

4.3.3 Culture

Scope of the system

Callan Park is located on Leichhardt's cultural ridgeline, extending from Balmain in the east to the Hawthorne Canal in the west. Current cultural uses in Callan Park include the Sydney College of the Arts within the Kirkbride complex, and the New South Wales Writers Centre located in Garry Owen House. Callan Point is also the site of a number of installations that provide interpretative signage related to the Aboriginal occupation of the area. Temporal cultural uses in the form of festivals and one off events also draw many groups to the park particularly in the summer months.

The scope of this system relates to the uses of buildings on Callan Park, opportunities for interpretation of the cultural landscape and history of Callan Park and initiatives that provide a framework for the on-going development of the cultural community and life on Callan Park. Key to the on-going promotion of cultural activities will be developing the synergies between cultural activities and mental and physical health and wellbeing.



Existing condition and situation

The existing strong cultural presence of the two major arts institutions - Sydney College of the Arts and the New South Wales Writers Centre - provides a solid base for the development of cultural activities on Callan Park. Between them, SCA and NSWWC represent a broad spectrum of the creative arts, and both institutions have the capacity to expand within the site.

Master Plan objectives and targets



The cultural targets for the Master Plan are to:

- both commemorate and celebrate the past and future cultural role of Callan Park.
- document the cultural value of Callan Park through an onsite museum and interpretative signage to educate visitors to Callan Park.
- create a national centre to promotion the linkages between art, and mental health and wellbeing, including an international artist in residency program that focuses on 'outsider art' and artists that explore issues of mental health in their work.
- provide opportunities for performance based cultural activities such as music, dance and theatre.
- provide spaces for outdoor performances within the cultural cluster.
- provide a range of spaces for local artists and arts based NGOs as incubation spaces.
- Initiate investigations to locate graves of former patients.

Implementation

Figure 4.4 Culture in Callan Park

CULTURE OVERLAY

-  culturally significant building
-  culturally significant landscape area

- Enhance existing aboriginal interpretative signs and protect european rock carvings from damage by diverting pathway
- Create foreshore boardwalk from the western tip of Callan Point to North tip of Callan Point incorporating Jetties. Investigate opportunities for interpretative material and public art
- Maintain and integrate Sydney Harbour Bridge Memorial [Policy 5.28, CMP 2002]
- Create a blackstone memorial wall within Veteran's Field to commemorate the former war patients of Rozelle Hospital
- Veteran's Field - Great lawn with solar pavilion and family BBQ space/playground
- Remove unsympathetic lighting and seating [Policy 5.42 CMP 2002] and replace with new street furniture once a signage and street furniture strategy for the whole site has been developed
- Mind memorial remembering past patients of Callan Park - Cast bronze sculptures in grid on thin film of water
- "Museum of the mind" in Bonny View Cottage to exhibit the site's heritage and host visiting exhibitions
- Reconstruct former garden layout and create links to the Cultural Cluster [Policy 5.48 CMP 2002]
- Conserve and repair all oriental inspired structures in Broughton Hall gardens [Policy 5.57 CMP 2002]
- Create a Sustainable Living Centre to demonstrate technology for houses refurbishment that reduces environmental impact
- Provide new fencing as a modern interpretation of iron palisade as part of works to consolidate parking in this area [Policy 5.64 CMP 2002]
- Repair brickwork in Broughton Hall Gardens [Policy 5.56 CMP 2002]
- Restore Rivendell as headquarters of the long term management of Callan Park. Provide interpretative material on this buildings history and significance
- Integrate mature trees with planting of Port Jackson Figs along Balmain Road [Policy 4.54 CMP 2002]

