

PORT AUTHORITY OF NSW HERITAGE INVENTORY

State Heritage Inventory

SHI Number: 4560057		Study Number: N/A	
Item Name: Timber Cabinet 2, Enfield			
Location: Port Access Road, Rozelle			
Address: Glebe Island ERT Shed, Port Access Road, Rozelle		DUAP Region: Sydney South	
Suburb / Nearest Town: Rozelle 2039		Historic Region: Sydney	
Local Govt Area: Inner West		Parish: Petersham	
State: NSW		County: Cumberland	
Other/Former Names:			
Area/Group/Complex:		Group ID:	
Aboriginal Area: Wangal			
Curtilage/Boundary:			
Item Type: Movable / Collection	Group: Government and Administration	Category: Contents (movable)	
Owner: Port Authority of New South Wales			
Current Use: None			
Former Uses:			
Assessed Significance: Local		Endorsed Significance:	
Statement of Significance: <p>The exact provenance of this cabinet is unknown, subsequently no direct historical importance or significant associations with the item have been identified. However, this cabinet may have held a commemorative purpose and subsequent historic importance / association with the relevant department or agency responsible for its early ownership. The date suggested by the paper tag attached to the bottom of the cabinet (106 years old) cannot be verified, however, this could suggest that this cabinet (and the comparable item Timber Cabinet 1, SHI 4560058) had an association for those organisations. Until they are finally identified, however, this can only be an interim assessment.</p>			
Historical Notes or Provenance: <p>While the precise provenance of this item is unknown, a card tag attached to the base states that 'This cedar sideboard was restored by D. Selmon signwriter and E.T. Buckhorn carpenter' and painted with satin finish Estapol in 1988-89. A further note in parenthesis states '106 years old' but no further information is given. A patina of use also appears in the framing of the panelled doors and the top and suggests previous use.</p> <p>Research was undertaken through internal contacts at the former Sydney Ports Corporation and through an inspection of previous Maritime Services Board (MSB) publications such as All A'Board, a quarterly publication of the MSB (1962-1975), The monthly Officers Journal (1925- 1934) and the official history prepared by Edna Carew, First Port Future Port. Celebrating 100 Years (2002). Additionally, the Heritage Assessment for Part of the former Enfield Yard (Otto Cserhalmi & Partners P/L, March 2002) does not</p>			

make any reference to either timber cabinet. No reference to cabinets constructed for the MSB or its descendants has yet been identified.			
Themes:	National Theme:	State Theme:	Local Theme:
Designer: Unknown			
Maker / Builder: Unknown			
Year Started:	Year Completed:	Circa: No	
<p>Physical Description: A footed cabinet with three panelled doors with hidden hinges, right-hand door is keyed to left hand side of centre panel frame, the centre door opens on timber slides set into the frame of the cabinet, the left door is also hinged. When closed, the mortise locks (no markings) on the right and left secure through strike plates set into the centre panel. The sawn rear panels are also well-finished. Two feet are formed from profile-sawn ornamental skirting while the rear and sides are un-sawn aprons. The interior is divided into shelved compartments with three vertical divisions on the right and left sides for large ledger books.</p> <p>The panels of the doors are framed and finished with cyma reversa moulding to all sides. The panels are formed from a single slab of timber resembling Australian red cedar (<i>Toona ciliata</i>); a timber valued for easy working for furniture. This timber identification is based on the information found on the tag shown in figure 3 above. All elements show a patina of wear and the position of the damage to the lip of the top suggests that the top may have been turned during the 1988/89 restoration. The loss of timber colour (compared to the interior) suggests that it has been exposed to strong sunlight during its use. An earlier photo of the item shows a bevelled glass top but this glass is no longer with the item. The dimensions are approximately 1580 wide x 465 deep x 750 high.</p> <p>The top of chest is also formed from single slab of timber with cyma reversa ornamental moulding.</p> <p>The joining methods have not been determined but bracing was accomplished by hide glue blocks and the carcass jointed with slotted wood screws. Lock hardware is brass.</p>			
Physical Condition: The timber cabinet is in a fair condition with some minor cracking to the base structure of the cabinet, along with some general wear and scuffing likely the product of its historic use and recent location in a storage facility.			
Modification Dates: Top may have been turned 'front to back' when restored in 1988-89. Original finish removed and replaced with Estapol polyurethane (Wattyl) during this restoration.			
Recommended Management: Keep in a protected location to retain and conserve, as appropriate.			
Preparation of a Heritage Assessment with input from a furniture conservation specialist to provide a comprehensive understanding of the significance of the item and assist with its long-term management.			
Management: Statutory Instrument			
Further Comments: Date of construction: Late 19th century or early 20th century.			
Criteria a)			
<p>Criteria b) The exact provenance of this cabinet is unknown, subsequently no direct significant association with the item has been identified. However, this cabinet may hold an association with the relevant department or agency responsible for its early ownership. Until the items provenance is further clarified, this can only be an interim assessment.</p> <p>The date suggested by the paper tag (106 years old) cannot be verified, however, this could suggest that this cabinet (and the comparable item Timber Cabinet 1) had an association for those organisations. Until they are finally identified, however, this can only be an interim assessment.</p>			

