

Precinct K

Precinct K is between the Sydney Water Supply easement and the Enfield Marshalling Yards to Sefton railway line. It is to the north east of the Trackfast Yard. The land generally slopes towards the north east. It appears to have been traversed by a watercourse at one stage but this has been diverted by fill. Towards the northern end of the precinct the land becomes marshy and is dotted with melalucas. The rest of the site is covered with several species of grass.

The fill is similar to most in other parts of the site and consists in the main of concrete, broken stone and roadbase in a matrix of clay. New fill in the centre of the site appears to be basically clay to a height of 2m. There is no evidence of any buildings or structures on the site apart from the signal box which is part of the Trackfast system.

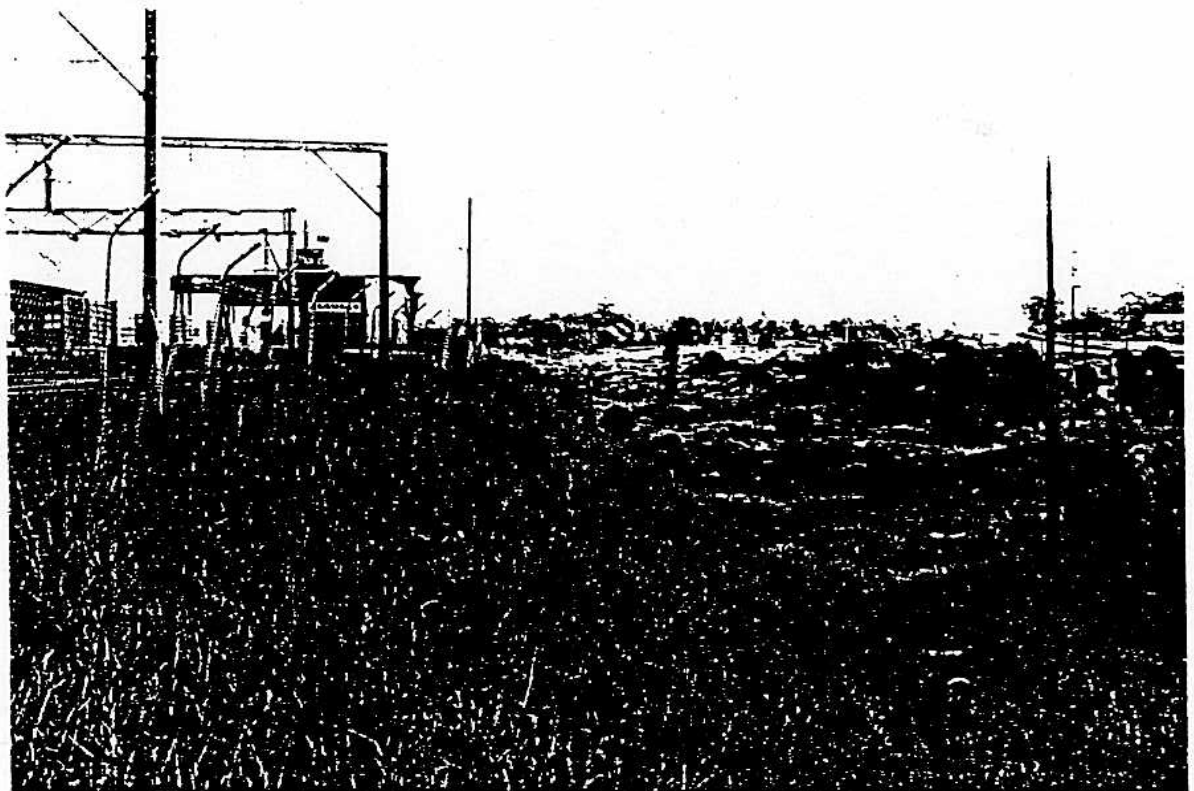


Fig 15: Precinct K looking west beside Trackfast. This is a marshy area where areas of fill are gradually engulfing the stands of melalucas on the northern boundary.

Precinct L

Precinct L is an area of flat fill to the west of the apprenticeship training school and to the east of the electric car centres dismantling depot. The area has, like many others, been subject to fill which is from one to two meters deep, most of which is stone, road base, concrete and a variety of scattered ferrous sections in a matrix of clay covered in a dense mat of kikuyu. There are one or two localised dumps of SRA material, such as bridge sections, girders and redundant signalling mechanisms.

Near the northern end of the precinct there is a marshy area where the watercourse which runs through the site is evident. This is an area of melalucas and reeds which because of recent rains was impossible to investigate.

4.3 Extant Buildings and Structures

There are five precincts, namely Precinct E, Precinct F1, Precinct G, Precinct H and Precinct J which contain buildings. None of the buildings are masonry nor could any be said to have great architectural merit. As a group they represent a wide range of construction technologies in timber and steel but, individually, only one had sufficient potential to be conserved and a further one had sufficient significance to warrant consideration for conservation. The other 24 may be recorded and demolished.

The one structure with obvious significance is the flagpole in the yard close to the timber mill building. It was erected in 1937 in memory of a leading carpenter.

The following register identifies all the buildings in the study area, gives its precinct location, inventory number, heritage assessment and recommendation.