- Restore Callan Point summer house to provide a space for exhibitions on the Aboriginal and ecological heritage of the area
- Construct a bush trail between the Manning street site access and the Callan Point summer house. Incorporate look-out points and interpretative signage and investigate opportunities for public art
- Restore the Moodie Street Cottage as the site maintenance and security headquarters. Incorporate visitor information at the pedestrian gate to Callan Park
- Ongoing management of landscape to follow recommendations set out in the Kirkbride Block Conservation Management Plan 1993 [Policy 5.44 CMP 2002]
- Restore late nineteenth century character of heritage gardens [Policy 5.32] and develop conservation management plan for ongoing maintenance
- Conserve and reinstate sunken garden [Policy 5.39 CMP 2002]
- Rozelle Child Care Centre - remove parking and expand playground
- Sydney College of the Arts
- Restore Gate House building and include facilities to provide information for visitors through digital displays and coffee shop demolished
- Demolish war memorial and incorporate reuse materials into Veteran's Field memorial wall
- Create a new pathway from the main gates to Kirkbride and remove intrusive planting [Policy 5.35 CMP 2002]
- Conserve and reinstate building boundary plantation [Policy 5.37 CMP 2002] with Port Jackson Fig trees
- Vehicular lay by for two cars with site map on rear of sports pavilion
- Interpret the former playing field [Policy 5.43 CMP 2002]
- Cultural Cluster Square - An outdoor performance space and opportunity for permanent and temporary public art linked to the old stables
- Conserve and reinstate building boundary plantation [Policy 5.46 CMP 2002] with Port Jackson Fig trees
- Reconstruct entrance and provide interpretative material to explain former site access route [Policy 4.53 CMP 2002]

CALLAN PARK MASTER PLAN

CULTURE

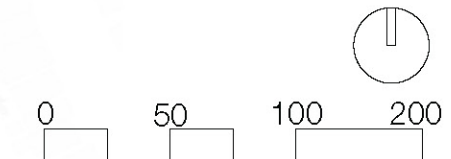


Table 4.4 Cultural actions in Callan Park

	Action	Timing	Respons- -ibility	Performance measure	Method of measurement
3.1	Establish a facility based on the Cité Internationale des Arts model that focuses on artists with experience of mental health illnesses.	Initiation	CS/ES	Consult with local arts and mental health groups to develop the framework. Identify external funding sources. Link between arts and wellness.	Facility established. Positive feedback from facility operators and users.
3.2	Develop a public art and interpretation strategy.	Initiation	PP/VE/ ES	Conduct consultation consistent with community consultation strategy. Public art and interpretation strategy prepared.	Approval of strategy by the Trust. Support from community and stakeholders.
3.3	Develop an events management strategy.	Initiation	PP/VE/ ES	Conduct consultation consistent with community consultation strategy. Events management strategy prepared.	Approval of strategy by the Trust. Support from community and stakeholders.
3.4	Remove war memorial and incorporate reuse materials into Veteran's Field memorial wall.	Short term	PA/PP	Carry out local contamination investigations. Develop a plan for the recycling of all non-hazardous materials. War memorial removed. Materials reused in Veteran's Field memorial wall.	Observations. Construction report documenting reuse of materials in Veteran's Field memorial wall.
3.5	Create a blackstone memorial wall within Veteran's Field to commemorate the former war patients of Rozelle Hospital.	Short term	PP/VE/ ES	Consult with family groups to establish design brief for memorial. Hold open competition for the design of the memorial. Construct memorial wall.	Positive feedback from families.
3.6	Establish a Great Lawn on Veteran's Field with solar pavilion and family barbecue space/ playground.	Short term	PP/VE/ ES	Carry out local contamination investigations. Develop a plan for the recycling of all non-hazardous building materials.	Observations. Positive feedback from Veteran's Field users.

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				Develop a master plan for the Veteran's Field. Use design panel to develop detail design and tender documentation and gain necessary statutory approvals. Construct solar pavilion and family barbecue space/ playground.	
3.7	Establish a mind memorial remembering past patients of Callan Park comprising cast bronze sculptures in grid on thin film of water.	Short term	PP/VE/ES	Consult with mental health consumer and family groups to establish design brief for memorial. Hold open competition for the design of the memorial. Design and construct the mind memorial.	Positive feedback from families about the memorial.
3.8	Create a Sustainable Living Centre to demonstrate technology for house refurbishment that reduces environmental impact.	Short term	PP/CS	Carry out local contamination investigations. Develop a plan for the recycling of all non-hazardous building materials. Develop a community sustainable education plan. Engage a community group to manage and operate the Sustainable Living Centre. Visitation to the Sustainable Living Centre.	Reports from the community group to the Trust.
3.9	Repair brickwork in Broughton Hall Gardens.	Short term	PA	Coordinate work with NGO tenants. Brickwork repaired.	Repairs consistent with Conservation Management Plan Policy.
3.10	Restore the Moodie Street Cottage as the site maintenance and security headquarters. Incorporate visitor information at the pedestrian gate to	Short term	PP/PA/VE	Carry out local contamination investigations. Develop a plan for the recycling of all non-hazardous building materials.	Building waste disposal report. Building condition report. Moodie Street Cottage used as site maintenance and

