

# Attachment 1 to Item 204

Submissions received during Public Exhibition of the draft McQuade Park Plan of Management

Date of meeting: 22 November 2022 Location: Council Chambers Time: 6:30 p.m.

#	Date	Comment
1	9/8/22	I endorse the new plan.
2	10/8/22	What are the aboriginal cultural signage of the area?
3	11/8/22	Better drainage for the rugby field at McQuade Park.
4	11/8/22	Better lighting at mcquade. Level "Dont worry Oval", put drainage and lighting around the park to make it more useful in winter.
5	11/8/22	Mcquade park
6	15/8/22	Please update the Rugby Union and cricket facilities and leave it for them!! we have many rugby league options in the district who have a lot of money and private property (ie Windsor Wolves) but not as much for other sports. Rugby League takes over and it's not as equitable for all other sports.
7	21/8/22	I'm excited to think that Windsor will be getting an upgrade, as I feel in many places it is rundown. However, I also think that something needs to be done about the amount of homeless that sleep in this park as I don't walk through it any more even though it's my closest local park as I don't feel safe. And it saddens me to see when sporting games are played there and people from out of town come expecting they can sit in a grandstand and end up sitting on the floor to watch a game because homeless people live in it.
8	25/8/22	I was expecting a list of issues with response values here. I have read the EIGHTY PAGE Draft McQuade Park Plan of Management, which no-one on under \$150,00 per annum should have to read, especially not an aged pensioner. my comments are as follows: 1. I value the park for its contemplative aspect, opportunity for gentle walking, sheltered sitting, view of trees and pond and ducks. I don't want the trees cut down so that people standing in the church grounds can have a panoramic view of the park. I think that people who actually use the park should have priority over those "who only stand and stare". 2. Any proposed works that would benefit young mothers and their children, such as access to toilets and upgraded playground equipment, should be prioritised. 3. The proposal for a cafe at the CWA building sounds lovely, but who would run it, and what would happen if it failed commercially? Unlovely derelict infrastructure? 4. I am against the building of the proposed permanent war memorial structure as described. An ugly structure in a critical position. 5. I am also against the building of light towers for the sports areas. Having lived near such things in the past, I feel that they are too intrusive for locals. 6. Is the central road through the park in use for anything valuable to the community? I would like to see it used as a footpath for general use. 7. While it sounds good and "vibrant" to have some sort of entry to Windsor structure, it would be still a long way from the town centre. I often have people who arrive by train or bus complain to me on the street that they had no idea that they would have to walk so far to the shops. I think visitors might find it confusing that the truly vibrant Sunday Market is so far away from the "welcome to Windsor" site. 8. I think that while we like visitors, they are not the primary users of the park. thankyou for the existing park infrastructure!! warm regards Jocelyn Allan The proposed budget of \$2m, is way too high for a park that already has a lot of facilities usef

