



Being a heritage consultant is a great privilege—we get to see the layered stories of humanity, and how heritage and archaeology can be used to connect diverse communities.

Abi Cryerhall Principal

Abi Cryerhall has over 25 years' experience as an archaeologist and heritage consultant. She has worked on a broad range of research, conservation and development-led projects in Ireland, Sicily and Australia. She is a specialist in historical archaeology and heritage management for infrastructure projects.

Abi has worked on sites of local and state heritage significance in NSW, Victoria and Tasmania, as well as World Heritage listed places. She is an experienced excavation director who meets the Heritage Council of NSW's criteria for state and locally significant sites. Her archaeological projects have included convict-era sites, Victorian slums and urban centres, nineteenth-century waterfronts and industrial sites, military barracks, early colonial landscapes and rural homesteads.

Abi is highly skilled and experienced in project and team management. As heritage project lead, she has successfully directed many large-scale rural redevelopment and complex urban developments. She has also managed heritage input for many complex infrastructure and transport projects.

Abi has expertise in the preparation of heritage and archaeological assessments, research designs, heritage impact statements, heritage and compliance advice, and heritage management documents. She also has a thorough understanding of NSW heritage and planning legislation, best-practice guidelines, and their application for developers.

Qualifications

BA (Joint Hons), History of Art & Architecture/Ancient History & Archaeology, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

Professional affiliations

Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology

Key experience

Historical archaeology

- Sydney Metro West, Parramatta Station Site—Client: Sydney Metro
- Sydney Metro West, The Bays Power Enabling Works—Client: Quickway
- Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 Infrastructure—Client: Parramatta Connect
- Anglesea Barracks, Hobart—Client: Department of Defence
- Young High School—Client: Schools Infrastructure NSW
- Taree Police Station—Client: NSW Police
- Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne—Client: Case Meallin
- Parramatta RSL Stage 1 and 2—Client: Paynter Dixon
- Arthur Phillip High School, Parramatta—Client: Department of Education
- IMAX Ribbon Hotel, Sydney—Client: Grocon
- Braidwood Police Paddock Subdivision—Client: Baker Deane & Nutt
- Schofields Aerodrome Redevelopment—Client: Defence Housing Australia

Heritage advice and assessment

- Sydney Metro West, The Bays Power Enabling Works—Client: Quickway
- New Intercity Fleet Blue Mountains Route Clearance—Client: Continuum Alliance
- Blue Mountains Line Overhead Wiring—Client: Continuum Alliance
- New Intercity Fleet Enabling Works—Client: Transport for NSW
- Parramatta Light Rail Infrastructure—Client: Cox/CPBD JV
- Power Supply Upgrade Feeder 7U5—Client: Transport for NSW
- Sydney Metro West Definition Design—Client: WSP/AECOM
- Sydney Metro, Archaeological Advisor 2018–2020—Client: Sydney Metro

Aboriginal heritage

- Parramatta RSL Stage 2—Client: Paynter Dixon
- 71 Macquarie Street, Sydney—Client: Richard Crooks
- Sydney Light Rail, Construction Phase—Client: Acciona (for Artefact Heritage)
- Parramatta Park Paddocks Precinct—Client: Parramatta Park Trust (for Artefact Heritage)

International archaeological excavations

- Hammond Lane, Dublin—(for Margaret Gowen & Co, Archaeology & Heritage Consultants)
- Giltspur, Co. Wicklow (for Margaret Gowen & Co, Archaeology & Heritage Consultants)
- Aston Quay, Dublin, for Margaret Gowen & Co, Archaeology & Heritage Consultants)
- Sir John Rogerson's Quay (for Margaret Gowen & Co, Archaeology & Heritage Consultants)
- James Street, Dublin (for Margaret Gowen & Co, Archaeology & Heritage Consultants)
- Smithfield, Dublin (for Margaret Gowen & Co, Archaeology & Heritage Consultants)
- High Island Monastic Settlement, Co. Galway (for Georgina Scally/Office of Public Works)
- Montallegro Roman Villa, Sicily (University of Nottingham)

'Recent archaeological discoveries at Kilgobbin, Stepside, County Dublin—a Neolithic and Bronze Age landscape', for the Dalkey Archaeological Society, Ireland, 2005

'Smithfield, Dublin: the excavation and the artefacts', National Heritage Week, Ireland, 2002

Professional background

Principal, GML Heritage, September 2021–present

Principal / Manager, Archaeology, GML Heritage, 2020–2021

Principal, GML Heritage, July 2018–2020

Senior Associate, GML Heritage, December 2016–2018

Principal, Historic Heritage, Artefact Heritage, 2015–2016

Senior Archaeologist, Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage, 2014–2015

Associate Director, Casey and Lowe, 2012–2014

Senior Consultant, Casey and Lowe, 2007–2012

Project Manager, Margaret Gowen & Co, Archaeology and Heritage Consultants, Dublin, Ireland, 2002–2005

Freelance Consultant, Margaret Gowen & Co, VJK, ADS, Office of Public Works, Ireland, 1995–2002

Publications

Cryerhall, A 2006, 'Excavations at Hammond Lane: Hurdle Ford to iron foundry' in Duffy, S (ed.), *Medieval Dublin VII*, Four Courts Press

Presentations and papers

'Archaeological Discoveries from Parramatta Light Rail', webinar in conjunction with Parramatta Connect and Transport for NSW, 2020

'Managing Archaeology and Remediation at the Arthur Phillip High School site', Douglas Partners Technical Seminars, 2018

'Significance thresholds—dilemmas in assessing significance', Sydney Historical Archaeology Practitioners, National Archaeology Week, 2016

'Barangaroo South Archaeological Excavation—the main findings', Sydney Historical Archaeology Practitioners, National Archaeology Week, 2013

'The Archaeology of Barangaroo South', Heritage Talks 2012 series of the Heritage Branch, Office of Environment and Heritage, 2013

'The Industrial Archaeology of Darling Walk', Institute of Engineers Australia NSW Chapter, 2011

'Recent archaeological discoveries at Darling Harbour', Royal Australian Historical Society, National Archaeology Week, 2011

'Don't forget to look in the big hole: Excavation of a foreshore environment, Darling Harbour', Maritime Archaeology and Heritage Seminar, Sydney University, 2009

'Excavations at 15 Macquarie Street, Parramatta', History Week at the Parramatta Heritage Centre, 2009

'Excavations at Hammond Lane: Hurdle ford to iron foundry', Friends of Medieval Dublin Symposium 2005, Trinity College Dublin, 2005