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Friends of Callan Park Committee

Since the Friends of Callan Park was formed a year ago, a dedicated Committee has been working to implement the principles adopted in the two large public meetings held in November, 1998. These are:

- “1. The Rozelle Hospital site is a priceless national treasure of outstanding beauty and heritage value. It must be retained in its entirety, without encroachments.
2. All current open space must remain as public open space in public ownership, in perpetuity.
3. No new building on the site is to be permitted, but recycling of buildings already on the site for appropriate community purposes would be acceptable.
4. Mental health facilities on the site should be retained, so that people admitted there can get the benefits of the space, peace and beauty for which the site was originally designed. Services for people with psychiatric illness who have been displaced by government health policies should have priority when deciding on acceptable uses for recycled buildings.
5. Full community consultation must occur at all stages.”

We have made enormous progress since a significant part of the site was so nearly sold in November 1998. But the cash-strapped NSW Health Department still wants to sell, and as a community we must maintain our efforts until this priceless heritage site is safely protected forever.

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