

ADVOCACY – Landscapes at Risk list – ‘Watch & Action’ List – May 2018

ACT/Monaro/Riverina Branch

WATCH

- **Northbourne Avenue**, Canberra – installation of tram lines, removal of avenue of brittle gums (*Eucalyptus mannifera* ssp. *mannifera* and Lavelle’s crab apples (*Crataegus x lavellei*) and need for replacement plantings post-tram track installation.
- **Haig Park master plan**, Turner & Braddon (inner Canberra north), an informal shelter belt 1km from Civic, dating to the 1920s and Charles Weston’s plantings. Proposal to turn it into another city garden with hard edges, paving, structures. Branch submission made – it seems a foregone conclusion is at play.

ACTION

[Lake Burley Griffin and lakeshore landscape](#) – industrial and commercial developments in fringe lands, e.g. West Basin (near New Action/the CBD – rezoning for apartment blocks) 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. Petition presented to the ACT Legislative Assembly in 12/2017. ICOMOS international letter to relevant Ministers is at <http://australia.icomos.org/e-news/australia-icomos-e-mail-news-no-815/#4>

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? Its future is uncertain.
- **Queensland Performing Art Centre and Queensland Art Gallery, South Bank, Brisbane** - designed landscape around the buildings was the work of landscape architect and AGHS member, Barbara van den Broek 1932-2001.
- [Thomas Park \[Bougainvillea Gardens\], Indooroopilly](#)– [Plants worthy of attention in Thomas Park](#)

ACTION

- [Laurel Bank Park, Toowoomba](#) – Qld. Branch nomination for Queensland Heritage Register listing prepared by Tania Metcher, with assistance from John Taylor, Wendy Lees, Roger Spencer and Stuart Read on its rare oak and *Lithocarpus* trees. Nomination to be lodged soon: await its outcome.
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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.
- **Charles Sturt Memorial Museum, Grange** – committee advising volunteers on restoring garden.

ACTION

- [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 a history that has been prepared.

- **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

- **Station Street upgrade, Bowral** – town bypass funding project, requiring removal of 159 trees: an 1897 avenue of pin oaks (at northern entry), collection of *Camellia japonica* cv.s at railway station carpark planted by nurseryman Claude Crowe and 1940s elms planted by Girl Guides as part of Remembrance Driveway. SHB attended community meetings run by Wingecarribee Shire Council, joined group ‘Highlands Matters’ to get decision deferred, met State MP, petition (2000+) to Premier. Council has voted to proceed. Lobbying State MP and Minister for Local Government
- **Southern Highlands Winery**: development application re-submitted to Council for Tuscan style resort (cnr. Oldbury Road/Illawarra Highway, opposite Hillview, Sutton Forest), inappropriate development in this landscape. Branch submissions made on original and re-submitted proposal. Council did not support it and the applicant has withdrawn the application (for now). Council has asked the applicant to withdraw and undertake community consultation.
- **Boral Cement Works, New Berrima** – Paul Sorensen-designed landscaping, erosion of scheme (tube stock native planting infill, now to be removed). Lack of recognition of his design / character, company archival research / website history has no acknowledgement of this, lack of integrated management. Branch is working with Boral. Plant survey almost completed. See next item for threat posed by rail line extension to service Hume Coal Project.
- **Sutton Forest Cultural Landscape** v Hume Coal Mining extraction proposal – a large number of significant heritage properties and gardens are potentially affected. State Significant project for underground coal mining (over 22 years) and surface infrastructure, including rail line extension (cutting into Paul Sorensen plantings outside Boral’s East Berrima cement works, new rail bridge over Old Hume Highway and spill dumps etc on Mereworth, Sutton Forest. Branch in 2011 nominated SFCL for local heritage listing.
- **Mereworth, Sutton Forest** – Paul Sorensen designed garden ownership and management by new owner Hume Coal, use for corporate meetings and as farm, major threat from proposed mass deposition of mining fill due to proximity to existing rail corridor at East Berrima, possible threat to its water supply. Hume Coal plans off public exhibition July 2017 – SH Branch made an objection.

