Talking about Sydney
Population, community and culture in contemporary Sydney

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In less than a generation, metropolitan Sydney has been transformed in almost every conceivable way. Its economic base has shifted to new growth sectors; its population has swollen and become vastly more diverse; and housing choices, for those who can afford them, have expanded.

And as Sydney edges up the hierarchy of global cities, questions of environmental sustainability, social justice, governance, urban design, and the overall quality of life engage daily conversation, attract increasing media coverage, and demand appropriate public policy responses.

Talking about Sydney dips into this whirlpool to focus on three critical and interrelated issues:

• population growth and change
• community development
• creative industries.

The book brings together stakeholders from across the spectrum – leading public intellectuals, commentators, practitioners and academics – in a lively exchange of views. All contributors share an interest in understanding Sydney and making it a better place to live and work.

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