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Yaralla to become a public park for all

Sydney Local Health District is delighted to announce that 13 hectares of land on the magnificent Yaralla Estate at Concord will be converted to public parkland.

The decision to open up the land, formerly used for horse agistment, will allow wider access for all Sydney residents, rather than the previous limited access provided to a small private group.

“I am very pleased to be announcing that Yaralla Estate will become a public park,” Dr Anderson said.

“This estate, bequeathed to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital by Dame Eadith Walker, is one of the most beautiful open spaces in Sydney and I have every confidence the people of the inner west will welcome opening up this area for all,” Dr Anderson said.

“The Walker Trust Act of 1938 stipulates the estate be used for health services and open space, so this decision is consistent with the wishes of Dame Eadith.”

Dr Anderson said opening up an additional 13 hectares would mean the 32 hectare estate, situated on the Parramatta River, would provide an oasis for the inner west of Sydney.

She said the District would establish a Community Advisory Committee of key stakeholders and residents to advise on how best to use the parkland.

“We welcome ideas such as the possible establishment of community gardens or other uses which will benefit all,” she said.

Yaralla Estate will continue to provide health services in HIV-related dementia and aged care.