Criteria c) The item and its detailing are representative of NSW office furniture of its era. Examples of similar items are uncommon in public collections.					
Criteria d)					
Criteria e) The exact provenance of this cabinet is unknown, subsequently no direct potential to yield significant information has been identified. However, until the items provenance is further clarified, this can only be an interim assessment.					
Criteria f)					
Criteria g)					
Integrity / Intactness: Good, original finish lost.					
References:	Author:	Title:			Year:
	Michael Bogle	Sydney Ports Moveable Heritage Assessment			2010
Studies:	Author:	Title:	Number:	Year:	
Parcels:	Parcel Code:	Lot Number:	Section:	Plan Code:	Plan Number:
Latitude:			Longitude:		
Listings:	Name:	Title:	Number:	Date:	
	Heritage Act – S.170 NSW State agency heritage register	Timber Cabinet 2, Enfield	4560057		
Data Entry:	Date First Entered:	Date Updated:	Status:		
	07/05/2010	19/12/2022	Basic		

Image: 1



Caption: Timber cabinet with three panelled doors (centre door slides to right and left). Former Sydney Ports Corporation, Enfield project office, Cosgrove Road, Enfield. January 2010.

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Image: 2



Caption: Timber cabinet with three panelled doors, reverse side. Former Sydney Ports Corporation, Enfield project office, Cosgrove Road, Enfield. January 2010.

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Image: 3



Caption: Card tag on bottom of timber cabinet, Former Sydney Ports Corporation, Enfield project office, Cosgrove Road, Enfield. January 2010.

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Caption: Timber cabinet with three paneled doors, front profile, at Port Authority of NSW furniture shed, Glebe Island, Rozelle.

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Caption: Timber cabinet with three paneled doors, side profile, at Port Authority of NSW furniture shed, Glebe Island, Rozelle.

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Caption: Timber cabinet with three paneled doors, rear profile, at Port Authority of NSW furniture shed, Glebe Island, Rozelle.

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Caption: Timber cabinet with three paneled doors, interior left section, at Port Authority of NSW furniture shed, Glebe Island, Rozelle.

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Caption: Timber cabinet with three paneled doors, underside, at Port Authority of NSW furniture shed, Glebe Island, Rozelle.

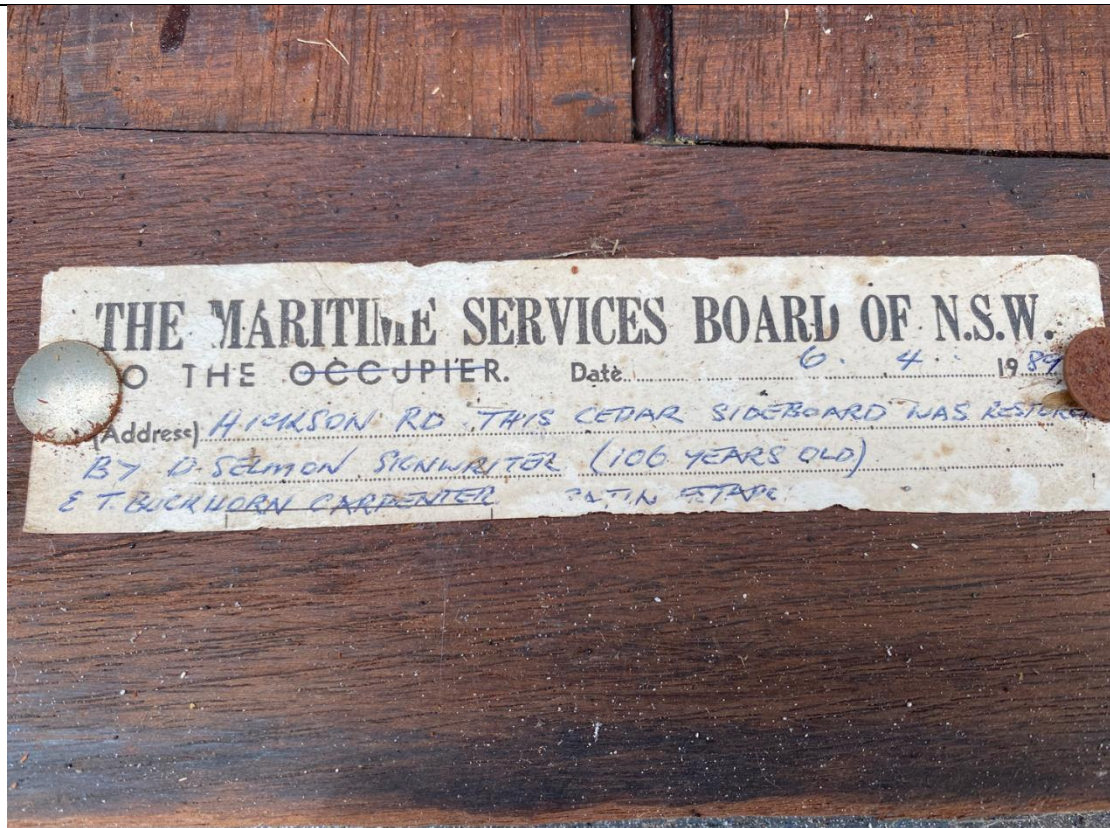
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Caption: Timber cabinet with three paneled doors, note attached to underside, at Port Authority of NSW furniture shed, Glebe Island, Rozelle.

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