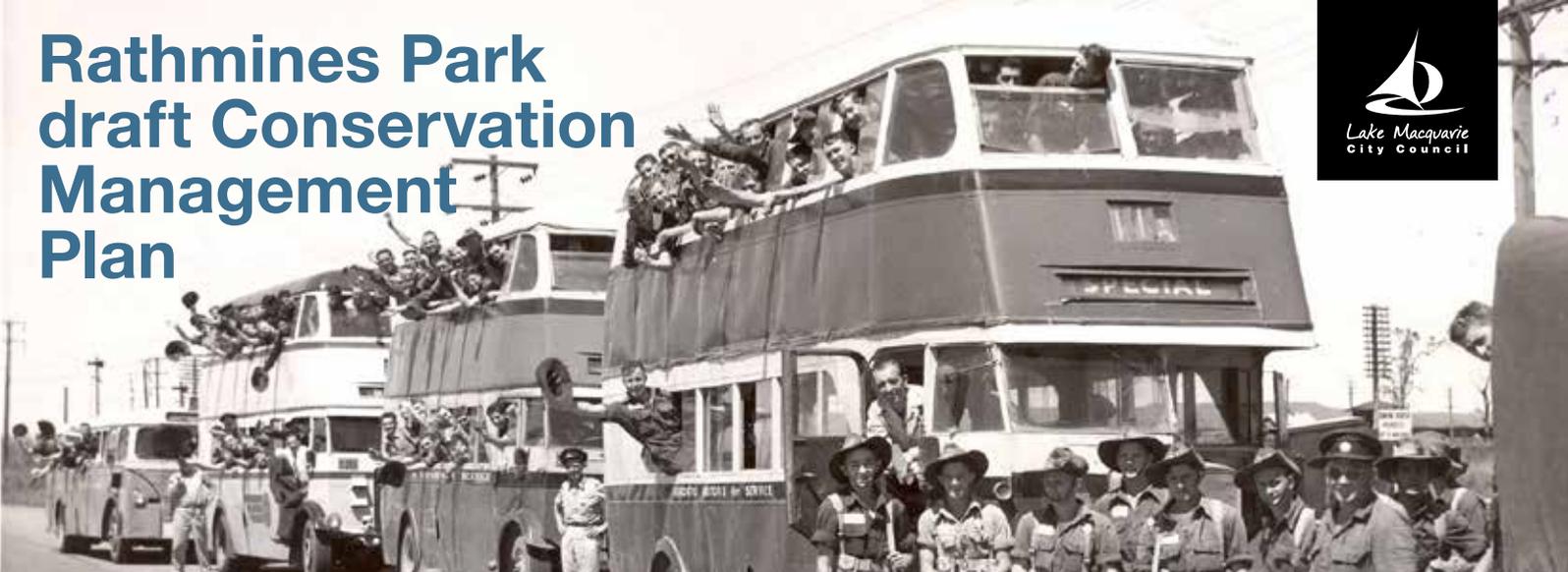


Rathmines Park draft Conservation Management Plan



Engagement summary

Background

Rathmines Park is an area with significant local and national historical value, recognised by its inclusion on the NSW State Heritage Register. The preparation of the draft Conservation Management Plan is the first step in creating a future master plan for Rathmines Park. The Conservation Management Plan will ensure any future use of the Park is mindful of the site's heritage significance.

We asked

During August and September 2018, we asked the community to review the Rathmines Park draft Conservation Management Plan to assist Council to further understand the heritage significance of the site by investigating its historical and geographical context, research potential and importance to the community.

Participation

More than 2400 people were actively engaged, by viewing information online, providing feedback or participating in face-to-face discussions.

Reach

17,000+ people were reached via social media

690+ visits to the Shape Lake Mac project page with 30 comments on the draft Plan chapters and seven submissions

- key stakeholders participated in two community workshops
- Inclusion in relevant Council eNewsletters

What we heard

"We agree with the obligation to protect areas of Aboriginal significance, especially related to pre-European settlement of the area."

"The Park has suffered considerable degradation through the non-replacement of trees within the parkland and natural bushland areas."

"Rathmines RAAF Base is a part of our history and, as stated, the best and largest site in Australia. I agree that it should be restored as much as possible."

"I would like to hear more about ideas for revealing this history to the visitors who come to the Park."

"We are pleased to see that the bushland trails, with associated signage and interpretive material, have been given a high priority."



Next steps

Council and environmental consultants, Umwelt, reviewed the feedback received as part of the consultation before updating the draft Plan. Council has now submitted the draft Rathmines Park Conservation Management Plan to the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage for endorsement. It is expected this could take up to six months. We will update you with further information about the consultation to develop the Master Plan and Plan of Management once the Conservation Management Plan has been endorsed.