Pre-European Aboriginal settlement within the City of Randwick – bibliography

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A Dedication

As a tribute to the stimulating research undertaken by Eileen Price durig her time with Randwick and District Historical Society Inc (1987 to 200&), historial Pauline Curby has submitted a list of resources to initiate further exploration of the life-style of the Aboriginal people living in the Radnwick area at the time of European settlement.

Eileen's work on the Market Gardens of Randwick had begun an evaluation of how land use affect European settlement.

Further exploration and documentation of Aboriginal land use and care of country would build on her significant contributions to Randwick and District Historical Society Inc. and continue on for for the long-term interests of the Society.

Eileen also served as Vice-President, Treasurer and member of the Management Committee.

Ellen Waugh

Eileen Price (far right) with other members of the RDHS: (left to right) Ellen Waugh, Jeannette McHugh, Enid Simpson, and Joseph Waugh – on the lawns in front of the Blacket Buidling at the Prince of Wales Hospital, 1990s.

Eileen Price – An appreciation

Eileen Price made a dramatic entrance to Randwick and District Historical Society Inc. (RDHS) with the words:

> *"Why is everyone interested in Randwick's grand houses – Randwick's roots lie with the market gardens."*

The result was her first publication for the Society: ***Some Market Gardeners in Randwick & Coogee 1840-1880".***

She went on to dispel a myth that The Spot was a settlement for the poor by publishing a history of The Spot 1850-1890 showing the role of resident landowners – the Walshs from Kilkenny, Ireland and the Stewarts from Stirling inf Scotland.

Eileen also undertook a walk through "Stuggletown" and the near-by stables used by the racing community in Randwick.

Another excursion was accompanied by a booklet with colour illustrations, ***"Inspections of three building of the Order of the Sacred Heart – Kensington and Randwick, May 23 1998"***. While there, the geographical significance of the site was explored.

While the Anglican community of Sydney held special functions at St. Jude's, the Catholic monastery had an active influence throughout the Pacific.

Eileen's curiousity led her on to begin assembling maps of Randwick that showed watercourses no longer visible in their natural form.

The link with Aboriginal use and care of the land, prior to European settlement has have now become and interest for researchers nationally. Professor Karskens of University of NSW has already initiated exploration of Aboriginal land use in the City of Sydney area and currently has a doctoral student doing research on forebears of the Aboriginal people living at La Perouse in the Randwick area. He is being helped by an Aboriginal who has a doctorate from Sydney University.

It would be a fitting continuance of Eileen's challenging curiosity that Aboriginal land use in the Randwick area be acknowledged as part of our history.

I feel privileged to write this appreciation of Eileen's contribution to RDHS, and look forward to continuing original revelations of Randwick's histoy.

Ellen Waugh

References:

- Bammage, Bill., *The Biggest Estate on Earth: how Aboringines made Australia*. Sydney : Allen & Unwin, 2011
- Ogden, John , *Saltwater people of the fatal shore : Sydney's Southern Beaches*. Avalon, NSW : Cyclops Press, 2012
- Waugh, Joseph, (editor*). Aboriginal People of the Eastern Coast of Sydney : Source Documents*, Randwick, NSW : Randwick & District Historical Society Inc.. 2001.

The Brief

This project seeks to identify published and unpublished material documenting pre-European Aboriginal settlement in the area within the City of Randwick.

Methodology

The consultant conducted on line searches of the following repositories:

- SLNSW including the PHA collection
- IATSIS
- AHIMS
- Heritage Library, NSW Department of Environment & Heritage
- Australian Museum - http://library.austmus.gov.au/firstamPublic/
- University of Sydney, NSW Archaeology Online: Grey Literature Archive
- She visited the Heritage Library at 3 Marist Place, Parramatta
- Made contact with Paul Irish, PhD candidate at the University of NSW paulirish@optusnet.com.au whose research project is: 'Aboriginal people in 19th century Sydney'. He is happy for RDHS to contact him.

She spoke on the phone to:

- Cheryl Brown, NSW Department of Environment & Heritage
- Randwick & District Historical Society member Ellen Waugh

She tried to contact CEO of La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council by email and phone but had no response.

