

CALLAN PARK CHARACTER AREAS

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

There are eleven landscape character areas that together create an intricate network of spaces across Callan Park. Each area has special values that will be enhanced and protected. Different functions or activities will suit each character area.

The eleven character areas are:

1. Callan Point
2. Convalescent Cottages
3. Waterfront Sports
4. Waterfront Green
5. Wharf Road Gardens
6. Central Green
7. Bonnyview Cottage Gardens
8. Writing NSW Gardens
9. Balmain Road Green
10. Glover Street Sports
11. Kirkbride Gardens

The Broughton Hall Gardens, while out of scope of this structure plan, is an important open space and its relationship to the nearby areas has been carefully understood.

The following character studies and design ideas will help guide a clear vision for all of Callan Park while preserving the unique features of each landscape character area.



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SITE QUALITIES

Such diversity of character is rare in a large urban setting and is fundamental to the character of Callan Park.

THE DIVERSE LANDSCAPE OF CALLAN PARK

A defining feature of Callan Park is its diverse series of landscapes. These different landscape character areas provide very different experiences across the park which creates a strong sense of discovery and exploration.

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Eleven landscape character areas have been identified from their diverse spatial conditions and experiences. These include heritage gardens, community gardens, open green space, settings for heritage buildings, sandstone outcrops, bush regeneration sites, beach and waterfront and views to Iron Cove.

The defining characteristics of each area are a result of the built form, mature tree plantings, landform, and intricate landscape elements and gardens.

Across much of the site, periods of poor site management and uncoordinated development have resulted in an overlay of intrusive elements, low quality buildings and low-quality plantings that detract from the underlying quality and integrity of these areas.



WHARF ROAD GARDENS



CALLAN POINT AND IRON COVE



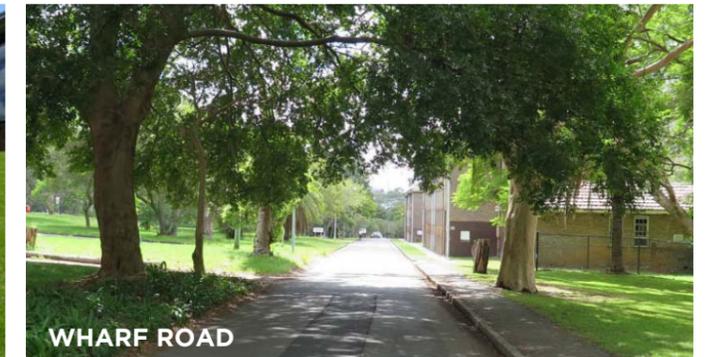
BOWLING GREEN



CONVALESCENT COTTAGES



CENTRAL SLOPES



WHARF ROAD



AVENUE OF MATURE TREES



SANDSTONE OUTCROPS



KIRKBRIDE GARDENS



CALLAN POINT



CENTRAL SLOPES



WATERFRONT OVAL

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

SITE QUALITIES

The landscape character and heritage buildings create a rich and varied base for the creation of an iconic parkland experience at Callan Park.

THE HISTORIC BUILDINGS OF CALLAN PARK

The buildings of Callan Park are of varying character and quality. There are many exceptional buildings including the Kirkbride Complex, Garry Owen House (Writing NSW), Bonnyview and Convalescent Cottages.

A number of high heritage value buildings are in very poor condition, including Garry Owen Summer House, that require extensive restoration work. Broughton Hall, also in need of extensive work, is not within the study site.

The Stables, Garry Owen Summer House, Bonnyview Cottage, memorials and landscape structures have potential to create landmarks and destinations that encourage movement throughout the park.

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GARRY OWEN HOUSE



REPATRIATION WARD



BONNYVIEW COTTAGE



MILITARY DRIVE



KIRKBRIDE COURTYARD AND TOWER



BUNKERS



KIRKBRIDE BUILDINGS



GARRY OWEN SUMMER HOUSE



B211



SPANISH MEMORIAL



CONVALESCENT COTTAGES



THE STABLES

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

1. CALLAN POINT

EXISTING CHARACTER OF CALLAN POINT

LANDSCAPE

Callan Point was once an important headland for fishing and gathering, evidenced by original and indigenous planting remains, Aboriginal middens and rock carvings. Its sandy beach, rock outcrops, lawns and native vegetation create an experience of nature on the harbour that is highly valued by park users. The headland's topography and position allow views down the length of Iron Cove that cannot be experienced elsewhere in Callan Park.

BUILDINGS

B494 is the Garry Owen Summer House, one of the earliest buildings on the site, and reflective of the historic significance of Callan Park. It is recommended for retention for adaptive re-use as a culturally significant building.

Several disused ward buildings on Callan Point (Buildings 495, 492 and 493 in particular) detract from the significant landscape of the headland and are recommended for demolition.

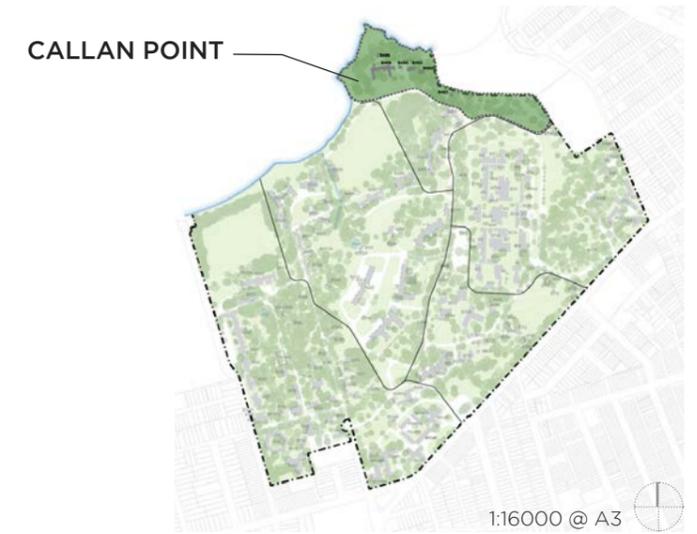


FIG TREE AND GARDENS



CALLAN POINT BEACH



GARRY OWEN SUMMER HOUSE



VIEWS OF IRON COVE



SANDSTONE OUTCROPS



LOW QUALITY BUILDINGS

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

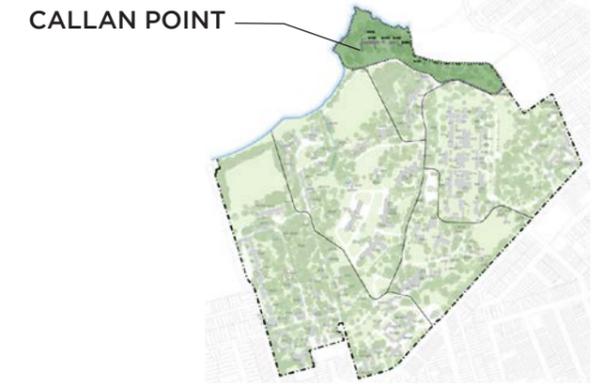
1. CALLAN POINT

IDEAS TO ACHIEVE THE VISION AT CALLAN POINT

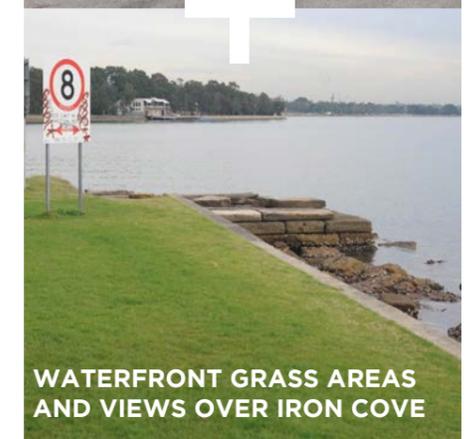
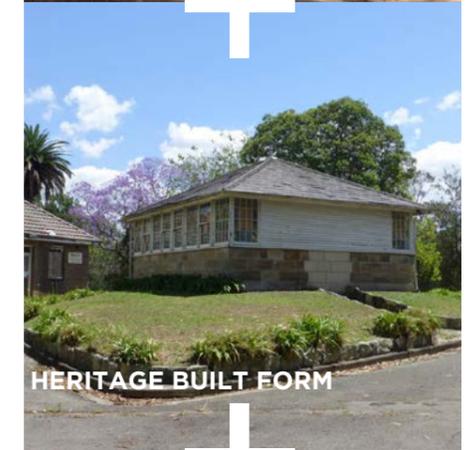
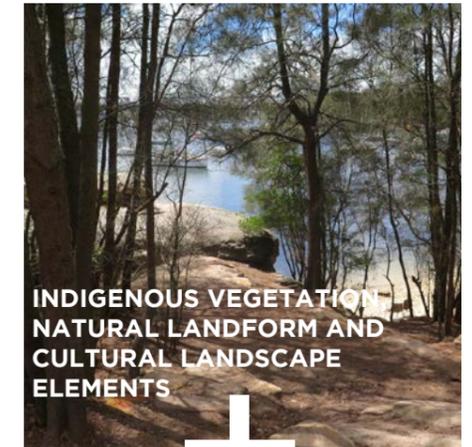
1. Maintain indigenous vegetation along the northern edge of the Point
2. Explore removal of intrusive built form
3. Improve access to the water, particularly on the western edges of the point.
4. Open selective views to Iron Cove, particularly down the bay to Rodd Island. Remove low quality planting and add new trees to frame these views
5. Conserve and protect all Indigenous cultural landscape elements
6. Repair and reuse the Garry Owen Summer House as a key destination. Provide new tree planting that frames the Summer House and supports any future uses
7. Create a path network along the waterfront and across the headland
8. Reuse existing sandstone walls and paths that were part of the former ward building
9. Investigate the opportunity for a harbour pool
10. Maintain and improve grass areas along the waterfront and provide passive parkland uses including improved picnic facilities
11. Managed vehicle access to Garry Owen Summer House

CONCEPT DESIGN PLAN

-  TREE PLANTINGS
-  PROGRAMMED OPEN SPACE
-  LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS

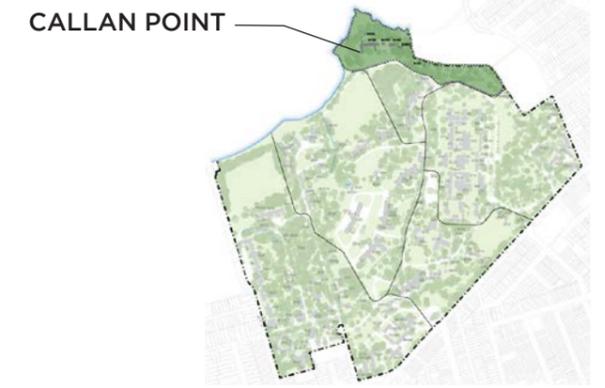


IMPORTANT EXISTING CHARACTERISTICS



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

1. CALLAN POINT



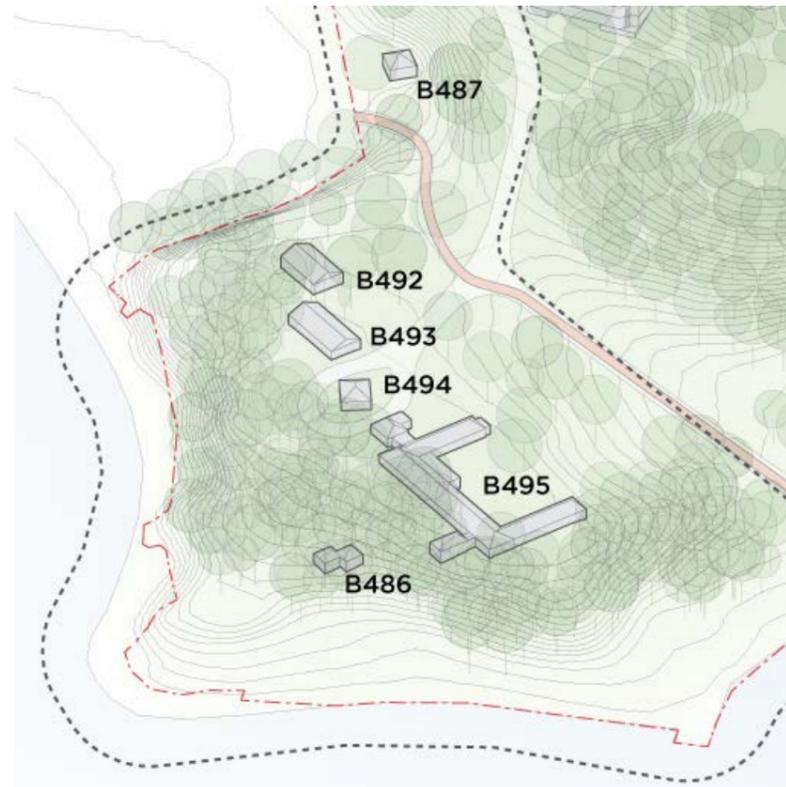
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BUILDINGS AT CALLAN POINT

Apart from the Garry Owen Summer House, Callan Point mainly contains buildings that are intrusive and impact on the character of the parkland.

