

Heritage

A number of heritage properties have been acquired for the New M5 project in St Peters. In line with the conditions of approval, every effort is made to salvage heritage items before these properties are removed. Where possible the items will be re-used in the project urban design works or alternatively, made available to the local community, free of charge.

What heritage properties are to be removed?

Eleven heritage buildings including nine Victorian Terraces, one Georgian Cottage and the Rudders Bond Store warehouse will be removed to facilitate the widening of Campbell Street and Campbell Road, St Peters. The removal of these properties was assessed in the New M5 Environmental Impact Statement. The project was approved by the Department of Planning and Environment in April 2016.

Who determines what items are salvaged from these properties?

Decisions on which items are salvaged are made by a heritage consultant. The proposed level of salvage is approved by the Department of Planning and Environment prior to the removal of heritage buildings.

What items will be salvaged?

Items including balustrades, boundary fencing, laminated beams, timber floorboards, brickwork and sash windows will be salvaged from the properties.

How are the items removed?

A heritage consultant oversees the identification and safe removal of items and materials of heritage value. This involves the cataloguing, careful dismantling and removal of architectural elements by hand. The items are

then bubble wrapped and will be placed in secure storage until the entire heritage salvage program of works is complete.

How and when will residual heritage items be made available to the community?

Residual items not used in the project urban design works will be made available to local property owners through a process to be developed in consultation with Inner West Council. This process will be finalised once all items have been removed. The process will be communicated via print press, the WestConnex website and an email sent to those subscribed to receive New M5 project updates.

What will happen to the beams salvaged from the Rudders Bond Store?

The Urban Design and Landscape Plan will identify opportunities to re-use the beams within the project. The level of salvage from this building is being developed in consultation with the Office of Heritage and Environment.

What will happen to the garage on the corner of Princes Highway and Canal Road?

It is our objective to preserve the heritage character of the former garage structure at 316 Princes Highway as much as possible. The future of the building will be determined during detailed design, and in consultation with an Urban Design Review Panel, established in line with the planning approval conditions.



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Case study – Pymont Bridge sandstone blocks



Pymont Bridge sandstone blocks.

As part of our commitment to preserving and reusing historic items we have donated 700 pieces of sandstone from the eastern end of the old Pymont Bridge to National Parks and Wildlife.

The sandstone blocks date back to the late 1800's and are distinctive in their design and architecture. The blocks were in long-term storage on Campbell Street, St Peters until the WestConnex project team uncovered the historic cache, and worked with Roads and Maritime Services to broker the donation.

These hidden gems from Sydney' past will be used to repair sandstone features on walking tracks in the Blue Mountains.

Given the mountainous and heavily vegetated terrain in the area, these blocks will be airlifted to walking tracks before being carefully placed to blend with the existing sandstone and surroundings.

The WestConnex project team will continue to explore opportunities to re-use historic and heritage items through the urban design and landscaping plan.



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