

Row of Olives and Winery Entrance

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PROPERTY NAME	Row of Olives
ADDRESS	Minchin Drive, Minchinbury. Lots 9118-9119 DP 730969, Lot 8078 DP 732456. Great Western Highway.
DESCRIPTION	A double row of olive trees planted in an avenue designating the original entry to Minchinbury Winery.
HISTORICAL CONTEXT	Associated with the Penfolds era of the Minchinbury Winery. It is believed the Kalamata olive trees, which line the old Minchinbury driveway, were planted to produce olives used for the wine making process. The name Kalamata originates from the Kalamata region in Greece, which is famous for olive growing. The entrance fences mark the original winery entrance
LISTINGS	Blacktown City Council LEP
STRENGTHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connection between Western Highway and Minchinbury Winery site • Creates 'green pedestrian belt' through suburb • Residents currently harvest olives • Leads to winery complex/destination
WEAKNESSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little known • Borders on residential boundaries • Long thin strip of land unsuitable for alternate uses • Winery not in Council ownership/in poor condition
OPPORTUNITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike path • Walking trail • Community olive harvest festival/event • Neighbourhood Christmas parties • Educative possibilities in cuisine, regeneration, horticulture, propagation, etc • Could use as entry to a redeveloped winery area

THREATS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for graffiti/vandalism • Potential for lack of maintenance/care of trees • Winery complex under threat (loss would limit context of the olives)
CONCLUSION	The former entry drive for the Minchinbury Winery site has limited uses. Although it has the potential for greater local uses, it should not be overdeveloped. There is potential for a low key local harvest festival to be developed and for greater pedestrian and cycle movement through the area. The gates are currently inconspicuous by virtue of their location on a hill. It is probably best they remain inconspicuous until such time that their survival against vandalism can be assured.
RECOMMENDATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Integrate Row of Olives into local pedestrian and cycleway networks 2. Conduct annual inspection of condition of trees and entry structures for ongoing care 3. Consider the development of a local (olive) harvest festival/event
REFERENCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan Falk Planning Consultants P/L et.al. <i>Blacktown Heritage Study</i>, 1988. • Local Studies Files - Minchinbury

Non Budgetary Optional Budgetary Items							
Property	Ward	Proposed Purpose	Project	Priority	Reason for priority	Date	Estimated Cost (\$)
Row of Olives	4	Community Space/ Management/ Tourism & Interpretation	Annual inspection of trees for ongoing care	3	preservation purposes	2008-2009	0
Row of Olives	4	Community Space	Integrate into pedestrian and cycleway networks	4	coincide with future planning	2008-2009	

Row of Olives	4	Community Space	development of local olive harvest/festival event	5	encourage community spirit but not necessity	2007-2010	
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Recommended Use – Retain open space use

Minimum required budget **\$0**

Recommended minimum non budgetary and optional budgetary items **\$ undetermined**