

ADVOCACY – Landscapes at Risk list – ‘Watch and Action’ List – April 2017

ACT/Monaro/Riverina Branch

WATCH

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ACTION

- **Lake Burley Griffin and lakeshore landscape** – industrial and commercial developments in fringe lands, lack of ACT / Federal coordination, lack of master plan, lack of public consultation, stalling / deferral of National Heritage List nomination assessment. West Basin public open space threatened by an urban expansion proposal. This is a current active threat, plan for development is approved and there is a lack of a heritage listing or heritage consideration.
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Queensland Branch

WATCH

- **Memorial Ave, Emu Vale – Warwick**, of conifers. Qld. Heritage Register nomination.
- **Memorial Avenue, Tannymorel** – of plane trees. Qld. Heritage Register nomination.
- **Hoop Pine Ave, Imbil Forest Station** – site is barely maintained, budget? And future is uncertain.
- **Queensland Performing Art Centre and Queensland Art Gallery, South Bank, Brisbane** - The designed landscape surrounding the buildings was the work of landscape architect, Barbara van den Broek 1932-2001.
- **Thomas Park [Bougainvillea Gardens], Indooroopilly**– Plants worthy of attention in Thomas Park

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- **Laurel Bank Park, Toowoomba**
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South Australian Branch

WATCH

- **Adelaide Parklands** – pressure for active recreation uses (Grand Prix, events, income-generation) at expense of balanced management and passive recreation, risk to its National Heritage List values and landscape character.
- **Mitcham Railway Station Garden** – SA branch discussions with Council and Friends group re significant trees protection.
- **Grove Hill** – private garden, site of former nursery – SA branch liaison re assistance to owners.
- **Claremont House, Urrbrae** – SA branch concerned at risk to the garden.

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- **Martindale Hall, Clare Valley**– one of Australia’s iconic 19th century mansions and estates. Featured in classic 1970s film, ‘Picnic at Hanging Rock’. Uncertain future as SA government considers selling it to private investors. National Trust (SA) campaigning to prevent its conversion into an exclusive luxury resort. The Trust has announced its own proposal to preserve the Hall and promote its heritage and ensure it remains in public hands, accessible to all. (Ref Page 6) SA Government CMP
 - **Mount Lofty Ranges** - National Heritage Listing and UNESCO World Heritage listing for the “working agrarian landscapes” -- vineyards and farmland in the Adelaide Hills, Barossa Valley and McLaren Vale. Urbanisation, fragmented management, infrastructure upgrades, uncoordinated management by various parties (though improving).
 - **Adelaide Botanic Garden** – lack of state heritage listing beyond its selected structures. In contrast, Adelaide’s Parklands are listed on the National Heritage List and holistically managed. Heritage Database
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Southern Highlands Branch

WATCH

- **Retford Park, East Bowral**, impact of subdivision of grounds on its landscape character, budget and guidance, consistency of management (retaining the good grounds staff) in transition from Fairfax (RIP) ownership to that of the National Trust (NSW). Lack of State Heritage Register listing, despite a good conservation management plan and history that has been prepared.
- **Station Street upgrade, Bowral** – requiring removal of an avenue of pin oaks (at the town’s entry from the north) and a collection of Camellia japonica cv.s planted by nurseryman Claude Crowe (beside the railway station). SHB awaiting clarification of exact route, before deciding on action.
- **Invergowrie, Exeter** – Paul Sorensen garden’s future – long on the real estate market, continuity of garden staff, care.
- **Gleniffer Brae, Keiraville** – University of Wollongong proposal for Arts Faculty – infill buildings, car parking’s impact on the remaining Paul Sorensen garden and its care. Risk of fragmented management of site with adjacent Botanic Garden.

- **Hillview, Sutton Forest**, – lack of garden maintenance, fragmented estate management, income / sustainability of hotel use. [Domain news item](#)
- **Milton Park, East Bowral**– fragmented ownership of house/hotel and estate. Insufficient grounds budget. In 2016 Council refused an application for adjacent housing expansion affecting views into and out of the estate.

