

#### 4.4.6 Food

##### Scope of the system

This system relates to the production and consumption of food at Callan Park.

##### Existing condition and situation

There is a long history of organised agriculture on Callan Park, from the kitchen gardens and livestock that supported the early gentleman's estates on the site to the community garden on Glover Street which is Sydney's oldest. Glovers Community Garden is the only area of Callan Park that has any productive agricultural capacity and it is well subscribed.

There are currently no stand-alone cafes or restaurants on Callan Park, although there is a cafe within the Sydney College of the Arts that is open to the public, and there are canteens within some of the larger organisations on Callan Park that cater for staff and people undergoing treatment in the NGO precinct.

##### Master Plan objectives and targets

Enhancing the scope of urban agriculture on Callan Park will be achieved through the following actions and projects:

- creating opportunities for employment, education and participation for Mental Health Consumers across the urban agriculture projects on Callan Park.
- providing opportunities for community building.
- recognising the long history of food production on Callan Park to provide educational opportunities around sustainable living for the community.

The new Callan Park farm includes an area for horticulture or agriculture beautifying Balmain Road. Like the expanded Glovers Garden, the urban farm and small urban bee colony are run by the community, for the community. Organic foods home-grown with sustainable farming techniques are served in a nearby cafe. Everyone is involved in learning and teaching about water saving, renewables, healthy living and low food miles. In the late 1800's, Callan Park patients worked the area for horticulture or agriculture and the farm in an enlightened approach to vocational therapy. In the future, individual and community health is strengthened by these interactions with nature.

Key features include:

- an expanded Glovers Garden.

- the first community urban farm in Inner Sydney.
- a fruit area for horticulture or agriculture on Balmain Road building on the historical use of this area of Callan Park.
- produce from Callan Park served in the new cafes and restaurant.
- education and training opportunities for the whole community.



## Implementation

**Figure 4.7 Food in Callan Park**

"Sustain" restaurant and a cafe in the restored established in B497 building providing training and employment opportunities for mental health services users

Refurbishment of the Bootmakers Workshop to Create the Bootmakers Cafe. Cafe to provide work opportunities for mental health services users and serve food produced on the Callan Park Farm

Glovers Community Garden to be expanded to site boundary to the west and to the edge of the proposed east west road in the south. Landscape buffer to be established around perimeter as visual screen

Small cafe inside the Museum of the Mind

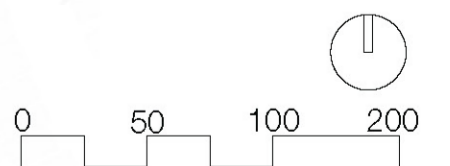
Small cafe located inside gate house building

Callan Park Farm to be established and managed by community group. All produced to be provided to kitchens for consumption on Callan Park cafe's and restaurants

Potential Horticultural/Agricultural Uses

# CALLAN PARK MASTER PLAN

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**Table 4.7 Food actions in Callan Park**

No	Action	Staging	Responsibility	Performance target	Method of measurement
6.1	Develop links with local organisations that promote backyard and urban agriculture.	Short term	CS	Plan prepared for urban agriculture on Callan Park. Regular communication with local organisations that promote backyard and urban agriculture.	Rate of takeup by local organisations of opportunities in Callan Park for urban agriculture.
6.2	Establish Callan Park Farm to be managed by community group. All produce to be provided to kitchens for consumption in Callan Park cafes and restaurants.	Short term	CS	Development of a master plan for the Wharf Road North area. Develop management plan. Farm established. Appoint community group to manage the farm. Develop community education program.	Level of community involvement in the Callan Park Farm. Reports from community group to the Trust.
6.3	Expand Glovers Community Garden to site boundary to the west and to the edge of the proposed east-west road in the south. Establish landscape buffer around perimeter as visual screen.	Short term	CS	Management plan for Glovers Community Garden prepared. Garden expanded with a landscaped buffer. No conflicts between users of Glovers Community Garden.	Liaison with users of Glovers Community Garden.
6.4	Establish a small cafe inside the Museum of the Mind.	Short term	VE	Café established. Financial sustainability. Provide training and work opportunities for mental health consumers. Use of seasonal produce grown on Callan Park. Establish links to TAFE outreach program.	Successful operation of café shown by reports to the Trust.
6.5	Establish a small cafe located inside gate house building.	Short term	VE	Café established. Financial sustainability. Provide training and work opportunities for mental health consumers. Use of seasonal produce grown on Callan Park. Establish links to TAFE outreach program.	Successful operation of café shown by reports to the Trust.

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6.6	Establish and manage macadamia nut area for horticulture or agriculture (or other appropriated but resistant species) by Callan Park Farm.	ongoing	CS	Acknowledgement of site history. Undertake contamination study. Develop management plan. Achieve best practice sustainable agriculture. Green frontage to Balmain Road. Appoint community group to manage the farm. Develop community education program. Ongoing successful operation of the Macadamia area for horticulture or agriculture.	Reports of the community group manager to the Trust.