South Sydney Hospital Site - Open Spaces

Introduction

The former South Sydney Hospital Site is located at 3 Joynton Avenue, Zetland and is owned by the City of Sydney Council. The City is redeveloping the site in line with the Green Square Town Centre Development Plan. The South Sydney Hospital Site’s precinct revitalisation will include the adaptive reuse of several heritage buildings, partial development for medium density housing, as outlined in the South Sydney Hospital Site Masterplan. This precinct will house a range of community facilities as well as potential retail, commercial and affordable housing to create a new and lively quarter, not only for Green Square but also surrounding neighbourhoods. In addition the childcare, the South Sydney Hospital Site will provide artist studios, social enterprises, community meeting rooms, creative arts, community gardens and a community shed.

The City is now seeking your feedback on the proposed OPEN SPACES within the South Sydney Hospital Site.

Have your say

The proposed design will be on exhibition until 30 September 2014 and we would like your comments.

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Your neighbourhood playgrounds

1. Matron Ruby Grant Park - A playground for toddler to school aged children.
2. Gunyama Park - Aquatic centre, sports playing fields and playground.
3. Mary O’Brien Reserve - open grass area with playground for children from 7-17 years of age.
4. Tote Park - open grass area with playground for toddlers including a slide, swing and nature play.
5. Nuffield Park - open grass area with basketball court.
6. Beaconsfield Park - Tennis court with play equipment for toddlers.
Naming Community Facilities

We are asking the community to help us name two key sites on the former South Sydney Hospital Site. We would like your input in naming the Esme Cahill Building and Pathology Building.

The Esme Cahill Building will provide flexible space for artists’ studios and creative workshops, classrooms and exhibitions spaces, a community hire space, meeting rooms and offices.

Options for its name include:
1. Green Square Creative Centre
2. Joynton Creative Studios - Joynton was a local philanthropist who started the hospital and raised the funds and was President for 30 years and the facility is on Joynton Avenue
3. Duhara - the Aboriginal work for “paint”
4. Other suggestions ____________________

The Pathology Building – will become a Community Shed. Community sheds (men’s/ women’s) are a growing initiative targeting retirees in our community, that cannot work full time or live in areas of high density with little access to outdoor space or sheds. The men’s shed movement has been well established across Australia (and overseas) and has proven to bring extensive benefits to participants. These positive benefits include reducing isolation and the risk of suffering from depression.

Options for its name include:
1. The Fixing Shed
2. Joynton Shed
3. Banga – the Aboriginal work for “to make things”
4. Other ________________________________

Site History

Opened in 1913 the former Royal South Sydney Hospital is an example of a late Federation, pavilion style hospital complex. The Hospital was continually adapted to cope with changing populations, changes in medical philosophy, knowledge and practices and the health care needs of the community.

The Administration Building, the Esme Cahill Building (eastern portion only, western portion now demolished), the Pathology Building, the Laundry (now demolished) and the Joynton Avenue fence have historic and aesthetic value as modified elements of the original scheme, prepared by the Government Architect in 1911.

Existing conditions

There are currently four remaining hospital buildings on site and a heritage wall along Joynton Avenue. The south western area of the site will be developed to provide affordable housing by CityWest Housing.

The remaining buildings will be upgraded to house new community facilities and the open spaces between will be upgraded also for public use.
Open Spaces

The design responds to the hospital campus precinct and heritage buildings. The aim is to address community needs and increase recreational opportunities in a creative precinct.

The key design principles are:

a) provide a rich, beautiful and memorable public domain experience;

b) establish a flexible open space that can accommodate a range of uses;

c) provide community facilities that meet resident, worker and visitor needs;

d) respect and reveal the heritage features;

e) improve accessibility and permeability;

f) consider and minimise impacts of infrastructure operational requirements;

g) activate the open space and increase recreational opportunities;

h) improve visibility and public surveillance to create an open and safe open space;

i) use simple, robust and high quality materials;

j) improve the parks environmental performance and sustainability;

Refer to board 4.
Matron Ruby Grant Park
Detailed Concept plan

Key elements/Design Principles:

- respect and reveal the former hospitals heritage setting;
- provide a rich, beautiful and memorable park experience;
- create a flexible open space that can accommodate a range of uses;
- provide community facilities that meet resident, worker and visitor needs;
- be an open, accessibility and safe open space;
- provide a range of recreation opportunities and spaces for everyone;
- use simple, robust and high quality materials; and
- be sustainable

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Community Building - ESME CAHILL BUILDING
Brick and Sandstone boundary wall
Community Gardens
Outdoor Room
Proposed Structure
Raised Concrete Edge/Seating
Fern Garden
Memorial Fountain
Heritage building footprint interpretation
Waterloo system hydrology interpretation in pavement design
Roof water collection
Rain water tanks
Underground Stormwater tanks
Valve boxes for stormwater tanks
Services access
Shareway/services access
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Other Outdoor Recreation Facilities Locations on site

The proposed outdoor recreation facilities include a playground, community garden and active play area. These have been carefully located around the site to ensure they have adequate sunlighting, are close to public amenities, and help to activate the site.

1. Community Garden
A new community garden is proposed to be located within the Matron Ruby Grant Park and next to the former Pathology Building which will be upgraded to be a new Community Shed.
It is located in an area which will receive sun all year round.

2. Playground
The proposed playground is approximately 300 square meters in size. It is proposed to be located in the former laundry site which has good surveillance from the street and will be close to public toilets and a proposed cafe within the City West housing block.

3. Active Play
An area focused around youth play is proposed to help activate the northern open space area and to compliment future community facilities.

James Street Community Garden, Redfern East
Community gardens
Fruit & Nut Trees

Balancing & Stepping
Swings
Nature Play
Decks
Nature play
Basketball
Skatable moment
Ping pong

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**Materials**

The paving materials across the site are predominantly open grass areas and gravel, complimented with concrete paving units and recycled brick paving in more highly trafficable areas.

**Planting**

The planting selection aims to reflect the historical botany swamp.

An eastern suburbs banksia scrub is proposed along Joyonton Avenue to continue the green corridor.

Special feature trees are proposed in key locations across the site.
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Artists impressions

Photomontage of Esme Cahill Building & new covered outdoor area

Photomontage of Youth Play area and Childcare Centre

Photomontage of Internal Shared Driveway & Childcare Centre

Aerial perspective of South Sydney Hospital Site and surrounds