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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST OPEN FOR KIRKBRIDE

The NSW Government today launched an Expressions of Interest (EOI) campaign to secure a new occupant for the Kirkbride Precinct and Convalescent Cottages in Callan Park, Lilyfield.

This campaign follows the recent departure of the Sydney College of the Arts from the Kirkbride Precinct in early May 2020.

Minister for Water, Property and Housing, Melinda Pavey, said the NSW Government is committed to ensuring the EOI process delivers the best outcome for the heritage Kirkbride Precinct, Callan Park and Inner West community.

“We are seeking proposals on uses for the Kirkbride buildings that activate, energise and celebrate the heritage values of the precinct,” Minister Pavey said.

“The NSW Government strongly supports the preservation of the Kirkbride Precinct and Callan Park. The future use of Kirkbride will play a critical role in the creation of a vibrant urban parkland consistent with the Government’s Better Placed Design Guide.”

The Kirkbride Precinct is listed on the State Heritage Register and is subject to the highest level of heritage protection in the State.

Kirkbride Precinct consists of over 30 buildings listed on the State Heritage Register. The Precinct was originally used for mental health services, developed by James Barnet and Dr. Frederick Norton Manning in 1885.

The University of Sydney’s Sydney College of the Arts has occupied the Kirkbride Precinct since the 1990s.

Submissions received in response to the EOI will be assessed with reference to the provisions of the Callan Park (Special Provisions) Act 2002.

The EOI will run for a 12-week period commencing on 17 June 2020 to provide interested parties sufficient time to lodge a submission in light of the current COVID-19 environment.

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