



NEWSLETTER

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Alive and Active
The Large Erecting Shop

Eveleigh Railway Workshops, Redfern

NEW NATIONAL HERITAGE LISTING NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED

Of the many buildings on the greater Eveleigh Railway Workshop site The Large is the only one remaining that is still functioning for its original purpose. This site is recognised within NSW, Nationally and Internationally for its building, machinery and its operations.

The Large must be protected due to vulnerability created by changes to the *Redfern Waterloo Authority Act* zoning which overrides all heritage provisions enjoyed elsewhere in NSW. The last two mooted schemes by the Redfern Waterloo Authority for the Large Erecting Shop site



include demolition for 12-storey offices or a 5 storey adaptive reuse.

The loss of The Large would mean the end of steam and diesel locomotive hauled operations from this very important Nationally significant site.

Following advice from the National Heritage Office in Canberra that FOE's previous nomination for National Listing has passed the assessment stage then narrowly missed out, a new nomination for National Listing has been lodged backed by a large number of "Letters of Support" from prominent members of the community.

The National Trust (NSW) at present has an Emergency Listing Application submitted for immediate listing of The Large to save "Our colonial industrial architectural heritage."

Benefits of preserving the site by inclusion on the National Heritage List include;

- The preservation of a building and contents of National Significance
- Retaining an important association with the foundation of Labor history in Australia and the local Aboriginal population
- The ongoing research potential into work practices, railway history and technology will be retained
- The present operations retain skills and a link with retired expertise.

The Powerhouse Museum are presently restoring a P-Class locomotive to running condition within their section of the Large Erecting Shop.



Friends of Eveleigh
Committed to saving the great Eveleigh Railway Workshop
The starting point when telling the Story of the NSW Government Railway



GARRATT CAB

Yes, the cab of Garratt 6029 has returning to the Large Erecting Shop after 54 years. This locomotive was assembled at Eveleigh and was commissioned on the 24th April, 1954.

The ARHS (ACT) is restoring to running order the massive Beyer Garratt articulated steam locomotive 6029.

In October 2007, the 6029 Project was launched to restore the loco.

When new windows were required, the staff and volunteers of 3801 Limited offered their assistance to construct them from railway plans. 3801 Limited's staff and volunteers have now completed this part of the project.

As part of the co-operation of the two heritage rail groups 3801 Limited has now offered to re-line the cab roof with timber. This work will be carried out by the same volunteers who constructed the roof and floor of the Powerhouse Museum's 3830.

With winter upon us, the Large is an ideal location for Canberra's volunteers living in Sydney to continue work without being hampered by Canberra cold weather.

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RESTORATION OF L516

With the roof re-malthoided, painted and the air vents fitted, L516 is now ready for painting. Volunteers at the Large have completed the timber exterior of the ex breakdown crew van L516.

Restoration commenced in June 2007 and now 14 months later the results of a dedicated group efforts can be seen. (More photos and details on 3801 Limited's website).

It is not only carriages that are being maintained and restored in the Large. Continual maintenance is also being carried out on the diesel locomotives to keep them in top operational condition.

The active Large Erecting Shop continues on its 120 year railway tradition, providing an essential workshop for Rail Heritage.

Not Happy? HAVE YOUR SAY
Keep The Large alive and active

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