

MOONLIGHT CINEMA

Statement of Environmental Effects

The Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan

Lot Number: 2601

141A Mount Annan Drive, Mount Annan

1. Site description

- The Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan is a 416 hectare estate located in Sydney's south-west which opened as a Bicentennial project in 1988 as the native plant Garden of the Royal Botanic Gardens & Domain Trust (the Trust). The estate was made available for the development of a botanic garden in 1984 following purchase of the historic, pastoral Glenlee Estate in 1968. The subsequent passing of management to the Macarthur Regional Development Board in the early 1970s was followed by designation of the area as a Scenic Protection Zone in 1975. Part of the estate was made available for development of a botanic garden to the Royal Botanic Gardens & Domain Trust in the mid-1980s. Assisted by the Department of Public Works and Services, and funded by Bicentennial Projects, Mount Annan Botanic Garden was developed as a State of NSW Project. It's renaming as The Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan was officially registered by the Geographic Board of NSW in March 2011.
- The Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan is located between Campbelltown and Camden and its official entrance is from Narellan Road, Mount Annan. It is open from 10am – 5pm daily and closed Christmas Day.
- Located adjacent to the Hume Highway, north-east of the Nepean River, and at the southern edge of the Cumberland Plain, the Garden has developed a prominent position in the public domain as a regional botanic garden in a park-like setting 65 kilometres from the Sydney CBD.
- The Garden is zoned SP1 Special Activities. There are a number of buildings, natural and cultivated vegetation and water courses on the site.

2. Description of the proposed development

- A development consent has been submitted for the temporary use of the land for an outdoor cinema event from Thursday 10 December 2015 to Sunday 27 March 2016.
- The event includes an inflatable screen plus audio speakers, food stalls, storage containers for bean beds as well as box office, production and projection units along with fencing.
- All equipment is bumped in the week leading up to the season launch. Bump out occurs within three days after the end of the season
- Public liability insurance is attached.
- Site capacity will be limited to 2,000 per night.

- Venue gates will open at 1900hrs (7:00pm) each evening with the screening starting at approximately 2030hrs (8:30pm). The site will remain open to the public until a half hour after the end of the feature presentation.
- The event operation time is from 7pm – 11pm, with egress after the film concludes.
- The existing toilet block on Lakeside (with accessible toilets) is used for the event and is regularly checked.
- No vegetation is affected, it is a temporary set up. Area used for patrons is a manicured lawn area which is inspected for trip hazards before the event. The area is used on a daily basis for many visitors to the Garden.
- An 'application for approval to conduct a temporary food stalls in a public place' will be lodged with Camden Council prior to season launch.
- There is a delegated box office and area for any lost children which is staffed by a Moonlight staff member.
- Rangers will be on duty at all time of the event, as well as security to monitor behaviour of patrons, Police are notified of the event.
- Catering services will be provided by Moonlight Cinema. Moonlight will sell a range of food and serve alcoholic and soft drinks, including water suitable for consumption in a picnic setting. Fresh and simple are key ingredients for success in servicing the demand experienced at Moonlight Cinema.
- Catering will be available to patrons from the time that gates open until approximately 30 minutes after the start of the feature presentation. Patrons are permitted to bring their own food and beverages.
- Alcohol will be sold at the event - Moonlight Cinema Moonlight Cinema will be responsible for compliance with health department requirements, liquor licensing requirements and any other relevant statutory obligations.
- All catering equipment and facilities are provided by Moonlight Cinema. The equipment and facilities will meet statutory requirements and provisions of the State health department and other authorities as necessary.
- All staff will be instructed to encourage patrons to consume alcohol safely, responsibly and respectfully.
- In the event of abusive, threatening or violent behaviour from an intoxicated patron, staff are instructed to eject them from the premises or call for police assistance.
- Staff will be instructed to advise all patrons that the consumption of alcohol outside the boundaries of the licensed area will be considered street drinking and will leave them liable to prosecution.
- Moonlight will provide a free call to a taxi for any intoxicated patron who requests such service.
- Moonlight will ensure that there is an adequate and freely available supply of water.
- There will be food available on-site for sale.
- The area is cleaned by Moonlight staff so that no impact is left after each nightly session and the site is open to the general public during the day.
- A communications plan and emergency response plan is in place for the event and radio communication is used.
- Peak Traffic flows: Between 5:30pm and 7pm (ingress) and 11pm and 12am (egress). The Narellan Road entrance and Mount Annan Drive entrance are used for the event as per the attached traffic management plan.