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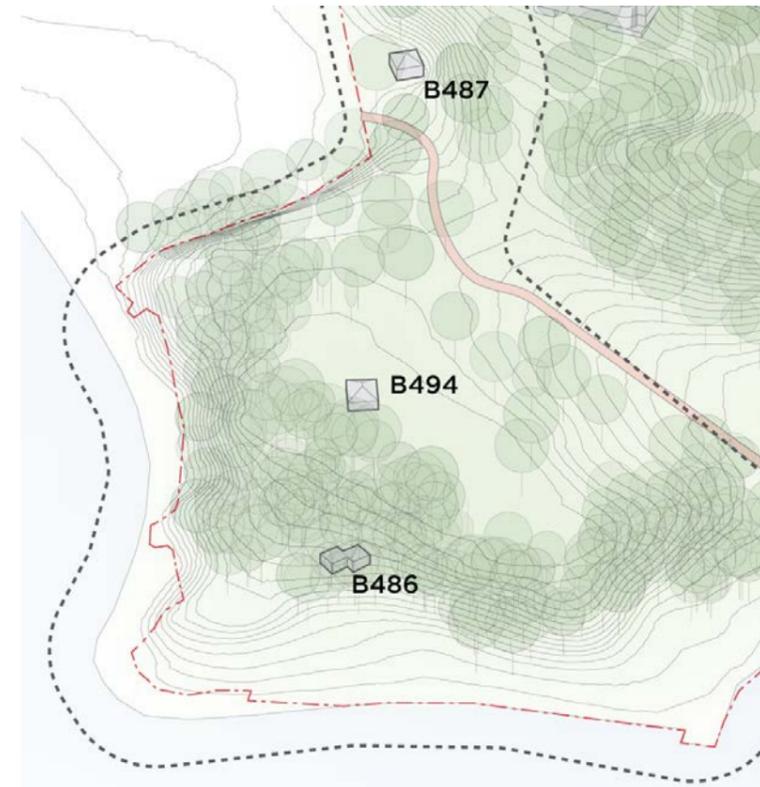
B487
B487, a former pump house, is mostly hidden at the base of a slope along the Bay Run towards King George Park. Due to its heritage status and extremely low impact on the area, it is recommended for retention but with no use specified.

OTHER
B486, B492, B493 and B495 are considered intrusive in relation to the character principles and are recommended for demolition.



EXISTING BUILT FORM

- B486: Garden pavilion
- B487: Former pump house
- B492: Former residence
- B493: As above
- B494: Garry Owen Summer House
- B495: Former ward



PROPOSED BUILT FORM

- B487: No specific use suggested
- B494: Suggested for adaptive re-use



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

2. CONVALESCENT COTTAGES

EXISTING CHARACTER OF CONVALESCENT COTTAGES

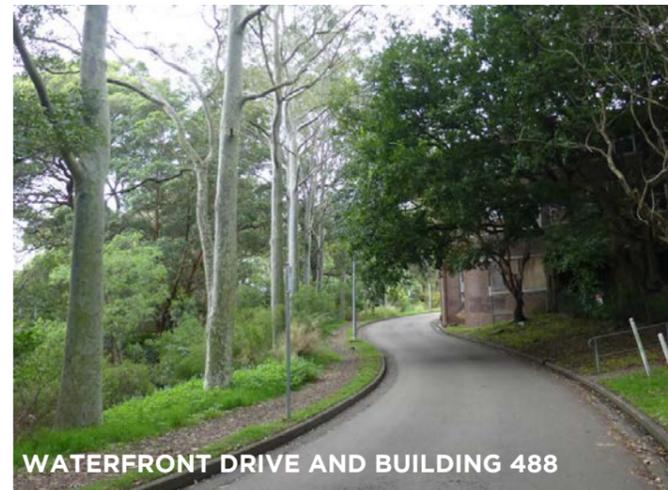
LANDSCAPE

The Convalescent Cottages sit above a steep embankment planted with Fig trees. The mature trees form a dense green band between the cottages and the waterfront oval, and act as a backdrop to surrounding gardens and lawns.

BUILDINGS

The Convalescent Cottages (B401-404) are of exceptional heritage significance, despite being in significant disrepair. Building 488 is an interesting Art Deco building that is sympathetically sited and does not impact the function of the parkland or the setting of the Convalescent Cottages. All buildings are considered valuable for their character and in relation to Callan Park.

CONVALESCENT COTTAGES



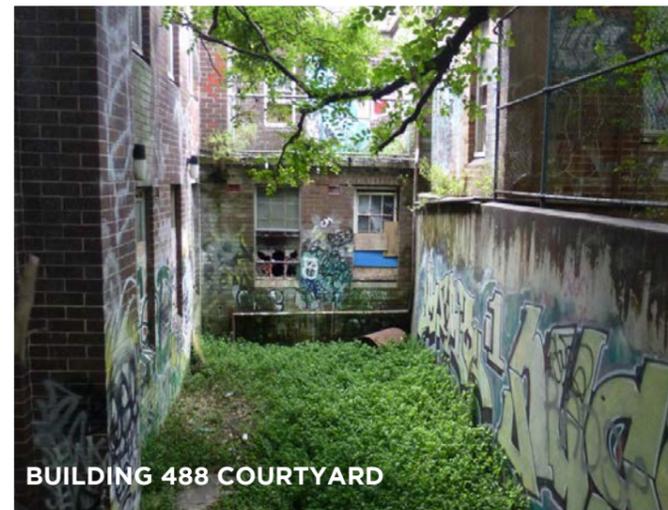
WATERFRONT DRIVE AND BUILDING 488



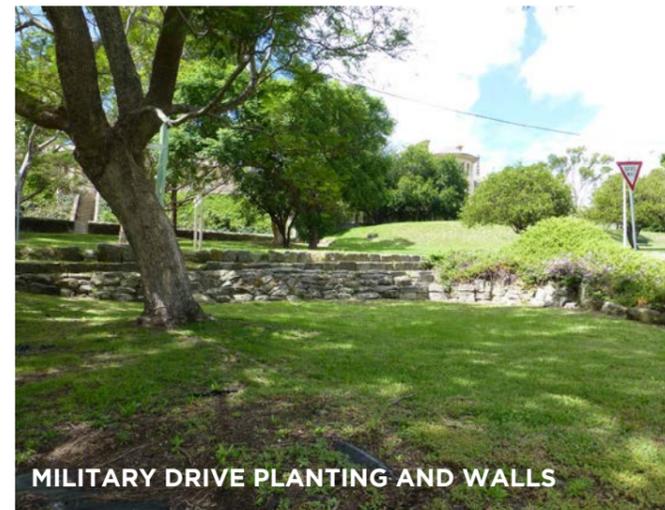
CONVALESCENT COTTAGES



BUILDING 488



BUILDING 488 COURTYARD



MILITARY DRIVE PLANTING AND WALLS



STEEP EMBANKMENT WITH FIG TREES

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

2. CONVALESCENT COTTAGES

IDEAS TO ACHIEVE THE VISION AT CONVALESCENT COTTAGES

1. Repair and reuse the Convalescent Cottages
2. Enhance the grass clearing and fig planting. 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
4. Retain and improve existing quality plantings
5. Open selective views down to Iron Cove and to the Kirkbride precinct to the East. Create unique view slots through the fig trees.
6. Investigate reuse of building and site as terraced gardens down the site.

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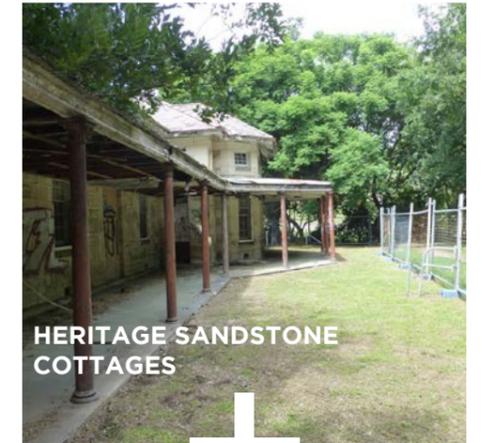
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-  IMPORTANT VIEWS



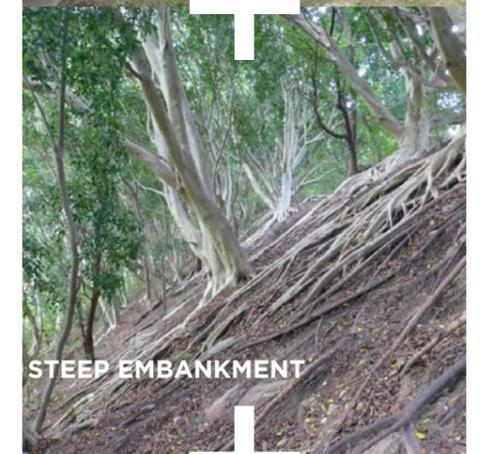
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IMPORTANT EXISTING CHARACTERISTICS



HERITAGE SANDSTONE COTTAGES



STEEP EMBANKMENT



GRASS CLEARING AND FIG TREES

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

2. CONVALESCENT COTTAGES

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BUILDINGS AT CONVALESCENT COTTAGES

The Convalescent Cottages area is made up of several heritage listed cottages and a large Art Deco style former ward building. All buildings are considered valuable for their character and in relation to Callan Park.

B401-404

B401 to 404 are the historic Convalescent Cottages, constructed in the same period as the Kirkbride and mostly designed by Government Architect James Barnet (except 401a, built at a later date by a different Government Architect). Some additions have been added since the original build, most notably are the covered walkways connecting B401 and 404. The buildings are in considerably poor condition but are recommended for re-mediation for adaptive reuse due to their historical significance and value to the future of Callan Park.

