

PRECINCT 14: CECIL PARK

The Cecil Park Precinct (622 hectares) is an expansive area consisting of rolling hills, rural lands and bushland areas. It is a scenic precinct that includes the Wylde Mountain Bike Trail, Sydney International Shooting Centre, service infrastructure and the state heritage significant Upper Canal system and associated Liverpool Offtake Reservoir. The Precinct has a high point offering views to the Blue Mountains and Metropolitan Sydney.

Desired Future Character

To be a major recreation, sport and structured recreation, entertainment and tourism destination, linking to the developing South West Priority Growth Area. The precinct has opportunities for picnic and play, water-based recreation, events, tourism facilities, and active sports including adventure sports.

Objectives

- Create a major destination for recreation, sport, entertainment and tourism
- Conserve and protect the natural landscape and ecological corridors as a setting for future regional activities
- Expand recreation and visitor accommodation opportunities around Wylde Mountain Bike Trail and the Sydney International Shooting Centre
- Minimise impacts on the natural and recreational qualities of the precinct when providing future service infrastructure such as the M12 Motorway corridor
- Protect the Upper Canal system, its water quality and cultural heritage values

Land Use Opportunities

- Regional unstructured recreation and associated facilities
- Water based recreation and associated facilities
- Tourism, entertainment, supporting retail and associated uses
- Walking and cycling tracks, and bridle trails
- Sport, structured recreation and associated facilities
- Events, programs and associated facilities
- Lookouts
- Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultural and heritage interpretation
- Community facilities
- Education and associated facilities
- Environmental protection works
- Utilities infrastructure

Key Management Priorities

Environmental Protection and Land Stewardship

- Conserve and protect biodiversity and bushland quality within the Precinct, and improve links to Kemps Creek Nature Reserve
- Enhance the riparian quality of Hinchinbrook Creek's headwaters
- Maintain and improve rural agistment as an interim land use
- Work with WaterNSW to protect the Upper Canal, its water quality and cultural heritage values
- Explore and interpret the area's Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultural heritage

Creating Recreational and Community Facilities

- Build a major new regional recreation, sports, entertainment and tourism destination in a scenic landscape setting
- Develop a range of water-based recreation opportunities over the long-term
- Create an entertainment and tourism precinct with programs and events to attract a wide variety of future users and age groups
- Work with the Office of Sport and Recreation to further activate the Sydney International Shooting Centre

Community Participation and Engagement

- Expand the existing network of walking and cycling tracks, which link to the surrounding areas including adjacent residential, and provide safe crossings of major adjacent roads
- Build and enhance awareness of the Parklands through design, signage and other opportunities, especially where viewed from the M7 and proposed M12 Motorways
- Provide long-term protection of scenic views into and out of the precinct

Financial Sustainability and Economic Development

- Create a vibrant destination precinct for tourism, sports and complementary uses generating local employment and economic development in Western Sydney, through private partnerships