ACTION

- **Boral Cement Works, New Berrima** – Paul Sorensen designed landscaping, erosion of landscaping scheme (tube stock native planting infill, now to be removed). Lack of recognition of Sorensen design / character, company archival research / website history has no acknowledgement of this, lack of integrated management. SH Branch working with Boral. Plant survey of plantings almost completed.
- **Sutton Forest Cultural Landscape v Hume Coal Mining investigation lease area** – a number of significant heritage properties and gardens potentially affected. SH Branch are nominating for local heritage listing in 2017. Application for Tuscan style resort (Winery site, cnr. Oldbury Road/Illawarra Highway, opposite Hillview) lodged with Council in January, inappropriate form of development in landscape, submission to be prepared by 20 January 2017. SHB is making a submission.
- **Mereworth, Sutton Forest** – Paul Sorensen garden management by new owner Hume Coal, use for corporate meetings and as a farm, major threat from proposed use for mass deposition of mining fill due to proximity to rail corridor at East Berrima, possible threat to its water supply'. Hume Coal plans now on public exhibition – SH Branch to make a submission

Sydney and Northern NSW Branch

WATCH

- **Arncliffe Market Gardens**, West Botany Street, Arncliffe – proposed loss of 35% of state-heritage-listed curtilage area for subdivision and creation of a golf fairway on a proposed relocated Kogarah Golf Course. Cooks Cove South Precinct DA includes rezoning to allow other land to be medium density housing, move Kogarah Golf course, public domain and shared Cooks River and Muddy Creek paths. Market gardens in almost continuous use since the 1840s;
- **Darlington and Camperdown Campus, University of Sydney** – infill/expansion per the proposed Master Plan, progressive loss of open space and treed setting to precincts – landscape (grounds) conservation management plan overlooked. Stalling of State Heritage Register listing for both University and adjacent Victoria Park. Proposed Chau Chak Wing extension to Macleay Museum – impact on front landscape and public face to Parramatta & City Roads. Adjacent [Architectureau news item on Masterplan](#)
- **Victoria Park** upgrade by City of Sydney – active recreation uncoordinated and potentially intrusive.
- **Badgery's Creek rail line**, urbanisation (from Edmondson Park north to St. Marys) to impact on Orielton estate, government says it will be underground under Harrington Park and part of Oran Park estate and possibly Maryland next door. [ABC News 16 April 2014](#)
- **Mt.Gilead, Appin** – lack of State Heritage Register listing, landscape 'edge' of new housing proposal which will transform its eastern paddocks to Appin Road, sprawl. [Property Observer news item](#) and [Macarthur Advertiser news item - Large development south of Rosemeadow now one step closer and Macarthur Advertiser news item - Massive land release in Menangle Park and Mount Gilead](#)
- **Meadowvale, Appin** – lack of State Heritage Register listing (despite 2001 recommendation of), south of Mt. Gilead and Beulah farms. Risk of sale and similar outcomes to those being sought for Mt.Gilead property.
- **Sorensen Nursery, Leura**– medium-density housing has eroded extent of site and its character, BMCC compliance issues saga with changing owners mean little/no maintenance of arboretum/nursery site, house still unused. [Blue Mountains City Council Development Plan and Sorensen Biography](#)
- **Lewers Bequest & Penrith Regional Gallery, Emu Plains**– (delay/block on State Heritage Register listing, better garden resourcing & management/ conservation management plan overlooked / training/ use of garden volunteers. [About the-lewers-bequest](#)
- **Western Sydney University Richmond campus (Hawkesbury Agricultural College)** – master plan for infill, lack of landscape listing or respect: removal of shrub layer for safety concerns, poor management. Lacks State Heritage Register listing. [Campus info](#) [Hawkesbury Gazette news item](#) and [Hawkesbury Harvest Campus Tour Guide and Map, incl. history](#)
- **Avenue of Honour, Freshwater, Manly**– ongoing pruning and poor management, lack of replanting of gaps, community group is lobbying for change. [Friends of Freshwater Facebook page](#) and [Daily Telegraph April 16 2015](#)
- **Clydesdale estate, Marsden Park** – planning proposal and multiple development applications for site rezoning, large-scale cut and fill for flood-free residential development on much of its rural setting to the east and south; proposed further subdivision and residential development right up to its driveway. Lack of a Heritage Council-endorsed current conservation management plan informing proposals. [Sydney Morning Herald November 18 2015](#) [Marsden Park Precinct – Rezoned Precinct Plan](#)
- **Macquarie University campus landscape, Macquarie Park** - designed by the late Prof. Richard Clough – threats from incremental infill of new buildings, demolition of parts and alterations as the campus grows. Lack of heritage listing, master plan guiding its development and conservation.

