



## COOPER PARK HERITAGE LISTING

At the Council meeting last Monday night, it was unanimously agreed to list Cooper Park as of Local Heritage significance and forward it to the State Heritage Committee for consideration for State listing. Hooray. Champagne.

This is a culmination of years of arraigning Woollahra Council on successive individual acts of cultural vandalism, whereby inappropriate (and usually cost cutting) solutions were applied to the infrastructure maintenance of the park. We sought a more inclusive structural framework with a systematic reference plan whereby remedial and upgrading works would have to adhere to a aesthetic scheme appropriate to its bushland setting.

Cooper Park is a tiny sliver of not always original bushland in the heart of the urban Eastern Suburbs. Appropriately, its present form as a Victorian rural idyll came into being, because of government funded works programmes during the Great Depression. If only...

The next step is for an Updated Plan of Management to be prepared, to provide a palette of standards for the infrastructure in all future works and maintenance. We have asked to be included in the preparation of this and are still waiting to hear.

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