



experiential site analysis

Gore Hill Park is experienced primarily as a large open, sunny oval encircled by trees and buildings with an understorey of cars. Fragments of sheltered, shady passive open space exist in between carparks on the edges of the park. The Pacific Highway is a constant source of traffic noise. Views are mainly inward looking, centred on the oval. The park has very little connectivity with the cemetery or the hospital.



1934



1943



1981 Gore Hill Park

history

- 1934 Oval constructed as part of the "Emergency Relief Scheme" for unemployed men
- 1949 RNSH acquires the upper portion of the park (ca. 1r. 20p.) and Gore Hill Park reduced to its existing size of 4.4307 ha (includes northern carpark adjacent to hospital)
- 1953 Australian National Football League (AFL) wins use of oval by agreeing to share with other user groups including schools
- 1955 Eric Nicholls prepares sketch plans for a pavilion but nothing built
- 1956 ABC TV Gore Hill opened
- 1974 Last burial in Gore Hill Memorial Cemetery
- 1980 North Sydney Rugby League Club's bid for the park rejected
- 1984 Sexton's Cottage site rezoned and leased. Existing office building designed by David Briggs
- 1985 Floodlights installed at the oval and design of a new community sporting facility begins
- 1986 AFL pledges \$150,000 on top of Council's \$200,000 for the clubhouse
- 1992 Clubhouse finally opens as does Gore Hill Freeway
- 2000 DA to erect 900mm high picket fence around oval



views

strengths

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1. High quality oval. "Village green" in urban setting
2. Solitude of cemetery
3. Strong existing pedestrian axis in cemetery
4. Some cool shady sitting areas
5. Remnant indigenous seed banks
6. Fauna habitat in cemetery

weaknesses

- 1 & 2 Encroachment by carpark from north.
3. Remnant species threatened by cars
4. Pacific Hwy, a noise & physical barrier
5. Poor internal circulation. Lack of paths
6. Erosion & compaction
7. Fragmented approach to development
8. Poor tree management under powerlines
9. Lack of bins/facilities

opportunities

- 1,2. Unite cemetery and park
3. Unite RNSH and park
4. Reduce cars/bilumen (car parks)
5. Revegetate & extend Blue Gum High Forest
6. Enhance opportunities for youth recreation
- 7,8. Provide new facilities
9. Widen footpath along Pacific Hwy to provide for bicycles.

weaknesses opportunities

