

2015  
Talk Series

## Transforming the City's Economy: Implications, Opportunities and Challenges

A Talk by  
**Phil Raskall**

**Thursday, 13 August 2015**

5.00pm Reception

5.30 - 6.30pm Talk followed by Q&A

Please join us at  
Level 1, 52-58 William Street East Sydney  
Refreshments will be served

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### Abstract

Over the most recent five-year period, the City of Sydney economy created over 50,000 jobs and grew at twice the rate of the rest of Sydney. The majority of this growth was in the areas of professional and business services and the digital economy. Attracted by the job opportunities, over the last two decades the City residential population has increased by over 100,000 people. The City economy is undergoing a profound transformation.

This discussion looks at the driving forces to these changes in the City of Sydney economy, drawing on evidence from Council's Floorspace and Employment Census; what the trends are into the future and the implications of these on the built form.



### Phil Raskall – Strategic Research Manager, City of Sydney

Phil has over 30 years experience in urban and socio-economic policy. This has included senior positions in a number of university research centres, as well as academic teaching posts. He has acted as a senior advisor to Federal and State Ministers in areas related to employment and housing.

As Strategic Research Manager at City of Sydney, Phil has co-ordinated the economic and research strands of the *Sustainable Sydney 2030* project. He was seconded to the Major Cities Unit of the federal government to assist in the preparation of the National Urban Policy, including the *State of Australian Cities* report.

Last year, Phil was awarded a Public Service Medal in the 2013 Queen's Birthday Honours list.