	Action	Timing	Responsibility	Performance measure	Method of measurement
	Callan Park.			Use design panel to develop detail design and tender documentation and gain necessary statutory approvals. Moodie Street Cottage restored. Visitor information incorporated in pedestrian gate to Callan Park.	security headquarters.
3.11	Restore Gate House building and include facilities to provide information for visitors through digital displays and coffee shop demolished.	Short term	PA/PP/VE	Carry out local contamination investigations. Develop a plan for the recycling of all non-hazardous materials. Use design panel to develop detail design and tender documentation and gain necessary statutory approvals Coordinate design with signage strategy. Gate House building restored. Visitor facilities established.	Building waste disposal report. Building condition report. Positive feedback from visitors to the Gate House building.
3.12	Create a new pathway from the main gates to Kirkbride and remove intrusive planting	Short term	PA/PP	Use materials consistent with the site wide design guidance. New pathway constructed. Intrusive planting removed.	Consistent with Conservation Management Plan Policy.
3.13	Construct a vehicular layby for two cars with site map on rear of sports pavilion.	Short term	PA/PP/VE	Vehicular layby and site map constructed.	Construction report.
3.14	Interpret the former playing field on Balmain Road.	Short term	PA/PP/CS	Work with Leichhardt Council and local sports groups to determine type of provision and arrangement of playing fields.	Consistent with Conservation Management Plan Policy.

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3.15	Establish a Cultural Cluster Square comprising an outdoor performance space and opportunity for permanent and temporary public art linked to the old stables.	Short term	PA/PP	Carry out local contamination investigations Develop a plan for the recycling of all non-hazardous building materials. Use design panel to develop detail design and tender documentation and gain necessary statutory approvals. Construct the Cluster Square.	Positive feedback from Cultural Cluster Square users. Regular performances and turnover of temporary public art.
3.16	Enhance existing aboriginal interpretative signs and protect European rock carvings from damage by diverting pathway.	Medium term	PP/PA/VE/ES	Consultation with Aboriginal groups. Develop management plan for the engravings.	Endorsement of signage enhancement and management plan for engravings from Aboriginal groups.
3.17	Create foreshore boardwalk from the western tip of Callan Point to north tip of Callan Point incorporating jetties. Investigate opportunities for interpretative material and public art.	Medium term	PP/PA/VE/ES	Use habitat survey to determine impacts of new construction and mitigation measures required. Carry out marine survey. Use design panel to develop detail design and tender documentation and gain necessary statutory approvals. Boardwalk and jetties constructed. Interpretive material and public art incorporated.	Habitat and marine survey results. Observations and visitor counts. Positive feedback from users.
3.18	Maintain and integrate Sydney Harbour Bridge Memorial.	Medium term	PA	Prepare a management plan for the memorial. Maintain the memorial according to the management plan.	Consistent with Conservation Management Plan Policy.
3.19	Remove unsympathetic lighting and seating. Replace with new street furniture when signage and street furniture strategy for whole site has been developed.	Medium term	PA	Lighting and seating removed. New street furniture installed.	Consistent with Conservation Management Plan Policy. Increased use of this area.

