



GENERIC PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

FOR
COMMUNITY LAND AND
CROWN RESERVES
PLANNING DISTRICT FOUR
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FOREWORD

This Plan of Management has been prepared to comply with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Lands Act 1989*. The plan covers Hornsby Shire Council's Open Space community land and land under Council's care, control and management (generally Crown land). This land includes parks and reserves, bushland and community facilities such as community centres, where the land is owned or managed by Council.

In order to be consistent with other Council Planning Documents, the Generic Plans of Management for community land and Crown reserves have utilised the 9 Planning Districts within the Shire. For presentation of the information Districts 3 and 9 have been combined in one Generic Plan of Management as have Districts 5 and 7. The delineation of Districts is shown in Figure 1. A map of the area covered by this Plan of Management is contained in Figure 2 and shows the location of community land within the District.

This Plan of Management applies to community land within District 4, which includes Asquith, Berowra, Hornsby, Hornsby Heights, Mt Colah and Mt Kuring-gai.

This Plan of Management supersedes the Generic Plans of Management for Parks and Reserves, Sportsgrounds, and Bushland previously adopted by Council where applicable to District 4.

COMMUNITY INPUT INTO THE PLANS OF MANAGEMENT

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires that all Plans of Management be placed on public display for a minimum period of 28 days. A minimum period of 42 days after the draft is placed on exhibition is allowed for written submissions to be made to Council (s.38). By writing a submission, members of the community are given the opportunity to participate in the future direction of management of the Shire's open space.

Submissions allow the community (including residents, interest groups, sporting clubs and Government agencies), to express opinions, provide information and suggest alternatives to the proposed Management strategies for community land within the Shire. On closure of the period of public comment, and after consideration of submissions received, Council may decide to amend the draft Plan of Management, or adopt it without further amendment. If Council decides to amend the draft plan, it must publicly exhibit the amendments as above until such time as the draft can be adopted without further amendment unless the amendments are of a minor nature (S.40 and S.40A).

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held in respect of the Generic draft Plans of Management for community land that has been recategorised.(s.40 (3)). The community land has been recategorised in accordance with the amendments to the *Local Government Act* and following development of guidelines for categorisation from the *Local Government (General) Amendment (Community Land Management) Regulation 1999*.

The Asset and Inventory section identifies land that is to be recategorised by this Plan of Management.

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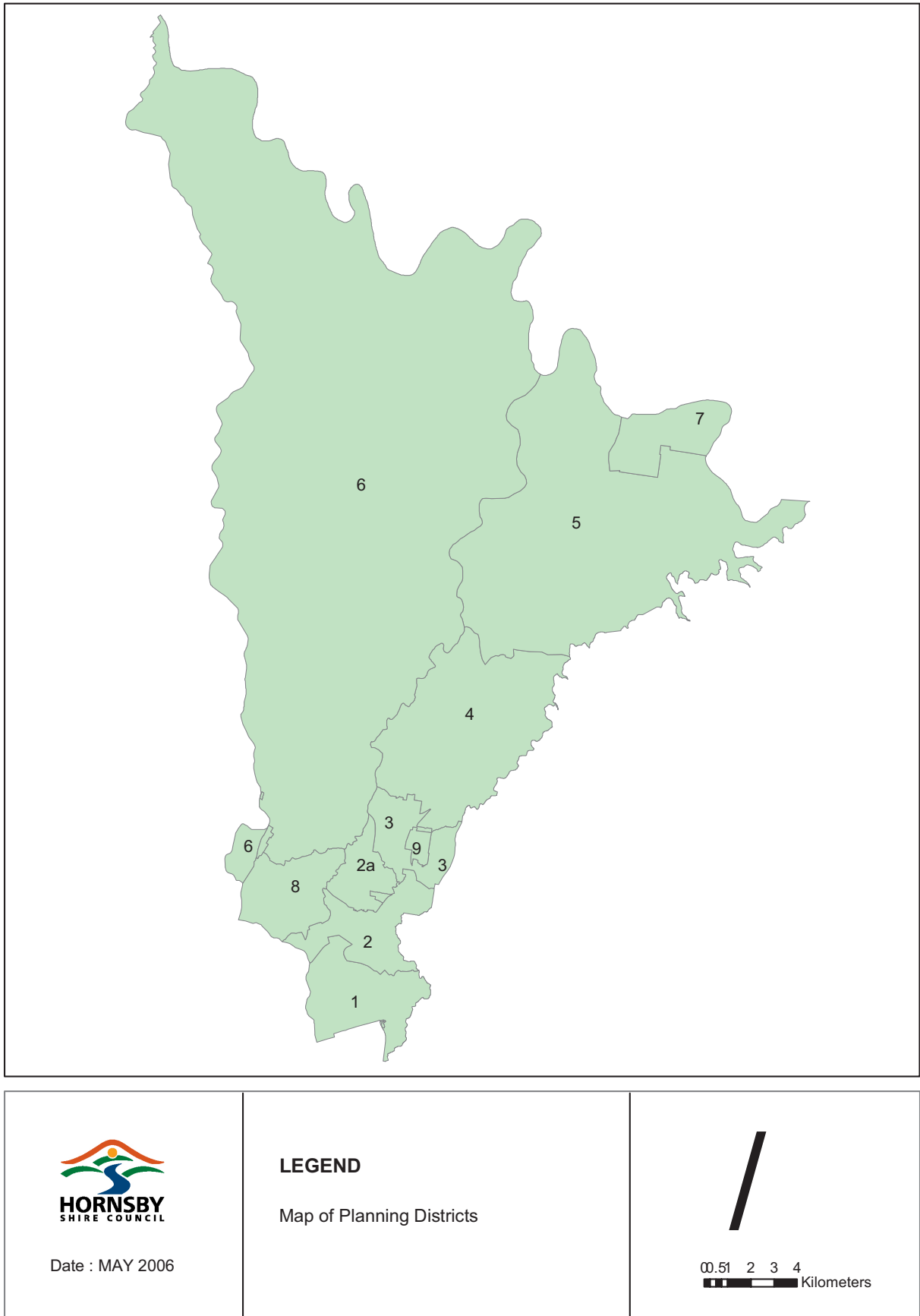


Figure 1. Planning districts located within Hornsby Shire Council

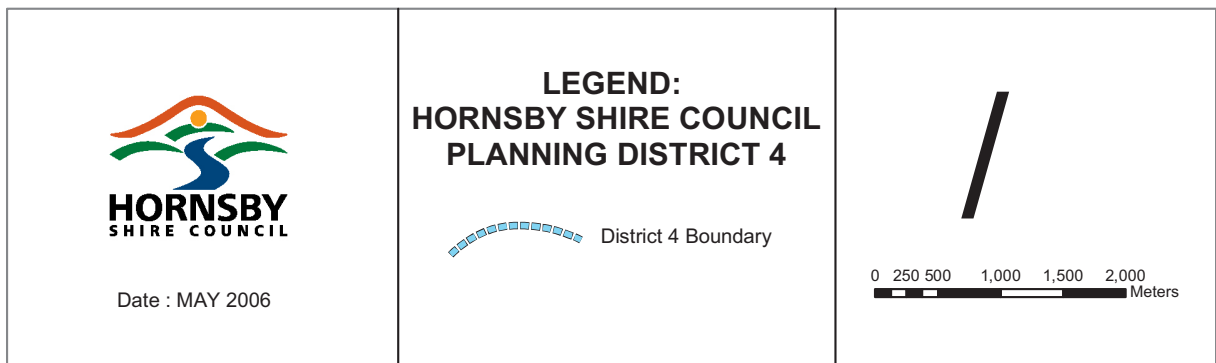
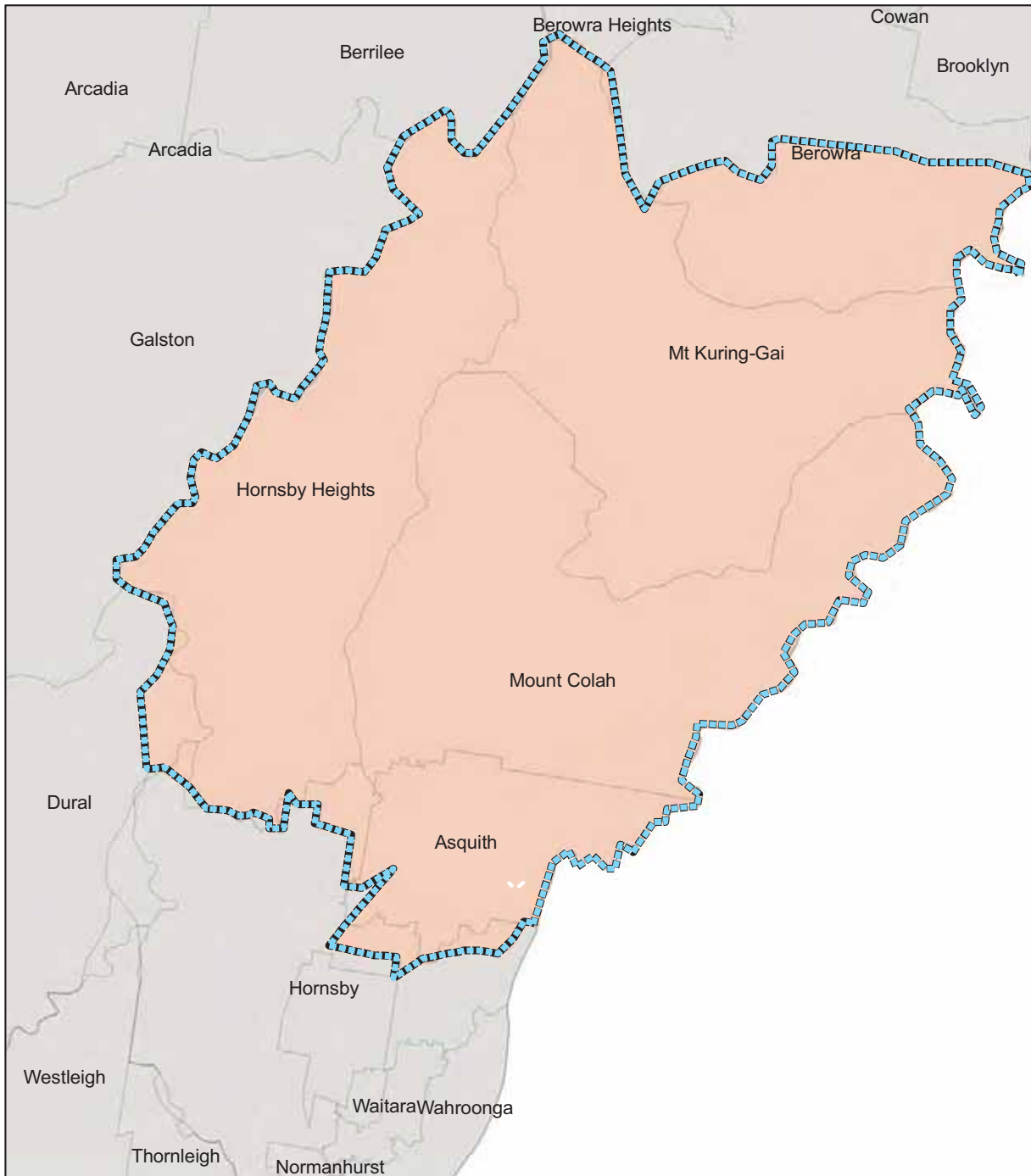


Figure 2: District 4 – Community Land

PART I- MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE OF THE PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

The Plan of Management identifies the values of Hornsby Shire Council's open space, the objectives for management of those values, the issues affecting the land and the strategies for managing, using and developing the land.

The Plan of Management has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* that requires plans of management to be prepared by Councils for all community lands, and the *Crown Lands Act 1989*. Other land under Council care, control and management such as Crown Land has been included in the Plan to ensure a consistent approach to land management.

This Plan of Management is a generic plan, which applies to multiple areas of land. Hornsby Shire Council's community land will be managed in accordance with the core objectives established in the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The Plan of Management outlines Council's objectives and strategic intentions and establishes a program for determining priorities, implementation and measuring performance.

1.2 STRUCTURE OF THE DOCUMENT

The Plan is presented in three parts:

Part 1 is the Management Strategy including background information, statutory planning information, the basis for Council's management, values of the land, objectives for management of the land and authorised uses for the land. This part looks at major management issues relevant to community land to determine outcomes and broad objectives for management.

Part 2 is the Action Plan, which outlines how the objectives will be achieved and actions necessary to fulfil the strategies. This part of the Plan also identifies the manner in which Council will assess its performance in relation to achieving its goals.

Part 3 is the Categorisation Mapping and Asset Information, which contains categorisation maps and provides asset information for all community and Crown land.

The Plan of Management sets strategic directions and objectives for each category of land. The management strategy and action plan are also linked to each category of land.

1.3 PROCESS FOR PREPARING THIS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

The process for preparing this plan of management has included:

- Literature review of statutory planning documents and relevant environmental, open space, heritage and aboriginal studies and reports.
- Community consultation with community members and key stakeholders including representatives from government departments, Aboriginal groups and community groups.
- A public hearing into the proposed categorisation of the community land as required under the *Local Government Act* will be undertaken during the period of public exhibition of the plan.
- Field investigations regarding environmental and recreational values by appropriately qualified consultants and Council staff.

2.0 MANAGEMENT CONTEXT

2.1 LAND COVERED BY THIS PLAN

The Plan applies to all community land within Planning District 4, in accordance with the *Local Government Act*. It also applies to Crown land managed under the *Crown Lands Act* where this land is under the care, control and management of Council.

2.2 MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, OWNERSHIP AND TENURE

The manager of the land covered by this plan is Hornsby Shire Council. The land is owned partly by Hornsby Shire Council and partly by the Crown; hence the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Lands Act 1989* apply in the preparation of this plan of management.

2.3 RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PLANS OF MANAGEMENT

A number of Plans of Management have been previously adopted by Council. Table 1 below outlines the plans, their date of adoption by Council and whether they are current or will be superseded by this generic plan of management.

PLAN NAME	ADOPTION DATE	CURRENT STATUS
Arcadia Park, Arcadia	Previous significant area POM adopted in December 1998, then superseded by POM adopted 9 May 2001	Will be superseded by this Plan of Management
Bar Island, Berowra Creek	10 September 2003	Current
39 & 39A Brooklyn Rd, Brooklyn	Previous POM adopted March 1996	Superseded by Generic POM adopted May 1996
Begonia Rd, Normanhurst	Previous POM adopted September 1995, then superseded by Generic 1996	Superseded by Generic District 2 adopted 10 November 2004
Carmen Crescent, Cherrybrook	Previous POM adopted February 1995, then superseded by Generic 1996	Superseded by Generic District 8 adopted 14 December 2005
Dence Park, Epping	Previous POM adopted 9 May 2001, then superseded by Generic 1996	Superseded by Generic District 1 adopted 10 November 2004
Edgeworth David Park, Hornsby	8 May 2002	Superseded by Generic POM District 3 & 9 14 December 2005
Erlestoke Park, Castle Hill	Previous POM adopted 8 th November 2000, then superseded by Generic 1996	Superseded by Generic 8 adopted 14 December 2005
Fagan Park, Galston	27 November 2003	Current
Galston Recreation Reserve & Oval	Superseded by Generic 1996	Current
Generic POMs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sportsgrounds • Parks and reserves • Bushland 	May 1996 May 1996 Draft adopted November 1998	Will be superseded by Generic Plans of Management for Community Land and Crown Reserves for Districts 1-9
Generic POMs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District 1 • District 2 • District 8 • District 3 & 9 	10 November 2004 10 November 2004 14 December 2005 14 December 2005	Current Current Current
Greenway Park, Cherrybrook	Previous POM adopted 8 November 2000, superseded by specific POM adopted 9	Current

	February 2005	
Hastings Park, Dural	11 June 2003	Superseded by Generic 8 adopted 14 December 2005
Hickory Place, Cherrybrook	Previous POM adopted February 1995, then superseded by Generic 1996	Superseded by Generic 8 adopted 14 December 2005
James Henty Park, Dural	Previous POM adopted November 2000	Superseded by Generic 8 adopted 14 December 2005
Kenley Park, Normanhurst	Previous draft POM deferred Nov 2000	Superseded by Generic District 2 adopted 10 November 2004
Brickpit Park, Normanhurst	Previous draft POM deferred Nov 2000, superseded by POM adopted 10 November 2004	Current
Lillian Fraser Garden, Pennant Hills	8 November 2000	Superseded by Generic District 2 adopted 10 November 2004.
Lyndon Way, Beecroft	Previous POM adopted May 1994, then superseded by Generic 1996	Superseded by Generic District 1 adopted 10 November 2004
Neighbourhood Park: Roslyn Park, Cherrybrook	Previous POMs adopted November 1995, then superseded by Generic 1996	Superseded by Generic 8 adopted 14 December 2005
Neighbourhood Park: Robert Road, Cherrybrook	Previous POMs adopted November 1995, then superseded by Generic 1996	Superseded by Generic 8 adopted 14 December 2005
Neighbourhood Park Yarrabin Crescent, Berowra	Previous POMs adopted November 1995, then superseded by Generic 1996	Will be superseded by Generic POM District 5
Orr Playground- Northumberland Ave, Mt Colah	Previous POM adopted March 96. Was superseded by Generic POM 1996	Will be superseded by Generic POM District 4
Pembroke Street, Epping	Previous POM adopted February 95, then superseded by Generic 1996	Superseded by Generic District 1 adopted 10 November 2004
Pennant Hills Park	Included in Generic POM for Sportsgrounds, Parks and Reserves and Bushland 1996	Significant area plan will be prepared
Ruddock Park, Westleigh	Previous POM adopted 29 October 2003	Superseded by Generic District 2 adopted 10 November 2004
Significant Areas – Bushland	Draft adopted November 2000	Current
Somerville Park, Eastwood	Previous POM adopted 13 February 2002	Superseded by Generic District 1 adopted 10 November 2004
Storey Park, Hornsby	8 November 2000	Superseded by Generic POM District 3 & 9 adopted 14 December 2005
Swan Place, Pennant Hills	June 1996	Superseded by Generic District 2 adopted 10 November 2004
Unwin Park, Waitara	June 1995	Superseded by Generic POM District 3
West Epping Park, Epping	November 2000	Superseded by Generic District 1 adopted 10 November 2004

Table 1: The relationship of this Plan of Management to existing plans adopted by Council

3.0 PLANNING CONTEXT

3.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

3.1.1 Classification and Categorisation

All Council land has been classified as 'community' or 'operational'. Community land in Hornsby Shire has been categorised in accordance with the guidelines in the *Local Government Amendment (Community Land Management) Regulation 1999* (6B-6JA). In accordance with Council policy to apply consistent management to community and Crown land, all Crown land under Council's care, control and management has also been categorised.

The Asset and Inventory in Part 3 of this Plan of Management includes the categorisation of the community and Crown lands under Council's care, control and management within Hornsby Shire.

The Local Government Act establishes core objectives for all categories of community land. Council must manage the community land in accordance with the core objectives of the relevant category of land. Council or community objectives comply with the core objectives established within the Act. The significance of the prescribed core objectives is to ensure that any activities or uses of the land are consistent with the core objectives for that category of land.

The core objectives for land categories applicable to this Plan of Management are contained in Section 7.

3.1.2 Community Land Comprising Habitat of Endangered or Threatened Species and requirements under the NSW Threatened Species Act (1995)

The Local Government Act requires that a plan of management for community land, all or part of which is declared to be critical habitat under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995, is to apply to that area only and not other areas of land. To date there are no declared critical habitats for any endangered species in the Hornsby Shire, however, a number of reserves contain Endangered Ecological Communities listed under Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995. Where community land is directly affected by any recovery plan prepared under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995, it then requires measures specified in the plan to be taken by a specified council or in respect of the land, the plan of management for that land is to apply to that area only and not other areas of land. Therefore land that contains Endangered Ecological Communities has been included in a plan of management prepared for Significant Areas Bushland Plans of Management & Action Plans in 2000. There are no reserves which occur in Planning District 4 that have been included in that plan.

Due to further field survey and additional listings, the following reserves will be added to an amended Significant Areas Bushland Plans of Management & Action Plans document yet to be prepared:

- Berry Park Bushland
- Mt Kuring-gai Park

Berry Park Bushland and Mt Kuring-gai Park are subject to actions identified in the *Darwinia biflora* as a Recovery Plan.

3.2 CROWN LANDS ACT 1989

Crown Land under Council's care, control and management will be managed in accordance with section 11 of the Crown Lands Act 1989.

These principles are:

- “To observe environmental protection principles in relation to the management and administration of Crown land;
- To conserve wherever possible, the natural resources of Crown land (including water, soil, flora, fauna and scenic quality);
- To encourage appropriate public use and enjoyment of Crown land;
- To encourage multiple use of Crown land;
- To use and manage Crown land in such a way that both the land and its resources are sustained in perpetuity where appropriate;
- To deal with Crown land in the best interests of the State consistent with the above principles.”

Additionally, its uses, activities, developments and agreements must be broadly defined by the purposes of the reservation. The types of public purposes used for reserving Crown land under the Crown Lands Act 1989 broadly define the uses and activities permissible on Crown lands and are listed in Table 2.

No	Purpose and Date of Gazettal
	Gazetted 15.12.59
1	Access
2	Accommodation
3	Caravan Park
4	Community Purposes
5	Environmental Protection
6	Government Purposes
7	Heritage Purposes
8	Public Recreation
9	Public Recreation and Coastal Environmental Protection
10	Rural Services
11	Showground
12	Travelling Stock
13	Urban Services
14	Water
15	Dedicated – Public Park
16	Acquired – Future Public Requirements
	Gazetted 22.5.92
17	The Accommodation, Guidance, Education and Welfare of Homeless or Needy Young Persons
	Gazetted 2.9.94
18	Public Entertainment
19	Public Amusement
	Gazetted 24.3.95
20	Tourist Facilities and Services
21	Community and Sporting Club Facilities
22	Recreation Facilities and Services
23	Aquatic Sporting Services
	Gazetted 17.11.95
24	Port Services and Facilities
	Gazetted 27.3.98
25	Racecourse and Recreation Facilities

Table 2: Purposes for which Crown land may be used.

Case Law

In addition land uses on Crown lands are influenced by case law judgements. With respect to land reserved for Public Purposes case law requires that any use must be conducive and ancillary to the Reserve’s public purpose. In order to change a reservation, a land assessment is required under the

Crown Lands Act 1989. This can be waived if the new reserve purpose is considered to be consistent with the Principles of Land Management and it is in the public interest to do so.

Council as Trust Managers may lodge Development Applications for a proposed development on a Crown reserve without the need for the Crown (as owner) to endorse the application, provided a copy of the application is forwarded to the Crown within 14 days of lodgement. “Notwithstanding the above, substantial improvements / developments should not unreasonably alienate the reserve from public use, should be ancillary or incidental to the purpose of the reservation and be consistent with any recommendations of an approved Plan of Management under the Crown Lands Act, 1989.”

Where the proponent is a lessee or licensee of the Trust, the consent of the Crown as owner of the land, will still be required prior to lodgement of a Development Application. Proponents are required to consider the following prior to lodgement of a development application:

- The existence of any unresolved land claims under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983;
- Commonwealth and State Native Title laws and regulations;
- Whether the proposed development is consistent with the reserve purpose; and
- Whether the proposal is consistent with the relevant adopted Plan of Management.

3.3 OTHER RELEVANT LEGISLATION

Council is required to comply with all relevant legislation that applies to the use and management of land. This Plan of Management is required to be consistent with the planning and assessment provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and the relevant sections of the following acts, policies and plans:

3.3.1 Commonwealth Legislation

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)

The EPBC Act relates to biodiversity conservation issues of national interest. It provides the framework for environmental assessment of projects having national importance, and the listing of nationally endangered species. The EPBC Act identifies several matters of national environmental significance, including nationally threatened species and communities, migratory species, wetlands protected under the Ramsar Convention and world heritage areas. Development proposals require assessment and approval under the Act where they are assessed as being likely to have a significant impact on such matters.

Actions requiring approval under the EPBC Act do not include the preparation of plans, agreements or the issuing of approvals, but may include physical activities that follow from these. One specific implication of the EPBC Act for biodiversity planning is that impacts on threatened species must be assessed separately under both Commonwealth and State legislation using different criteria (Land & Environment Planning and Environs Australia 2001).

3.3.2 NSW Legislation

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

State Environmental Planning Policy No 19 -- Bushland in Urban Areas

- (1) Hornsby Shire is specifically named on Schedule 1 of State Environmental Planning Policy 19 – Bushland in Urban Areas, as being an area to which the SEPP applies. Hence this plan of management has been prepared to comply with the aims and objectives of SEPP 19.

The general aim of this Policy is to protect and preserve bushland within the urban areas referred to in Schedule 1 because of:

- (a) its value to the community as part of the natural heritage;
- (b) its aesthetic value; and
- (c) its value as a recreational, educational and scientific resource.

- (2) The specific aims of this policy are:
- (a) to protect the remnants of plant communities which were once characteristic of land now within an urban area;
 - (b) to retain bushland in parcels of a size and configuration which will enable the existing plant and animal communities to survive in the long term;
 - (c) to protect rare and endangered flora and fauna species;
 - (d) to protect habitats for native flora and fauna;
 - (e) to protect wildlife corridors and vegetation links with other nearby bushland;
 - (f) to protect bushland as a natural stabiliser of the soil surface;
 - (g) to protect bushland for its scenic values, and to retain the unique visual identity of the landscape;
 - (h) to protect significant geological features;
 - (i) to protect existing landforms, such as natural drainage lines, watercourses and foreshores;
 - (j) to protect archaeological relics;
 - (k) to protect the recreational potential of bushland;
 - (l) to protect the educational potential of bushland;
 - (m) to maintain bushland in locations which are readily accessible to the community, and
 - (n) to promote the management of bushland in a manner which protects and enhances the quality of the bushland and facilitates public enjoyment of the bushland compatible with its conservation.

Noxious Weeds Act 1993

Under provisions of this Act, Council is responsible for the control of weeds on public land and land owned by Council. The Act provides for the identification, categorisation and control of noxious weeds.

Catchment Management Authorities Act 2003

The **Catchment Management Act 1989** was recently changed to the **Catchment Management Authorities Act 2003** which establishes catchment authorities to prepare and implement catchment action plans. Associated legislation is the **Natural Resources Commission Act 2003** which requires the establishment of state-wide environmental standards and targets.

Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs) have been appointed for all areas of NSW. Planning District 4 lies within the Hawkesbury-Nepean CMA area. Catchment Management Authorities are required to prepare Catchment Action Plans and investment strategies. A draft Catchment Action Plan has been prepared and is consistent with the Hawkesbury Nepean Blueprint which was approved by Cabinet in 2002 for the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment, and sets the overarching natural resource priorities for the catchment. This District 4 Generic Plan is consistent with the Hawkesbury-Nepean draft Catchment Action Plan.

3.4 COUNCIL PLANS AND STRATEGIES

3.4.1 Hornsby Shire Council Strategic Plan 1998 – 2006

Council has developed a Strategic Plan for the period leading up to the Shire's Centenary in 2006. The aim of the Plan is to identify key directions for Council's programs, activities and resource allocations. These directions, with other information, will shape Council's future Management Plans and Operating Plans and Budgets.

Council's Vision Statement is:

“Creating a living environment” through:

- **Engaging the community in the future of the Shire** through education, two-way communication and open decision-making;
- **Protecting the natural environment** through Council policies and planning controls, total catchment management, integrated education and compliance, and an environmental management system;
- **Conserving resources** through a reduce-reuse-recycle approach, integrated environmental planning, and changing the internal work culture;
- **Facilitating increased social well being** through providing equitable access for all groups in the community to information, services and facilities; improved public health and safety in the Shire and equitable provision of sporting, recreational and cultural facilities;
- **Aligning service provision** to meet changing needs through an improved capacity to lead, predict and adapt to changing needs in the community; best value in Council services; and maximising benefits from the use of technology;
- **Integrating land use and transport planning** through use of more sustainable modes of transport such as public transport, walking, bicycles and alternative fuelled vehicles; establishment of effective partnerships in working towards shared goals with other agencies and community groups;
- **Facilitating a diverse local economy** through promoting the Shire's attributes as an employment centre, land-use planning controls, efficient transport solutions, meeting local needs locally and promoting Eco-tourism; and
- **Achieving financial sustainability** through increased financial capacity for expenditure on Council's strategic priorities and a strong financial position for Council.

3.4.2 Council Land Management Goals

From its current Principal Activity Service Plan 2003-2006, the purpose of Council's Environment Division is *'to develop and implement effective water and land management within appropriate industry and community standards and provide effective and efficient programs for: parks, leisure and recreation, landscape design, environmental health and protection, aquatic ecosystem management, bushland management, sustainable land management, property cleansing / maintenance and fire mitigation in the Shire.'* (HSC 2003).

The Parks and Landscape Team's ongoing objectives are:

- Provide for the planning, administration, asset management and maintenance of the Shire's parks, sportsgrounds, playgrounds and treescape on streets;
- Implement Plans of Management for crown /community land;
- Provide ranger patrols of parks;
- Respond efficiently to applications to prune or remove trees on private and public land;
- Assess the impacts on trees of development proposals;
- Promote good tree management and retention of healthy trees;
- Achieve tree planting and other streetscape beautification projects as funding allows;
- Move further towards sustainable asset management;
- Support the Hornsby Shire Sports Council; and
- Lodge applications for grant funding for parks development.

The Bushland and Biodiversity Management Team's ongoing objectives are:

- Implement plans of management for natural areas;
- Contract bush regeneration;
- Undertake noxious weed control in bushland;
- Maintain bushwalking tracks;
- Undertake guided walks program;

- **Bushland management and biodiversity conservation planning;**
- Perform environmental assessments of development applications;
- Integrated bushland/ bushfire management;
- Support Bushcare program/ Bushcare Code;
- Support NPWS in the joint management of Berowra Valley Regional Park;
- Support Council and community committees;
- Assist Works Division with Rural Roads Plan of Management;
- Fox Control Programme;
- Manage the Service Level Agreement between the Rural Fire Service and Council; and
- Manage ISO 9002 and ISO 14001 accreditation.

3.4.3 Leisure Strategic Plan

A comprehensive review of Council's leisure facilities was recently completed in May 2003 with a Stage 2 Report on Demand, Supply and Service Gap Analysis and Stage 3 Report on Recommended Strategies and Action Plans. The Plan included a review of the leisure resources within Hornsby Shire including parks, sportsgrounds, community facilities, aquatic centres and other Council facilities.

The Plan identified the following key service needs:

- Additional sports grounds – particularly for cricket and senior soccer;
- Purpose built facilities for equestrian groups;
- Various upgrading requirements at many parks and sports grounds;
- Improved communication between Council and sports groups and between different sports groups;
- Additional passive parks in some areas;
- Expansion, improvement or disposal of many low value small parks;
- More safe cycling and walking routes;
- A greater diversity of play spaces/ facilities;
- More youth-specific leisure facilities;
- More activity options for older adults;
- More and/ or better distributed leisure information;
- More access to/ interpretation of natural areas;
- New and upgraded indoor sports courts;
- Upgraded and modernised aquatic centres;
- Additional meeting places in some districts;
- Upgrading of some community centres;
- Improved programming of community centres and senior's centres;
- Improved access to a range of facilities for aged and disabled people;
- Community cultural development initiatives, improved spaces for performing and visual arts; and
- Additional library materials and floor space.

This Plan of Management for Community Land and Crown Reserves has been reviewed in light of the completion of the Leisure Strategic Plan.

3.4.4 Biodiversity Conservation Strategy

Council adopted the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy in August 2004 and Action Plan in February 2005 to provide direction for Council and the community on conserving Hornsby Shires unique biodiversity. One of the key findings of the strategy is that the open space system inadequately conserves many of the Shire's vegetation communities including Endangered Ecological Communities in the Hornsby Shire, especially Blue Gum High Forest and Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest. Subsequently, a key objective of the strategy is the net improvement of indigenous vegetation in Hornsby Shire.

To achieve this objective, the strategy includes actions for achieving biodiversity conservation outcomes on Community Land and Crown Reserves. All of the generic Plans

of Management for Community Land and Crown Reserves will reflect these objectives and actions to manage natural areas for conservation.

3.4.5 Catchment Remediation Strategic Plan 2002-2007

As part of the continuing strategy to reduce stormwater pollution in the Shire's waterways, Hornsby Shire Council has developed a catchment remediation Strategic Plan and corresponding budget for water remediation Shire-wide. The strategy serves as a framework for expenditure for funds raised under the Catchment Remediation Rate (CRR) and identifies specific water quality improvements, asset maintenance and lifecycle costing. Installation of water quality devices occur on an ongoing basis and are monitored, maintained by contractors and reported under the CRR program. A major review of the plan will be undertaken in 2007.

3.4.6 Catchment Management for Sports turf Areas

The Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust (now disbanded) developed various best management practices for sports turf areas which are applicable in the Hornsby Shire. Appendix 2 contains an information leaflet developed by the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust for best management practices of sports turf areas. Implementation of best management practices is of particular importance where sports fields adjoin bushland and waterway areas. The aims are to promote the sustainable use of water and nutrient application to sports turf areas.

3.4.7 Sustainable Total Water Cycle Strategy

Council adopted the Sustainable Total Water Cycle Strategy in November 2005 to provide a holistic approach to managing the Shire's complete water cycle and to understand and manage the total water cycle pressure from new and/or existing developments. The Strategy is based on:

- Strategic direction and triple bottom line appreciation;
- A total water cycle focus;
- Council control, influence, and concern for the local environment;
- A holistic approach of incorporating all strategies, plans, and actions; and
- Internal and external stakeholder involvement.

The Strategy incorporates Council's previously adopted HSC Water Management Plan and Water Conservation Policy which applied only to Council assets and practices. Of relevance to this Plan of Management is the finding that Aquatic Centres, Parks and Reserves and Public Buildings are the largest users of water and the plan targets a 20% reduction in water uses and increasing Council's reuse of water within its management practices.

3.4.8 Tree Management Plan

In 1999 Council adopted the following vision statement in regards to the management of vegetation in Hornsby Shire:

'To ensure sustainable conservation and management of locally native and culturally significant vegetation across Hornsby Shire whilst accommodating a diverse range of compatible community activities.'

The Tree Management Plan includes a Tree Management Policy and Tree Preservation Order that seeks to clarify existing legislation relevant to tree management in public and private land.

Guidelines established in the Tree Management Plan will be applied to management of trees on community land within Hornsby Shire. In 2000 Council amended the Tree Management Plan to expand the list of exempt species including a number of noxious and environmental weeds.

3.4.9 Hornsby Open Space Plan

The Hornsby Open Space Plan was prepared in 1997 and provided an overview of open space quality both generally and within the Planning Districts:

- Generally, open space is well distributed with some more isolated residential areas being less well served with local open space. Residents in these areas however, may be compensated by the large areas of surrounding bushland which can provide alternative and appropriate settings for informal recreation such as bushwalking or relaxation. These natural areas generally rated low, except when they were combined with sportsgrounds and parks. However, these areas provide intrinsic qualities that are of value to the community regardless of the level of development of structures or facilities;
- Small open space areas, specifically, small parks, are generally low in quality;
- Most sportsgrounds in the Shire also incorporate natural areas and parks;
- Sportsgrounds are generally high in quality, with a small proportion in the north of the Shire rating medium;
- Natural areas occupy a significant part of the physical area of open space land;
- The local government area includes large areas of national park which are not owned or managed by Hornsby Council;
- The quality and number of open space areas were significantly lower in the northern areas of the Shire when compared to the amount and quality of open space in the south. This may accurately reflect population distribution; and
- Upgrading quality, particularly useability attributes of open space with low quality ratings, may assist council in meeting current and future recreation demand.

