

CASE STUDY

WA Museum Boola Bardip

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Project Overview

WA Museum - Boola Bardip – New Museum Heritage Buildings

Perth Cultural Centre, Perth WA 6000

Developer	Western Australia Government
Architect	Hassell
Builder	MultiPlex
Range of products utilised	
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Works	Redevelopment of WA Museum, including four heritage buildings.

Background

Opened in 2020, the WA Museum Boola Bardip blends heritage buildings and contemporary architecture to deliver a visionary museum experience.

The new museum is an innovative and exciting place intended to become a landmark destination that contributes to the vibrancy of Perth's Cultural Centre. It leverages the latest trends in design, sustainability, technology, accessibility and visitor engagement to create a unique museum that delights and inspires.

The new museum building is three times the size of the old museum and includes eight permanent galleries, a 1,000 square metre temporary exhibition gallery, a shop and cafe. As part of this project, four buildings were connected by new looped walkways, improving accessibility and traffic flow.

The name Boola Bardip means 'many stories' in Noongar language and recognises the significant role of Aboriginal people in WA's shared cultural heritage.

The Challenge

Heritage projects require immense consideration and creative solutions to ensure the preservation and enhancement of their original beauty.

Respect for heritage

The original heritage-listed museum buildings added significant complexity to the redevelopment – from the need to strip lead paint to restrictions about the colours that could be used. The recoating of these historical buildings was required to align with the paint 'look' from when the buildings were initially built. Extra caution was required with coatings that were applied to original sandstone masonry, which would absorb and transfer moisture.

High-traffic areas

Thousands of people will walk the museum's spaces each day, so it was vital that the interior wall paint could be cleaned continuously.

Lighting and glass impacts

Light installations and reflective glass are used throughout the museum, causing reflections to walls. For this reason, the specified solutions needed to reduce glare and reflections.





Project Outcomes

Finishes that were sympathetic to heritage

Porter's Paint was specified to allow moisture transfer from the historical sandstone. A coating of modern paint would not have lasted in this environment.

Lead paint removal

As the heritage buildings were initially painted with lead paint, each space within these buildings had to be stripped rather than painted over. Entire painting systems had to be applied to achieve this and deliver the desired result. Both interior and exterior areas were replaced with water-based finishes, which were rigorously tested to ensure they provided adequate protection.

Coating testing

The colour experts at Dulux conducted extensive testing of original coatings, including Dumond paint testing of every substrate in each building.

Lighting and glass impacts

Due to the harsh fluorescent museum installation lighting prevalent throughout the project, matte finishes were used on interior walls to help reduce glare and reflections.

Protection for high-traffic areas

With heavy daily foot traffic and associated knocks, scrapes and scuffs, it was vital that the interior wall paint could be cleaned consistently. Dark colours were used throughout to reduce the appearance of marks or dirt that can build over time. Dulux Wash & Wear was specified to meet these needs and provide a long-lasting, washable surface.

Products Specified

Fosroc



Below ground basement waterproofing

Primer 24
Proofex 3100 HDPE rolls

Street level waterproofing

Nitoproof Liquid Systems
Proofex 3100 HDPE rolls

Intergrain



Exterior timber doors, window frames, trims and eaves. UltraClear Exterior can also be used on the inside of exterior doors and window frames

Intergrain Ultraclear Exterior Matt

Feast Watson



On all interior timbers, including floors, furniture, cathedral ceilings and panelling

Feast Watson Tung Oil

Dulux Paint



Painted timber windows (interior and exterior)

Dulux Weathershield Matt

Painted pressed metal ceiling – galvanised steel (interior)

Dulux Wash&Wear Matt
Dulux Professional Total Prep

Painted cement render (interior)

Dulux Wash&Wear Matt
Dulux Professional Total Prep

Porter's Paint



Bare brick walls – aged uncoated substrate (interior)

Porter's Lime Wash
Porter's Undercoat Sealer

Bare Brick Walls (interior)

Porter's Mineral Silicate Primer
Porter's Mineral Paint

Cabot's



Timber doors, windows, trim and furniture

Cabot's Cabothane Clear Oil Based Gloss



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Peter Wood
Dulux Commercial Business Manager



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Transformation

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Reliability

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Fosroc Concrete Waterproofing and Repair Solutions

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Emer

Protecting Australian buildings for over 35 years, Emer offers complete waterproofing, decorative and protective coating system solutions.



Porter’s Decorative Finishes

Porter’s decorative finishes combine the latest technology with traditional methods and the finest raw materials to provide a superior finish. From modern paints to lime and cement-based products and reactive metallic finishes, our proprietary tinting system creates beautifully rich and unique colours.



Intergrain Timber Finishes

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