- **Overthorpe, Double Bay.** Sir John Hay's experimental holistic garden management, editing, replanting. [More information on Sir John Hay](#)
- **Tempe House, Tempe** – surrounded by high rise apartments, illegal tree removals, erosion of garden/surrounds, lack of coordinated prioritised management. Introduction of monthly weekend markets possibly a good thing. [Council link](#) and [The Leader news item](#)
- **Centennial Park, Bathurst** – Regional Council have commissioned a report on future options which may include a community cultural centre, i.e. infill, of a more modest upgrade and new WCs. <http://www.westernadvocate.com.au/story/4525761/a-provocative-decision-poll/?cs=115>

ACTION

- **Tarwyn Park, Bylong** becomes a coalmine commencing in Q1 2017 for a period of approximately two years. There is a tiny window of opportunity. Those who care have been petitioning to give Tarwyn Park a heritage listing. Please Sign and Share this now! to send a message to Hon Josh Frydenberg MP Minister for the Environment & the Prime Minister. **SIGN THE PETITION NOW**
- **Varroville farm, St. Andrews** Rezoning of surrounding farm for a [new cemetery](#) use destruction of context, no SHR listing - [Macarthur Cemetery Masterplan](#). Impact of 'landscape style' cemetery, Macarthur Memorial Park Master Plan impact on its intact landscape character and management. Stalling on expansion of Varroville's State Heritage Register listing to include some or all of its surroundings (once its farmland). SNNSW Branch submissions.
- **Moore Park, Anzac Avenue (Honour Avenue) and Allison Road**, mature being removed for light rail route, lack of consideration of realignment options, state significant project to avoid scrutiny - [ABC News Item](#) and [NSW Government site 'My Sydney' update](#)
- **Cumberland Hospital, Parramatta (fmr. Female Factory)** – North Parramatta Urban Activation Precinct master plan/ infill proposals (up to 17 stories, some inside grounds), proper conservation of grounds, holistic site management, due to the North Parramatta Urban Activation Precinct Master Plan – rezoning approved by State Government despite public opposition. Rezoning approved by State – [North Parramatta Residents Action Group](#) and [ABC News item](#)
- **Oran Park estate**– loss of garden outlook with new suburb very close, conservation of garden and setting. Badgery's Creek rail line, rapid urbanization. [Catherine Park House link](#), [Camden History – Oran Park](#) and [Statement of Significance](#)
- **Parramatta Park, Parramatta** – rapid approvals of high-rise towers overwhelming its setting (city edges the park's eastern side) above and beyond planning controls, absence of Federal Government leadership in managing context; master plans for precincts of park and threat of relocation of Powerhouse Museum onto Park's south, Mays Hill/former golf course. [Parramatta City Council major developments link](#) and [Daily Telegraph news item](#)
- **Royal Botanic Garden, Sydney and Domain** loss of Domain land on 'land bridge' if Art Gallery of NSW's 'Sydney Modern' extension is approved and funded – matter with State government. Botanic Garden & Domain master plan over-commercialisation, pressure to double no. of paid events, privatization of public open space, new orientation structures, moving scientists, herbarium off-site - [Sydney Morning Herald news item](#) and [RBG Sydney Major-Projects link](#);
- **Maryland, Cobbitty** – lack of State Heritage Register listing – deferred 13 years; urbanization next door – Badgerys Creek rail link extension may have impacts. [Camden History Notes blogspot](#) and [Camden Advertiser news item](#)
- **Callan Park estate, Lilyfield** – skateboard park proposal, private sports club intrusions (Glover St. 'Waterfront' and Balmain Road 'ovals'), over-scaled sports lighting, car parking, unapproved, uncoordinated signs, garden conservation resourcing, stalled Broughton Hall water-garden restoration. government has just announced funding for Waterfront oval upgrade, including flood lighting. [Leichhardt Council - Community-Issues](#) and [Masterplan link](#). State
- **Shubra Hall, Croydon** – lack of inclusion of wider school open space outside the small State Heritage Register listing curtilage. [Statement of Significance](#) Local MP Rob Stokes [Media Release](#)
- **Belmont Park, North Richmond** State Heritage Register listing only covers buildings and immediate grounds, not the expansive, historic estate or its key views in and out. [Department link](#) and [Property Observer article](#)
- **War memorial coastal cypress pines, Tweed Heads** – interim heritage order, need replanting and care. [Echo Daily news item](#)
- **Honour Avenue of Norfolk pines, Cudgen** - Tweed Shire Council supporting heritage listing and retaining the avenue. Council at the urging of a Progress Association in 2013 cut down 4 slash pines planted by a resident (active in the RSL and in getting the war memorial built), a Mr Kapel in honour of his fallen Dutch storm trooper colleagues lost in WW2 (part of this avenue) and replaced these with a sole Norfolk Island pine, dedicated on Anzac Day 2013 this was to replace a diseased (since removed) old Norfolk Island pine in the primary school grounds, dedicated to a local soldier who [Tweed Daily News item](#) and [Echo Net Daily](#)
- **18 Wyatt Avenue and Appian Way, Burwood**, Burwood Council conservation area needs expansion north. [inheritanceorg - 18-wyatt-avenue-burwood-redevelopment](#) and [Federation-House blog](#)
- **Gladesville Hospital, Gladesville**– lack of State Heritage Register listing, grounds conservation, holistic site management. [Masterplan](#)
- **Kenmore Hospital (fmr.), Goulburn** – lack of an interested owner, future uses, income, property neglected, at risk of residential rezoning and unsympathetic infill, loss of landscape character. [ABC News Item](#) and [Canberra Times article](#)
- **Glenlee, Menangle Park** – impacts of residential subdivision/adjacent Menangle Park; Uncertainty over future. [History – Government Statement of Significance](#) – [News item on proposal](#)