## McQuade Park – Comments from Public Exhibition of draft Plan of Management 10 August 2022 – 23 September 2022

#	Date	Comment
9	26/8/22	Thank you for the opportunity to comment. B3 More detail required on proposed upgrades. We need more bins in the park. B11 Should occur simultaneously and the relatives should be invited to participate B14 Is tree removal really necessary? We seem to remove trees in the park and never replace them B22 The guns need to remain in place. C7 Good idea to have signage as I regularly redirect family groups to the toilets C11 Noting that recently (2 years ago) the only significant shade tree was removed and was not replaced. Shade structures seem to be at odds with the open vista concepts noted elsewhere in the document. Trees should be sufficient. C14 Not sure this is necessary at all. Please try and keep vegetation in the park. C16 The storage shed is badly damaged. It appears to be asbestos and has been vandalised. Please put this on the list for repairs. C17 There is no mention of the extensively damaged rotunda. It is missing railings and has had damage to two seats. It needs to be on the list for repairs urgently and is dangerous. C25 Critical to have this path installed I have provided comments a number of times on a number of plans from HCC. I am genuinely hopeful that this will be delivered.
10	26/8/22	That beautiful lake is crying out to be turned into a wetland/bird sanctuary. This would improve water quality and if enclosed by a suitable fence would protect wild life from feral animals viz: cats,dogs & foxes.
11	29/8/22	I don't live in the Hawkesbury area but my parents came from the area and my relatives still live in the area. I think the memorial is a good idea. I've attended Anzac day and other commemorative events there for years. In the past the old memorial served its purpose now with the people that turn up in the thousands for Anzac morning the old memorial is not functional. I would have thought the plan for a new memorial might have been a bit more elaborate seeing that it would stand out in the park. I read your article on McQuade Park I didn't realise that the military had used the park back in 1861 it seems a lot of history has been lost. It would be good to see some reference to the volunteer forces, Boar war, WW1,WW2 than the conflicts up to the present day on the new memorial. Why not build one that will stand out and look good the one on the plan looks very plane like it's been designed to a minimum budget, build it right the first time.
12	30/8/22	I believe that the memorial is a positive addition to the park.
13	30/8/22	I support all the plans to re-develop McQuade park, including the memorial for the Windsor RSL.
14	31/8/22	The McQuade Park Plan of Management is a strong document which will serve our community well. The addition of a long desired memorial site which enable the safety of the public while respecting and recognising the great sacrifice of our men and women of the arm forces. The memorial will become a focus point at the park. The current site, while significant, has become unmanageable due to the large number of participants at the larger ceremonies on Anzac and Remembrance Day. The design has been shown over the past 7 years by the temporary monument and only adds to the area by the pond. The tastefully designed monument does not block any vistas in the park as it is at the bottom of the hill and shorter than all trees in the park. I look forward to attending commemorations for many years to come.
15	1/9/22	I particularly would like to see a dedicated cenataph in the park one for the safety of the people attending events like Anzac Day and other ceremonies the amount of local people attending over the years has increased to a degree there is no other venue to handle the crowds safely it also would enhance the look of the park built of local sandstone.
16	8/9/22	Memorial Services: There is a definite need for a permanent Memorial Space along with an appropriate structure in McQuade Park adjacent to the pond. The community has demonstrated overwhelming support by the thousands who have attend the ANZAC Dawn Service since 2015 knowing they can see, hear and participate in reasonable comfort and safety. Being a "universal" Commemorative point I cannot see it in any way diminishing the importance of the War Memorial Gates and the conflicts and veterans honoured there. I fully support the proposal.

#	Date	Comment
17	8/9/22	I support the proposed cenotaph memorial site.
18	12/9/22	I want the RsI sub-branch plan to construct a permanent memorial (Cenotaph) in McQuade Park to go ahead it will be good for Windsor
19	12/9/22	Could you please consider putting a basketball court in the upgrade of McQuade Park.
20	15/9/22	I would like to have a permanent War Memorial erected in the approximate position where the Anzac Day Service is now commemorated. I believe it to be an ideal setting near the pond and with RAAF planes flying over daily.
21	15/9/22	The War Memorial must be re located to the temporary position now used. On occasions when a crowd of more then 1000 attend it is the only logical place to assemble. The police object to road closures in Tebbutt St at the old memorial so me must use the park. The RSL Sub Branch at Windsor does all it can to make such assemblies successful and at great cost. The Council should play its part to guarantee such occasions are not forgotten for the benefit of this community.
22	16/9/22	It is so disappointing to see that disability accessibility is not a priority. Soldiers age, parents have prams, approx 20% of Hawkesbury (according to the Hawkesbury disability plan) yet their is nothing in this plan outlining how to make this park more accessible to more people. My kids love this park, I hate it. They love the 'creek's but Its near impossible to use mobility aids. Even the sections with paths just stop randomly or don't take a direct path from the accessible car parks making it a very long walk. There is no connection with different parts which this indicates it will help but it wasn't clear that this would be accessible. There is no publicly available accessible toilets at this park despite its large area, its not clear if the CWA hall toilets will be accessible 24hrs (even if via a MLAK key) but this is vital to People with disabilities as there nearest accessible toilets are at the train station which is not easy to get to from the park. It would be wonderful to see the park including Dharug Dalang (Darug language), signs and artwork to combine the more recent history with the ancient history of our town as we as educating our community. Both Blacktown and Blue Mountains have done wonderful jobs incorporating Aboriginal culture in to parks and council buildings and its time Hawkesbury showcased our ability to do this, extending on the exhibition thats at the gallery.
23	17/9/22	As we are an area with strong military ties, I feel it would be fitting and wonderful to honourn our serving and ex serving members of the Defence Forces.
24	17/9/22	I strongly support the building of a memorial and the development plan at McQuade Park.
25	19/9/22	Totally support the new RSL proposed memorial in the plan, there are no concerns and the size is appropriate. Should be passed as is with no amendments.
26	21/9/22	I agree with the memorial being constructed
27	21/9/22	I do not agree to the RSL building a permanent structure in the park. The area should be retained as an open area and be kept as much as possible to the original design outlined by Macquarie as well as retaining a visual line of sight to St Matthews and the rectory.
28	21/9/22	After experiencing a wonderful memorial in the park over the last few years I have no doubt that a permanent memorial would be a great asset to the Windsor district. Anzac Day and Remembrance Day have drawn crowds in the 1000's in the park whereas the older memorial could not cater for this. I can only hope that the names on the older memorial stay on that as this is where the original memorial is
29	21/9/22	I agree with what the Windsor RSL Sub Branch is proposing in relation to the new memorial however all commemorations other than Anzac and Remembrance Day still be held at their respective memorials.

