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2018 SYDNEY TALK SERIES**

Tuesday 15 May 2018



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To be presented by the Save Our Sirius Foundation

Speakers will include

**Shaun Carter, Chair of the Save Our Sirius Foundation, and
Tao Gofers, Architect of the Sirius Building**

The Sirius Foundation has been formed by people and organisations campaigning to save Sirius and its residents. Groups include: Friends of Millers Point, Millers Point Dawes Point and The Rocks Resident Action Group, Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks, Public Housing Tenants Group. The Foundation, chaired by Shaun Carter (previous NSW Chapter President of the Australian Institute of Architects) has middle-ground solutions to save Sirius while achieving the government's aims. The Sirius Foundation has worked with local community groups to plan events to save Sirius.

The SOS group will give an update of what's happening with the government's sale of the building, and will have copies for sale of the freshly re-printed book on Sirius, published by Piper Press.

The book tells the story of Sirius beginning with the 1970s Battle for The Rocks and a Green Ban, which saved an historic precinct and a community. The Green Ban held for four years during which there was no building activity until everyone agreed to build Sirius. Tao Gofers, the architect of Sirius, explains how this agreement was reached and how he designed a vertical village perhaps the last, and arguably the most successful, tower built for public housing in this era. The first edition of Sirius was launched by Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore, at Books Kinokuniya on Wednesday 8th November 2017.

Time & Date: Tuesday 15 May 2018, **5.30pm for 6pm start**

Cost: Students \$10, Members \$15, non-members \$20 payable in cash at GML

Venue: GML Heritage **Level 6, Australia Council Building**, 372 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills, 2010 (corner of Cooper Street - south from Central Station North Concourse exit to Elizabeth Street). Please report to the reception desk on the Australia Council Ground Floor on arrival to be ticked off on the list and to obtain a Visitors Pass

RSVP: by **Friday 11 May 2018** via email to thubbul@bigpond.com. Bookings are essential as places are limited.