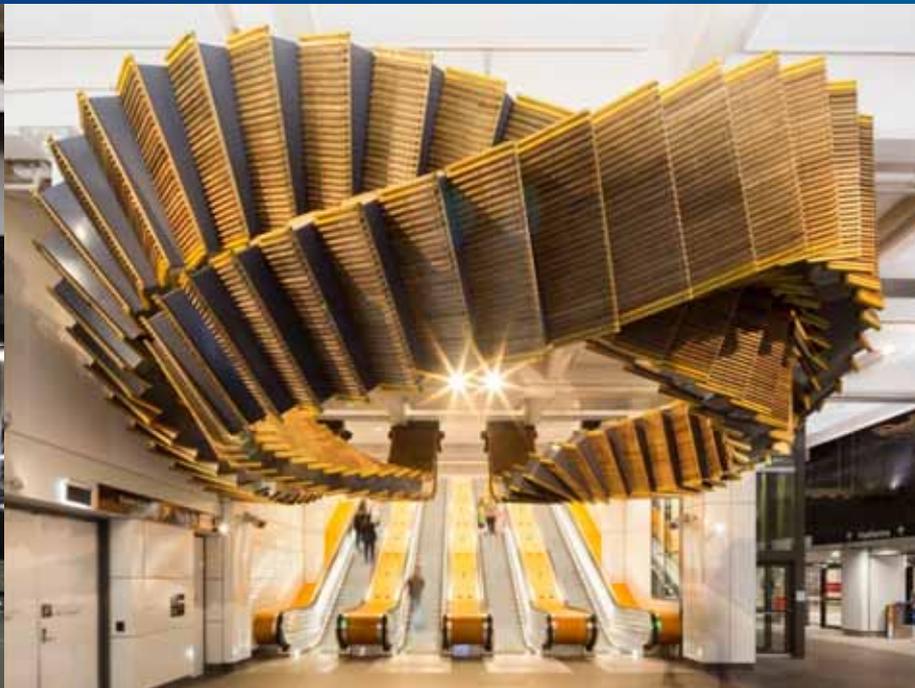


# Wynyard Station *Interloop*

## Heritage Interpretation



# Background

- Wynyard Station was opened 1932 featuring a parallel bank of three (with provision of for a fourth) 'Otis' escalators connecting York Street with the concourse. Architectural style with dark wooden panelling and treads to match the sleek art deco station interiors.
- In 1956/7 they were wholly replaced with 'Otis' machines and the fourth escalator added - again with wooden panelling and treads.
- After 60 years of service the four wooden escalators were retired in 2017 as part of the Wynyard Station Upgrade.



Opening 1932



Closure 2017

# S60 Heritage Approval Conditions

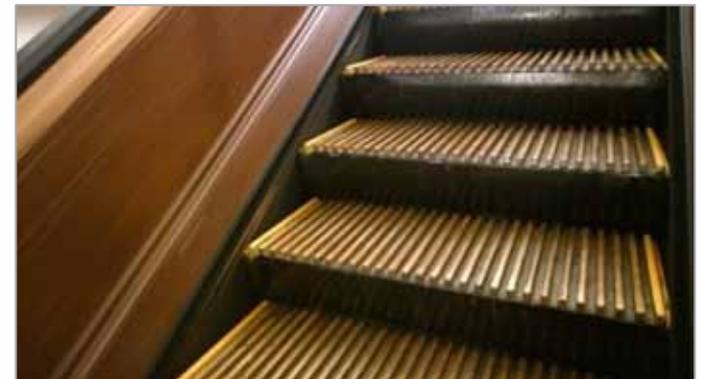
*“The interpretation strategy shall explore options for physical interpretation of the timber escalators, including the retention and reuse of escalator fabric on a substantial scale to assist the public in their awareness of the timber escalators.”*



- 1 What is defined as Substantial?
- 2 Strategy to implement a solution?