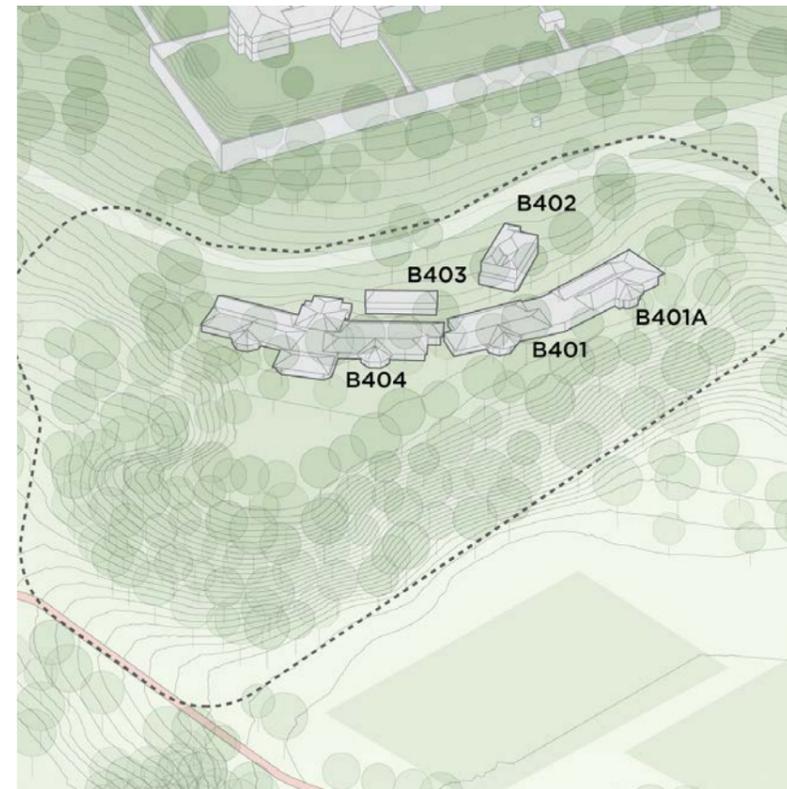
B488

B488 is a large former ward building with a unique style not used elsewhere within Callan Park. The CMP has stated it is intrusive in relation to the Convalescent Cottages, however is now appropriately screened by heavy vegetation and could be of use due to its large floor area. It is recommended for retention with no particular use specified at this stage.



EXISTING BUILT FORM

- B401: Former ward
- B401a: As above
- B402: Former nurses quarters
- B403: Former kitchen block and visitor room
- B404: Former ward
- B488: Former Ward



PROPOSED BUILT FORM

- B401: Suggested for adaptive re-use
- B401a: Suggested for adaptive re-use
- B402: Suggested for adaptive re-use
- B403: Suggested for adaptive re-use
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3. WATERFRONT SPORTS

EXISTING CHARACTER OF WATERFRONT SPORTS

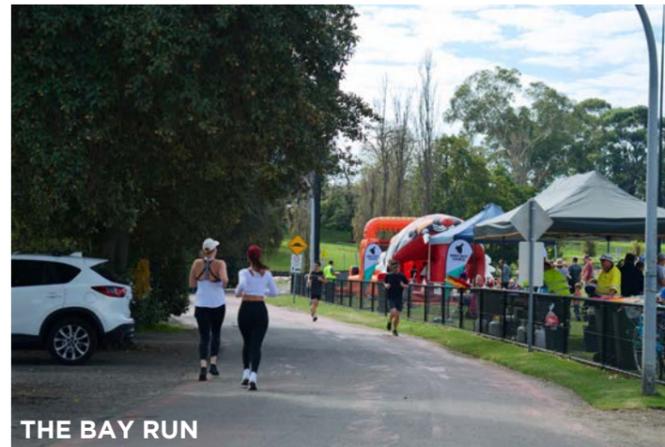
LANDSCAPE

The Waterfront Sports area includes a flat expanse of lawn with a backdrop of mature fig trees, creating a well structured grass 'room' along the water's edge. This area connects to the Bay Run along the foreshore, dominated by car parking and roads, causing a conflict with pedestrians, cyclists and other parkland users.

BUILDINGS

Buildings immediately adjacent the Waterfront Oval include a sports pavilion (B499), a former air raid shelter currently used for storage (B498) and two former ward buildings (B496 and 497). The buildings are mixed in value with none being of high significance. The Landscape Structure Plan suggests a specific response to each individual building.

WATERFRONT SPORTS



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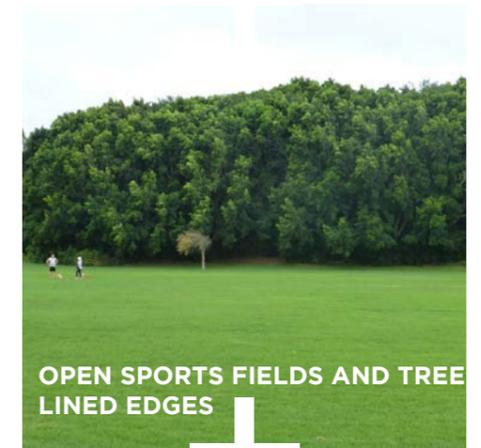
1. Remove vehicle access and provide separate pedestrian and cyclist paths along the Bay Run.
2. Once Building 497 is activated remove remaining intrusive built form (Building 499) for new turfed area.
3. Adaptive reuse for shared community facility that provides area for all sports clubs and other complementary 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.
7. Selectively remove some trees to open visual access into the park and play area for improved safety.
8. Provide new play area under that shade of the existing trees.
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.
11. Provide pedestrian paths connecting Wharf Road, Military Drive and the new uses of the community facility and play area.



CONCEPT DESIGN PLAN

- TREE PLANTINGS
- PROGRAMMED OPEN SPACE
- LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS

IMPORTANT EXISTING CHARACTERISTICS



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

3. WATERFRONT SPORTS

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BUILDING AT WATERFRONT SPORTS

The Waterfront Sports character area is made up of the buildings immediately adjacent the Callan Park sports fields on the waterfront. The buildings are each approached in a different way.

B496

B496 is a large former ward constructed c1945 and is currently unused. The building itself is of no particular value to be re-mediated due to its poor condition and relationship within the character area. However, the location is specified as a good location for a proposed Potential Project. A playground in this site would utilise the existing built form and landscape characteristics to create a unique active recreation facility.

B497

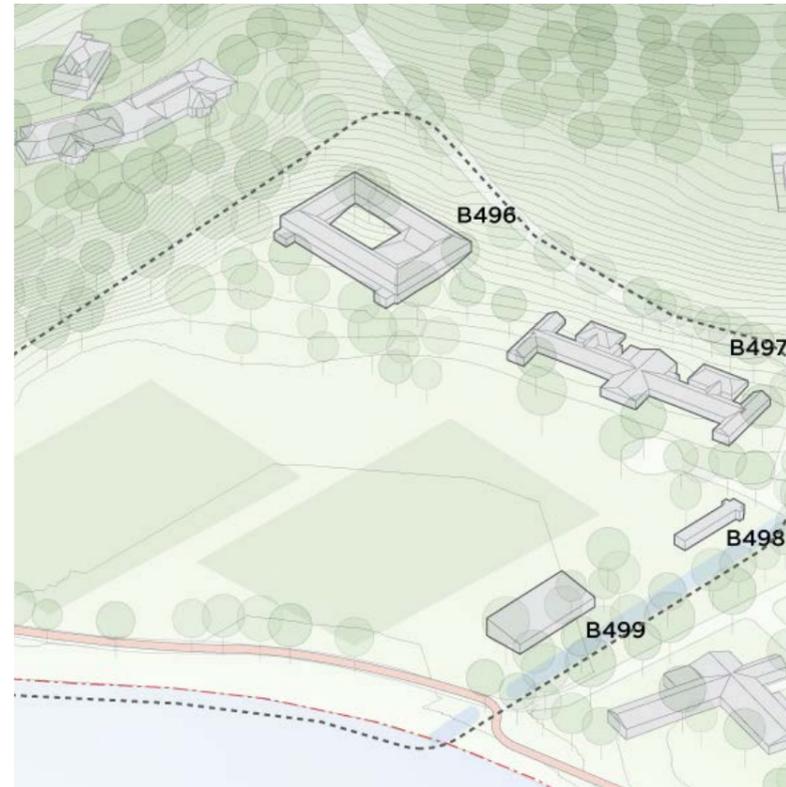
B497 was constructed c1920's. It has a large floor plate and is in reasonable condition. Due to its close proximity to the adjacent sports grounds, the building is recommended for potential adaptive reuse as a community facility.

B498

B498 is a former air raid shelter, currently used for storage. It has a very small impact on the character of the area and it holds historic significance as a memory of war time. It is to be retained with no use suggested.

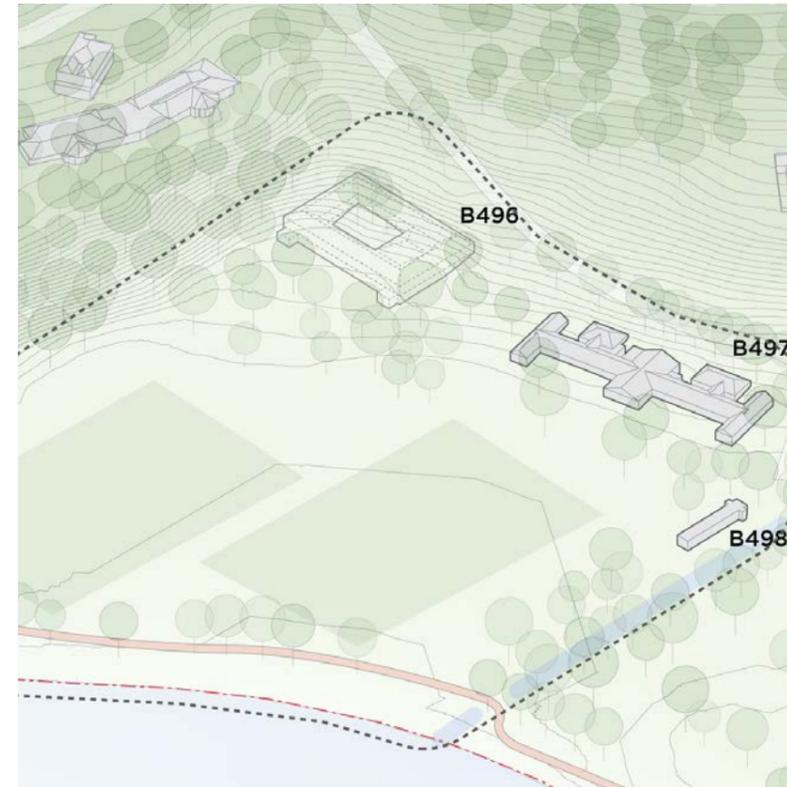
B499

B499 is a sports pavilion that is in considerably poor condition and deteriorating rapidly. It is currently in use by sports groups, however is reported to be a growing concern. With the potential clubhouse, the services of this building would be relocated to B497. This building is recommended for removal.



EXISTING BUILT FORM

- B496: Former ward
- B497: Former ward
- B498: Former air raid shelter, currently storage
- B499: Sports pavilion



PROPOSED BUILT FORM

- B496: Potential adaptive reuse.
- B497: Retain and reuse for Community use.
- B498: Retain and allow for continued sports storage.



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

4. WATERFRONT GREEN

EXISTING CHARACTER OF WATERFRONT GREEN

LANDSCAPE

Waterfront Green is cluttered with low quality buildings, roads and car parking areas. The buildings that sit along the water's edge block exceptional views across Iron Cove. The Waterfront Green contains grassy open slopes with native and ornamental tree plantings. Sandstone retaining walls and stone edges define spaces between the buildings.

BUILDINGS

The Waterfront Green is one of the areas of Callan Park most cluttered with buildings, both intrusive buildings recommended for demolition and buildings suitable for adaptive reuse. The mass of buildings in the lower central slope detracts from the possibility of unique parkland spaces within the draft Landscape Structure Plan.