3.4.10 Council's Bushland Restoration Strategy

With the large amount of natural areas within the Shire and the limited resources available, Council has developed the following criteria to assist in prioritising bushland regeneration and restoration works:

- Conservation of core bushland areas which are the largest, the least disturbed and zoned appropriately for their protection;
- Protection / restoration of bushland areas considered to be of high conservation significance and of national, state, regional and local significance, including threatened species, endangered populations or endangered ecological communities;
- Conservation of fauna habitat especially where there is core bushland and bushland corridors;
- Eradication of serious noxious weeds required to be controlled under the *Noxious Weeds Act (1993)*;
- Bush regeneration on a catchment basis so as to address areas at the headwaters of the catchment and drainage lines that are likely to be a source for further weed invasion; and
- Bush regeneration in areas with active community Bushcare involvement.

3.4.11 Management of Community Centres / Council Owned Community Facilities

Council's Management Plan in its program 'People Services' has set a management goal 'to manage and administer the provision of community facilities through community halls and centres in the Shire'.

Council is committed to providing fair and equitable access to its community facilities and in promoting partnership agreements between Council and community groups for the best possible use of community facilities. Council is also committed to providing a fair and equitable process for community groups to have access to available Council owned facilities for their lease or licence. It does so in order to effectively and equitably utilise the facilities

so that they return optimum benefits to Council and the community and that they meet social and community needs identified through Council's planning process.

In exercising its authority under Section 377 of the Local Government Act, Council has delegated its responsibility for the care, control and management of community centres to various management committees through deeds of agreement.

Agreements include the objective that Council intends that halls 'be made available for the recreation and enjoyment of members of the public'. It also provides that Associations shall have care and control of halls and shall manage them on behalf of Council; and shall manage halls in close co-operation with Council as a place for the recreation, enjoyment and welfare of the public.

3.4.12 Council's Facility Management Policies

Council has acknowledged its role in facility management in a document entitled 'Operations Manual for Hall Committees'. Council's role in facility management is defined in the following terms:

- The dispersal of communities within the Shire over 25 suburbs and many rural and river settlements, calls for the provision of facilities for community use;
- Community groups require localised facilities for social, educational, cultural and recreational purposes, and a Community Centre is an effective response to these needs;
- Size, scope and facilities of each centre differ according to the variety and magnitude of local needs;
- Council has delegated the management of most of its Community Centres to publicly elected Committees appointed under Section 377 of the Local Government Act; and
- Management of community facilities by representatives of user groups and local residents ensure that services provided by the facility conforms by and large to user requirements and to the needs of the local community.

3.4.13 Management Criteria

The following policies may be applied as a basis for management of Community Centres:

- Centres are available for use by the community at acceptable standards;
- Centres are available for use by all sections of the community, and no person or group will be denied access, excepting those engaging in activities that are deemed illegal or counter to the welfare of the community;
- Fees charged for users of centres are fair and reasonable;
- Centres are maintained at safety standards prescribed by law; and
- Management of centres shall not be done on a profit-making basis.

3.4.14 Expressions of Interest (EOI)

The EOI process applies to leasing or licensing of community facilities that have become available where it is determined they be used for meeting a community need. Community facilities identified in this process are to be targeted to not for profit, community organisations.

Community organisations offering expressions of interest must demonstrate to Council that they:

- Are incorporated and have current public liability insurance that satisfies the requirements of Council's Risk and Insurance Manager;
- Have in place effective management and financial systems;
- Are meeting a social and community need consistent with Council's planning processes (including Council's Social Plan 2000-2005);
- Are able to supply a copy of their latest audited statement and annual report; and
- Have links with the local community by identifying a consultation process, any current partnerships or collaborative arrangements and funding sources.

Allocation of the community facility to community groups will be based on a process of consultation and assessment against criteria identified. An integral part of Council's decision making process in assessing applications is that organisations:

- Demonstrate that they are meeting a clearly defined need;
- Demonstrate their consultative links to the community; and
- Demonstrate their ability to run a quality service based on sound operational and financial management.

Leases and licences granted must be permissible within the zoning table as set out in the Hornsby Shire LEP (1994) and must comply with the core objectives of the Local Government Act (NSW) 1993. Council must manage the community land in accordance with the core objectives of the relevant category of land.

In addition, any use of the facility would be subject to prior development consent from Council. Accordingly it would be expected that organisations successful in securing a premises obtain the necessary approvals.

Organisations successful in securing premises will enter into a licensing or lease arrangement with Council. Council's policies (CSISAS 12 – Delegation of Authority to Grant Lease / Licence Agreements, CSISAS 13 - Use of Council Buildings by Kindergartens and CSISAS 14 - Lease/Licence of Council Land) are applicable to community organisations entering into a formal lease or licence.

3.4.15 Hornsby Shire Council Social Plan 2005 – 2010

A major review of Hornsby's Social Plan was completed in 2004. It reflects a fundamental commitment by Hornsby Council to enhance the wellbeing of the people of the Hornsby Shire. Council has recently reviewed and rewritten chapters dealing with:

- Children;
- Young people;
- People with disabilities;
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people ;
- Women;
- Culturally and linguistically diverse communities;
- Older people; and
- Drug action strategy.

3.4.16 Hornsby Shire Heritage Study

A comprehensive study of the environmental heritage of Hornsby Shire was prepared in 1993. The study involved preparation of a brief history of the Shire and a comprehensive field survey and analysis. The study included a strategy for the conservation of Hornsby Shire's valuable heritage and a comprehensive inventory of heritage items. The study resulted in heritage provisions being included in the Hornsby Shire Local Environment Plan (LEP), 1994. These provisions enable the effective management of the heritage resources of Hornsby. The LEP includes individually listed heritage items (buildings, gardens, trees, structures and archaeological sites) and heritage conservation areas (areas of collective historic importance and character) that were identified in the Heritage Study.

A Heritage Development Control Plan (DCP) has also been developed and applies to heritage items, heritage conservation areas and lands in the vicinity of heritage items and heritage conservation areas as identified under the Hornsby LEP. The purpose of the DCP is to provide guidance and outline specific controls for development relating to heritage items and heritage conservation areas.

Where development is proposed for community land identified as having historical significance, applications and work will be implemented in accordance with the requirements of the Hornsby Shire Heritage Development Control Plan 1995.

3.4.17 Aboriginal Heritage Study

An Aboriginal Heritage Study was commissioned in 1996 to undertake a survey and provide management recommendations for aboriginal sites within the Shire. The main priority for the management of all Aboriginal sites that occur on community land is their preservation in consultation with the Aboriginal community.

All sites within natural areas will be managed for the conservation and protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage. The National Parks and Wildlife Service is the state government authority responsible for the protection and conservation of objects, places or features of significance to Aboriginal people. The Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (established under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 for the acquisition of land for the provision of land rights) envisages its role as the custodian of all sites and places in the metropolitan area and to protect and preserve Aboriginal Heritage. Council land managers will liaise with the Land Council and the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (Aboriginal Heritage Officer) on any proposed protection works or any new sites that are discovered on land managed by Council.

3.4.18 State of Environment Reporting

State of the Environment Reporting is a key mechanism for assessing progress towards sustainability and is a record of the Shire's environmental quality. It includes reports on the sectors of air, land, water, biodiversity, waste, noise, Aboriginal heritage, non-Aboriginal heritage and includes social indicators. The twelve highest priority environmental issues identified each year are to be addressed in the following Corporate Management Plan.

4.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND

Planning District 4 includes the suburbs of Asquith, Berowra, Hornsby, Hornsby Heights, Mt Colah and Mt Kuring-gai. Hassell (1997) described the distribution and the quality of the open space within Planning District 4 as:

“This district, including the suburbs of Asquith, Mt. Colah, Mt. Kuring-gai and Hornsby Heights is dominated by open space land. The Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park occupies the entire eastern area of the district. It should be noted, however, that this area of national park is not owned or managed by Council.

The Berowra Valley Bushland Park dominates the western and central areas of Planning District 4. There are several high quality areas, 10 in total, including a mix of parks, sportsgrounds and natural areas, such as Montview Oval, Hornsby Heights and Parklands Oval, Hornsby Heights. The majority, however are sportsgrounds. District 4 also contains a series of small parks which are mostly located within the western area of the district and are generally low in quality.”

4.1 CATCHMENT CONTEXT

The whole of Planning District 4 lies within the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment with water flowing via Berowra Creek to the west of the Pacific Highway or Cowan Creek to the east.

4.2 TOPOGRAPHY, GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Hawkesbury sandstone is the predominant geological formation of District 4 with small areas of Wianamatta shale occurring in Asquith on the flatter ridges near the highway. Typically, Hawkesbury sandstone gives rise to shallow, coarse soils of low-moderate fertility, while Wianamatta shale gives rise to slightly higher fertility clay soils.

4.3 NATIVE VEGETATION

The Hornsby Shire has a particularly high diversity of native plant species when compared to other local government areas, with in the order of 1,000 species (Fallding *et al*, 1994) and a total of 26 threatened plant species occurring (Hornsby Shire Biodiversity Conservation Strategy, 2004).

Apart from the area of Berowra Valley Regional Park and some adjoining medium sized council reserves the majority of native vegetation in the district has been cleared. Historically, the flatter and relatively fertile ridge top of Wianamatta shale supported tall, open forests of Blackbutts, Blue Gum and Turpentine while numerous sandstone communities existed, many of which are still well represented within the shire. District 4 contains some very significant native vegetation within public reserves.

Plant species, populations and communities of conservation significance within the study District 4

Species of National Significance (Listed under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999 plus Vulnerable Species under NSW TSC Act 1995):

- *Darwinia biflora*;
- *Leptospermum deanei*;
- *Melaleuca deanei*; and
- *Tetratheca glandulosa*;

Species of State significance:

- *Endangered Species (Schedule 1, NSW TSC Act, 1995)*;
- *Persoonia mollis subsp. Maxima*;
- *Vulnerable Species (Schedule 2, NSW TSC Act, 1995)*;
- *Darwinia peduncularis*; and
- *Epacris purpurascens var. purpurascens*.

Endangered Ecological Communities of National Significance:

- *Sydney Turpentine-Ironbark Forest.*

Endangered Ecological Communities of State Significance:

- *River-flat Eucalypt Forest on Coastal Floodplains of the NSW North Coast, Sydney Basin and South East Corner Bioregions; and*
- *Coastal Saltmarsh in the NSW North Coast, Sydney Basin and South East Corner Bioregions.*

Vegetation Communities of Local Significance

- *Eucalyptus sieberi – C. gummifera – E. haemastoma Community E;*
- *Eucalyptus pilularis – Angophora floribunda, Community P; and*
- *Mangroves; Community W.*

4.4 FAUNA AND HABITAT

The Hornsby Shire provides habitat for a diverse range of fauna species, with a total of 388 native terrestrial vertebrate animal species occurring, or likely to occur, in the Shire. This includes 29 frogs, 51 reptiles, 55 mammals and 253 birds. In addition, 18 introduced fauna species have been recorded (Fallding *et al*, 1994). Bushland areas within the Shire are currently significantly fragmented, especially by roads and urban development. Up to 42 endangered or threatened fauna species may occur within the Hornsby Shire, these comprising 10% of total native terrestrial vertebrate species. These endangered or threatened species are reliant on the remaining bushland within and surrounding the Shire for their continued existence (Fallding *et al*, 1994, draft Hornsby Shire Biodiversity Conservation Strategy, 2004).

Fauna species and populations of conservation significance within community and Crown land in District 4

Vulnerable Species (Schedule 2, NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act, 1995):

- *Giant Burrowing Frog;*
- *Red-crowned Toadlet;*
- *Heath Monitor;*
- *Glossy Black-Cockatoo;*
- *Powerful Owl;*
- *Eastern Bent-wing Bat;*
- *Koala; and*
- *Grey-headed Flying Fox.*

4.5 ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE

The Aboriginal language group of the area was the Guringai people and known Aboriginal heritage items such as rock engravings and art exist within the district.

There is one bushland reserve in District 4 with Aboriginal relics nearby being a potential archaeological deposit near Margaret Street Bushland within Berowra Valley Regional Park

4.6 EUROPEAN CULTURAL HERITAGE

Items of local or regional heritage significance

There are seven parks and reserves with items of local heritage significance listed in the Hornsby LEP in Planning District 4, as follow:

1. Mills Park;
2. Rofe Park;
3. Hopeville Park;
4. Leonora Close Playground;

5. Peat Park;
6. Hunt Reserve; and
7. Berry Park

Additionally, Crosslands Reserve is of regional heritage significance, listed in the Hornsby LEP.

5.0 VALUE STATEMENT

The Hornsby Shire Recreation Needs Study 1991 and telephone survey of 200 residents have identified a number of environmental, recreational and social values of open space in Hornsby Shire.

5.1 VALUES OF ALL CATEGORIES OF LAND

Open space, whether it be bushland, sportsgrounds, neighbourhood parks or other, plays a range of roles in the Shire and is valued in different ways by the community.

Environmental, recreational and social values of open space in Hornsby Shire include:

- Scenic amenity;
- Catchment protection;
- Biodiversity conservation;
- Recreation;
- Environmental education;
- Cultural heritage conservation; and
- Community purposes including participation in open space management.

5.2 VALUES OF PARKS AND SPORTSGROUNDS

- Exercise/ sport including organised sport, walking, cycling etc;
- Relaxation;
- Somewhere for children to play;
- Open space;
- For family recreation;
- Aesthetics;
- The large number and type of parks;
- Clean and well maintained nature;
- Small neighbourhood parks;
- Knowing that they are there;
- Trees and shade; and
- For dog walking.

5.3 VALUES OF NATURAL AREAS

- The natural bushland and wildlife;
- Aesthetics;
- Bushland is a large contributing factor to landscape character;
- Bushland is a repository for natural heritage;
- Bushwalking;
- Bird watching; and
- Protection of soils and waterways in the catchment.

5.4 VALUES OF GENERAL COMMUNITY USE AND AREAS OF CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

- A social meeting place;
- They are free;
- Involvement in open space management and community activities;
- Items of European cultural heritage;
- Sites of Aboriginal archaeological or anthropological significance;
- Knowing that they are there;
- Safety;
- Solitude; and
- Relaxation.

6.0 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Council's open space areas are significant because:

- They have important natural values;
- They feature items of cultural heritage significance including European heritage, street trees, bushland, church buildings, monuments and memorials;
- They provide an educational resources including community centres , a variety of garden and park styles and natural systems;
- They provide important visual quality featuring bushland and creekline landscape elements, distinct park character zones and garden space; and
- They provide recreation and leisure features providing for informal picnic and BBQ, informal recreation and sporting activities, and venues for events.

Council's natural areas are significant because:

- They provide a 'green space' in the built environment, contributing to the landscape quality and scenic amenity of urban areas;
- They provide important habitat for native plants and animals which would otherwise become locally or regionally extinct;
- They provide a corridor for the movement of migratory and nomadic animals, particularly birds, through the urban area;
- They are important for scientific studies, providing a record of the original landscape and vegetation and the changes wrought by urban development;
- They are an important educational resource, and often the first point of contact with nature for many urban residents;
- They provide nearby schools and other educational institutions with natural areas which can be visited and where it is feasible to carry out studies requiring repeat investigations; and
- They enable urban residents to undertake recreational pursuits in a bushland setting.

In addition to these general features, reserves in Planning District 4 are significant because they:

- Protect examples of bushland of the Asquith, Berowra, Hornsby, Hornsby Heights, Mt Colah and Mt Kuring-gai areas in a range of conditions, a few of which represent an example of bushland in a similar condition to that when the area was first colonised;
- Include samples of four nationally significant plant species;
- Contain three plant species threatened in NSW;
- Contain two NSW Endangered Ecological Communities;
- Contain three locally significant vegetation communities;
- Represent a component of Hawkesbury sandstone vegetation - the richest assemblage of xeromorphic species in eastern Australia;
- They form wildlife habitats, corridors and urban habitat links from Berowra Valley Regional Park through to Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park;
- Provide habitat for eight species of NSW 'vulnerable' fauna;
- Provide surrounding local residents with an easily accessible bushland setting for passive recreational pursuits;
- The reserves are surrounded by residential development, providing local residents with an easily accessible bushland setting for passive recreational pursuits; and
- They contain 8 heritage listed items, providing a link between the heritage and history of the area for residents.

7.0 BASIS FOR MANAGEMENT

7.1 CORE OBJECTIVES UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

7.1.1 Core Objectives for Sportsgrounds

The core objectives of community land categorised as a sportsground are:

- a) *'To encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games; and*
- b) *To ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.'*

7.1.2 Core Objectives for Parks

The core objectives of community land categorised as a park are:

- a) *'To encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities;*
- b) *To provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of game; and*
- c) *To improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.'*

7.1.3 Core Objectives for Areas of Cultural Significance

The core objectives for community land categorised as an area of cultural significance are:

- 1) *'The core objectives for management of community land categorised as area of cultural significance are to retain and enhance the cultural significance of the area (namely its Aboriginal, aesthetic, archaeological, historical, technical or research or social significance) for past, present and future generations by the active use of conservation methods.*
- 2) *Those conservation methods may include any or all of the following methods:*
 - a) *The continuous protective care and maintenance of the physical material of the land or of the context and setting of the area of cultural significance;*
 - b) *The restoration of the land, that is, the returning of the existing physical material of the land to a known earlier state by removing accretions or by reassembling existing components without the introduction of new material;*
 - c) *The reconstruction of the land, that is, the returning of the land as nearly as possible to a known earlier state;*
 - d) *The adaptive reuse of the land, that is, the enhancement or reinforcement of the cultural significance of the land by the introduction of sympathetic alterations or additions to allow compatible uses (that is, uses that involve no changes to the cultural significance of the physical material of the area, or uses that involve changes that are substantially reversible or changes that require a minimum impact);*
 - e) *The preservation of the land, that is, the maintenance of the physical material of the land in its existing state and the retardation of deterioration of the land.*

- 3) *A reference in subsection (2) to land includes a reference to any buildings erected on the land.'*

7.1.4 Core Objectives for Areas of General Community Use

The core objectives of community land categorised as general community use are:

"To promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:

- a) In relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and*
- b) In relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities)."*

7.1.5 Core Objectives for Natural Areas

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a natural area are:

- a) 'To conserve biodiversity and maintain ecosystem function in respect of the land, or the feature or habitat in respect of which the land is categorised as a natural area;*
- b) To maintain the land, or that feature or habitat, in its natural state and setting,;*
- c) To provide for the restoration and regeneration of the land;*
- d) To provide for community use of and access to the land in such a manner as will minimise and mitigate any disturbance caused by human intrusion; and*
- e) To assist in and facilitate the implementation of any provisions restricting the use and management of the land that are set out in a recovery plan or threat abatement plan prepared under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 or the Fisheries Management Act 1994.'*

The core objectives of management of community land categorised as bushland are:

- a) 'To ensure the ongoing ecological viability of the land by protecting the ecological biodiversity and habitat values of the land, the flora and fauna (including invertebrates, fungi and micro-organisms) of the land and other ecological values of the land;*
- b) To protect the aesthetic, heritage, recreational, educational and scientific values of the land;*
- c) To promote the management of the land in a manner that protects and enhances the values and quality of the land and facilitates public enjoyment of the land, and to implement measures directed to minimising or mitigating any disturbance caused by human intrusion;*
- d) To restore degraded bushland;*
- e) To protect existing landforms such as natural drainage lines, watercourses and foreshores;*
- f) To retain bushland in parcels of a size and configuration that will enable the existing plant and animal communities to survive in the long term; and*
- g) To protect bushland as a natural stabiliser of the soil surface.'*

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as wetland are:

- a) *'To protect the biodiversity and ecological values of wetlands, with particular reference to their hydrological environment (including water quality and water flow), and to the flora, fauna and habitat values of the wetlands;*
- b) *To restore and regenerate degraded wetlands; and*
- c) *To facilitate community education in relation to wetlands, and the community use of wetlands, without compromising the ecological values of the wetlands.'*

The core objectives for management for community land categorised as escarpment are:

- a) *'To protect any important geological, geomorphological or scenic features of the escarpment; and*
- b) *To facilitate safe community use and enjoyment of the escarpment.'*

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a watercourse are:

- a) *'To manage watercourses so as to protect the biodiversity and ecological values of the instream environment, particularly in relation to water quality and water flows;*
- b) *To manage watercourses so as to protect the riparian environment, particularly in relation to riparian vegetation and habitats and bank stability;*
- c) *To restore degraded watercourses, and*
- d) *To promote community education, and community access to and use of the watercourse, without compromising the other core objectives of the category.'*

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as foreshore are:

- a) *To maintain the foreshore as a transition area between the aquatic and the terrestrial environment, and to protect and enhance all functions associated with the foreshore's role as a transition area; and*
- b) *To facilitate the ecologically sustainable use of the foreshore, and to mitigate impact on the foreshore by community use.'*

7.2 MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES FOR THE HORNSBY SHIRE

7.2.1 Aims and Objectives for all Categories of Land in the Hornsby Shire

The aims and objectives for all categories of land in the Hornsby Shire are:

- To protect and restore the natural environment and ecosystem functions, particularly bushland, waterways, biodiversity, habitat features and corridors;
- To protect the scenic quality, natural landscape character and aesthetic values of the open space;
- To protect, conserve, enhance and where appropriate, restore cultural Aboriginal and European heritage;
- To enhance community understanding and appreciation of Hornsby's natural and cultural heritage through interpretation and other appropriate facilities and activities;
- To promote sustainable management and development of open space;
- To reduce fertiliser usage and application rates on sports turf;
- To remove nutrients before they escape to adjacent water bodies through the use of best management practices eg. rough areas, contour drains, sediment ponds;

- To minimise the irrigation requirements through appropriate turf selection, use of indigenous landscapes and irrigation based on daily climatic conditions;
- To provide facilities for both passive and active recreation in consideration of the needs of the current and future community, user groups and locality characteristics at an appropriate level that will minimise any impacts;
- To provide ancillary facilities to enhance the community use of the land;
- To ensure open space and recreational facilities are distributed appropriately and with consideration to equity of access;
- For park management to respond to opportunities and constraints to improve the quality of open space;
- To seek an increase in the use of open space through a variety of activities, multi-use where appropriate and design flexibility;
- To encourage community involvement in the use and management of Council's open space through community volunteer and other programs;
- To provide opportunities for the involvement of indigenous and NESB communities in management of Council's open space; and
- To provide integrated walking and cycle track links within the open space system where appropriate, connecting to public transport, footpaths and other networks.

7.2.2 Aims and Objectives for Bushland in the Hornsby Shire

In addition to the above core objectives as set out in Section 36E of the Local Government Act (1993), the following specific aims have been developed for bushland management in the Hornsby Shire.

General aim

- To conserve Hornsby Shire's bushland for public recreation and education whilst protecting its natural, cultural and aesthetic values. Bushland management will be undertaken on a total catchment basis with a regional perspective.

Specific aims

- Protect, conserve, enhance, restore and regenerate the Shire's unique natural flora and fauna;
- Protect, conserve and restore biodiversity within the Shire including threatened animal and plant species, endangered populations and endangered ecological communities;
- Ameliorate threatening processes such as pollution from urban runoff and stormwater, weed invasion, dieback, inappropriate fire and feral animals;
- Preserve our natural and cultural heritage including Aboriginal sites and historic features;
- Protect, conserve and enhance the aesthetic and scenic qualities of the bushland environment;
- Provide the community with well maintained bushland for low impact recreational activities consistent with conservation of the bushland;
- Promote community and neighbour participation in bushland management;
- Provide opportunity for low impact scientific and educational inquiry into the bushland environment consistent with other objectives; and
- Manage and protect bushland on a total catchment basis with particular attention to the urban interface.

7.2.3 Aims For Significant Areas comprising Endangered Ecological Communities in the Hornsby Shire

The *Threatened Biota Conservation Plan* adopted by Council, outlines management recommendations for threatened species, populations and ecological communities occurring within the Shire. Recommendations for the following endangered ecological communities are relevant to the Plans of Management contained within this document.

Blue Gum High Forest

Publicly owned remnants must be conserved as fully as possible and linked to other remnants. Wherever feasible, remnants should be conserved and enhanced:

- Cease mowing parks where there is opportunity to rehabilitate this endangered community;
- Undertake professional bush regeneration works in sites affected by weed invasion;
- Curtail excessive recreational use in areas that could be rehabilitated;
- Prevent further substantial losses of this community;
- Map this community on private land and apply protective zoning; and
- Undertake a project to link remnants using appropriate species to be planted along road reserves, other open space and in gardens.

Sydney Turpentine-Ironbark Forest

Wherever feasible, remnants should be conserved and enhanced through long-term protection involving expansion and linking of remnants:

- Cease mowing in parks where there is opportunity to rehabilitate this endangered community;
- Undertake professional bush regeneration works in sites affected by weed invasion;
- Curtail excessive recreational use in areas that could be rehabilitated;
- Prevent further substantial losses of this community;
- Map this community on private land and apply protective zoning; and
- Undertake a project to link remnants using appropriate species to be planted along road reserves, other open space and in gardens.

8.0 MANAGEMENT ISSUES

8.1 MANAGEMENT ISSUES FOR NATURAL AREAS

The management issues for nature areas are:

- Loss of vegetation to urban development;
- Bushfire management especially too frequent and/or too cool fires;
- Land clearing;
- Weed invasion by Small-leaved Privet, Large-leaved Privet, Wandering Jew, Lantana, Pampas Grass, Turkey Rhubarb, Cats Claw Creeper, Morning Glory, Madeira Vine, Genista;
- Expansion pressure on bushland versus urban development;
- Stormwater pollution due to urban runoff;
- Altered drainage;
- Sedimentation, erosion;
- Rubbish dumping;
- Encroachments;
- Predation by cats and foxes;
- Impacts of rabbits;
- Loss of urban trees with hollows;
- Mowing in parks;
- Illegal trail and bmx bike riding;
- Loss of pollinators due to European Honeybee;
- Isolation of populations of flora and fauna;
- Unauthorised creation and use of tracks; and
- Lack of track interpretation.

8.2 MANAGEMENT ISSUES FOR PARKS AND SPORTSGROUNDS

Management issues for parks and sportsgrounds are:

- Need for quality parks and sportsgrounds for the varied needs of its present and future population;
- Need to evaluate underutilised land or facilities for possible disposal for provision of new facilities;
- Pressure on larger sites to provide for varied recreation needs;
- Provision of facilities for a range of ages and abilities and both genders;
- Achieving cost effective provision of facilities;
- Achieving good community partnerships in park and sportsground management;
- Level of maintenance and asset management for park assets;
- Provision of shade;
- Provision close to residential areas;
- Safety of equipment where provided;
- Vandalism and anti-social behaviour;

- Pedestrian and disabled/ stroller access;
- Rubbish / litter;
- Fencing;
- Toilet facilities;
- Dog control;
- Lack of facilities including sports grounds, equestrian, indoor sports courts, leash free dog runs; and
- Need for upgraded aquatic centres.

8.3 MANAGEMENT ISSUES FOR AREAS OF GENERAL COMMUNITY USE

The management issues for areas of general community use are:

- Level of maintenance;
- Provision for activities for different age groups;
- Lack of youth-specific leisure facilities;
- Lack of activity facilities for older adults;
- Need for upgrading of community centres;
- Lack of access to a range of facilities for aged and disabled people; and
- Lack of spaces for performing and visual arts.

8.4 MANAGEMENT ISSUES FOR AREAS OF CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The management issues for areas of cultural significance are:

- Deterioration of heritage items or structures;
- Effective liaison with indigenous and NESB communities; and
- Lack of funding for maintenance or restoration of heritage items or structures.

9.0 WHAT DEVELOPMENT IS ALLOWABLE UNDER THE PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

The Hornsby Shire Local Environment Plan 1994 (HSLEP) sets out in general terms types of developments permissible within a zone, either with or without Council's consent, exempt and complying development and prohibited developments.

9.1 HORNSBY SHIRE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 1994

All development and activities in Community Land and Crown Reserves are to be carried out in accordance with the zoning of Open Space A or Open Space B zoning under the Hornsby Shire LEP 1994 below:

Objectives:

- a) *'To ensure there is provision of adequate open space to meet the needs of the community and to enhance the environmental quality of the Hornsby area (for Open Space A Public Recreation – Local);*
- b) *To ensure there is provision of adequate open space to meet the needs of the regional community and to enhance the environmental quality of the Hornsby area (for Open Space B Public Recreation – District);*
- c) *To encourage a diversity of recreational settings and facilities; and*
- d) *To protect and preserve areas of urban bushland which are considered valuable in terms of their ecology.'*

Without Development Consent:

Bushfire hazard reduction (except ancillary buildings), gardening and landscaping may be carried out without development consent, but may require approval under Part V of the EP&A Act, 1979. In addition development carried out by or on behalf of the Council for the purposes of the following may be carried out on any land without development consent (HSLEP 1994) for the following (subject to notification provisions):

- (a) *Construction or maintenance of stormwater drainage, water quality treatment devices, water tanks, recreation areas, public amenities, temporary storage facilities;*
- (b) *Installation or maintenance of street furniture, such as seats, Council information signs, street signs, street lights, bus shelters, garbage and recycling containers and bins, bollards, flag poles, telephone kiosks and the like, but not fixed outdoor vending machines;*
- (c) *Construction and maintenance of roads, footpaths, cycleways, parking areas, fire trails, walking tracks and other public pedestrian areas, roads, including tree planting and repaving, street surfacing, reconstruction of kerbs, gutters and the like;*
- (d) *Installation or maintenance of park furniture including seats, picnic tables, barbecue units and shelters, awnings and shade structures, gazebos and pergolas, bollards, playground equipment, flag poles, bridges, staircases, boardwalks, lighting (excluding ovals, tennis courts and the like) and Council information signs;*
- (e) *Installation and maintenance of goal posts, sight screens, fencing and similar ancillary sporting structures on sporting or playing fields for use in the playing/performance of sporting events (excluding grandstands, dressing sheds and other structures);*
- (f) *Installation and maintenance of temporary structures for special events, including marquees, booth toilets, stages, tents, scaffolds and the like;*
- (g) *bush fire hazard reduction carried out in accordance with a bush fire management plan under the Rural Fires Act 1997; and*
- (h) *Bush regeneration, landscaping, gardening, tree planting, tree maintenance and tree removal.*

Only With Development Consent

Agricultural structures, agriculture, aquaculture, buildings ancillary to bushfire hazard reduction, gardening or landscaping, camp or caravan sites, car parks, cemeteries, child care centres, communication facilities, community facilities, dams, demolition, entertainment facilities, forestry, intensive animal establishments, intensive horticulture establishments, public buildings, recreation areas, recreation facilities, utility installations and subdivision.

Prohibited

Development that is not permitted without development consent or permitted only with development consent.

9.2 COMMUNITY LAND

This Plan approves activities permissible under the HSLEP as it is considered that the zoning and development controls on these lands appropriately reflect Council's management aims.

As Council considers necessary, development allowable under this Plan of Management may include the following, where it complies with the core objectives for the relevant categorisation:

- Asset maintenance such as renewal / replacement of assets and upgrades;
- Change of sporting uses where change is not significant eg. from one ball sport to another;
- Landscaping, gardening and reclamation of surplus grassed areas for bush regeneration, restoration or planting of wildlife corridors;
- Provision of facilities ancillary to existing uses including seating, picnic and barbecue facilities, shelters, lighting for security or night training, drainage, irrigation, goal posts, dug-outs, cricket wickets, car parking, access roads, fencing, and pathways;
- Development of leash free dog runs;
- Tree planting, removal and maintenance;
- Development of safe bike tracks and skateboard areas;
- Provision of play spaces/ facilities;
- Provision of youth-specific leisure facilities;
- Signage including interpretive signage;
- Provision of indoor sports facilities;
- Provision of upgraded aquatic centres;
- Use of community land categorised as 'park', 'sportsground' or 'general community use' for the temporary storage of materials associated with maintenance activities where there will be no adverse impacts on the community land or adjoining properties;
- The staging of special events such as fetes, festivals, carol singing, movie or musical events, fun runs, gala sports carnivals, intercity bike rides, marathon stages and community education;
- The staging of community-operated markets;
- Installation of temporary structures for special events eg. marquees, booth toilets, stages, tents, sound systems etc;
- Weed control and bushland regeneration and restoration;
- Feral animal control programs;
- Maintenance, closure and upgrade of walking tracks;
- Minor erosion control and soil stabilisation works;
- Bushland and wetland regeneration and restoration;
- Works and studies that promote the scientific or educational value of bushland;
- Purpose built facilities for equestrian groups;
- Upgrading of community centres;
- Access to a range of facilities for aged and disabled people; and
- Spaces for performing and visual arts.

Council recognises the social and economic values of sportsgrounds and reserves to the community including the construction, maintenance and use of facilities.

Some minor Council works and activities can take place without obtaining development consent as outlined in the Exempt and Complying Development – Development Control Plan (2000). Where minor Council works or activities are proposed, Council will consider environmental impacts and if considered necessary, alternatives to a proposal. Where there are no justifiable alternatives to a proposal to facilitate the public's enjoyment in parks and sportsgrounds, the nature of impacts and means to minimise them will be addressed as outlined in the Action Plan of this Plan of Management.

Where other minor Council works are undertaken, proposals may still require assessment under Part V of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and may also require exhibition of the proposal.

Major development that is acceptable under the core objectives for the relative category may require a Development Application under Part IV of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

If there is any further development of community land other than authorised by this Plan of Management, or a change in the categorisation of any community land is proposed, amendment and re-exhibition of the Plan of Management will be required.

9.3 MASTERPLANS

Masterplans will be prepared on an as needs basis to detail proposed uses of individual reserves. Consultation with the community including neighbours, user groups and other key stakeholders will be undertaken at this stage. Masterplans will be consistent with the categorisation of the land in the individual reserve, the core objectives of that category of land and other matters raised in this plan of management.

9.4 LEASES AND LICENCES

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 46 Parts (1)(b), (2), (4)(a) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council may lease or license Community Land in a Plan of Management for purposes that are also consistent with the land categorisation.

The Local Government Act requires that all grants of all estates and any lease or licence of community land is expressly authorised by a Plan of Management. In accordance with the Act, this Plan of Management expressly authorises leasing and licencing which formalises the use of community land by groups, commercial organisations and / or individuals providing facilities or services for public use that is also in accordance with the core objectives for the category of land and objectives of this Plan of Management.

Activities must be compatible with the zoning of the reserve and provide benefits, services or facilities for users of the land. The terms and conditions of a lease should ensure property management and maintenance, and that the interests of Council and the public are protected.

A lease is generally required where exclusive control of all or part of an area by a party is proposed or desirable in the interest of management of the area. A licence is generally required where intermittent or short-term occupation or control of all or part of an area is proposed. A number of licences can apply at the same time provided there is no conflict of interest.

