

INNER WEST



Engagement outcomes report Callan Park draft Landscape Structure Plan and governance

Summary

In response to the NSW Government release of the draft Callan Park Landscape Structure Plan, Inner West Council sought community's feedback to be included in the Council's submissions to the State Government. The feedback opened on 13 August and Closed 9 September 2020. During this time, we received 135 submissions. In addition to the online feedback, Council also run an online Community Information session on 1 September. Forty-two people registered to participate in this session.

Engagement Methods

What was the method of engagement?

- Online on yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au
- Online information session

Promotion

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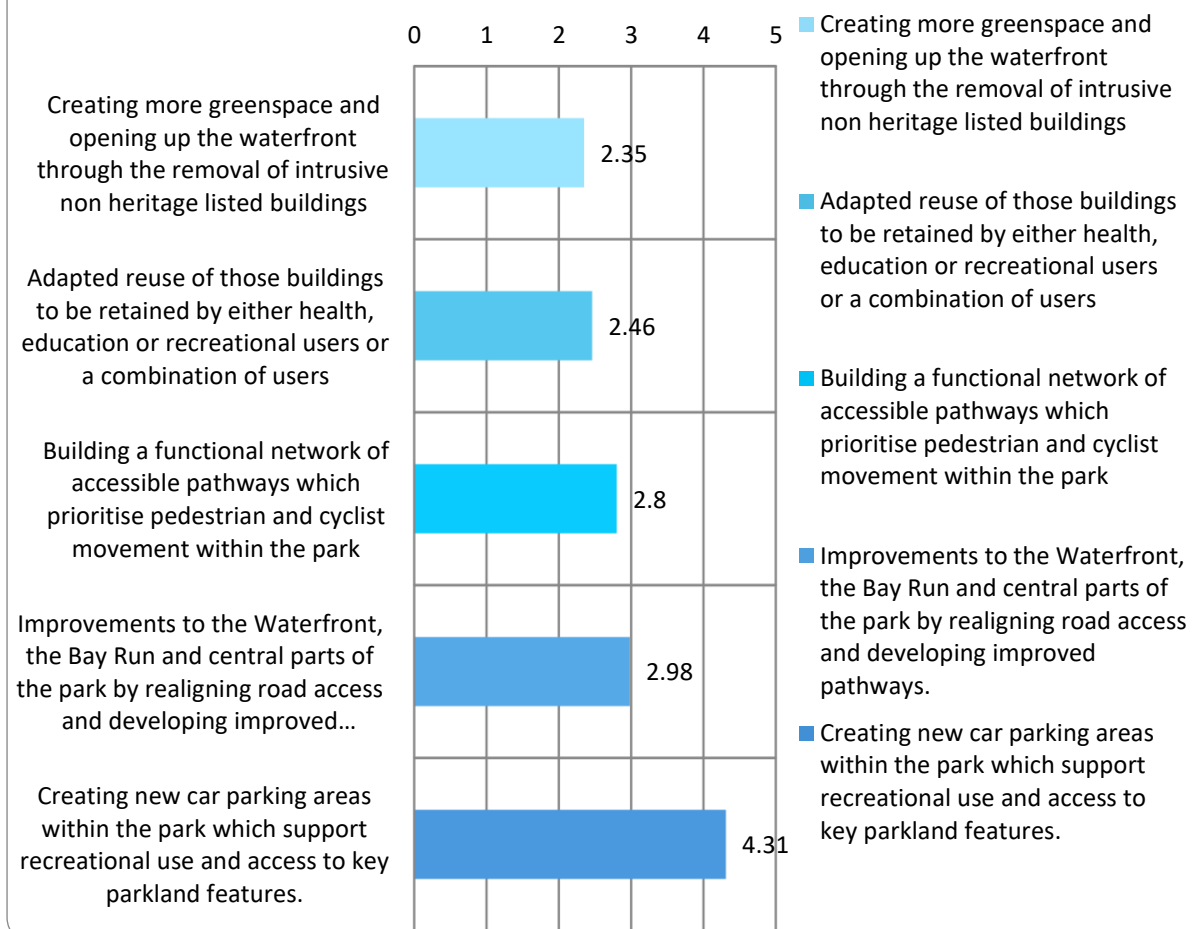
- Social media
- Press release
- Direct email
- Letter distribution

Engagement outcomes

Rank the LSP priorities from (1) most important to (5) least important and relates to the graph below	
Creating more greenspace and opening up the waterfront through the removal of intrusive non heritage listed buildings	2.35
Adapted reuse of those buildings to be retained by either health, education or recreational users or a combination of users	2.46
Building a functional network of accessible pathways which prioritise pedestrian and cyclist movement within the park	2.8

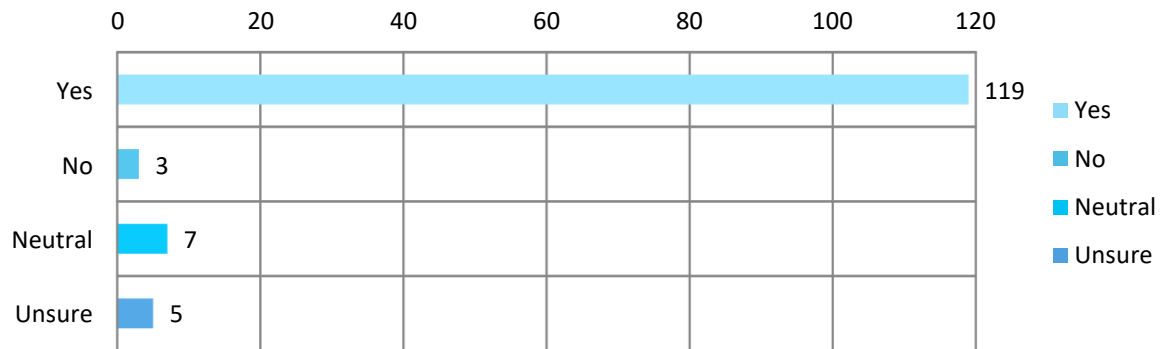
Improvements to the Waterfront, the Bay Run and central parts of the park by realigning road access and developing improved pathways.	2.98
Creating new car parking areas within the park which support recreational use and access to key parkland features.	4.31