#	Date	Comment
30	23/9/22	Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. Defenders of Thompson Square comments: We support the renaming of the park. Windsor Park, The Great Square or The Church Green are options that carry more meaning for the place of the park in Windsor's history. We request that more emphasis be given to maintaining the line of sight to St Matthews Anglican Church and Rectory from surrounding areas. This should be taken into account in future tree planting or development within the park. We suggest that that a monument be planned, commissioned and installed in collaboration with local Indigenous elders, to recognise the history and contributions of the Darug people over thousands of years. In respect to decisions on future tree planting, we suggest restricting planting to Australian natives.
31	23/9/22	I write to support the Windsor RSL's proposal for a memorial space near the ornamental pond. I don't see this as a visual intrusion in any way at all. In fact, as the park was used as a parade ground in Governor Macquarie's era, I see as complementary to its former military use. Also, space should be found to house the Krupp Field Gun near the Boer War/WW1 memorial. There is plenty of space to place the gun.

From: Sent: To:

Sunday, 7 August 2022 4:31 PM Hawkesbury City Council

Hi I live in Windsor near McQuade Park and I play basketball but the problem is the closest place I can practice is the Hawkesbury jets stadium in south Windsor and it is to far to walk and since we already have a rugby/cricket field at McQuade park and basketball is very neglected but people still play it so I was wondering if you could put a public basketball court in McQuade park.

thank you for considering.

Sent from my iPhone



The Mayor and Councillors of Hawkesbury City Council 356 George Street Windsor NSW 2756

20<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Patrick and all other councillors,

### - How Hawkesbury City Council Could Assist Us

Congratulations to you all for your recent election and your willingness to serve the people and communities of the Hawkesbury.

Towards the end of the last term of Council, the Mayor visited the St Matthews site and allowed me to show and speak to him about the significance of St Matthews. Patrick very kindly asked me personally and through Nathan Zamprogno to write to Council re how they might be of assistance to St Matthews.

In terms of background the **Sectors (**Graveyard 1810, Church 1817, Rectory and Stables 1824-25) are of similar significance to the oldest Australian colonial buildings at the end of Macquarie Street in Sydney (Hyde Park Barracks 1819, The Mint 1816, **Sectors** 1820).

of **Control** is currently undertaking \$240 000 worth of restoration works under the supervision of **Control Control**. This work is possible through a recent bequest and a \$120 000 Heritage grant through Heritage NSW.

I have considered your invitation for a few months now and would suggest several ways that Council could assist us.

1. By giving careful consideration to the visibility of the site site. For a long time the church was visible from Hawkesbury Valley Way and as far away as Freemans Reach. Overtime the church has been hidden by plantings in McQuade Park. The current streetscape plans for George St are brilliant. However, at the Hawkesbury Valley intersection the plans will further obscure the should be visible from the Hawkesbury Valley intersection and Council Chambers". This is consistent with Macquarie's original plans with a broad street (Forbes St) running from Council Chambers to the church. It was a similar vision that created Macquarie Street in the CBD.

