



Renewing Haig Park

Safety Upgrades to Paths and Lighting

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Work will start soon on safety upgrades in the Braddon area of Haig Park. This work, funded in the 2015-16 ACT Budget, will involve:

- Widening the shared paths from Mort Street to Henty Street to 4.5 metres and Lonsdale Street to Henty Street to 3 metres.
- Replacing the existing lights along these pathways with 26 new streetlights.
- Providing new park seating and picnic tables at the entry points to the park at Mort Street, Henty Street and Lonsdale Street.

These upgrades will provide a straight footpath with improved visibility through the park. There will be no trees within 2m of the edge of the paths and the tree canopy will be trimmed to a minimum height of three metres along these paths.

Construction work will start in February 2017 and is expected to finish in June 2017. Pedestrians may need to use alternative footpaths through the park during construction and about 10 car spaces in the Mort Street car park will be inaccessible during construction. Construction hours are 7am to 4pm, Monday to Saturday.

To improve safety, the upgrade involves removing three trees along the Mort Street pathway and planting four new trees elsewhere in the park. Four car spaces will be permanently removed from the Mort Street car park as part of the entrance upgrades and to provide safer access to the public toilets.

Map of upgrade works





A FUTURE PLAN FOR THE PARK

While the current upgrades are necessary to ensure the safe use of the park, the government wants to hear from the community about how it would like to use the park in the longer term.

As the “bush capital”, Canberra is known for its large green spaces and beautiful parks. Haig Park is one of these, in the heart of our city centre, but is currently underused, feels unsafe and doesn’t meet the needs of the Canberra community. A unique feature of the heritage-listed park is its rows of more than 7,000 mixed tree species.

The ACT Government is developing a masterplan for Haig Park that will identify a long-term vision for the park, short-term opportunities to improve the park and different ‘character areas’ within the park. For example, the Turner side is currently used more as a dog-walking space while the Braddon area is used as a thoroughfare by people walking to Lonsdale Street.

The masterplan will build on a concept and vision created in 2012 and respond to future growth in the area. Significant urban renewal in Canberra’s inner north and city centre is already underway, including the construction of light rail and future redevelopment of public housing sites along Northbourne Avenue. This renewal will build a more vibrant and connected city centre that better links our suburbs to our city.

BE INVOLVED

Now is your opportunity to influence the masterplan design. We want to hear from Canberrans on what they value about the park, what could be improved and their vision for Haig Park.

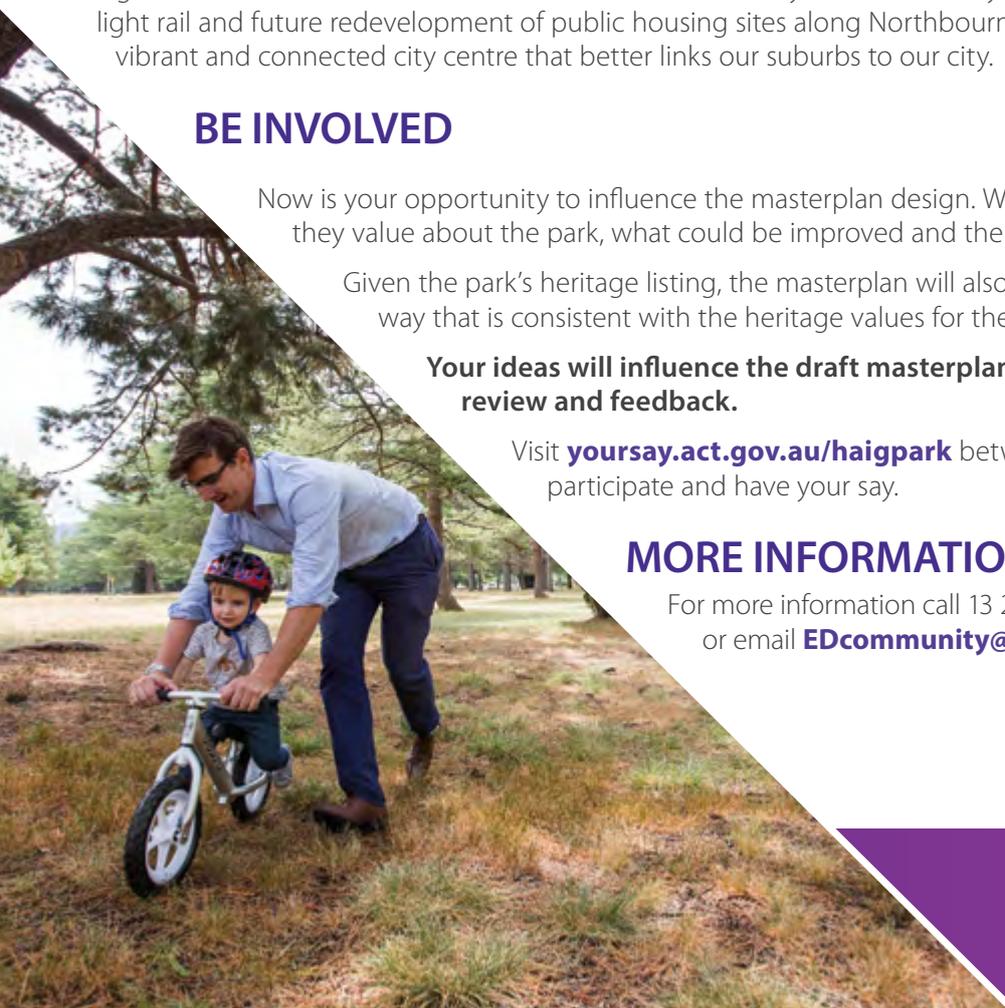
Given the park’s heritage listing, the masterplan will also consider how to improve the park in a way that is consistent with the heritage values for the area.

Your ideas will influence the draft masterplan, which we will then present for review and feedback.

Visit yoursay.act.gov.au/haigpark between February and June 2017 to participate and have your say.

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