The maximum allowable period for leases/ licences on community land under the Local Government Act 1993 is 21 years for purposes consistent with the categorisation and core objectives of the particular area of community land. Community land may only be leased or licensed if public notice is given, unless exempted under the Local Government Act 1993. Activities exempted are listed in Appendix 5.

A lease, licence or other estate may be granted for the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities, or may be granted, in accordance with an express authorisation in a plan of management.

Future Uses

When current leases expire, Council should reassess the lease and licensing arrangements. Issues to be considered when reassessing leases or entering into new agreements include:

- Ensuring all leases and licences are based on a sound asset management basis with rents and charges having regard to market values and other social and economic factors;
- Ensuring all leases and licences meet the requirements of relevant State and Local Government Acts and Council town planning controls;
- Ensuring proposed activities are compatible with the core objectives established in the Local Government Act;
- Negotiating greater financial returns which will contribute to management and maintenance of community land; and
- Requiring the lessee to carry out improvement works to the leased facility.

All future lease/licence arrangements entered into shall be in accordance with Council's Policies CSISAS 12 – *Delegation of Authority to Grant Lease/Licence Agreements*, CSISAS 13 - *Use of Council Buildings by Kindergartens* and CSISAS 14 - *Lease/Licence of Council Land* and in accordance with requirements of the Local Government Act 1993. Council Policy CSISAS 14 states that the maximum length of lease/licence of Council land will generally be five (5) years. Council may however give consideration to granting an additional period of tenure where special circumstances warrant this occurring. Where a lease arrangement has been entered into with Council for community land, subleasing of the land must be in accordance with the requirements of section 47C of the Local Government Act 1993.

This Plan of Management authorises the following types of leases and licences for community land within Hornsby Shire.

9.4.1 Leasing and Licensing of Sports Facilities

The granting of leases/licences will be authorised for use of sportsgrounds for activities permissible under this Plan of Management, the Hornsby Shire Local Environment Plan 1994, the Local Government Act 1993 and pursuant to development consent if required. The following types of sports facility licences will be granted for the exclusive use of sports grounds (including playing fields, change rooms, and canteen) or courts (including netball, basketball and/or tennis courts) at nominated times.

9.4.1.1 Seasonal Licences for Sportsgrounds

The granting of licences will be authorised as required for sports that run on either a summer (September to March) or a winter (March to September) competition basis. The range of sports possible include but are not restricted to, Clubs and Associations engaged in Australian Rules Football, Rugby League or Rugby Union Football, Soccer, Baseball, Softball, T-Ball, Cricket, Athletics, Touch Football, Hockey, Netball, Basketball and Tennis.

Licences may cover competition events on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays (after 8am) and Friday and Saturday evenings (twilight events in summer). Licences may also cover training Monday to Friday including some during daylight hours, but predominantly for training from 5pm to 10pm. During these times of use the Club or Association will have exclusive use of the sportsground.

To manage wear and maintain the use of grounds use within carrying capacity and to meet the needs of Hornsby Shire residents, preference will be given to Associations and Clubs based in Hornsby Shire.

Mills Park, Asquith is a Crown Reserve that has been loaned to Ku-ring-gai District Soccer Association for a twenty year period, until 2026. The lease provided that KDSA will maintain the grounds and sub-license the sportsground to schools and

other sports organisations. The lease provides that the public shall have access to the sportsground area of the park at all times and at times when not required by KDSA and other hirers for matches or training.

9.4.1.2 Licences for School Use of Sportsgrounds

The granting of licences will be authorised for Schools for the exclusive use of sports facilities at times during weekdays. The range of sports permissible may include but will not be limited to Australian Rules Football, Rugby League or Rugby Union Football, Soccer, Baseball, Softball, T-Ball, Cricket, Athletics, Touch Football, Hockey, Netball, Basketball and Tennis.

9.4.1.3 Licences for Casual Hire of Sportsgrounds

The granting of licences will be authorised for casual events including, but not limited to, the playing of Australian Rules Football, Rugby League or Rugby Union Football, Soccer, Baseball, Softball, T-Ball, Cricket, Athletics, Touch Football, Hockey, Netball, Basketball and Tennis; for community events including organised fetes, festivals, parades and performances that may include stall holders engaging in a trade or business; and small-scale private sector events including markets, promotional events, parties, weddings, filming and photography. These events may generally be held between the hours of 8am and 10pm. Specific approval will be required to licence events proposed outside these hours.

9.4.2 Leasing and Licensing of Recreation Facilities

Tennis Courts

A lease may be granted for use of tennis courts for coaching and other ancillary activities as a trade or business, on weekdays and weekends mainly during daylight hours. Leases may also provide for sub-letting of the facilities for casual bookings after 8am and possibly up to 10pm. Periodical exclusive use will be granted.

Generally, lease agreements for tennis courts between a lessee and Council include that tennis courts must be available to members of the public for at least 50% of the available court time. The remaining 50% may be used by the lessee for the exclusive use of members of the Club and their guests. Agreements provide that in allocating the available times, members of the public must not be unfairly discriminated against. This arrangement may vary as individual situations are assessed.

9.4.3 Licences for Special Events

Licences may be issued for the staging of special events such as fetes, festivals, fairs, circuses, markets, musicals, theatre, movies, fun runs, charity performances or events, gala sports carnivals, community carol singing, large picnics, family reunions, weddings, community education events, pet and animal events, miscellaneous community events, and small scale private sector events such as promotional events, parties, filming and photography.

9.4.4 Leasing and Licensing of Park Facilities

Seasonal Hire

The granting of licences will be authorised for use of certain parks or a portion of those parks for seasonal hire. Activities may include but will not be limited to community groups using designated parks or a portion of those parks for regular market days, model boat/plane activities, community fund-raising events that may include stall-holders engaging in a trade or business, small scale private sector events including markets, promotional events, parties, filming and photography permissible under the Hornsby Shire Local Environment Plan 1994, and other uses permitted under this Plan of Management. These events may generally be

held between the hours of 8am and 10pm. Specific approval will be required to licence events proposed outside these hours.

9.4.5 Leases and Licences in Natural Areas

Buildings in bushland are used by community groups such as scouts, girl guides and sporting clubs associated with natural area values. The leasing of buildings in bushland in community open space are to be considered on individual merits and may be granted by Council for a period not exceeding 21 years. Public notice will be given if the Council proposes to grant a lease or licence for a period exceeding 5 years or for 5 years or less for a use not exempted by the regulations.

With respect to natural areas, a lease or licence may be granted for the erection or use of the following buildings and structures pursuant to development consent:

- Walkways;
- Pathways;
- Bridges;
- Causeways;
- Observation platforms; and
- Signs.

A lease or licence may also be granted for the purposes of:

- Information kiosks;
- Refreshment kiosks (but not restaurants);
- Work sheds or storage sheds required in connection with the maintenance of the land; and
- Toilets or restrooms.

9.4.6 Leasing or Licensing arrangements for General Community Use

Leasing and Licensing of Community Centres/Council Owned Community Facilities

Organisations successful in securing premises will enter into a licensing or lease arrangement with Council. Council's policies CSISAS 12 – Delegation of Authority to Grant Lease/Licence Agreements, CSISAS 13 - Use of Council Buildings by Kindergartens and CSISAS 14 - Lease/Licence of Council Land, are applicable to community organisations entering into a formal lease or licence.

Under these policies, the following may apply:

- Rent will be assessed by a market valuation undertaken by Council's Valuer, with such rent being reviewed annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index;
- Where community based non-profit groups are of the opinion they will not be able to afford to pay the rental determined, they may make written application to Council to have this rental reduced;
- The market rental will be reviewed by Council's Valuer every 3 to 5 years; and
- The maximum length of the lease/licence of Council land will generally be 5 years. Council may give consideration to granting an additional period of tenure where special circumstances warrant this occurring.

A lease will be appropriate where exclusive possession of premises is given to a successful organisation. A licence will be appropriate where the right to occupy is non-exclusive.

The following types of licences may be granted for the exclusive use a Community Centre/Council Owned Community Facility including facilities and furniture.

Annual licences

Annual licences in the form of hiring agreements may be granted to regular user groups of the Community Centre. Regular bookings include but are not limited to various forms of recreation classes (dancing, martial arts, and aerobics), educational classes and community group meetings (church groups, sports clubs, Probus club).

Fees charged for regular users are in accordance with the Fee Schedule adopted by Council after public exhibition for 28 days as required by the Local Government Act 1993.

Casual Hire

Community Centres are available for casual use at times when they are not being used by regular hirers. Hiring permits are issued on the basis of prior bookings made. Charges for casual use are in accordance with the Fees Schedule adopted by Council after public exhibition for 28 days as required by the Local Government Act 1993.

Casual bookings include but are not limited to weddings, birthday parties and community functions.

9.4.7 Other Leases and Licences

Crossing of Reserves

Section 46 of the Local Government Act prevents councils from granting leases, licences or other estates over community land for private purposes except in the use of a road or fire trail in existence on 31 December 2000 as per Part 3 Section 24 (3) & (4) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 1999. Council will not grant short-term, casual use to individuals under Part 3 Section 24 (3) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 1999. Short term, casual purpose of a road or fire trail will only be granted for a purpose referred to in section 46 (4) (a) (i) (ii) of the Local Government Act:

‘The provision of goods, services ,and facilities, and the carrying out of activities, appropriate to current and future needs within the local community and of the wider public in relation to any of the following:

- a. Public recreation; and*
- b. The physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of persons.’*

Although this prohibition does not extend to Crown Land, Council aims to manage such lands in accordance with all community land. This Plan of Management therefore does not allow for the granting of leases, licences or other estates over, or crossing of, Crown Land under the care, control and management of Council for private purposes in the same manner as community land as detailed in the above paragraph.

Liquor Licences

Although granting of liquor licences are subject to other approvals and are not at the sole discretion of Council, this Plan of Management allows for Council to give permission as the landowner for liquor licences on community land subject to other necessary approvals. Applications for liquor licences will be considered on individual merits and will only be considered when other relevant criteria are met.

Casual Liquor Licences

The consumption of alcohol in reserves under the care, control and management of Hornsby Shire Council will be allowable but only with written council consent under the following conditions:

- People will not be allowed to enter or remain in reserves in an intoxicated state;

- ξ People will not be permitted to consume alcohol in reserves while junior games are in progress; and
- ξ People will not be permitted to consume alcohol within 10 metres of children's play areas. The 'Public Reserves Notice' contained in Appendix 4 allows for this.

Granting of Estates

This Plan of Management allows Council to grant '*an estate*' over community land for the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993. Estates may also be granted across community land for the provision of pipes, conduits or other connections under the surface of the ground for the connection of premises adjoining the community land to a facility of the council or other public utility provider that is situated on the community land. Estates will be granted in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993.

An estate in respect of community land is authorised by this Plan of Management for the purpose of a 'public road' under the following conditions (S.47F):

- ξ Where the provision of that road is consistent with the core objectives;
- ξ Where that road is necessary to facilitate enjoyment of the land or any facility on that land; and
- ξ Where other means of access other than public road access have been considered.

Granting of Estates – Conservation agreements

This Plan allows Council to enter into a conservation agreement, including a Biobanking agreement under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 with the Minister administering the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 and Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 to provide for the maintenance of biodiversity values in perpetuity.

Radio Transmitter Towers

This Plan of Management will allow for a lease to be established for use of a radio transmitter tower including associated infrastructure, for purposes that comply with the core objectives of the Local Government Act and where a Development Application is approved. Uses permissible will include but will not be limited to use by amateur radio clubs.

Community Gardens on Community Land

In recent years, Council has been approached with proposals to develop community gardens on community land within Hornsby Shire. The aim of developing such gardens is to provide an opportunity to provide accessible, strategically located gardens that also contribute to community waste management and education.

Where appropriate community gardens could be developed as a component of parks where such development does not reduce the utility of open space for other uses. Community gardens are not permissible within natural areas.

For community gardens to be successful they must be well supported by the community, easily accessible to residential areas, secure, visible, have good access to solar and water resources, and have secure tenure to allow long term use.

This Plan of Management allows for leases to be established for the development of community gardens where they comply with the core objectives of the Local Government Act and where considered appropriate by Council.

9.4.8 Residential Leases

Where a residence exists on community land, this Plan of Management authorises a residential lease for a period agreed between council and the tenant up to 5 years. Where appropriate, the lease will provide that the tenant performs duties to assist with security of the community land and community access to it.

9.4.9 Telecommunications Towers

This Plan of Management will allow establishment of telecommunications facilities where the proposal has considered Council's Policy for Telecommunication Facilities PSA 10, where the towers are low impact under the Telecommunications Act or have minimised impact to a degree acceptable to Council and where there is an approved Development Application.

PART II - ACTION PLAN

As required by the Local Government Act (1993), Part 2 of the Plan of Management has been developed to provide specific statements on how the objectives of the Plan of Management will be achieved.

Following are definitions of the terms used in the Action Plan.

Levels of Service and **Management Statements** are broad indications of how Council's objectives might be achieved, and what users and the general public may expect in the provision of the service that community land aims to provide.

Actions are specific measures to be undertaken to facilitate the achievement of strategies.

Performance Measures are how Council will evaluate the amount of progress made relative to the timeframe established for the actions, or whether the final achievement is realised.

This section provides a framework for management consistent with the anticipated availability of resources and anticipated community needs.

Review of Environmental Factors

The Action Plan contains elements that address the need to assess the environmental impacts of an activity, such as operating and maintaining a sportsground. Measures to minimise such impacts are contained in the Action Plan.

Definitions

The manager, team or individual responsible for managing each action item is listed in the Management Team section of the Operations Plan. Abbreviations for each of the codes used in this section of the Operations Plan are as follows:

HSC	- Various Hornsby Council	MBB	- Manager Bushland & Biodiversity
MC	- Management Committees	MCC	- Manager Corporate & Community
MCS	- Manager Community Services	MES	- Manager Engineering Services
MF	- Manager Finance	MHR	- Manager Human Resources
MPL	- Manager Parks & Landscape	MRI	- Manager Risk & Insurance
MTPS	- Manager Town Planning Services	MTRS	- Manager Traffic & Road Safety
MWC	- Manager Water Catchments	MWM	- Manager Waste Management
NL	- Neighbouring Landholders	P	- Proponent
PAT	- Parks Asset Team	PSU	- Parks Service Unit
RFS	- Rural Fire Service	SU	- Sportsground Users

The timing determined for improvements will be subject to the availability of funds and will require revision if circumstances alter.

Timing for actions is as follows:

- S** (Short Term) - Action completed within 2 years
- M** (Medium Term) - Action completed within 2 - 4 years
- L** (Long Term) - Action commenced after 4 years
- O** (Ongoing) - Action carried out on a regular basis for the term of this plan

Plan of Management Assessment

Assessment of targets will take place in reviews of the Action Plan at intervals no greater than 5 years. Assessment will include qualitative and quantitative reviews of targets.

1.0 ACTION PLAN FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF COMMUNITY LAND

1.1 OPERATING STANDARDS

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
1.1A Environmental Sustainability				
Ensure the adjoining land uses minimise impacts on the natural environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a rear setback to developments on private properties that adjoin bushland. Ensure that active uses of Council or Crown land have a minimum impact on bushland. 	MTPS MPL	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The improved condition of bushland edges, core and creeks.
1.1B Maintenance Personnel				
Skilled and experienced labour is used to implement specialist works as specified in the Service Level Agreement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works including traffic control, pesticide applications, pruning of trees and shrubs, hedges and arboricultural work is to be carried out by suitably qualified and/or trained staff. Appropriate training is provided for staff involved in the above tasks. 	MPL (PAT / PSU)	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff carrying out specialist maintenance works specified in the Service Level Agreement, are appropriately skilled and trained.
1.1C Council Staff Health and Safety Standards				
At all times Council employees and contractors will comply with Occupational Health and Safety Standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train Council staff in Occupational Health and Safety Standards. Maintain work practices to comply with Occupational Health and Safety standards. Encourage staff to report breaches of Occupational Health and Safety standards to the designated OH&S officers. 	MPL MBB/ MHR	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe Work Method Statements are regularly prepared, reviewed and communicated to staff.

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<p>1.1D Legislative Standards</p> <p>Services are provided to agreed national and industry standards, local bylaws, the LEP and policies and standards resultant from public consultation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff are up to date and familiar with the relevant legislation impacting upon the level and standard of Council services. 	MPL	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities of Council uphold legislative requirements.
<p>1.1E Technical Standards</p> <p>The design of any new structures on community land must comply with the relevant building standards.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New buildings and structures comply with the relevant building standards. 	HSC	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All new buildings and structures on community land comply with the relevant building standards.
<p>Monitoring requirements will comply with those specified in Service Level Agreements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work will be monitored to assess compliance with requirements specified in the Service Level Agreement. 	MPL / PAT / (PSU)	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service Level Agreement work is monitored and reports generated to reflect monitoring outcomes.

1.2 EQUITY AND ACCESS

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
1.2A Disabled / Stroller Access Provide access for disabled users and strollers onto community land where possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address unsuitable access, providing access paths where appropriate and as finances allow. Satisfy the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Where parking areas are provided for the community on community land, provide appropriate number of parking spaces in accordance with the requirements of the Access and Mobility DCP, to allow access for users with disabilities. 	HSC	M O S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disabled/stroller access is provided into appropriate areas of community land. Requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act and Anti-Discrimination Act are met as resources and conditions allow.
1.2B Equity of Access to Council Reserves and Facilities Strive to provide equal opportunity of access to community land for all sectors of the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider historical use when assessing facilities for allocation. When opportunities arise to review allocation of facilities, weighting is to be given to groups with female, disabled, non-English speaking background and other membership bases. 	HSC	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equity of access is considered when an opportunity arises to review allocation of use of Council facilities.
Recognise the role of community sports clubs in using Council facilities to operate sport.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When opportunities to redistribute allocation of Council facilities arise, the principle of satisfying the greatest demonstrated recreation or leisure need. Implement relevant findings of the Leisure Strategic Plan 2003. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to satisfy recreation needs are taken when reviewing allocation of Council facilities.

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<p>1.2C Unauthorised Camping</p> <p>Council recognises that all people should have access to private or public housing which meets their individual needs, and that all people have a right to enjoy public reserves for activities that do not impact on other users' enjoyment.</p> <p>People will be encouraged not to camp in public reserves unless in designated camping areas or otherwise use public reserves in ways that impact on access by other users.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council will enlist appropriate support services to assist in providing alternative accommodation for homeless people in public reserves when complaints arise. • Rangers and Parks maintenance staff will patrol parks to discourage or prevent people from unauthorised camping in public reserves. 	<p>HSC</p> <p>MEHP/ MPL</p>	<p>O</p> <p>O</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The support of agencies able to assist the homeless where conflicts between park users and unauthorised campers occur. • Parks are patrolled as resources allow, discouraging unauthorised camping in reserves.
<p>1.3 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR</p> <p>Management Statement</p> <p>1.3A Vandalism</p> <p>Develop and implement programs to minimise incidents of anti-social behaviour on community land.</p>	<p>Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design future facilities to allow easy surveillance where possible. • Maintain surveillance patrols as required. • Provide security lighting as appropriate 	<p>MPL</p> <p>MEHP MPL</p>	<p>O</p> <p>O</p> <p>O</p>	<p>Performance Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities within parks and sportsgrounds are designed to reduce opportunities for vandalism. • Surveillance patrols are carried out at known problem times. • Lighting is provided where required.

1.4 RESERVE NAMING AND DEDICATIONS

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
<p>1.4A Naming of Reserves and Dedications</p> <p>The naming of reserves and dedications are undertaken according to Council criteria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naming preference is given to geographical names (such as road and suburb), aboriginal names, historical names, or names of deceased persons who have made a major contribution to the reserve or early history of the reserve's locality. 		HSC	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrity and meaning is maintained when naming community land.
<p>Dedications on community land comprising of plaques, signs and other structures are made in recognition of substantial contributions to the conservation and maintenance of that land and require written Council permission. Other dedications will be assessed on an individual basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment on merits, visual amenity and applicable standards is undertaken prior to approval of any dedication. 		HSC	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedications within community land have high merit and significance.

1.5 PROTECTING FAUNA AND FAUNA HABITATS

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
<p>1.5A Fauna Impacts</p> <p>Native fauna is protected and habitat conserved on community land.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All work is to minimise impacts on native fauna and habitat. Dead tree hollows are retained unless they pose a risk to life or property. Hollows from dangerous trees are relocated on public land nearby. Pesticide use is considerate of impacts upon fauna. 	HSC	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fauna habitat is enhanced and conserved where possible.

1.6 CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
<p>1.6A Reduction of Resource Use and Energy Efficiency</p> <p>Use of recycled materials and energy reduction programs are implemented in capital works projects and maintenance programs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase use of recycled materials in capital works projects and maintenance programs. Recycling of green waste. Reduction of electricity and water use. 	HSC	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher percentage of recycled material is used in capital works and maintenance programs. Green waste is recycled. Measures for reducing the use of water derived from dam storages and energy derived from non-renewable fuels are investigated.

1.7 HERITAGE LISTINGS

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1.7A Heritage Listed Sites and Areas

To preserve heritage listed areas within Hornsby Shire for future generations.

- Manage heritage-listed areas in accordance with this Plan of Management and the Hornsby Shire LEP.

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- Areas are managed and preserved in accordance with this Plan of Management and the Hornsby Shire LEP.

1.8 IMPACTS OF DEVELOPMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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1.8A Impacts of Developments and Activities

Identify and address impacts of developments and activities on neighbouring properties where development approval is not required.

- Address parking requirements and impacts of additional traffic from proposed developments.
- Address impacts of noise and lighting from proposed developments and activities on neighbouring properties.

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- Potential impacts of proposed developments and activities such as parking, traffic; noise and lighting on neighbouring properties are addressed.

1.9 LEASES AND LICENCES

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1.9A Leases & Licences

Leases and licences are granted in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Regulation and Act.

- Conditions apply to ensure proposed activities on community land comply with core objectives of the LGA.

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- All activities on community land comply with the core objectives of the Local Government Act and Regulations.

- Leases and licences are granted in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act and Local Government Amendment (Community Land Management) Regulation 1999 and in accordance with Council's policies for leasing and licensing of Council land.
 - Leases and licences are granted in accordance with the requirements of the LGA and with Council's policies.
- Council may charge a fee to lease or license a reserve**
- Fees will be charged according to Council's annual Management Plan and Pricing Policy or in special cases, according to intensity and exclusivity of use, offset by any public benefit.
 - License and lease fees comply with Council's Pricing Policy.

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1.9C Use/Sale of Alcohol in Reserves

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- Applications to Council for use/sale of alcohol in public reserves are considered individually.
- 'Public Reserves Notice' permits use/sale of alcohol in public reserves subject to Council approval and approval of other relevant bodies.
- Council approves/rejects applications for such licences on individual merits.

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		MPL/ MBB	S	Reserves notice is posted.
		MPL/ MBB	O	Applications for use/sale of alcohol in public reserves are considered on individual merits subject to approval of other relevant bodies.

1.9D Reserve Crossings

- Reserve crossings are only granted in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Regulation and Act.
- No reserve crossings for private purposes are approved after 31 December 2000, except in accordance with the Regulation as stated in this POM.
- No licences for crossing of reserves for private purposes are granted after 31 December 2000, except in accordance with the Regulation.

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1.10 COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS

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1.10A Communications Towers on Community Land

Allow the lodgement and assessment of development applications for communications towers.

• If approved, generate income for the management of community land.

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• Council derives income from any approved communications towers and applies it to management of community land.

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1.11 VOLUNTEER INSURANCE

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1.11A Volunteer Insurance				
Volunteer groups working on community land are covered by appropriate insurance as required by Council's Risk and Insurance Manager.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Register volunteer workers with the Risk and Insurance Manager prior to work being undertaken, as required. Provide instruction in safe work methods to volunteer groups. 	HSC MRI	/ O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer workers are registered prior to working on community land.

1.12 FUNDING

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
1.12A Funds Received from User Fees				
Funds derived from use of community land are allocated in accordance with the Local Government Act.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Money derived from use of community land is expended on community land acquisition and community land management requirements in accordance with S.409 of the Local Government Act 1993. 	HSC	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds derived from community land use are allocated to future community land management and acquisition.
1.12B Through Life Costs				
Adopt an appropriate level of funding for maintenance of facilities within a financial year and over the whole life of an asset.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine level of funding required to maintain community land facilities in accordance with the Plan of Management. Annually adopt an appropriate budget to allow for maintenance of community land. 	HSC HSC	O O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilities are maintained within budget and in accordance with the Plan of Management.

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
<p>1.12C Fees</p>	<p>Set and maintain an appropriate level of hire fees for use of facilities on community land.</p>	<p>HSC</p>	<p>O</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level of fees is determined & adopted by Council annually.

2.0 ACTION PLAN FOR PARKS AND SPORTSGROUNDS

2.1 NOTIFICATIONS

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
2.1A Park and Sportsground Availability Council will determine the status of ground closures due to weather by 2pm on weekdays.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> User groups will be notified at the earliest possible convenience of changes to sportsground and park availability due to wet weather in accordance with Hornsby Shire Sports Council Adopted Written Procedures. Maintain a 'Wet Weather Line' to allow users 24 hours a day, 7 days a week access to information on ground availability affected by weather. 	MPL (PAT / PSU) MPL	O / O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 90% satisfaction as measured by the 'to be implemented' end of season user survey. Wet Weather Line 100% accurate at all times.
2.1B Notification of Works User groups will be notified of the need to cancel events due to major maintenance or capital works. Residences/businesses/park users will be notified of any proposed works which may impact on them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify user groups at the earliest possible convenience of changes to sportsground and park availability due to major maintenance or capital works. Give residents/businesses/park users 48 hours notice in writing of any proposed work that will affect them detailing location, date and time of work, unless otherwise directed. 	MPL (PAT / PSU)	O /	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major user groups are always notified of major maintenance or works that will impact upon the use of the park or oval. Residents/businesses are notified in accordance with the Service Level Agreement.

2.2 PROTECTING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
<p>2.2A Use of Pesticides</p> <p>The use of pesticides in parks and sportsgrounds will be kept to a minimum to comply with the relevant codes of practice and legislation to minimise any health effects and/or impacts on the environment.</p> <p>Broad leaf, grass weeds and grass like weeds are effectively kept under control and/or eliminated.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of pesticides will comply with the relevant codes of practice. • Use minimum toxicity sprays for treating weeds in parks and sportsgrounds and spray when desirable grasses are dormant. • Selection of appropriate grass species. • Staff utilising herbicides are to be suitably qualified and/or trained. • Utilise quality integrated turf management practices on sportsgrounds to develop vigorous dense turf to minimise weed infestation and turf pests and diseases. • Weed control to be implemented as funding allows. • Selection of low toxicity linemarking products. 	<p>MPL (PAT / PSU)</p>	<p>O O S O O O</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pesticide use is minimised and complies with the relevant codes of practice. • Programme for treating weeds is improved through application timing and methods. • Appropriate grass species are selected. • Staff utilising herbicides are suitably qualified and/or trained. • Integrated turf management practices are implemented on sportsgrounds. • Linemarking materials do not damage turf.

2.2B Use of Fertilisers

<p>Fertilisers are applied to maintain a safe, wear resistant playing surface.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sportsgrounds and gardens are fertilised with appropriate fertiliser at best possible application times. • Annual soil analysis tests are carried out for selected turfed sportsgrounds. • Fertilising program is implemented each year for each turfed sportsground. • Plant species are chosen for low fertiliser requirement where appropriate. 	<p>MPL (PAT / PSU)</p>	<p>O</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sportsgrounds and gardens are fertilised in an environmentally sustainable manner.
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2.2C Erosion Control				
Erosion control measures are implemented for works where there is potential for erosion of exposed soil.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All activities resulting in exposed soil are to be assessed for potential erosion of exposed soil into a watercourse. Where potential for erosion is identified, erosion control measures are to be implemented. 	MPL (PAT / PSU)	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities resulting in exposed soil are assessed. Erosion control measures are implemented as required.

2.2D Gardens – Species Selection

Plant species used in parks and sportsgrounds adjoining bushland are to be compatible with the natural areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use indigenous plants or other non-invasive species in garden areas of parks and sportsgrounds adjoining bushland. 	MPL	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indigenous plants or other non-invasive species are used in garden areas where adjoining bushland.
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2.3 AVAILABILITY OF FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
2.3A Parks Booking Service				
During normal business hours responsive booking service will be available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure a booking officer or other Council staff member will be available between 8.30am and 5.00pm to take booking details and answer enquiries. 	MPL	ST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Booking service is always available during Council's business hours.

2.4 MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
<p>2.4A General Maintenance of Parks and Sportsgrounds</p> <p>Sportsgrounds and parks will be maintained in a safe and aesthetically pleasing condition consistent with the type of recreational use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake routine safety and inspections and maintenance. • Sports grounds are marked before the days play to the sporting codes specifications and standards. • Maintenance passes include checks of recreational facilities within parks. • Randomly survey users once per annum to gauge satisfaction with provided services. 	<p>MPL</p> <p>MPL</p> <p>MPL</p> <p>MPL</p> <p>MPL</p>	<p>O</p> <p>O</p> <p>O</p> <p>O</p> <p>O</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out maintenance operations in accordance with external contract or internal Service Level Agreements. • Grounds are always correctly marked and ready for the identified sporting code before the day of play. • Requests for maintenance are responded to or actioned within 12 working days. • Turf on sportsgrounds is maintained at a height of 75mm or less, bare areas repaired following the winter season and weeds controlled where budget allows. 	
<p>2.4B Level of Service</p> <p>Parks and sportsgrounds will be provided with a level of service treatment consistent with the level of community use.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level of service grading will be allocated on a reserve by reserve basis as high, medium or low, which is generally daily for high, monthly or fortnightly for medium and quarterly or as requested for low. This frequency may be changed according to weather or budget constraints. 	<p>MPL</p> <p>O</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance is implemented in accordance with Service Level Agreements. 	
<p>2.4C Upkeep of Amenities</p> <p>Amenities, including toilets, showers and change rooms, will be made available at all major sporting grounds, in a safe and aesthetically pleasing condition. Amenities will be provided in major Parks where appropriate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor amenities to ensure they are available in an acceptable condition. • Assess the need for amenities in sportsgrounds and parks that do not provide these services. 	<p>MPL</p> <p>O</p> <p>MPL</p> <p>O</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities are available at all identified major grounds in a safe and acceptable condition at all times. • Amenities constructed as required. 	

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2.4D Ball Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ball courts will be maintained in a useable and safe condition. 	MPL (PAT / PSU)	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All courts including netball, tennis and basketball courts are clearly marked. Requests for maintenance are responded to or actioned within 12 working days. Maintenance is implemented in accordance with Service Level Agreements. Court resurfacing is assessed and carried out as funds become available.
2.4E Parks Furniture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parks furniture will be maintained to a safe and aesthetically pleasing standard. Furniture in parks and sportsgrounds including seats, tables, rubbish bins and signs will be regularly maintained. Furniture in parks and sportsgrounds that has been vandalised will be repaired or replaced as funds become available. If the furniture poses a public hazard it will be removed. 	MPL (PAT / PSU) / MWM	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requests for maintenance are responded to or actioned within 12 working days. Maintenance is implemented in accordance with Service Level Agreements.
2.4F Barbeques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barbeques in parks and sportsgrounds will be clean and operable. 	MPL (PAT / PSU)	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barbeques are operable 95% of the time. Requests for maintenance are responded to or actioned within 12 working days. Maintenance is implemented in accordance with Service Level Agreements.

2.4G Fences

Park and sportsground fencing will be maintained in a safe condition.

- Replace damaged fencing as required.

MPL (PAT / PSU)	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests for maintenance are responded to or actioned within 12 working days. • Maintenance is implemented in accordance with Service Level Agreements.
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2.4H Taps and Bubblers

Taps and bubblers in parks and sportsgrounds will be operational.

- Reports of leaking taps or bubblers will be responded to promptly.

MPL (PAT / PSU)	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests for maintenance are responded to or actioned within 3 working days. • Maintenance is implemented in accordance with Service Level Agreements.
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2.4I Signs

Signs are legible and are erected in highly visible locations within parks and sportsgrounds.

- Install signs in highly visible locations.
- Replace damaged /vandalised signs where they have been rendered illegible.

MPL (PAT / PSU)	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs are visible. • Damaged signs are replaced as required.
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2.4J Playgrounds

Council will comply with the Australian Standards for playgrounds and play equipment.

- Design and maintain playgrounds and play equipment to relevant safety standards where possible.
- Undertake safety inspections and regular maintenance in accordance with Service Level Agreements.

MPL (PAT / PSU)	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety in playgrounds and for playground equipment is upheld to Australian Standards (AS 1924, AS 4422 and AS 4486). • Maintenance is implemented in accordance with internal Service Level Agreements. • Comprehensive inspections are undertaken on a quarterly basis.
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<p>2.4K Tree Maintenance Standards</p>	<p>Trees are maintained by suitably qualified and/or trained personnel in accordance with the Service Level Agreement and Australian Standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree works are carried out in accordance with Work Cover Code of Practice: Amenity Tree Industry 1998 and conform to AS 4373 – 1996. • All work is to be undertaken in accordance with the specifications in the internal Service Level Agreements or external contracts. • Staff are to be appropriately trained for the tasks they perform. • Trees are underpruned to remove obstruction to footpaths, roadways, traffic visibility, electric power lines, lighting, private and public driveways or crossings (to minimum 3 m). • Trees are pruned to provide minimum 1m optimum 3m clearance from property roof, guttering, and walls without affecting the natural form of the tree. • Trees in reserves are removed of deadwood with a diameter above 15 - 20mm. 	<p>MPL (PAT PSU)</p>	<p>O /</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree work is carried out in accordance with relevant standards and codes. • Staff training programs implemented as required. • Work is implemented in accordance with specifications in the Service Level Agreement. • Obstructions from trees on community land are minimised.

2.5 RISK MANAGEMENT

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
<p>2.5A Sportsgrounds</p> <p>Parks & Landscape Team and sportsground users are responsible for checking the risk management aspects of sportsfields.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks and Landscape to check sportsgrounds on a regular basis in accordance with the internal Service Level Agreement. • Users are required to check grounds immediately prior to use to determine if appropriate for play as part of their licence conditions. 	<p>MPL / (PAT / PSU)</p> <p>SU</p>	<p>O</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sportsgrounds are checked regularly by Parks & Landscape Team in accordance with the Service Level Agreement. • Users are aware of their responsibility to check sportsgrounds for safety prior to play.
<p>2.5B User Groups Public Liability</p> <p>Sports clubs, school and other organised groups using parks and sportsgrounds have appropriate public liability cover as required by Council.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate levels of cover are determined through consultation with the Risk and Insurance Manager. • Ensure organised user groups have appropriate insurance cover as required, before grounds are allocated. 	<p>MPL / MRI</p>	<p>O</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk and Insurance Manager is consulted. • Organised user groups have appropriate insurance cover prior to using facilities in parks and sportsgrounds.

