

4.0 OBJECTIVES AND VISION

4.1 OBJECTIVES

During the process of this Plan a number of simple objectives for the Park's future were tested with various stakeholders.

There was general consensus amongst the stakeholders that these objectives met the values that they placed on the Park. These objectives were:

4.1.1 Context

- Ensure that all aspects of the site's design and management addresses the wider context of the Wolli Creek Valley.
- Ensure that the Park's design and facilities reflect the needs of the diverse local and regional community.

4.1.2 Recreation and Leisure

- Promote and encourage a diverse range of regional and local recreational opportunities.
- Ensure uses of the Park are compatible with the amenity of its neighbours.
- Ensure uses of the Park are compatible with the natural systems in the Park.

4.1.3 Access and Circulation

- Encourage uses that promote collective / public transport access to the site.
- Establish access and parking requirements and meet needs adequately but at a minimum inconvenience to the local community.
- Provide cycle and pedestrian links into and along the length of the Park.
- Provide positive and equal access into and along the length of the Park.
- Provide pedestrian pathway along the length of the Park.

4.1.4 Cultural and Natural Heritage

- Conserve and interpret the Park's rich Aboriginal and European cultural heritage.
- Ensure that the significance of this site is conserved and interpreted in both buildings and open space.

4.1.5 Site Character and Visual Quality

- Seek opportunities to conserve and enhance views within and through the site.
- Establish a visible identity to the Park throughout its length.
- Ensure that the Reserve is well maintained.
- Ensure that the site and its open spaces are evidently for public use and enjoyment.

4.1.6 Environment and Conservation

- Ensure that all uses on site maintain best practice in environmental sustainability, including improved water quality, noise minimisation and air pollution reduction (cars etc).
- Conserve and interpret the Park's significant bushland and wetland flora and fauna.
- Promote uses within and adjoining the Park that improve water quality in Wolli Creek.

4.1.7 Management and Planning

- Develop a co-ordinated implementation program that reflects community priorities and available funding.
- Encourage and organise the role of the community in management, promotion and interpretation of the Park.

4.1.8 Interpretation, Promotion and Education

- Promote and interpret the Park's facilities and cultural / natural heritage to the local and regional community.
- Promote the Park's value as an educational asset to the community.

The objectives were further reviewed by the Consultant Team in evaluating the foregoing issues and opportunities. Consequently, the objectives form the basis of the preferred concept and strategies outlined in Section B.

4.2 VISION

Participants in community workshops were asked to offer key words and phrases that best encompassed the values and future aspirations for the Park. Some of the consistent words and phrases included:

tranquility
uniqueness
oasis
regeneration
community
precious
nature
continuity of heritage
learning

These key words have been used to derive a short statement that encapsulates a vision for Wolli Creek Regional Park.

Wolli Creek Regional Park will be a place of recreation and conservation value for people of all ages and backgrounds.

With its principal characteristic of a healthy and regenerating urban bushland, the Park will provide recreational opportunities for everyone from families on a picnic or barbeque to bushwalkers, birdwatchers, children at play or those attending a community festival or event.

The Park will reflect its rich cultural and natural heritage offering opportunities for school children or the casual visitor alike to learn about its evolution and the role of the community in saving the Park for its recreational, scenic and environmental values.