Sydney and Northern NSW Branch

WATCH

- **Oran Park estate** – loss of garden outlook and approaches, with new suburb very close, conservation of garden and setting. Badgery's Creek rail line and station, rapid urbanization of context. [Catherine Park House link](#), [Camden History – Oran Park](#) and [Statement of Significance](#)
- **Glenlee, Menangle Park** – impacts of planning proposal for rezoning context for residential subdivision, adjacent new arterial road, industrial development, sound walls obscuring key views, etc. [History – Government Statement of Significance](#) – [News item on proposal](#)
- **Maryland, Cobbitty** – lack of State Heritage Register listing – deferred 13 years; owner delaying pending rezoning and urbanization all around it – new roads, shops, school – Badgerys Creek rail link extension may have impacts. [Camden History Notes blogspot](#) and [Camden Advertiser news item](#)
- **Mt.Gilead, Appin** – lack of State Heritage Register listing, reduced, changed landscape 'setting' with housing to transform eastern paddocks to Appin Road, sprawl north and south. Part of farm already marketed for housing: inappropriate setback and design controls. [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](#)
- **Badgery's Creek rail line**, urbanisation (from Edmondson Park north to St. Marys) to impact on south-east part of Orielton estate, government says it will be underground under Harrington Park and part of Oran Park estate and possibly Maryland next door to the north. [ABC News 16 April 2014](#)
- **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 & Environment Court appeals twice over proposed residential subdivisions of the farm's southern and south-eastern flanks.
- **Meadowvale, Appin** – lack of State Heritage Register listing (despite 2001 recommendation), south of Mt. Gilead and Beulah farm estates. Risk of sale and similar outcomes to those being sought for Mt. Gilead property to its north. Threat of urbanization engulfing both estates.
- **Macquarie University campus landscape, Macquarie Park** - designed by the late Prof. Richard Clough – threats from unsympathetic infill (building blocking main visual/circulation axis) and incremental infill, demolition of parts and alterations. Lack of heritage listing, opposition to same by the University, master plan guiding its development and conservation.
- **Yasmar estate**, Parramatta Road, Haberfield – neglect and inaction by State Government owner/manager. Lack of progress with volunteer (& AGHS) garden group access. WestConnex tunnel vents and increased surface traffic and density threats to its southern edge.
- **Victoria Park** upgrade by City of Sydney for active recreation, uncoordinated and potentially intrusive.
- **Sorensen Nursery, Leura** – medium-density housing has eroded extent of site and its character, Blue Mtns. Council compliance issues saga with changing owners - little/no maintenance of arboretum/nursery site, house is still unused. [Blue Mountains City Council Development Plan and Sorenson Biography](#)
- **Lewers Bequest & Penrith Regional Gallery, Emu Plains** – (delay/block on State Heritage Register listing by Board. Needs better garden resourcing & management/ conservation management plan is 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](#)
- **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, poisoning, erosion of garden/surrounds, lack of coordinated prioritised management. Introduction of monthly weekend markets is possibly a good thing to raise awareness of it. [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, cf a more modest upgrade and new WCs. <http://www.westernadvocate.com.au/story/4525761/a-provocative-decision-poll/?cs=115>
- **Callan Park estate, Lilyfield** – Skateboard park proposal, private sports club intrusions (Glover St. 'Waterfront' and Balmain Road 'ovals'), over-scaled lighting, car parking, unapproved, uncoordinated signs, poor garden conservation resourcing. Stalled Broughton Hall water-garden restoration. State government has announced funding for Waterfront oval upgrade, flood lighting. [Leichhardt Council - Community-Issues](#) and [Masterplan link](#).
- **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, nor even founder Archibald Bell's grave site on the estate. [Department link](#) and [Property Observer article](#)
- **War memorial coastal cypress pines, Tweed Heads** – interim heritage order, need replanting and care. Council are commissioning a heritage study of the trees, a good sign. Pressure on the camping site means they are losing ground to campers, who used to be seasonal only. [Echo Daily news item](#)
- **Honour Avenue of Norfolk pines, Cudgen** - Tweed Shire Council support heritage listing and retaining it. Council at 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) replacing these with a sole Norfolk Island pine, dedicated on Anzac Day 2013. This was to replace a diseased (now 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](#)
- **Kameruka estate, Candelo** (Bega Valley) – for sale again, 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](#)
- **Yobarnie Keyline Farm, North Richmond** inadequate curtilage on State Heritage listing, inadequate development controls mean gradual erosion and removal of key landscape features - <http://www.redbankrichmond.com.au/>.

