

## HERITAGE COLLECTION AND CHULLORA FACTSHEET

### QUICK FACTS

- **Proximity of Chullora:** 15km from CBD and 77km from Thirlmere.
- **First moves to Chullora:** 1913 when Minister for Works identified Chullora to alleviate pressure off Eveleigh.
- **Size of State heritage fleet:** 220 items of rolling stock.
- **Size of Chullora site:** Approximately 3.5ha of undercover space with a total land area of nearly 9ha.
- **No. Locos in operation (steam/diesel):** 7 steam locomotives in our current fleet, including those owned by the State and those under loan/lease/operation agreements.
- **No. carriages needing cover:** 96 items of rolling stock.
- **Total lineal length of track required to consolidate Broadmeadow Roundhouse, Large Erecting Shed and Paint Shop:** Over 2km of track. Around 2.5km of track will be required to put everything undercover that currently doesn't have permanent cover over it (this includes items at Thirlmere).
- **No. of small objects:** approx. 5,000 small objects in storage and on display around NSW.
- **Oldest Precinct at Chullora:** Boiler shop precinct with Building No 2 completed 1925 and Building No 1 completed 1926.
- **Locomotive Workshop Precinct Chullora:** dates from 1927 (Building No 20).
- **Turntable:** built 1928; 75 feet in length and able to turn all engines/rolling stock.

### FAQs

#### Why is the Chullora Heritage Hub being created?

Currently heritage rolling stock is located across several sites, with much of it out in the open and exposed to the weather. With many items well over a century old, they are fragile. Bringing the items together at Chullora will mean all items can be stored undercover at a central location where better management outcomes for the collection can be achieved. In addition, it provides a more efficient location for staging main line heritage train operations.

### **Who is Transport Heritage NSW?**

Following a NSW Government review into the State's heritage transport sector in 2013, Transport Heritage NSW was established to manage a portfolio of heritage assets, operate two rail museums, deliver heritage experiences to the public and develop the heritage transport sector by providing support services to community groups. Transport Heritage NSW is a not-for-profit member based company and registered charity.

### **Will this mean other operators will lose temporary storage facilities?**

No. There will be temporary stabling facilities at Chullora similar to what currently exists at Eveleigh.

### **What will this mean for Eveleigh and Broadmeadow?**

When Chullora comes online, these sites will no longer be required for our heritage fleet. The NSW Government commits to the preservation of important buildings including the Large Erecting Shop and Broadmeadow Roundhouse which will be adapted for new uses.

### **What does this mean for the NSW Rail Museum, Thirlmere?**

The NSW Rail Museum will remain the premiere museum site for rail heritage in NSW. Some items currently stored at Thirlmere may be moved to Chullora as part of moves to get heritage items undercover. This will release much needed space for future museum projects.

### **What does it mean for volunteers?**

Chullora presents a unique once in a generation opportunity to unify volunteers from across the heritage transport sector in one central location, to preserve, share and develop the rare skills and knowledge required to maintain our heritage assets.

### **What does it mean for preservation of our moveable heritage?**

Bringing the collection together will make management and the identification of issues easier. Putting items under one roof will lead to better preservation outcomes. Chullora also offers lifting facilities, space and turntable facilities not available at other sites, meaning that the tools needed for restorations are available within a single precinct.

### **Will the public have access to the site?**

Long term plans will consider public access to the site. However, initially the precinct will be for volunteers, storage and restoration projects.

### **What does this mean for heritage transport groups?**

The NSW Government recently announced its Future Transport & Tourism Strategy where it committed to continued support of heritage train operations as a way of growing the visitor economy. With the support of Transport Heritage NSW, Chullora presents an opportunity for heritage train operators to stage main line operations more efficiently. It also provides an opportunity for other reputable heritage transport (rail, bus and tram) groups with legitimate restoration projects and storage challenges, to have a presence at the new heritage transport hub.

### **When will the Chullora Heritage Hub be operational?**

The detailed planning work for the Chullora Heritage Hub will commence in early 2019. Further information will be made available once this detailed planning is underway.