

7.0 Implementation Strategy

7.1 Introduction

The Implementation Strategies provide detailed guidelines for the design and use of the curtilage designated as future open space, which will interpret and enhance the significance of the Prospect Hill SHR Area; and provides guidelines for the appropriate treatment and use of the curtilage within the private domain, and its integration with adjoining open space. The following section of the report identifies specific actions, which should be taken to ensure that the Conservation Policy is implemented while minimizing the impact on heritage significance.

7.2 General

1. Seek Heritage Council endorsement of Conservation Management Plan
2. Landowners and Holroyd City Council should adopt and implement policies in this Conservation Management Plan
3. Prepare a Maintenance Strategy (refer to Section 5.0 and 6.0)
4. Consult with Blacktown City Council for future studies associated with Prospect Hill SHR Area in relation to the remaining extent of Prospect Hill. Consult on matters in relation to promoting recreational activities linking Western Sydney Regional Parklands and Former Veteran Hall site within Blacktown Local Government area to the existing SHR Area.

7.3 Interpretation Devices

Recommendation 1

Interpretation should be prepared to show the history and significance of Prospect Hill. Names, brief history and images of those people associated with Prospect Hill should be included as part of the interpretation approach. Early photographic images and maps describing the evolution of the site and locality should be included within the interpretation approach. These can be displayed in an on-site Museum as part of the residential and employment lands development planned for the surrounding area under SEPP 59 if this is found to be feasible.

Recommendation 2

The association of the SHR Area with the remaining extent of Prospect Hill within Holroyd should be interpreted.

Recommendation 3

Presentation of an adequate interpretation plan will require additional input and preparation of appropriate textual and graphic material. While the Conservation Plan itself provides background information, an overall plan is required.

Recommendation 4

An interpretation plan should be prepared for Prospect Hill. The plan should be implemented with the proposed developments for the residential and employment lands surrounding the site.

Recommendation 5

An archival photographic recording should be made prior to, during and immediately after any future upgrading or conservation works and should be lodged with a public archive.

7.4 Maintenance and Functional Uses

Recommendation 6

Prepare, Review and update a Prospect Hill Maintenance Program in accordance with The Maintenance of Heritage Assets – A Practical Guide, Heritage Office of NSW. Landowners and Holroyd City Council should endorse and implement the Maintenance Program and actively educate maintenance staff in conservation methods.

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8.0 Asset Management Guidelines

8.1 Introduction

Management Strategies are addressed in this section to guide future decisions and work at Prospect Hill. Recommendations pertain to approval procedures, maintenance strategies and exemptions.

8.2 Procedures

Recommendation 1

It is essential that a procedure is put in place to ensure that the findings of this Conservation Management Plan are implemented. Identification of the different roles to be played by Council staff, land owners, contractors and other parties is essential. It is therefore desirable that a single department and a single officer be nominated as responsible for the implementation of the policy.

Recommendation 2

A single officer from Holroyd City Council should be nominated (by title or position) as responsible for the implementation of this Conservation Plan.

In the light of the significance and public prominence of the subject site, it is also desirable that the plan be circulated to affected and interested parties.

Recommendation 3

The Conservation Plan should be circulated to the National Trust of Australia (NSW) the NSW Heritage Office and other interested parties as decided.

8.3 Management

Recommendation 4

A permanent management group should be established for Prospect Hill including representatives of Holroyd Council, landowners, local residents and persons with heritage expertise. This can be in the form of a Steering Committee.

Recommendation 5

A detailed set of maintenance guidelines and inspection timetables should be prepared for Prospect Hill SHR Area in a separate plan of management after consultation with appropriate consultants. This is to ensure that the asset is maintained to an acceptable standard commensurate with its significance. Maintenance program must include the following:

- Historic Overview
- Heritage Significance
- Heritage Controls
- Condition Assessment
- Maintenance Program-ongoing, cyclical and planned maintenance
- Form and Financing

In both the long and short term the availability of explicit guidelines for maintenance of Prospect Hill is desirable.

Recommendation 6

The Conservation Management Plan should be used as fundamental input in appropriate future maintenance, retention as a visual open space, preservation and protection and for the provision of reference points for an appropriately landscaped open space area with an educational and interpretation framework.

Recommendation 7

Work schedules for Prospect Hill should be based on the Conservation Policy.

Recommendation 8

All conservation works should be supervised by an appropriately qualified landscape architect, arborist, architect or other heritage conservation practitioner.

Recommendation 9

Holroyd City Council should utilise the NSW Heritage Council's Standard Exemptions for all items that are listed on the NSW Heritage Register. See Section 6.3.11

Recommendation 10

Future decisions on conservation are to be made according to approval procedures stated in Section 5.0, Opportunities and Constraints.

Recommendation 11

A Heritage Landscape Consultant should be commissioned to prepare a Heritage Landscape report, plan and species selection for the whole of the Prospect Hill SHR Area. The Heritage Landscape report and plan should incorporate the Perkins Tree Survey report for the Greystanes Estate Residential Lands prepared for CRI and Boral Resources Pty Ltd in 2001 as well as the Bushland Management Plan for the Northern Residential Lands-Greystanes Estate by Spackman and Mossop Landscape Architects and Ian Perkins Consultancy Services, 2003. This is to ensure that the entire Prospect Hill SHR Area retains its natural, Aboriginal and cultural significance.

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