Part C - Precinct Plans

26. Green Square

This precinct is currently undergoing a major urban renewal with new apartment construction completed and in progress in the areas of Zetland and Waterloo. 'Green Square' will see a transformation from industrial area into a diverse residential area. New streets are being created as part of the public domain strategy which provides the opportunity to use street trees as an integral part of the public domain to create a new suburb. Species have not been nominated in future streets. Their selection will be based upon the palette of trees nominated for this precinct, or precincts immediately surrounding.

The area is defined by Crescent/ McEvoy Street, South Dowling Street, Botany Road and Epsom Road. There are several streets in the area that contain the traditional Victorian terraces and semi detached houses common to the rest of Sydney.

26.1 Precinct objectives

General

The planting strategy for the precinct is based on the following principles:

- Ensure locally indigenous plant species are reintroduced throughout the area;
- Recognise and promote local vegetation;
- Provide a planting regime consistent with water sensitive design principles;
- Reinforce the visual and physical connectivity between existing and proposed streets. In particular to continue the Eucalypt character of Victoria Park into Epson Park;
- Final species selection will be based on the surrounding built form and tolerance to flood inundation, sandy soils and having minimal ditrubance to the water table;
- Provide a strong visual and physical relationship between new and existing open space areas.

26.2 Precinct conditions

Existing street trees

Residential streets contain a range of young and established trees, predominantly natives. The mature avenue of fig trees in Joynton Avenue provide a strong visual image for the area. New residential development areas such as the 'Victoria Park' site, contain a range of recently established eucalypt trees.

Current Dominant species Melaleuca quinquenervia Ficus hillii Eucalyptus spp.

Paperbarks Hills Weeping Fig Gum Trees

Built form and road widths

Includes a combination of established terrace houses with new medium to high density residential developments. Several major roads surround the precinct including South Dowling Street and Botany Road.

Microclimate

The area is exposed to southerly winds during the summer period. Hot dry westerly winds can be experienced early spring.

Geological conditions

The primary geology of the area is ancient windblown sands.

Soil conditions

Much of the lowland areas lie less than 20m above sea level. Suburbs built on old dunes have deep sandy soils, but due to imported materials used to reclaim lower lying areas soil drainage and conditions can vary greatly.

26.3 Proposed Primary Tree Species Palette

Common Name	Species
Brush Box	Lophostemon confertus
Lemon Scented Gum	Corymbia citriodora
Spotted Gum	Corymbia maculata
Chinese Elm	Ulmus parvifolia
Tallowwood	Eucalyptus microcorys
Tuckeroo	Cupaniopsis anacardioides
London Plane	Platanus acerifolia
Evergreen Ash	Fraxinus griffithii
Jacaranda	Jacaranda mimosifolia



Figure 79- Establishing Eucalypts within the new Victoria Park development. (Photo Arterra)