THE BAY RUN AND FORESHORE AREA



FORMER REHABILITATION UNIT



REFUGEE WELCOME CENTRE



SANDSTONE EDGES AND GRASSED AREA



GRASSED FORESHORE



NORTH VIEWS

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

4. WATERFRONT GREEN

IDEAS TO ACHIEVE THE VISION AT WATERFRONT GREEN

1. Investigate removal of intrusive built form and roads to open up waterfront parkland.
2. New accessible amenities block servicing Waterfront Green, Glover Street Sporting Ground and the Bay Run
3. New pathway extending from Wharf Road to the Bay Run and providing access to new amenities
4. New pathway alongside slow speed road connecting Military Drive and Wharf Road Carpark to the Waterfront Sporting Ground
5. Pedestrian and cycle only along the Bay Run and improved lighting
6. A large green open space that provides open views to the waterfront
7. Pedestrian path extension of the alignment of Wharf Road to the waterfront
8. Retain building B504 Refugee Welcome Centre
9. Provide improved access to the waters edge and gathering spaces and picnic facilities
10. Improve access along and across the canal.

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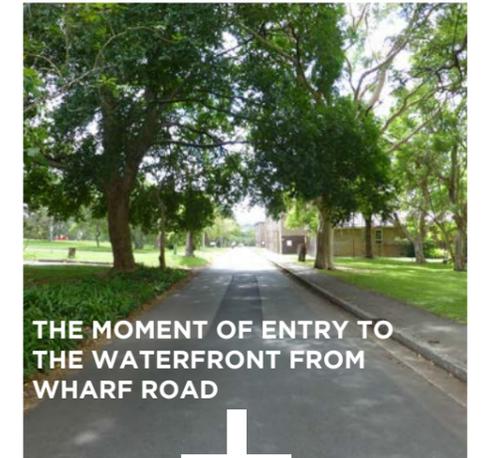
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WATERFRONT GREEN



IMPORTANT EXISTING CHARACTERISTICS



THE MOMENT OF ENTRY TO THE WATERFRONT FROM WHARF ROAD



EXISTING SCATTERED TREES AND REMNANT LANDSCAPE EDGES



GREEN SPACE ALONG THE WATERFRONT

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

4. WATERFRONT GREEN

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BUILDINGS AT WATERFRONT GREEN

The Waterfront Green is made up of several former ward buildings. Some are considered intrusive, while others are considered to be valuable within the waterfront character area and for Callan Park.

B504

B504 is a former recreation hall, currently used by the Inner West Council as a Refugee Welcome Centre. The building is conveniently located adjacent to the termination of Wharf Road and does not block access to the waterfront. It is also of cultural significance and is recommended for retention with no change suggested.

B505/514

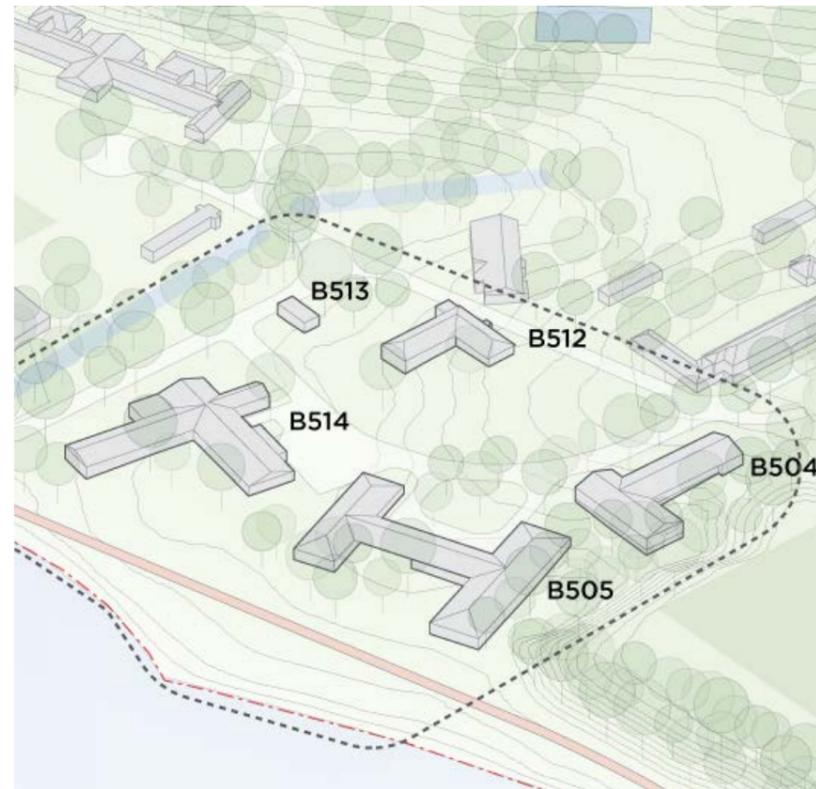
B505 and 514 are large former wards that are in poor condition and considered intrusive in the character area. They block direct access to the waterfront from Wharf Rd and the central slopes and are a major detriment to the area. They are recommended for removal.

B513

B513 is a small electricity substation that is currently in use. The location is not ideal and is recommended for removal with its services relocated to a more convenient location.

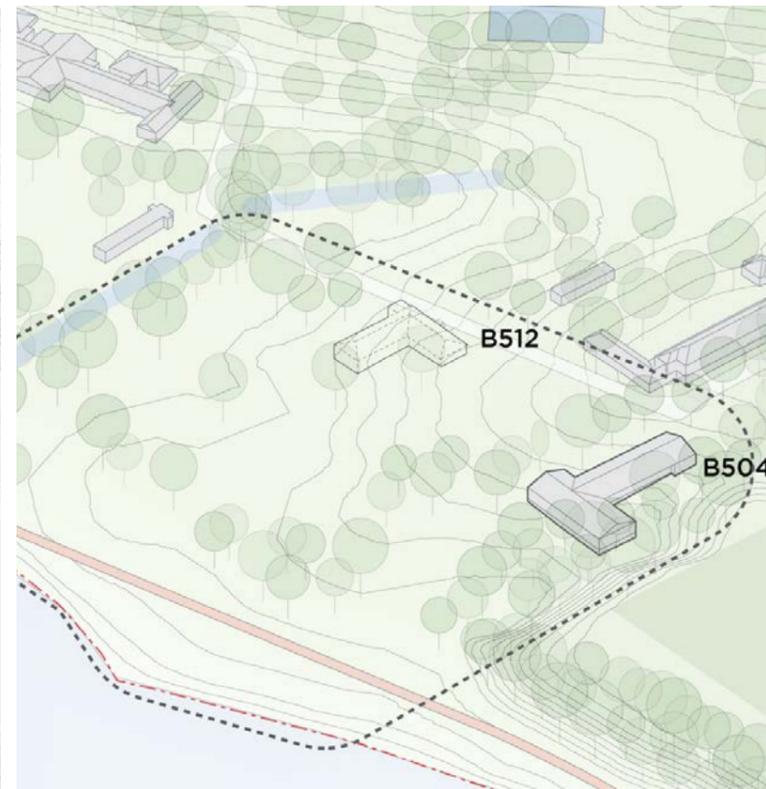
B512

B512 is a small building that is situated to the rear of the waterfront green character area. It has potential for adaptive reuse opening out towards the waterfront.



EXISTING BUILT FORM

- B504: Former recreation hall, currently IWC Refugee Welcome Centre
- B505: Former ward
- B512: Former rehabilitation unit
- B513: Electrical substation
- B514: Former ward



PROPOSED BUILT FORM

- B504: Retain and continue use as Refugee Welcome Centre.
- B512: Potential adaptive reuse

WATERFRONT GREEN



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

5. WHARF ROAD GARDENS

EXISTING CHARACTER OF WHARF ROAD GARDENS

LANDSCAPE

The Wharf Road Gardens is an eclectic area with many landscape elements contributing to the overall character. A variety of exceptional tree plantings including Fig, Pine and Jacaranda create a shaded parkland, with the former Bowling Green acting as a clearing between them. The Bowling Green, existing pavilion and former swimming pool provide interesting elements for the parkland setting, despite being in poor condition. A creek and stormwater canal flow through the edge of the site. There are glimpsed views up through the central slope and down to the waterfront.

BUILDINGS

This area contains several buildings of varied significance including a former storage shed (B299), three buildings that were a former school (B506-508), a former bowling pavilion (B509), a former air raid shelter (B510), a building once used as a social club (B511) and a pool with associated buildings (B515-515A). The majority of these buildings are in poor condition, however some are considered to be of value to the Landscape Structure Plan.



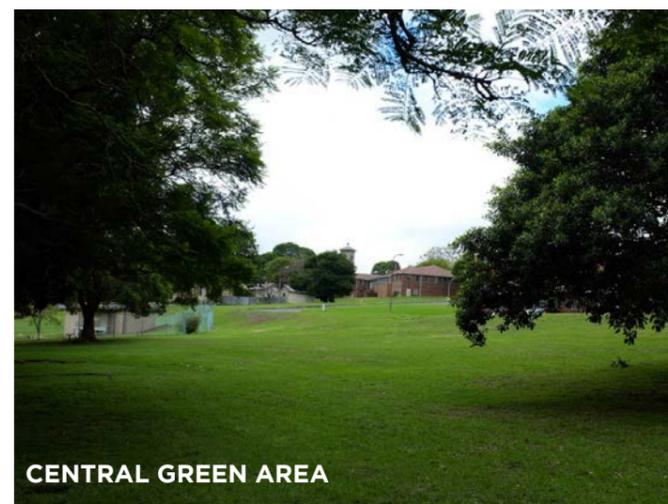
POOL AREA



GROVE OF TREES



WHARF ROAD BUILDINGS



CENTRAL GREEN AREA



ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION



FORMER BOWLING PAVILION

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

5. WHARF ROAD GARDENS

IDEAS TO ACHIEVE THE VISION AT WHARF ROAD GARDENS

1. Create a new entry to Callan Park from Wharf Road, including improved pedestrian paths and carparking
2. Explore removal of intrusive built form to open views down to the waterfront
3. Enhance the courtyard and terrace landscape
4. Create a grassed terrace down the slope towards the pool, and reuse it for water treatment or as a pond
5. Connect the creek from Broughton Hall to Iron Cove
6. Make clear that pedestrian entry point will be available from Glover St Sporting Ground and to Waterfront Sporting Ground along Military Drive.
7. Remove low quality planting and provide improved paths and courtyard planting
8. New carparking that protects significant existing trees and provides pedestrian links between the Waterfront Green, Wharf Road Gardens and Glover Street Sports.
9. Explore adaptive reuse of buildings along Wharf Road.

CONCEPT DESIGN PLAN

-  TREE PLANTINGS
-  PROGRAMMED OPEN SPACE
-  LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS



WHARF ROAD GARDENS



IMPORTANT EXISTING CHARACTERISTICS



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5. WHARF ROAD GARDENS

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BUILDINGS AT WHARF ROAD GARDENS

The Wharf Road Gardens area contains several buildings of varied significance. Within this character area there are some suggestions for removal and some suggestions for adaptive reuse.

B506-508 BUILDINGS

B506 and 507 are two large mirrored buildings constructed c1933-35. In between these two buildings is a small single storey rectilinear structure B508. All three buildings are in very poor condition, however B508 is in the worst condition, and partially collapsed. The buildings do not hold heritage significance, however due to their placement, aligned to Wharf Rd and for their architectural qualities, B506 and 507 could be retained for adaptive re-use. B508 is suggested to be removed due to its condition and the ability to gain greater connectivity across the area.

