

HEADLAND PRESERVATION GROUP OUTCOMES FOR MIDDLE HEAD

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Middle Head Fort (land past the boom gate) - create a heritage park that allows interpretation by way of an indoor/outdoor museum

- conserve the heritage houses to original condition
- public uses for the heritage houses e.g. visitor's centre, museum, etc
- discourage uses which do not contribute to heritage and parkland appreciation e.g. discourage commercial events and private rentals
- maintain existing vehicle restrictions
- relocate non-essential existing NPWS operations and works depot elsewhere
- no new buildings

10 Terminal Complex - adaptively re-use 10 Terminal for a multi-purpose Middle Head heritage interpretive centre. See HPG's TEN TERMINAL PROJECT www.hpg.org.au

"I'd submit that it becomes the Heritage Centre of Middle Head, celebrating the rich Aboriginal and military history of the area, plus the surrounding environment of bushland, wildlife and Sydney Harbour. It reflects a fundamental aspect of Australian history and in that sense it is a sacred site."

Dr. Peter Jones AM, HPG Founding Member

- delete 2014 management plan (aged care) amendments relating to 10 Terminal, which allow a much larger and part 2-storey building
- conserve the 10 Terminal building complex intact
- ensure public access through and around the 10 Terminal complex
- public, not exclusive private uses, including an interpretive centre open to the public
- uses such as accommodation, which would require special protection from bushfire (removal of vegetation, earthen berms etc) should not be considered

3 Barracks Building - revert to original 2007 Middle Head Plan which allows for removal of 1 or more of the buildings

Middle Head Oval - retain natural grass; improve maintenance if required

- promote public recreation uses, not just organised sport
- any replacement building (oval pavilion) to sit lightly on the ground, merge into the landscape and be no larger than the existing pavilion



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Vehicle Traffic and Parking

- minimise traffic movements on Middle Head Rd from Cobbittee St onward
- reduce size of existing car parks
- no new car park between 10 Terminal and ASOPA
- car park landscaping to improve visual amenity
- create the impression of lawn by use of concrete paving that can be filled with grass
- no widening of heritage-listed Middle Head Rd from Cobbittee St onward

Building Development

- no new or replacement building(s) except for Middle Head Oval pavilion
- conserve 10 Terminal complex as is

Natural Environment

- preserve trees and established vegetation; plant additional trees and shrubs to enhance park-like setting
- protect flora and fauna with special attention to endangered species

Public Transport

- encourage visitors to use public transport
- investigate public transport link with Taronga Zoo
- increase frequency of bus service; construct bus shelter
- investigate greater water access

“The harbour is more than a jewel – it is Sydney’s heart.”

“Framing the waters of Sydney Harbour are its headlands and islands, bays and beaches.”

“These formerly closed lands have now entered the public domain as our public parklands.”

NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service - “Plan of Management Sydney Harbour National Park”

“To provide a lasting legacy for the people of Australia by helping to create one of the finest foreshore parks in the world and provide places that will greatly enrich the cultural life of the city and the nation.”

“The Plan ... proposes the creation of a Headland Park. A place of beauty, solace and respite.”

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust - “Comprehensive Plan”