

PRECINCT 10: ABBOTSBURY

The Abbotsbury Precinct (708 hectares) is a scenic area including Cumberland Plain Woodland, the Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Calmsley Hill City Farm, and Plough and Harrow, Lizard Log, The Dairy picnic areas, the archaeological remains of Abbotsbury House and the state-significant Upper Canal system. A north-south ridgeline with regional views creates two distinct sub-precincts. Parts of the precinct include sections of a gazetted Regional Park.

Desired Future Character

To be a centre of major activity for the Parklands, offering a full range of cultural, recreational, tourism, sport and community uses, including urban farming and equestrian activities. This Precinct has a high level of design quality, in a picturesque environment.

Objectives

- Enhance picnic areas, entertainment venues and play spaces by creating Unstructured and Structured Recreation Hubs
- Enhance internal connections and legibility between destinations
- Protect bushland
- Expand recreation and tourism opportunities across the precinct, including within the Sydney International Equestrian Centre
- Protect the Upper Canal system, water supply quality and cultural heritage values

Land Use Opportunities

- Regional unstructured recreation and associated facilities
- Sport, equestrian activities, fitness and associated facilities
- Walking and cycling tracks, and bridle trails
- Tourism, entertainment and associated facilities, including cafe/kiosk facilities
- Urban farming and associated facilities
- Community facilities
- Educational facilities
- Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultural and heritage interpretation
- Environmental protection works
- Utilities infrastructure

Key Management Priorities

Environmental Protection and Land Stewardship

- Improve the biodiversity and bushland quality within the Precinct, including along Eastern Creek
- Investigate water harvesting, landscape recycling systems and water recycling for irrigation with partners such as Sydney Water
- Work with partners to improve the water quality in Eastern Creek, and with WaterNSW to protect the Upper Canal, its water quality and heritage value
- Explore and interpret the area's Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultural heritage

Creating Recreational and Community Facilities

- Create destination centres around Lizard Log, Plough and Harrow, and The Dairy. Link these with cycling and walking tracks, including through Moonrise and Sugarloaf Ridge
- Expand precinct activation with cafes, events and tourism opportunities such as camping, destination hiking trails, and other activities
- Support the activities of Calmsley Hill City Farm as a destination

Community Participation and Engagement

- Deliver a strong and cohesive precinct image along Horsley Drive, M7 Motorway and at key entrances
- Develop educational environment, culture, heritage programs and events

Financial Sustainability and Economic Development

- Work with Sydney International Equestrian Centre and Calmsley Hill City Farm to expand recreation, education, and heritage and business links

Western Sydney Regional Park Plan of Management

- This Precinct contains the Western Sydney Regional Park which is also subject to a separate Plan of Management, as required under the National Parks and Wildlife Act