B509

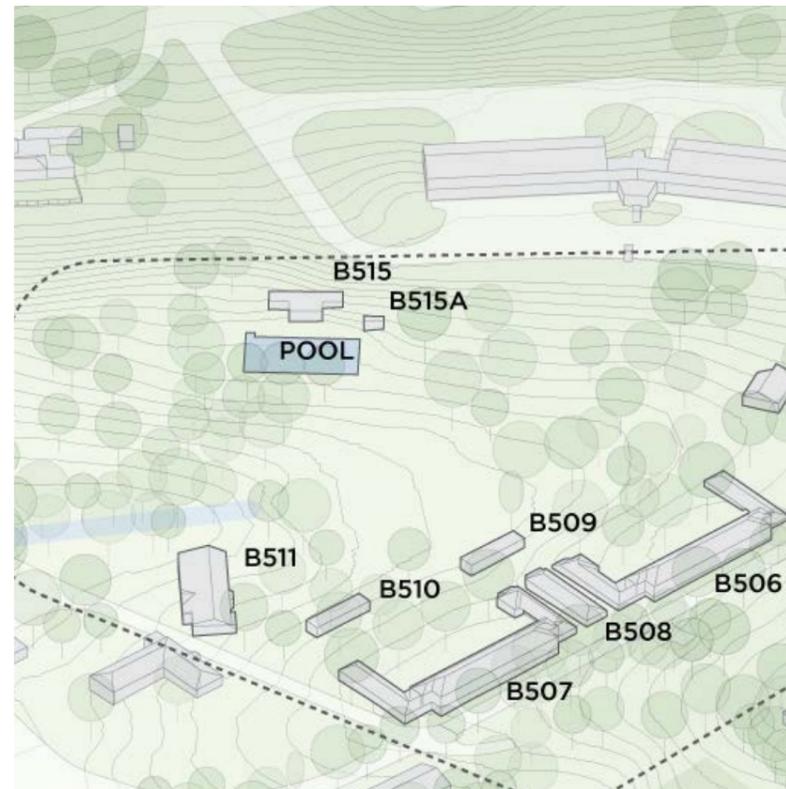
B509 is a small former bowling pavilion that is aligned to the passage between B506 and 507. This building holds no heritage value but its placement overlooking the bowling green and up the central green is seen as an advantage. It is recommended for adaptive reuse.

B510

B510 is a former air raid shelter, and part of a family of air raid shelters across the site. Due to its small footprint and low impact on the character area, it is recommended for retention with no specific use suggested.

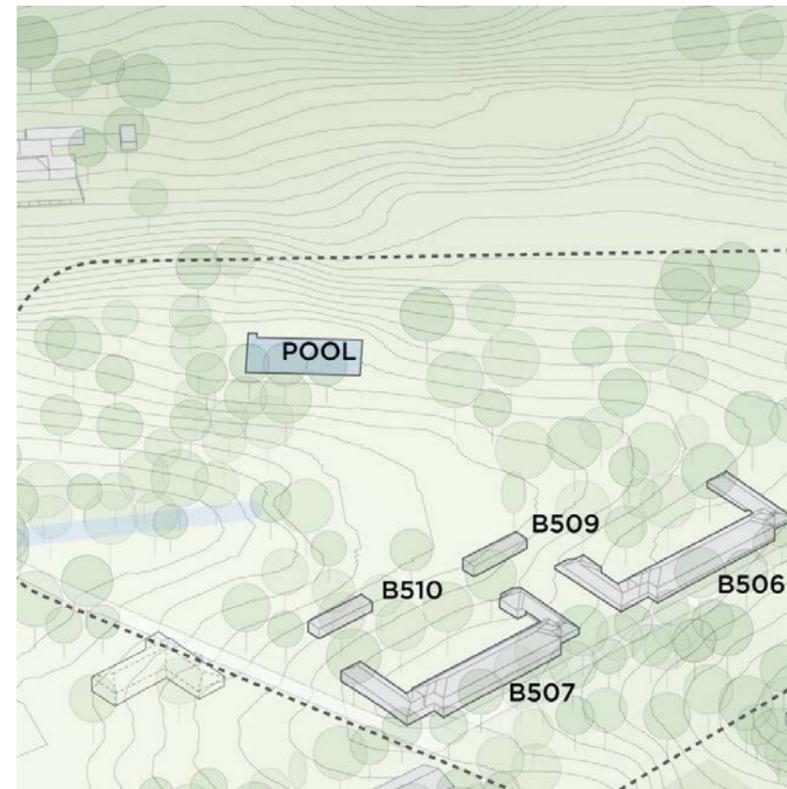
OTHER

B299, B511 and B515 are all considered intrusive in the character area and area recommended for removal due to several reasons. The pool adjacent B515 is recommended to be retained and converted to a landscape element.



EXISTING BUILT FORM

- B299: Former storage
- B506: Former school/ward
- B507: As above
- B508: As above
- B509: Former bowling pavilion
- B510: Former air raid shelter
- B511: Former sports and social club
- B515: Pool pavilion
- B515a: Pool pump shed



PROPOSED BUILT FORM

- B506: Retain or reuse site with clear address to Wharf Road.
- B507: Retain or reuse site with clear address to Wharf Road.
- B509: Retain or reuse as shelter addressing the bowling green.
- B510: Retain.

WHARF ROAD GARDENS



B506 - B507



B509



B510

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

6. CENTRAL GREEN

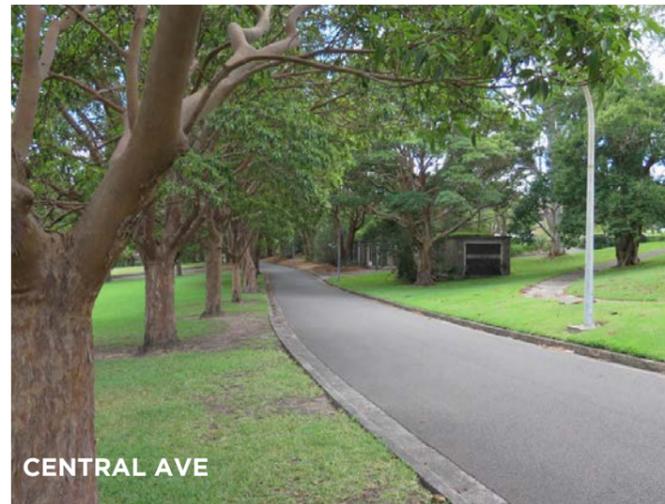
EXISTING CHARACTER OF CENTRAL GREEN

LANDSCAPE

Central Green contains rolling open grass slopes punctuated by clusters of trees and sandstone outcrops. There are exceptional views towards the waterfront, partially blocked by large buildings on the central slope. Clusters of trees frame views and create smaller spaces within the area.

BUILDINGS

The central slope is cluttered with a range of buildings, including intrusive buildings recommended for demolition and buildings suitable for adaptive reuse. The number and location of buildings fractures the central slope and detracts from the possibility of a unique parkland space within the draft Landscape Structure Plan.



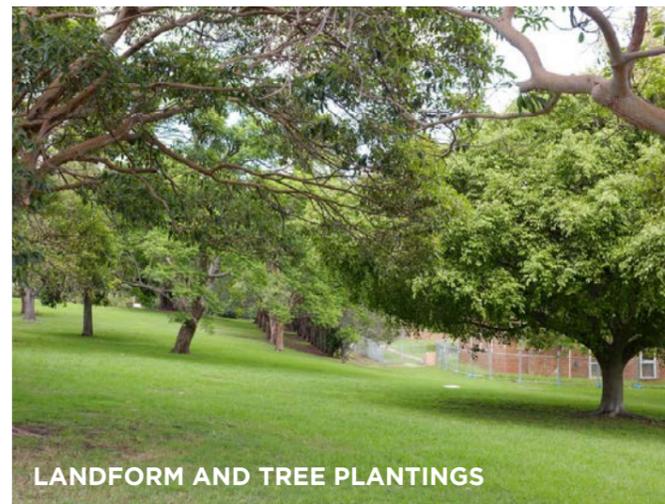
CENTRAL AVE



VIEW TOWARDS FORMER PHARMACY BUILDING



FORMER WARD BUILDING CONDITION



LANDFORM AND TREE PLANTINGS



VIEW TOWARDS WRITERS' GARDEN



FORMER WARD AND LANDFORM

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

6. CENTRAL GREEN

IDEAS TO ACHIEVE THE VISION AT CENTRAL GREEN

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
4. Maintain open tree planting on the upper slopes

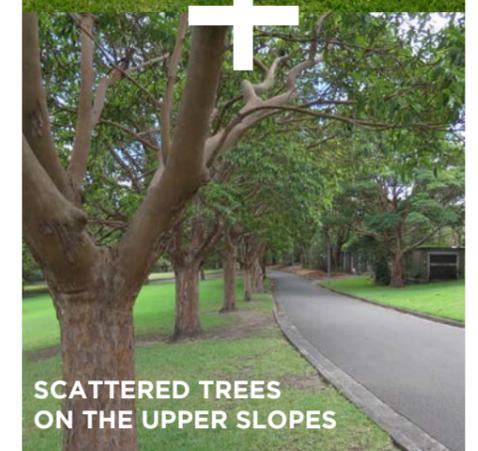
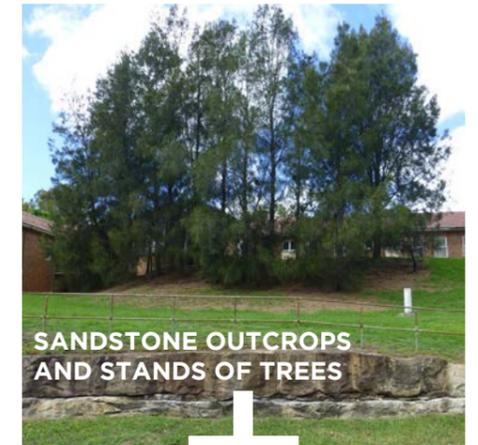


CONCEPT DESIGN PLAN

- TREE PLANTINGS
- PROGRAMMED OPEN SPACE
- LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS



IMPORTANT EXISTING CHARACTERISTICS



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

6. CENTRAL GREEN

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BUILDINGS AT CENTRAL GREEN

This area contains several large buildings that are mostly considered intrusive, along with some smaller structures, all of which are considered intrusive and recommended for removal.

B201-204

These buildings are all considered intrusive in their relation to the parkland principles of the Landscape Structure Plan and detract considerably from the character area. The large bulk of B201 disconnects the central slope and blocks views across the site, in particular to the water and towards the Kirkbride. All buildings are recommended for removal. They are all considered low heritage significant in the CMP.

B209

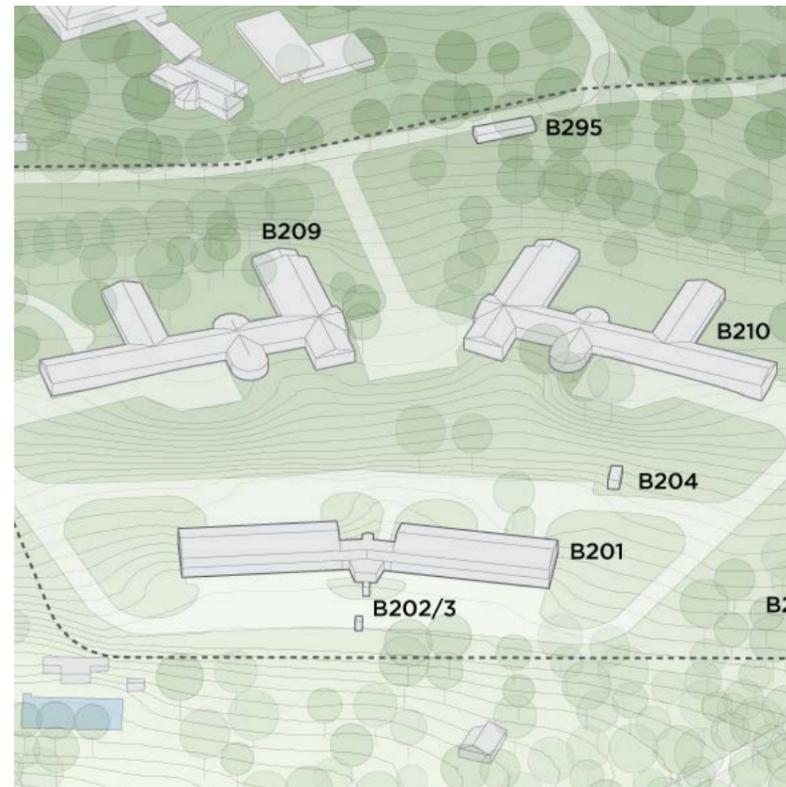
B209 is a large structure that mirrors that of B210. It is a former ward building that is considered both intrusive and valuable at the same time. It has some strong architectural qualities, however is a visual and physical barrier within the landscape. It is recommended for removal.