Rank the LSP priorities

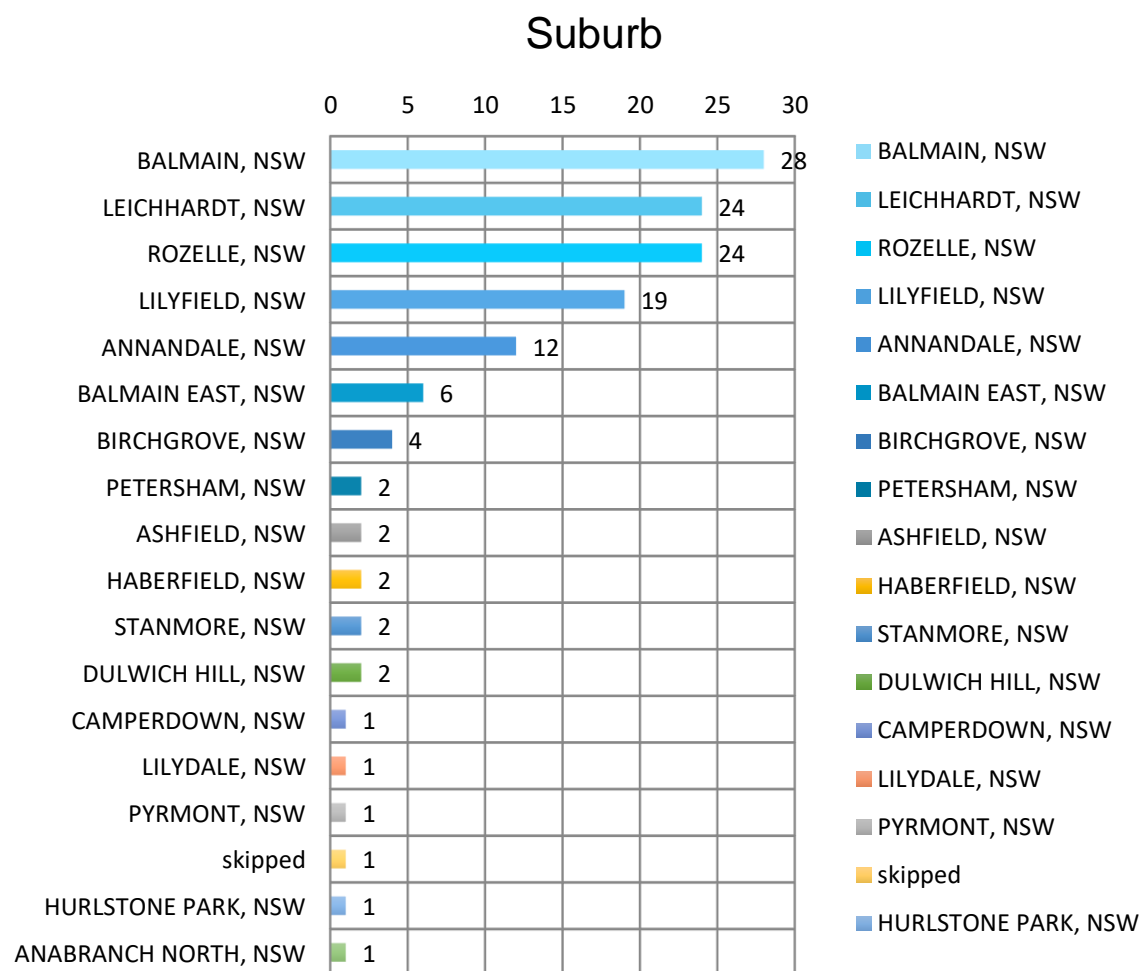


Do you support local representation in any future management structure?	
Yes	119
No	3
Neutral	7
Unsure	5

Do you support local representation?



What is your suburb?



What did we hear?

Comments Regarding Priorities for Callan Park's revitalisation
<i>Please keep in mind this park is currently almost all dog off-leash area. It is needed to be incorporated in future plans as well. It is the dogs park, and it should stay this way, lots of dog walkers use this area during the day as well</i>
<i>Please don't remove the ability for all the lovely inner west dogs to explore Callan park off leash</i>
<i>The Friends of Callan Park have been briefed on a couple of occasions re the DLSP and can provide input to the session if required. Only too happy to. Continued assured funding and a responsive and accountable management structure are essentials although they are not strictly part of the DLSP.</i>
<i>In this order: the old laundry at Callan park to be demolished and turned into a natural amphitheatre for the arts, live performances etc and for movies in the park during summer for the many children that live in the area. Old sandstone buildings be renovated and leased for cafes and restaurants, and older buildings for sporting clubs to be leased to them, I don't think the 10m in funding should be used to renovate buildings for clubs as this restricts access for the public, whereas a place to hold events will bring arts and income into the area from all over Sydney (especially with the new tunnels), this would save having to drive to the eastern suburbs or parramatta park for open air theatre and open air cinema.</i>
<i>It is very hard to differentiate the 5 above options. My highest priority is to eliminate the congestion on waterfront drive (cars, people, bikes, prams, etc) which probably requires creating a parking area at the end of Wharf Road followed by making the waterfront area more accessible by removing a few of the intrusive buildings.</i>
<i>Just a few comments re Callan Park. There is a great opportunity here to repurpose one/some of the buildings for use as a Community House Centre. This facility could be used by various local groups for different low impact activities for example, coffee groups for new mums, the elderly and art/craft groups which are self run but need a space to convene. There are so many community groups out there here that would welcome a comfortable place to meet. Being accessible by bus and also having plenty of parking onsite, this would be ideal. A place like this would be open for different groups to be able to book and would only require a coordinator and minimal administration. The recreational side is important but this is already well provided for in the existing park. A community house would be a great asset for the area as a community resource for the future other than the local libraries and larger halls.</i>
<i>preservation of wildlife and trees should be a priority. there is an established colony of stray (not feral) cats which must be preserved or moved to safety. Rangers should be proactive in management of dumped animals.</i>
<i>We should prioritise the landscaping of the park. Maintenance and retention of significant trees and appropriate landscape design and maintenance to enhance the space. Avoiding the use of contractors for maintenance of the park - employ qualified horticulturists - it is a great park that could be magnificent!</i>

<i>I support Balmain & District football club plans to reuse building 497 at the back of field one, for community sports use</i>
<i>Please can there be acknowledgment of this park as one of the few local opportunities for generous off leash dog walking areas. Sydney Park provides a comparable model where dogs are generally off leash with more controls requested around play parks and cafe areas.</i>
<i>Spend the money in actual works to benefit the community not commissions to brokers and profit shifting to advisers.</i>
<i>Community garden should be extended at least 5 times so all locals could participate in the gardening activities. Pedestrian and cycle path should have smooth surfaces so they could be used for roller skating. It is a good idea to have a closed circle for roads for cycling and roller skating. Running is always better on soft surfaces so rubber covered path for runners would be a great feature. Beach should be preserved and dog access permitted. The whole area should be dog friendly. Part of the park should be reserved as an off-leash area for dogs and their owners. So far only one playground exist for the whole park. Building of another playground would be great.</i>
<i>Building usage should benefit school students and artists. Extracurriculum activities for kids should be given a priority when buildings usage is assigned. Girl scouts building and rozelle social and sports club building should be restored.</i>
<i>This is an incredibly important area of our community that should be retained for our community and not fall into a state of disrepair or heaven forbid, sold off or developed. This is part of the inner west community and needs to be treated with respect.</i>
<i>It is desirable that the buildings within Callan Park be used -- educational and mental health uses might be very appropriate, but even commercial uses would be preferable to the buildings remaining empty.</i>
<i>Please leave as much Off leash dog areas in Callan park as possible- especially the little harbour beach areas. We need to keep more off leash areas for increased numbers of well behaved dogs.</i>
<i>We would love to see a bigger and functional space (club house) for Balmain District Football Club. It is the largest recreational football club in nsw and deserves a better space to accommodate all its members from 5 year olds to adults.</i>
<i>Moving to the inner west at the beginning of the pandemic the space Callan park has provided me both mentally and physically has been vital for me. I would like to see more accessibility via bike paths and walking paths. I love that the writer centre is there and would love to see some of the heritage building revitalised for community use: either creative or a safe house/ community centre for young people in the area.</i>
<i>Need to increase recreational use of the area and the buildings so they can be maintained. BDFC needs a clubhouse and the disused building adjacent to the waterfront oval would be ideal for this purpose.</i>

