

Summary

Archaeological Excavations.

140 Marsden Street, Parramatta

Case Study - John Walker, Wheelwright.

Working Lives - Industrial Archaeology Workshop.

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This paper presents the results of the archaeological excavation of a number of convict huts, a hotel site and the remains of a wheelwright's forge and workshop, dating from the early to mid 1800s, together with later town development. It explains the processes of obtaining excavation permit approval for a state significant site, ensuring a public outcome for this important site in the Parramatta CBD through conservation, interpretation and display.

The life of John Walker, wheelwright, is examined in the historical context of his times – penal colony, gaol town to market town and the background of the Industrial Revolution.

The site demonstrates what can be achieved through public – private partnerships to conserve our heritage and make the most of the available opportunities.

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