B210

B210 is the mirror of B209. It is more of a detriment to the landscape than its partner due to its specific location blocking a direct connection from the upper slopes to the lower slopes. It is also the victim of fire damage and is beyond repair. It is recommended for removal.

B295

B295 is a small former air raid shelter. It is not intrusive in the character area and is recommended for retention with no specific use specified.



EXISTING BUILT FORM

- B201: Former stores and pharmacy
- B202: Weighbridge
- B203: As above
- B204: Former engineers store
- B209: Former ward
- B210: Former ward
- B295: Former air raid shelter



PROPOSED BUILT FORM

- B295: Retain.

CENTRAL GREEN



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

7. BONNYVIEW COTTAGE GARDENS

EXISTING CHARACTER OF BONNYVIEW COTTAGE GARDENS

LANDSCAPE

The Bonnyview Cottage is sited prominently on a hill that overlooks the Central Green and pool. The sandstone cottage and its terrace garden are important landmark in Callan Park. A large fig tree next to the cottage further highlights the vantage point on the hill and cottage. Above the cottage, a series of sandstone outcrops and grass terraces with scattered trees provide an enclosed garden with glimpsed views down the Central Green. The rolling green hills around the cottage help provide a setting to Kirkbride precinct, connecting it to the waterfront.

BUILDINGS

This area contains four structures of varying significance. Former ward buildings B208 and B207 are considered intrusive to their context, especially in relation to the heritage listed Bonnyview Cottage (B205). Bonnyview Cottage is a former gardener's cottage and the former Medical Superintendent's residence from the period when Kirkbride was a mental health institution. B206 is its associated garage and is not of heritage value.

BONNYVIEW COTTAGE GARDENS



VEGETABLE GARDEN



BONNYVIEW COTTAGE



MILITARY DRIVE



BONNYVIEW COTTAGE



SOUTH VIEW



STEEP BANK

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

7. BONNYVIEW COTTAGE GARDENS

BONNYVIEW COTTAGE GARDENS



IDEAS TO ACHIEVE THE VISION AT BONNYVIEW COTTAGE GARDENS

1. Enhance the prominent setting of the cottage in the Central Green
2. Explore the adaptive reuse of built form in a landscape setting that opens important views from Kirkbride down the Central Green.
3. Maintain the character of scattered trees, sandstone outcrops and terraced lawns
4. Improve visual connection between Kirkbride buildings and the gardens and maintain the landscape setting of the Kirkbride curtilage
5. Provide lawn areas that link open grass terraces with the Central Green
6. Managed vehicle access to Bonnyview Cottage



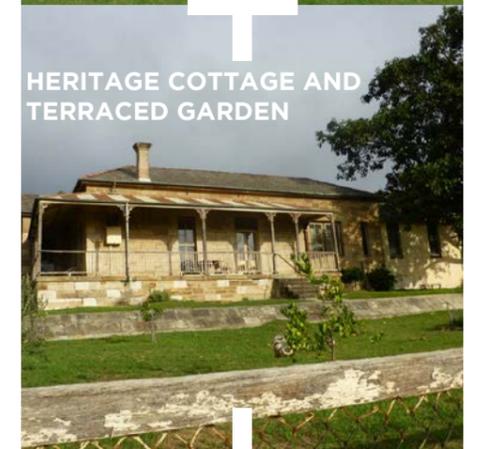
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-  PROGRAMMED OPEN SPACE
-  LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS
-  IMPORTANT VIEWS

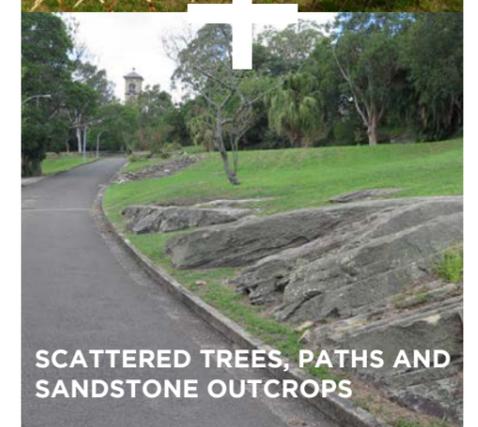
IMPORTANT EXISTING CHARACTERISTICS



ROLLING OPEN GREEN LAWN



HERITAGE COTTAGE AND TERRACED GARDEN



SCATTERED TREES, PATHS AND SANDSTONE OUTCROPS

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

7. BONNYVIEW COTTAGE GARDENS

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BUILDINGS AT BONNYVIEW COTTAGE GARDENS

The Bonnyview Cottage Gardens character area contains four buildings of varying bulk and scale. Two are considered intrusive and one is of significant heritage value.

B205/206

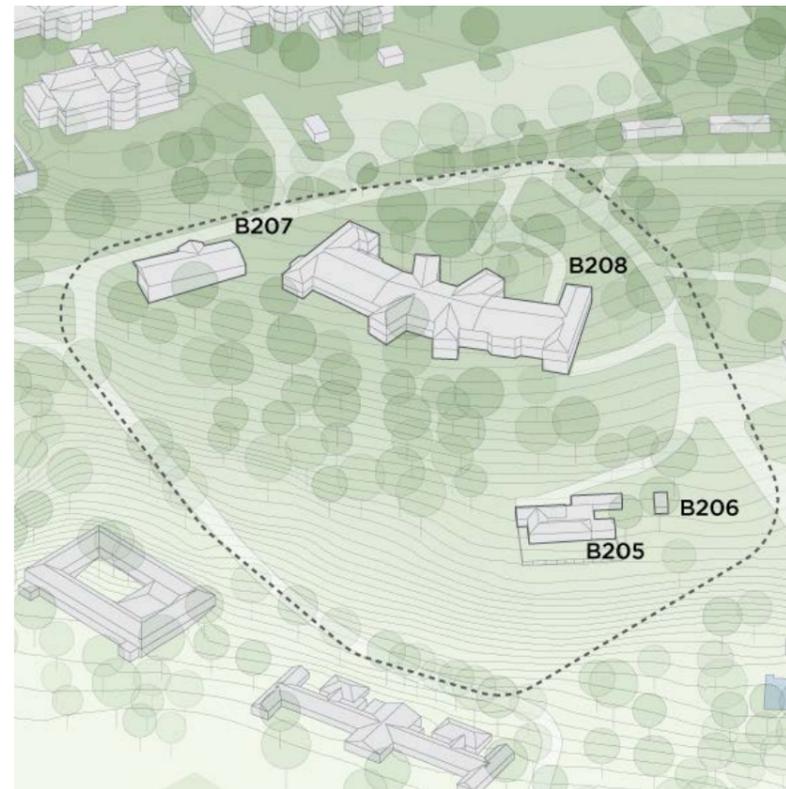
B205 is the heritage-listed Bonnyview Cottage, also known as the Chaplains Cottage and the former Medical Superintendents residence. B206 is its associated garage. The cottage is in good condition and of considerably high value to the area and for Callan Park. It is recommended for remediation with no specific use specified.

B207

B207 is a former canteen with poor siting for the character area, creating a disconnect between the central slopes and the Kirkbride precinct. It is considered intrusive and recommended for removal.

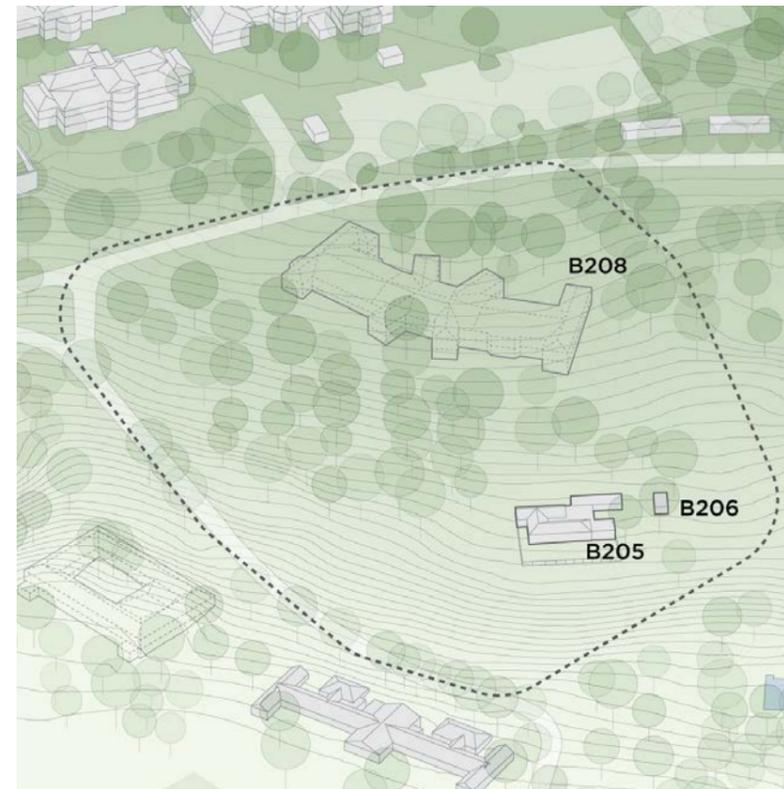
B208

B208 is a former ward. It has a large bulk, particularly when viewing from the lower slopes, detracting considerably from the area and Callan Park and obscuring the view to the Kirkbride entry and tower. It is proposed to be investigated for potential adaptive reuse, that may include partial removal allowing Bonnyview Cottage and the Kirkbride curtilage to be connected through an expansive landscape setting.



EXISTING BUILT FORM

- B205: Bonnyview Cottage, former gardener's cottage and Assistant Medical Superintendent's residence
- B206: Garage to B205
- B207: Former canteen
- B208: Former ward



PROPOSED BUILT FORM

- B205: Retain and reuse.
- B206: Retain and reuse.
- B208: Investigate for reuse of site in a landscape setting that opens up important heritage views to the Kirkbride frontage.

BONNYVIEW COTTAGE GARDENS



B205



B207



B208

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

8. WRITING NSW GARDENS

EXISTING CHARACTER OF WRITING NSW GARDENS

LANDSCAPE

The Writing NSW Gardens are an iconic place within Callan Park, including a forecourt with mature Jacaranda trees and a series of courtyards between the cottages and verandahs. The existing path network connects the buildings with the surrounding landscape. South of the Writer's Centre there are a series of disused buildings in poor condition. Underutilised spaces between Balmain Road and the Writer's Centre make access and wayfinding difficult.

BUILDINGS

This area contains several heritage buildings including the Writers' Centre itself (B211-213) which is currently in use as a cultural facility. Other buildings within this area include industrial buildings B294 and B704, former residences B703 and B705 and two former air raid shelters B293 and B601.

