

# Draft Eastern District Plan

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Submission content: As an advocate for the protection of Annandale's natural and built heritage, I welcome this statement on local heritage in the Plans for the Eastern District: "A wide variety of local heritage items and heritage streetscapes also form part of the character of centres throughout the District. The conservation and interpretation of places and values of heritage significance is required to give current and future generations a better understanding of history and people's past experiences. Sympathetic adaptive re-use of heritage is an important way to conserve heritage significance. Improved public access and connection to heritage through interpretation is also essential" Further I put forward my work by way of example of how interpretation can be assisted through: Guide books and Guided Walks - See Annandale Short Walk Books at: <http://ramin.com.au/walks/> Free Online Material - Anecdotal History of Annandale <http://ramin.com.au/annandale/story1.shtml> and - Self Guided Walk from Annandale to Sydney with Historical Pictures <http://ramin.com.au/annandale/annandale-to-sydney.shtml> You will note that the digitisation programs of the State Archives, National Archives, Australian War Memorial, State Library, Local Libraries and the National Library play a vital part in providing material for the interpretation. We need to do much more to enable our community to

understand their natural environment. The numerous creeks and buried tributaries need to be recognised as natural water ways not simply storm water drains. We need to recognise the value of our Local Provenance vegetation which provides habitat and food for native animals, while also providing us much needed shade and cooling. See Cool Trees <http://www.ramin.com.au/creekcare/cool-trees.shtml> My work in this aspect of heritage in respect to Annandale includes Art Exhibitions and Free online information: Eco Annandale - Annandale's modern EcoSystem <http://ramin.com.au/annandale/eco-annandale-2009.shtml> White's Creek History and artificially constructed Wetlands complete with turtles now! <http://ramin.com.au/annandale/whitescreek-history.shtml> and the constructed Salt Marsh wetlands on the Annandale foreshore <http://ramin.com.au/annandale/wetlands.shtml> School Programs which incorporate components on Local History and Environment would also be useful.