- **St. Leonards Park, North Sydney** - sports complex proposal to dig up 1/3, bury an underground sports complex, grass the roof (feasibility study for sports complex due) - Save St Leonards Park Facebook page
 - **Kameruka estate, Candelo** (Bega Valley) - risk of subdivision and fragmentation, lack of interested owner, lack of SHR listing or landscape-level protection - **Local Press Tooth descendant sells Kameruka and Kameruka Estate for sale as three lots**
 - **Historic Hurlstone Agricultural High School** - threatened. Listed on the National Trust (Suburban) Register in September 2009; largely intact colonial landscape entirely constituted from lands granted in 1809. The longest continuously cultivated agricultural and pastoral lands in NSW and Australia. Sydney Morning Herald news item Landscape adjoins **Macquarie Field House** - NSW Land & Env't. Court twice over proposed residential subdivisions (this is pre-- southern and south-eastern flanks).
 - **Yobarnie Keyline Farm, North Richmond** inadequate cartilage on State Heritage listing, inadequate development controls mean gradual erosion and removal of key landscape features - <http://www.redbankrichmond.com.au/>
 - **Juniper Hall, Oxford Street, Paddington** Proposed DA for a major redevelopment
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Tasmanian Branch

WATCH

- **Lauderdale Cottage, Hobart** and its environs from inappropriate development. Currently back on the market after failed development bid

