

**INQUIRY INTO GREATER SYDNEY PARKLANDS TRUST
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As an long term inner west resident, previously in Lilyfield near Callan Park for 10 years, I was always disappointed in the lack of progress around Callan Park. Including not taking advantage of the potential of the park for recreational use. If someone could take charge - Inner west council is hopeless, and take a leaf out of the Centennial Parklands trust that would be amazing. Adding cafes, function centres, bike paths, even horse facilities would be amazing. The blueprint is Centennial park and is so easily lifted and applied to Callan Park, seemingly blocked by left wing types with ideas of farms for homeless and ridiculous non-self-sustaining ideas as is usually for this group of dreamers. The other idea would be to maintain the foreshore for cafes/restaurants and the public using the bay run and see if one of the big private schools would be interested. We have terrible choice of high schools in the area with Rosebank, Newington and Trinity over-subscribed. So that could be a private opportunity. I think the only use that should be avoided is residential development, seeing what has happened when heritage is not respected, as has happened in Drummoyne on the foreshore, it is important to draw the line and retain the historical buildings and with a lack of parklands in the area - retaining that for the public is important. But what is key is Callan Park has SO much potential to be a self sustained recreational destination - think Centennial Park, Q-station, Blaxland park - if only someone would take control and take action and stop ruminating and posturing and get on with it. It has laid dormant and is degrading while the greenies wring their hands about the environment etc. Lets get some action, some fun and recreation happening in the park and make use of this beautiful piece of land and buildings at last!