



Archaeology connects people to place. I love uncovering an unusual or quirky aspect of a site that wasn't known before and sharing that understanding of our past with others.

Sophie Jennings Associate, Archaeologist

Sophie Jennings holds a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Archaeology from the University of Sydney, with Honours in Archaeology from the University of Western Australia. She has 13 years' experience working in the heritage sector, and has undertaken archaeological projects in New South Wales, Western Australia, Victoria, Tasmania and in England.

Sophie specialises in both historical and Aboriginal archaeology, and is highly skilled in the preparation of Aboriginal and historical archaeological assessments, research designs, and heritage advice. She has also been site supervisor and excavation director on a number of historical and Aboriginal archaeological excavations.

Sophie meets the Heritage Council of NSW's excavation director criteria for locally significant archaeology.

Prior to joining GML, Sophie worked for several years in London, gaining experience in undertaking archaeological impact assessments for major commercial, industrial and residential developments across the city and southeast England. This experience gave her skills in field archaeology on a range of urban and rural excavations dating from the Bronze Age through to the Tudor period.

Qualifications

Bachelor of Arts (Archaeology, Heritage Studies), University of Sydney

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (Archaeology), University of Western Australia

Key experience

Historical archaeological assessments, heritage management plans and heritage advice

- The Gunnery Transformation, 43–51 Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomooloo, Archaeological Advice—Client: Dunn + Hillam Architects
- Rushcutters Bay, Conservation Management Strategy and Historical Archaeological Assessment—Client: Woollahra Council
- Holsworthy Barracks, Heritage Management Plan—Client: Department of Defence
- RAAF Base Richmond, Heritage Management Plan—Client: Department of Defence
- Inverell Police Station, Archaeological Advice—Client: NSW Police
- Princes Highway and Railway Road Intersection Upgrade, Unexpected Heritage Find Report—Client: Ventia Boral Amey Joint Venture
- Christmas Island Commonwealth Heritage Places, Heritage Management Plans—Client: Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development
- Flying Fish Cove Landslide Mitigation (Christmas Island), Heritage Impact Assessment—Client: Arup
- Feeder 7U5 Alternative Route through Frog Hollow, Statement of Heritage Impact—Client: Novo Rail
- Cook and Phillip Park, Sydney City Centre Playground, Heritage and Archaeological Impact Statement—Client: Aspect Studios
- Botanic House and the Pavilion, Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain, Heritage Inductions—Client: Trippas White Group
- Gosford Leagues Club Field, Gosford, Historical Archaeological Assessment and Due Diligence Report—Client: Turf Design
- WestConnex M4–M5 Link, Rozelle Interchange Upgrade, Heritage Assessment and Impact Statement—Client: AECOM
- ALDI Mittagong, Historical Archaeological Assessment—Client: Built Consult Pty Ltd

Historical archaeological research designs and excavation director permits

- 728 Princes Highway, Tempe—Excavation Director (S140 Excavation Permit—Client: Bunnings Group
- City Tattersalls Club, 198–204 Pitt Street, Sydney, Archaeological Research Design and S140 Application—Excavation Director—Client: Richard Crookes Construction

- Sydney Metro West Parramatta Station Construction Site, Archaeological Research Design and Excavation Methodology—Client: Sydney Metro
- 29–33 Oxford Street and 6–14 Cambridge Street, Epping, Archaeological Research Design and S140 Application—Excavation Director—Client: Stockland
- Taree Police Station, Archaeological Research Design—Client: NSW Police Force

Historical archaeological investigations and reporting

- City Tattersalls Club, 198–204 Pitt Street, Sydney, Test Excavation—Excavation Director—Client: Richard Crookes Construction
- Sydney Metro West Parramatta Station Construction Site, Early Works Salvage Excavation—Secondary Excavation Director—Client: Delta Group
- 728–750 Princes Highway, Tempe, Test Excavation—Excavation Director—Client: Bunnings Group
- 29–33 Oxford Street and 6–14 Cambridge Street, Test Excavation and Excavation Report—Excavation Director—Client: Stockland
- Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 (Queens Wharf Reserve), Salvage Excavation—Client: CPBD JV
- Hyde Park Barracks Forecourt, Test Excavation—Client: Sydney Living Museums
- Feeder 7U5 Upgrade, Archaeological Monitoring and Monitoring Results Report—Client: Novo Rail
- Taree Police Station, Test and Salvage Excavation and Excavation Report—Client: NSW Police Force
- 364–370 and 372–378 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Historical Archaeological Salvage Excavation and Trench Report—Client: ISPT
- Princes Highway and Railway Road Intersection Upgrade, Unexpected Archaeological Find—Client: Ventia Boral Amey Joint Venture
- Southern Cross Care, North Turramurra, Archaeological Test Excavation—Client: Southern Cross Care

Aboriginal archaeological assessments, archaeological investigations and post-excavation reporting

- 728–750 Princes Highway, Test Excavation and Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit—Excavation Director—Client: Bunnings Group
- Parramatta RSL Club Stage 1B and 2 (Club Parramatta), Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report, Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit and Aboriginal Test and Salvage Excavation—Excavation Director—Client: Paynter Dixon
- St Marys Basin C and V6, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report, Test Excavation and Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit—Client: Lendlease
- Gosford Leagues Club Field, Gosford, Archaeological Monitoring—Client: Turf Design Studios
- Taree Police Station, Aboriginal Archaeological Test Excavation—Client: NSW Police Force
- Regional Detention Basin I, St Marys Development Site, Archaeological and Cultural Assessment Methodology and Aboriginal Test Excavation—Excavation Director—Client: Lendlease
- Henry Lawson Drive Upgrade, Aboriginal Archaeological Survey Report (Stage 2 PACHC)—Client: Roads and Maritime Services

- Schofields Aerodrome, Aboriginal Salvage Excavation—Client: Defence Housing Australia
- Jacaranda Ponds Masterplan, Glossodia, Heritage Advice—Client: Celestino Pty Ltd

Professional background

Associate, GML Heritage, 2022–present
 Senior Heritage Consultant, GML Heritage, 2019–2022
 Heritage Consultant, GML Heritage, 2016–2019
 Consultant (Archaeology), Museum of London Archaeology (MOLA), 2014–2016
 Field Archaeologist, Multiple Companies, UK, 2013
 Heritage and Land Access Officer, BHP Billiton Nickel West, 2010–2011
 Heritage Officer, BHP Billiton Nickel west, 2008–2010

Professional affiliations

Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology

Conference papers

'Early nineteenth century storekeepers(?) cottage, Queens Wharf Reserve, Parramatta', presented at Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology (ASHA) Conference, Mackay 2023
 'Water Views: An unrecorded early 1800s cottage on the river at Queens Wharf Reserve', presented at Sydney Historical Archaeology Practitioners Workshop (SHAP), Sydney 2023
 Taree Police Station, presented at Sydney Historical Archaeology Practitioners Workshop (SHAP), Sydney 2021
 'Lady Pilots: Millicent Maude Bryant', presented at the ICOMOS Heritage of the Air Conference, Canberra 2019

Volunteer roles

Elected Council Member, Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA), 2013–2016
 Treasurer, Diggers Forum, CIfA Interest Group, 2013–2014
 Field Archaeologist, Archaeological Excavations at Peel Town, Western Australia, 2008–2010

Professional development

First Aid Training (HLTAID001, HLTAID002, HLTAID003, HLTF311A), 2022
 Rail Industry Worker
 Work Cover Occupational Health and Safety General Induction for Construction