The bibliography

This survey revealed that there is a dearth of material documenting pre-European Aboriginal settlement in the area within the City of Randwick. The *Excel* spreadsheet (attached), sent to me in 2007, lists sites as recorded in NPWS AHIMS. I conducted a basic search in the current AHIMS system (attached) on an area slightly larger than Randwick local government area (LGA) as no provision is made for searches by LGA. Considering heritage research is often conducted by LGA this means the system is not as useful as it could be. An extensive search (attached).

An extensive search was also made at the Heritage Library, NSW Department of Environment & Heritage. While a number of relevant reports were found, only one contained any level of detail on pre-European Aboriginal settlement in the area within the City of Randwick. [1] These reports are listed and extracts have been copied to CD. Potentially useful

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[1] Godden Mackay Pty Ltd.; New South Wales. Dept. of Health.;Austral Archaeology Pty Ltd.; Heritage Council of New South Wales.;
Archaeological investigation Randwick Destitute Children's Asylum cemetery : volume 2 : archaeology, parts 3,4, and 5 / prepared for South Eastern Sydney Area Health Service, Heritage Council of NSW and the NSW Department of Health by Godden Mackay Pty Ltd.
1997 12.

material at other repositories searched is also listed. Useful sources (mainly secondary) are also listed. The appendix indicates the terms used when searching the Heritage Library.

Heritage Library, NSW Department of Environment & Heritage

(see also Appendix 1)

http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/Heritage/research/library.htm

These reports were examined. Extracts from some have been copied to CD.

Part 3 of this report below was the most useful and detailed and was copied in its entirety:

45/ Details
Author: Godden Mackay Pty Ltd.; New South Wales. Dept. of Health.; Austral Archaeology Pty Ltd.; Heritage Council of New South Wales.;
Title: *Archaeological investigation Randwick Destitute Children's Asylum cemetery : volume 2 : archaeology, parts 3,4, and 5* / prepared for South Eastern Sydney Area Health Service, Heritage Council of NSW and the NSW Department of Health by Godden Mackay Pty Ltd.
Date: 1997 12.
Subject: Excavations (Archaeology); Cemeteries.;
Doc Type: Monograph

Relevant extracts were copied from the following:

8/ Details
Author: Cultural Resources Management.;
Title: *Prince of Wales Hospital medical research institute project Stage 2A : Archaeological investigation destitute children's assylum cottages / for Winton Associates on behalf of The Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute by Cultural Resources Management. [Variant title:Archaeological excavation Randwick destitute assylum cottages]*
Date: 2011.
Subject: Prince of Wales Hospital (Randwick, N.S.W.); Excavations (Archaeology) - New South Wales - Randwick.;
Doc Type: Monograph

39/ Details
Author: Sydney Water Corporation.;Archaeological Management & Consulting Group Pty Ltd.;Carney, Martin D.;
Title: *Baseline archaeological assessment & research design report of valve & mains renewals in four packages of work, Sydney, NSW / Archaeological Management & Consulting Group Pty Ltd.*
Date: 1999.
Subject: Historic sites.; Excavations (Archaeology); Archaeology.;
Doc Type: Monograph

65/ Details
Author: Anne Bickford and Associates.;
Title: *Destitute Children's Asylum Randwick 1852 - 1916 : archaeological assessment of the site of the cemetery*.
Date: 1993.
Subject: Excavations (Archaeology);Cemeteries.;
Doc Type: Monograph

75/ Details
Author: Kass, Terry.;
Title: *The Bare Island and La Perouse monuments historic sites, La Perouse: an historic investigation* / for NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service by Terry Kass.
Date: 1989.
Subject: Historic sites - New South Wales - Randwick - Conservation and restoration.;La Perouse (N.S.W.);Bare island (N.S.W.);
Doc Type: Monograph
Call no: Q994.41 LAPE

3/ Details
Author: Mary Dallas Consulting Archaeologists.;
Title: *Archaeological reconnaissance of Lot 1 DP 706164, Cape Banks*
Date: 1993.
Subject: Historic sites - Conservation and restoration.;Excavations (Archaeology);Aboriginal sites.;
Doc Type: Monograph