WRITING NSW GARDENS



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

8. WRITING NSW GARDENS

IDEAS TO ACHIEVE THE VISION AT WRITING NSW GARDENS

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 and providing open green space with visual connection to the Central Gardens and waterfront.
3. Provide improved links to rest of park
4. Open selective to the central slope
5. Conserve cultural landscape elements
6. Retain and protect important heritage buildings and their setting

CONCEPT DESIGN PLAN

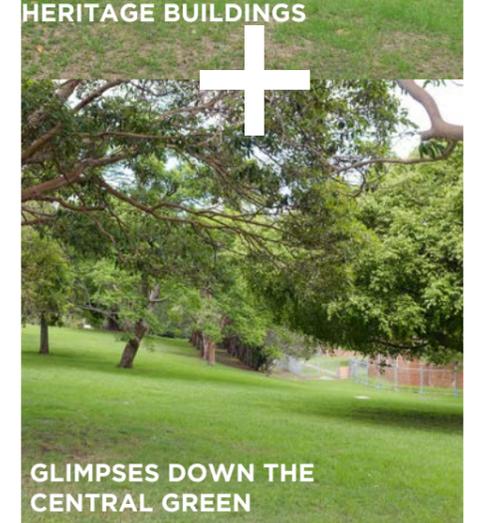
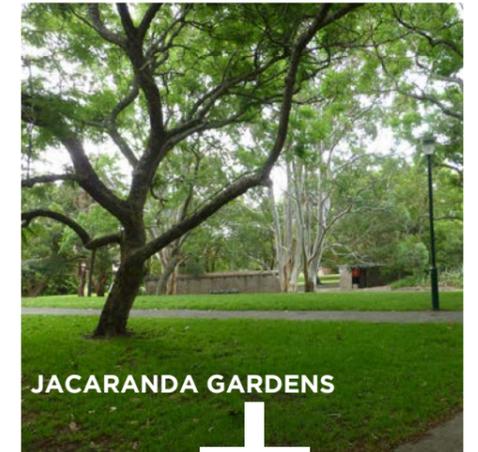
-  TREE PLANTINGS
-  PROGRAMMED OPEN SPACE
-  LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS



WRITING NSW GARDENS



IMPORTANT EXISTING CHARACTERISTICS



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

8. WRITING NSW GARDENS

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BUILDINGS AT WRITING NSW GARDENS

The Writing NSW Gardens is made up of many buildings - some in use and some with heritage significance.

B211-213

These buildings are all heritage listed or considered of high value. B213 is the Garry Owen House, one of the oldest buildings on site that pre-dates the Kirkbride development. They all have significant value as heritage and community structures and are recommended for retention and adaptive reuse.

B293/501

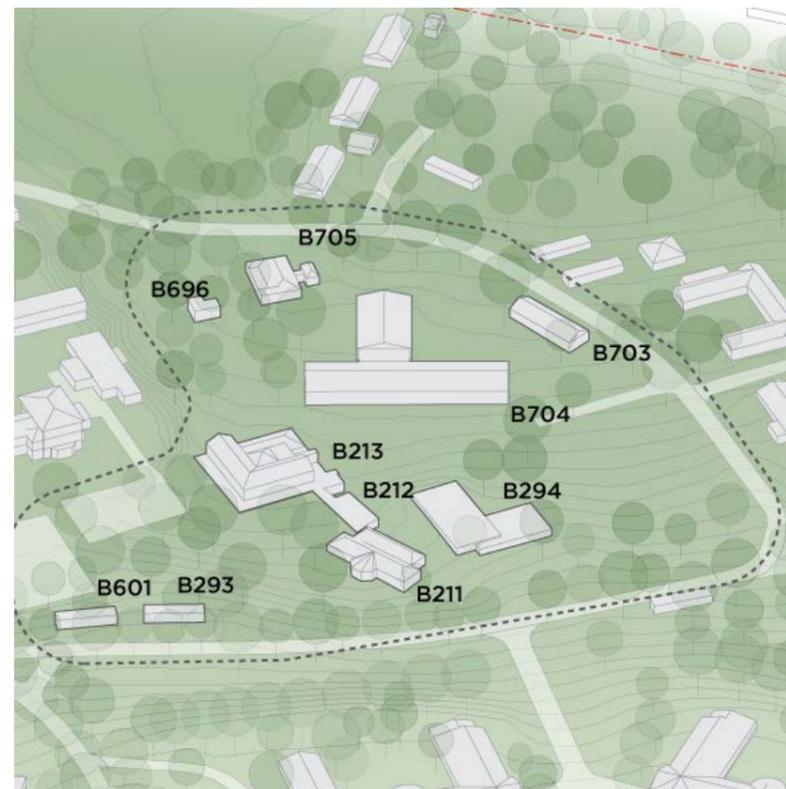
Two former air raid shelters currently used by the SCA. They are recommended for retention with no change.

B294/696/703

These buildings are all of low heritage significant and situated intrusively to their local context. They are all suggested for removal to open the parklands to Balmain Road. These buildings are currently under lease, and are a low priority.

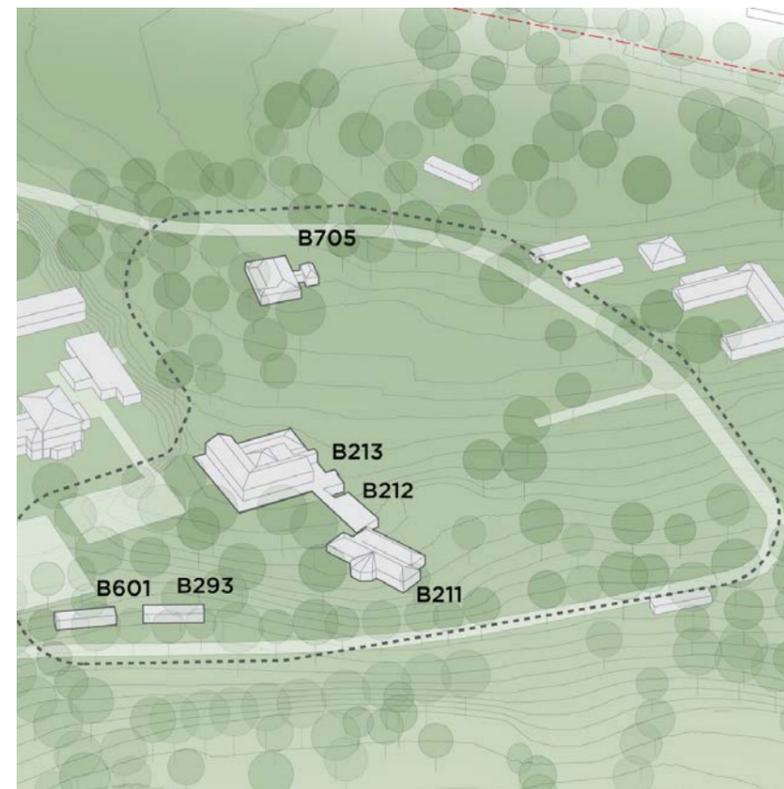
B704

B704 is a large scale industrial building that was a former staff amenities block and storage unit. It is considered intrusive in its setting according to the CMP. The building is recommended for removal.



EXISTING BUILT FORM: WRITERS' NSW GARDENS

- B211: Former ward and hospital museum, may currently be used by Writing NSW.
- B212: As above
- B213: Garry Owen House / Writing NSW
- B293: Former air raid shelter, may currently be used by SCA
- B294: Former industrial therapy unit
- B601: Former air raid shelter, may currently be used by SCA
- B696: Former amenities
- B703: Former electricians workshop and mortuary
- B704: Former staff amenities block and storage
- B705: Former residence and neurophysiology lab



PROPOSED BUILT FORM: WRITERS' NSW GARDENS

- B211: Retain, part of Community/Creative Precinct
- B212: Retain, part of Community/Creative Precinct
- B213: Retain, part of Community/Creative Precinct
- B293: Retain.
- B601: Retain.
- B705: Retain, part of Community/Creative Precinct

WRITING NSW GARDENS



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

9. BALMAIN ROAD GREEN

EXISTING CHARACTER OF BALMAIN ROAD GREEN

LANDSCAPE

The Balmain Road Green is defined by the avenue of Fig and Brush Box trees behind the brick perimeter wall that defines the edge of Callan Park. Within Callan Park there are mixed plantings of trees including spectacular Figs, Pines, Palms and Eucalypts. Balmain Oval is an important landscape element framed by existing trees and providing views across to the Kirkbride buildings from Balmain Road.

BUILDINGS

The Balmain Road Green character area consists of buildings occupied by the NSW Ambulance Service, former stables and air raid shelters. Buildings around the cricket pitch at Balmain Road - once residences for doctors and medical staff - have been vacant for many years. Their removal would open up this area of the parkland and improve its quality for park users.

BALMAIN ROAD GREEN



VIEWS TOWARD KIRKBRIDE BUILDING



FORMER STABLES



AVENUE OF MATURE TREES



BUNKERS



OPEN SPACE AND TREE PLANTINGS



BALMAIN ROAD

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

9. BALMAIN ROAD GREEN

IDEAS TO ACHIEVE THE VISION AT BALMAIN ROAD GREEN

1. Maintain open landscape character and visual connection into the park from Balmain Road.
2. Investigate removal of intrusive built form
3. Create a boulevard for pedestrians and cyclists along the Balmain Road edge and add additional trees to complete the boulevard
4. Provide improved entry points and paths into the park that link to nearby streets
5. Reuse The Stables and other heritage buildings as a setting for community uses complementary to the Writing NSW creative precinct
6. Provide a full size sports field by removing the low quality buildings at either end of Balmain Road Oval
7. Maintain and enhance views to the Kirkbride buildings
8. New sports pavilion, reinstated in the location of the historical sports pavilion
9. Investigate removal of intrusive built form in the long term.

CONCEPT DESIGN PLAN

-  TREE PLANTINGS
-  PROGRAMMED OPEN SPACE
-  LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS



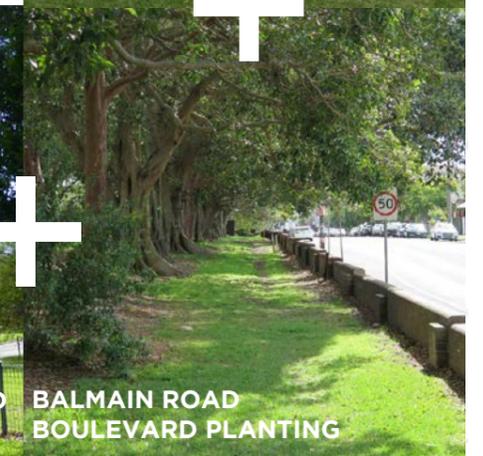
IMPORTANT EXISTING CHARACTERISTICS



KIRKBRIDE BUILDING SETTING AND BROAD VIEWS BEYOND



SCATTERED MATURE TREES AND BROAD OPEN LAWNS



BALMAIN ROAD BOULEVARD PLANTING

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

9. BALMAIN ROAD GREEN

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BUILDINGS AT BALMAIN ROAD GREEN

B701/702

These buildings are former stables from an early period of development on Callan Park, pre-dating the Kirkbride. They are heritage listed and highly valuable. They are recommended for adaptive re-use as part of the NSW Writers' Centre Community/Creative Precinct Potential Project.

B706-708

These are all former air raid shelters. They are considered valuable due to their historical reference to war time at Callan Park and are recommended for retention as part of the NSW Writers' Centre Community/Creative Precinct Potential Project.

B709-719

These buildings are all former residences or their associated garages. All are considered intrusive to their setting and are recommended for removal. B712 site should be investigated for reuse as a small pavilion for the sports field.

B220-222

These buildings are currently in use by NSW Ambulance, however are a detriment to connections from the upper central slope access point at Balmain Road to the lower central slope. Due to this, they are recommended for removal, however are a low priority issue due to their ongoing use.

BALMAIN ROAD GREEN

Many of the existing buildings in this area are of low quality and should be removed to open the views from Balmain Road into Callan Park.

This will allow the Writing NSW Gardens creative precinct to be extended into the Balmain Road Gardens, with potential reuse of a mixed range of buildings. The mix of architectural styles work together to provide community and creative spaces within Callan Park. The buildings also have varying heritage qualities and would build from the valuable asset that the Writing NSW Centre already provides for the park and the community.