CATEGORY	PREC.	NO.	ITEM	HERITAGE ASSESSMENT	RECOMMENDATION
Buildings	B	B71	Pattern Shop and Store	2/5	Record
	E	B37	Chain Shop	2/5	Record
	E	B39	Change Rooms	2/5	Record
	E	B40	Paint Shop	2/5	Record
	E	B41	Electricians (Former saddlers) Shop	2/5	Record
	E	B42	Carpenters Shop	2/5	Record
	E	B43	Saddlers Store	2/5	Record
	F	B61	Modern Shed and Yard	2/5	Record
	G	B22	Band Saw Shed	2/5	Record
	G	B26	Carpenters/Sawmill Shop	2/5	Record
	G	B28	Building Store Office Garden	2/5	Record
	G	B36	Drum Ferrule Shop	2/5	Record
	G	B53	Ingot Room	2/5	Record
	G	B54	Returned Material Depot	2/5	Record
	G	B56	Footwarmers Room	2/5	Record
	G	B59	Garage	2/5	Record
	G	B60	Small Hipped Roof	2/5	Record
	G	B64	Saw Bench Shed	2/5	Record
	G	M27A	Furnace Room	2/5	Record
	H	B23	Band Saw Shed	2/5	Record
	H	B30	Conference Room	2/5	Record
	H	B32	Break Down Room	2/5	Record
	J	B77	Stores Shed	2/5	Record
	J	B73	2 x Air Raid Shelters	3/5	Consider for Conservation
	J	B78	Watchmans Gatehouse	2/5	Record

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Plant/Relics	C	M2C1	Crane No. 1	3/5	Retain in Operation
	C	M3	Points/Levers/Rail Butts	2/5	Recorded and Scrapped
	C	M6	Small vertical Fire Tube Boiler	4/5	Conserve either relocated or in situ
	C	M7C2	Crane No. 2 - coal fired Steam Crane	4/5	Conserve
	C	M8	Cincinnati 1" capacity Mild Steel Shear	4/5	Record and Scrap
	C	M9C3	Crane No. 3	4/5	Conserve
	C	M12C4	Crane No. 4	4/5	Conserve
	C	M13	Crane Grab	4/5	Remain with steam crane and be conserved
	C	M14	Redundant Machinery and Sling Brackets	2/5	Slings, chains and hooks stored adjacent to steam crane. Machinery recorded and scrapped
	D	M19	Isolated Pressure Vessel	2/5	Record
	D	M18C7	Travelling Backleg Crane (Hillside)	3/5	Consider for Conservation - further research required
	D	M16/17-C5&6.	Wagon Centre Overhead Cranes x 2	3/5	Cranes remain in use. External crane rails recorded & scrapped
	E	M44	New Jack Testing Machine	3/5	Keep Operational
	E	M45	Jack Tester	3/5	Consider for Conservation
	E	M46	Wire Winding Machine	3/5	Consider for Conservation
	E	M47	Chain Tester	4/5	Relocate and Conserve
	E	M47A	Chain Tester Bed	4/5	Relocate & Conserve
	E	M48	Hydraulic Ferrule Pressing Machine	3/5	Consider for Conservation
	E	M49	Splicing Work places	3/5	Consider for Conservation
	E	M50	Small Bench	3/5	Consider for Conservation

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Plant/Relics	E E G G G G G G G G G G G G C C G G G G G H H H H J	M51 M52 M24 M26 M26A M33 M34 M35A M35 M57 M65 M66 M67 A68C M10 M27 B55 B58 B64 M25 M76 B29 M21C8 L1	Splicing Tools Cable Makers Workbench Sawdust Cyclone Overhead Crane Hydraulic Press Bayns and Primrose Hammer Sawdust Hopper Signal Makers Jib Crane minus jib Signal Makers Jib Crane Jib Potash Tank Robinson Jointer Robinson Spindle Router Timber Trolley Steps to Sigway Platform Coal Dump Original Furnace Chimney Equipment Dismantling Yard Sigway Platform Timber Rack Timber Stacking Shop Signals Flagpole Overhead Crane Boabab Tree	3/5 2/5 2/5 2/65 3/5 3/5 2/5 2/5 1/5 2/5 3/5 3/5 4/5 2/5 2/5 2/5 -/5 2/5 2/5 2/5 -/5 2/5 2/5 2/5 3/5 4/5 3/5 4/5	Consider for Conservation Record Record Record Consider for Conservation Consider for Conservation Record Record Record Record Consider for Conservation Consider for Conservation Conserve one example Record Record Record Record Record Record Record Consider for Conservation Conserve Consider for Conservation Conserve
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Landscape					

4.5 Extant Relics

In the study areas, there are no operating workshops except those in the Locomotive Maintenance Centre. Most relics had been removed from the buildings and transferred to other locations within the site or have been sold and removed from the place. The number of relics is consequently smaller than would have been supposed.

The relics in the main are redundant items that had been removed from the Signals and Communication Workshops before they were demolished. Some of these items have been sold since this report was written. No comprehensive list of material which has been removed from the site is available.

The most significant items are those in Precinct C and they consist of the rails, points, butts and the steam cranes which move construction materials around the yard. Apart from these relics, the other relics of significance are the old safe working equipment in the former Ingot Room and the cable tension testing machine in the Chain Room.

4.6 Landscape Items

Items of landscape significance fall outside the scope of this report. However one item, a Boabab tree in the grounds of the Locomotive Workshop (Precinct J), appeared to be so unusual and was of such importance to the employees that it is included in this report.