

Chief Mechanical Engineer's Office update

July 2017



Latest news

Works to restore the outside of the Chief Mechanical Engineer's Office are nearing completion. Carfax Constructions is continuing to install beautifully repaired lacework panels to the front balcony to bring the building back to life.

Trenching works to upgrade underground services, drainage and subfloor ventilation around the building will commence in coming weeks.

Keep reading for more information about landscaping and asbestos removal works, which we anticipate will take place in July.

Tree removal and landscaping

The City of Sydney and the NSW Office of Environment & Heritage have approved landscaping works to:

- remove 18 trees and prune one other tree
- clear built up vegetation to improve the visibility of the building and discourage graffiti
- plant new shrubs to help screen the railway lines behind the building.

Chainsaws, wood chippers and hand tools will be used. There may be some noise associated with the works; however, we will make every effort to minimise the impact on local residents.

Most of the trees to be removed are introduced or exotic species, and none are listed on the City of Sydney's Register of Significant Trees.

Planned works

Subject to weather conditions, works will happen during standard work hours of 7:30am to 5:30pm Monday to Friday, and 7:30am to 3:30pm on Saturdays.

More information

If you have any enquiries about any of the work or the upcoming Community Open Day (see reverse of this notice) please call us on **9841 8600** (during business hours) or email enquiry@urbangrowth.nsw.gov.au.

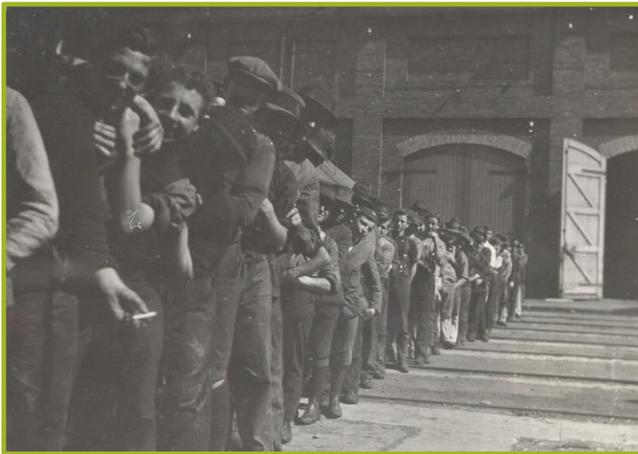
CME Office Community Open Day – step back in time

Saturday 5 August 2017 10am – 4pm

To commemorate **The Great Strike of 1917** and mark the completion of external restoration works, you're invited to take part in a celebration of history on the grounds of the CME building.

- Listen to live folk music, have your photo taken with life-sized photos of the Chief Mechanical Engineer of 1917 and share on social media!
- Catch a talk from a heritage architect at 10.30am or 12.30pm.
- Your family and friends are welcome and entry is free.

#CMEOfficeSYD #Carriageworks #TheGreatStrike #100years



Scenes from the Great Strike in 1917. Courtesy State Records NSW and National Trust.

Asbestos removal

Due to the age of the CME Office, a small amount of asbestos contaminated fill has been discovered buried in the soil. Asbestos is a naturally occurring material, commonly used for construction until the late 1980s. It is no longer used as a building material because prolonged exposure can have serious health impacts. Given the potential health risks, the asbestos found on site needs to be removed carefully.

Notification has been given to SafeWork NSW to remove the asbestos. The removal works are anticipated to take place in July during standard work hours. The works will be overseen by JBS&G, a licensed asbestos removal contractor.

At times, you may notice workers wearing protective suits and masks to manage their risk of exposure to asbestos. Protective measures and procedures will be in place to manage risks to the community while the

contaminated soil is being removed from the site. These include:

- regular wetting of ground in the work zone to minimise dust and
- daily air monitoring and testing to identify and monitor levels of asbestos.

Air monitors will be placed within the site and along the site boundary. If the monitors identify changes to air quality, asbestos removal works will cease, and be adjusted to protect air quality.

Any contaminated soil containing asbestos may be contained on site for a short period before being loaded, transported and disposed of at a licensed facility.

Should there be any risk to the community, the licenced contractor will stop work and act immediately to minimise risk of harm.

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