

# Parramatta Female Factory Friends Inc.

## Bi-Monthly Guest Speakers' Programme - 2023



**WHEN:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 1pm

**WHERE:** Parramatta Female Factory  
Friends Rooms, the 'Greenway' Matron's Quarters  
5 Fleet Street, North Parramatta  
**NO parking onsite - Limited on street parking.**



**NATIONAL  
HERITAGE  
PLACE**

**GUEST SPEAKER: Dr Jillian Comber, B.A., Litt.B., PhD, J.P.**

**TOPIC: Aboriginal history and archaeology of the Parramatta North Precinct**

Jillian Comber, the Director of Comber Consultants is an archaeologist, cultural heritage specialist, university lecturer and researcher with over 30 years' experience in Aboriginal archaeology and cultural heritage management.

She has a detailed knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal archaeology and heritage of Parramatta having undertaken an extensive number of assessments and excavations within Parramatta.

Jillian directed the Aboriginal archaeological excavations at the Parramatta North Precinct uncovering over 1,500 artefacts and gaining considerable information about Aboriginal occupation within North Parramatta. By comparing this information with the results from other excavations undertaken by her in Parramatta she has been able to develop a detailed picture of the pre-contact life of Aboriginal people within Parramatta.

In addition, Jillian has directed many excavations across New South Wales, Queensland and Tasmania developing a deep understanding of Aboriginal Australia. She has written an extensive number of reports and publications about Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal archaeology and cultural heritage.

Jillian has numerous awards including an Australia Day Award for "outstanding community service" in 2014; a National Trust Heritage Award for the conservation and adaptive reuse of "Waratah House" and Sydney University's Archaeological Society's "Golden Trowel" Award. In addition, Comber Consultants was the recipient of the Australian Enterprise Awards "Best Cultural Heritage Specialist" award in 2022 and 2023.

**BOOKINGS: <https://tinyurl.com/bdhtveth> Entry: Cost: \$5 (plus booking surcharge).  
Places are limited, so please book early.**

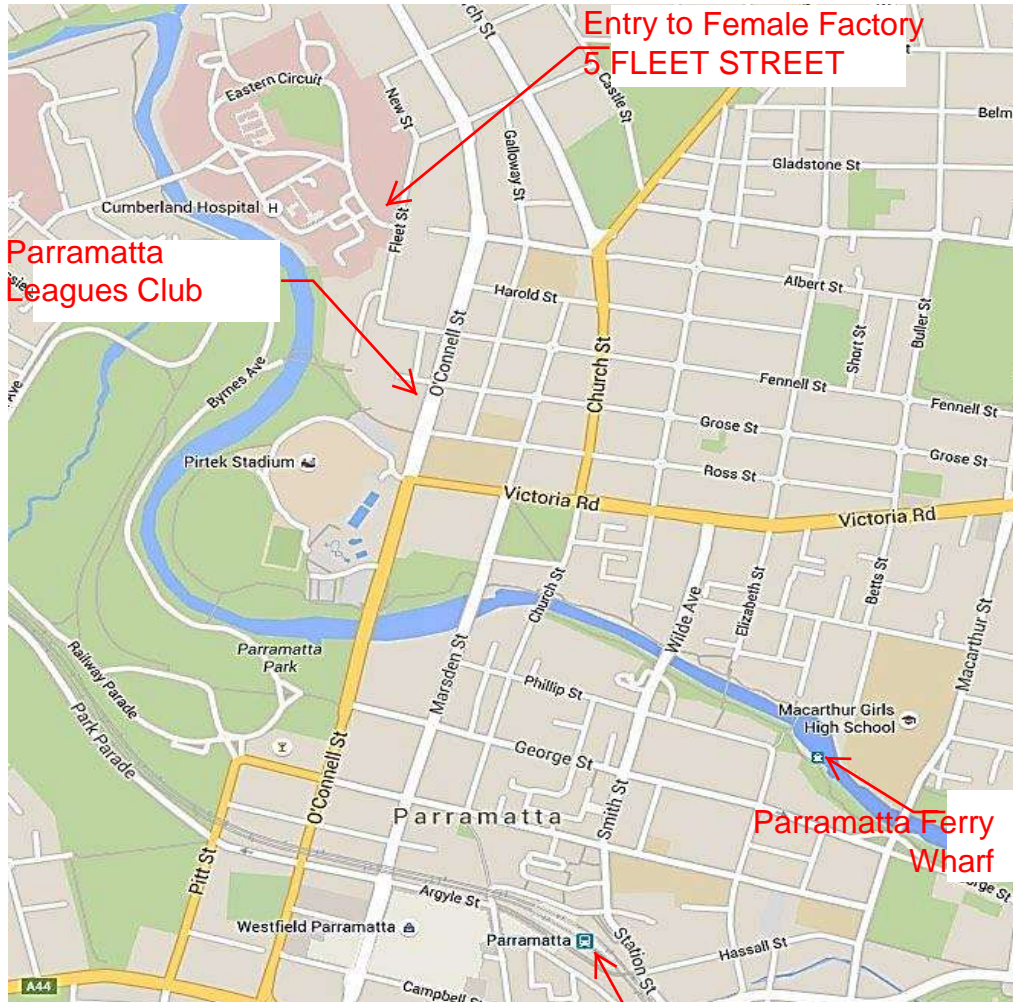
**The talk will be followed by afternoon tea and then the PFFF General Meeting at 2:15pm. New members are most welcome.**



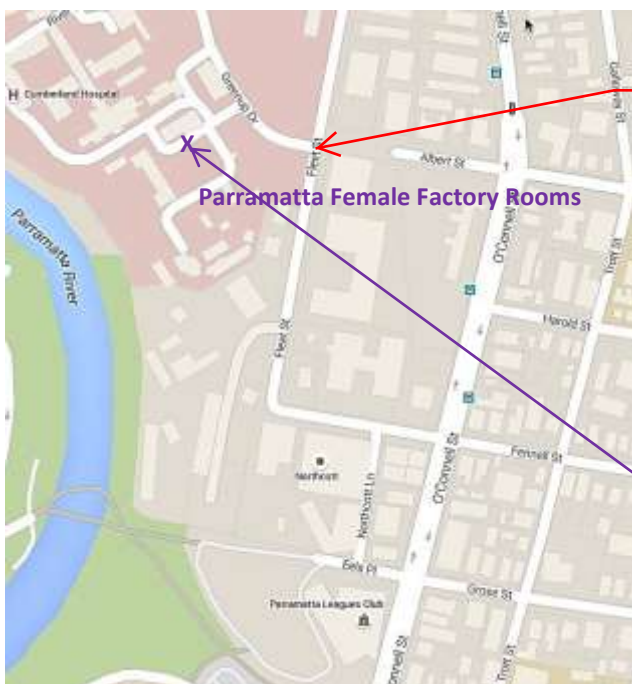
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**PARRAMATTA FEMALE FACTORY ROOMS, 5 Fleet Street, North Parramatta**  
 BUS TO PARRAMATTA LEAGUES CLUB (just past new Stadium) - check info on pick up point online.



Parramatta Railway Station



Entry to Parramatta Female Factory (2<sup>nd</sup> entrance in Fleet St)

Cumberland Hospital East Campus



Parramatta Female Factory Rooms - the Matron's Quarters Building C103

