 2006. Mayor Berman said:

"Beecroft Children's Library - Giving the Gift of Reading, 1942 - 1998 has made an outstanding contribution to the education and promotion of heritage in the Shire, providing an invaluable history of an important community service and insight into the history of the local community."

Copies are available from HAAH ph. 9876 1655 or Suzanne Kelly ph. 9875 1337 for a cost of \$15 each

Bondi DA sails through with help from HAAH



HAAH's Rosemary Kerr prepared a Heritage Impact Statement for 58 Imperial Avenue Bondi in January. Architect Robert Chin has designed an extension to this heritage item which minimises the impact on the house's heritage values, preserving the bungalow form in views from the street.

Our report, prepared with HAAH's architectural advisor, Martin Pickrell, recommended that the works be allowed to proceed. Waverley Council has given the go-ahead.