SPORTS PAVILION

A sports pavilion is recommended within the Balmain Road character area. Situated within the former footprint of a demolished building, to comply with the Callan Park Special Provision Act 2002, the pavilion would support the adjacent sports grounds and act as a historical reference to a former cricket pavilion in the same location.



BALMAIN ROAD GREEN



EXISTING BUILT FORM: BALMAIN ROAD

- B220: Former ward, currently used by NSW Ambulance
- B221: As above
- B222: As above
- B222a: Unknown, possibly early farm building
- B701: Former stables
- B702: Former stables and cart shed
- B706: Former air raid shelter
- B707: As above
- B708: As above
- B709-719: Former residences and associated garages

PROPOSED BUILT FORM: BALMAIN ROAD

- B222a: Retain as part of creative/community precinct
- B220-222: Retain for reuse, and in the long investigate for removal.
- B701: Retain as part of creative/community precinct
- B702: Retain as part of creative/community precinct
- B706: Retain as part of creative/community precinct
- B707: Retain as part of creative/community precinct
- B708: Retain as part of creative/community precinct
- B712: Investigate for removal and reuse of the site for a new pavilion for the sports field

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

10. GLOVER STREET SPORTS

EXISTING CHARACTER OF GLOVER STREET SPORTS

LANDSCAPE

The Glover Street Sports area is defined by the flat terrace of the sports field surrounded by a thick wall of Casuarina trees. The combination of the landform and planting separates this area from the waterfront and the rest of Callan Park. The embankment to the south contains community gardens and buildings of the NGO precinct are sited prominently above.

BUILDINGS

The Glover Street Sports area does not contain any buildings, however there are three adjacent buildings that influence its setting. B502 is a former ward building that is currently used as part of the Broughton Hall NGO precinct for mental health services. B502A is a small shed currently used by the Glover Street Community Garden. B503 is a former toilet block, no longer in use.

GLOVER STREET SPORTS



THE BAY RUN



SPORT FIELDS AND BUFFER TREE PLANTING



LANDFORM



COMMUNITY GARDENS



NGO BUILDINGS



CAR PARKING

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

10. GLOVER STREET SPORTS

IDEAS TO ACHIEVE THE VISION AT GLOVER STREET SPORTS

1. Enhance Casuarina planting and native vegetation
2. Explore removal of intrusive built form
3. Extend existing community gardens
4. Open selective views to Iron Cove
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

CONCEPT DESIGN PLAN

-  TREE PLANTINGS
-  PROGRAMMED OPEN SPACE
-  LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS



GLOVER STREET SPORTS



IMPORTANT EXISTING CHARACTERISTICS



INDIGENOUS VEGETATION



FLAT GRASS USED FOR SPORTS



PLANTED EMBANKMENTS

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

10. GLOVER STREET SPORTS

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BUILDINGS AT GLOVER STREET SPORTS

This area contains structures of varying scales. B502 is currently in use as part of the Broughton Hall NGO precinct whilst B502a is utilised by the Glover Street Community Garden. B503 is currently under utilised.

There are no changes proposed for the built form in the Glover Street Sports character area.



EXISTING BUILT FORM

- B502: Former ward, currently CIDAF (NGO)
- B502a: Amenities store
- B503: Toilet block

GLOVER STREET SPORTS



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

11. KIRKBRIDE GARDENS

EXISTING CHARACTER OF KIRKBRIDE GARDENS

LANDSCAPE

The Kirkbride Precinct is not within the scope of the draft Landscape Structure Plan, however its character has been considered due to its significance and proximity. The heritage-listed site is currently untenanted, the future tenant for the Kirkbride is unknown.

The defining characteristic of this area is the garden setting of the Kirkbride buildings, gradually transitioning to grassed open spaces.

Located within the Kirkbride Gardens is a memorial, well-crafted sandstone retaining walls and garden beds. These structures create memorable spaces surrounded by groves of trees.

BUILDINGS

The Kirkbride Gardens area contains two small structures. B394 is a former gate house that is no longer used. B395 is a war memorial built c1925 that was erected to commemorate staff members of the Callan Park Hospital whom had fallen in World War 1.



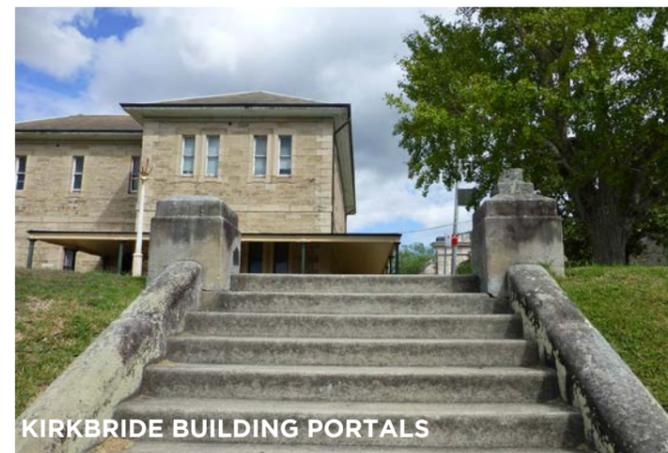
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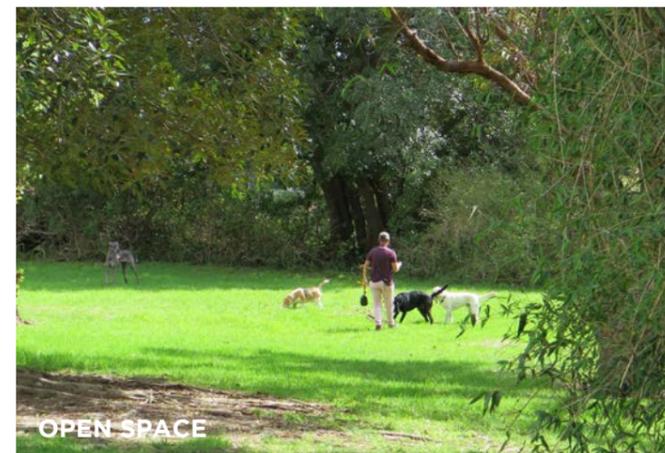
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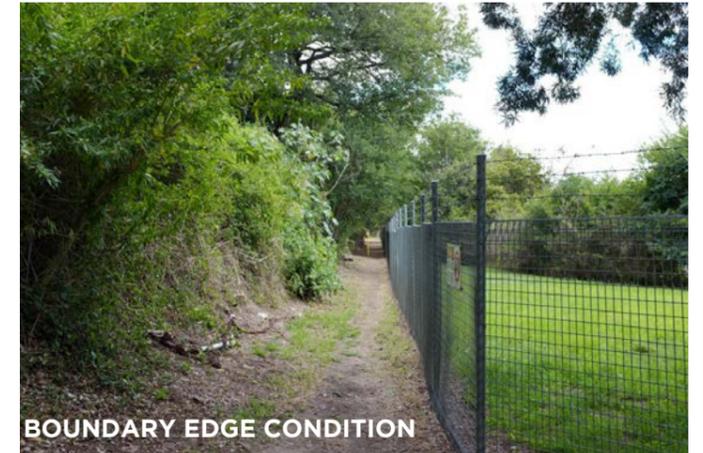
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KIRKBRIDE BUILDING PORTALS



OPEN SPACE



BOUNDARY EDGE CONDITION

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

11. KIRKBRIDE GARDENS

IDEAS TO ACHIEVE THE VISION AT KIRKBRIDE GARDENS

1. Protect existing garden character
2. Protect views and setting to Kirkbride
3. Improve path network, safety and wayfinding
4. Protect existing gardens

CONCEPT DESIGN PLAN

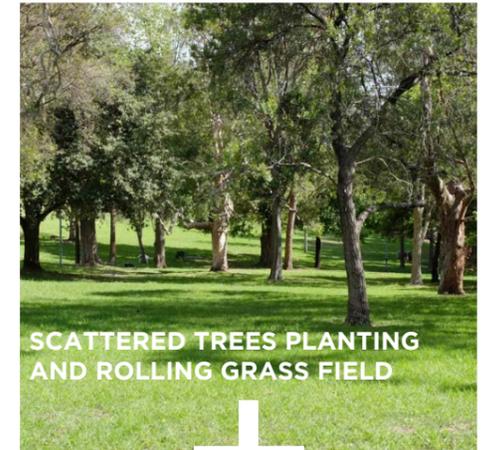
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KIRKBRIDE GARDENS



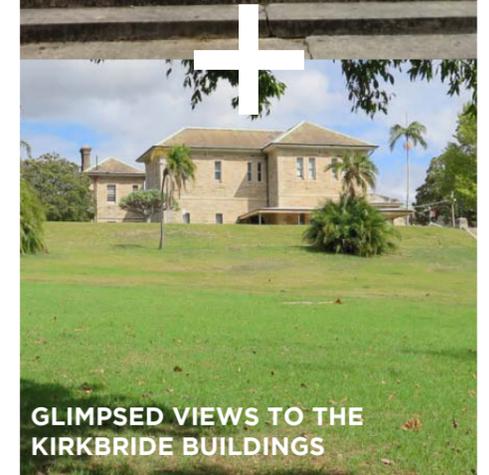
IMPORTANT EXISTING CHARACTERISTICS



SCATTERED TREES PLANTING AND ROLLING GRASS FIELD



MEMORIALS AND LANDSCAPE FEATURES



GLIMPSED VIEWS TO THE KIRKBRIDE BUILDINGS

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

11. KIRKBRIDE GARDENS

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BUILDINGS AT KIRKBRIDE GARDENS

The Kirkbride Gardens character area contains two small structures. B394 is a former gate house that is currently unused and B395 is a war memorial. All structures are considered valuable to the character area.

There are no changes proposed for the built form in the Kirkbride gardens character area.



EXISTING BUILT FORM

B394: Former gate house, not currently in use
B395: War memorial

KIRKBRIDE GARDENS



B394



B395

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

BROUGHTON HALL GARDENS

EXISTING CHARACTER OF BROUGHTON HALL GARDENS

Broughton Hall Gardens is not within the scope of the draft Landscape Structure Plan, however its character has been considered due to its significance and proximity. .

LANDSCAPE

The Broughton Hall Gardens have a variety of planting types, bridges, gateways and walls. The character of this area is unique to Callan Park and has exceptional heritage significance.

BUILDINGS

This area contains multiple buildings with varying significance. Some buildings are currently used within the NGO precinct whilst other are vacant and in poor condition. B298 and B137 are of high significance with value to the early Kirkbride developments at Callan Park.

The following text outlines the heritage significance of Broughton Hall Gardens:

Broughton Hall gardens and grounds are a unique garden landscape and provide evidence of the layout of large gardens associated with former grand estates in the Sydney region. There are few places where the extent and relationship of adjoining mid-nineteenth estates can still be appreciated in a relatively open landscape context.

The Broughton Hall gardens are also unique in containing a suite of themed gardens, informed by early twentieth century ideas, designed for therapeutic care in the inter-war period. The gardens contain individual trees and shrubs of high historic significance and oriental-inspired garden elements from the inter-war period. Broughton Hall is unique in its range of bridges and small garden structures.

The oriental-influenced gardens demonstrate a high degree of planning. The Broughton Hall gardens are also of aesthetic significance for the formal elements and spatial planning influenced by Italian gardens. The Rainforest Gully and adjacent lawns planted with groups of mature Araucaria is of exceptional significance as a substantially intact garden remnant of one of Sydney's prominent inner-city 19th century estates overlaid with later developments. It is of significance for its collection of palms and rainforest species planted in a naturalistic rainforest style along a watercourse, the extent of which is rare in the context of the inner suburbs of Sydney.



IMPORTANT EXISTING CHARACTERISTICS

