The present via the past: An archaeological approach to analysing the design and use of a contemporary urban village

The Kelvin Grove Urban Village (KGUV) is located within QUT’s Kelvin Grove Campus and represents one of the first developments of its kind in Australia. The master-planned 'urban village' is a mixed-use development that draws on the desirable attributes of traditional village living and community interaction.

Two of the key goals of the design and conception of this urban village are social sustainability and social inclusion. This thesis used an archaeological lens to determine how the design of the Kelvin Grove Urban Village evolves into use. By collecting and recording physical traces of peoples' movement, actions and interactions at the Village, the reality of life at the KGUV was analysed. Thus, a discipline traditionally focused on the past was applied to a place in the present. This method achieved non-invasive collection of data regarding the interplay between urban design and use.