A number of these were from the office of Godden Mackay P/L:

60/ Details
Author: Eastern Sydney Area Health Service (N.S.W.);Godden Mackay Pty Ltd.;
Title: *Randwick Destitute Childrens Asylum Cemetery 1853 - 1915: statement of significance /* report prepared for Eastern Sydney Area Health Service by Godden Mackay.
Date: 1995 05.
Subject: Cemeteries.;Excavations (Archaeology);
Doc Type: Monograph

59/ Details
Author: Godden Mackay Pty Ltd.;
Title: *Randwick Destitute Children's Asylum cemetery : archaeological investigation research design* / Austral Archaeology, Godden Mackay Pty Ltd.
Date: 1995 12.
Subject: Excavations (Archaeology);Cemeteries.;
Doc Type: Monograph

48/ Details
Author: Godden Mackay Pty Ltd.;New South Wales. Dept. of Health.; Prince of Wales Project 1995 (Hospital); Austral Archaeology Pty Ltd.;Heritage Council of New South Wales.;

Title: *Archaeological investigations Randwick Destitute Children's Asylum cemetery : volume 1 : main report* / prepared for South Eastern Sydney Area Health Service, Heritage Council of NSW and the NSW Department of Health by Godden Mackay Pty Ltd.
Date: 1997 12.
Subject: Excavations (Archaeology);Cemeteries.;
Doc Type: Monograph

52/ Details
Author: Godden Mackay Pty Ltd.;
Title: *Archaeological investigations Randwick Destitute Children's Asylum cemetery : interim report* / Godden Mackay Pty Ltd.
Date: 1996 05.
Subject: Cemeteries.;Excavations (Archaeology);
Doc Type: Monograph

53/ Details
Author: Godden Mackay Pty Ltd.;
Title: *Archaeological investigations Randwick Destitute Children's Asylum cemetery : interpretation guidelines* / Godden Mackay Pty Ltd.
Date: 1996 06.
Subject: Excavations (Archaeology);Cemeteries.;
Doc Type: Monograph

54/ Details
Author: Godden Mackay Pty Ltd.;
Title: *Archaeological investigations Randwick Destitute Children's Asylum cemetery : summary report* / Godden Mackay Pty Ltd.
Date: 1996 03.
Subject: Cemeteries.;Excavations (Archaeology);
Doc Type: Monograph

Other reports examined – nothing relevant found:

46/ Details
Author: Godden Mackay Pty Ltd.;New South Wales. Dept. of Health.;Austral Archaeology Pty Ltd.;Heritage Council of New South Wales.;
Title: *Archaeological investigation Randwick Destitute Children's Asylum cemetery : volume 3 : physical anthropology* / prepared for South Eastern Sydney Area Health Service, Heritage Council of NSW and the NSW Department of Health by Godden Mackay Pty Ltd.
Date: 1997 12.
Subject: Cemeteries.;Excavations (Archaeology);
Doc Type: Monograph

47/ Details
Author: Godden Mackay Pty Ltd.;New South Wales. Dept. of Health.;Austral Archaeology Pty Ltd.;Heritage Council of New South Wales.;
Title: *Archaeological investigation Randwick Destitute Children's Asylum cemetery : volume 4 : plans final report* / prepared for South Eastern Sydney Area Health Service, Heritage Council of NSW and the NSW Department of Health by Godden Mackay Pty Ltd.