This could be achieved by an adjustment of the streetscape plan and plantings and the removal of a very small number of existing trees.

of prunings currently proposed under an S60 application before Heritage NSW.

- 2. By considering special funding for consultants to design external lighting for the St Matthews site. There are some wonderful examples of lighting in the CBD eg GPO, St Marys Cathedral. In the words of a former Anglican Archbishop of Sydney about the St Matthews precinct "these buildings belong to Australia".
- 3. At a more immediate level could Council please repair quickly their sewerage connection to the St Matthews Rectory? It regularly needs Council to unblock. They have proposed a repair using non-destructive method because of services in the footpath. The failure of the sewer has caused the footpath and the end of the streetscape fence to subside. This repair is regarded as urgent by us ahead of spending \$40 000 of our heritage project to reconstruct the Rectory streetscape. This is one of the iconic streetscapes of the Hawkesbury.

Thank you for inviting me to write to you about these matters.

I want to acknowledge the interest and research of **Sector Constitution** in these matters. His concerns have overlapped mine and our Precinct Advisory Team who have been concerned for several years about **Sector** being more visible and to present to the community in a way which is consistent with the significance of the site.

I will be on long service leave from 7 February until 7 March. Outside of those dates I would be pleased to discuss these matters with yourself, councillors or the general manager. I would also make myself available to give any of the councillors or senior staff a tour of the **market** site.

With warm wishes and grateful thanks for this opportunity.





From:	
Sent:	Tue, 20 Sep 2022 14:00:38 +1000
То:	"Hawkesbury City Council"
Subject:	FW: memorial for mcquade park

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There would be no impact to the park and think of how many people including children that would benefit for the remembrance.

Kind regards

From:

Sent: Tuesday, 20 September 2022 1:51 PM To: council@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au Subject: memorial for mcquade park

To whom it may concern,

I am a local resident in south Windsor and some time ago I made a remark on facebook regarding having a memorial to honour our returned service personnel. To which I got a reply , that you are working with the sub branch.

What my question is, is this going to happen, or is this going be swept under the carpet and I get lip service in return, again.

Surely they are worth our support after all these years?

With kind regards

From:	
Sent:	Mon, 15 Aug 2022 18:25:56 +1000
То:	"Hawkesbury City Council"
Subject:	Draft McQuade Park Plan of Management

Michelle Engelhard,

The only content in your "draft plan for McQuade Park" that will definitely happen starts with last sentence of the last paragraph of your letter, ie. "It is not anticipated". Yours in Apathy,

From: Sent: Friday, 23 September 2022 5:33 PM To: Subject: McQuade Park Plan of Management

Hi Liz,

I write to support the Windsor RSL's proposal to install a memorial space near the ornamental pond. This would not be a visual intrusion at all. In fact, this would be complementary to its use as a parade ground in Macquarie's time. In addition, space should be found to house the Krupp Field Gun near the Boer War/WW1 memorial. This is a rare piece of artillery which has been recently restored and should be "housed" near the WW1 memorial. This will not have a negative impact as there is plenty of space.

From:

**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2022 18:38

To:

Subject: McQuade Park

#### Hi Liz,

As discussed, please forgive my poor tech skills, but I want to put forward some ideas that the community has for McQuade Park.

There is a growing passion for our heritage and embracing our heritage to grow tourism, and it's much greater than a couple of minor community groups, and more about a growing civic pride, these are a few points that the community would like considered for McQuade Park with the greater emphasis being on getting a view corridor to highlight St Mathew's Church. The Church was built on a hill to overlook the community and I understand that McQuade Park was always designed to have a view corridor to the church, and I think this works well with the RSL wanting a permanent monument in the park. I would like to submit a design showing the corridor on a Hawkesbury vibrant towns document that I label as annexure A.

Ideally the view corridor should be void of trees, although this might receive some resistance, so the next best thing would be to remove enough trees to have a good 15 meter wide unobstructed view to the church on the left and right side of the corridor and this should be obvious and preferably highlighted with a row of medium sized crepe myrtle trees on both sides. Whilst the left side can't have crepe myrtles on the Dont Worry field, the line of sight will still look complete from either end. Other things that people feel are important in regards to showing civic pride within McQuade are : The seating on the Moses st side of Don't Worry needs to be historically sympathetic, eg cast iron sided. (Annexure B)

The lower branches of the Eucalypts over the seating should be pruned to a height over 4 meters so as to not obstruct the church.