ACTION

- **Clydesdale estate, Marsden Park** – severe impact on curtilage (bisection) by proposed Outer Orbital Road of 8 lanes of traffic, sound walls etc through middle of curtilage. Adjacent planning proposal and multiple development applications for rezoning, large-scale cut and fill for flood-free residential development on much of its rural setting to east and south; further subdivision and houses right along its driveway. Lack of Heritage Council-endorsed current conservation management plan. [Sydney Morning Herald November 18 2015](#) [Marsden Park Precinct – Rezoned Precinct Plan](#) <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/corridors/oso>
- **Denbigh, Cobbitty** – severe impact on rural setting of proposed freight rail line and 8 lane road of proposed Outer Orbital Road to farm's direct west, bisecting key valley and changing its viability and quiet, rural character. Northern Road upgrade to 8 lanes to the farm's east also. AGHS has visited and enjoyed Denbigh several times. Make a submission before 1 June to Camden Council and the state MP: <https://www.osomacarthur.com/> <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/corridors/oso>
- **Camden Park, Menangle/South Camden** – proposed Outer Sydney Orbital road to skirt estate's west and join Hume Highway to its south at Menangle – impact on quiet rural setting, viability and character of valley. AGHS has visited and enjoyed Camden Park several times. Make a submission before 1 June to

Camden Council and the state MP: <https://www.osomacarthur.com/>
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- **Royal Botanic Garden, Sydney and Domain** loss of Domain land on 'land bridge' to build Art Gallery of NSW's 'Sydney Modern' extension which is now approved but not fully-funded – State Government have agreed to part-funding, private donations for shortfall. Botanic Garden & Domain master plan over-commercialisation, pressure to double the no. of paid events, privatization of public open space, new orientation structures, moving scientists and herbarium off-site - [Sydney Morning Herald news item](#) and [RBG Sydney Major-Projects](#) link. Submissions closed end of 2017 - http://www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=6471 ;
- **Tarwyn Park, Bylong** becomes a coalmine for approximately two years. Petition supporting state heritage listing. Kepco Mining Co. keen to mine most of the site and setting. 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 rural context, no SHR listing for this wider land (former farm) - [Macarthur Cemetery Masterplan](#). Impact of 'landscape style' cemetery, Macarthur Memorial Park impact on landscape character and management. Stalling on expanding Varroville's State Heritage Register listing to include some or all of its surroundings (once its farmland). SNNSW Branch has made submissions.
- **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](#)
- **Darlington and Camperdown Campus, University of Sydney** – infill/expansion per Master Plan, progressive loss of open space and treed setting– landscape (grounds) conservation management plan is overlooked. Stalling of State Heritage Register listing for both University and adjacent Victoria Park. Proposed Chau Chak Wing extension to Macleay Museum – major impact on front landscape and public face to Parramatta & City Roads. [Architectureau news item on Masterplan](#)
- **Moore Park, Anzac Avenue (Honour Avenue) and Allison Road**, mature fig avenues removed for light rail route, lack of consideration of realignment, State Significant project to avoid scrutiny - [ABC News Item](#) and [NSW Government site 'My Sydney' update](#). Threat from government-announced knock-down/rebuild of Allianz Stadium, land-grab for ancillary Stadium elements. <http://www.news.com.au/finance/economy/australian-economy/backlash-grows-over-nsw-governments-2-billion-stadium-scam/news-story/b06ef337c76ca8a4828e9c6d18b39142>
- **Redstone (Winter house) and garden, Telopea** – District Master Plan threat of high-rise towers on north and north-east sides of Walter Burley Griffin designed house and garden from 1935.
- **St. Leonards Park, North Sydney** – 1830s+ early public park – at risk of Western Harbour Tunnel filtration building plonked in its south-east corner, and ventilation stack nearby to east. [North Sydney Council: Stop development of an indoor sports centre in St Leonards Park](#) Also background threat of [St. Leonards Park, North Sydney - sports complex proposal](#) to dig up 1/3, bury an underground sports complex, grass roof (feasibility study for sports complex) - [Save St Leonards Park Facebook](#) page
- **Planning system reform** ('one set of zones/controls') state-wide, impact on heritage conservation areas, new development adjacent to heritage items, lack of scrutiny of infill. Lack of recognition of variety of landforms, climates, regional distinctiveness, need for planning controls to reflect this.
- **Arncliffe Market Gardens**, West Botany Street, Arncliffe – proposed loss of some 35% of state-heritage-listed curtilage for subdivision to create a golf fairway on a proposed relocated Kogarah Golf Course. Cook Cove South Precinct State Significant DA includes rezoning to allow other land to be medium density housing, move Kogarah Golf course (partly onto market gardens site), public domain and shared Cooks River and Muddy Creek paths. Market gardens in almost continuous use since the 1840s;
- **Parramatta Park, Parramatta** – rapid approvals of high-rise towers dominating its setting (city edges the park's east side) above and beyond planning controls, absence of Federal Government leadership in management; master plans for precincts of park and threat of relocation of Powerhouse Museum or another use onto the Park's south, Mays Hill/former golf course. Parramatta Stadium upgrade State Significant project, has removed some 85 trees and over-urbanization of Domain land. [Parramatta City Council major developments](#) link and [Daily Telegraph news item](#)