3. Statement of how the proposed development complies with the relevant planning instruments, plans and policies

State Environmental Planning Policy

The Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan is zoned SP1, **Zone SP1 Special Activities**

1 Objectives of zone

- To provide for special land uses that are not provided for in other zones.
- To provide for sites with special natural characteristics that are not provided for in other zones.
- To facilitate development that is in keeping with the special characteristics of the site or its existing or intended special use, and that minimises any adverse impacts on surrounding land.

2 Permitted without consent

Extensive agriculture

3 Permitted with consent

The purpose shown on the Land Zoning Map, including any development that is ordinarily incidental or ancillary to development for that purpose; Community facilities; Recreation areas

4 Prohibited

Any development not specified in item 2 or 3

Statement in relation to zoning;

The proposed development is in keeping with the special characteristics of the site and controls in place will minimise and adverse impacts on surrounding land. The proposed development is for recreation purposes (permitted with consent) The proposed development also complies with the Temporary use of land (2.6BB of the Camden Local Environmental Plan) as the proposed development doesn't compromise future development of the land due to the temporary nature of the structures of the marquees and it does not have detrimental economic, social, amenity or environmental effects on the land for which it is proposed.

Statement of how the proposed development complies with relevant planning instruments, plans and policies;

- Proposed development is a temporary event for the purpose of a community engagement which has been held for many years at a number of sites nationally without any issues. It will be a welcome event by many visitors.
- The area is not in immediate proximity of residential zones (600m approximately from nearest neighbour).
- A Traffic Management Plan has been developed (see attached) and traffic controllers controlling traffic on the road have completed the necessary training. **Parking** is on site and is in dedicated parking areas (see map attached). No public road closures will be in place. The Mount Annan Drive entrance will open at 5pm (as in 2011) and Narellan Road entrance will be open from 10am (regular opening time) and both remain open until egress is complete. The Traffic Management Plan worked well in 2011, the first year that the Garden had the new entrance off Narellan Road open). There is also additional parking on the road loop on Yandelora Circuit on the central precinct (road verge parking) and additional parking in a grassed area at the Mount Annan Drive entrance (to be managed by traffic controllers).
- Access for those with disabilities has been considered and there is Disabled parking is allocated in the main carpark and accessible toilets at the event site. A wheelchair is available in the Visitor Centre for use.
- There are no items on environmental heritage that is listed on the State Heritage register, or that is subject to an interim heritage order
- No vegetation is affected
- The general period equipment for the event is on site is for 4 months.
- **Temporary signage** such as directional signage is the only signage that would be required and is internal only and part of the traffic management plan. VMS signs may be used at the Narellan Road entrance and Mount Annan Dr entrance if the event reaches capacity to communicate this to patrons
- There will be Moonlight staff with first aid qualifications.
- **Waste Management procedures**
Staff members will complete regular litter patrols and will regularly clean and replenish consumables in bathrooms. General waste and recyclables Bins will be place conveniently

for patrons. General waste as well as recycling bins will be in place in a marked off area and bins regularly emptied. Bins will be placed in toilet areas. MC will regularly ask patrons to take their rubbish with them. A skip bin is placed in the back of house area and rubbish is emptied into that and managed through the Garden's regular waste management system.

- **Acoustic Amenity** This event is held once per year and has been held for many years now as is a welcome community event. The entertainment from 5.30pm is pre-entertainment and the stage program begins at 6pm and finishes at 9pm. The fireworks display is held at 9pm and lasts for approximately 10-14 minutes. The area is not in immediate proximity of residential zones (600m approximately from nearest neighbour). The stage is situated low on Lakeside in a natural valley area, with hills in the surrounding area
- **Risk Management** A risk assessment and control plan will be in place and the area around the site will be fenced. The area is inspected prior to the event for any hazards.
- **Eight lighting** towers are hired for the event and placed strategically to provide safe lighting for patrons and for their egress to car parking areas.
- Water and power is available at the site.
- The trees, vegetation and water areas are not affected at all by the vegetation. The garden has a strict policy that nothing is to be placed in trees.