



HISTORYWEEK 2007 - LIVING WITH THE LEGACIES

A talk by NSW Government Architect, Peter Mould

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LOCATION *Tusculum*, 3 Manning Street, Potts Point, 2011, Sydney

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Governor Lachlan Macquarie appointed emancipist Francis Greenway as NSW's inaugural Colonial Architect in 1816. Greenway was responsible for the design of some of the most significant public buildings in NSW, including the Hyde Park Barracks and the Conservatorium of Music.

Macquarie's decision to appoint a Colonial Architect would prove to be a foresighted one, and would lead to the formation of the Colonial Architect's Branch within the Department of Public Works in 1856.

Today, the NSW Government Architect's Office continues the almost 200 year old legacy of designing and overseeing the construction of public buildings throughout Sydney and NSW.

These include courthouses, libraries, hospitals, gaols and schools. The Government Architect's Office is also charged with the responsibility of ensuring the ongoing life of those public buildings designed and built in the 19th and 20th centuries.

In this talk for History Week 2007, the NSW Government Architect Peter Mould will discuss the role of the Government Architect's Office in designing public buildings throughout Sydney and NSW over the past two centuries, and the challenges of adapting these buildings for contemporary uses.

This talk will appeal to those interested in the built environment of Sydney and NSW, especially architects, historians and flâneurs.