- [Juniper Hall, Oxford Street, Paddington](#) Proposed DA for a major redevelopment of an art gallery, rear extension. Previous version of DA refused by Heritage Council. New DA lodged, on exhibition.
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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.
- **Hobart tower (hotel) proposals**, lack of adherence by State Government to Council height controls, impact on Hobart Domain and Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens, setting of low-rise city 'roof' viz Mt. Wellington.

ACTION

- **Cambria estate tourist resort**, Swansea – \$100m rezoning proposal with potential adverse impacts on early and intact colonial farm estate, its orchards, garden and setting. Once home to artist and writer, Louisa Meredith, visited by AGHS. 3000 ha estate proposed for tourism complex, airfield upgrade, 'sky hotel', lodges, golf course – scale, impacts and unavailability of key documents in digital realm are issues, as is rigour of assessments and independent consideration by state government planning body.
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 - **Midland Highway 10-year upgrading impacts on Pioneer Memorial Highway plantings** of the inter-war period. Particular sections such as St. Peter's Pass involve widespread roadside hedges (hawthorns) and tree planting removals. There are no guarantees of budget or clear commitment to replant any removed trees, given scattered contracts for separate sections of works, no parallel private owner support to maintain trees on private land (original scheme relied on this). Branch to approach Dept. Of State Growth.
 - **Progressive de-listing (review of State Register) of 23,000 ha of rural lands around state heritage items** – reputedly with 'no heritage values' – how can farms whose core activity is farming have no 'heritage value' beyond architecture? What about their historic gardens? Orchards? 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 increased industrial 'Food Bowl' push for spread of pivot-irrigated agri-/horticulture scheme infrastructure, unregulated blue gum plantations blocking landscape views.
 - [Chudleigh valley, Mole Creek](#) etc, - unregulated blue gum plantations, forestry, fragmented management.
 - **Planning system reform** ('one set of zones/controls') state-wide, impact on heritage conservation areas, new development adjacent to heritage items, lack of scrutiny of infill. Lack of recognition of variety of landforms, climates, regional distinctiveness, need for planning controls to reflect this.
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Victorian Branch

WATCH

- **Cruden Farm**, Langwarrin – Keith & Elisabeth Murdoch Trust has lodged a planning application to subdivide 15.8ha off the 54ha site, rezoning to build up to 116 houses on its east and south. This is claimed to support ongoing maintenance and opening the garden to the public. Frankston City Council deferred the matter in late 2017, seeking more information. A possible outcome is public exhibition of an amended planning scheme. Another is this going straight to the Minister, avoiding public scrutiny. Await re-consideration and possible exhibition.
- [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](#) – neglect of garden, focus on Holiday Park adjacent.