2.6 GENERAL USE: DOGS, FIREWORKS, FAIRS

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
2.6A Dogs				
Encourage responsible exercising of dogs within parks and sportsgrounds and provide leash free dog runs where appropriate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notices are erected in parks and sportsgrounds regarding responsibility of dog owners. Provide a number of leash free dog runs in appropriate parks and sportsgrounds. Following investigations, Reserves Notices are amended if required to allow for provision of leash free dog runs. 	MPL MPL MPL	S M M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reserves notices are erected in parks and sportsgrounds. Council consider provision of leash free dog runs in appropriate parks. Reserves notice is amended if required to allow for leash free dog run.
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2.6B Use of Fireworks in Reserves				
Use of fireworks within parks and sportsgrounds comply with Council and Work Cover requirements for such activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals for fireworks displays have Council's development consent where necessary and Work Cover Authority consent. 	P / HSC	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals have approved Applications and approval from Authority as required. Development Work Cover
2.6C Circuses, Fetes and Fairs				
Circuses, fetes and festivals within parks and sportsgrounds comply with Council's requirements for certification and insurance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure parks and sportsgrounds allocated for use by circuses using wild and exotic animals. Ensure any circus, fete or festival has the appropriate certification for amusement equipment and insurance as required by Council's Risk and Insurance Manager. 	MPL MRI	O / O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No circuses using wild and exotic animals take place in parks and sportsgrounds. Licences for circuses, fetes and fairs are only granted to applicants with appropriate certification and insurance.

2.7 USE FOR ACCESS OR STORAGE

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
2.7A Aircraft and Vehicular Access				
Restrict access into parks and sportsgrounds to maintenance and emergency vehicles as required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevent general aircraft and vehicular access to unauthorised areas of parks and sportsgrounds by use of fencing and gates. Provide opportunities for access of maintenance and emergency vehicles as required. Aircraft landings restricted to emergency services and occasional approved community fundraising events. 	MPL MPL MPL	O O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General vehicular and aircraft access into parks and sportsgrounds is restricted. Emergency and maintenance vehicle and aircraft access is provided as required.

2.8 COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOUR ISSUES

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
2.8A Boundary Management				
Encourage good neighbour relations with surrounding properties while ensuring private use of community land only occurs in accordance with the guidelines established in the Local Government Act.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respond promptly to complaints from adjoining properties where complaints relate to use of parks and sportsgrounds. Inform adjoining landholders of requirements of Local Government Act to prevent private use of community land. Consult with sporting groups where negative impacts are directly associated with their use. If negative impacts associated with a particular group continue, consider reallocating fields to other sports. 	MPL MPL MPL	O S O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjoining properties are informed of legal limitations regarding private use of community land. Sporting groups are given opportunity to address problems internally before Council considers reallocation of ground.

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<p>2.8B Community Advertising</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comply with requirements of Exempt and Complying Development DCP for signs, sign displays, community banners and notices. Ensure signage complies with the Outdoor Advertising DCP in relation to Community Advertising where required. Remove signage which does not comply with the DCP. 	<p>MPL</p> <p>MPL</p> <p>MPL</p>	<p>O</p> <p>O</p> <p>O</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only complying signs and banners are displayed in parks and sportsgrounds. Advertising signage complies with the Outdoor Advertising DCP as required. Illegal signs are removed.

3.0 ACTION PLAN FOR NATURAL AREAS

3.1 BUSHLAND AND BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
	<p>3.1A Maintenance of Biodiversity</p> <p>Bushland Management programs aim to conserve, restore and enhance the Shire's biodiversity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued funding of bush regeneration and restoration. Seek grant funding for environmental restoration works that conserve biodiversity. Co-ordinate all bush regeneration and noxious weed control programs for the best strategic outcome. Implement Council's Biodiversity Strategy for the Shire to direct operational programs. Effectiveness of bushland management programs is monitored through time. 	MBB	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthy diverse natural areas. Participation in biodiversity monitoring programs.

3.1B Restoration and Regeneration of Bushland, Escarpments, Foreshores and Watercourses

<p>Bushland, escarpments, foreshores and watercourses affected by weed invasion are to be regenerated and restored.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A restoration and regeneration program is to be implemented in areas affected by weed invasion using appropriate bush regeneration techniques. Bushland regeneration programs initiated ensure that resources are allocated for continued maintenance and conservation of natural areas through time. 	MBB	As funding permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bushland health is improved through restoration. Bushland health is maintained through time.
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Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
3.1C Total Catchment Management	<p>Natural areas are restored using total catchment management principles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council's bush regeneration strategy and on going works programs are in line with Total Catchment Management and integrated management principles. 	MBB	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total catchment management principles are used in restoration projects.
3.1D Conservation of Native Fauna Habitat	<p>Native fauna is protected and habitat conserved in natural areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restoration work is to consider impacts on native fauna and enhance fauna habitat. Dead trees are not removed from natural areas unless they pose a risk to life or property. Hollows from dangerous trees are relocated within the bushland areas where possible. Removal of firewood and the removal of bushrock are not permitted in natural areas. 	MBB	• O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Native fauna is diverse in natural areas. Fauna habitat is enhanced and conserved.
3.1E Priority Given to Restoration of Threatened Biota Habitat	<p>Threatened species, endangered populations and endangered ecological communities are a high priority for restoration and protection works.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Threatened Biota Management Plan is implemented and continually updated. Databases for threatened species are continually updated. High conservation bushland is identified and prioritised for restoration. 	MBB	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stable and protected threatened species populations. Endangered ecological communities identified and conserved.

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
<p>3.1F Fauna Corridors Maintained and Enhanced</p>	<p>Fauna corridors and urban links are maintained and enhanced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement the recommendations of the Development and Management of Fauna Corridors report. • Continue to promote public education on fauna corridors and native fauna conservation. 	MBB	O As funding permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fauna Corridors and links are maintained and enhanced.
<p>3.1G Minimise Impacts of Activities on Bushland</p>	<p>Activities in community land bushland will be undertaken only with compliance of all relevant legislation with the overall aim of protection and conservation of bushland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that all activities in bushland are assessed for potential environmental impacts. • Ensure that all activities are carried out with consideration of bushland protection and include regeneration and mitigation works. 	HSC / P	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of natural areas.
<p>Landscaped and park areas adjacent to natural areas should be well maintained to prevent weed propagules entering bushland areas where resources allow.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain landscaped areas of community land to assist in protecting bushland from additional weed invasion. • Create buffer zones and borders between landscaped areas and natural areas. 	HSC	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscaped areas do not impact on bushland and genetic integrity is maintained. • Protection of natural areas from weed invasion.
<p>3.1H Revegetation and Landscaping Adjoining Bushland</p>	<p>Revegetation and landscaping work adjoining natural areas should be composed of locally occurring indigenous plants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revegetation and landscaping works on community land are designed sourcing indigenous plant species. 	HSC	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genetic integrity of natural areas is maintained.

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
3.11 Rehabilitation of Adjoining Community Land – Species Selection				
Indigenous species should be used to rehabilitate degraded areas of community land adjoining natural areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revegetation and landscaping works on community land adjoining natural areas should be composed of locally occurring indigenous plants. 	HSC	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locally indigenous plant material is utilised in all rehabilitation and landscaping works on community land adjoining natural areas.
3.1J Restoration of Grass Areas				
Surplus grassed areas on community land adjacent to natural areas may be reclaimed for planting of indigenous vegetation to increase buffer zones and promote ecological sustainability and bio-diversity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify grassed areas of community land surplus to the needs of active and passive recreation. Plant areas with indigenous vegetation or hold community planting days where appropriate. Ensure ongoing funding for maintenance of planted areas is available within the restoration project. 	MPL / MBB	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased biodiversity of bushland remnants.
3.1K Works and Parks Staff Training In Bushland Management Best Practice				
Integrated bushland management is achieved across Council divisions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursue in-house training of staff in native vegetation best management practices and protection measures. Effective communication is in place for any projects adjacent or near natural areas. 	MBB	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good environmental management throughout Council divisions.
3.1L Bushland Staff Training in Current Bushland Management Best Practice				
Bushland Management Programs are based on current research and techniques.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure all bushland staff are trained in current techniques. Pursue research opportunities with educational institutions and other agencies. 	• MBB	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in bushland management research programs.

3.2 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND AWARENESS

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
<p>3.2A Bushcare Program</p> <p>Bushcare activities are encouraged and well managed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hornsby Bushcare is well resourced and staffed to encourage and support community Bushcare activities. Volunteer Bushcare work is done according to the Bushcare Code. Bushcare groups are serviced with tools, materials and professional training. Encourage sustainable practices and on site composting of weeds on Bushcare sites. Promote and give recognition to community groups for Bushcare activities. 	MBB	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bushcare Groups are well managed and caring for an increased amount of the Shire's bushland.
<p>Community involvement and participation is fostered within bushland management.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community planting days are supported and resourced. Community education and awareness programs are undertaken to promote biodiversity and natural area management. Weed busters week and National Biodiversity month activities are undertaken. 	MBB	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural areas managed with an informed and involved community.
<p>3.2B Community Nursery</p> <p>Council's community nursery is accessible to Bushcare volunteers and residents.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council's nursery will provide materials and facilities for community volunteers. Actively promote biodiversity through participation in the community nursery program. 	MBB	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community actively involved in biodiversity conservation.

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
<p>3.2C Scientific and Educational Projects</p> <p>Scientific and educational projects within community land natural areas are allowable with permission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval in writing may be given by the land manager to students, research facilities, or learning institutions where it is considered that the project has a low impact on the environment and is consistent with the aims and objectives of this Plan of Management to conserve natural areas. 	MBB	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educational research and learning about the environment is fostered.
<p>3.3 BOUNDARY MANAGEMENT</p> <p>Management Statement</p>	<p>Action</p>	<p>Mgt Team</p>	<p>Time Frame</p>	<p>Performance Measures</p>
<p>3.3A Demarcation of Boundaries</p> <p>The boundary of natural areas should be well defined to minimise the impact of any negative external influences.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate methods for clearly defining the natural area such as signage, log barriers or fencing. 	MBB / MPL / NL	L /	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural area is well-defined.
<p>3.3B Encroachments</p> <p>Encroachments such as garden extensions, structures, or any private use of public, community or crown land are prohibited.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work co-operatively with Council's rangers and property owners to remove existing encroachments. Ensure that no new encroachments on public land occur, through an increased Council compliance role. Encourage neighbours to create and maintain buffer zones on private land bordering bushland. 	HSC / MPL (PSU) / MBB	L / O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intact natural areas with no encroachments.

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
3.3C Dumping of Garden and Other Waste				
Dumping of garden clippings and rubbish is prohibited in natural areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase public awareness through an education program. • Investigate dumping events and seek prosecutions. • Issue on the spot fines when possible. 	MPL / MWM	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No dumped rubbish or garden clippings in bushland.

3.4 DOMESTIC AND FERAL ANIMAL CONTROL

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
3.4A Domestic Animals				
Domestic animals are controlled on public land.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage responsible pet ownership through a public education campaign. • Impoundment of free roaming dogs under the Companion Animals Act. 	MEHP	M/O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible pet ownership results in very low impact on native fauna populations.
3.4B Feral Animals				
The impact of feral animals on native fauna is minimised.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement a humane feral animal control program for target species as appropriate. • Continue to implement the fox control program in co-operation with regional land managers. 	MBB / MEHP	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feral animal control is undertaken in Council managed natural areas.

3.5 BUSH FIRE MANAGEMENT

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
<p>3.5A Fuel Loading</p> <p>Bushland fuel loads are managed on the urban interface at acceptable levels with the Rural Fire Service (RFS).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bushfire management activities are in line with the approved District Fire Risk Management Plan. Fuel loadings will be monitored in bushland areas. Hazard reduction programs will be undertaken in bushland reserves as required and in conjunction with bush regeneration where appropriate. REFs or Environmental Impact Assessment Code will be prepared for all hazard reduction activities. 	<p>RFS</p> <p>MBB &RFS</p>	<p>O</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bushland fuel loads are managed to reduce bushfire risk.
<p>3.5B Asset Protection Zones</p> <p>Asset protection zones in new land releases, subdivisions and developments are provided on the private property in areas adjoining bushland reserves.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For new developments adjoining bushland reserves, asset protection zones and perimeter roads and trails will be provided on private property. In developed areas Inner Protection Zones will generally occur on the private property. 	<p>MBB</p>	<p>O</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developments provide asset protection and fire fighting access within the private property.
<p>3.5C Fire Trails</p> <p>Fire Trails within natural areas are maintained and upgraded to best management standards.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire trails are maintained according to Council's code for Fire Trails and RFS standards. 	<p>RFS</p>	<p>O</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire trails are maintained using best environmental practice to a high standard.

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
Fire trail maintenance activities are undertaken in an environmentally sensitive way to ensure minimal impact on natural areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REF's are undertaken for any fire trail construction and upgrade works. Best environmental practice and mitigation measures are undertaken within works to reduce erosion and sediment and vegetation damage. Mountain bike riding is allowable on fire trails managed by Council. 	RFS MBB	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire trails are maintained using best environmental practice to a high standard.

3.6 WALKING TRACKS AND RECREATION

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
3.6A Formal Bushwalking Tracks Formalised bushland tracks are provided in natural areas for passive recreation such as bushwalking and bushland education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formalised bushland tracks are constructed and maintained to recognised standards in accordance with recognised community needs. REF's are undertaken for the construction or major upgrade of any walking tracks through bushland. Develop and implement a risk assessment and track upgrade program. Cumulative environmental impacts of the recreational and educational use of tracks are monitored. The use of walking tracks for mountain and other bike riding is prohibited, unless specifically authorised and signposted. 	MBB	O S L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High quality, low impact bushland walking tracks are provided for passive recreation.

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
3.6B Informal Trails and Recreation				
<p>The introduction and use of informal trails and bike tracks through natural areas is discouraged.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unnecessary informal trails to be closed, stabilised and regenerated. • The use of informal trails for mountain and other bike riding is prohibited. • Actively discourage public passage through to privately owned property. 	MBB	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fragmentation and erosion is minimised in natural areas.

3.7 INTERPRETIVE SIGNS

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
3.7A Interpretive Signs				
<p>Interpretive signage and environmental education is encouraged where appropriate on walking tracks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpretive signage is installed in strategic sites when it provides and promotes community awareness and environmental education. • Visual and environmental impact is considered prior to approval of interpretive signage. 	MBB	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater public awareness and understanding of the natural area environment.

3.8 WATERCOURSES

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
<p>3.8A Minimise Impacts of Developments and Activities on Watercourses</p> <p>Developments and activities are undertaken using best management practices for water sensitive design.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DA's and REF's are continued to be assessed to include best practice in accordance with Total Catchment Management (TCM) principles and stormwater management plans to ensure minimal impacts to bushland. 		MWC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable development.
<p>3.8B Remediation and Restoration of Watercourses</p> <p>Pursue remediation and enhancement of water courses through natural areas.</p> <p>Minimise pollutant impacts on bushland and riparian vegetation.</p> <p>Riparian restoration includes restoration of natural creek processes and riparian vegetation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to utilise the Catchment Remediation Rate (CRR) program to address urban runoff in natural areas. CRR devices and adjacent landscaping will use locally occurring indigenous native plants and will be maintained. Sites for CRR devices should be placed adjacent to bushland in preference to sites within bushland. Riparian restoration considers both vegetation corridors and creek processes. Grant funding is pursued for riparian restoration projects. 	MWC	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water quality pollutants are reduced in natural areas. Bushland remnants not compromised by CRR devices. Natural riparian corridors are restored.

3.9 AUTHORITIES' WORKS AND PROJECTS

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
<p>3.9A Submissions on Proposed Projects</p> <p>Council will stay informed on State or Federal proposals which impact on bushland.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council officers will assess and make submissions to any State or Federal proposals which fragment or negatively impact on Hornsby's bushland environment. 	MBB	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hornsby's bushland environment is considered in State or Federal proposals.
<p>3.9B Liaison Regarding Works</p> <p>Effective liaison is pursued with other government authorities undertaking works within Council managed natural areas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaison with government bodies such as Sydney Water, RTA and Pacific Power is undertaken prior to works being undertaken in natural areas. 	HSC	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works within bushland by other authorities is integrated and mitigated.

3.10 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
<p>3.10A Strategic Planning</p> <p>Natural Areas are conserved through appropriate planning instruments.</p> <p>High conservation bushland is conserved through the planning process.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop planning instruments to assist in biodiversity conservation. Bushland reserves created through the planning process are viable, have high conservation value and are included within Councils Asset Management system. Fragmentation of bushland areas should be minimised and discouraged within the planning process. 	<p>MTPS</p> <p>MPA</p>	<p>S and O</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecologically Sustainable Development.

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
<p>3.10B Development Assessment</p> <p>DA assessment is undertaken for impacts to bushland as well as conservation of bushland reserves.</p> <p>High conservation bushland is conserved through the planning process.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue development assessment for developments impacting on or adjoining natural areas. Fragmentation of bushland areas should be minimised and discouraged within the planning process. 	<p>MTPS</p> <p>MBB</p>	<p>S and O</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecologically Sustainable Development.

3.11 FUNDING

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
<p>3.11A Adequate Funding Resources for Bushland Regeneration and Restoration</p> <p>Funding is sought to ensure appropriate resources are available prior to undertaking regeneration and restoration programs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued funding of programs by Council. Grant funding is sought for restoration projects from all possible sources. Professional bush regenerators are employed to undertake restoration programs wherever possible. 	<p>MBB</p>	<p>O</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restoration and regeneration projects are viable and appropriately funded.

4.0 ACTION PLAN FOR AREAS OF CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

4.1 ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
4.1 A Aboriginal Archaeological Sites Aboriginal archaeological sites are protected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aboriginal sites are managed according to National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) guidelines. Any new sites discovered are recorded and reported to the NPWS and the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council. The location of fragile and sensitive sites is kept confidential. Potential impacts and mitigation measures are considered prior to any bushland or bushfire mitigation works, or any other works undertaken near any Aboriginal sites 	MBB/ MPL	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aboriginal Heritage is protected in natural areas.
4.1B Aboriginal Anthropological Sites Aboriginal anthropological sites are protected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aboriginal sites are managed according to National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) guidelines. Any new sites discovered are recorded and reported to the NPWS and the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council. The location of fragile and sensitive sites is kept confidential. Potential impacts and mitigation measures are considered prior to any bushland or bushfire mitigation works, or any other works are undertaken near any Aboriginal sites. 	MBB/ MPL	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aboriginal Heritage is protected in natural areas.

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
<p>4.1C Liaison with the Aboriginal Community</p> <p>Council will liaise with the Aboriginal community concerning management of sites on community and Crown land.</p>	<p>Council will liaise with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Parks and Wildlife Service. The Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council and other relevant Local Aboriginal Land Councils. Other Aboriginal groups. 	<p>MBB/ MPL</p>	<p>O</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aboriginal Heritage is protected in consultation with the traditional Aboriginal owners of the land.

4.2 EUROPEAN CULTURAL HERITAGE

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
<p>4.2A Cultural Heritage</p> <p>European cultural heritage sites and items are protected.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council's heritage planner is consulted regarding any cultural heritage sites. Potential impacts and mitigation measures are considered prior to any bushland or bushfire mitigation works, or any other works are undertaken near any cultural heritage sites or items. 	<p>MTPS/ MBB MPL</p>	<p>O</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural heritage sites and items are protected in natural areas.

5.0 ACTION PLAN FOR AREAS OF GENERAL COMMUNITY USE

5.1 STANDARD OF COMMUNITY CENTRES

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
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5.1A Halls and Equipment

Centres/facilities will be available for use by the community at an acceptable standard.

• Management Committees will ensure that halls and equipment are inspected on a regular basis.

• Clearance at bi-annual inspections by Council.

5.2 EQUITY AND ACCESS TO COMMUNITY CENTRES/ OTHER COMMUNITY ASSETS AND FACILITIES

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
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5.2A Access

Centres/facilities are available for use by all sections of the community.

• Hiring policies of Centres/facilities are inclusive.
 • Removal of barriers to access by people with disabilities and strollers.

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• No restrictive clauses in hiring conditions.
 • Centres/facilities and amenities are wheelchair accessible.

Management Statement	Action	Mgt Team	Time Frame	Performance Measures
<p>5.2B Equity</p> <p>Council will provide fair and equitable opportunities to community facilities for community groups.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leases and licences are considered where activities comply with the core objectives of the Local Government Act (s.36E – 36N) and the zoning as set out in the Hornsby Shire LEP 1994. Leasing and licensing of community facilities will be in accordance with Council's Policies CSISAS 12 – Delegation of Authority to Grant Lease/Licence Agreements, CSISAS 13 – Use of Council Buildings by Kindergartens and CSISAS 14 – Lease/Licence of Council Land). Council will call for Expressions of Interest for leasing and licensing where appropriate. 	<p>MCS / MCC</p> <p>MCS / MCC</p> <p>MCS / MCC</p>	<p>O</p> <p>O</p> <p>O</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leases and licences are granted only where activities comply with the core objectives of the Local Government Act and with the Hornsby Shire LEP 1994. Leases and licences are granted in accordance with Council Policies CSISAS 12, CSISAS 13 and CSISAS 14. Expressions of Interest are called for by Council where appropriate.
<p>5.3 FEES AND AUDIT</p> <p>Management Statement</p> <p>5.3A Fees and Charges</p> <p>Fees charged are fair and reasonable.</p>	<p>Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fees charged for the use of Community Centres/facilities are equivalent to those charged for similar facilities. 	<p>MC / MCS</p> <p>MCS</p>	<p>O</p> <p>O</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fees are submitted for review by Council each year.

5.3B Auditing

- No profits shall be made from the operation of Centres/facilities.
- Income and expenditure of Community Centres are reviewed on a regular basis by Management Committees and accounts forwarded to the Finance Branch.

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- Audit of Income and Expenditure.

5.4 RISK MANAGEMENT

Management Statement **Action**

Mgt Team **Time Frame**

Performance Measures

5.4A Community Centres/ Facilities

- Centres/facilities are maintained at legally prescribed safety standards.
- Periodic review and inspection of Community Centres by Management Committees.

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- Risk and safety audits completed successfully.

5.4B Other Community Assets

- Other community assets/facilities are maintained at legally prescribed safety standards.
- Periodic review and inspection by asset managers.

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- Risk and safety audits completed successfully.

PART 111 – CATEGORISATION MAPPING & ASSET INFORMATION

As required under the Local Government Act, Part 3 contains maps of community land in District 4. For the purpose of consistent approaches to land management, Crown land under Council's care, control and management has also been categorised and mapped.

Basic asset information is provided for all land in District 4 under Council's care, control and management (community and Crown land). Asset information provided includes:

- Land use and condition;
- Level of service grading (where applicable);
- Existing leases on community land;
- Identification of community land with a heritage listing; and
- Identification of community land that will be the subject of a future significant Plan of Management.

ASQUITH

Property:	Amor Street Playground
Reserve No:	153
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	105474
Matman Equipment No:	4.153.0.0.0.0
Address:	Amor Street (31-33X), Asquith
Lot & DP:	Lot 19, 20 DP 23694 (HSC Freehold)
Area:	2,004 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation – Local)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community land
Community Land Category:	Park
Subcategories:	N/A
Recategorised since last POM:	No
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space
- Playground equipment
- Picnic tables
- Mesh fence to site perimeter and adjoining residential paling fence

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP, 1994*)
- Soil derived from Wianamatta shale

Condition / Impacts

- Play equipment and surfacing in good condition
- Picnic tables in fair condition
- Mesh fence in good condition, paling fence good-fair condition
- Trees in good condition
- Good ground conditions maintained

Main Weeds

- None

View to park from Amor Street:



Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Inspection and maintenance of playground equipment
- Inspection and maintenance of furniture
- Inspection and maintenance of fences
- Tree maintenance
- Mowing
- Rubbish collection (1 x 55L) twice a week

Exceptional Expenditure

- Replacement of playground equipment, furniture and fencing as required


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Existing leases:

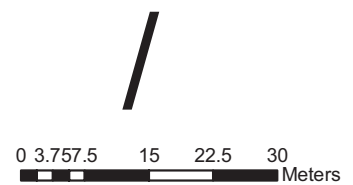
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Date : MAY 2006

**LEGEND: AMOR STREET
PLAYGROUND**

 Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council
Land Category: Park



Property:	Asquith Park
Reserve No:	158
Oracle Fixed Asset Nos:	105673, 105005
Matman Equipment No:	2.158.0.0.0.0
Address:	Pacific Highway (459X), Mills Avenue, Wall Avenue and Rotherwood Avenue, Asquith
Lot & DP:	Lot 2 DP 618687; Lot 1 DP 656401 (HSC Freehold)
Area:	37,210 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Park, Sportsground
Subcategories:	N/A
Recategorised since last POM:	No
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space
- Playground
- Athletics field
- Turf wicket
- Toilets
- Carpark
- Covered seating area
- Dog exercise area / fenced

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Vegetation community M: remnant canopy of Sydney Turpentine - Ironbark Forest endangered ecological community
- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics (Koettig, 1996)
- Asquith Park is located on land once farmed by J.F. Duffy as an orchard and according to the 1896 parish map was then owned by J. Wall. Improvements have included a playground for children in 1974, an amenities block in 1977, lighting and dressing sheds completed in 1980 and cricket sight boards in 1985

Conservation Status

- Asquith Park is heritage listed and is regarded as being of local significance (*Hornsby Shire LEP, 1994*)
- Asquith Park contains some remnant trees from the Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest endangered ecological community, also heritage listed of local heritage significance

Condition / Impacts

- Overall park and sportsground condition including facilities is good

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Change of season sportsground works
- Fertilising
- Turfing worn areas
- Topdressing
- Spraying
- Inspection and maintenance of playground equipment
- Cleaning and maintenance of toilets
- Tree and garden maintenance
- Inspection and maintenance of dog exercise area surface and fence
- Inspection and maintenance of cricket field including wicket, fence, sightboards, seating and buildings
- Rubbish collection (3 x 240L, 4 x 55L) twice a week

View across oval from eastern fenceline towards sportsground facilities and playground:



View eastward from western park boundary over the dog exercise area, northern park sector:



Exceptional Expenditure

- Spraying for black beetle
- Repair / replacement to playground equipment, dog exercise area fences, park buildings, seating, toilets, and cricket wickets, field, sightboards and oval fence as required

Comments:

- Some potential to develop bushland corridor including Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest along southern street frontage.

Level of Service Grading:

High


Existing Leases:

None




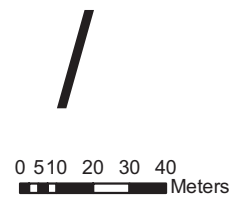
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LEGEND: ASQUITH PARK

 Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Categories: Sportsground, Park

 Vegetation: Community M- Remnant Trees
Sydney Turpentine-Ironbark Forest
S.glomulifera-A.costata-E.paniculata



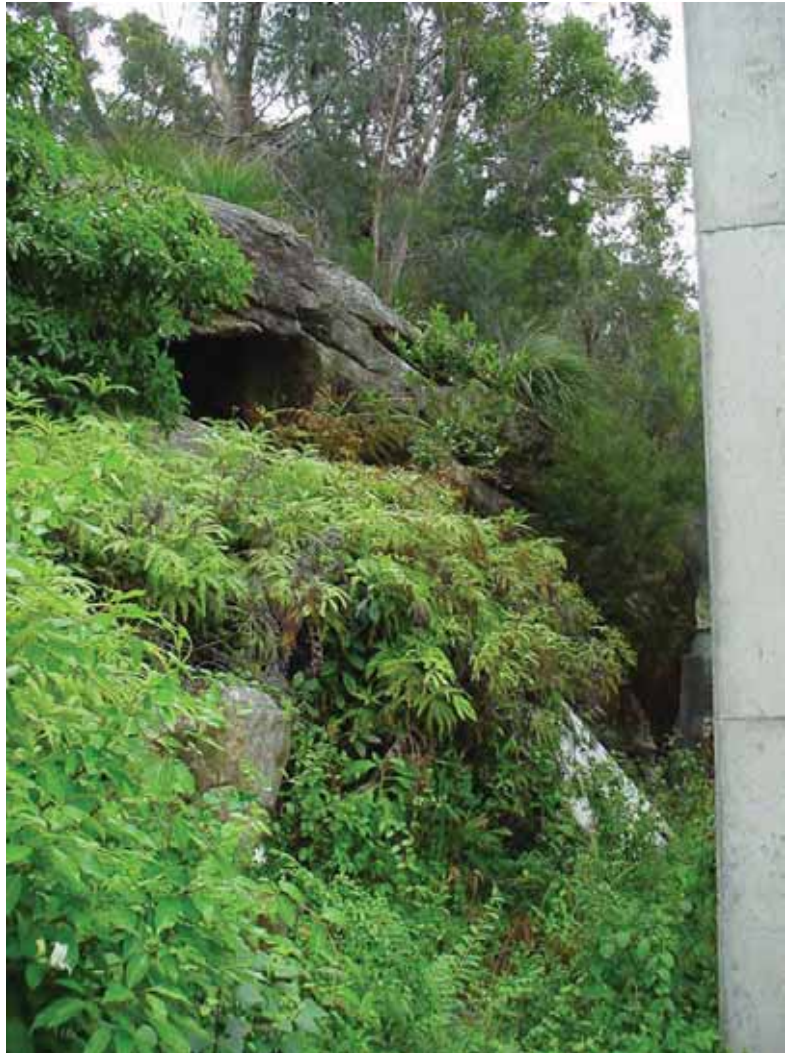
Property:	Brennan Close Bushland (also known as Wilkinson Close Bushland)
Reserve No:	13
Oracle Fixed Asset Nos.:	105112, 105113, 105776
Matman Equipment No.	1.17.3.0
Address:	Brennan Close (14X) and Wilkinson Close (9X), Asquith
Lot & DP:	Lot 8 & 16 DP 249885; Lot 9 DP 246420 (Freehold as Public Reserve)
Area:	6,486 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local) except Lot 9 DP 246420 which is Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland, Watercourse (<i>Hornsby Creek</i>)
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, Hornsby Shire LEP, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Vegetation Community A: *E. piperita* - *A. costata* Open Forest

View north from adjacent to premises at the end of Brennan Close:



Conservation Status

- Vegetation community A is well conserved

Condition / Impacts

- This is a small, narrow reserve which is in very good (KC rating 1/1/1 (1) condition in the upper portions of the reserve. The mid section of the reserve is being actively restored by Bushcare volunteers and is a range of good conditions (KC rating 1/2/2 (2) and the lower section and creek line areas are very poor (KC 2/4/4 (4).
- Overall condition is fair
- Stormwater impacts off Wilkinson Close and all along the Hornsby Creek boundary of the Reserve.
- Sewer line runs along the creek line and access through the creek is difficult

Main Weeds

- Lantana, Wandering Jew, Privet, Arundo

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Bushcare
- Bushfire Management

Exceptional Expenditure

- Possible site for CRR project and major riparian restoration work

Comments:

- The Reserve is an easement for water drainage
- A Bushcare group is currently working in this reserve
- The reserve lies in between residential and industrial development
- An informal trail runs the length of the reserve

Level of Service Grading:

N/A

Existing Leases:


None



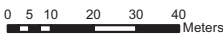

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**LEGEND: BRENNAN
CLOSE BUSHLAND**

 Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Categories: Bushland,
Watercourse



Property:	Gardenia Street Park
Reserve No:	156
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	105537
Matman Equipment No:	5.156.0.0.0.0
Address:	Gardenia (1X) and Bouvardia Streets, Asquith
Lot & DP:	Lot 57 DP 30826 (Freehold as Public Garden & Recreation Space)
Area:	2,289 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Park
Subcategories:	N/A
Recategorised since last POM:	No
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space
- Furniture including two seats and one picnic table
- Gross Pollutant Trap (GPT - Catchment Remediation Rate device ID 232)

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone

Condition / Impacts

- Park and furniture condition is fair to good with some scalping of turf at boundary top of embankment

View north from Bouvardia Street, southern park corner:



Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Mowing
- Inspection, removal of waste from GPT

Exceptional Expenditure

- Inspection and maintenance, replacement of furniture as required

Comments:

- Pocket park for passive informal activity

Level of Service Grading:

Low



Existing Leases:

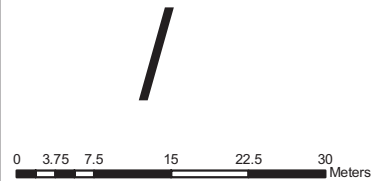
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LEGEND: GARDENIA STREET PARK

-  Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council
-  Land Category: Park



Property:	Michigan Avenue Bushland
Reserve No:	1
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	105636
Matman Equipment No:	1.96.3.0
Address:	Michigan Avenue (51X), Asquith
Lot & DP:	Lot 50 DP 31949 (Freehold as Public Reserve)
Area:	11,388 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland
Recategorised since last POM:	No
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Vegetation Community E: *E. sieberi* - *E. gummifera* - *E. haemastoma* Woodland and Community G: *E. haemastoma*- *A. hispida*- *B. ericifolia*- Low Open Woodland

View within site:



Conservation Status

- Vegetation Community E is of local conservation significance

Condition / Impacts

- The Reserve is in very poor condition (KC 4/4/4 (4) along the factory and some of the Michigan Avenue. residential properties interface
- It is also degraded behind areas of the Stokes Ave. residential properties but generally *fair* (KC 1/3/2 (2)
- The core areas of the reserve are in *good* condition (KC 1/1/1 (1)

Overall condition

- Fair

Main Weeds

- Jasmine, Fishbone fern, Asparagus fern, Lantana, Privet, Crofton weed, Cassia

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Bushfire mitigation

Exceptional Expenditure

- N/A

Comments:

- This reserve has several encroachments behind residences on Stokes Avenue
- This reserve is adjacent to a large area of bushland owned by the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Vulnerable species of *Darwinia biflora* present on adjacent site, near eastern reserve boundary






Level of Service Grading:

N/A

Existing Leases:

None



 <p>HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL</p> <p>Date : MAY 2006</p>	<p>LEGEND: MICHIGAN AVE BUSHLAND</p> <p> Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council</p> <p>Land Categories: Bushland</p> <p> <i>Darwinia biflora</i>; Vulnerable TSC ACT 1995</p>	 
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Property:	Mills Avenue Bushland
Reserve No:	2
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	105640, 105194
Matman Equipment No:	1.100.3.0
Address:	Mills Avenue (29X, 32X) Asquith
Lot & DP:	Lot 1 DP 236541, Lot 18 DP 225179 (Freehold as Public Reserve)
Area:	6,205 sq m
Zoning:	Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland, Watercourse (<i>Walls Gully, headwaters of Calna Creek</i>)
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Community A: *E. piperita*- *A. costata* – Open Forest

View within site:



Conservation Status

- Vegetation community A is well conserved

Conditions / Impacts

- This reserve contains good core bushland. Weed infestation does occur notably in the firebreak behind houses at corner of Mittabah and Wall Avenue and in parts behind houses in Mittabah. There are

thickets of woody weeds (KC 3/4/4 (4) - very poor

- The weed infestation at the top of Mills Avenue is poor (2/3/3(3) but in good condition further into the reserve
- Stormwater and drainage enter the reserve at many points with a major drain entering the Reserve off the end of Mills Avenue

Overall Condition

- Fair

Main Weeds:

- Privet, Camphor Laurel, Pittosporum, Asparagus Fern, Morning Glory, Honeysuckle, Ochna

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Bushfire mitigation
- Bushcare

Exceptional Expenditure

- A litter basket has been installed in this reserve on Mittabah Avenue, Asquith (Asset ID 2)

Comments:

- Some informal tracks are present
- The drainage area off Mittabah Avenue is mown by neighbours
- A Bushcare group operates within BVRP and a small area of the reserve behind houses off Mittabah Avenue
- The regeneration potential for degraded areas is quite high as much of the reserve is in good condition and it is at the top of the catchment
- The reserve adjoins BVRP and is a creekline corridor at the headwaters of Calna Creek

Level of Service Grading:

N/A

Existing Leases:

None



Date : MAY 2006

**LEGEND: MILLS
AVE BUSHLAND**



Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Categories: Bushland,
Natural Area



Creekline



0 10 20 40 60 80 Meters

Property:	Mills Park Sportsground & Tennis Complex
Reserve No:	196
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	229155, 229057, 229124
Matman Equipment No:	2.196.0.0.0.0
Address:	Chelmsford Road (2X), Asquith
Lot & DP:	Lot 1104 DP 48685 (R100191 Chelmsford Road Reserve Trust with Council made Trustees 19/5/1989); Lot 1105 DP 48685 and Lots 1114 & 1115 DP 822293 (R85604 for Public Recreation with Council Trustees of Mills Park Reserve Trust 9/9/65)
Area:	72,504 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation – Local)
Land Owner:	Crown
Classification:	N/A
Community Land Category:	Sportsground, Natural Area, General Community Use (Crown Land)
Subcategories:	Bushland, Watercourse
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds and 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space
- Sportsfields
- Playground
- Tennis courts
- Half-court
- Toilets
- Carpark to tennis courts
- Clubhouse
- Covered grandstand / terrace seating
- Sediment basin, channel net and infiltration pipe (Catchment Remediation Rate devices)

Conservation Status

- The Park is heritage listed with local significance

Condition / Impacts

- Some of the oval batter embankments and batters below the carpark of the tennis centre are highly degraded (KC 4/3/4 (4))
- Bushland along the edge of the oval and below the tennis courts is in fair condition (KC 2/2/1(2)) The rest of the bushland is in good to very good condition with little weed infestation

View east over playground and sportsfields:



Main Weeds

- Privet, lantana, coral tree, camphor laurel, morning glory, honeysuckle, and turkey rhubarb

Overall condition

- Fair - good

View including playground, amenities building and covered terrace seating:



Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Vegetation Community A
- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics (Koettig, 1996)
- Mills Park is heritage listed and is regarded as being of high local significance (*Hornsby Shire LEP, 1994*)
- The site of Mills Park was the original location of a clay quarry operated by Mr F.H. Bullock. The quarry was connected to pottery works by tracks for a small cable train. According to a local story children sometimes rode in the moving rail trucks full of clay being caught by workmen at the top. The clay was used for high quality porcelain basins and toilet bowls and was recognised at the British Empire Exhibition of 1925 with a medal and certificate. Following closure of the quarry, Council used the site for green waste prior to converting it to a playing field which has also been used by a circus from time to time. Asquith Women's Bowling Club used the western part of the site until they amalgamated and moved to the men's Club grounds, after which the site was used as a pre-school. The pre-school remains on the western part of the site. The park is named after Councillor Mills who was an inspector for fruit fly in local orchards and whose house still stands on the corner of Winston Street and Sherbrook Roads

Management
(see Comments below):

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree and landscape buffer planting maintenance
- Bush regeneration and weed control
- Change of season sportsground works
- Fertilising and topdressing
- Turfing worn areas
- Spraying
- Inspection and maintenance of playground equipment
- Inspection, cleaning and maintenance of toilets and clubhouse facilities
- Inspection and maintenance of fences
- Inspection and maintenance of sportsfields
- Inspection and maintenance of grandstand
- Inspection and maintenance of irrigation system
- Inspection and maintenance of lighting
- CRR maintenance
- Mowing
- Rubbish collection (3 x 240L, 2 x 55L) twice a week

Exceptional Expenditure

- Inspection and maintenance of hydrocon infiltration pipe adjacent to the tennis court carpark on Stratford Close, Asquith (CRR ID 195)
- Inspection and maintenance Channel Net device (ID 229) and Sediment Basin (ID 227) on Stratford Close

Comments:

- Except for playground, catchment remediation devices and rubbish collection by Hornsby Shire Council, maintenance works for Mills Park are carried out by the Kuring-gai District Soccer Association under a 20 year lease that lasts until 2026. Routine care and maintenance of the Tennis Courts facility is carried out by the Hornsby Kuring-gai District Tennis Association Inc
- Easement for electricity purposes
- A contract bush regeneration project has been undertaken to address the weed infestation on the oval batter
- This reserve is at the headwaters of the Cowan catchment area and also borders Ku-ring-gai National Park and a large bushland area owned by the Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council

Level of Service Grading:

Medium (by KDSA as above)

Existing Leases:

Ku-ring-gai and District Soccer Association
Hornsby Kuring-gai District Tennis Association Inc
Norwood Pre-School



 <p>HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL</p> <p>Date : MAY 2006</p>	<p>LEGEND: MILLS PARK</p> <p> Land Owner: Crown Lands R85604 Hornsby Shire Council Trustees 1966</p> <p>Land Categories: Sportsground, Natural Area, General Community Use</p>	 <p>0 12.5 25 50 75 100 Meters</p>
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Property:	Old Berowra Road Bushland
Reserve No:	3
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	195668
Matman Equipment No:	1.112.3.0
Address:	Old Berowra Road (84X), Asquith
Lot & DP:	Lot 5 DP 229288 (Freehold as Public Reserve)
Area:	1,631 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland, Watercourse (<i>tributary of Grimsons Gully and Calna Creek</i>)
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- CRR trashrack

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Vegetation community A: *E. piperita* - *A. costata* Open Forest
- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)

Conservation Status

- Vegetation community A is well conserved

View; Old Berowra Road Bushland and waterway:



Condition / Impacts

- A steep, narrow, degraded riparian reserve bounded by urban development; the creekline is badly weed infested as are the boundaries with residential properties (KC 4/4/4(4) (*very poor*); there is some dieback with little to no native canopy in parts.; native understorey remains in patches, with resilience low
- The CRR trashrack area on Old Berowra Rd. is landscaped and maintained in good condition

Overall Condition

- Very poor

Main Weeds

- Privet, Kikuyu, Crofton Weed, Fishbone Fern, Wandering Jew, Honeysuckle, Turkey Rhubarb, Balloon Vine

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- CRR maintenance
- Noxious weed control

Exceptional Expenditure

Comments:

- A trash rack has been installed in this reserve on Old Berowra Road, Asquith (Asset ID 22)
- There are no formalised trails passing through the reserve
- High edge to area ratio with encroachments from public properties
- This reserve is a drainage reserve with stormwater impacts
- It forms the upper reaches of the Waddells Gully bushland corridor and links with Berowra Valley Regional Park. It is a headwater tributary of Calna Creek

Level of Service Grading:

N/A

Existing Leases:

None



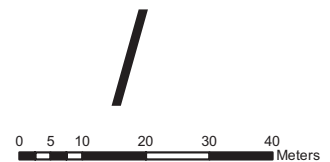
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**LEGEND: OLD BEROWRA RD
BUSHLAND**



Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Category: Natural Area



Property: **Salisbury Road Park**
Reserve No: 155
Oracle Fixed Asset No: 105711
Matman Equipment No: No matman #
Address: Salisbury Road (1X), Asquith
Lot & DP: Lot 1 DP 610539 (Freehold as Public Reserve)
Area: 418 sq m
Zoning: Open Space C (Private Recreation)
Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council
Classification: Community Land
Community Land Category: Park
Subcategories: N/A
Recategorised since last POM: No
Relationship to Other Plans: Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Park bench
- Informal open space

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Wianamatta shale

Condition / Impacts

- The park is in good to fair condition but is affected by its proximity to commercial industrial premises and busy road

Park view across Salisbury Road:



Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance and shrub pruning
- Mowing

Exceptional Expenditure

- Replacement of furniture / park bench as required

Comments:

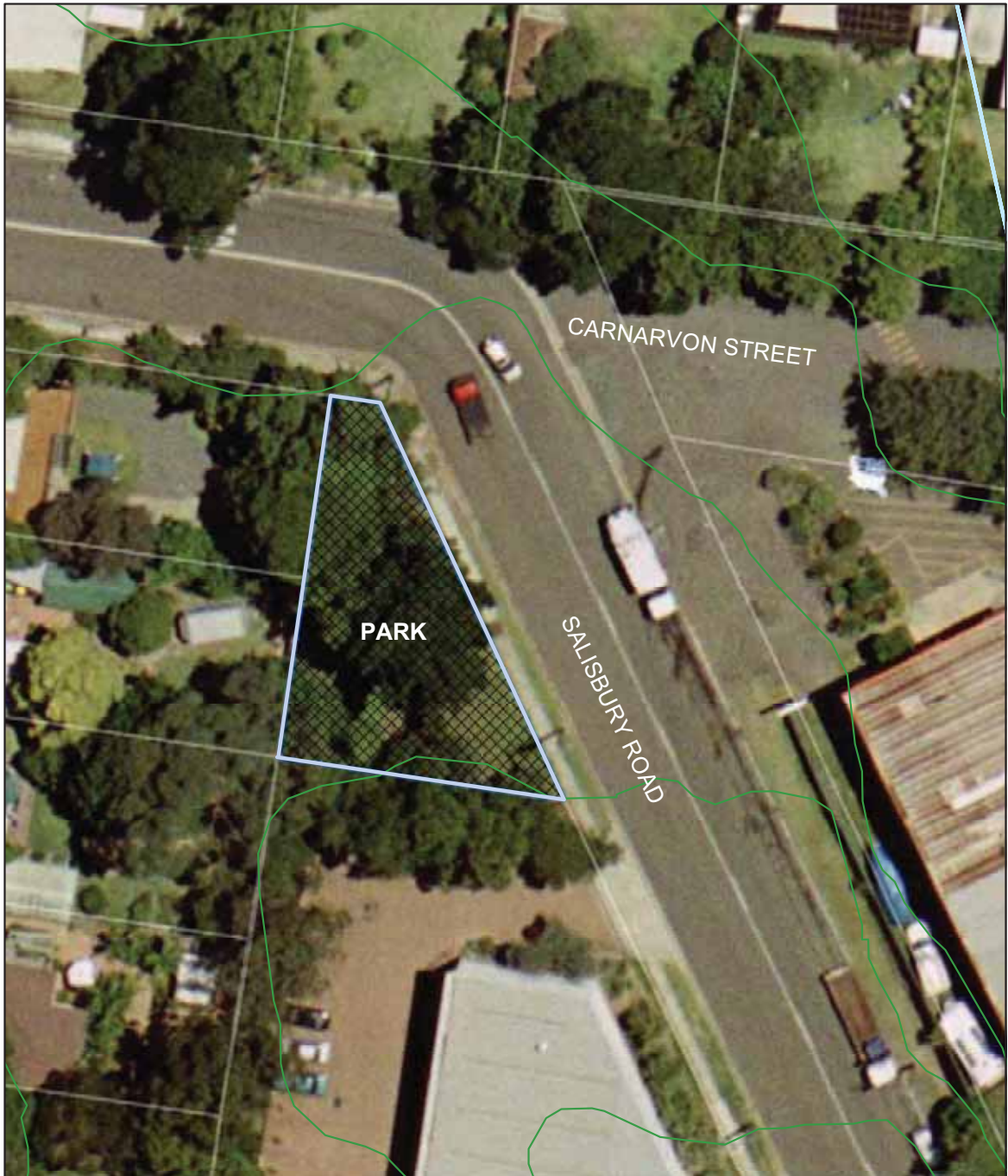
- This pocket park has a low quality in terms of its location adjacent to the corner of a busy road and industrial commercial site opposite. This corner location could be considered dangerous
- Future re-classification to operational land for asset rationalisation could be considered

Level of Service Grading:

Low



Existing Leases:

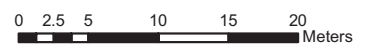
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LEGEND: SALISBURY ROAD PARK

-  Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council
-  Land Category: Park



BEROWRA

Property:	Berowra Plantation Strip
Reserve No:	194
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	105675
Matman Equipment No:	No matman #
Address:	Pacific Highway (911-917X), Berowra
Lot & DP:	Lot 21 DP 800452 (Freehold as Public Reserve); Lot 7008 DP 93769 (R76181 for Public Recreation with care, control and management devolving to Council); Lot 7037 DP 1061174 (R89663 Pacific Highway Reserve Trust for plantation with care, control and management devolving to Council)
Area:	1,266 sq m
Zoning:	Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner:	Crown, Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Park
Subcategories:	N/A
Recategorised since last POM:	No
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space / road verge
- Path / cycleway linking to adjacent neighbourhoods

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone

View south adjacent to the rear of properties and the Pacific Highway:



Condition / Impacts

- Local residents have planted native and non-native screen trees and shrubs along much of the extent of this reserve at the back of properties, to provide protection from the traffic noise and pollution associated with the Highway
- The Pacific Highway impacts negatively on the value of this Reserve as a recreational park
- A pedestrian access extends between the Pacific Highway and Helvetia Place. This is maintained as a garden setting by local residents

Main Weeds

- Some exotic but non-invasive Cypress have been planted in the Reserve along with native Casuarina and Lilly Pilly

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Mowing

Comments:

Exceptional Expenditure

- Traffic control measures such as bollards and signage may be required
- Evidence of cars using the strip for which preventive measures may need to be taken
- The main value of the reserve is for the link provided through to Helvetia Street and adjacent residential neighbourhoods from the Pacific Highway.
- There is an opportunity to improve the streetscape while offering additional screening to adjacent homes

Level of Service Grading:

Low

Existing Leases:

None



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Property:	Helvetia Avenue Park
Reserve No:	172
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	105538
Matman Equipment No:	5.172.0.0.0.0
Address:	Geneva Street (7X) and Helvetia Avenue, Berowra
Lot & DP:	Lot 1 DP 251624 (Freehold as Public Reserve)
Area:	705 sq m
Zoning:	Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Park
Subcategories:	N/A
Recategorised since last POM:	No
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space
- Park bench

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, Hornsby Shire LEP, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone with rocky outcrops on site

View over park from northern / Geneva Street frontage:



Condition / Impacts

- This park has low value as a recreational reserve due to its form and location but is maintained in fair condition
- The site falls away from the road and contains rocky outcrops
- A copse of small native trees occupies the upper embankment to the road's edge and some introduced Callistemons align with an adjacent residential boundary

Main Weeds

- None

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Mowing
- Tree maintenance

Exceptional Expenditure

- Replacement of furniture, rail barrier, gate and bubbler / tap as required

Comments:

- This reserve offers little in terms of recreation or environmental quality and could be considered for re-classification as operational land for asset rationalisation

Level of Service Grading:

Low

Existing Leases:

None



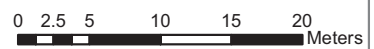
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LEGEND: HELVETIA PARK



Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Category: Park



Property:	Ti Tree Crescent Bushland (also known as Bambil Road Reserve)
Reserve No:	27
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	105308
Matman Equipment No:	5.27.0.0.0.0
Address:	Ti Tree Crescent (1X) and Bambil Road, Berowra
Lot & DP:	Lot 89 DP 246250 (Freehold as Public Reserve)
Area:	7,847 sqm
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland, Watercourse (<i>tributary of Sams Creek</i>)
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:	<p>Facilities Provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A <p>Natural & Cultural Heritage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, <i>Hornsby Shire LEP</i>, 1994) • Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone • Community A: <i>E. piperita</i>, <i>A. costata</i> - Open Forest <p>Conservation Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community A is well conserved
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View; Ti Tree Crescent Bushland and watercourse; tributary to Sam's Creek:



Condition / Impacts

- The majority of core bushland is in good condition (KC 1/2/2); there is scattered weed infestation throughout the creek line and garden escapes on the boundaries with residential properties (poor); major stormwater impacts are mitigated by CRR devices but stormwater from residential properties are impacting the bushland
- Rubbish dumping into the bushland off Ti Tree Crescent is a problem

Overall Condition

- Fair

Main Weeds

- Privet, Fishbone Fern, Cotoneaster, Crofton Weed, Wandering Jew

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- CRR maintenance
- Bushfire mitigation

Exceptional Expenditure

- A NetTech water treatment device, a CRR device with two litter baskets and another CRR device with one basket and sediment remediation basin (Asset ID 54, 84, 85 and 86)

Comments:

- This reserve is upstream and adjacent to Berowra Valley Regional Park
- There is a concrete pathway that leads into the Reserve off the end of Bracken Close, where there is a concrete channel and sewer line infrastructure
- There are no formalised tracks through the reserve








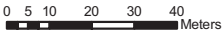
Level of Service Grading:

N/A

Existing Leases:

None



 <p>HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL</p> <p>Date : MAY 2006</p>	<p>LEGEND: TI TREE CRESCENT BUSHLAND</p> <p> Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council</p> <p> Land Categories: Natural Area - Bushland, Watercourse</p> <p> Fire trail</p> <p> Tributary to Sam's Creek</p> <p> <i>Darwinia biflora</i>. Vulnerable species under TSC Act 1995</p>	 
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HORNSBY

Property:	Lessing Street Playground
Reserve No:	154
Oracle Fixed Asset Nos:	105003, 105595-105598
Matman Equipment Nos:	3.154.0.0.0.0
Address:	Lessing Street (5-11X) and Stephen Street (15), Hornsby
Lot & DP:	Lots 15, 18-20 and Part 21 in DP 7166 (Freehold)
Area:	4,241 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Park
Subcategories:	N/A
Recategorised since last POM:	No
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Perimeter fence; green powder-coated steel safety fence
- Informal open space
- Playground
- Barbecues
- Bike track suitable for small children and pathways
- Toilets
- A bus stop shelter is located adjacent to the western gate entry.

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone and Wianamatta shale
- In 1947 Council bought land from William Woods for a park to service the nearby Housing Commission homes; in about 1969 a bridge was placed over the old watercourse and in 1972 a children's playground was constructed; in 1982 lights were installed in the park and in 1996 toilets upgraded; in 1998 the park was upgraded, fenced and a bicycle track added; the watercourse is no longer evident on the site but it still functions as a drainage easement

View from Lessing Street gate entry:



Condition / Impacts

- Good quality play opportunities in a secure environment
- Condition of planting within garden beds is poor with no replacement planting installed but mature and semi-mature trees and lawn areas are in good condition

- Condition of other facilities and furnishings in the park is good

Main Weeds

- None

Overall Condition

- Good

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Topping up of mulch as softfall finish to playground and garden beds
- Inspection and maintenance of playground equipment and timber playground edge treatment
- Cleaning and maintenance of toilets and barbecues
- Mowing
- Tree maintenance
- Rubbish collection (2 x 55L bins) twice a week

Exceptional Expenditure

- Repair and replacement of planting, playground equipment, timber playground edge treatment, brick garden edge and paving treatments, barbecues, fence, signage and toilets as required

Comments:

- Easement for drainage
- One of Hornsby Shire Council's more unique playgrounds and parks, Lessing Park will require comparatively high maintenance and upgrade works to be maintained in original condition
- Part of the park on the Stephen Street frontage is little used and is not well connected to the park proper due to irregular boundary shape; retaining a pedestrian link to Stephen Street, the remainder of the Stephen Street section of the park is suitable for reclassification and sub-division for future sale

Level of Service Grading:

Medium - High

Existing Leases:

None



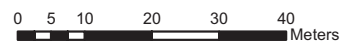
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LEGEND: LESSING ST PLAYGROUND



Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Category: Park



Property:	Sherbrook Road Reserve
Reserve No:	398
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	105721
Matman Equipment No:	5.320.0.0.0.0
Address:	Sherbrook Road (68X), Hornsby
Lot & DP:	HSC Freehold as Public Reserve: Lot 4 DP 587746
Area:	480 sq m
Zoning:	Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Park
Subcategories:	N/A
Recategorised since last POM:	No
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- This area has always been known by residents as ‘The Woolwash’ - the ponds in Hornsby Creek adjacent to the park were used for cleaning sheep transported from Homebush Saleyards to the Sherbrook Road slaughter yard; the land was then owned by Cyrus Homersham and the site later became popular as access to the swimming hole along the creek

View into site from Sherbrook Road:



Condition Impacts

- Poor condition of vegetation especially to upper embankments with some regeneration being undertaken
- Some lower riparian vegetation on site and to the watercourse adjacent is in reasonable condition

Main Weeds

- Privet

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance

Exceptional Expenditure

- Bush regeneration

Level of Service Grading:

N/A

Existing Leases:

None



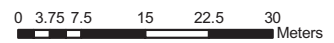
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LEGEND: SHERBROOK ROAD RESERVE



Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Category: Park



HORNSBY HEIGHTS

Property:	Altona Street Bushland (also known as Somerville Road Bushland)
Reserve No:	99
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	105731
Matman Equipment No:	1.130.3.0
Address:	Somerville Road (80X-96X) and Altona Street (4X-6X), Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP:	Lot 10 DP 30968 (Freehold as Public Reserve); Residue Crown Reserve R100092 with care, control and management devolving to Council
Area:	22,161 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local) and Environmental Protection B
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council, Crown Lands
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland, Escarpment, Watercourse (<i>tributary of Walls Gully and Colah Creek</i>)
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Vegetation community A: *E. piperita* - *A. costata*- Open Forest with *E. punctata* occurring frequently on upslope areas
- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)

Conditions/Impacts

- Vegetation is generally in healthy condition probably due to shallow sandstone soils and steep slopes with large sandstone outcrops (*very good*); the creekline and behind residential boundaries are weed infested (KC2/4/3(3) (*poor*))
- Stormwater drains off Altona Street would be a likely weed source for the creek

Overall condition

- Good

Main Weeds

- Privet, Camphor Laurel, Senna

View within Site:



Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Bushfire mitigation
- Weed control

Exceptional Expenditure

- N/A

Comments:

- There are no formalised trails and very steep slopes make access difficult
- The stormwater drain could possibly benefit from a CRR device
- Adjoins Berowra Valley Regional Park and Hornsby Heights sewer treatment works




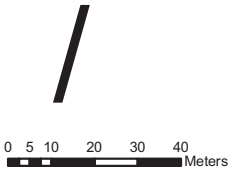
Level of Service Grading:

N/A

Existing Leases:

None



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Property: **Asaph Close (Road Reserve)**
Reserve No: N/A
Oracle Fixed Asset No: 105009
Matman Equipment No: N/A
Address: Asaph Close, Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP: Lot 22 DP 237215 (closed road)
Area: 405 sq m
Zoning: Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council
Classification: Community land
Community Land Category: N/A
Subcategories: N/A
Recategorised since last POM: Yes
Relationship to Other Plans: None; was not included in 1996 Generic Parks and Reserves Plan of Management.

Description & Site Analysis: **Natural & Cultural Heritage**

- Road reserve only
- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, Hornsby Shire LEP, 1994)

Asaph Close is road reserve only and should be re-classified to operational status:



Management: **Recurrent Expenditure**

- None

Exceptional Expenditure

- Roadworks as required

Comments:

- Easement for water supply purposes
- Roadway
- Re-classification to operational land should occur; this is a sealed roadway forming Asaph Close

Level of Service Grading: N/A
Existing Leases: None

Property: **Bushlands Avenue Park**
Reserve No: 511
Oracle Fixed Asset No: 229260
Matman Equipment No: 5.511.0.0.0.0
Address: Bushlands Avenue (4X), Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP: Lot 7022 DP 94135 (Crown Reserve R87747 for Public Recreation and Access 1/5/1970 with care and control devolving to Council)
Area: 1130 sq m
Zoning: Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner: Crown
Classification: NA
Community Land Category: Park
Subcategories: NA
Recategorised since last POM: No
Relationship to Other Plans: Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Stairway access to Hornsby North Public School

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone

Bushland View:



Condition / Impacts

- Fair

Main Weeds

- Privet, Camphor Laurel, Pittosporum, Fishbone Fern

Comments:

- Roadway drainage runs into the reserve with a headwall adjacent to the corner of Bushlands Avenue
- A portion of this reserve could be considered for re-categorisation to operational land with retention of the accessway
- Access to Ida Street from the park is only achievable by trespass through school grounds

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Mowing

Exceptional Expenditure

- Repair and replacement of pathway and stair as required

Level of Service Grading:

Low

Existing Leases:

None



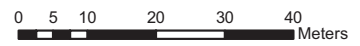
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LEGEND: BUSHLANDS AVE PARK



Land Owner: Crown Lands R87747 for Public Recreation and Access

Land Categories: Natural Area



Property:	Crosslands Reserve
Reserve No:	385
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	105734, 105735
Matman Equipment No.	9.385.0.0.0.0
Address:	Somerville Road (441, 520), Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP:	Lot 311 DP 752053; Lot 1 DP 995496 (Freehold)
Area:	147,540 sq m
Zoning:	Lot 1 DP 995496 is Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local) and Lot 311 DP 752053 is Open Space B (Public Recreation – Regional)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Park, Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland, Watercourse
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and the former Berowra Valley Bushland Park POM Part 1 and Part 2, which included the Council community land at Crosslands Reserve; it should be noted that the northern part of Crosslands is part of Berowra Valley Regional Park which is covered by BVRP Plan of Management 2005; there is a Crosslands Reserve Masterplan which details upgrading the Reserve; bushland area will be included in a future update of Significant Areas – Bushland Plan of Management; in 2006 Council exhibited a draft Masterplan for Crossland Reserve (recommended for adoption in June 2006); please refer to this document for detailed management strategies and information

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space
- Playground
- Campgrounds
- Boat ramp
- BBQ's / timber provided; to be replaced with electric barbeques as part of the future Masterplan improvements
- Bike track / circuit path
- Carpark
- Toilets
- Boardwalk and information signage (HSC & Department of Lands)
- Walking trails including Great North Walk

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Vegetation community V: *Casuarina glauca* Swamp Oak Floodplain Forest, an Endangered Ecological Community
- Vegetation Community Q: *Angophora floribunda* – *Allocasuarina torulosa* Open Forest
- Vegetation Community F: *E. racemosa*- *Corymbia gummifera* - *Angophora costata* Woodland
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury Sandstone and Quaternary Alluvial Deposits
- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics (Koettig 1996)
- In 1856 Matthew Charlton acquired 43 acres of river flat and in 1860 he appointed Burton Crossland as caretaker of the land, some of which he eventually purchased; he built two boats, the Mary Charlton and the White Cloud (both named after his wife) on which he transported timber to Sydney and returned with sandstone ballast; with these materials he also built many of the early settlers' homes in Berowra Creek and the church on Bar Island; his son Tom Crossland fished and farmed the orchard at Crosslands and later purchased the property from Matthew Charlton's son Albert, thus giving him land on both sides of the creek; by 1885 steam launches were travelling up Berowra Creek from Sydney on pleasure trips and Crosslands was a popular picnic and holiday making site by the 1890s; in 1968 the area became accessible by road; in 1977 the area became known as Crosslands Creek Picnic Area being used by many Scout and Youth Groups for camps; the northern area of Crosslands was gazetted as part of Berowra Valley Regional park in 1998; Council manages the whole of Crosslands Reserve under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Environment and

View to Berowra creek bend in northern park sector:

Conservation (NPWS).



Campsite; southern park sector:



View north from southern park sector towards recreational open space and playground:



Conservation Status

- Crosslands Reserve is heritage listed and is regarded as being of regional significance (*Hornsby Shire LEP, 1994*)
- Swamp Oak Floodplain Forest is listed as an Endangered Ecological Community and is of State significance

Condition / Impacts

- The open space is of good quality for recreational purposes
- The reserve is subject to flooding
- Activities associated with the waterway eg. canoeing, impact on banks; condition of embankments is only fair with erosion and undercutting evident
- The bushland areas are in good condition

Main Weeds

- Blue Couch grass growing in saltmarsh / mangrove area

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Inspection and maintenance of playground equipment
- Mowing
- Cleaning and maintenance of toilets
- Cleaning and maintenance of barbecues
- Supply of wood for barbecues and fire pits
- Bush regeneration
- Bushfire mitigation
- Rubbish collection (19 x 240L bins) twice a week

Exceptional Expenditure

- Road and carpark maintenance
- Fencing and signage maintenance and replacement as required
- There is extensive expenditure planned for this reserve with the implementation of the Crosslands Reserve Masterplan

Comments:

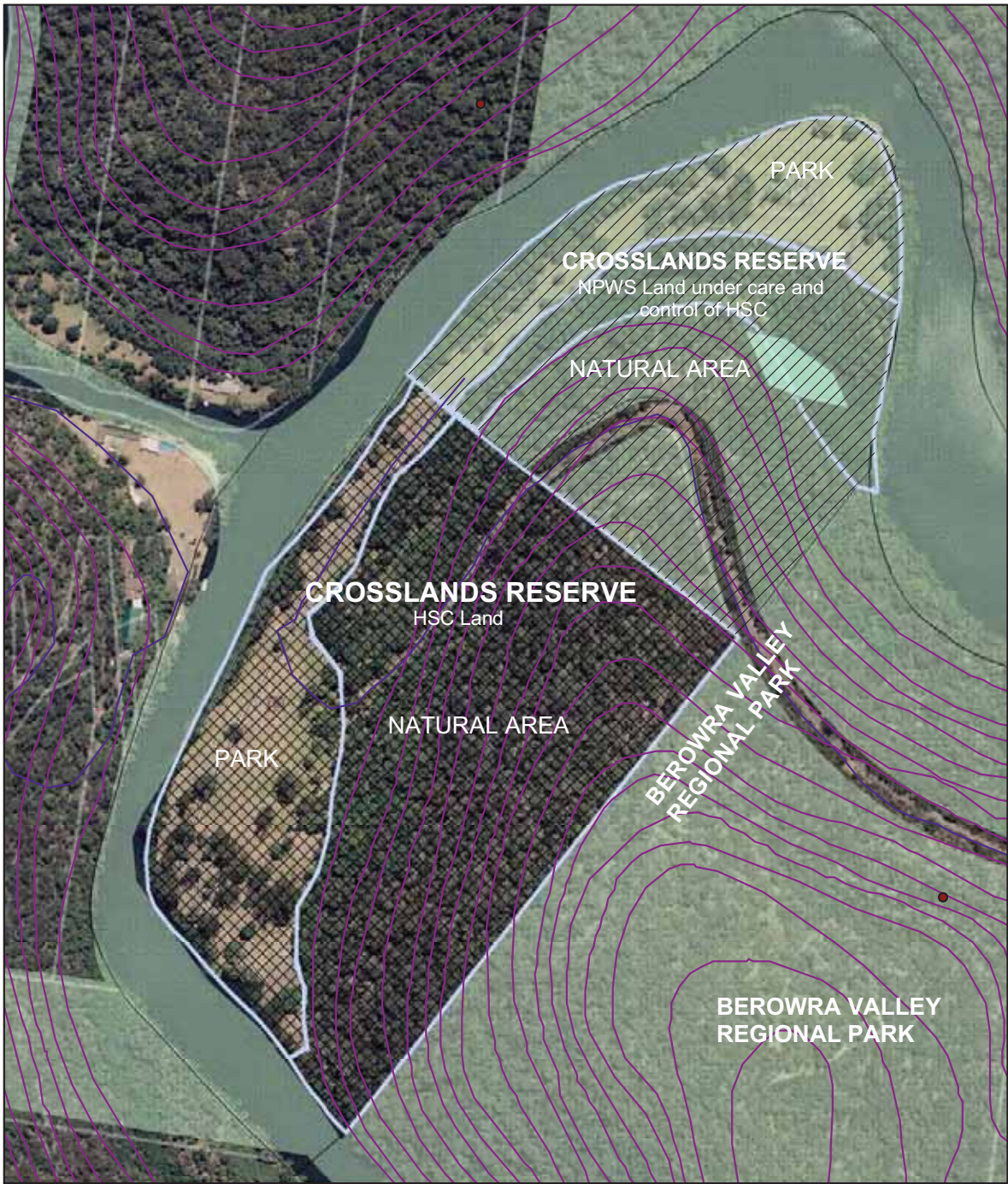
- Vehicular access to the site by steep and narrow roadway from the east may serve to restrict visitation
- Crosslands provides a camp site and resting spot for travellers on the Great North Walk






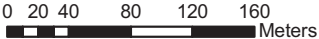
Level of Service Grading:

High

Existing Leases:

None



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Property:	Gum Leaf Close Bushland
Reserve No:	388
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	105284, 105285
Matman Equipment No:	No matman #
Address:	Gum Leaf Close (12X) and Scribbly Gum Close (23X), Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP:	Lot 31 and 32 DP 814609 (Freehold as Public Reserve) Pt 957 DP 752053 (Crown Reserve R100092 part of former Berowra Valley Bushland Park with care, control and management devolving to Council – under investigation)
Area:	3,361 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council Crown (under investigation)
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland, Escarpment
Recategorised since last POM:	No
Relationship to Other Plans:	Has not been included in previous Plans of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Community A: *E. piperita*, *A. costata* – Open Forest
- Community D: *E. punctata*, *E. gummifera*, *E. haemastoma* - Woodland on upper areas and end of Scribbly Gum Close

View from within site:



Condition / Impacts

- This reserve is a narrow strip of bushland separating Berowra Valley Regional Park from residential development. The bushland is mainly in very good condition (KMC 1/1/1(1)) with weeds confined to edges of urban development, fire trail edges and stormwater outlets

Overall Condition

- Good

Main Weeds

- Crofton Weed, *Coreopsis*, *Paspalum*, African Love Grass, Kikuyu, Briza, Flatweed

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Bushfire mitigation
- Fire trail and gate maintenance
- Weed control

Comments:

- Easement to drain water
- A fire trail runs along the length of the residential development and is in good condition
- Adjoins Berowra Valley Regional Park






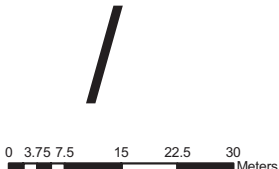
Level of Service Grading:

N/A

Existing Leases:

None



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Property:	Hopeville Park
Reserve No:	389
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	229092
Matman Equipment No:	4.389.0.0.0.0
Address:	Marine Crescent (11X) and Meredith Avenue (22X), Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP:	Lot 1022 DP 752053 (R85396 from sale for Public Recreation, Council Trustees Marine Crescent Reserve Trust 22/4/66)
Area:	18,627 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner:	Crown
Classification:	NA
Community Land Category:	Park, Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Generic Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space containing practice cricket wicket
- Playground
- Bike track (BMX)
- Bushland open space

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics (Koettig 1996)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury Sandstone
- Vegetation Community D – *E.punctata-Corymbia gummifera-E.haemastoma* Woodland
- Heritage listed of local significance (containing bushland)

View from corner with Meredith Avenue over open space towards playground and bushland:



Conservation Status

- Hopeville Park is heritage listed and is regarded as being of local significance (*Hornsby Shire LEP, 1994*)

Condition / Impacts

- BMX track is through the bushland canopy but contained from the regeneration areas by post and wire. It is ever-changing in terms of layout, jumps etc
- The bushland remnants are in good condition with weed infestation mostly occurring on the edges
- The cricket wicket is in fair condition for informal games

Main Weeds

- Camphor laurel, Parramatta grass and other exotic grasses

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Inspection and maintenance of playground equipment as required
- Inspection and maintenance of fencing as required
- Topping up mulch to playground
- Mowing
- Bushcare
- Rubbish collection (1 x 55L bin) once a week

Exceptional Expenditure

- Repair and replacement of playground equipment as required
- Repair / replacement of malfoid practice wicket as required
- Maintenance of wire fencing at Bushland edge with BMX track
- Maintenance signage and furniture