The 4 trees against the gutter of Moses st that block the church should be removed, one of them is entirely hollow and dangerous as a result. (Annexure C)

The dunny sign in front of the church should go. (Annexure D)

The cable railing around Don't Worry field should be replaced with a period sympathetic low white post and rail type fence. (Annexure E)

The half dead poplar looking trees immediately west of the pond should be removed as they are ugly. (Annexure F)

The bridge to the island should have an arched white picket railing and on the island, the ugly Jacaranda tree that is bare for 9 months of the year should be replaced with something like a grafted Grevillea that flowers all year round as we want newly weds to have a beautiful backdrop within McQuade to have photos.

The grafted Grevillea with a Robusta stock and a Poorinda graft can, if initially pruned, take the shape of a gigantic colourful mushroom, which would be a standout within the park. (Annexure G) The unsightly pump housing needs to be hidden by shrubs, and the bins directly uglifying the pond should be moved way to the right. (Annexure H)

The community wants to salute Macquarie's efforts to the towns design by having a large sandstone plaque containing the royal cypher of King George and the words; "The Great Square" AD 1811 L Macquarie Esq Governor. This is to co-exist with the name McQuade park, not instead of. (Annexure I)

The fountain at the pond should be lit with an amber floodlight to captivate night travellers. The fountain at the council chambers needs loving with historically sympathetic seating. (Annexure J)

Lastly, the left side of the view corridor should make the church visible from the intersection on the Hawkesbury Valley Way as it's the most visited point of Windsor. (Annexure K)

Thank you for taking the time to read some of the points that the community feel are important in terms of highlighting our history for tourism, I would like to sit with you at some point to discuss what can be done with the upcoming park works and what we can do to deliver other items in the future

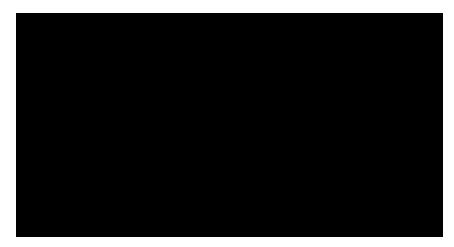


From:	
Sent:	Thu, 15 Sep 2022 18:03:54 +1000
То:	"Hawkesbury City Council"
Subject:	Proposed Management Plan McQuade Park

To Hawkesbury City Council & All Counsellors,

I am making these comments as an interested party to the Construction of the proposed Windsor Cenotaph to be located within the McQuade Park precinct. I believe that the addition of this Cenotaph is within the original intent of Governor McQuarrie's plan for this park area. The Cenotaph is not an unsightly, nor overbearing in size as has been witnessed by the Community on Anzac Days and Remembrance Days. The temporary Cenotaph that has been previously used is a replica of the proposed Cenotaph. The Cenotaph will only add to the Visual and cultural Aspects of the Park and will be of interest not only to the Community, commemorative Participants, but also by Visitors to Windsor and McQuade Park. Apart from adding to the cultural and visual aspects of the park it also allows many more members of the community to attend commemorations events and in total in safety. As a Cenotaph there are no panelling for name or for individual events, it is representative of all Wars, Conflicts and Peace Keeping Operations that Australians have been involved in. We not only pay Homage and respect to our fellow Australians that paid the ultimate Sacrifice, but to all who were injured and All who participated in our name, so that we can live the life that we live today.

Respectfully



11 September 2022

Dear General Manager and all Councillors, Hawkesbury City Council

## Re: Proposed changes to McQuade Park Windsor

Hawkesbury Historical Society strongly urges Hawkesbury City Council to closely follow the Conservation Management Plan 2004, recommendations written by

Additional to the CMP's recommendations is a suggestion that a sight-line corridor be created from George Street through the park to allow historic St Matthews Anglican Church Complex to be more clearly visible.

The idea of opening up a vista through the trees to St Matthews Anglican would require only a few trees to be removed and would fit with the CMP. The resulting view-lines would be historically accurate, the view from George Street originally being open when it was created by Governor Lachlan Macquarie in January 1811.