- [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 has made submissions to the University on a strategic development plan addressing all stakeholder needs, which appear to have been overlooked. Master plan not yet made public and University's management commitment to the site is unclear as yet. [News Item](#) [Facebook page](#) [Trust Advocate article](#)

ACTION

- **Smith's Nursery, Riddle's Creek** – VHR-listed, one of oldest nurseries/Vic.)- planning permit advertised to subdivide into 6 lots and create a reserve, install services, remove and prune vegetation. Branch submission made, recommending part be a public reserve, subject to a vegetation management plan and interpretation being provided, its key plantings and Aboriginal significance. See <http://www.trustadvocate.org.au/new-public-reserved-planned-at-the-former-smiths-nursery/>
- **Camperdown Botanic Garden Arboretum / Holiday Park** – expansion of camping park a threat to tree collection, single-issue management of camp threatens tree health. Opportunity for an expanded passive recreation attraction, walks and good work done to revive the garden. Context P/L conservation management plan ranks caravan park as intrusive. Corangamite Council yet to confirm its commitment to (i.e. resourcing) the plan's implementation, given range of community views. [News story](#)
- **McKay Memorial Gardens. Sunshine** – neglect by local Council (Brimbank), one of the last industrial gardens in Australia - Victoria's oldest. The Friends are negotiating a Strategic Management Plan with Council. Development Plan before the Council appears to use the Gardens as 'borrowed' open space, may impact on their infrastructure, especially south boundary and excision of land. Decision expected soon.
- **Sunbury Rings Cultural Landscape, Sunbury** - currently planning proposal for residential subdivision, infill and new Jacksons Creek crossing which would bisect the landscape. [News item](#). Planning Panel hearing October 2017.
- **Melbourne Metro Rail Project** – **Loss of 103 trees and landscape amenity along St Kilda Road/Domain.** Support provided to [National Trust Victoria's campaign](#) to minimise adverse impact on this significant boulevard from removal of trees, kerb and guttering, tram and road realignment. Submissions made to Heritage Victoria and Vic. Rail Authority to minimise impact, but these have been ignored. National Heritage Listing of Domain announced in February 2018 but doesn't affect previous Metro approval.
- [SaveStKildaRoad](#) [instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). Planning permit advertised for temporary construction site on Edmund Herring Oval, supporting structures and removal of trees. Another to remove trees, kerb and guttering, alter road and tram layout, establish construction area and station box.

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

West Australian Branch

WATCH

- **Burrup Peninsula**, Kimberley Coast, a rugged rocky landscape with literally hundreds of these rocks covered with amazing Indigenous art work: some of the oldest rock art in the world. Suggested for World Heritage listing but no federal (or WA) government support. WA government push for major industrial port/hub, mining and land clearance with direct impacts.
- **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**, Margaret River – 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.

ACTION

- **King's Park, Perth / [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 cable car 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. Proposal requires State Government approval of feasibility study. <https://thewest.com.au/news/perth/kings-park-chief-rejects-cable-car-proposal-ng-b88524848z> <http://www.friendsofkingspark.com.au/support-us/proposed-perth-cable-car/>. Submission objecting to the proposal sent.
- **[Strawberry Hill Farm, Albany](#)** - possible future uses, redevelopment in vicinity of the orchard, which is of state significance. Branch in discussion with National Trust of WA about partnership to celebrate bicentenary of arrival of British at King George Sound in 1826 (and founding the farm). Full-time gardener given 3 months by Trust (restructure). Branch submission on this, concerned at reliance on volunteers.
- **[Wirra Willa gardens, Armadale](#)** – branch submission to WA Heritage Council on poor condition of garden. State Government reply notes no compulsion on owners of state-(interim-)listed gardens to maintain them, although grant funding is available to help. City Council says it is powerless or appears reluctant to act, awaiting a DA before it considers requiring any action of the owner.