Recognising Sydney's Industrial heritage
Why these buildings are important
These buildings form one of the largest collections of industrial and warehouse buildings in Australia and represent Sydney’s industrial past.
They played an important role in developing Australia’s self-sufficiency, growth, urbanisation, society and contribution to the war effort for World War II.
Most of these buildings are concentrated in southern Sydney and were built during the first half of the twentieth century. There are also some significant industrial and warehouse buildings from later periods and in other parts of the city.

How we selected these places
The City of Sydney commissioned a heritage study of industrial and warehouse buildings in 2013.
We engaged a team of heritage, planning, architecture, archaeology and history experts. They consulted heritage organisations, researched historical records and surveyed surviving buildings. The study recommended listing 63 sites and two conservation areas due to their heritage value.
This included several factories and warehouses, and some substations, stormwater channels and other services infrastructure. We have already listed one of these, the Ford Sherington factory in Surry Hills, and now we propose to list the remaining 62 sites and two conservation areas.

**What are local heritage listings and conservation areas?**

Local heritage listings can apply to individual sites, buildings, objects or precincts for their particular heritage value to the local area. ‘Conservation areas’ are precincts or streetscapes listed collectively for their distinct character. ‘Items’ are places listed for their individual heritage value.

**What local heritage listing means for property owners**

Protecting buildings through heritage listing can revitalise old buildings and surrounding areas. Studies show buildings with well-maintained heritage features can attract higher resale values.

If your building is heritage listed, you do not have to restore or open your property to the public. Your control over the sale or lease of the property is not affected.

A heritage listing does not prevent you making any changes to the building. It encourages new uses or alterations sympathetic to the old building and ensures significant features are retained areas.

You can upgrade older buildings to meet environmental standards while retaining their heritage features.

See the NSW Heritage Council’s *Heritage listing explained* at [environment.nsw.gov.au](http://environment.nsw.gov.au) for more information.
Have your say
Visit sydneyyoursay.com.au to see more information, including the heritage study and details of the proposed listings.

You can comment on the proposed listings at sydneyyoursay.com.au and at these neighbourhood service centres:

- One Stop Shop (CBD) Level 2, Town Hall House, 456 Kent Street, Sydney, Monday to Friday: 8am–6pm
- Redfern Neighbourhood Service Centre, 158 Redfern Street, Redfern, Monday to Friday: 9am–5pm, Saturday: 9am–noon
- Green Square Neighbourhood Service Centre, 100 Joynton Avenue, Zetland, Monday to Friday: 10am–6pm
- Glebe Neighbourhood Service Centre, 186 Glebe Point Road (cnr Wigram Road), Glebe, Monday to Friday: 9am–5pm

Please provide your comments in writing by 6pm 30 June marked ‘S122740 Planning proposal submission – Industrial and warehouse heritage listings’ and address them to:

Attention: Claudine Loffi, Senior Specialist Planner (Heritage)
City of Sydney
GPO Box 1591
Sydney NSW 2001
Or email cloffi@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au
Revitalised heritage-listed buildings

There are some great examples of significant industrial and warehouse buildings being brought back to life in our area. These buildings contribute to the character and stories of these local places.

**Ford Sherington Factory in Surry Hills**, where the famous Globite school cases were made, was listed in 2014 with community and landowner support.

**The Grounds in Alexandria.** The 1918 mill now hosts The Grounds of Alexandria, as well as offices, film-production studios, markets, restaurants and clothing manufacturers.

**The Cooperage in Pyrmont,** originally used for the construction of barrels for a distillery, is a series of strata offices suites.

**The 1920s Bushells Tea Warehouse at The Rocks** provides high-quality commercial accommodation.

**The 1899 New York and Brooklyn Tobacco Factory and the 1938 Demco Machinery Company** is a contemporary apartment complex with a bar and roof garden in Surry Hills.
Developing listed places

Before making major changes to listed buildings and sites, you need to go through the normal development application process.

The City will assess the proposal. This assessment is guided by expert advice, with input from the community. You will need to submit a statement of heritage impact, a report already required for development applications for buildings older than 50 years.

You can also meet with City staff for advice on your redevelopment plans. You may be eligible for a heritage grant or be allowed a wider range of uses for the property. Minor works or maintenance are usually exempt from this approval process.

If you are thinking about developing a site we have proposed for heritage listing, please contact the City of Sydney’s duty planner to discuss your plans on 02 9265 9333.