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3.20	Establish "Museum of the Mind" in Bonny View Cottage to exhibit the site's heritage and host visiting exhibitions.	Medium term	PP/PA/VE/ES/HS	Carry out local contamination investigations. Develop a plan for the recycling of all non-hazardous building materials. Use design panel to develop detail design and tender documentation and gain necessary statutory approvals. Museum of the Mind established.	Building waste disposal report. Building condition report. Positive feedback from visitors to the Museum of the Mind.
3.21	Reconstruct former garden layout. Create links to the Cultural Cluster.	Medium term	PA	Carry out local contamination investigations Develop a plan for the recycling of all non-hazardous materials. Develop conservation management plan for garden area. Former garden layout reconstructed with links to the Cultural Cluster.	Consistent with Conservation Management Plan Policy. Landscape plan.
3.22	Conserve and repair all oriental inspired structures in Broughton Hall gardens.	Medium term	PA	Carry out local contamination investigations. Develop a plan for the recycling of all non-hazardous materials. Develop conservation management plan for garden area. Oriental inspired structures are conserved and repaired.	Consistent with Conservation Management Plan Policy. Structure condition report.
3.23	Provide new fencing as a modern interpretation of iron palisade as part of works to consolidate parking in this area.	Medium term	PA	Use design panel to develop detail design and tender documentation and gain necessary statutory approvals. Integrate work with Glover Street car park design and construction.	Consistent with Conservation Management Plan Policy. Observations of parking patterns.

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3.24	Reconstruct entrance and provide interpretative material to explain former site access route.	Medium		Use design panel to develop detail design and tender documentation and gain necessary statutory approvals. Coordinate design with signage strategy. Entrance reconstructed with interpretive material.	Consistent with Conservation Management Plan Policy. Use of entrance.
3.25	Restore Callan Point summer house to provide a space for exhibitions on the Aboriginal and ecological heritage of the area.	Medium term	PP/PA/VE	Consultation with Aboriginal groups. Callan Point summer house is restored for exhibition space.	Visitation to the summer house. Program of exhibitions held in the summer house.
3.26	Construct a bush trail between the Manning street site access and the Callan Point summer house. Incorporate look-out points and interpretative signage and investigate opportunities for public art.	Ongoing	PP/PA/VE/CS	Carry out local contamination investigations. Develop a plan for the recycling of all non-hazardous materials. Develop a community education plan. Engage a community group to manage and plan the route of the bush trail. Use design panel to develop detail design and tender documentation and gain necessary statutory approvals. Bush trail with lookout points, interpretive signage and possibly public art.	Observations of use of the bush trail. Positive feedback from trail users.
3.27	Ongoing management of landscape to follow recommendations set out in the Kirkbride Block Conservation Management Plan 1993.	Ongoing	PA	Develop a conservation management plan for the landscape areas. Implementation of conservation management plan for the landscape areas.	Consistent with Kirkbride Block Conservation Management Plan 1993.

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3.28	Restore late nineteenth century character of heritage gardens. Develop conservation management plan for ongoing maintenance.	Ongoing	PA	Conservation management plan for heritage gardens prepared. Gardens restored.	Heritage and landscape assessment reports. Visitation to heritage gardens.
3.29	Conserve and reinstate sunken garden.	Ongoing	PA	Sunken garden reinstated.	Consistent with Conservation Management Plan Policy. Visitation to sunken garden.
3.30	Remove parking and expand playground at Rozelle Child Care Centre.	Ongoing	PA/PP/ES	Liaise with RTA and Leichhardt Council to develop concept design. Obtain necessary approvals. Expansion of playground at Rozelle Child Care Centre.	Positive feedback from centre staff, parents and children.
3.31	Conserve and reinstate building boundary plantation with Port Jackson Fig trees.	Ongoing	PA	Provident seed stock used. Building boundary plantation reinstated with Port Jackson Fig trees.	Consistent with Conservation Management Plan Policy. Observations. Arborist assessment.
3.32	Integrate mature trees with planting of Port Jackson Figs along Balmain Road.	Ongoing	PA	Port Jackson Figs planted along Balmain Road.	Consistent with Conservation Management Plan Policy. Observations. Arborist assessment.
3.33	Initiate investigations to locate unmarked graves of former patients.	Ongoing	CS/HS/PP	Location of areas of patient graves and development of an action plan for appropriate relocation or commemoration in consultation with family and consumer/ community groups.	Location of Graves. Development of action plan. Positive feedback from relevant family and consumer/ community groups.