All these things are important and long overdue. I would add that clearly designated areas should be created for off-leash and on-leash dog walking, and as many roads as possible within the park be closed, while maintaining access for people with limited mobility.

As a cyclist I support improving bike paths for access to the park, but not for turning it into an area where cyclists come to train (such as in Centennial Park). All central areas of the park should be safe for people and dogs to roam in without undue risk of coming into contact with cars or even fast-moving bikes.

I strongly oppose any large-scale development in the park, but have no problem with small business use of some of the heritage buildings, for example as a cafe.

If the plan and management structure is agreed, I would encourage the council to actively pursue voluntary community involvement in the work to restructure the park, where this is safe and appropriate.

There should be separate pedestrian and cyclist paths.

It must be kept as, and upgraded as, a recreation facility as a priority.

This beautiful green space and its historic buildings need to be maintained and given a new lease of life by allowing the structures to be useful once again.

Restore and reopen the mental hospital to care for mentally ill patients whom have suffered mental illness due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Make the entire area Heritage Listed (or similar protection) and/or appoint a small working group to manage and maintain the whole area. Never to be developed by anyone.

Important that it remains accessible green space for the community and not overly developed. Also would love to see some of the older buildings - hospital areas that allow filming to remain as accessible as they're a great location for stories/arts

Don't let the developers destroy it with more future ghetto apartment blocks

I would like to see the building be used for community events, rent out space for weddings, parties and also coffee shops. A mix of buildings that the community can rent , renting out spaces for businesses, spaces for community events like art shows etc

Extra benefits Training and jobs should be created for unemployment locals during the Restoration and revitalization especially youth

Unemployed.

Buildings should be used by not for profit or charity groups.

Housing leased at cheaper rates to local nurses,police,teachers or

Fireman

Demolish buildings of no use that are falling to pieces and derelict make more parklands use areas to give transport for people who are disabled access to the waterways.

<i>It would be great to consider a skateboard park and make the pathway surface suitable for inline skaters too.</i>
<i>We need a Callan Park Trust or Advisory Board</i>
<p><i>I have used Callan Park for over 35 years. It is unique and fantastical space that has nothing to compare to in all of Sydney and, I think, Australia. To me, the basic priority should be maintaining that character. everything else is very good but should be subservient to that.</i></p> <p><i>All in all, I think the plan is basically very good.</i></p> <p><i>The main point I would like to make is a concern that it will be modernised and unified into something that will destroy its extraordinary basic hodge-podge of a character and leave it like professional landscaper's ideal without any sense of it being iconic. The character of the park has grown without a unified design over many, many years and it's precisely that which has given it its character.</i></p> <p><i>I have always loved the way in which areas of the park are different from others so that wandering from one to the other provides a sense of discovery and excitement. I'm not sure that you need views to be opened up if that idea is destroyed.</i></p> <p><i>Will those photos of modern concrete straight lined barriers (seating?) really unify the great sense of rambling that currently exists?</i></p> <p><i>To end up with a park that that has been designed utilising a particular academic and bureaucratic philosophy found at Homebush, Darling Harbour and elsewhere would be very sad.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you.</i></p>
<i>I think it's essential that the character of the park be retained, including preserving its green space for recreational use. In 2020 we've seen that our parklands are central to our wellbeing, physical and mental. We need people to be able to use Callan Park in a variety of ways. But it most needs to be used by locals -- car parks are the least important part.</i>
<p><i>Maintain the amount of public access to the park and waterfront, do not privatise the park</i></p> <p><i>Improve off-leash opportunities for dog-owners</i></p> <p><i>Fit out some of the buildings for cafes, kiosks and restaurants</i></p> <p><i>A local Trust is the only way to ensure the park remains appropriately managed for the local community, not sold off or redeveloped. The park, waterfront and its facilities must remain public property, and publicly accessible.</i></p> <p><i>Protect the stone carvings</i></p> <p><i>Enhance recognition of Indigenous heritage of the area</i></p> <p><i>Enhance recognition of the varied uses the area has been put to since colonisation</i></p>
<p><i>I would like to see the retention of much parkland as possible.</i></p> <p><i>I want to always feel I am in 'nature' and not in some 'smartened up' area as is currently happening at Glebe Point and the creek near Jubilee Oval and the lovely old, now demolished children's playground.</i></p> <p><i>We already have enough pathways and cycle tracks.</i></p> <p><i>We already have enough parking.</i></p> <p><i>Adaptive re-use of buildings is crucial. Your site made it impossible to use '1' in this instance.</i></p> <p><i>I would like to see a list of buildings considered to be of heritage importance and know what is their prognosis.</i></p>

