

## **Heritage listing - what is really means for Rushcutters Bay Park.**

1 The NSW Heritage Office has imposed an Interim Heritage Order (IHO) on Rushcutters Bay Park expiring in January 2020. It severely restricts development activities including the skateboard structure.

It has not been revoked.

It therefore still applies.

2 Woollahra Council has sought, so far unsuccessfully, to have IHO revoked.

3 We have asked the Heritage Office to proceed to a full heritage listing. It has agreed to do so and has joined Yarranabbe Park to its proposed listing.

Its Recommendation Committee is considering the listing.

It has requested further information which has been provided.

It meets next on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019.

4 Its recommends a listing to the Minister who either approves, does nothing, or refuses the recommendation.

We will probably need to **lobby the Minister**, Don Harwin MLC to accept the recommendation.

5 Possible committee outcomes

1. it rejects the proposal
2. it accepts the proposal and recommends listing both parks as Local Significance or State Significance, or a mixture of both

6 If State significance is imposed on the site it means the heritage office becomes a joint consent authority alongside council.

No works can proceed without their joint approval.

We will need to **lobby the Heritage Office** to refuse consent to any skateboard structure once they have received council's plans.

At the moment it is only assessing the parks' significance.

7 If Local Significance is recommended Woollahra Council can heritage-list the site but is not required to do so.

The Recommendation Committee of the Heritage Office makes recommendations only.

It is a recommendation only. We have to insist council lists it and **lobby council** to list it.

8 Will a DA with full public exhibition and a Heritage Assessment be required if listed?

Council will probably say no. We say yes.

9 In any event, this process gives us more time to lobby council but will be worth it in the end.

Heritage listing increases the status of the park and, in the event of a legal challenge, puts greater weight on council to justify its proposal.

Thank you for your continuing support.

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