Such a new vista through to the church would be very appropriate as later this year the church will celebrate 200 years since its consecration. In conjunction with this, celebrations planned at the church and work on sight lines within the church precinct is being carried out.

consider this worthy scheme. strongly supports this idea and hopes Council will

Yours faithfully,







From:	
Sent:	Fri, 23 Sep 2022 15:25:50 +1000
То:	"Hawkesbury City Council"
Subject:	McQuade park Plan of Management.

New Memorial.

I would

like to put forward my thoughts on the planned memorial that will cater to the growing community within the Hawkesbury precinct, at present the existing Boar war and subsequent Wars Brick Arch Wall were grand at the time they were built.

We are now in 21st century and the

Hawkesbury has grown, we should look to the future and give the community a memorial that they can respect and honour. After looking at the plan

and reading the details and the excellent positioning of the memorial near the lake with the beautiful park surrounds, and the planned

shape of new memorial that will have the Tri-services probably represented. would make this a very stately memorial within the our park. I am a

veteran and my family and I are pleased that when built this will give our community a memorial that will be magnificent and cater for future generations and also allow larger attendance at future commemorations.

From:	1
Sent:	Tue, 20 Sep 2022 14:28:29 +1000
То:	"Hawkesbury City Council"
Subject:	McCabe park memorial

I am writing to council today to express my approval for the RSL memorial which has been proposed for our park. I feel this should be a permanent fixture for the future. I hope the council agrees and this structure is approved. Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

From:	
Sent:	Sun, 11 Sep 2022 16:50:15 +1000
То:	"Hawkesbury City Council"
Subject:	Proposed Changes to McQuade Park, Windsor
Attachments:	Council re Changes to McQuade Park Windsor.pdf

To the General Manager and all Councillors, Hawkesbury City Council

I am contacting you on behalf of the Hawkesbury Historical Society. Please see attached letter regarding the proposed changes to McQuade Park, Windsor.

Kind regards,



From:	
Sent:	Thu, 15 Sep 2022 21:15:36 +1000
То:	"Hawkesbury City Council"
Subject:	Mcquade Park Memorial

To whom it may concern,

I would like to formally register my support for the proposed new memorial identified in the Draft Plan of management for McQuade Park, Windsor. I have been a serving member of the Royal Australian Air Force both in a full time and reservist capacity for the past 45 years. I have been a member of the Hawkesbury community since 1980 and currently live in Bligh park. As a serving member, I have been required to support various memorial services at the park over the years. It is obvious to me and my fellow serving and ex serving members that the original memorial no longer caters for the needs of current defence personnel and the public as a whole.

The veterans of today, of which I am one, need a memorial that is in keeping with the times and the conflicts that the defence community have been involved in over the last 30 years or more. The turnout at Anzac day services over the last few years have been no less than amazing. The temporary memorial that gets erected and disassembled every year by the members of the Windsor RSL Sub Branch is much more suited and easily viewable for the members of the general public and ex serving members alike.

The position identified in the draft Plan allows easier viewing for all of the attendees at the service. I have been attending these services for many years now and I am so pleased to see a larger crowd at such services and, in my opinion, is due to the amphitheatre type set up. I can see no reason as to why we would not construct a permanent memorial to honour our fallen on this and other commemorative occasions.

Yours sincerely



From:	
Sent:	Mon, 19 Sep 2022 16:45:43 +1000
То:	"Hawkesbury City Council"

Subject:

MCQUADE SUBMISSION

The General Manager. Hawkesbury City Council. Attention M/s Elizabeth Richardson.

Submission on Mc Quade Park.

I would like to propose that several trees be removed so that there is a line of sight for all to see Saint Matthews Anglican Church which is 200 years old. That the garbage bins also be moved so that are not such an eye sore within the view. The bins need to be replaced up against trees or the like not affecting the view of the Historic Windsor Church. Plants such as crepe myrtle be planted along a walkway, creating an avenue, tourist walk, giving a vibrant colourful picturesque walkway to the Historic Church. This should be known as the Great Square.

The lack of toilets in the Windsor area should also be considered within the upgrade of Mc Quade Park. An area that should be well lit up.

This is Historic Windsor and should be recognised as a part of the 5 Macquarie Towns.

Kind Regards.