<i>The plan looks really good but I think they're saving too many of the 1930s and 40s buildings.</i>
<i>Use half the \$23.7 million allocated to bike pathways by the Council towards a Callan Park upgrade, which is used by many residents. More than bike riders along designated bikeways now.</i>
<i>The initial draft plans are wonderful, but prioritising lawns rather than vegetation (esp planting of native forests) is crazy. Lawns in and around sporting areas and spaces for communities to gather are important, but shouldn't dominate the vision and planning. Ideally local bushland should be replanned, with plantings that are tolerant to the weather in Sydney Harbour, and that do not require long term water and maintenance. Additionally, in addition to the urgent attention to collapsing buildings, there are currently many trees that need surgical pruning as they are dangerous.</i>
<i>The choices here aren't quite distinct enough to give appropriately different choices. Generally I think Callan Park greenspaces should be more accessible, signposted areas of cultural significance, and buildings used/ refurbished and /or removed if not culturally significant.</i>
<i>I have read the plan and, as a regular walker with my dog in Callan Park, appreciated its thoroughness. I also appreciated that it envisions a long and arduous undertaking. I have heard, but did not see in what I read, that it is intended that dogs will be required to be on a lead. If true, it will undermine the park's usefulness for many. Sydney Park, where I also walk frequently, does not require dogs to be on a lead at all, which is a joy to dog owners and their pets and does not undermine the pleasure of others. I hope Callan Park will follow that precedent, so I and my dog can continue to go there and enjoy it.</i>
<i>I would support development of a moderate amount of flats at the edge of Callan Park, along Balmain Road, for example, 4-6 storey where the current car park is at Glendale Drive / Cottage Way. The extra population would improve the viability of local retail and more frequent bus services (connecting Balmain to Lilyfield, Leichhardt & beyond), improve the vitality of the area and increase utilisation of the little-used park. It could also generate financial returns to Government that could be reinvested in the metro-wide "Green Grid" vision, for the benefit of all those in Greater Sydney.</i>
<i>As a resident and daily user of Callan Park, it's vital to us and others in the community that the park remains a dog friendly zone with ample off leash areas for the dogs to run and play safely. Currently the main users of Callan park are primarily dog walkers.</i>
<i>We need large off leash dog areas for dogs to play and socialise in a safe manner. A lot of trees and bush land for the local wild life as well as giving shade from the extreme heat. It is also important that the dogs are able access the harbour foreshore at the couple of beaches so that they can swim when the weather gets hot.</i>
<i>Leave Callan largely unstructured as is for off-leash pets and people to enjoy together as they have happily done for so many wonderful years. No more paths nor roads nor carparks.</i>
<i>I feel that it is scandalous that so many people are homeless in Sydney that the abandoned buildings in Callan Park could not be adapted rapidly to provide hostel facilities to people in need.</i>

I support prioritising green spaces, for passive recreation. Such areas are very precious for urban residents, and are always under threat to be rezoned for more activity that provides tangible benefits, such as those that introduce some kind of material economic activity, ubiquitous cafes, or active recreation. If there are to be any active recreation areas, they should be contained within a zone, much like the division of the Royal Botanic Gardens from the Domain.

We love visiting Callan park, and do so several times each week, usually with our dogs. We love the greenspace, the birds, and the heritage buildings and look forward to having these things preserved and improved in the revitalisation.

Less cars in the park so less parking

Creating a clubhouse and sports community centre in the building (B497) behind Waterfront playing field should be part of Stage 1. It's the perfect way to save and repurpose a great building, while also providing vitally needed amenities for the thousands of Balmain District Football Club players and community supporters.

Removing the old buildings between Waterfront and Glover St should also be done.

And removing the buildings either end of Balmain Rd playing field and extending that field to a proper size would be great for everyone.

Any non-heritage buildings should be removed. Level ground could be used for sporting facilities. An astroturf field could be established in place of a demolished building.

A non-commercial cafe could be opened for hospitality training for youth or refugee groups. This would avoid commercial business issues in the park.

Building 497 is physically very well placed for adaptive reuse as sporting club rooms, particularly for cricket and soccer.

Netball facilities are severely lacking in the Balmain and Rozelle areas.

Building 497 near field 1 would make an amazing community sports centre, it's perfect for repurposing

Building 497 is in a prime position to be used as a cafe for people on the bay run. How lovely would it be to have a quick bite/lunch/coffee there overlooking the bay before continuing on your walking trek. It is also a prime spot for the Balmain football club who are in desperate need of more suitable sportsclub facilities. Building 497 is big enough to serve both purposes. The current Balmain facilities are in desperate need of an upgrade; I was confronted by a rat once whilst using the dilapidated ladies toilets...just awful!

Allocate building 497 for Balmain District Football Club that overlooks the Waterfront oval. Biggest club in Australia. Deserves to have a proper clubhouse 'home' with full faculties - meeting rooms, change rooms inc showers and disabled access, canteen, storage etc. It sits perfectly overlooking the playing fields, has roads and car access close by. The current clubhouse is limiting in its size and ability to grow. Proceed with the original sized skatepark. Many many more families have moved into the area since originally planned. Many single house sites now duplex's, schools at capacity, more play spaces required - mainly for older children and adolescents. The skatepark is a much needed resource. Please also widen roads so 2 cars can pass properly without scratching tyre rims or only having 1 way access. Level and continuous pathways for all ability access(scooters, prams, wheels chairs and walkers). More lighting on IWC side of Bay Run - particularly between the Rowing club - end of Glover St through to King George Oval - street lighting is insufficient as winter evenings.

Buildings are perfect for clubhouses for sport clubs and scouts. Building 497 for Balmain football club and sports centre

Building 497 is ideally situated to be reused as a clubhouse for Balmain District Football Club. Changing facilities for Males and Females is important given that Female participation in Football is exploding - providing appropriate facilities for all Footballers is important.

build a tidal pool near the point road park. Maintaining existing parkland and environ

Very supportive of the use of the buildings and put in the Balmain & District FC Club House. So many local families will benefit from this

Callan Park is much loved and one of Sydney's great gems. Part of its character is its informal nature with rambling historic buildings vistas and parklands. I realise that some buildings - not considered historically or aesthetically significant - will have to be demolished and a realistic function established for the site for the long term. It would be a shame for the whole site to be made too formal as has happened with some Sydney parks. Leave its character in tact.

My priority is the usage of the park by dog owners and walkers. This is a primary use of Callan Park (not just sporting ovals). This is why I use and visit Callan Park. I am shocked that this huge community of 35,000 IWC dog owners and dogs are omitted from this IWC survey. The entire Callan Park needs an Companion Animals Management Plan before anything further happens with the LNP. IWC must support local dog owners by requesting this plan and that a majority of Callan Park be made off leash (as it is informally used now). If dog owners ca no longer use the park for off leash recreation, all the other dog parks in the IWC will become congested. The parks are already packed with people trying to escape isolation through Covid 19.

Priority must not simply be for healthy and wealthy people's general wellbeing, but as it was purchased originally - be for mental health consumers needs, where community engagement is based on Contemporary Mental Health Recovery Model - that means community led and based support, not acute hospitalisation nor institutional power of psychiatry that does not address 'recovery'.

The landscape masterplan \$10 mil should be for establishing sustainable community based infrastructure: solar power light and energy community network & grid; sustainable water and rubbish waste recycling; prioritise restoration of all buildings that are not already identified in the Callan Park Masterplan of 2011 for demolition (every servicable building is a community asset), and related initiatives. The Callan Park management or Trust should be run by members of the board, (based on community run entities who in future will operate within the park, directly working on social need/disadvantage) identified democratically from the community services that they operate from at Callan Park

It is correct that NSW Health leave the site, to enable contemporary mental health practices - that are recovery and trauma informed, that are (disadvantaged) community led and provide opportunities for peer mentoring and peer led work.

