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CALLAN PARK'S HISTORY: WHAT IS IT GOOD FOR?

ZOOM SEMINAR FOR HISTORY WEEK

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83517158155>

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Meeting ID: 835 1715 8155

SUNDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2020

2:30 – 4:30 pm with Q&A

DR STEPHEN GAPPS, President of the History Council of NSW, and author of *The Sydney Wars: Conflict in the Early Colony 1788-1817*

Local histories are never really confined to buildings or places but sprawl across landscapes and over time. In this talk Stephen will consider the value of community history in the context of understanding our broader relationships with the past in the present and why this important work still has so much to be done, and in many cases, to be re-done.

SARAH LUKE, author of *Callan Park, Hospital for the Insane (2018)*
Remembering those who dwell in the margins: Callan Park and the 'Vernon Boys'

Sarah explores the relationship between Callan Park and the Nautical School Ships, *Vernon* and *Sobraon*, moored permanently at Cockatoo Island between 1867 - 1911 for the reception of homeless and often criminal boys. Both institutions were home to marginalised groups in society. Today they are generally regarded as 'awkward' moments in the history of NSW; they are misunderstood and, in some cases, have been deliberately forgotten or distorted. Sarah will trace the stories of a patient at Callan Park and his son, one of the *Vernon* boys, and members of a colourful Colonial family – and consider the benefits of knowing the past at these two significant sites.

REGISTRATION Not required. Just join Zoom on 13 September at 2:15pm we will be starting promptly a 2:30pm

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