

Presents

TOLL HOUSES IN 19TH CENTURY SYDNEY by Pam Lofthouse



Toll gate, George Street South, 1836 (National Library of Australia)

As you pay your tolls on Sydney's motorways, spare a thought for the colonists who were forced to pay a farthing for every sheep, pig and goat they moved along the roads, with double tolls on Sundays. Introduced by Governor Macquarie, toll bars (gates) and their related toll houses were common around Sydney until the 1870s.

Pam, one of the Society's committee members, is fascinated by the stories surrounding toll houses and the people who worked as toll collectors. Her illustrated talk will explain why and where toll gates and toll houses were built, who operated them and why so few of them remain today.

Venue: Mosman Library (doors open 6.45 to 7.15 PM)

Date: Wednesday 11 November 2015

Time: 7.00 PM

Members free Visitors \$5 donation Tea, coffee, wine and Christmas cake provided For information tel. 0418857182