

Heritage Update Locomotive Workshop

Digital Interpretation Update

Over the last few months Curio Projects have been working closely with Mirvac and The Buchan Group to source a wide range of historical imagery and information to inform the digital heritage interpretation design element of the Locomotive Workshop building.

Some examples of the digital interpretation design include projections onto highly significant machinery such as the Davy Press and the Steam Hammers. When activated, the projections will help the visitor understand the functioning of these great machines that are no longer in operation. Other digital activations will include an immersive Foundry building experience in the proposed travelator tunnel, as well as many historical stories told through VR and video.

Workers Wall Design Update

Mirvac and Curio Projects have carried out some exciting material testing for the Workers Wall, proposed to be located on Locomotive Street. A sample panel of discs showing placeholder content has been produced, and compliance and buildability testing is underway. Mirvac and Curio Projects will share further details and result of this material test shortly. The size of the discs has been carefully designed to ensure the required 50,000 discs will be accommodated. Mirvac are working towards a January 2021 installation date for the Workers Wall.

Bay 15 Heritage Platform Discovery

A recent discovery was uncovered during a structural investigation, in Bay 15 South of a mezzanine structure. This structure has been assumed until now as not in existence, as documented in the 1995 and 2013 Conversation Management Plan's (CMP).

Mirvac is seeking to lodge a Section 4.55 Modification to the Development Application SSD-8449 for the full dismantling of the wooden floor to allow for the construction of 2 floors as per the original DA approval, and reuse and reinterpretation of the floorboards for cladding and flooring purposes as part of the heritage interpretation strategy.

For further details or to provide feedback, please contact south.eveleigh@mirvac.com or call 1800 870 549.

Time Card and Red Square Annex Design Update

Mirvac, Curio Projects and The Buchan Group have developed samples of the perforated cladding proposed on the substation annex's on Locomotive Street. First developed in the Stage 2 Heritage Interpretation plan, this custom cladding design will represent images of Jack Land addressing the Eveleigh Workers in August 1934 as part of his election campaign, as well as Joseph B Chifley's timecard, sourced from the State Archives (Personal History Cards – Employees born before 1990).



Image: Controversial politician and former NSW Premier, Jack Lang, addresses a gathering of Eveleigh railway workers before the 1934 Federal election. The Labor Daily, of which Lang was a director, gave good coverage to the event and reported that 2,000 attended the rally. However, The Sydney Morning Herald, which was not a supporter of Lang, did not record any of his activities that day. Photograph from this series published in The Labor Daily, 23 Aug 1934.

Image source: Reproduced in Sydney Exposures...[by] Alan Davies (1991), p.64 Sydney Exposures book caption: On the hustings, Redfern, 22 August 1934.