

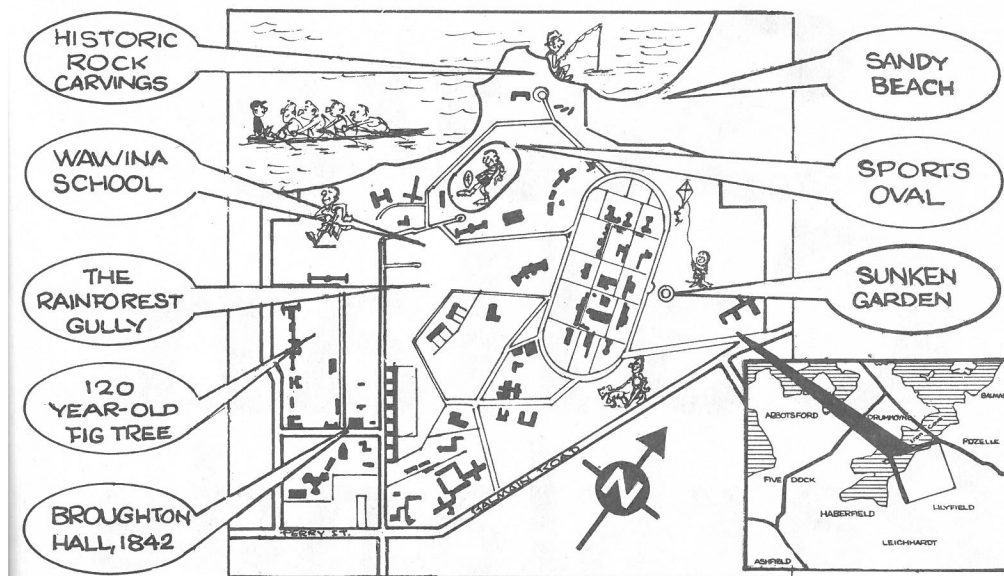
Save Callan Parklands



Callan Park is the grounds of Rozelle Hospital and it's Sydney's second biggest park - twice as big as Bicentennial Park. Now the State Government wants to sell half of it to private developers, because it says it needs the money.

Without your help Callan Park will be lost.

**The first public meeting is at Leichhardt Town Hall
on Wednesday 25th October 1989 at 7.00 pm. You are invited!**



Callan Park is the grounds of Rozelle Hospital in Sydney's Inner West. It spreads from Balmain Road down the slopes to a sweeping waterfront at the eastern edge of Iron Cove. It's the biggest waterfront park in Sydney, and only Centennial Park can boast a larger area of green space. It's been called "The Lungs of Leichhardt", but now it could be lost forever.

The tragedy is that Callan Park has so much to offer to all of the residents of Sydney.

Hiding behind the post-war hospital buildings that face Balmain Road is magnificent parkland, much of which was designed by Sir Charles Moore, the original designer of the Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens. There are formal gardens, a creek meandering through cultivated rainforest, a delightful oriental garden with its own red lacquered bridge and many acres of sweeping lawns.

There are some of Sydney's finest historic buildings, including the original Garryowen Homestead of 1839 and Broughton Hall of 1842, now disgracefully fire-damaged and derelict.

Callan Park is home to possums and 49 different species of bird. In the summer, thousands of flying foxes swarm around its huge Moreton Bay Figs. Little wonder that people from all over Sydney use the park for all kinds of activities.

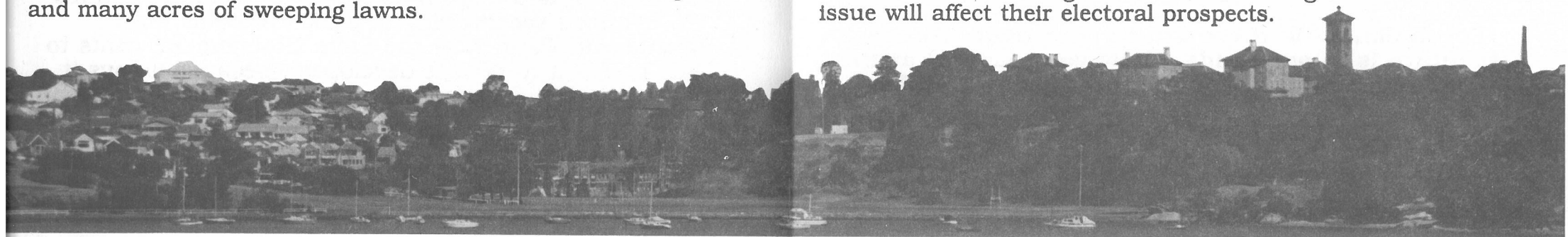
Joggers use it. Bike and car clubs use it. Picnickers use it. Athletic clubs use it. Local schools use it. Grandparents and grandchildren use it. So do the Army, the Fire Brigade, the Balmain footballers and visitors from all over Sydney.

In an overcrowded and congested city, Callan Parklands is a precious green oasis. Now the State Government is planning to sell at least half of it off to private developers. And all of Sydney stands to lose.

The NSW Department of Health owns Callan Park, and says it wants to raise money for "upgrading the public hospital system". It is feared that the Greiner Government will rush ahead with development planning on the park without waiting for a Heritage Study of the area, and with little regard for the value of Callan Park to the people of Sydney.

Local residents are against the sell-off. Dawn Fraser, Balmain's Local Member, is against it. Issy Wyner, Leichhardt's Mayor, and the Council are against it. Most important of all, the people who use the park are against it.

Most of our politicians aren't saying whether they're against it or not. It seems that State politicians from both sides have been sitting on the fence, waiting to see how the issue will affect their electoral prospects.



What can YOU do?

If you care about the future of this precious piece of parkland, then there's a great deal you can do to stop this bureaucratic vandalism.

Sign the Petition and go to protest meetings. Get in touch with the **Save Callan Park** Action Group and pledge your support. Buy one of our **Callan Park Walking Tour Guides**. Make a small donation to help fund the Campaign. Write to the politicians listed at the bottom of this page and tell them, in your own words, what you think. Pre-addressed envelopes are available at the Petition locations listed below.

■ Sign the Petition at any one of these locations:

Rozelle Hospital, Cecily St Gates, Sat 10.00am - 12noon
Balmain Markets (opp. Gladstone Pk), Sat 10am - 12noon
Electoral Office (opp. Police Boys' Club), weekdays 9 - 5

■ Contact the **Save Callan Park** Action Group on these phone numbers:

810 4531 (b/h & a/h), 818 3737 (a/h), 810 1467 (a/h),
810 0325 (after 8.00pm), 805 8613 or 963 0931 (b/h).

■ Write to these politicians:

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Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000
Fax No: (02) 211 4311

The Hon. T.J. Moore, MP
Minister for the Environment
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000
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The Hon. G.B. West, MP
Minister for Tourism & Chief
Secretary
Parliament House
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**For Callan Park, there will be no second chance.
Its future is in our hands. Show your support at the
Rozelle Hospital Fete on Saturday 28th October.**

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