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# Marginal Landscapes

A Talk by  
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**Thursday, 16 June 2016**

5.00 pm Reception & Refreshments

5.30 - 6.30 pm Talk followed by Q&A

Level 1, 52 – 58 William Street, East Sydney

## Abstract

Australian cities are made up of complex landscapes that embrace the drama of the new, with passing respect for heritage, but having more respect for urban bushland and disquiet about marginal lands, especially abandoned industrial sites. This talk explores how marginal landscapes contribute a layered richness as part of urban open space and rather than their being subsumed by current urban redevelopments, there are interesting alternative ways of designing for marginal space. The talk suggests that we increasingly protect ourselves from disturbing marginal places; but perhaps marginal uncanny places have important messages for us. We need to engage with their particular beauty, because not only are they beautiful, they are also places that can encourage us to develop a different sustainable future as engaged citizens; innovative, caring, and unwilling to be totally seduced by the spectacle city.

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Helen has extensive experience as an academic in USA, UK, China, Vietnam and Vienna. Her scholarly work in landscape architecture reflects expertise in cultural landscape interpretations, environmental heritage and landscape design. Her research, writing and exhibitions focus on cultural landscapes, environmental heritage, landscape design, migration and place and marginal landscapes. Helen's professional landscape design work includes large industrial landscapes, park designs, visual assessments and master planning in Australia and UK. She is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects | Member, ICOMOS (Australia) | Member, International Editorial Advisory Board, Landscape Research, UK.

