

Lara Tooby—Graduate Heritage Consultant, Archaeologist



Lara Tooby, GML Graduate Heritage Consultant, Archaeologist, holds a Bachelor of Arts with Archaeology (Honours) from the University of Sydney.

Over the course of her tertiary education and industry experience, Lara has developed skills in archaeological excavation, anthropological and historical research, archaeological assessments and interpretation. She has had experience working on both Aboriginal and historical archaeological sites. In 2017 and 2019, Lara participated in the University of Sydney's excavations at Pella in Jordan.

As part of her Honours dissertation Lara investigated the shell mounds at Ballina within a holistic landscape history. Using evidence of re-visitation, site specialisation, and burials, Lara was able to demonstrate that the mounds were cultural monuments embedded within the societies of people who lived in the region. Lara has recently published this work.

Key GML projects Lara has worked on include Arthur Phillip High School, DHA Schofields Aerodrome, Parramatta RSL, West Dapto, and the Portraits of NSW publication. As part of these projects, Lara has helped the Archaeology Team with fieldwork coordination, excavation, post-excavation, community consultation and report writing.



Qualifications

Bachelor of Arts (Archaeology, Anthropology) with Honours (Archaeology), University of Sydney

Key Experience

Aboriginal Archaeological Assessments

Art Gallery of NSW, Aboriginal Test Excavation—Client: Art Gallery of NSW Trust, 2018.

Dence Park, Epping, Preliminary Heritage Assessment—Client: APP, 2018.

Hilltops Cultural, Community and Education Precinct, Young, Archaeological Assessment—Client: Hayball, 2018.

Fern Bay Water Pipeline, Due Diligence and Community Consultation—Client: Rawson Communities, 2018.

Taree Police Station, Archaeological Assessment and Excavation—Client: NSW Police Force, 2018.

355 & 375 Church Street, Parramatta, Archaeological Assessment—Client: Stockland, 2018.

DHA Schofields Aerodrome, Aboriginal Archaeological Salvage Excavation—Client: Defence Housing Australia, 2017.

Rouse Hill Anglican College Aboriginal Test Excavation—Client: Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation, 2017.

Parramatta Park, The Crescent, Due Diligence and Preliminary Archaeological Assessment—Client: Parramatta Park Trust, 2016.

West Dapto, Aboriginal Archaeological Excavation—Client: Stockland, 2015.

Historical Archaeological Assessments

Anzac Parade + Cleveland Street, Drainage, Heritage Impact Statement—Client: Ventia Boral Amey Joint Venture NSW, 2018.

New South Head Road, Rose Bay, Drainage Rehabilitation, Heritage Impact Statement—Client: Ventia Boral Amey Joint Venture NSW, 2018.

UTS Bon Marche + Science Precinct, Archaeological Assessment—Project Manager—Client: Ethos Urban, 2018.

Arthur Phillip High School, Parramatta, Historical Archaeological Investigation and Salvage—Client: Project Coordination (Australia) Pty Ltd + Watpac, 2017–2018.

Arthur Phillip High School, Parramatta, Salvage and Test Excavation—Client: Grimshaw Architects, 2017.

Parramatta RSL, Macquarie Street, Historical Archaeology—Client: Paynter Dixon, 2017.

Heritage Interpretation

NSW Stage Heritage Register, The Story of the List—Client: Office of Environment and Heritage, 2017–2018.

Student Volunteering

Student Volunteer—Aboriginal Archaeological Excavation—for PhD candidate A Way, at Lake George, 2014.

Trainee Archaeologist

153 Macquarie Street, Parramatta, Historical Excavation—Client: Property Development and Parramatta City Council (for Casey and Lowe), 2015–2016.

Near Eastern Archaeology

Volunteer—Archaeological Assistant for the University of Sydney excavations at Pella, Jordan, 2017 and 2019.

Industry Involvement

Employment

Graduate Heritage Consultant and Archaeologist, GML Heritage, 2016–Present.
Contract Archaeologist, various companies, 2014–2016.

Awards and Scholarships

Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Institute (AACAI) Student Support Fund, 2016.
The University of Sydney Archaeology Department's Carlyle Greenwell Research Fund, 2016.
The Women's College Certificate for Academic Merit, 2015 and 2016.

Unpublished Works

'Using landscape archaeology to re-present the Ballina shell mounds: A sociocultural interpretation', unpublished Hons. thesis, University of Sydney, Sydney.

'Re-presenting the Ballina shell mounds: results from an Honours Project', unpublished draft conference paper for Australian Archaeological Association, December 2016, Terrigal.

Published Works

'Burials in the Ballina Shell Mounds', *Journal of the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists*, volume 6, 2018, pp 1–11.

Short Courses and Programs

Colloquial Arabic for Archaeologists, 2014, 2018.
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Reform—Public Consultation Information Session, 2017.
Applied First Aid Certificate, 2016.
ASHA Historical Artefact Workshop: Identifying and Cataloguing Glass, Ceramic and Animal Bone Types, 2015.

Professional Affiliations/Memberships

Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Institute.
The Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation.
University of Sydney Archaeological Society, 2014–2016; President in 2016.