The Callan Park Masterplan of 2011 laid down the foundation for this after massive consultation and created a vision as a result that is now overdue, and urgently needed, for people in and wider than Rozelle and Sydney. Pull down those awful 1950's & 1960's buildings

Please investigate the possibility of continuing the sites connection to art making seen through SCA with the possibility of one of the buildings adapted as a community arts centre. Inner West Council being a hub of creative innovation, really do need to foster artists and art making bu creating a major arts space.

Provide picnic tables and chairs to encourage families and groups to visit. Make building B494 into a cafe. Have a separate bike lane on all the pathways to make it safer for both cyclists and pedestrians. Build a club house for Balmain District Football Club

I walk in Callan park everyday with my dogs off leash. 80% of people I pass who are walking are walking their dogs. I don't see this being represented in the proposal/plans. Whatever happens to Callan park it should remain off leash park. I live in Balmain shores. In our block 75%of appartments now have a dog. The small park next to us is fill every evening with dogs. But it's small and dogs need long walks and to be able to run. Callan park has been extensively used by the community Of pet owners. Please include this as a priority in all plans.

The Callan Park site has been a critical piece of infrastructure for arts and culture for many years. Home to the NSW Writers Centre and until recently the College of the Arts. This site and its range of buildings located in parkland provides a unique opportunity to blend arts and culture into the fabric of the site. Covid-19 has gutted the arts sector and we need to ensure that spaces for artists to create work are supported. This can be done on this site while improving its green amenity for the community.

No mention is made of companion animals - it is imperative that these are included in the plan and that companion animals have a dedicated area for offleash.

There needs to be consideration of the large community of dog walkers who use the park , particularly the provision of off leash access. This community is substantial and currently not featured in any documents.

Secondly, is there consideration of part of the open space as a community garden - not with "owned plots" but operated by one of the disability groups as a work opportunity and potentially selling produce at Orange grove market. There is a large disability community in the inner west. These gardens operate in many parts of Australia and globally and are a successful inclusion model.

I regularly bring my dogs here offleash, there doesn't appear to be any provision for that in the new plan.

My Main concern is that this continues to be a place where pet owners can walk their dogs off leash. It is a very special place and has built up a community of people who are brought together through dog ownership and activity. There is nowhere else like this in Sydney, and visitors both nationally and internationally have always commented on what a beautiful community feel is fostered by this amazing green space that is able to be enjoyed by everyone and with their companion animals (made more important in Australia where(rightly) dogs are unable to accompany their owners on so many walks due to national park restrictions. This will be made even more important going forward due to the huge uptake in pet ownership in the inner west over the covid period.

<i>Provision for people to be able to walk their dogs off-leash, and not only in fenced off dog enclosures. Callan Park currently is a daily destination for many locals who walk their dogs for exercise, wellbeing and social purposes. This must be preserved in any plans for the park.</i>
<i>The most important priority is to make the park accessible to public use, including picnic grounds, innovative seating eg wooden lounge chairs etc. It is important to have new reasons to visit the park - eg more history tours and art exhibitions etc.</i>
<i>We must retain green space as there are so few large parks in the inner west. I am a regular runner around Callan Park and would like to see better lighting, more water bubblers and if there could be outdoor gym and exercise equipment, it will make the area more safer as currently I could be the only person running in some areas</i>
<i>Callan Park is an invaluable resource to dog owners in the area. Please be aware that by removing access to dog owners it will put more pressure on the other dog spaces which are already overloaded.</i>
<i>Please make sure the off leash dog park area is large enough for the sheer number of people and dogs who use this park. It is quite a large growing number of people.</i>
<i>Not giving owners and their dogs enough space will flood other off lead areas or mean that on lead areas will start to see more people with offlead dogs despite the signage. Plenty of dogs just don't get enough exercise unless they are able to run off the lead which can cause many other neighbourhood issues too such as excessive barking, anxiety, destructive behaviours to name a few.</i>
<i>What about a couple of cafes and turn one of the nice old buildings into a hotel</i>
<i>Include a large community garden (including bee hives) within the grounds so that local residents can utilise the space to grow food and encourage pollination in the area.</i>
<i>Maintenance of dog walking off lead areas. I regularly walk in Callan park with my dog off lead, and this is of high value to me (and my dog). Please retain off lead dog walking areas .The space in Callan park for off lead walking is unique in the innner west and needs to be maintained.</i>
<i>Keep off leash areas for dogs, especially the beach. City farm area to be created.</i>
<i>Please minimise access and parking for cars and encourage use of public transport and bicycles Please keep lots of grassed areas and allow leash-free dog walking Please use the original plans for the gardens so that we can enjoy the sort of leisure areas which align with the heritage buildings. Let's have heritage gardens as well as buildings. Maybe some of the site could even be used as a horticultural college, and have an annual show. Please keep concrete down to a minimum and allow a natural environment as far as possible with eg. sand and gravel rather than hard light reflecting concrete surfaces Please celebrate the heritage buildings and use these for cultural artistic purposes not nasty cheap restaurants which encourage people to drop litter and eat junk food How about some community gardens where we locals could grow useful vegetables? Can we please also have some children's play areas with e.g. trees to climb on, plants to smell, swings from trees, tree houses and grassy slopes to roll down rather than horrid iron monstrosities and brightly coloured plastic surfaces.</i>

I am led to believe you intend to further limit off-leash space in the park - I am deeply opposed to this and if the case, seek to have this proposal reversed

Although it is not officially an off-leash area, it has been used this way by local dog-owners for a long time. It's current use should be maintained to ensure that the beautiful open spaces can be used recreationally and for exercise by those walking their dogs. Separate spaces could be identified as 'no dog areas' to allow for harmonious shared use of the park as a whole.

The 'dog beach' is a local treasure. The absurd suggestion that the only off-leash area for dogs is the ovals needs re-thinking. The sports grounds get very heavy use during weekends and evenings- exactly when dog owners are out walking. The area is vast and could be successfully shared.

The encouragement of cycling and dog walking in the park is good for the fitness and health (physical and mental) of local residents.

Maintaining a connection with the history of the park is important. Restoration of some of the dilapidated historic buildings, erecting more historical info signs, preserving the Indigenous landmarks and finding ways to honour the original therapeutic intention of parkland to help those with mental health issues would all be ways this could be done.

I'd like to see the chaplain's cottage overlooking the football ground restored and turned into a non-profit cafe.

I hope we could continue to share the space with organisation supporting those who are dealing with mental health issues(WHOS, SIDS, refugee support).

The car park along the waterfront should be relocated to behind the Football club's grandstand.

Please ensure conservation sites like the greenhouse and the Indigenous carvings are carefully look after.

Priority should be for the use of pedestrians. Please update the definition of pedestrians to include dog walkers who have their dogs on-leash. Many dog owners use the park and would prefer NOT to interact with other dogs when they are running around off-leash. Many dogs are fearful, anxious or reactive or are rescue dogs with other issues. Dog owners deserve to be able to walk their dogs on-leash through the beautiful parkland without interacting with off-leash dogs. Clearly defined, fenced, gated off-leash areas for dogs should be provided.

