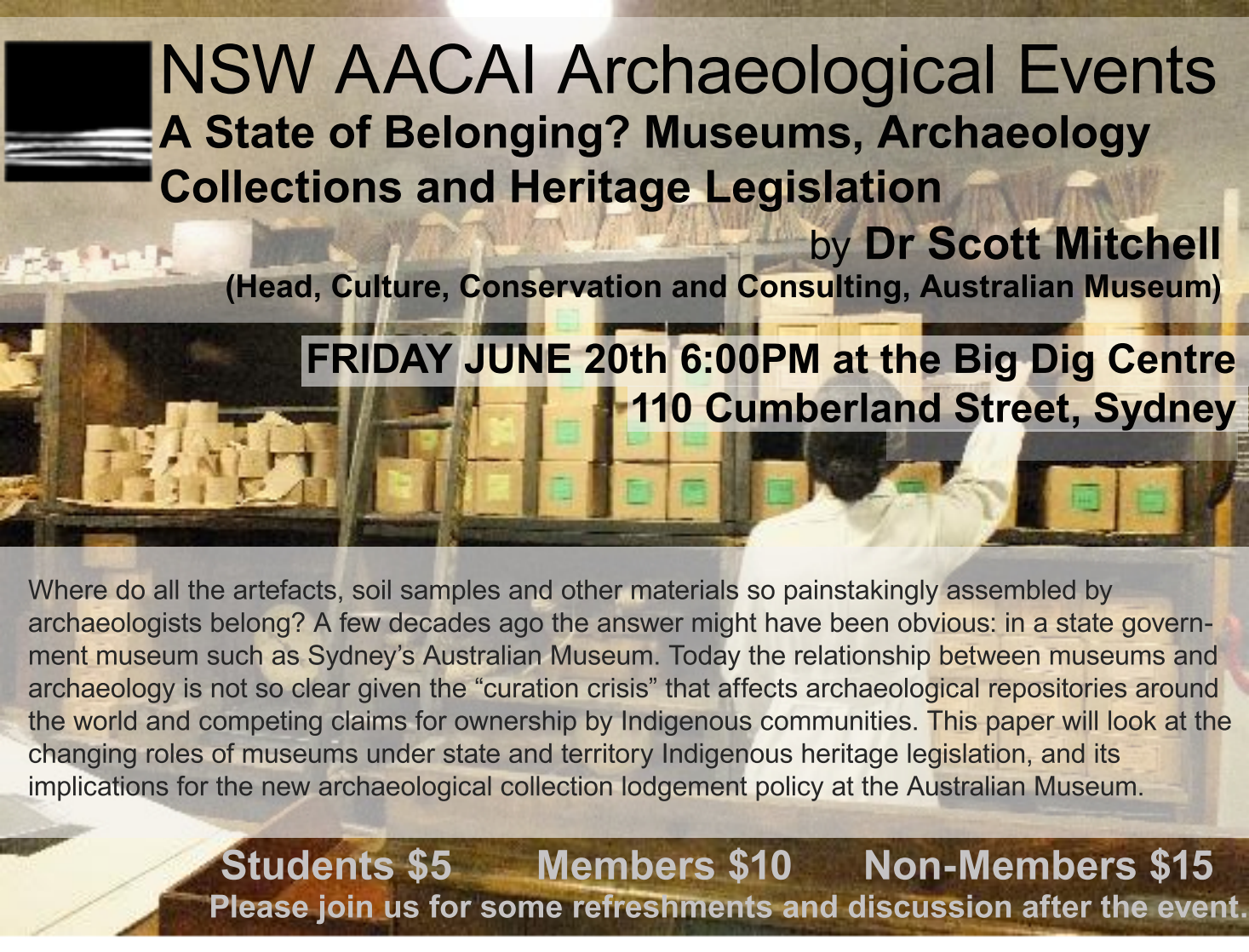




NSW AACAI Archaeological Events

A State of Belonging? Museums, Archaeology Collections and Heritage Legislation

by **Dr Scott Mitchell**

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**FRIDAY JUNE 20th 6:00PM at the Big Dig Centre
110 Cumberland Street, Sydney**

Where do all the artefacts, soil samples and other materials so painstakingly assembled by archaeologists belong? A few decades ago the answer might have been obvious: in a state government museum such as Sydney's Australian Museum. Today the relationship between museums and archaeology is not so clear given the "curation crisis" that affects archaeological repositories around the world and competing claims for ownership by Indigenous communities. This paper will look at the changing roles of museums under state and territory Indigenous heritage legislation, and its implications for the new archaeological collection lodgement policy at the Australian Museum.

Students \$5 Members \$10 Non-Members \$15
Please join us for some refreshments and discussion after the event.