



NSW State Heritage Inventory form

Blacktown Heritage Inventory – DRAFT 2009

PROPOSED HERITAGE ITEM 5

ITEM DETAILS						
Name of Item	Blacktown Railway Station – Signal Building					
Other Name/s Former Name/s	Blacktown Road Station (1860- 1862)					
Item type (if known)	Built / Group					
Item group (if known)	Transport - Rail					
Item category (if known)	Railway Infrastructure					
Area, Group, or Collection Name	Toongabbie – Rooty Hill Station Buildings Group					
Street number						
Street name	Blacktown Road					
Suburb/town	Blacktown				Postcode	
Local Government Area/s	Blacktown City Council					
Property description						
Location - Lat/long	Latitude				Longitude	
Location - AMG (if no street address)	Zone		Easting		Northing	
Owner	NSW Government					
Current use	Railway Infrastructure					
Former Use	Railway Infrastructure					
Statement of significance	<p>Criterion a) The Blacktown Railway Station Signal Building is a remaining representative example of a series of post war / war time Art Deco building upgrades along the Blacktown line from Toongabbie to Mt Druitt in the early 1950's and is the only significant remaining building from the pre-1960 period at the station complex, which was re built in the early 21st century.</p> <p>Criterion c) The Blacktown Signal Building is a highly intact and exemplar public infrastructure building built in the Art Deco Style.</p>					
Level of Significance	State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Local <input type="checkbox"/>		

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DESCRIPTION			
Designer			
Builder/ maker			
Physical Description	<p>Blacktown Railway Station Signal Building is a face brick banded building, two storeys high. The building has a flat roof parapeted around three sides.</p> <p>The form is a typical art deco form of a simple rectangle with a circular corner, terminating in a corner tower. The circular corner has steel framed circular windows with a concrete cantilever awning.</p> <p>Brick work is banded in a simple horizontal relief banding marking floor levels roof height and parapet detail.</p> <p>(Note Building not inspected internally.)</p>		
Physical condition and Archaeological potential	Good.		
Construction years	Start year	1955	Circa <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Modifications and dates			

HISTORY	
Historical notes	<p>The railway line was first extended to Blacktown in 1860. It was extended to Rooty Hill in 1861 and to Richmond in 1864. The Main Western line was extended to Penrith in 1867 and into the mountains to Wentworth Falls in 1868.</p> <p>The first Railway Station was a simple hipped roofed brick building that appears in an 1880's photo.</p> <p>The main station building was built some time after this in the late Victorian period and was a brick and stone Victorian Neo-Georgian revival building.</p> <p>The building remained in the 1970's and was demolished some time after that. A year 2000 upgrading of the Blacktown Railway Station resulted in the demolition of the main station building. Significant buildings remaining at that time included the Signal Building, and the Goods Shed.</p> <p>The Signal Building is the only substantial building remaining to date.</p> <p>A series of Art Deco Upgrades of the Stations from Toongabbie to Mt Druitt occurred in the 1940 – 1950 period. All of these barring Mt Druitt Station remain in tact.</p> <p>The Signal Building at Blacktown is the most iconic of this series of buildings reflecting the importance of the station in the network.</p>

THEMES	
National historical theme	
State historical theme	

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HERITAGE LISTINGS	
Heritage listing/s	Section 170 SRA 1999 SRA 43

INFORMATION SOURCES				
Include conservation and/or management plans and other heritage studies.				
Type	Author/Client	Title	Year	Repository
Inventory Sheet	NSW State Rail Authority	S 170 Register	1999	NSW State government
Photo	Various	Various	1885-1970	State Library NSW
Maps / Timelines	Various			NSW Rail Net

RECOMMENDATIONS	
Recommendations	Include the Blacktown Signal Box on the Blacktown LEP Heritage Schedule

SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION			
Name of study or report		Year of study or report	
Item number in study or report			
Author of study or report	Margaret Fallon		
Inspected by	Margaret Fallon		
NSW Heritage Manual guidelines used?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
This form completed by	Margaret Fallon	Date	Nov 2009

IMAGES

Please supply images of each elevation, the interior and the setting.

Image caption	Blacktown Signal Building				
Image year	2009	Image by	Margaret Fallon	Image copyright holder	



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