

Condition report for Paddy Hannan commemorative statue

Date: 21st October 2011

Location: Miners Hall of Fame

Artist: John Macleod c.1928

Title: Paddy Hannan commemorative statue

Owner: City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

Dimensions:

H: 1520mm

W: 800mm

D: 1260mm

Description:

Copper statue of a man sitting with a water bag and pick on a rock. Man is wearing a hat and a shirt with rolled up sleeves and pants with shoes/boots, he also has a full beard. He is holding on his right side a water bag which is being held in both hands. A pick is on his left with the head of the pick on the ground and the handle running straight up his left leg. His left foot is placed higher than his right.

Condition of item:

The condition of the statue remains fair as stated in the condition report 24th June 2010. Unfortunately there has been some deterioration; the part which has been affected is the cemented area, where the copper statue meets the granite on which it is placed. When the statue was loaned for an exhibition, at the National Museum of Australia, Canberra the statue was removed from its granite base for transportation, by conservators from the WA Museum. On arrival at the museum in Canberra the copper statue was once more secured onto the granite base by means of a cement mixture. On arrival back in Kalgoorlie-Boulder, on examination it was seen that the cement layer holding the statue to the granite base had cracked and broken into two halves. The cracks can be clearly seen in the front, between the leg area and at the back area, causing the two sections of cement to be unaligned and the statue no longer secured to the granite base. The cement has crumbled along the broken lines. Evidence of this could be clearly seen. It was further discovered that the cement now affixing the statue to the base is somewhat thicker and the colour is not as sympathetic to the colour of the original cement, making it very noticeable. The cement layer although broken is still attached to the copper of the statue in places and to the granite base.

Recommendations:

- The existing cement is removed.
- The cement residue is carefully cleaned away from the copper statue and the granite base
- A new thinner layer of cement is applied to secure the copper statue to the granite base. This layer should be as close to the original thickness of the cement originally used – photographs are available.

- The colour of the cement used is sympathetic to the colour of the copper and the granite as per original cement.