# Interpretation Strategy – Artist Brief

Proposed Location	Top and bottom lobbies and flanks of the escalator well
Audience	Users of the escalators and York St Entry Lobby
Themes and Stories	The unusual wooden finishes of the 1950s escalators
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The escalators are significant principally for their wooden treads and decking.</li><li>• The opportunity exists to display arrays of salvaged steps and decking.</li><li>• Able to be immediately associated with the heritage intent.</li></ul>



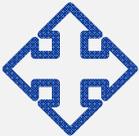
# Interpretation Strategy – Artist Brief



Heritage Compliance



Aesthetics



Constructability



Maintenance



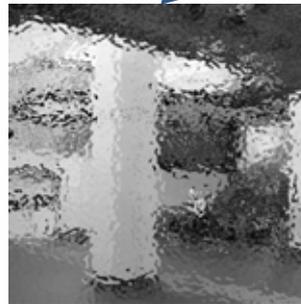
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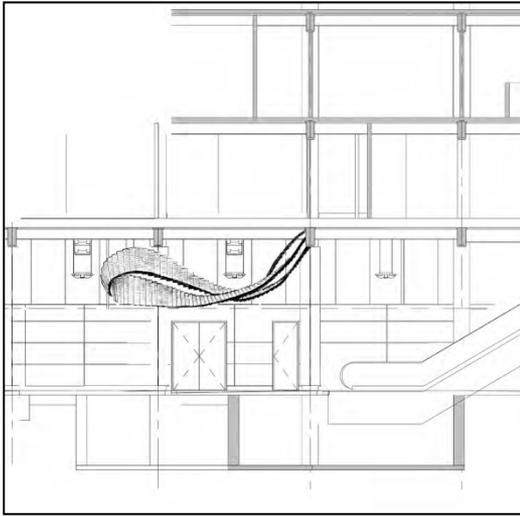
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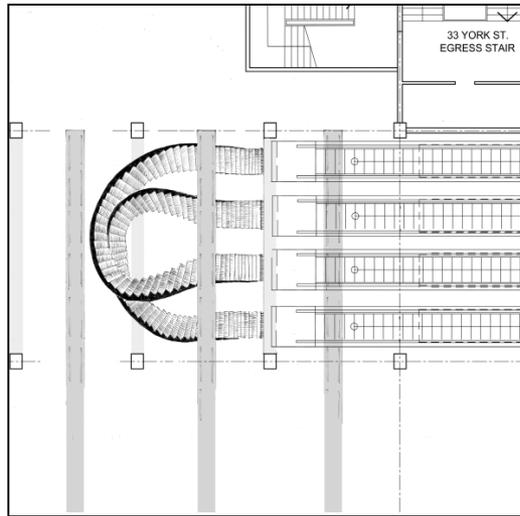
Three Options assessed



# *Interloop* by Artist Chris Fox

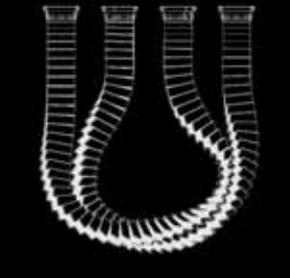


The Artwork loops two pairs of reconfigured escalators together located at the bottom of the York Street escalators.



The sculpture re-uses existing heritage timber treads of hardwood and plywood with a metal stringer sub-frame.

# Unveiling – Monday 4 December 2018



**York Street Escalators 1931**  
Scan here to learn more about the history of the Wynyard Station York Street escalators

**Chris Fox *Interloop* 2017**  
Timber treads of the historic Wynyard escalators are sculpted into an interlocking form evoking past and future journeys

**In memory of John Sung 1970 - 2017**  
John's project leadership and dedication laid the foundation for the 2014 - 2017 Wynyard Station Upgrade Project  
*Colleague. Mentor. Friend.*

# Public & Media Reaction

## Biggest TfNSW story of the year

- TfNSW top performing post of the year on Instagram with **778** likes and **51** comments (average 250 likes and 3-5 comments)
- Facebook even better with a total reach of **176,914** on TfNSW owned assets (average 20,000 reach)

**NSW Public Transport - NSW GOV**  
Published by Alexander Viani (Tf) · December 4 at 4:50pm · 🌐

Today we're excited to reveal a new heritage-inspired artwork at Wynyard Station. Created by artist Chris Fox, the work is called 'Interloop'. His sculpture uses 244 treads from the iconic wooden escalators that were upgraded this year.