Date: 1997 12.
Subject: Excavations (Archaeology);Cemeteries.;
Doc Type: Monograph

49/ Details
Author: Godden Mackay Pty Ltd.;New South Wales. Dept. of Health.;Austral Archaeology Pty Ltd.;Heritage Council of New South Wales.;
Title: *Archaeological investigations Randwick Destitute Children's Asylum cemetery : volume 2 : archaeology, parts 1 and 2* / prepared for South Eastern Sydney Area Health Service, Heritage Council of NSW and the NSW Department of Health by Godden Mackay Pty Ltd.
Date: 1997 12.
Subject: Excavations (Archaeology); Cemeteries.;
Doc Type: Monograph

62/ Details
Author: Kate Sullivan & Associates;
Title: *Background paper prepared for interim conservation policy workshop re the Cemetery of the Randwick Destitute Children's Asylum (1853 - 1915)* / Kate Sullivan & Associations.
Date: 1994 c.
Subject: Cemeteries.; Excavations (Archaeology);
Doc Type: Monograph

57/ Details
Author: Eastern Sydney Area Health Service (N.S.W.);
Title: *Conservation policy for the cemetery : Randwick Destitute Children's Asylum 1853 - 1915* / prepared by Eastern Sydney Area Health Service.
Date: 1995 06.
Subject: Historic sites - Conservation and restoration.;Cemeteries.; Excavations (Archaeology);
Doc Type: Monograph

61/ Details
Author: Eastern Sydney Area Health Service (N.S.W.). Capital Works Unit.;
Title: *Randwick Destitute Childrens Asylum Cemetery 1853 - 1915 : strategic management plan for the management proposal of the site /* prepared by Capital works Unit, Eastern Sydney Area Health Service.
Date: 1995 02.
Subject: Cemeteries.; Excavations (Archaeology);
Doc Type: Monograph

2/ Details
Author: Kate Sullivan & Associates.;
Title: *Implementation issues for consideration in the formulation of a conservation and development policy cemetery site, Randwick Children's Asylum* / Kate Sullivan & Associations.
Date: n.d.
Subject: Excavations (Archaeology); Cemeteries.;

Doc Type: Monograph
Call no: Q 718.8 KAT

University of Sydney, NSW Archaeology Online: Grey Literature Archive

http://nswaol.library.usyd.edu.au/index.jsp;jsessionid=E84B28B866F1FA3B930301CC5D412482?page=home

These sources, available on line, may be of some value:

8
Title *Aboriginal - European Interaction Re-Considered: Exploring Potential Directions for an Archaeology of Culture Contact in the Sydney Region*.
ADD

Author: Hardy V.
Organisation: University of Sydney
Date of Production 1998
NSW Historic Theme Aboriginal cultures and interactions with other cultures
Site Location Sydney Region
County Cumberland
Document Type Thesis/Student paper
Original Document Quality Original master copy
Contributor USyD SOPHI Theses Library
Matches:
4 hits ...area such as La Perouse where Aboriginal and white families...
...memories of Aboriginal people who have liyed at La Perouse [...
...La Perouse : the place, the people and the sea / a collection of writing by members of the Aboriginal...

Similar Items: Find

9
Title *La Perouse and Bare Island Historic Sites. Conservation Plan. Joint consultant with the Department of Public Works, NSW.*
Add

Author: N/A
Organisation: Edward Higginbotham and Associates Pty Ltd.
Client: National Parks and Wildlife Service
Date of Production: 1989
NSW Historic Theme: Defence
Site Location: La Perouse and Bare Island, Botany Bay, N.S.W
County : Cumberland
Local Government Area: Randwick City Council
Document Type: Heritage/Conservation
Original Document Quality: Original master copy
Contributor: Edward Higginbotham Collection
Matches:

2 hits ...La Perouse. They are listed as follows: Inventory number Description Theme 66 Aboriginal.....La Perouse and Bare Island Historic Sites Historical Archaeology 2.11. Miscellaneous themes, including Aboriginal...

IATSIS

http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/collections/library.html

This may be of some use:

Selected bibliography of material on the Dharug / Daruk / Darug ...
Page 1. Compiled by Eleanor Galvin, AIATSIS Library, January 2013 *http://aiatsis.gov.au/library/languagebibs.html* 1 Selected bibliography ... *www.aiatsis.gov.au/_files/library/language_people_bibliographies/Darug_Daruk_Dharug_Jan_13.pdf-2013-03-26*

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Angas, G. *Savage Life and Scenes in Australia and New Zealand: being an Artist's Impressions of Countries and People at the Antipodes, Vol. 1*, Smith, Elder & Co. London, 1847.

