Introducing the Australia ICOMOS National Scientific Committee on Fortifications and Military Heritage

ICOFORT
ICOFORT – the International Scientific Committee on Fortifications and Military Heritage – was formed by ICOMOS in 2005 and was established to engage with the heritage conservation issues related to structures, landscapes and monuments associated with military heritage. There is now an Australia ICOMOS National Scientific Committee on Fortifications and Military Heritage. This talk by Dr Matthew Kelly is designed to introduce members to some aspects of military heritage around the world and in Australia and to also announce the development of the National Scientific Committee focusing on Australian military and conflict heritage. This introductory talk will also hopefully encourage ICOMOS members to consider joining this new National Scientific Committee and engage with the issues related to managing this form of heritage in a modern world.

The talk will be preceded by a free tour of the Dawes Point Battery, with Denis Gojak.

DR MATTHEW KELLY
Matthew Kelly is an experienced historical archaeologist, from Sydney, Australia, with a wide range of excavation and survey experience both in Australia, the south-west Pacific and Europe. Matthew has worked in both colonial heritage management and archaeology since the 1990s. Matthew’s overseas experience includes research projects in Portugal, Germany, Austria and Luxemborg. More recently his international work has been focussed on the survey of WW2 battlefield and defence sites in PNG on the Kokoda Track and the Sogeri Plateau – outside Post Moresby, and the remote sensing survey of two WW1 battlefields in Northern France. Matthew is also part of a larger team undertaking a survey of colonial and military archaeological sites in East New Britain, under an ARC Linkage Grant with James Cook University, Cairms.

Time & Date: Thursday 15 June 2017
Tour Venue: Dawes Point under the Sydney Harbour Bridge south side starts at 5:15pm for 5:30pm sharp directed by Denis Gojak regarding the Dawes Point Battery
Talk Venue: The Big Dig, The Rocks, 110 Cumberland St, Sydney NSW 2000 at 6:15pm for 6:30pm sharp after the tour
Talk Cost: Students $5, Members $10, Non-members $15 all payable at the Big Dig in cash
Talk RSVP: by Monday 12 June 2017 via email to Louise Cox thubbul@bigpond.com. Bookings are essential as places are limited