Creating more greenspace - yes but please plant trees so that there is shade during the very hot summer months - also very good for biodiversity.

Opening up waterfront - exposed opened areas will not be used during the summer months! so, is it this necessary?

The park should retain its magic and should not be so contrived in its redesign (which I think is happening) that it becomes another built park.

The park should allow for mixed uses without having to regulate spaces. Regulation (like dogs on leash etc..) will 'kill' the feeling of freedom that one should experience when going to a park.

The park needs to retain his 'magic' and you must not 'over-engineer' and 'over-build the parkland. The park needs to be a place for everyone to feel good and enjoy themselves. It must remain a dog friendly space with minimum regulation.

Dogs and dog owners - representing a large segment of the local population - need to be able to walk freely, and therefore most of the park needs to be off-leash.

Use of building adjacent to Waterfront Oval for Balmain Distrct FC, provide carpark.

Essential for the largest Football (Soccer) Club in NSW to have a state of the art Synthetic playing surface

The highest priority should be on creating a functionally rich and biodiverse park for passive recreation.

Access and buildings

- Unnecessary roads and intrusive non-heritage buildings should be removed to improve pedestrian access, flow and walking amenity.*
- Parking facilities should be contained in designated carparks and foreshore road/parking at oval removed.*
- Increase pedestrian-only entrances around park perimeter (e.g. brick walls currently impede pedestrian park entry along Balmain road and Manning St, Rozelle).*
- Appropriate buildings should be restored for non-commercial community use and for Arts facilities: e.g. artist studios and residencies; workshops (carpentry, metal work, pottery, etc); dance/music rehearsal and concert spaces.*
- Building/s converted into regional art gallery. Compare to Campbelltown Arts Centre, etc.*

Complex landscapes and diverse uses

- The usable park is currently dominated by a mowed grass monoculture with areas of widely spaced large trees and multiple sports fields which also act as open grassy spaces. This needs to change to incorporate biodiversity and create richer, different experiences.*
- While lawns and open areas are essential for recreation, some such areas need to transition into more diverse spaces: with understorey shrubs, unmown meadows, fruit orchards for community browsing, community gardens, etc.*
- Compare to excellent small and diverse Whites Creek park with fruit orchard and native wetland/plants as well as open lawns, etc.*
- Expand community gardening.*
- Create children/urban farm with farm animals. Compare to Collingwood children's farm in Melbourne or small kinder farms in Berlin parks.*

Nature trails and bush regeneration

- Callan park needs much more nature. Currently it lacks native biodiversity in plants and animals. There are very few species in the park due to dominance of constantly mown grass, lawns and with spaced mature trees. Few native animals (mammals, birds, reptiles) can survive this environment.*
- Bringing back wildlife and allowing what remains to thrive and expand (e.g. small birds, blue-tongue lizards, rare lizards, frogs, etc). Animals cannot live on grass.*
- Nature experiences are important for people.*
- New plantings should be drawn from indigenous species that enhance nature values and encourage wildlife.*

– Some open areas [lawns/spaced mature trees] should transition to new bush regeneration areas with nature trails. Current bush regeneration areas are very small and steeply sloped and thus cannot greatly enhance recreation and biodiversity. But these areas do provide the template for further expansion of bushland zones.

– Intersperse lawns/open spaces with bush areas to link habitat throughout park and create whole of park nature trails.

– Compare to nearby north shore harbour: Berry island, Balls head, etc which have native vegetation where bushland and recreation go together. Homebush Park and Centennial park also has much more abundant vegetation including bush remnants. All these areas have much richer biodiversity than Callan Park.

– The entire elevated Callan point peninsula should be naturalised with bushland and nature trails to create a bush headland.

– We need bush areas throughout the WHOLE park for enhanced biodiversity and mental health. One substantial area should be developed for bush regeneration in addition to interlinked sections of bushland tracks across the whole park.

– A bushcare community nursery should be established in the parklands to enhance bush regeneration and provide a focal point for community involvement.

– Whole of park strategy needed for biodiversity and nature activities.

Harbour shorelines

– Treatment of shorelines at Callan Point or elsewhere should not just deploy new seawalling.

– Vertical seawalls are visually uninteresting and provide no intertidal habitats.

– Currently the entire park shore is walled from Callan Point to Hawthorn Canal. The new park should enhance and incorporate more naturalised shorelines/features.

–Currently, Callan Point shoreline features intertidal fauna on natural mud/sand and sandstone bedrock. Small pockets of saltmarsh exist in collapsed wall areas. This habitat needs to be enhanced and preserved.

– Establish shoreline sections for saltmarsh and mangroves. This attracts wildlife and helps clean the water.

– Compare to more naturalised shore on Canada Bay side of 'bay run' where native wading birds can be seen on the shore and mangroves. Also compare to current development of creek wetland/mangroves at Glebe foreshore.

– People should be able to access natural shores at multiple points.

I would like to see more regenerated bushland areas in the park, similar to Callan Point- as I feel it attracts more birds and the park needs more native trees and plants. Passive recreation is important to me, as it provides a focus for calming, meditative states.

<i>Off leash areas for dogs please. I cannot see it mentioned anywhere. Cannot understand. Is this purely an admin error!? I desperately hope so. Pleaser respond.</i>
<i>It is important that Building 497 is refurbished for use as a clubhouse facility for Balmain District Football Club in the first phase of work. This will enable the demolition of the current grandstand and provide the Club with a more suitable facility. Additional playing fields should also be provided for the Club which currently is short of playing and training spaces.</i>
<i>The many derelict buildings should be rehabilitated and could be used for social housing, as well as health and education and recreation</i>
<i>As a dog owner who uses the park at least twice a week I am concerned that there is no mention of companion animals in the park and the future of off leash dog areas. This is of great concern as this is one of the best places to walk dogs in the area, and without it will lead to over crowding at other smaller dog parks. I would ask a companion animal planner included to future proof this.</i>
<i>Prioritising pedestrians & cyclists & ensuring their safety: currently parts of the park can be quite dangerous where paths are shared with cars.</i>
<i>Ensuring the park is well lit and potentially have cctv: currently parts of the park don't feel safe to walk through alone (at any time of day but especially dusk)</i>
<i>I'd like to see a focus on less playgrounds or gym equipment and more trees/green space enhancing Callan Park's uniqueness.</i>
<i>Callan Park is a treasure and needs long term investestment in care and protection of the green spaces and the buildings and development of different areas for community benefit and use, including maintaining some health facilities but also cultural and creative spaces. The old tress need proper expert care too.</i>
<i>My first priority is preservation and possible extension of the green space in Callan Park. We have so much intensive, medium and high density residential development, we need to protect and nourish quiet, recreational green space for the health and well being of all local residents.</i>
<i>My second priority would be to acknowledge that the Callan Park site has been a critical piece of infrastructure for arts and culture for many years - Home to the NSW Writers Centre and until recently the College of the Arts. This site and its range of buildings located in parkland provides a unique opportunity to blend arts and culture into the fabric of the site. Covid-19 has gutted the arts sector and we need to ensure that spaces for artists to create work are supported. This can be done on this site while improving its green amenity for the community.</i>
<i>Many of the buildings in Callan Park could be adapted to new uses without being demolished. For this park to be a true community asset, it must have enrich the lives of its visitors through community minded activities within these buildings. The Writers Centre is one of these key ingredients to this. There is no need to 'open up the waterfront ' by removing buildings. These buildings could enhance how people engage with the waterfront if they are re-imagined as indoor/outdoor connections.</i>
<i>New car parking needs to be sensitively placed with the aim being to defer to pedestrians and cyclists at all times. Car parks should be at the fringe of the park and not in conflict with the safety of walkers and cyclists, which is currently the case.</i>
<i>Very happy about the re-vitalisation and hope it respects our past, respects the environment and improves the beauty and utility of Callan Park to improve our future.</i>
<i>I use the park daily as I just live in Cecily street and walk or ride down each day. I hope that prioritizing a clear bike lane is part of the agreement as I cannot see this in the artist image. I am in agreeance that some of the buildings not heritage listed would be better demolished as they are presently an eyesore.</i>

