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Callan Park public meeting

Thursday 15 February 2018

Centurion Lounge, Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield



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Callan Park



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Regional Significance



- Callan Park is one of the largest and most regionally significant public facilities in Sydney's Inner West.
 - Over 60 hectares
 - Enlightened hospital for the insane in 1885
 - Callan Park is a State Heritage item
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Ownership

- Site is owned by NSW Health
 - Prior to May 2015 responsibility for management lay with SHFA
 - In 2015, responsibility for Callan Park transferred to the Minister for the Environment.
 - Site was assigned to the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH). OEH responsible for grounds maintenance and security.
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Legislative Background

Callan Park (Special Provisions) Act 2002

- Key objectives of the Act
 - Public ownership
 - Preservation of the areas of open space
 - Public access to open space
 - Preserve heritage significance
 - Impose appropriate controls on future development
 - The Minister of Planning may grant leases, licences for the use of buildings or land within the park.
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Planning Framework

- Callan Park Act 2002 'freezes' the planning legislation that was in force at the time of commencement of the Act
 - Frozen legislation means:
 - SEPP 56 applies - requirement for a master plan to be prepared before consent can be granted
 - Exempt or complying development does not apply
 - Council is the consent authority
 - All DAs require approval from NSW Heritage Office
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Planning Framework

- Limits land uses to health facilities and educational (not schools) or community facilities
 - Buildings must not be erected outside the footprints or building envelopes of the buildings
 - Site is also known to be contaminated and reports required with each DA that may involve soil disturbance
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Recent Council Improvements

- Council improvements to community facilities in the park:
 - Two sporting grounds - Balmain Road and Glover Street.
 - Community and Refugee Welcome Centre
 - Public toilets at Balmain Rd Sporting Ground
 - Waterfront Drive DA approval:
 - New lights 2017/2018
 - Resurfacing playing fields, drainage, irrigation 2018/2019
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Key Current Issues - Master Planning

- State government is responsible for master planning
- Former Leichhardt Council recognised the need
- In 2010 - extensive community consultation
- In November 2011 - Leichhardt Council and the Friends of Callan Park formally presented the Draft Callan Park Master Plan to the Minister for Planning
- No formal adoption of the draft master plan by the NSW Government.
- OEH preparing a Landscape Structure Plan





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Key current issues – Trust

- Council advocates a Trust model
 - Trust governance model to oversee complexity of site
 - Trustee membership to reflect complex issues
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Key current issues – Other Council Initiatives

- Recent refusal by the State government for Council initiatives on behalf of the Inner West community:
 - Regional Skate Park
 - Balmain Para-Rowing
 - Men's Shed at the Electrical Store





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Key current issues

- Sydney College of the arts vacating Kirkbride (planned departure in 2019)
 - Limited State Government funding for the site
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Skate Park Proposal 1

- Original proposal adjacent to Balmain Road Sporting Ground
- DA withdrawn





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Skate Park Proposal 2





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Questions?



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What can you do?

Write to the NSW Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government and Minister for Heritage to **tell her what YOU want for Callan Park.**

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Join Council in calling on the State Government to:

- establish a Callan Park trust
- implement the Master Plan
- support recreational, mental health and community facilities
- protect open space and heritage