ACTION

- **Proposed and actual de-listing (part of review of State Register) of 23,000 ha of rural lands around 'heritage items'** – reputedly with 'no heritage values' – how can farms whose core activity is farming have no 'heritage value' beyond architecture? Lack of heritage landscape expertise on Heritage Council or weight given by Heritage Tasmania. Tasmanian Times news item
 - **Midlands farms (early Norfolk Plains land grants)** - many long-held in same family, e.g. Panshangar, Brickendon, Rhodes), threats from industrial 'Food Bowl' pivot-irrigated agri-/horticulture scheme, unregulated blue gum plantations.
 - **Chudleigh valley, Mole Creek** etc, - unregulated blue gum plantations, forestry, fragmented management
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Victorian Branch

WATCH

- **Hanging Rock, Mt. Macedon** - campaign to prevent threat of development 10/09/2015 SCHEDULE 1 TO THE SIGNIFICANT LANDSCAPE OVERLAY...
- **Avenue of Honour, Corindhap** (Near Rokewood) Photographic evidence sent to www.Treenet.org
- **Horsham Boer War Memorial Avenue** letter to RSL/ Information to NTA (Vic.).
- **Port Fairy Botanic Garden / Holiday Park** – neglect of garden, focus on Holiday Park adjacent.
- **Camperdown Botanic Garden Arboretum / Holiday Park** – expansion of camping park at threat to tree collection, single-issue management of camping ground threatens tree health, opportunity for an expanded passive recreation attraction, walks, etc and previous good work done to revive the garden. Context P/L has completed a conservation management plan for the garden – it ranks the caravan park intrusive. The issue now seems its implementation by Council. News story

ACTION

- **Systems Garden, Botany Dept., Melbourne University** – Heritage Council of Victoria did not list it on the Vic.Heritage Register due to changes made since 1970s. Vic. Branch considering best next-steps, working with the University on a strategic development plan addressing all stakeholder needs. News Item Facebook page Trust Advocate article
- **McKay Memorial Gardens. Sunshine** – neglect by local Council (Brimbank), one of the last remaining industrial gardens in Australia and Victoria's oldest. The Friends are also in the process of negotiating a Strategic Management Plan with the Council. Proposed Development Plan before the Council, which appears to use the Gardens as 'borrowed' open space, may impact on the infrastructure of the Gardens, especially the southern boundary and involves the excision of a small parcel of land. A decision is expected shortly.
- **Sunbury Rings Cultural Landscape, Sunbury** - currently proposal for residential subdivision and infill. News item. National Trust Victoria
- **Melbourne Metro Rail Project – Loss of trees and landscape amenity along St Kilda Road/Domain**. Support provided to National Trust Victoria's campaign to minimise the adverse visual and amenity impact to this significant Melbourne boulevard which will result from the removal of 103 trees, kerb and guttering removal, and tram and road realignment. Submissions have been made to Heritage Victoria and the Rail Authority to minimise the impact on this significant boulevard and the surrounding Domain area, but have been ignored. SaveStKildaRoad instagram and Twitter

NOTE: Keep an eye on <http://www.trustadvocate.org.au/tag/heritagevictoria/> for more landscapes at risk

West Australian Branch

WATCH

- **Hyde Park, Vincent** - communication with the State Heritage Office expressing concern with a proposal to allow a commercial venture, against recommendations in the conservation plan. HYDE PARK PRECINCT – SCHEME MAP 12 - City of Vincent
- **Wallcliffe House, Balingup** – ruined after a fire, possible reconstruction? Or new-build, its future is uncertain. News item
- **Stirling Gardens, Guildford** – The central town square, part of the original c1829 town planning scheme is currently at risk because of pressures to upgrade and modernise this space. E.g. increasing parking and incorporating modern recreational facilities that would dilute the square’s heritage value. Needs community and stakeholder consultation.
- **John Oldham Park, City of Perth, Mounts Bay road** – A designed landscape as part of the Mitchell Freeway interchange. Current threats from recent development on the foreshore of the Swan River (Elizabeth Quay) and a proposed cableway between Elizabeth Quay and Kings Park. The pylons needed would visually intrude and if positioned in this park could possibly compromise the space. Needs community and stakeholder consultation.
- **Strawberry Hill Farm, Albany** - possible future uses. Heritage orchard of significance to WA

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