As a local dog owner I request that Greater Sydney Parklands (under the Department of Planning) develop a 'Companion Animals Management Plan' as part of its parks and landscape planning for Callan Park.

Off leash dog walking and exercising is a primary use of Callan Park, yet is not represented on the current plan or usage surveys.

The local IWC area has a very high rate of dog ownership... every 2nd household does or will own a dog. There are at least 16,000 dog owners and their families enjoying and depending on this park usage. Significantly reducing off leash dog exercising areas will have an impact on all these park users and other busy Inner West off leash parks.

Off leash walking my dog in Callan Park is vital for the physical and mental health of myself and my dog. It is a way to stay healthy, to socialise and connect with the local community. Exercising my dog off leash ensures it is calm and quiet at home through the day.

I would also like to see the 'Companion Animals Management Plan' consider the benefit of an enclosed area where less confident dogs can go to be trained or socialised, as well as continued access to the beach for dogs to swim and cool down, which is essential in our hot climate.

It is important that Greater Sydney Parklands plans for and establishes a fair and practical balance of usage between existing park using dogs and their owners, and other users of the park, eliminating potential conflicts and ensuring positive interactions.

- 1. Can we please have : dedicated area for children to have a bike track and skate/scooter park area. While a small one is being built at Leichhardt - kids should not have to be driven to this but be able to ride up and enjoy. Use of scooters, skateboards and bikes has tripled in COVID and we have nothing in Balmain or Rozelle for the thousands of kids.*
- 2. Can we please also have : dedicated area's for dogs on leash and off leash. Older people and their pets use the park for socialization = sometimes the only contact they have. Its also important for animals to have their own space that will not scare little kids who are afraid.*
- 3. Love the idea of using the space for functions & events so they can generate funds to continue to maintain the parklands and allow more to experience it*

You have not provided an option for off leash dog walking.

I find that the majority of people who use this park are people who enjoy walking their dog in an off leash dog park and dog beach.

Our dogs can play, socialise and run around without the stress of being hit by a car, there is no children's playground we have to worry about.

It's a wonderful peaceful park with so much green space to walk around with our dogs that you don't get anywhere else.

*Dear NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment,
I am writing to make a submission to the Draft Landscape Structure Plan on Callan Park.
I strongly encourage the government to adopt a light touch (far lighter than proposed in the
Landscape Structure Plan) to work on Callan Park to ensure that this funding is able to deliver as
many improvements as possible to the Callan Park parklands. In particular, I support:*

Heritage protection at Callan Point

The Landscape Structure Plan should prioritise the protection and restoration of heritage at Callan Point, including the protection of all Indigenous cultural landscape elements, maintenance of indigenous vegetation and restoration of Garry Owen Summer House, and rock carvings. Heritage protection should include all mature trees on the site and translocate trees where necessary. Dead trees should also be retained for wildlife where it is safe to do so. I do not support any of the proposals to remove trees for views. Removal of trees is not in keeping with how the community enjoy the park.

Prioritisation of the foreshore

The area along the waterfront is cluttered with low quality buildings, roads and car parking. I strongly support relocating the current carpark to the end of Wharf Road, removing vehicle access to Waterfront Drive and giving priority to pedestrian access, passive greenspace and improvements to the Bay Run.

Native gardens for native wildlife

The natural heritage and restoration of native plants or gardens for native animals is important for the area. As such I do not support a full landscape of Callan Park.

Changes to the road and path network

I support proposals to increase pedestrian amenity across the park and streamline vehicular access by removing roads, keeping in mind the need to improve disability access throughout. Please see my description below which highlights issues with the proposed road changes.

Off-leash area for dogs

I support an off-leash area for dogs or the whole park being off-leash and native gardens fenced off to protect native wildlife. There are currently no off-leash parks in the Inner West and we need one. A large off-leash area supports the current use of Callan Park as an important exercise area for the community and their pets.

Community expressions of interest for non-intrusive buildings

I support the proposal to examine the removal of some intrusive and unsympathetic buildings but would like to see a community expression of interest process launched to decide the use of buildings suitable for retention. The uses of these buildings should prioritise mental health and wellness as well as community and cultural purposes. There also needs to be the inclusion of high quality and safe public toilets.

Our community has waited 20 years for decisive restoration work on Callan Park. I am disappointed that the government has not seen fit to create a Callan Park Trust but am pleased

that the government has promised to respect the Callan Park (Special Provisions) Act 2002 that prevents the privatisation of Callan Park.

I want to strongly encourage the Landscape Structure Plan to take a 'light touch' to deliver as many of these priorities as possible as soon as possible.

Below is a detailed list of information I support and do not support in the Draft Landscape Structure Plan on Callan Park. As I use the park everyday, I have reflected on how it is currently used and which proposals would reflect community use.

Detailed analysis of proposed changes to Callan Park:

Vehicular Access:

Road between back of kirkbridge gardens, past Bonneyview and down to oval:

This road is not safe currently because park users do not expect cars especially around the corner of the building. Best practice would be managed access (e.g. open for sporting days with signs/flags to indicate cars) and/or speedbumps, a shared zone with paint across the road and a speed limit of 5-10km.

Road behind B488 to Garry Owen Summer House:

This part of the road should be maintained for disability access to the Garry Owen Summer House. The road should stop and be blocked before the intersection with the Bay Run.

There could be space for 2-4 cars at the bottom of the hill behind B488 to aid disability access and use of Garry Owen Summer House.

Callan Point

Support proposed changes:

1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8.

