

Shorncliffe station precinct heritage restoration



PROJECT UPDATE – JULY 2020

Queensland Rail is continuing works at Shorncliffe station in preparation for restoring the historic station building. The project will involve repairs to the station building's foundations and walls, replacing the roof, cleaning and painting surfaces, restoring the air raid shelter, and constructing a new staff operations facility.

Queensland Rail is committed to the restoration of Shorncliffe station and is prioritising heritage considerations as the project progresses through design and implementation, reflecting community feedback received during the consultation phase.

Project progress

In late-2019 independent heritage assessors, Niche Environment and Heritage, completed investigations to uncover objects in the subfloor of the Shorncliffe train station. Some of the items discovered date back to the early-1900s.

Due to the age and value of these older artefacts, there is a requirement by the Department of Environment and Science for Queensland Rail to complete an archaeological dig. This will involve a more thorough and deeper excavation of the site, in particular, the area under the old station ticket office.

Queensland Rail is currently in the early stages of this process.

The archaeological dig has impacted project timeframes and Queensland Rail will provide a revised project timeline as we near completion of these heritage requirements. While these extra works have affected the project timelines, it's extremely important that we get this project right and treat this 1912 building - and piece of our local history - with respect.



Concept design only - subject to change

Planned upcoming works

Once the archaeological dig is complete, it will need to be certified as having met the heritage requirements. Niche Environment and Heritage will then catalogue each item so they can be showcased to the community.

Queensland Rail is continuing to work closely with relevant government agencies in response to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and will take advice on when such a community event could occur in the near future.

The restoration component of the project will commence following these works and will include detailed design. Queensland Rail will share these designs with the community for feedback.

Temporary ticket office and platform access

The temporary ticket office and new platform access to the west of the station building will remain in place while the station's restoration works continue.

We thank the community for their patience as we work to ensure the heritage restoration is undertaken in a way that honours the rich history of our railway and the local community.

Keeping you informed

For more information, to provide feedback or to be added to the project's distribution list for email updates:

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