



Bringing the Parramatta Female Factory to all Australians

World Heritage Status

To protect, preserve, conserve, interpret historically and make accessible the Parramatta Female Factory Site to all Australians present and future, the site needs to be World Heritage Site Status.

The Parramatta Female Factory Site includes the Convict Female Factory site footprint which is the 1818 Governor Macquarie site, the 1820s Governor Brisbane third class additions and the Governor Gipps courtyard and cells additions.

Conservation Priorities

This site needs to be preserved intact in its entirety, just as it is with Port Arthur and Hyde Park Barracks. The architecture and architectural elements of critical historical value are as follows:

Priority 1

1. 1818 Greenway design Matrons quarters, meeting rooms and store
2. 1818 Greenway design Hospital and store
3. 1823 Third class sleeping quarters
4. 1818 Boundary walls
5. 1830s Governor Gipps commissioned solitary cell courtyard and yard
6. Original clock workings and bell

Items 1-3 inclusive are of equal historical significance. Items 4-6 are an intrinsic part of the site.

Priority 2

This priority is the remaining original architectural material which is located in various forms throughout the original footprint site in later buildings such as the building known as the Lunatic Asylum which currently houses the clock and bell. These later buildings have historic value of merit also. There may be original building elements within building but insufficient research has been undertaken to assess this.

Site Use

Future reuse of the Parramatta Female Factory site:

Future reuse as a World Heritage Site - national resource and learning centre, research, education, museum, leisure and tourism activities focused on the Female Factories period.

Current reuse:

Paper storage, credit union office, health library, health training rooms, Sydney University Institute of Psychiatry offices, client visitation and training workshops, vacant (with recent intent a computer data room), vacant (through neglect and arson).

Custodianship

The NSW Department of Health priority of health for the people of NSW is respected and recognised. It is the current custodian. Its core work is not responsibility for heritage conservation, education, access research and tourism of sites with significance at a world heritage level. This site is internationally significant.