Attenbrow, Val, *Sydney's Aboriginal Past, Investigating the Archaeological and Historical Records*, UNSWP, Kensington, 2002.

Dawes, W. *Vocabulary of the language of NSW in the neighbourhood of Sydney*, School of Oriental and African Studies, ML 41645 (2nd.pt.) (c)-(d).

Goodall, H., *Invasion to Embassy, Land In Aboriginal Politics In New South Wales, 1770-1972*, Allen & Unwin, St Leonards, 1996

Lycett, J, *Views in Australia, or, NSW & Van Diemen's Land delineated: in 50 Views with descriptive letter press*, London, J. Souter, 1824 [1825]

Marriott, EW (ed) *The Memoirs of Obed West: a portrait of early Sydney*, Barcom Press, Bowral, NSW, 1988.

Miles, WA, 'How did the natives of Australia become acquainted with the demigods and daemonia, and with the superstitions of the ancient races? And how have many oriental words been incorporated in their dialects and languages?' in Journal of the Ethnological Society of London, V3; 1854, held at the Australian Museum

Nugent, M. *Botany Bay, Where Histories Meet,* Allen & Unwin, Crows Nest, 2005.

Protos, A. *The Road to Botany Bay, the story of Frenchmans Road Randwick, an Exploration of the journals of La Perouse and the First Fleet Writers*, RDHS, 2000.

Ridley, W. *Kamilaroi and other Australian Languages*, Thomas Richards, Sydney, 1875.

Stewart K. & Percival, B. *Bush Foods of NSW, a Botanic Record and an Aboriginal Oral History*, Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, 1997

Townsend, JP, *Rambles and Observations in NSW: with Sketches of men and manners, … Aborigines ,… scenery, and some hints to emigrants*, Chapman & Hall, London, 1849.

Troy, J. *The Sydney Language*, produced with the assistance of the Australian Dictionaries Project and Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, Canberra, 1993.

Von Hugel, C F., *New Holland journal: November 1833-October 1834*, D. Clark, (translated & edited by). Melbourne University Press (Miegunyah Press in association with the State Library of NSW, Melbourne, 1994.

Waugh, Joseph (ed), *Aboriginal People of the Eastern Coast of Sydney, Source Documents* Randwick and District Historical Society, 2001

Wells, W. H. *A geographical dictionary or gazetteer of the Australian colonies, 1848*, Council of the Library of NSW, Sydney, 1970.

Worgan, G. B. *Journal of a First Fleet Surgeon*, Library Council of NSW, 1978

The following are the two most useful of the secondary sources:

Attenbrow, Val, *Sydney's Aboriginal Past, Investigating the Archaeological and Historical Records*, UNSWP, Kensington, 2002, esp. pp. 6, 12, 13, 56, 93, plate 12, 124, 155.

Waugh, Joseph (ed), *Aboriginal People of the Eastern Coast of Sydney, Source Documents* Randwick and District Historical Society, 2001. - A number of reports reprinted in Waugh's compilation have not been listed separately e.g. Campbell, pp. 46-62; Etheridge & Whitelegge, pp. 63-78. As RDHS is the publisher of this work it is assumed these sources are well known to the Society.

Appendix

Searches in Heritage Library

http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/Heritage/research/library.htm

Searched were done using these terms:

Anzac Rifle Range
Arthur Byrne Reserve
Australian Golf Club
Bare Island
Boora Point
Botany Bay National Park
Brotherson Dock
Buchan Point
Bumborah Point
Bunnerong
Cape Banks
Centennial Park
Chifley
Clovelly
Congwong Bay
Coogee
Cruwee Cove
Dolphins Point
Frenchmans Bay
Gordons Bay
Heffron Park
Henry Head
Kensington
Kingsford
La Perouse
Little Bay
Long Bay
Lurline Bay
Magic Point
Malabar
Maroubra
Matraville
Mistral Point
Molineux Point
NSW Golf Club
Phillip Bay
Port Botany
Randwick
Randwick Racecourse
Shark Point
Tom Caddy Point
UNSW
Yarra Bay