Watch our team bring it to life! 🎥 📹 📺



**New artwork at Wynyard Station**  
01:30

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If you commute via Wynyard, a little art has just been added to your daily journey.

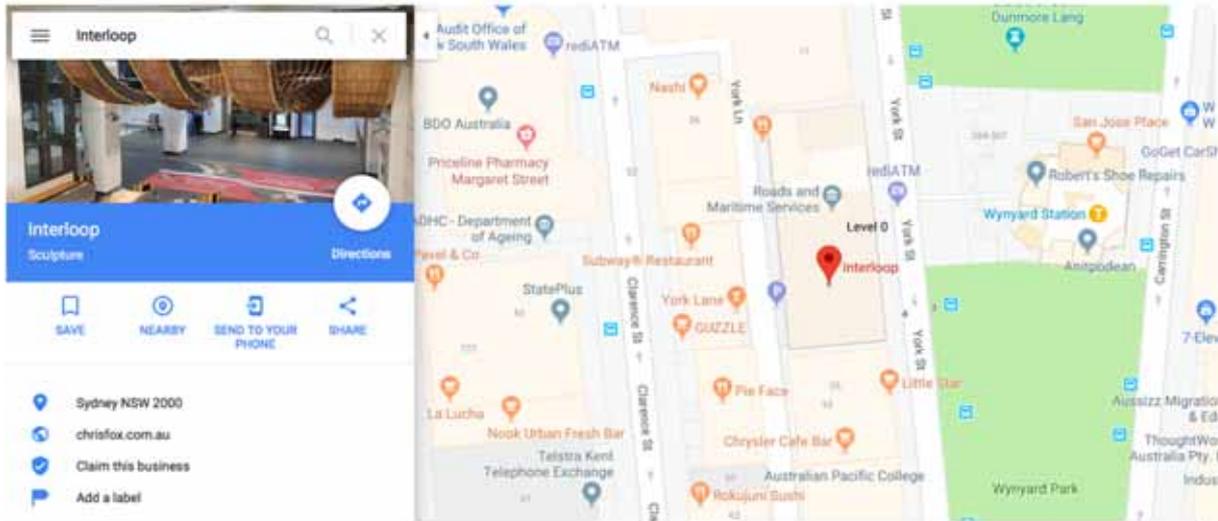
A major new work called *Interloop* has been installed over the weekend, created out of more than 50 meters of heritage wooden-stepped escalators built for the station in 1931. Sydney artist Chris Fox engineered the structure so that four escalator tracks hang via steel beams, twisting together over the heads of commuters.

The sculpture, sitting above four escalators linking York Street to the station's main concourse level, took 12 weeks to build (more than a kilometer of welding was required!). However, it was installed in an intensive 48-hour period across the weekend.

*Interloop* appeared without a whole lot of fanfare, with commuters this morning surprised to discover the trippy, surreal installation. Images started popping up online, even leading some to question whether the images were a hoax.



# Public & Media Reaction



## Artystyczna instalacja na stacji Wynyard w Sydney



Wow! Wygląda jak nieznanie płótno pędzla Salvadora Dalego albo kadr z kolejnej części filmowej Incepcji!

Przed Wami **instalacja artystyczna**, która podbiła serca wielu Australijczyków. **Chris Fox**, wykładowca architektury na uniwersytecie w Sydney zaprojektował oryginalną rzeźbę, którą umieścił w przestrzeni publicznej na kolejowo-autobusowej stacji Wynyard w samym sercu największego miasta Australii.

# The Project Team