Do not support proposed changes:

4. Removal of vegetation for views

7. A path network along the waterfront and across the headland

9. A harbour pool (I would support access to the water in front of the oval, e.g. a beach)

10. Building picnic facilities (I only support the upgrade of existing facilities and not the introduction of more infrastructure on the point of the headland)

Callan point is used by many as a natural sanctuary and exploration away from formal paths and crowds on the Bay Run. The Point's informality is it's drawing point. It is the only somewhat secluded/protected area along the Bay Run and should be retained as a secluded sanctuary and not overengineered to match the formality of the Bay Run. We need more informal spaces, not less.

Convalescent Cottages

Support:

1. Repair and reuse the Convalescent Cottages

4. Retain and improve existing quality plantings

I support part of the second proposed change of enhancing the grass clearing and fig planting but I do not support formalising the embankment – this is unnecessarily intrusive.

Do not support:

2. Investigate formalising the edge of the embankment

3. Improve access to the waterfront. Improve the path network through the clearing and down the embankment. Investigate options for providing access onto the embankment
5. Open selective views down to Iron Cove and to the Kirkbride precinct to the East. Create unique view slots through the fig trees.

Waterfront Sports

Support:

- 1. Create a pedestrian and cycle only route along the Bay Run*
- 2. Explore removal of intrusive built form*
- 3. Adaptive reuse for shared community facility that provides area for all sports clubs and other complementary groups. Provide an open grass terrace for views across the sports fields*
- 4. Provide waterfront edges that allow access to the water and gathering spaces along the waterfront*
- 5. Maintain open views to waterfront from the two sports fields*
- 6. Create usable edges along the canal and bridges across the canal*
- 9. Adaptive reuse of building to potentially include structure that connects to nearby play area. Design nestles into the embankment and surrounding existing trees*
- 10. Improve the setting of the Harbour Bridge Memorial*

Do not support:

- 7. Selectively remove some trees to open visual access into the park and play area for improved safety*

Support, only if mature trees (including safe dead trees) and quality plantings are maintained:

- 8. Provide new play area under that shade of the existing trees*
- 11. Provide pedestrian paths connecting Wharf Road, Military Drive and the new uses of the community facility and play area*

Waterfront Green

Support:

- 1. Explore removal of intrusive built form and roads*
- 2. Pedestrian and cycle only along the Bay Run*
- 5. Extend a pedestrian path down the alignment of Wharf Road to the waterfront*
- 6. Retain building B504*
- 7. Provide improved access to the water and gathering spaces*
- 8. Emergency access and temporary disabled access from Wharf Road to the waterfront ovals on weekend sports and events days only*
- 9. Improve access along and across the canal.*

Support, only if mature trees (including safe dead trees) and quality plantings are maintained:

- 3. A large green open space that provides open views to the waterfront*
 - 4. Provide a continuous green space and gathering spaces along the waterfront*
- This area can be particularly hot in Summer, removal of trees could make it unbearable.*

Wharf Road Gardens

I support all proposed changes to the Wharf Road Gardens, on the provision that all quality mature trees are retained.

I strongly support the retention and use of the pool as a rehabilitated native wetland. I would like

to propose that the pool is rehabilitated to be a native area to support wildlife and fenced off if species return to Callan Park.

I propose that the terraced area (closest to B506) could be used as an outdoor cinema for Fringe Festival and other film festivals. By maintaining the mature trees in the grove (and using them as shade from the setting sun) and setting up a temporary screen in front of the trees this area could be used for films.

I also propose that the courtyards associated with buildings B506 and B507 could be used as community or teaching gardens for social enterprise restaurants, e.g. native food or sustainable gardens.

The terraced garden could be used as a bowling green or as an outdoor temporary restaurant to support social enterprise within the park that supports the park.

Central Green

Support:

- 1. Create a large open lawn with views down to the water*
- 2. Retain existing trees, sandstone outcrops and terrain*
- 3. Provide an accessible path network that links key areas and landmarks*

Strongly support:

- 4. Maintain open tree planting on the upper slopes, particularly around building B210*

Do not support:

Removal of B201 and B210.

I believe B210 could be used for social enterprise, not-for-profit or for community events. The layout of the building, especially the large dining area could benefit the community as a group working or networking space.

The mature oak tree in its court yard makes the building welcoming and divides the space – either to support a co-working space or community centre.

The grassed area with trees behind B210 could be an off-leash area for dog walking.

B201 is an excellent building for workshops that could support community crafts and makers, e.g. community run bicycle workshop or to fix tools, for Men's Shed or to support teaching trades, small social enterprise or as art studios where artists apply for the space. These uses would support the heritage of Callan Park as a space of rejuvenation and connection to support good mental health.

I also support keeping the road open to access B210/B201.

Bonnyview Cottage Gardens

Support:

- 1. Enhance the prominent setting of the cottage in the Central Green*
- 2. Explore the adaptive reuse of built form*
- 3. Maintain the character of scattered trees, sandstone outcrops and terraced lawns*
- 5. Provide lawn areas that link open grass terraces with the Central Green*

Do not support:

- 2. opening views from the Kirkbride down the Central Green*
- 4. Improve visual connection between Kirkbride buildings and the gardens*

I do not support the removal of any mature trees in this area.

I believe Bonnyview could be adapted as an ecumenical space supporting mental health. A multi-faith space supporting mental health could be beneficial and complementary to the community and other organisations within Callan Park.

If not as an ecumenical space then as an Indigenous space.

(Or as an historical space capturing the history of the area.)

Writing NSW Gardens

Support:

- 1. Enhance the courtyard gardens and provide a path network linking to Balmain Road and to the Central Green*
- 2. Explore removal of intrusive built form*
- 3. Provide improved links to rest of park*
- 5. Conserve cultural landscape elements*
- 6. Retain and protect important heritage buildings and their setting*

Support, only if mature trees (including safe dead trees) and quality plantings are maintained:

- 4. Open selective to the central slope*

I support the removal of low quality buildings in this section of the park.

Balmain Road Green

I support all proposed changes to this section of the park, as long as all mature trees are maintained and the heritage fence is maintained or reused.

I would like to see the plantings near the stables maintained as they are unique to Callan Park.

Glover Street Sports

Strongly support:

- 1. Enhance indigenous vegetation*

Support:

- 2. Explore removal of intrusive built form*
- 3. Extend community gardens*
- 5. Screen carpark using planting and landform*
- 6. Provide pedestrian access from Wharf Road down to the water and into the Wharf Road Gardens area*
- 7. Install lighting to improve safety and wayfinding*

Do not support:

- 4. Open selective views to Iron Cove*

KirkBridge Gardens

I support all proposed changes to this section of Callan Park.

<i>I am strongly supportive of prioritising the celebration of Indigenous heritage, Sydney history as well as creating a green space with space for cultural activities.</i>