

CASE STUDY

Flinders Street Station Upgrade

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Project Overview

Flinders Street Station Upgrade

Flinders Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000

Developer City of Melbourne – Victorian Government

Architect Lovell Chen

Builder Built.

Range of products utilised



Works Flinders Street Station Redevelopment and Maintenance

Background

An iconic Melbourne landmark, Flinders Street Station is used by more than 90,000 Victorians each day. A major revitalisation project sought to preserve the station's historic beauty and improve functionality for current and future generations.

Flinders Street Station is one of Melbourne's most recognisable landmarks. Located on the high-profile corner of Flinders and Swanston Streets in the central business district, the distinctive Edwardian building is at the heart of the city's rail network.

Dulux played a crucial role in a \$100 million state-funded upgrade completed in 2020. The project was delivered in two phases: repair and restoration to the main administration building, and works to improve the passenger experience, including improved passenger routing and amenities.

Dulux's focus was the project management and delivery of repair and restoration works to structural and external finishes. As a heritage-listed building, it was critical that these works were sympathetic to the station's original colours and finishes. The outcome was a program of works that provided a new lease of life to this much-loved feature of the Melbourne streetscape and ensured its protection into the future.

The Challenge

Identifying durable solutions that would reduce ongoing maintenance requirements while respecting this iconic heritage-listed building was a key project consideration.

Maintenance and longevity

The last major refurbishment works at Flinders Street Station were more than 20 years ago. Since then, weather, birds and other environmental factors have degraded the structure, creating the need for a revitalisation project to address these impacts and ensure the building's longevity.

Restoration requirements

Respect for heritage involves protecting objects and places that are important to the Victorian and Australian communities. Heritage projects require adherence to specific frameworks and guidance regarding the construction, maintenance and renovation of these sites.

Heritage colour palette

The station was to be restored to its original paint colour, which was applied in the early 1900s. The project architects, Lovell Chen, provided numerous paint chips from throughout the station for the Dulux team to analyse and colour-match.

On-site safety

The Dulux team was required to undertake 'Avetta Training: Metro Trains Melbourne third-party induction' to visit the worksite.

“The approach to the repainting of Flinders Street Station was to pursue a colour scheme which is as close to possible to the original treatment as could be determined. The colours selected may not exactly match those originally used, but should come close to their appearance. Such colours will best reflect the presentation of the building when it opened, an event of great importance to Melbourne, and reinforce its landmark status.”

Deidre – Architect, Lovell Chen



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“For the current refurbishment works, Development Victoria commissioned Lovell Chen, in collaboration with The Centre for Cultural Materials at The University of Melbourne, to carry out an investigation of the external decorative treatments to the administration building. This investigation builds upon earlier research carried out by Peter Lovell in 1979 when repainting works were carried out by the then Victorian Railways.”

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The Solution

Three Dulux brands worked in unison to provide a range of technical solutions for this unique refurbishment project.

Multi-surface solutions

Dulux provided specifications for a variety of applications: premium paints, renders, clears for timber, concrete coatings and metal protective coatings.

Custom colour creation

The colour experts at Dulux worked to ensure consistent colour matching with the original paint colours and achieved an accurate match to the colour the station was painted when it opened.

The following colours are the Dulux colours X their Munsell comparison:

- Flinders Station Cream
– Munsell 10YR 7/4
- Flinders Station Terracotta
– Munsell 10R 3/8
- Flinders Station Dark Green
– Munsell 10GY 2/2

Consultation and collaboration

The design was comprehensively reviewed from an operational and construction perspective so that only the most effective coating solutions were implemented and programmed.

Lasting performance

Dulux products and systems were specified to meet the durability requirements of this important development project – including withstanding clinical cleaning regimes and harsh weather conditions – while protecting surfaces and providing aesthetic appeal.

Products Specified

Dulux Protective Coatings



Primer utilised on new steel

MetalShield High Build ZP Primer

2nd and 3rd Coat utilised on new steel

Ferrodor 810

2nd and 3rd Coat utilised on new steel

Metalshield Premium Enamel

New metal panels

Durebuild STE



Dulux Acratex



Exterior façade, existing painted finish for over sound acrylic masonry, existing painted masonry with previous moulding problem

Acratex Acra-Shield

Prime and seal all masonry surfaces

Acratex Acraprime Solvent Based Clear



Dulux Paint



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Weathershield Gloss

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Dulux Prepcoat 1 Step Oil Primer Sealer Undercoat



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Peter Wood
Dulux Commercial Business Manager



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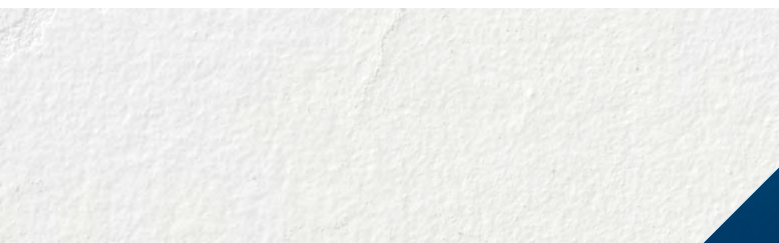
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