
2.0 METHODOLOGY AND FORMAT

The following brief summary sets out the approach and methodology adopted in achieving the objectives of the Plan and describes the chosen format. This process has involved key stages as follows:

2.1 DATA COLLECTION AND SURVEY

This has involved the consultant team in site specific document research on flora and fauna data, historical development of the area, water quality, landuse practices, service locations, pedestrian, cycle and vehicle traffic and parking management. This information has been supported by field checks and discussions with Council officers, other Government instrumentalities, stakeholders, and local and regional community liaison.

2.2 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

This element is considered by NPWS and the consultant team to be a key component in the development of the Plan of Management and Masterplan. It is a process intended to provide opportunities for information exchange, raising of concerns, opinions and ideas.

The development of the Plan has taken a comprehensive and integrated approach to community consultation with local and regional interest given considerable emphasis.

Key elements in the consultation process have included:

- telephone survey
- community workshops
- steering group of key stakeholders
- one on one interviews
- newsletters, minutes

A full description of the consultation process and outcomes is contained in the Appendices in Volume Two.

2.3 BASIS FOR MANAGEMENT

Following detailed site analysis, document review, consultation and evaluation of key values of the Park the results are summarised in Part A of the Plan of Management and this forms the basis for management.

2.4 STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT AND PREFERRED CONCEPTS

In analysing the numerous issues that affect the site and after evaluation of NPWS objectives and community concerns, the team has reviewed a range of concept options and subsequently defined a series of detailed strategies that address the key issues, providing clear guidelines for the future design, implementation and management of the site. The strategies are provided in a combined written and illustrated form where appropriate.

2.5 PRIORITIES

In arriving at final strategies the Plan will set out and identify priorities for staging the works.

A suite of targets is established for those strategies and performance indicators identified by which implementation progress may be measured.

The Plan provides outline costs for key elements of the strategies proposed.

2.6 FORMAT OF THE REPORT

Section 3 of Part A explores all of the relevant issues raised under 9 major headings. Each issue under these headings is discussed in the following format:

2.6.1 Major Topic (eg. Environment and conservation)

Introduction

An introduction is provided for each of the major headings giving a general background to the principal matter under consideration.

Existing Status

This section provides factual background on the topic at issue.

Community Perceptions and Issues

This section provides a brief summary of the key concerns raised in discussion with stakeholders. The principal source of such material is from the discussions in the community workshops, steering committee meetings, and telephone survey. The issues raised under this heading are not purported to be a quantitative representation of the broader community, but rather identify the range of concerns raised by individuals or groups that may require consideration and further analysis.

Discussion

This section provides a brief discussion of all the implications of the above, concluding where applicable with broad implications as to the options that might be considered in developing strategies to address the issues.

2.6.2 Terms and Definitions

For the purpose of clarity some abbreviations are referred to in the report and are defined as follows:

NPWS	National Parks and Wildlife Service
The Park	Wolli Creek Regional Park
The site or study area	Wolli Creek Regional Park
The Creek	Wolli Creek
Respondents	participants in the telephone survey and community workshops
SEPP	State Environmental Planning Policy
LEP	Local Environment Plan
RTA	Roads and Traffic Authority
DUAP	Department of Urban Affairs and Planning
RIC	Rail Infrastructure Corporation
SR	NSW State Rail

Access terminology as stated in NSW NPWS *Access for All*

Barrier Free	Designed for wheelchair access (including paths, toilets, picnic facilities, benches and tables)
Rough	Surface of paths have potholes, tree roots, rocks and/or similar obstacles
Easy	Access is free of obstacles such as steps, rough terrain or significant slopes, and may have ramps or boardwalks
Medium	Access presents some minor difficulties, such as grassy surface, but is considered negotiable without assistance
Difficult	Access is over rough terrain or via steps or steep slope - help is necessary