

## **DR ZENY EDWARDS OAM**

Zeny is an Architectural Historian with a PhD in Architectural History. She served as president of the National Trust (2006-2008) and chaired the Historic Buildings Committee within the Trust. She serves as the Vice-president of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Heritage Society of NSW and ACT. Zeny is currently engaged in identifying photographs of heritage properties in the Upper North Shore for the State Library of NSW.

Zeny served as a Community Representative on the History Advisory Panel to Heritage Council, Department of Planning NSW (2010-2013). She was a participant in the NSW Productivity Commission, 'Conservation of Australia's Historic Heritage Places' (2005).

Zeny served in various roles with Ku-ring-gai Council, including:

- Membership of the Heritage Reference Committee (2009-2012); Chair of Heritage Advisory Committee (2002-2003) as a representative of the National Trust. In 2009 she received the Mayor's Sustainability Award, Ku-ring-gai Council, for Outstanding Leadership as President of the National Trust of Australia (NSW) in promoting the sustainability of cultural heritage of Australia, and in 2017 was named Citizen of the Year by Council.
- In the late 1990s, Zeny was at various times, Director, Registrar of the Eryldene collection and Manager of the Conservation Committee at Eryldene. She has written extensively on the architectural history of Eryldene and its architect, William Hardy Wilson. She was a member of the Management Committee of Tulkian.

Zeny has led and continues to lead many heritage tours in and around Ku-ring-gai for various architecture and history groups. In 2008, as a member of the Organising Committee (Un)Loved Modern Conference, ICOMOS Australia, Zeny conducted a tour of Seidler-designed architecture in Sydney. Her most recent tour was conducted at Ku-ring-gai Avenue, Turramurra and an open house at Ingleholme, the original residence of John Sulman.

Zeny has received many heritage awards for her architectural documentations and biographies of architects and is regarded as an expert on the architectural history of the Upper North Shore. This year, Zeny received the Order of Australia Medal for heritage preservation and community service.