Comments:

- The open space with practice wicket does not support formal sports due to the natural site topography
- There is an active Bushcare group in the bushland area of this reserve
- There is a NSW Community Fire Guard Unit located on the reserve

Level of Service Grading:

Medium

Existing Leases:

None



Date : MAY 2006

LEGEND: HOPEVILLE PARK



Land Owner: Crown Lands
R85396 for Public Recreation
Council Reserve Trustees 1966

Land Category: Park, Natural Area



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Meters

Property: **Hornsby Rural Fire Brigade Control Headquarters**
Reserve No: 400
Oracle Fixed Asset No: 229238, 229246, 229272
Matman Equipment No: No matman #
Address: Galston Road (143), Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP: Lot 1103 DP 48317; Lot 1075 DP 752053; Lot 2 DP 791210 (R88797 for Bush Fire Brigade Purposes with Council Trustees of Hornsby Heights Bush Fire Brigade Reserve Trust 5/2/1977)
Area: 17,092 sq m
Zoning: Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner: Crown
Classification: NA
Community Land Category: General Community Use and Natural Area
Subcategories: Bushland
Recategorised since last POM: No
Relationship to Other Plans: Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Bush Fire Brigade Headquarters

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone

View of main building within site:



Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance

Exceptional Expenditure

- Carpark / driveway entry
- Building maintenance
- Technological upgrades

Comments:

- Bushfire lookout and control headquarters

Level of Service Grading:

Low



Existing Leases:

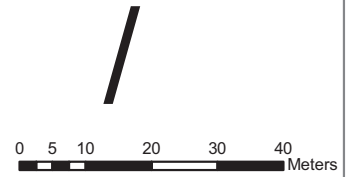
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**LEGEND: HORNSBY
KU-RINGAI RURAL FIRE
SERVICE HEADQUARTERS**

-  Land Owner: Crown Lands
R90697 Hornsby Shire Council
made Trustees in 1977
- Land Category: General
Community Use
-  Fire Trail



Property: **Hornsby Heights Community Centre & Grevillea Kindergarten**
Reserve No: 402
Oracle Fixed Asset No: 229230
Matman Equipment No: No matman #
Address: Galston Road (104X), Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP: Lot 873 DP 752053 (R87594 (formerly R79330) for Community Purposes with Council made trustees 13/3/1970 of Grevillea Crescent Reserve Trust)
Area: 1,872 sq m
Zoning: Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner: Crown
Classification: Community Land
Community Land Category: Park
Subcategories: N/A
Recategorised since last POM: No
Relationship to Other Plans: Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Playground
- Informal open space
- Community centre

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone

View:



Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Inspection and maintenance playground equipment and softfall
- Tree maintenance
- Mowing
- Rubbish collection (1 x 55L) four times a week

Exceptional Expenditure

- Building and furniture maintenance as required
- Maintenance fencing, park signage, carpark as required

Level of Service Grading:

Low

Existing Leases:

None



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**LEGEND: HORNSBY HEIGHTS
COMMUNITY CENTRE AND
GREVILLEA KINDERGARTEN**



Land Owner: Crown Lands
R87594 Hornsby Shire Council
made Trustees in 1970

Land Category: General
Community Use



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Property:	Hornsby Heights Scout Hall & Bushland
Reserve No:	396
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	105727
Matman Equipment No:	No matman #
Address:	Koala Place (1X), Somerville Road (37X) Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP:	Lot 1 DP 530877 (Freehold)
Area:	6,241 sq m
Zoning:	Environmental Protection B (River Catchment)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	General Community Use, Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space
- Scouts Hall
- Former Guides Hall (to be demolished)

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Community A: *E.piperita*, *A.costata* – Open Forest

View towards western boundary:



Condition / Impacts

- This reserve has been severely impacted upon by weeds for a long period of time (KC 3/4/4(4)(*very poor*); weed infestation is widespread throughout especially along the residential property boundaries

Overall Conditions

- Poor

Main Weeds

- Privet, Lantana, Coral Tree, Wild Tobacco, Albizia, Cootamundra Wattle, vines especially along and adjacent to the western boundary with some better quality remnant native vegetation on the elevated eastern part of the site

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Mowing
- Bushfire mitigation

Exceptional Expenditure

- Repairs and replacement of buildings as required

- Maintenance and repairs driveway and carpark
- Maintenance and repairs to fencing as required

Comments:

- This reserve is a badly degraded remnant with low probable resilience
- Upstream of Berowra Valley Regional Park
- The Guides Hall is no longer in use by the Guides and is due to be demolished
- Unauthorised private use of a vehicle track

Level of Service Grading:
Existing Leases:

Low
Scouts



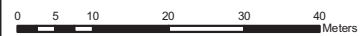
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LEGEND: HORNSBY HEIGHTS SCOUT HALL AND BUSHLAND



Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Categories: General Community Use, Natural Area



Property: **Leonora Close Playground**
Reserve No: 386
Oracle Fixed Asset No: 105728-105730
Matman Equipment No: 4.386.0.0.0.0
Address: Leonora Close and Somerville Road (264-266X), Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP: Lot 3, 4, 8 DP 248320 (Freehold)
Area: 13,130 sq m
Zoning: Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council
Classification: Community Land
Community Land Category: Park
Subcategories: N/A
Recategorised since last POM: No
Relationship to Other Plans: Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space
- Playground; fenced (perimeter chain mesh)

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics (Koettig 1996)

Park view:



Conservation Status

- Leonora Close Playground is heritage listed and is regarded as being of local significance (*Hornsby Shire LEP, 1994*) for contribution to Australian identity of local land and streetscape

Condition / Impacts

- Some rocky outcrops and remnant native vegetation in good condition

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Mowing
- Rubbish collection (1 x 55L) twice a week
- Inspection and maintenance of playground equipment as required
- Topping up of mulch to playground as required

Exceptional Expenditure

- Repair and replacement of playground equipment and fencing as required

Level of Service Grading:

Medium

Existing Leases:

None



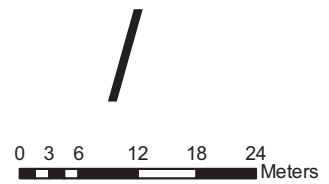
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**LEGEND: LEONORA CLOSE
PLAYGROUND**



Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Category: Park



Property:	Margaret Avenue Bushland
Reserve No:	101
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	105626
Matman Equipment No:	1.93.3.0
Address:	Margaret Avenue (17X), Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP:	Lot 22 DP 205659 (Freehold as Public Garden and Recreation Space)
Area:	5,842 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space B (Public Recreation - Regional)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Park, Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland, Watercourse (<i>tributary of Berowra Creek</i>)
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Bushland Plan of Management

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Vegetation Community A: *E.piperita*, *A.costata* - Open Forest

View showing high weed infestation:



Condition Impacts

- The entrance to the reserve at Margaret Avenue contains a mown grassy area (mown by neighbours) and a severely degraded (very poor) narrow creek with Willow trees fed by a large stormwater drain (KMC4/4/4(4))

- The core of the bushland is in fair condition and progresses to good (KMC1/2/2(2)) as it borders the downstream area of BVRP

Overall Condition

- Poor

Main Weeds

- Madiera Vine, Jasmine, Cape Ivy, Crofton Weed, Ginger Lily, Privet, Fishbone Fern, Asparagus Fern

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Bushcare
- Noxious weed control
- Bushfire mitigation

Exceptional Expenditure

- Possible CRR stormwater and creek restoration works

Comments:

- There is a Bushcare group (known as Sydney Rd) working in this Reserve at the back of the houses off Sydney Road
- This reserve adjoins BVRP both upstream and downstream and could be considered for future addition
- There is an informal walking track through the Reserve leading into BVRP
- There are encroachments from residential properties in this reserve





Level of Service Grading:

N/A

Existing Leases:

None



 <p>HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL</p> <p>Date : MAY 2006</p>	<p>LEGEND: MARGARET AVE BUSHLAND</p> <p> Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council</p> <p>Land Categories: Park, Natural Area - Bushland and Watercourse</p>	  <p>0 3.75 7.5 15 22.5 30 Meters</p>
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Property:	McKay Road Bushland
Reserve No:	102
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	105607
Matman Equipment No:	1.94.3.0
Address:	McKay Road (34X), Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP:	Lot 10 DP 243824 (Freehold as Public Reserve)
Area:	1,733 sq m
Zoning:	Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland, Watercourse
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Community D: *E.punctata*, *E.gummifera*, *E.haemastoma* – woodland

View into bushland:



Conservation Status

- Community D is well conserved

Condition Impacts

- This small reserve is surrounded by residential development but is in fairly good condition for its size. It slopes steeply down from McKay Road; the small core area of bush is in fair condition (KMC1/3/3(3)) however close to boundaries with residential properties is in poor condition
- Watercourse is small and on the edge of the reserve however stormwater flows down through different areas of the bushland

Overall Condition

- Fair

Main Weeds

- Small-leaved Privet, Fishbone Fern, Pampas Grass, Pittosporum (downslope areas) and other exotic herbs and grasses

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Bushfire mitigation
- Noxious weed control

Exceptional Expenditure

- N/A

Comments:

- This may be a good area for Bushcare to target in the future as the reserve is small, in relatively good condition and resilience is likely to be high
- There are no formal tracks or trails access is still easy
- There is some encroachment from residential properties

Level of Service Grading:

N/A

Existing Leases:

None



Date : MAY 2006

**LEGEND: MCKAY RD
BUSHLAND**



Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Category: Natural Area -
Bushland and Watercourse



0 5 10 20 30 40 Meters

Property:	Montview Oval
Reserve No:	392
Oracle Fixed Asset Nos:	229075, 229087, 229242, 229245
Matman Equipment No:	2.392.0.0.0.0
Address:	Montview Parade (6X), Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP:	Lot 7012 DP 93675, Lot 447 DP 752053, Lot 1121 DP 822288; Lot 1127 & 1128 DP 844944 (Crown Reserve R76788 from Sale for Public Recreation 28/5/54 with Care, Control and Management Devolving to Council)
Area:	90,653 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local), Environment Protection B
Land Owner:	Crown
Classification:	NA
Community Land Category:	Park, Sportsground, Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland, Watercourse (<i>upper tributary of Berowra Creek</i>)
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves, the 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds and the draft 1998 Generic Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space
- Tennis Courts
- Toilets
- Playground / fenced x 2
- Car park
- Sportsfields / fenced

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury Sandstone and landfill
- Community A: *E. piperita* - *A. costata* - Open Forest
- First used as a Rubbish Depot in 1917, it was later gazetted for Public Recreation in 1954

View across sportsfields to northwest:



Condition / Impacts

- The natural area is in (KC 3/4/4(4)) *very poor* condition. The area has been very disturbed with natural features being changed as it was an old quarry and tip site. Any remnant native vegetation is of very poor quality
- The embankment of the oval is receding and heavily weed infested

Main Weeds

- Privet, Crofton, Lantana, Senna

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Change of season works
- Fertilising
- Turfing worn areas
- Topdressing
- Spraying
- Cleaning and maintenance of toilets
- Bushfire mitigation
- Noxious weed control
- Rubbish collection (2 x 55L, 3 x 240L) twice a week
- Inspection maintenance for lighting, irrigation, playground equipment, fencing (general asset maintenance)
- Mulch replenishment to playground

Exceptional Expenditure

- Spraying as required
- Repair and replacement of toilets and buildings as required
- Surface repairs to car park
- Maintenance playground equipment as required
- Maintenance oval, playground, and court fences as required
- Signage repairs as required
- Surface repairs to sportsfields

View; playground item at western park end, adjacent to Montview Parade:



Comments:

- Former tip site with associated embankments extending into bushland edges
- The site is on the edge of a former quarry with removal of sandstone
- The Park and associated degraded natural area may be suitable for development of a BMX bike track
- There is an easement for transmission lines

Level of Service Grading:

High

Existing Leases:

Sports Club



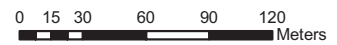
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LEGEND: MONTVIEW OVAL



Land Owner: Crown Lands
R76788 Montville Reserve
for Public Recreation

Land Categories: Sportsground,
Natural Area



Property:	Montview Bushland
Reserve No:	392
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	105732
Matman Equipment No:	1.102.3.0
Address:	Rear of Somerville Road (57X- 69X), Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP:	Lot 8 DP 240780 (Freehold)
Area:	8,966 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland
Recategorised since last POM:	No
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and draft 1998 Generic Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Bushland open space

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Community A: *E. piperita* - *A. costata* - open forest

Bushland view:



Conservation Status

- Community A is well conserved

Condition / Impacts

- This bushland remnant is weed infested and in *very poor* condition (KC 3/4/4 (4)); the area is heavily infested with Privet
- There are encroachments from residential properties and a cleared mown area behind houses

Overall Condition

- Very poor

Main Weeds

- Privet, Crofton, Senna, Pampas

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Bushfire mitigation
- Noxious weed control
- Tree maintenance

Exceptional Expenditure

- None

Comments:

- There is an illegal access track through the Reserve that requires closure




Level of Service Grading:

N/A

Existing Leases:

None



 <p>HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL</p> <p>Date : MAY 2006</p>	<p>LEGEND: MONTVIEW BUSHLAND</p> <p> Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council</p> <p>Land Category: Natural Area</p>	  <p>0 5 10 20 30 40 Meters</p>
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Property:	The Outlook Bushland
Reserve No:	569
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	229105
Matman Equipment No:	N/A
Address:	The Outlook (47X), Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP:	Lot 68 DP 853224 (Freehold as Public Reserve)
Area:	13,678 sq m
Zoning:	Environmental Protection B (River Catchment) Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland
Recategorised since last POM:	No
Relationship to Other Plans:	Not previously included in a Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- A wetland has been constructed adjacent to this reserve on The Outlook Road and Sydney Road, Hornsby Heights (Asset ID 28 & 108)
- Bushland open space

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Vegetation community A: *E. piperita* - *A. costata* Open Forest and Community D: *E. punctata* - *C. gummifera*- *E. haemastoma* - woodland

View from within site:



Conservation Status

Community A and D are well conserved

Condition Impacts

- This reserve consists of a relatively thin strip of bushland between residential development and the Berowra Valley Regional Park; the majority of bushland is in *very good* condition (KC 1/1/1(1) with a few weeds which are confined to the fire trail and edge areas (*fair*)

Overall Condition

- Very good

Main Weeds

- Paspalum, Whiskey grass, Plantain, Fleabane, Parramatta Grass

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- CRR wetland maintenance
- Bushfire mitigation
- Fire trail and gate maintenance

- Tree maintenance

Exceptional Expenditure

- Possible upgrading of the constructed wetland
- New fire trail gate

Comments:

- A fire trail runs through the length of this reserve
- Easement for services
- Easement for water drainage
- There is a stormwater remediation structure adjacent the urban development
- This reserve will need to be monitored for further degradation as it adjoins a new development, the impacts of which may not yet be fully realised

Level of Service Grading:
Existing Leases:

N/A
None



Date : MAY 2006

LEGEND: THE OUTLOOK BUSHLAND



Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Category: Natural Area



Fire Trails



0 12.5 25 50 75 100 Meters

Property:	Raphael Drive Bushland
Reserve No:	No Reserve number - former part of Berowra Valley Bushland Park
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	No Oracle Fixed Asset Number
Matman Equipment No:	No matman #
Address:	16 Raphael Drive, Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP:	Lot 2 DP834878; Residue Crown Reserve R100092 with care, control and management devolving to Council
Area:	19,540 sq m
Zoning:	Residential A and Environment Protection B
Land Owner:	Crown
Classification:	N/A
Community Land Category:	Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland, Watercourse (<i>tributary of Berowra Creek</i>)
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes the former Berowra Valley Bushland Park POM Part 1 and Part 2

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Bushland open space

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Vegetation Community A: *E. piperita* - *A. costata* Open Forest

Conservation Status

- Community A is well conserved

Bushland view:



Condition / Impacts

- The main core bushland is in very good condition; off the end of Raphael Drive there is a large stormwater outlet and this area is in very poor (KMC2/4/4(4) condition; the edge areas also have weed infestation and are in a fair condition
- There is a fill embankment and there is evidence of some dumping

Overall condition

- Good

Main Weeds

- Crofton, Privet, Bidens, Sida, Tobacco Weed

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Bushfire mitigation
- Bushcare

Exceptional Expenditure

- Possible stormwater CRR works

Comments:

- There is a Bushcare group working in this reserve
- The reserve is very steep and encompasses a steep valley with the watercourse running through the middle
- The area is directly adjacent to BVRP







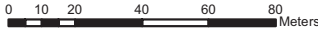
Level of Service Grading:

N/A

Existing Leases:

None



 <p>HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL</p> <p>Date : MAY 2006</p>	<p>LEGEND: RAPHAEL DRIVE BUSHLAND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Crown Lands with care, control and management devolved to HSC  Hornsby Shire Council (HSC) Land Category: Natural Area  Tributary / Creek line  Fire Trails 	 
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Property: **Rofe Park**
Reserve No: 390
Oracle Fixed Asset No's: 105465, 229062, 229114, 229130, 229153, 229159, 229174, 229178, 229179, 229180, 229188, 229201, 229202, 229206, 229208, 229208, 229214, 229216, 229221, 229223, 229226, 229271
Matman Equipment No. 1.390.0.0.0.0
Address: Galston Road (100X), Binnari Road, and Bushlands (22X) Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP: Lot 892 DP 752053 (Freehold); Lots 405-420, 364, 684, 882 and 7013-7014 in DP 752053 and Lot 7063 DP 93660 (R79813 for Public Recreation with Council Trustees 29/11/57)
Area: 212,862 sq m
Zoning: Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner: Crown, Hornsby Shire Council
Classification: Community land
Community Land Category: Park, Sportsground, Natural Area
Subcategories: Bushland, Watercourse (*upper reaches of Calna Creek*)
Recategorised since last POM: Yes
Relationship to Other Plans: Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks & Reserves, 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds, and 1998 Generic Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space
- Picnic shelters
- BBQ facilities
- Tennis Courts
- Toilets
- Summer and winter sportsfields
- Perimeter path / cycleway
- Fitness circuit / exercise equipment
- Playground
- Unleashed Dog exercise area
- Car park
- Bushland open space and walking tracks

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Vegetation communities A: *Eucalyptus piperita* – *Angophora costata* Woodland and C: *Corymbia gummifera* – *E. haemastoma* – *E. oblonga* Woodland
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone and landfill

View across sportsfields:



- Historic horse drinking troughs are located along the park frontage
- The land where Rofe Park now stands was set aside in 1919 for a District Hospital and the Park is named after Councillor Thomas Rofe who donated land for a hospital; the Park entrance originally had sandstone pillars, iron gates and an arch which bore the name 'Rofe Park' - from 1931 the newly formed Hornsby Horticultural and Agricultural Society held its annual shows there until World War II and later from 1949 to 1965; the park had three display areas, pavilion, dog show ring, goat assembly area, trotting track, playing field and basketball court; tennis Courts were built in 1961 and a car park in 1965; a Development Plan was announced in 1966 including full-sized playing field for winter and summer sports, with many of the showground buildings being removed; in the 1970s floodlights, playground and security gates were installed replacing the original sandstone gate

Conservation Status

- Rofe Park is heritage listed and is regarded as being of local significance (*Hornsby Shire LEP, 1994*)
- Reserve contains a bushland corridor for fauna (*Land and Environment Planning, 1994*)

View of bushland:



Condition / Impacts:

- Sportsfield and Park are well maintained and in good condition and relates to bushland on three sides
- The bushland areas directly surrounding the developed park and sportsfield is in very poor condition with weed infestation on the batter
- The bushland area between the Park and Hornsby North public school (Bushlands Avenue area) is in poor to very poor condition (KMC4/4/4(4) and is highly degraded with Privet; requires major work
- The main areas of Rofe Park bushland are in very good condition
- The area off Old Berowra Road is in good condition but has been impacted by motorbikes and a proliferation of tracks

Overall condition

- Bushland; Fair

Main Weeds:

- Privet, Castor Oil Plant, Camphor Laurel, Wandering Jew, Jasmine, and a variety of garden escapees

View of bushland off the end of Old Berowra Road:



Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Change of season works
- Fertilising
- Turfing worn areas
- Topdressing
- Spraying
- Cleaning and maintenance of toilets
- Surface repairs
- Bushfire mitigation
- Fire trail and gate maintenance
- Inspection and maintenance of floodlighting, irrigation, drainage systems and general asset maintenance
- Inspection and maintenance of playground and exercise equipment
- Rubbish collection (2 x 55L, 9 x 240L) twice a week

Exceptional Expenditure

- Repairs and replacement of buildings and facilities as required
- Maintenance / replacement of fencing to park, playground, dog exercise area as required
- Pathway maintenance as required
- Carpark surfacing maintenance as required
- Re-surfacing dog exercise area as required
- Replacement / maintenance playground equipment as required
- Replacement / maintenance fitness circuit exercise equipment as required
- Maintenance and replacement park signage and furniture as required
- Bushland track upgrades

Playground adjacent to exercise circuit in south-western park corner; sportsfields beyond:

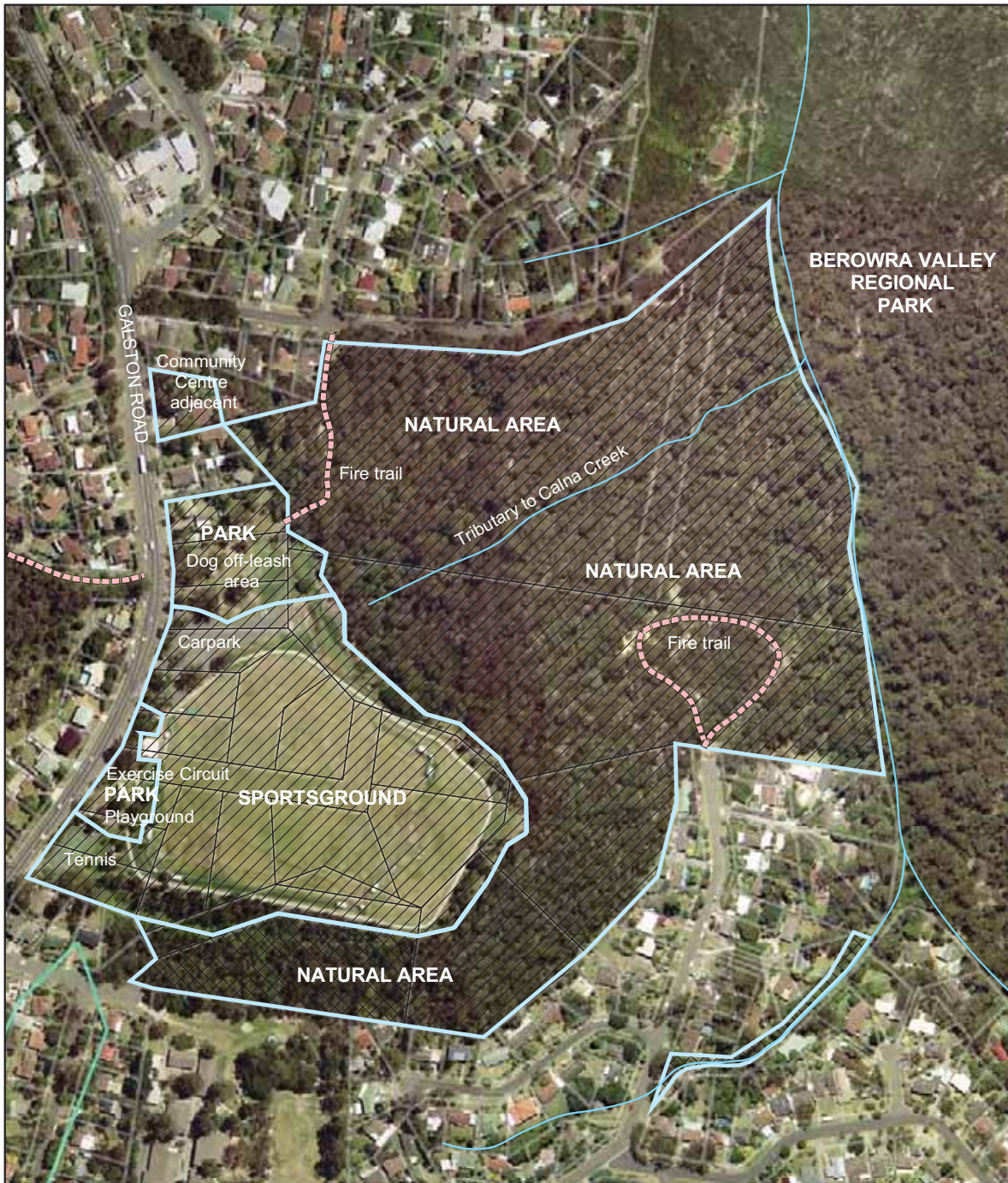


Comments:

- This is considered a District Park
- There are fire trails and a walking track through the reserve from the end of Old Berowra Road
- Adjacent to BVRP with the creek forming the boundary of the Crown land and BVRP

**Level of Service Grading:
Existing Leases:**

High
Tennis Club



 <p>HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL</p> <p>Date : MAY 2006</p>	<p>LEGEND: ROFO PARK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Land Owner: Crown Lands R79813 Hornsby Shire Council Trustees 1957  Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council Land Categories: Sportsground, Natural Area, Park  Tributary / Creekline  Fire trail 	 
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Property:	Scribbly Gum Close Playground
Reserve No:	388
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	105455
Matman Equipment No:	4.388.0.0.0.0
Address:	Scribbly Gum Close (7X), Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP:	Lot 30 DP 814609 (Freehold as Public Reserve)
Area:	1,171 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Park
Subcategories:	N/A
Recategorised since last POM:	No
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Playground
- Informal open space
- Fenced; post and steel pipe rail

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone

Park view from southern corner on Scribbly Gum Close:



Condition / Impacts

- Some rocky outcrops and wear patches in mown lawn area; fair-poor condition

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Mowing
- Tree maintenance
- Inspection and maintenance playground equipment and safety surfacing as required
- Rubbish collection (1 x 55L) once a week

Exceptional Expenditure

- Repair fence / railing as required
- Replacement / repair surfaces and playground equipment as required
- Repair signage as required

Comments:

- Easement to drain water
- Close to the Outlook Bushland (70m), Waninga Close Playground (400m) and Leonora Close playground (970m)
- This land could be considered for re-classification as Operational land / asset rationalisation

Level of Service Grading: Medium
Existing Leases: None



Date : MAY 2006

**LEGEND: SCRIBBLY GUM
CLOSE PARK**



Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council
Land Category: Park



0 2.5 5 10 15 20 Meters

Property:	Somerville Road Bushland (Crown land at the eastern end of Somerville Road)
Reserve No:	No Reserve Number
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	10579, 229060
Matman Equipment No:	1.130.3.0
Address:	Somerville Road (502X), Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP:	Lot 7074 DP 752053 (Crown Land Reserve R76688 for Access and Public Recreation 30/4/1954 with Council Trustees)
Area:	48,712 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space B
Land Owner:	Crown
Classification:	N/A
Community Land Category:	Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland
Recategorised since last POM:	No
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes former Berowra Valley Bushland Park Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Bushland open space

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Community A: *E. piperita*- *A. costata* Open Forest, and Community F: *E. racemosa*-*C. gummifera* - *A. costata* - woodland

Bushland view:



	<p>Conservation Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vegetation communities are well conserved <p>Condition / Impacts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The bushland is in good to very good condition with weed infestation confined to the road edges and where stormwater runoff from the road enters the reserve <p>Overall Condition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Very good <p>Main Weeds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crofton, Parramatta Grass, Paspalum
Management:	<p>Recurrent Expenditure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bushfire mitigation• Tree maintenance <p>Exceptional Expenditure</p> <p>N/A</p>
Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is an old fire trail that now serves as a walking track through the Reserve• This crown reserve is directly adjacent to Berowra Valley Regional Park (BVRP)• This should be a future addition to BVRP
Level of Service Grading:	N/A
Existing Leases:	None

Property:	Somerville Road Bushland (HSC owned parcel off Binya Close Fire Trail)
Reserve No:	Newly acquired Reserve (1999) no allocated reserve number
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	10579, 229060
Matman Equipment No:	1.130.3.0
Address:	Somerville Road (446X), Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP:	Lot 2 DP 1012793 (Freehold)
Area:	75,149 sq m
Zoning:	Residential A (Low density)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland, Escarpment
Recategorised since last POM:	No
Relationship to Other Plans:	Not previously included in any plan

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Bushland open space

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Community A: *E. piperita* - *A. costata* - open forest,

Bushland view:



Conservation Status

- Community A is well conserved

Condition / Impacts

- The bushland is in good to very good condition KC 1/1/1(1); there is an area of weed infestation directly adjacent to the crown land area where there was a former home site - fair

Overall Condition

- Very good

Main Weeds

- Lantana, Fishbone Fern, Senna, some exotic grasses on edge of fire trail

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Bushfire mitigation

Exceptional Expenditure

N/A

Comments

- Access to this parcel is only via the fire trail off the end of Binya Close through Crown land
- The land was given to Council as a result of a subdivision with the intention of later adding it to BVRP with the adjacent Crown Land; that Crown land is now subject to an undetermined Aboriginal Land Claim (ALC 6190)

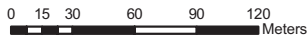
Level of Service Grading:

N/A

Existing Leases:

None



 <p>HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL</p> <p>Date : MAY 2006</p>	<p>LEGEND: SOMERVILLE ROAD BUSHLAND</p> <p> Land Owner: Crown Lands</p> <p> Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council</p> <p>Land Category: Natural Area - Bushland and Watercourse</p> <p> Fire trails</p> <p> Threatened flora</p> <p> Tributary / Creepline</p>	 
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Property: **Sydney Road Bushland**
Reserve No: No reserve number
Oracle Fixed Asset No: No Oracle Fixed Asset number
Matman Equipment No: No matman #
Address: 37A Sydney Road, Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP: Lot 1001 DP 752053 Residue Crown Reserve R100092 with care, control and management devolving to Council
Area: 2,518 sq m
Zoning: Residential A
Land Owner: Crown
Classification: N/A
Community Land Category: Natural Area
Subcategories: Bushland
Recategorised since last POM: No
Relationship to Other Plans: Supersedes the Berowra Valley Bushland Park POM Part 1 & 2

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided:

- Bushland open space

Natural & Cultural Heritage:

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Vegetation Community A: *E. piperita* - *A. costata* - open forest
- Community D: *E.punctata-Corymbia gummiferum-E.haemastoma* woodland at the top of the reserve

Conservation Status

- Communities A and D are well conserved

Bushland view; a steep site linking with Berowra Valley Regional Park and Raphael Drive Bushland:



Condition / Impacts:

- The core of the bushland is in very good condition. The edges and upper area of the reserve is fair with some evidence of dumping and weed infestation

Main Weeds:

- Bamboo, Cotoneaster, Ochna, Paspalum

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Bushfire mitigation
- Noxious weed control

Exceptional Expenditure

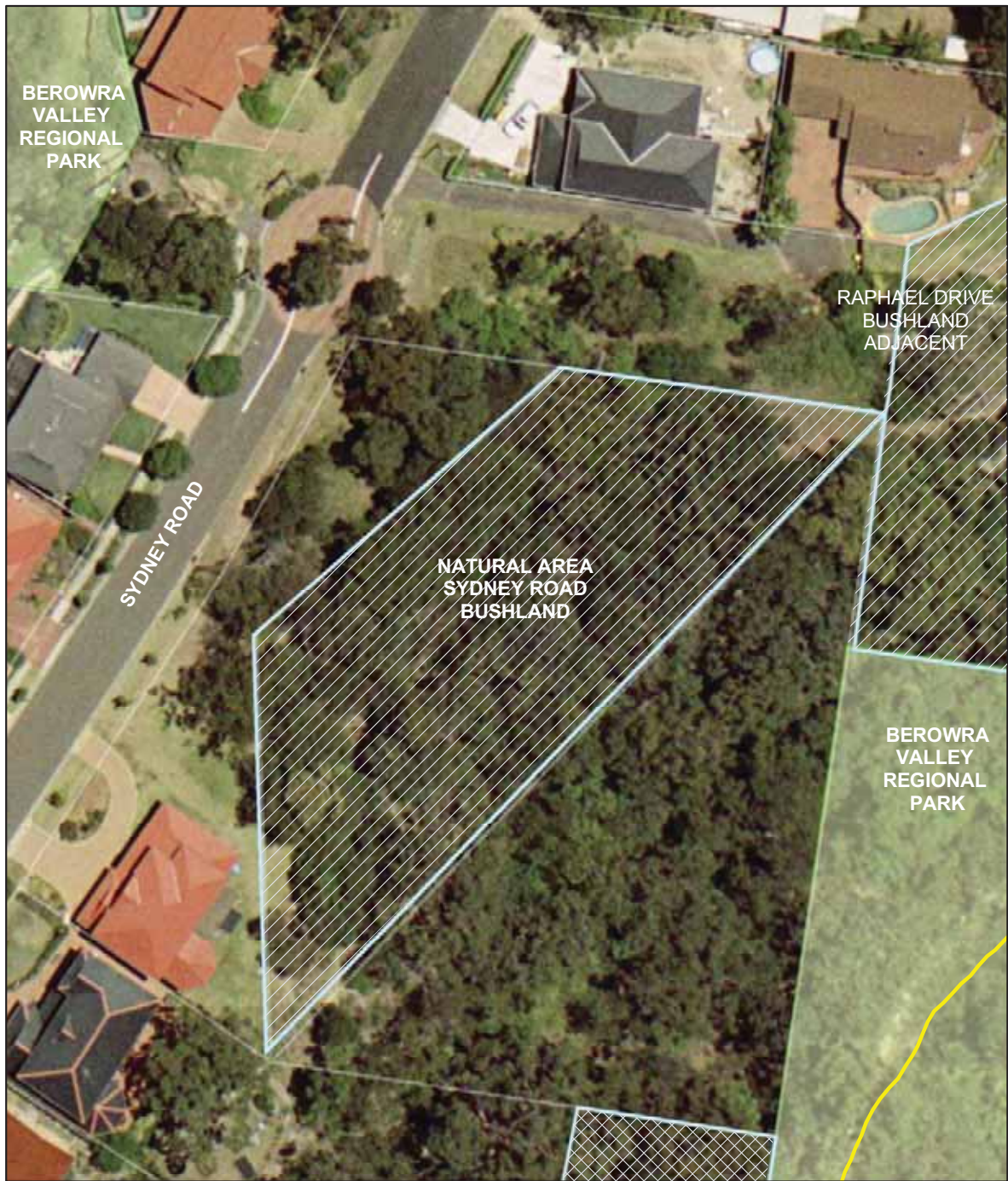
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Comments:

- This steep reserve joins with Raphael Drive Bushland and BVRP

Level of Service Grading:
Existing Leases:

N/A
 None



 <p>Date : MAY 2006</p>	<p>LEGEND: SYDNEY ROAD BUSHLAND</p> <p> Land Owner: Crown Lands Residue part of R100092 former Berowra Valley Bushland Park under management of Hornsby Shire Council</p> <p>Land Category: Natural Area</p>	
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Property:	Ulolo Community Park
Reserve No:	393
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	105314 – 105317, 105536
Matman Equipment No:	4.393.0.0.0.0
Address:	Galston Road (223X) and Ulolo Avenue (5X, 6X, 27X & 48X), Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP:	Lot 7 DP 31802, Lots 12 & 14 DP 210049, Lots 12 & 13 DP 221395 (Freehold as Public Garden and Recreation Space)
Area:	5,568 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Park
Subcategories:	N/A
Recategorised since last POM:	No
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:	<p>Facilities Provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal open space • Playground • Park furniture <p>Natural & Cultural Heritage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, <i>Hornsby Shire LEP</i>, 1994) • Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
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Park view; Galston Road end:



Condition / Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spans 3 residential blocks extending to the Berowra Valley Regional Park at its southern end, where a vehicular gateway access is located to a power line easement; this is also used as a pedestrian access to the bushland park
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Main Weeds

- None

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Inspection and maintenance of playground equipment, furniture, signage and fencing
- Mowing

Exceptional Expenditure

- Repair and replacement of playground equipment, furniture, signage, fencing as required
- Maintenance / repair of vehicular accessway and gate at southern boundary with Berowra Valley Regional Park

Comments:

- Easement for electricity purposes / transmission line serves also as recreational access to Berowra Valley regional Park
- The section of park over two lots between Galston Road and Ulolo Crescent has a quiet, passive, neighbourhood character; the park contains an array of trees in open space
- The 2 lots contained by Ulolo Crescent pass narrowly between residences at the middle of the block.; this portion of the park does not have great value other than the value of the access and could be considered for asset rationalisation / re-classified as operational land
- The southern sector of the park is an access easement with no potential for recreational pursuits but does serve as an entrance to the adjacent Berowra Valley Regional Park; some containment of weeds may be necessary at this location
- The value of the park as a whole is in providing passive open space and recreational opportunity as well as a neighbourhood accessway and link to bushland;
- Montview Park and Oval is 120m north of the site, over Galston Road

Park view; adjacent to Ulolo Crescent between Ulolo Crescent and Galston Road:



Park view; mid-park lots contained by Ulolo Crescent:



Access to Berowra Valley regional Park:



Level of Service Grading:
Existing Leases:

Low
None



Date : MAY 2006

LEGEND: ULOLO AVE PARK



Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Category: Park



0 5 10 20 30 40
Meters

Property: **Vacant Land – Ryan Avenue, Hornsby Heights**
Reserve No: 403
Oracle Fixed Asset No: No number
Matman Equipment No: No Matman #
Address: Ryan Avenue (17), Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP: Lot 7 DP 746756 (Crown Land Title R100197 for Public Recreation with care and control devolving to Council)
Area: 415 sq m
Zoning: Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner: Crown
Classification: NA
Community Land Category: Park
Subcategories: N/A
Recategorised since last POM: No
Relationship to Other Plans: Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Community fire unit provided on this street corner for use of local residents

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone

View of vacant land forming effective frontage to home at right edge of picture:



Condition / Impacts

- Rocky outcrops and proximity to private residence make site unusable for recreation purposes

Comments:

- The site has very little potential for development and could be considered for reclassification / asset rationalisation
- A Community Fire Unit is provided at the street frontage on Ryan Avenue

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance, mowing

Exceptional Expenditure

- Nil

Level of Service Grading:

Low


Existing Leases:

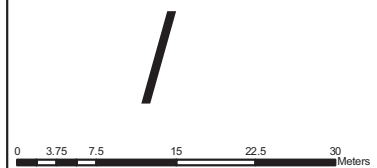
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**LEGEND: VACANT LAND
RYAN AVENUE**

-  Land Owner: Crown Lands
- Land Category: Park



Property: **Vacant Land – Somerville Road, Hornsby Heights**
Reserve No: 387
Oracle Fixed Asset No: 105733
Matman Equipment No: None
Address: Somerville Road (315X), Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP: Lot 14 DP 264302 (Freehold as Public Reserve)
Area: 3,397 sq m
Zoning: Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council
Classification: Community Land
Community Land Category: Park
Subcategories: N/A
Recategorised since last POM: No
Relationship to Other Plans: Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone

View over reserve; power easement:



Comments:

- Power easement containing tower

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Mowing

Exceptional Expenditure

- Nil

Level of Service Grading:

N/A

Existing Leases:

None



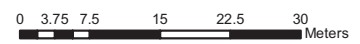
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**LEGEND: VACANT LAND
SOMERVILLE ROAD**



Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Category: Park



Property:	Ventura Place Bushland
Reserve No:	104
Oracle Fixed Asset Nos:	105756
Matman Equipment No:	No matman #
Address:	Ventura Place (8), Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP:	Lot 11 DP 242322 (Freehold)
Area:	1,435 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland
Recategorised since last POM:	No
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Bushland open space

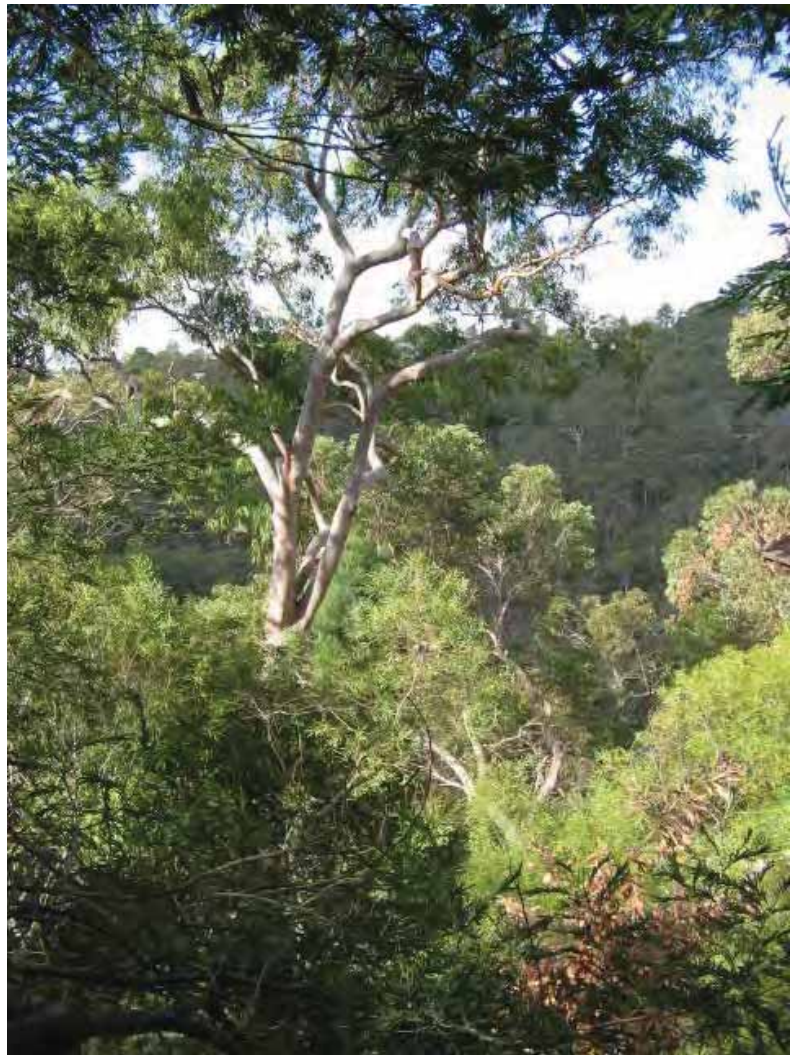
Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Community A: *E. piperita* - *A. costata* - open forest

Conservation Status

- Vegetation community A is well conserved

View from within bushland reserve:



Condition / Impacts

- This is a small reserve bounded by both residential properties and Berowra Valley Regional Park; the vegetation as a whole is in good to very good condition (KC 1/1/1(1) except for minor weeds along property boundaries; the reserve has sandstone outcropping and steep slopes

Overall Condition

- Good

Main Weeds

- Garden escapees and pittosporum

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

Bushfire mitigation

Exceptional Expenditure

- Nil

Comments:

- This reserve is adjacent to Berowra Valley Regional Park but there are no walking tracks. Access is difficult due to the reserve being very steep

Level of Service Grading:

N/A

Existing Leases:

None



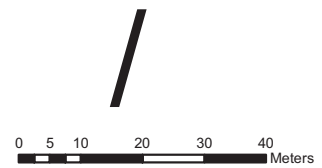
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LEGEND: VENTURA PLACE BUSHLAND



Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Category: Natural Area



Property: **Waninga Road Playground / Bowral Close Playground**
Reserve No: 391
Oracle Fixed Asset No: 105459
Matman Equipment No: 4.640.0.0.0.0
Address: Bowral Close (1X), Hornsby Heights
Lot & DP: Lot 128 DP 249872 (Freehold as Public Reserve)
Area: 829 sq m
Zoning: Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council
Classification: Community Land
Community Land Category: Park
Subcategories: N/A
Recategorised since last POM: No
Relationship to Other Plans: Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space
- Playground

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone

View:



Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Inspection and maintenance play equipment and surfacing
- Tree maintenance
- Mowing
- Rubbish collection (1 x 55L) twice a week

Exceptional Expenditure

- Repair and replacement of playground equipment as required
- Repair and replacement of playground safety surfacing as required
- Repair and replacement of furniture, signage and fencing as required

Condition

- Fair

Level of Service Grading:

Medium

Existing Leases:

None



Date : MAY 2006

LEGEND: WANINGA RD PLAYGROUND



Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Category: Park



0 2.5 5 10 15 20 Meters

MT COLAH

Property:	Berry Park
Reserve No:	351
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	105712
Matman Equipment No:	2.351.0.0.0.0
Address:	Berowra Road (36X), Mt Colah
Lot & DP:	Lot 102 DP 830951 (Freehold)
Area:	14,187 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Subcategories:	None
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Generic Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Sportsground
- Kiosk
- Carparking to Myall Road
- Disabled toilets

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics (Koettig, 1996)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone

Entry to sportsground from adjacent to carpark on Myall Road:



Conservation Status

- Berry Park is heritage listed and is regarded as being of local significance (*Hornsby Shire LEP, 1994*)
- The land that is now Berry Park was granted to Samuel William Grey on 1 April 1878; later it was owned by the Australian Army's Eastern Command; in 1965 Mr Jack Berry approached the army requesting the lease of the land as a soccer field; the lease was granted at the annual cost of one shilling, and following a working bee and the assistance of Council in levelling the land, a soccer field was created for the Mount Colah Soccer Club; in 1986 the Council became owners of the park

Condition / Impacts

- Adjacent Berry Park Bushland is impacted by heavy use of sportsground facilities, serving as an access from southern end
- The sportsground and associated facilities are in good condition

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Change of season works

- Fertilising
- Turfing worn areas
- Topdressing
- Spraying
- Cleaning and maintenance of toilets
- Mowing
- Rubbish collection (1 x 55L) twice a week
- Inspection and maintenance of fencing, signage, furniture and general park Asset Maintenance as required

Exceptional Expenditure

- Spraying as required
- Repairs and replacement of equipment, buildings and facilities as required
- Surface repairs to car park

Comments:

- A proposal for a playground situated in the north-eastern corner of Berry Park is being evaluated. No playground facilities exist on the eastern side of the railway line in Mt Colah

Level of Service Grading:

High

Existing Leases:

None



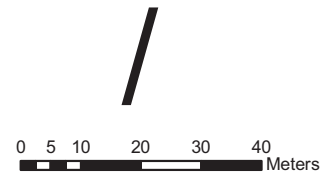
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LEGEND: BERRY PARK



Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Categories: Sportsground



Property:	Berry Park Bushland
Reserve No:	352
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	106065
Matman Equipment No:	1.16.3.0
Address:	Kuring-Gai Chase Road (39X, 41X), Mt Colah
Lot & DP:	Lot 10 DP 285197; Lot 25 DP 285203 (Freehold as Public Reserve)
Area:	3,415 sq m
Zoning:	Residential A (Low Density): Lot 10 DP 285197; Lot 25 DP 285203 Special Uses B (Transport Corridor): Lot 10 DP 285197
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves; NB: A Significant Area Plan will be prepared for the bushland part of Berry Park as it contains a large population of the threatened species <i>Darwinia biflora</i> , which is subject to a NPWS Recovery Plan and will be included in an updated 'Significant Areas - Bushland Plans of Management and Action Plans (2000)'

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Bushland open space with an access track

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Community G: *E. haemastoma*- *A. hispida* - *Banksia ericifolia* - low open woodland
- Reserve contains significant bushland habitat (Land and Environment Planning, 1994)

Conservation Status

- The population of *Darwinia biflora* in Berry Park is of State conservation significance and is included in the NSW *Darwinia biflora* Recovery Plan written under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act* (1995)

View along bushland trail:



Condition / Impacts

- Narrow strips of woodland border the north, south and part of the eastern sides of the sportsground; the woodland is in good to very good condition except for a few annuals and grasses invading the more exposed edges

	Main Weeds <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exotic grasses, Sida, Flatweed
Management:	Recurrent Expenditure <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bush regeneration / Bushcare Exceptional Expenditure <ul style="list-style-type: none">• N/A
Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adjacent to Ku-ring-gai Chase NP (across the road)• There is a Bushcare group successfully restoring this reserve
Level of Service Grading:	N/A
Existing Leases:	None



Date : MAY 2006

LEGEND: BERRY PARK BUSHLAND



Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Category: Natural Area



Darwinia biflora
Vulnerable Species
Schedule 2 TSC Act



0 2.5 5 10 15 20 Meters

Property: **Oxley Reserve (also known as Beryl Avenue Reserve)**
Reserve No: 369
Oracle Fixed Asset No: 229096, 229262
Matman Equipment No: 4.369.0.0.0.0
Address: Oxley Drive (65X, 67X), Mt Colah
Lot & DP: Lots 224 and 295 DP 713905 (Crown Reserve R100131 for Public Recreation with Council Trustees of Beryl Avenue Reserve Trust 29/1/1988)

Area: 17,930 sq m
Zoning: Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner: Crown
Classification: NA
Community Land Category: Park, Natural Area
Subcategories: Bushland
Recategorised since last POM: No
Relationship to Other Plans: Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Generic Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Playground
- Informal open space
- Barbecue
- Picnic shelters
- Bike track suitable for young children
- Half court
- Bushland

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Vegetation: Community G – *E. haemastoma*-*Angophora hispida*-*Banksia ericifolia* - low open woodland

View from Oxley Drive over open space towards playground and bushland beyond:



Conservation status

- The threatened species *Darwinia biflora* occurs in this reserve
- Community G is well conserved in Hornsby Shire

Condition Impacts

- Bushland in very good condition

Main Weeds

- Whiskey grass, paspalum

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Inspection and maintenance of playground equipment
- Mowing
- Tree maintenance

- Bushfire mitigation
- Inspection, cleaning and maintenance of BBQ and facilities
- General park asset maintenance
- Hazard reduction works
- Rubbish collection (1 x 240L) twice a week

Exceptional Expenditure

- Repair and replacement of playground equipment and park infrastructure as required

Comments:

- There are informal tracks through the bushland area
- Natural features include large areas of sandstone rock ledges

Level of Service Grading:

Medium

Existing Leases:

None



Date : MAY 2006

LEGEND: BERYL AVE - OXLEY DRIVE RESERVE



Land Owner: Crown Lands
R100131 with Hornsby Shire Council
Reserve Trustees in 1988

Land Categories: Park, Natural Area



Darwinia biflora
Vulnerable Species
Schedule 2 TSC Act 1995



0 5 10 20 30 40 Meters

Property:	Peat Park and Bimbil Avenue Playground
Reserve No:	356
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	105749
Matman Equipment No:	Parks 5.27.0.0
Address:	Bimbil Avenue (29X), Mt Colah
Lot & DP:	Lot 61 DP 31455 (Freehold as Public Garden and Recreation Space)
Area:	23,903 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Park, Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland, Watercourse
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Generic Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Playground

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics (Keottig, 1996)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury Sandstone
- Community E – *E. sieberi* - *C. gummifera* -*E. haemastoma* - woodland (Smith and Smith 1990), and some Community A: *E. piperita* - *A. costata* - open forest on the lower slopes

Conservation Status

- Peat Park is heritage listed and is regarded as being of local significance (*Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Vegetation community E is of local conservation significance

View over park and playground equipment towards bushland:



Condition / Impacts

- The core bushland is in very good condition (KC 1/1/1(1); there are garden escapees and moderate weed infestations behind some of the residential properties and scattered woody weeds down the watercourse (KC 1/3/2 (2)

Main Weeds

- Privet, Fishbone Fern, Inkweed, Agapanthus

Sandstone outcrops skirt around the higher reaches of the bushland sector:



Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Mowing
- Tree maintenance
- Bushcare
- Bushfire mitigation
- Inspection and maintenance of playground equipment
- Inspection and servicing of infrastructure and general park asset Maintenance

Exceptional Expenditure

- Maintenance / replacement of playground equipment and surfacing as required

Comments

- There are sewer lines running through the reserve
- A stormwater pipe outlets into the reserve at the southern end of Carinya Road and there is potential for CRR device
- There was a Bushcare group working behind houses on Carinya Road

Level of Service Grading:

Medium




Existing Leases:

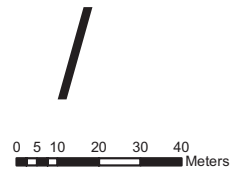
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**LEGEND: BIMBIL AVE
/ PEAT PARK**

-  Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council
- Land Categories: Natural Area, Park
-  Tributary / creek
-  Fire Trails



Property:	Burra Close Bushland
Reserve No:	106
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	105464
Matman Equipment No:	No matman #
Address:	Burra Close (7X), Mt Colah
Lot & DP:	Lot 6 DP 217416 (Freehold as Public Garden and Recreation Space)
Area:	1,574 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland, Watercourse (<i>headwaters of Loddon Creek</i>)
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Generic Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

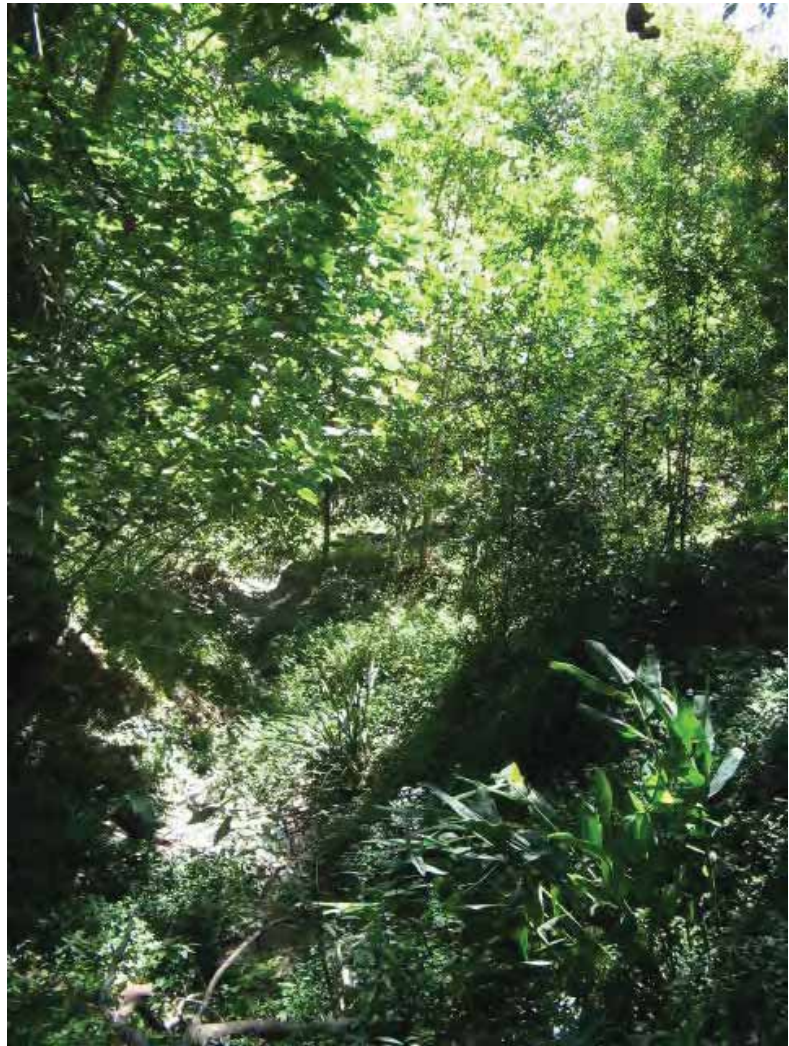
Facilities Provided

- Bushland open space / stormwater drainage

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Community A: *E. piperita* - *A. costata* - open forest

View within bushland:



Conservation Status

- Community A is well conserved

Condition / Impacts

- The core of the bushland appears to be in fair condition except for weed infestation down both creek lines
- The condition of bushland at the end of Burra Close is very poor (KC 4/4/4) with no native canopy
- Weeds especially garden escapees and encroachments occur on most of the residential boundaries

Overall Condition

- Poor

Main Weeds

- Privet, Wandering Jew, Coral Tree, Fishbone Fern, Inkweed, Lantana, Wild Tobacco

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Bushcare
- Bushfire mitigation

Exceptional Expenditure

- Possible CRR project Construction of public access track

Comments:

- There is a major stormwater drainage line off the end of Burra close that flows into 2 creek lines through the reserve
- There are sewer lines running through the reserve
- There are no formalised tracks and access is very difficult
- There was a Bushcare group working but they require improved public access to continue
- Adjacent to Berowra Valley Regional Park

Level of Service Grading:

N/A

Existing Leases:

None



Date : MAY 2006

LEGEND: BURRA CLOSE BUSHLAND



Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Category: Natural Area



0 5 10 20 30 40 Meters

Property:	Chestnut Road Bushland
Reserve No:	361
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	229128
Matman Equipment No:	1.29.3.0
Address:	Chestnut Road (25X), Mt Colah
Lot & DP:	Lot 19 DP 1002578 (Freehold)
Area:	10,170 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Natural Area, General Community Use, Park
Subcategories:	Bushland
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Parks and Reserves Plan of Management and 1996 Generic Sportsgrounds Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Leachate and reuse water treatment
- Bushland and informal open space

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Community A: *E. piperita* - *A. costata* Open Forest and Community E: *E. sieberi*- *C. gummifera* - *E. haemastoma* - woodland

View recycling facility with bushland beyond:



Conservation Status

Community E is of Local Conservation Significance

Condition / Impacts

- Main part of the bushland are is in very good condition (KC1/1/1(1))
- The oval batter area is in very poor condition and there are also some weed infestation around the leachate treatment facility

Overall condition

- Good

Main Weeds

- Large-leaved and small leaved Privet, Arundo, Crofton, Morning Glory, Castor Oil ; all on oval batter and disturbed areas

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- CRR maintenance of the leachate and re-use facility, CRR Asset ID #30
- Bushfire mitigation
- Tree maintenance

Exceptional Expenditure

- Any possible upgrade of the facility

Comments:

- This reserve contains bushland on a steep slope with residences above. It adjoins BVRP and Foxglove Oval
- The park area is informal and has some planted areas undertaken by CRR in conjunction with the treatment and reuse facility

Level of Service Grading:
Existing Leases:

High
None



Date : MAY 2006

LEGEND: CHESTNUT DRIVE BUSHLAND

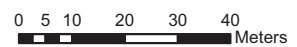


Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Categories: Park, Natural Area
General Community Use



Fire trail



Property:	Excelsior Road Bushland
Reserve No:	Nil
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	105518
Matman Equipment No:	1.153.3.0
Address:	Excelsior Road (46-56X), Mt Colah
Lot & DP:	Lot 7 DP 234312 (Freehold as Public Reserve)
Area:	8,928 sq m
Zoning:	Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland
Recategorised since last POM:	No
Relationship to Other Plans:	Not included in any previous Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Bushland open space

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil is derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Community A: *E. piperita* - *A. costata* - open forest

Bushland view:



Conservation Status

Community A is well conserved

Condition / Impacts

- The bushland is in good to very good condition with few weed infestations; impacts are limited to suburban edges

Main Weeds

- Occasional spread of weeds by birds

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Bushfire mitigation
- Tree maintenance

Exceptional Expenditure

- N/A

Comments:

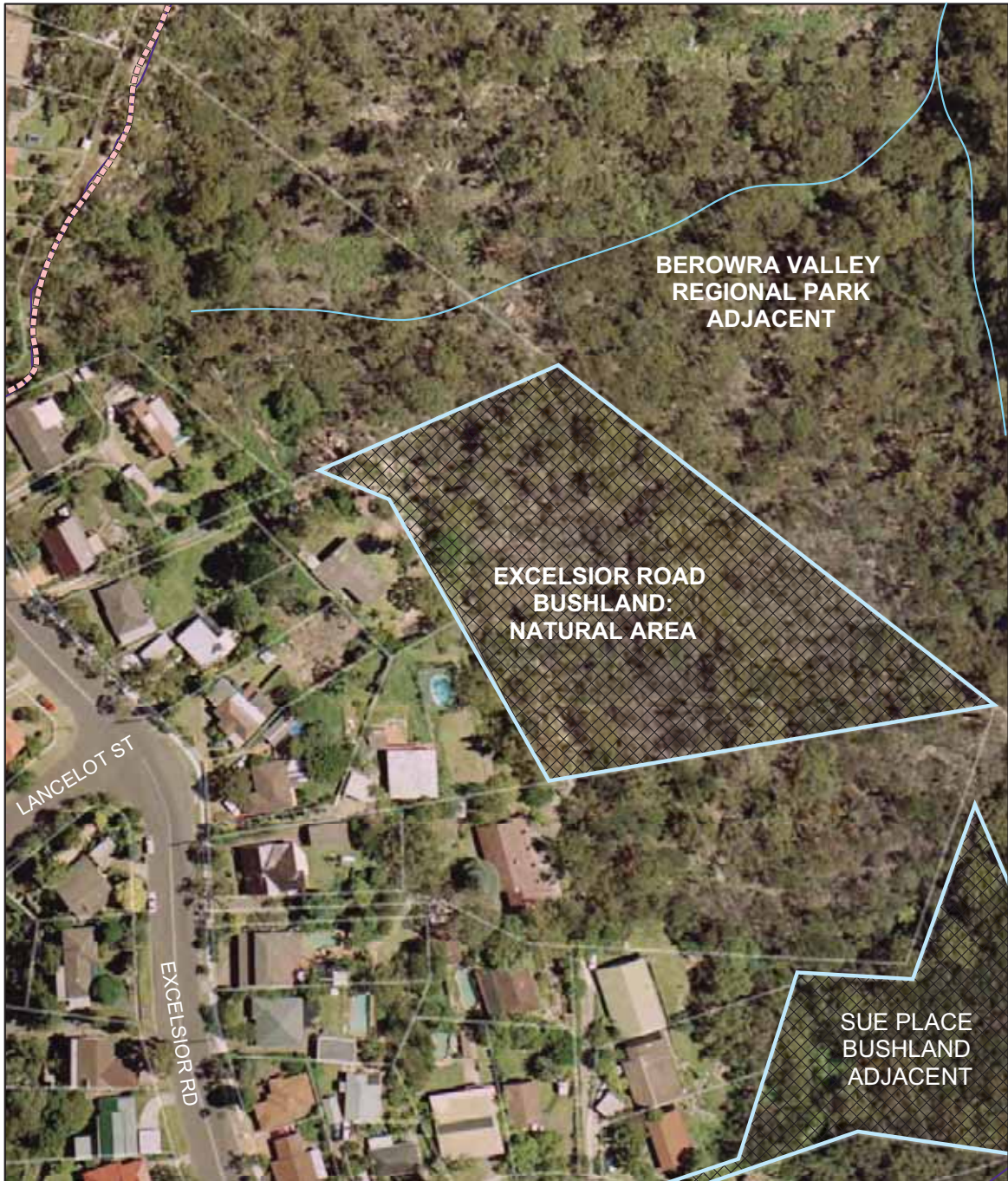
- This reserve is located in a steep valley behind residences on Excelsior Road; there is no access to this reserve and there are no walking tracks in the reserve
- A high power line easement runs above most of the reserve

Level of Service Grading:

N/A

Existing Leases:

None



Date : MAY 2006

LEGEND: EXCELSIOR RD BUSHLAND



Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Category: Natural Area



Fire trail



Tributary / creek



0 5 10 20 30 40 Meters

Property: **Flora Avenue Drainage Reserve**
Reserve No: 425
Oracle Fixed Asset No: 229259
Matman Equipment No: No Matman #
Address: Flora Avenue (24X), Mt Colah
Lot & DP: Lot 649 DP 752053 (Crown Reserve R76774 for drainage with care, control and management devolving to Council)
Area: 1,135 sq m
Zoning: Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner: Crown
Classification: N/A
Community Land Category: N/A
Subcategories: N/A
Recategorised since last POM: No
Relationship to Other Plans: Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Generic Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Drainage easement

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone

View within reserve showing weed infestation:



Condition / Impacts

- Vacant land totally weed infested with no native vegetation present on the site (KC 4/4/4)

Overall condition

- Very Poor

Main Weeds

- Large and Small-leaved Privet, Camphor Laurel, Fishbone Fern

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Noxious weed removal

Exceptional Expenditure

- Possible land modification and drainage construction works

Comments:

- This vacant Crown land could be considered for asset rationalisation

Level of Service Grading:

N/A

Existing Leases:

None



Date : MAY 2006

**LEGEND: FLORA AVE
DRAINAGE RESERVE**



Land Owner: Crown Lands
R76774 for Drainage

Land Category: Vacant



0 3.75 7.5 15 22.5 30 Meters

Property:	Foxglove Oval
Reserve No:	361
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	105533
Matman Equipment No:	2.361.0.0.0.0
Address:	Foxglove Road (24X), Mt Colah
Lot & DP:	Lot 507 DP 752053 (Freehold)
Area:	56,948 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Sportsground
Subcategories:	N/A
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space
- Playground
- Picnic shelter
- Sportsfield including athletics facilities (track, shot put, discus rings, long and triple jump pits)
- Artificial cricket wickets x 2
- Amenities building
- Kiosk
- Toilets
- Park lighting
- Car park

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Owned by Thomas Jonathon Williams in the 1950s, the Council became owners purchasing the land in the early 1960s from Amy Elizabeth Williams after her death; the site became a tip in 1970 with local people having to prove they were residents of Hornsby Shire before depositing rubbish (*the Advocate*, 1979); by the end of the 1980s Foxglove Road was formalised and the tip closed.; it was converted to an oval once the Department of Health approved it being suitable for public use

View from Lancelot Street on eastern boundary showing carpark, playground and sportsfield:



Condition / Impacts

- Water quality testing ranked 'very poor' 2001/02
- The western embankment has very high weed infestation, with impacts on adjacent bushland; *very poor*

- The carpark is in poor condition due to subsidence with investigations as to restoration being undertaken

Main Weeds

- Privet, Arundo, Crofton, Castor Oil plant on oval batter

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Change of season works
- Fertilising
- Turfing worn areas
- Topdressing
- Spraying
- Inspection and maintenance of playground equipment
- Inspection and maintenance park furniture, signage and fencing
- Toilet cleaning and maintenance
- Mowing
- Landscape buffer planting works to street frontages; mulching and planting works
- Rubbish collection (5 x 240L) twice weekly
- General park asset maintenance

Exceptional Expenditure

- Spraying as required
- Repairs / replacements playground equipment and surfacing as required
- Inspection and maintenance to toilets and facilities as required
- Repairs / replacement furniture, signage, fencing as required
- Chain mesh fencing repairs as required to athletic facilities and park perimeter, including cages and 2.4m high fencing
- Subgrade compaction and surface repairs to car park
- A leachate control device has been installed in this reserve on Foxglove Road, Mt Colah (Asset ID 30)

Level of Service Grading:

High

Existing Leases:

None



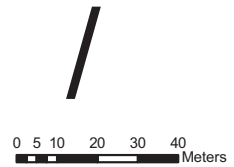
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LEGEND: FOXGLOVE OVAL



Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Category: Sportsground



Property:	Hunt Reserve
Reserve No:	368
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	229352
Matman Equipment No:	4.368.0.0.0.0
Address:	Pacific Highway (691X), Beryl Avenue (1X), Mt Colah
Lot & DP:	Lot 7007 DP 93674 (Crown Reserve R76253 from Sale for Public Recreation with Council Trustees 8/1/1954)
Area:	12,098 sq m
Zoning:	Residential A (Low Density) and Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner:	Crown
Classification:	NA
Community Land Category:	Park, Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland
Recategorised since last POM:	No
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Generic Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space
- Playground
- Toilets
- Car park
- Bushland

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics (Keottig, 1996)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Vegetation community F - *E. racemosa* - *C. gummifera* - *A.costata*
- The park was named after J.C. Hunt, elected the first President of Hornsby Shire at the first meeting of Council in December 1906

Park view showing playground:



Conservation Status

- Hunt Reserve is heritage listed and is regarded as being of local significance (*Hornsby Shire LEP, 1994*)
- The endangered plant species *Persoonia mollis* subsp. *maximus* is present in the bushland area of this reserve

Condition / Impacts

- Bushland is in good to very good condition with a Bushcare group working in the reserve

Main Weeds

- Asparagus Fern, Parramatta Grass and a few exotic grasses

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree and garden maintenance
- Mowing
- Inspection and maintenance of playground equipment, furniture, signage, fencing
- Toilet cleaning and maintenance
- Topping up of mulch softfall to playground and to trees in open space
- Rubbish collection (3 x 240L) twice weekly
- Bushcare
- General park Asset Maintenance

Exceptional Expenditure

- Repair and replacement of playground equipment, surfacing, furniture, safety fencing as required
- Repair toilets, electricity and water supply as required
- Surface repairs to car park
- Repairs to timber post and pipe rail to carpark and driveway as required

Comments:

- Adjoins Trig. Reserve No. 13316
- There is a Bushcare group working in the natural area
- There is a cleared grass area between the houses and the natural area which is mown by neighbours

Level of Service Grading:

Medium

Existing Leases:

None



Date : MAY 2006

LEGEND: HUNT RESERVE



Land Owner: Crown Lands
R76253 Hornsby Shire Council
Trustees in 1954

Land Categories: Park, Natural Area



Persoonia mollis subsp. maxima
Endangered species
Listed under TSC Act 1995



0 5 10 20 30 40 Meters

Property:	Jordan Close Playground
Reserve No:	366
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	No oracle fixed asset no.
Matman Equipment No:	5.621.0.0.0.0
Address:	Landra Avenue (35, 37), Mt Colah
Lot & DP:	Lots 17 & 18 DP 264291 (Crown Reserve R96864 for Children's Playground with care, control and management devolving to Council)
Area:	1,542 sq m
Zoning:	Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner:	Crown
Classification:	NA
Community Land Category:	Park
Subcategories:	N/A
Recategorised since last POM:	No
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space
- Playground

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone

Park view from Landra Avenue at top of site:



Condition / Impacts

- Native planting bed fair to good with supplementary planting required

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Garden maintenance, weeding and mulching works
- Mowing
- Inspection and maintenance of playground equipment and surfacing
- General park asset maintenance
- Rubbish collection (1 x 55L bin) once a week
- Inspection and maintenance of fencing, signage, furniture and general park asset maintenance as required

Exceptional Expenditure

- Repair and replacement of playground equipment and safety surfacing (Astroturf) as required
- Repair timber log retaining walls to garden and playground areas

Comments:

- No wheelchair access due to steepness of site
- Steeply sloping corner site adjacent to residences on northern and western boundaries

- Large sewer mains pass through reserve

Level of Service Grading:
Existing Leases:

Medium
None



Date : MAY 2006

LEGEND: JORDAN CLOSE RESERVE



Land Owner: Crown Lands
R96864 Hornsby Shire Council

Land Category: Park



0 2.5 5 10 15 20 Meters

Property:	Mount Colah Community Centre and Pierre Close Reserve
Reserve No:	354
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	739713
Matman Equipment No:	5.354.0.0.0.0
Address:	Mountside Avenue (1X) and Pierre Close (6X), Mt Colah
Lot & DP:	Lot 50 DP 739713 (Freehold)
Area:	8,353 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Park, General Community Use, Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:

- Includes Community Centre and associated parkland, bushland and pathway easement linking from railway to residential neighbourhoods

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space
- Community Centre
- Pathway

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Vegetation Community C – *Corymbia gummifera* – *E. haemastoma* – *E. oblonga* - woodland

View to Community Centre from Pierre Close:



Conservation Status

- Community C is well conserved in Hornsby

Condition / Impacts

- The vegetation is in poor condition with the *Allocasuarina* forest forming a dense thicket in some areas and lots of *Pittosporum* invading the area; the core areas are good (KMC 1/2/2 (2) however there is a lot of weed on the suburban edges which is in poor condition
- The Park and open space are in good condition with little impacts

Overall condition

- Bushland; fair

Main Weeds

- Morning Glory, Lantana, Ochna, Wandering Jew

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Mowing
- Pathway maintenance
- Building maintenance
- Bushfire mitigation
- Rubbish collection, Community Centre (1 x 240L bin) when advised and Pierre Close Reserve (1 x 240L bin) once weekly
- General park asset maintenance

Exceptional Expenditure

- Maintenance of buildings and fences as required
- Replacement / maintenance park seats

View across Pierre Close Reserve from northern end with Community Centre beyond:



Comments:

- The bushland needs restoration work and would benefit from contract or volunteer bush regeneration.
- The concrete pathway is well used; there is a mown area adjacent to bushland in the reserve behind the homes on Telopea Street

**Level of Service Grading:
Existing Leases:**

Low
None



Date : MAY 2006

**LEGEND: MOUNT COLAH
COMMUNITY CENTRE &
PIERRE CLOSE RESERVE**



Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Categories: General Community
Use, Park, Natural Area



0 4.5 9 18 27 36 Meters

Property:	Mount Colah Scout Hall / Reserve
Reserve No:	354
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	105642
Matman Equipment No:	No matman #
Address:	Mountside Avenue (1X) and Pierre Close (6X), Mt Colah
Lot & DP:	Lot 0 DP 927676 (Freehold)
Area:	10,511 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	General Community Use, Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:

- Scouts Hall used to exist here but was burnt down in July 2004
- Facilities Provided**
- Informal bushland open space
- Natural & Cultural Heritage**
- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
 - Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
 - Vegetation Community C – *Corymbia gummifera* – *E. haemastoma* – *E. oblonga* - woodland

View; site of former Scouts Hall burnt down in bushfires of July 2004. New Scout Hall options are currently under evaluation:



Conservation Status

- Community C is well conserved in Hornsby
- The threatened species *Darwinia biflora* is recorded in this reserve

Condition / Impacts

- The exposed former site of the Scouts Hall has become weedy; surrounding bushland is generally in poor condition (KMC 2/4/3 (3))
- The core remnant bushland is in good condition but residential interface / edge is in very poor condition (KMC 4/2/4(4))

Overall condition

- Poor

Main Weeds

- Privet, Camphor Laurel, Asparagus Fern, Ochna

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure




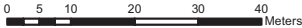
- Tree maintenance
- Noxious weed control
- Bushfire mitigation

Exceptional Expenditure

- New Scout Hall / options for relocation under examination

Level of Service Grading: N/A
Existing Leases: Scouts



 <p>HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL</p> <p>Date : MAY 2006</p>	<p>LEGEND: MT COLAH SCOUT HALL</p> <p> Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council</p> <p>Land Categories: General Community Use, Natural Area</p>	  <p>0 5 10 20 30 40 Meters</p>
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Property:	Mount Kuring-Gai Rural Fire Brigade
Reserve No:	373
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	229198
Matman Equipment No:	N/A
Address:	Banyula Place (16 -18), Mt Colah
Lot & DP:	Lot 1098 DP 46999 (Crown Reserve R97989 for bush fire purposes with Council made Trustees 8/11/1985)
Area:	3,110 sq m
Zoning:	Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner:	Crown
Classification:	NA
Community Land Category:	Natural Area, General Community Use
Subcategories:	Bushland
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Bush Fire Brigade building, equipment and carpark
- Bushland and informal open space

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Vegetation Community C – *Corymbia gummifera* – *E. haemastoma* – *E. oblonga* - wodland

Conservation Status

- Vegetation community C is well conserved

View Fire Brigade frontage:



Condition / Impacts

- The building is in excellent condition and the surrounding car park and fire trail is in good condition
- The bushland areas are in very good condition with some weed infestation along the fire trail

Main Weeds

- Whiskey grass, asparagus fern

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Carpark maintenance
- Fire trail maintenance
- Bushfire mitigation

Exceptional Expenditure

- Building maintenance and renewal of equipment

Comments:

- This reserve is directly adjacent to other Crown land
- A power transmission line easement runs through this area
- A fire trail runs from the Banyula Place to Excelsior Road behind residential properties; the bushland adjacent to the trail drops down into a steep valley and into BVRP

Level of Service Grading:

N/A

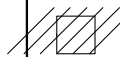
Existing Leases:

None



Date : MAY 2006

**LEGEND: MT KU-RINGAI
RURAL FIRE BRIGADE**



Land Owner: Crown Lands
R97989 Hornsby Shire Council
Trustees in 1985

Land Categories: General Community
Use, Natural Area



Fire trail



0 2.5 5 10 15 20 Meters

Property:	Murralong Road Bushland
Reserve No:	109
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	106006
Matman Equipment No:	1.104.3.0
Address:	Murralong Road (39X), Mt Colah
Lot & DP:	Lot 119 DP 207557 (Freehold as Public Reserve)
Area:	7,797 sq m
Zoning:	Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland
Recategorised since last POM:	No
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Generic Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Bushland Open Space

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Vegetation community F: *E. racemosa* -, *C. gummifera* - *A costata* - woodland

Conservation Status

- Vegetation community F is well conserved

View along bushland trail within site:



Condition / Impacts

- The core bushland in this reserve is in very good condition; weed infestation occurs at the end of Murralong Road in BVRP and behind houses but is being addressed by Bushcare volunteers and contractors
- Good example of healthy ridgetop vegetation

Overall Condition

- Very good

Main Weeds

- Some annual and minor weeds

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Bush care
- Bushfire mitigation
- Fire trail entrance with some mowing maintenance currently done by neighbours

Exceptional Expenditure

- Possible new fire trail gate

Comments:

- There is a fire trail passing through the entrance of this reserve prior to entering BVRP; there are informal walking trails through the reserve
- There is a Bush care group and contract bush regeneration working on the edge of this Reserve and in the neighbouring BVRP
- There is an electricity easement over part of the reserve
- Adjacent Berowra Valley Regional Park and a potential addition to BVRP

Level of Service Grading:

Low





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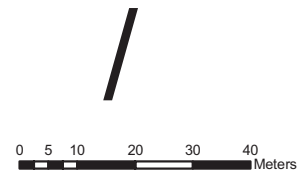
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LEGEND: MURRALONG RD BUSHLAND

-  Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council
-  Land Category: Natural Area
-  Tributary
-  Fire trail



Property:	North Street Bushland
Reserve No:	110
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	10611
Matman Equipment No:	1.109.3.0
Address:	North Street (27X), Mt Colah
Lot & DP:	Lot 118 DP 207557 (Freehold as Public Reserve)
Area:	5,703 sq mtr
Zoning:	Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland
Recategorised since last POM:	No
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Generic Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Bushland open space

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Community A: *E. piperita*, *A. costata* – open forest

View from bushland entrance on North Street:



Conservation Status

- Community A is well conserved

Condition / Impacts

- The core bushland in the reserve is generally good; there is a weed plume off the end of North Street along the fire trail in adjacent BVRP
- Weed infestation on the residential interface is poor in many places (KC 2/2/4) poor
- The entrance off Allawah Close includes a cleared area and weed infestation (KC 4/3/4); very poor
- Garden escapes and stormwater influences from surrounding residences are impacting the bushland

Main Weeds

- Cotoneaster, Whiskey Grass, Privet, Crofton Weed, Paspalum, Camphor Laurel, Fishbone Fern

Overall Condition

- Fair

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree Maintenance
- Bushfire mitigation

Exceptional Expenditure

- N/A

Comments:

- The cleared area off the Allawah Close entrance could be utilised for passive park recreation
- An informal walking trail runs through the reserve from Allawah Close where there is a concrete path to the end of North Street
- Reserve adjoins BVRP
- This would be a good area to target bushcare recruitment; a group is working nearby behind houses on Parish Place in an area of BVRP

Level of Service Grading:

N/A

Existing Leases:

None



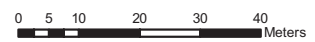
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LEGEND: NORTH ST BUSHLAND



Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Category: Natural Area



Property:	Northview Place Bushland (also known as Judith Avenue Bushland)
Reserve No:	111
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	106140
Matman Equipment No:	1.76.3.0
Address:	Northview Place (6X-8X), Judith Avenue (8X) and Pacific Highway (589X), Mt Colah
Lot & DP:	Lot 15 DP 236455; Lot 16 DP 243732; Lot 30 DP 587660 (Freehold as Public Reserve)
Area:	16,315 sq m
Zoning:	Lot 15 DP 236455 is Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local) and the remainder is Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland, Watercourse (<i>headwater tributary of Calna Creek</i>)
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Generic Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Bushland open space

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Community A: *E. piperita* - *A. costata* - open forest

Bushland view:



Condition / Impacts

- The majority of core bushland is in very good condition; weed infestation does occur along the residential boundaries which are very poor (KC 3/4/4 (4))
- Encroachments exist behind some residential properties

Main Weeds

- Privet, Camphor Laurel, Senna, Lantana, Crofton

Overall Condition

- Fair

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Bushfire mitigation

Exceptional Expenditure

- Possible stormwater mitigation/CRR project at the end of Judith Avenue

Comments:

- This is a steep valley bushland reserve with a lot of stormwater impacts
- There are sewer lines running through the reserve
- Access is difficult as the reserve is bounded by houses and the only access is a right of way off Judith Avenue and then along the back of residences
- Access way is mown by neighbours
- Adjacent to BVRP

Level of Service Grading:

N/A




Existing Leases:

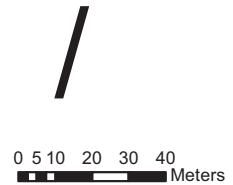
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**LEGEND: NORTHVIEW PLACE
BUSHLAND**

-  Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council
Land Category: Natural Area
-  Tributary to Calna Creek
-  Fire trail



Property: **Orr Park**
Reserve No: 357
Oracle Fixed Asset No: 105663
Matman Equipment No: 5.357.0.0.0.0
Address: Northumberland Avenue (12X), Mt Colah
Lot & DP: Lot 1 DP 30862 (Freehold as Public Garden and Recreation Space)
Area: 1,309 sq m
Zoning: Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council
Classification: Community Land
Community Land Category: Park
Subcategories: N/A
Recategorised since last POM: No
Relationship to Other Plans: Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space
- Playground

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury Sandstone

View from Northumberland Avenue:



Condition / Impacts

- Bounded by residences on three sides

Main Weeds

- None

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Inspection and maintenance of playground equipment
- Mowing
- Inspection and maintenance fencing, park furniture and signage

Exceptional Expenditure

- Repair and replacement of playground equipment as required
- Maintenance / replacement fencing, park furniture and signage as required

Level of Service Grading:

Medium

Existing Leases:

None



Date: MAY 2006

LEGEND: ORR PARK



Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Category: Park



0 5 10 20 30 40 Meters

Property:	Parklands Oval & Playground
Reserve No:	370
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	229080
Matman Equipment No:	2.370.0.0.0.0
Address:	Parklands Road (63X), Mt Colah
Lot & DP:	Lot 7015 DP 93669 (Crown Reserve R62981 for Public Recreation with care control and management devolving to Council)
Area:	24,593 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner:	Crown
Classification:	NA
Community Land Category:	Park, Sportsground, Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds and 1998 draft Generic Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space
- Sportsfield
- Playground
- Toilets
- Perimeter fence
- Clubhouse / kiosk facility
- Outdoor embankment seating
- Carpark

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury Sandstone
- Vegetation Community F - *E. racemosa* -*C. gummifera*-*A. costata* (Smith and Smith 1990)

View of sportsground, terraced seating and facility:



Conservation Status

Vegetation community F is well conserved

Condition / Impacts

- The bushland areas are in fair condition; existing on a steep embankment around the edge of the oval; weed infestation is scattered throughout
- The sportsfield is in good condition and has a turf cricket wicket
- Playground and informal open space is in good condition
- Other park facilities are in good condition

Main Weeds

- Privet, Cotoneaster, Camphor Laurel, Senna

View of playground near corner of Binalong and Parklands Roads, north-eastern park corner:



Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Mowing
- Change of season works
- Fertilising
- Turfing worn areas
- Topdressing
- Spraying
- Cleaning and maintenance of toilets
- Spraying as required
- Inspection and maintenance playground equipment
- Rubbish collection (6 x 55L bins) once a week
- General park asset maintenance

Exceptional Expenditure

- Repair and replacement of toilets as required
- Maintenance playground equipment and safety surfacing
- A wetland has been constructed in this reserve on Parklands Road, Mt Colah (Asset ID 62) which requires upgrading

Comments:

- The old wetland pond at the edge of the oval is fenced




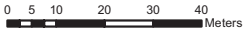
Level of Service Grading:

High

Existing Leases:

None



 <p>HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL</p> <p>Date : MAY 2006</p>	<p>LEGEND: PARKLANDS OVAL</p> <p> Land Owner: Crown Lands R62981 with care, control and management devolved to Hornsby Shire Council</p> <p>Land Categories: Sportsground, Natural Area</p> <p>k CRR Device</p>	 
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Property:	Playfair Road Reserve
Reserve No:	112
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	229266
Matman Equipment No:	5.646.0.0.0.0
Address:	Pacific Highway (631X), Mt Colah
Lot & DP:	Lot 560 DP 752053 (Crown Reserve R86055 from Sale for Children's Playground with Council made Trustees 10/2/1967)
Area:	1,046 sq m
Zoning:	Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner:	Crown
Classification:	NA
Community Land Category:	Park
Subcategories:	N/A
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Generic Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space
- Bus stop adjacent / park bench

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone

View to park from Pacific Highway:



Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Mowing
- Inspection and maintenance park furniture

Exceptional Expenditure

- Replacement park furniture

Comments:

- This reserve could be considered for asset rationalisation

Level of Service Grading:

Low

Existing Leases:

None



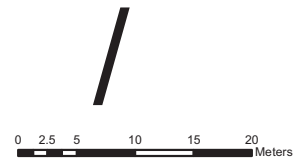
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LEGEND: PLAYFAIR RD RESERVE



Land Owner: Crown Lands
R86055 Hornsby Shire Council
Trustees 1967

Land Category: Park



Property: Poinciana Close Bushland
Reserve No: No reserve #
Oracle Fixed Asset No: No Fixed Asset #
Matman Equipment No: No matman #
Lot & DP: Lot unknown DP 752053 - residue Crown Reserve R100092 with care, control and management devolving to Council
Area: 8,397 sq m
Zoning: Open Space B
Land Owner: Crown
Classification: N/A
Community Land Category: Natural Area
Subcategories: Bushland, Watercourse (*tributary of Colah Creek*)
Recategorised since last POM: Yes
Relationship to Other Plans: Supersedes the former Berowra Valley Bushland Park POM Part 1 and Part 2

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

Natural & Cultural Heritage:

- Bushland open space
- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Vegetation Community A: *E. piperita* - *A. costata* - open forest

View from within site:



Conservation Status

Community A is well conserved

Condition / Impacts

Overall the bushland is in very good condition with impacts along the residential interface and the watercourse including mown grass and weed infestation; these areas are still considered as in good condition

Overall condition

- Very good

Main Weeds

- Privet, Asparagus Fern, Bidens

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Bushfire mitigation
- Tree maintenance

Exceptional Expenditure

- Possible CRR creek restoration works where the watercourse commences

Comments:

- The top of this reserve is fairly level but rock ledges form and it becomes very steep making access down through the reserve difficult
- This crown land is directly adjacent to BVRP and could be a future addition to the Park

Level of Service Grading:

N/A

Existing Leases:

None



Date : MAY 2006

**LEGEND:
POINCIANA CLOSE BUSHLAND**



Land Owner: Crown Lands
R100092

Land Categories: Natural Area



Tributary



0 4.5 9 18 27 36 Meters

Property: **Stonehaven Road Playground**
Reserve No: 359
Oracle Fixed Asset No: 105741
Matman Equipment No: 5.359.0.0.0.0
Address: Stonehaven Road (7X), Mt Colah
Lot & DP: Lot 32 DP 246903 (Freehold as Public Reserve)
Area: 866 sq m
Zoning: Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council
Classification: Community Land
Community Land Category: Park
Subcategories: N/A
Recategorised since last POM: No
Relationship to Other Plans: Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space
- Playground

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)

View to park from western street frontage on Stonehaven Road:



Condition / Impacts

- Ground in fair condition

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Inspection and maintenance of playground equipment, furniture, fencing, signage and general asset maintenance as required
- Mowing

Exceptional Expenditure

- Repair / replacement of playground equipment, fencing, signage and park furniture as required as required

Level of Service Grading:

Medium


Existing Leases:

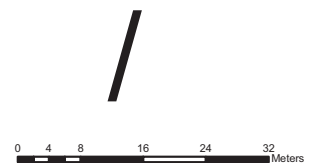
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LEGEND: STONEHAVEN RD RESERVE

 Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council
Land Category: Park



Property: Sue Place Bushland
Reserve No: 114
Matman Equipment No: 1.132.3.0
Address: Sue Place (11X), Mt Colah
Lot & DP: Lot 3 DP 591517 (Freehold as Public Reserve)
Area: 4,789 sq m
Zoning: Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council
Classification: Community Land
Community Land Category: Natural Area
Subcategories: Bushland, Watercourse (*tributary of Lyrebird Gully*)
Recategorised since last POM: Yes
Relationship to Other Plans: Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Generic Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Bushland open space

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Community A: *E. piperita*, *A. costata* - open forest
- Community E: *E. sieberi* - *C. gummifera*- *E. haemastoma* - woodland (on higher ridgetop areas of reserve)

Conservation Status

- Vegetation Community E is of local conservation significance

A Community Fire Unit is located at the street frontage of this reserve:



Condition / Impacts

- The bulk of the reserve is in good to very good (KC 1/1/1(1) condition; it is very poor (KC 4/4/4(4) at its only public access point off Sue Place & there is weed infestation along the watercourse and the residential boundaries where the condition is poor
- There are some encroachments from residential properties

Overall Condition

- Fair

Main Weeds

- Lantana, Cestrum, Camphor Laurel, Crofton, Inkweed, Privet

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Bushfire Mitigation

Exceptional Expenditure

- None

Comments:

- Much of the reserve has an easement for large transmission lines

- Access is difficult as there are no tracks or trails and the only access point is heavily weed infested and impassable
- There is a NSW Community Fire Guard Unit located on the reserve on Sue Place
- The reserve is very steep valley and has some major rock outcrops




Level of Service Grading:
Existing Leases:

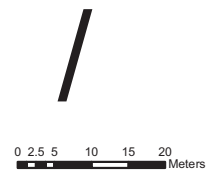
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Date : MAY 2006

LEGEND: SUE PLACE BUSHLAND

-  Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council
-  Land Category: Natural Area
-  CRR device on Sue Place



Property: **Vacant Land – Excelsior Road and Foxglove Road, Mt Colah**
Reserve No: 372
Oracle Fixed Asset No: 105211, 105214, 105517
Matman Equipment No: No Matman #
Address: Northern blocks - Foxglove Road (2X) and Excelsior Road (1X), Mt Colah and southern blocks - Foxglove Road (1X) and Pacific Highway (697D, 697E), Mt Colah

Lot & DP: Lot 5 DP 245800, Lot 2 DP 260648, Lot 3 DP 576833; Lot 100 DP 616068 (Freehold as Public Reserve); Lot 7 DP 261722 (Crown Reserve R95527 for Public Recreation with care, control and management devolving to Council)

Area: 2,382 sq m
Zoning: Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner: Crown, Hornsby Shire Council
Classification: Community Land
Community Land Category: Park
Subcategories: N/A
Recategorised since last POM: Yes
Relationship to Other Plans: Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Generic Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- None / informal open space
- Bus stop adjacent

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Wianamatta shale

View to northeast to Excelsior Road Reserve:



Condition / Impacts

- Unmaintained lots adjacent to the highway containing a copse of native trees and a grassy lot at the corner with Excelsior Road
- Evidence of use as vehicular access to 2 Foxglove Road from southern corner
- The remnant pine forest provides visual amenity at the corner with Foxglove Road but has very little environmental value or value as open space
- The narrow lots between the Highway and 7 Madeleine Court have no value

Main Weeds

Pinus radiata pines with weedy understorey

View to southwest to Foxglove Road Reserve containing stand of Pine trees:



Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Mowing

Comments:

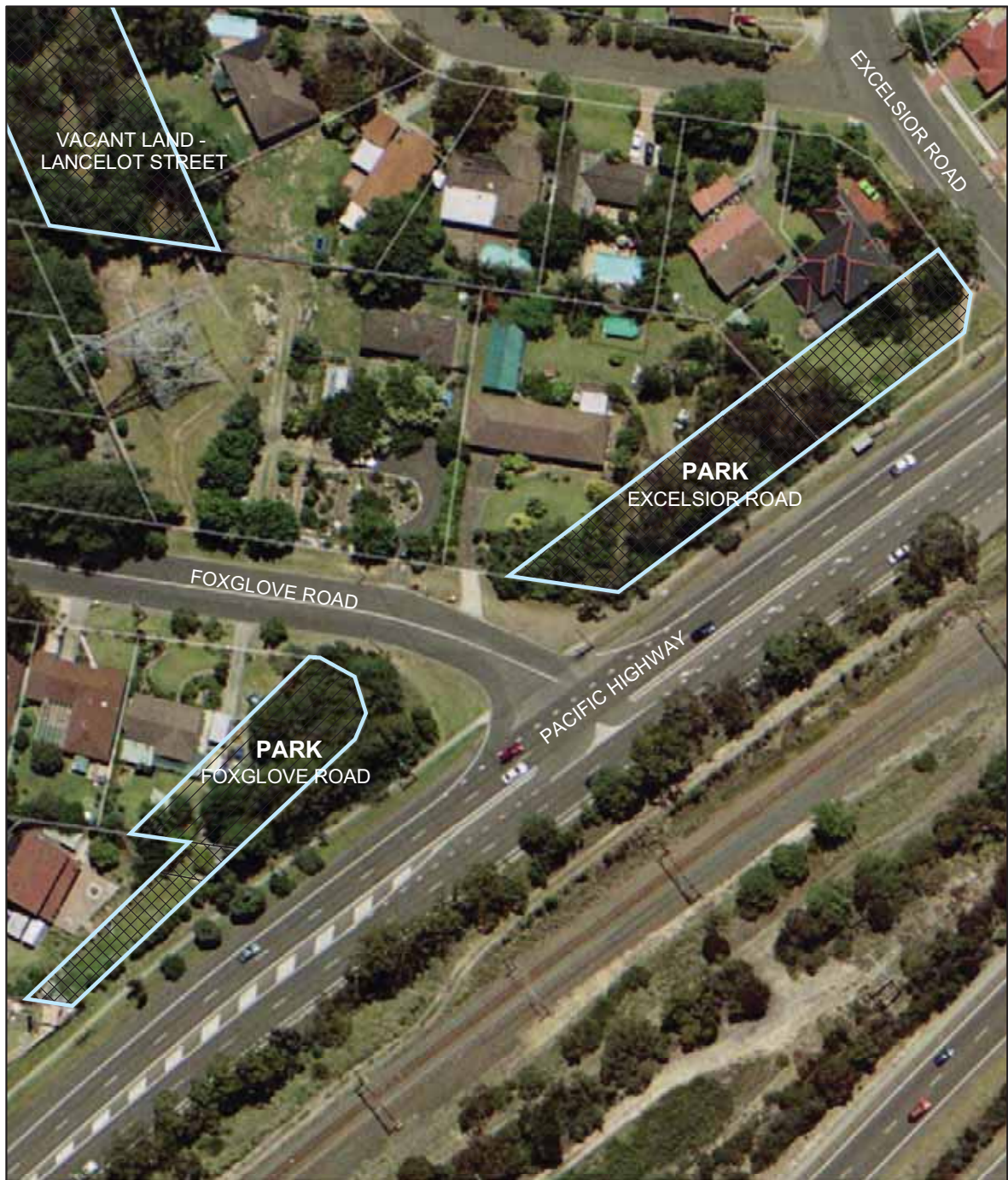
- This vacant land is currently being used by the neighbouring private property; could be reclassified to Operational Land and sold or leased
- Roadside land containing a pine forest with weedy understorey on the corner Lot 7 including some encroachment from neighbouring property on Foxglove Road
- Lots 3 and 100 are encroached upon landscapes to the frontage of the property with address, 7 Madeleine Court
- In the southern area, apart from the visual amenity of the pine tree stand, the rest of this land is currently being used by the neighbouring private properties and has little value as community land; could be reclassified to Operational Land and sold or leased

Level of Service Grading:

Low

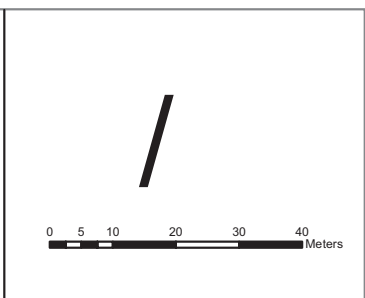
Existing Leases:

None



**LEGEND: VACANT LAND
EXCELSIOR RD AND
FOXGLOVE RD MT COLAH**

 Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council
 Land Owner: Crown Lands R95527
 with care, control and management
 devolved to Hornsby Shire Council
 Land Category: Park



Property: **Vacant Land – Lancelot St, Mt Colah**
Reserve No: 362, 557
Oracle Fixed Asset No: 105181
Matman Equipment No: No Matman #
Address: Foxglove Road (8X, 22X), Lancelot St (2X), Mt Colah
Lot & DP: Lot 7 DP 253100; Lot 8 DP 260648 (Freehold as Public Reserve)
Area: 3,387 sq m
Zoning: Residential A (Low Density)
Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council
Classification: Community Land
Community Land Category: Park
Subcategories: N/A
Recategorised since last POM: No
Relationship to Other Plans: Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- None / Informal open space

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone and Wianamatta shale

View within reserve to southeast:



Condition / Impacts

- Low quality reserve providing enclosed open space beneath power lines
- Some poor quality shrub and tree habitat

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Mowing

Exceptional Expenditure

- Maintenance stair access and railing

Comments:

- Easement for transmission line
- No potential for park development; beneath high voltage power lines

Level of Service Grading:

Low


Existing Leases:

None

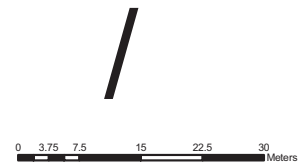


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**LEGEND: VACANT LAND
LANCELOT STREET, MT COLAH**

 Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Category: Park



MT KURING-GAI

Property:	Beaumont Road Bushland
Reserve No:	374
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	229329
Matman Equipment No:	No Matman #
Address:	Beaumont Road (2X), Hamley Road (4X), Mt Kuring-gai
Lot & DP:	Lot 7005 DP 93770; Lot 1085 DP 257301 (Crown Reserve R73533 for Public Recreation in 1950 with care, control and management devolving to Council)
Area:	8,534 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner:	Crown
Classification:	N/A
Community Land Category:	Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland
Recategorised since last POM:	No
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Generic Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal bushland open space

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Vegetation Community C – *Corymbia gummifera-E.haemastoma-E.oblonga* - woodland

View in bushland:



Conservation Status

- Community C is well conserved

Condition / Impacts

- The core bushland is in very good condition
- The Beaumont Road edge is poor(KMC 1/4/3(3) with a fill embankment; heavy weed infestation in places

Overall Condition

- Good

Main Weeds

- Lantana, Arundo, Privet, and Fishbone Fern

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Bushfire mitigation
- Noxious weed control

Exceptional Expenditure

- A trash rack has been installed adjacent to this reserve on Hamley Road, Mt Kuring-Gai (Asset ID 31)

Comments:

- The bushland adjoins bushland owned by the Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council (ALC 3425); the Beaumont roadside edge is impacted by rubbish dumping and general littering

Level of Service Grading:

N/A

Existing Leases:

None



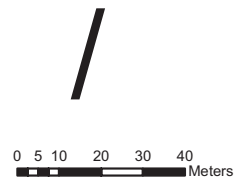
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LEGEND: BEAUMONT ROAD BUSHLAND



Land Owner: Crown Lands
R73533 Reserve from Sale for Public
Recreation Care, control and management
devolves to Hornsby Shire Council

Land Category: Natural Area



Property: **Glenview Road Bushland**
Reserve No: 375
Oracle Fixed Asset No: 106128, 229197, 229228
Matman Equipment No: No Matman #
Address: Pacific Highway (777X - 779X), Mt Kuring-gai
 769 and 797 Pacific Hwy Mt Kuring-gai (under investigation)
Lot & DP: Lot 744, 786 DP 752053 (Crown Reserve R100105 for Public Recreation with care, control and management devolving to Council)
 Pt Lot 747 DP 752053 and Crown Land immediately south of Lot 744 DP 752053 (Crown land with care, control and management devolving to Council – under investigation)
Area: 7,192 sq m
Zoning: Environmental Protection B (River Catchment), Open Space B (Public Recreation – Regional) and Residential A (Low Density) – under investigation
Land Owner: Crown
Classification: NA
Community Land Category: Natural area
Subcategories: Bushland
Recategorised since last POM: Yes
Relationship to Other Plans: Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1998 draft Generic Bushland Plan of Management

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal bushland open space
- Track head for the Great North Walk

Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Vegetation Community D – *E.punctata-corymbia gummifera-E.haemastoma* - woodland
- Community A: *E. piperita* - *A. costata* - open forest

View within site showing rocky outcrops:



Conservation Status

- Community A and D are well conserved

Condition / Impacts

- The residential interfaces and edge of the fire trail are in poor condition with some serious weed infestations however the core of the bushland is in good condition
- The fire trail is paved and in good condition as well as the signage at the track head

Overall condition

- Fair

Main Weeds

- Arundo, Privet, Crofton, Lantana, Asparagus Fern

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Fire trail maintenance
- Bushfire mitigation

Exceptional Expenditure

- N/A

Comments:

- NPWS have installed a fire trail gat at the entrance to this reserve to assist with the management of vehicle access down into BVRP which borders this reserve
- This is an entrance to the Great North Walk (GNW), locally known as the Lyrebird Gully walk which joins the main GNW at Calna Creek saltmarsh
- The reserve is directly located across from the Mt. Kuring-gai train station
- There appears to be an encroachment on the Pacific Highway area of the reserve





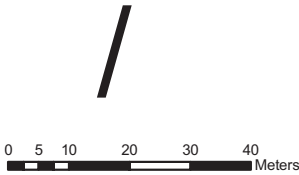
Level of Service Grading:

N/A

Existing Leases:

None



 <p>HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL</p> <p>Date : MAY 2006</p>	<p>LEGEND: GLENVIEW ROAD BUSHLAND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Land Owner: Crown Lands R100105 Reserve from Sale for Public Recreation Care, control and management devolves to Hornsby Shire Council  Crown land care, control and management devolves to Council (under investigation) Land Category: Natural Area  Fire Trail 	 <p>0 5 10 20 30 40 Meters</p>
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Property:	Mt Kuring-gai Park
Reserve No:	367
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	229045
Matman Equipment No:	2.367.0.0.0.0
Address:	Blackwood Avenue (2X), Mt Kuring-gai
Lot & DP:	Lot 954 DP 752053 (Crown Reserve R81449 from Sale for Public Recreation with Council Trustees in 1959)
Area:	97,276 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner:	Crown
Classification:	NA
Community Land Category:	Sportsground, Natural Area
Subcategories:	Bushland, Watercourse
Recategorised since last POM:	Yes
Relationship to Other Plans:	A Significant Area Plan will be prepared for the bushland part of Mt. Kuring-gai Park as it contains a large population of threatened species, <i>Darwinia biflora</i> , which is subject to a NPWS Recovery Plan and will be included in an updated 'Significant Areas - Bushland Plans of Management and Action Plans (2000)' Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves and 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds
Description & Site Analysis:	<p>Facilities Provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal bushland open space • Sportsfield • Clubhouse change rooms / kiosk / toilets • Covered seating • Playground • Car parking • 2 fire trails
Natural & Cultural Heritage:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, <i>Hornsby Shire LEP</i>, 1994) • Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone • Vegetation Community G: <i>E. haemastoma-Angophora hispida-Banksia ericifolia</i> - low open-woodland • Community E: <i>E.sieberi-Corymbia gummifera-E haemastoma</i> - woodland • Community H: Rock Platform Heath • Community A: <i>E.piperita-Angophora costata</i> -open forest • The land was part of the Harris Waddington Estate that was later owned by the Crown and dedicated as a reserve for public recreation since 1928 and extended R61818 in 1930; part was set aside for a rubbish depot on 1951 and an adjoining area for sanitary purposes; in 1959 it was gazetted as a public reserve and Council began construction of playing fields around that time including an oval and cricket pitch; since then Mt Ku-ring-gai Sports Club requested refurbishment of the oval and the residents Progress Association donated funds resulting in seats, dressing shed and canteen; the original playground site was resumed for the construction of the freeway and a new playground relocated; the Department of Main Roads requested that Council maintain the area they had resumed that was surplus to the freeway, as a rare plant <i>Darwinia biflora</i> had been discovered there

The powerline easement passes over the sportsground and bushland components of Mt Kuring-gai Park:



The playground is located adjacent to sports facilities building and seating:



The bushland component of the park contains species of Statewide conservation significance:



Conservation Status

- This reserve is very diverse and contains regionally significant vegetation community H and the locally significant community E (HSC Biodiversity Conservation Strategy 2005)
- The rare plant *Darwinia biflora* is of State conservation significance and is listed as a Vulnerable Species under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act* (1995)

Condition / Impacts

- Embankment of the oval is a large fill batter that is highly weed-infested
- The bushland areas are generally in very good condition with some edge effect weeds and impacts
- Carpark condition is fair

Overall condition

- Bushland: good

Main Weeds

- Castor Oil, Arundo, Privet, Coral Trees

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Change of season works
- Fertilising
- Turfing worn areas
- Topdressing
- Spraying
- Toilet cleaning and maintenance
- Mowing
- Bushfire mitigation
- Fire trail and gate maintenance
- Noxious weed control
- Inspection and maintenance of playground equipment
- Replenishment of bark mulch to playground area
- Rubbish collection (2 x 240L bin, 1 x 55L bin) twice a week
- General park asset maintenance

Exceptional Expenditure

- Spraying as required
- Repairs / replacement playground equipment, furniture as required
- Maintenance / replacement toilets and facilities as required
- Carpark surfacing as required
- Maintenance to wicket as required

Comments:

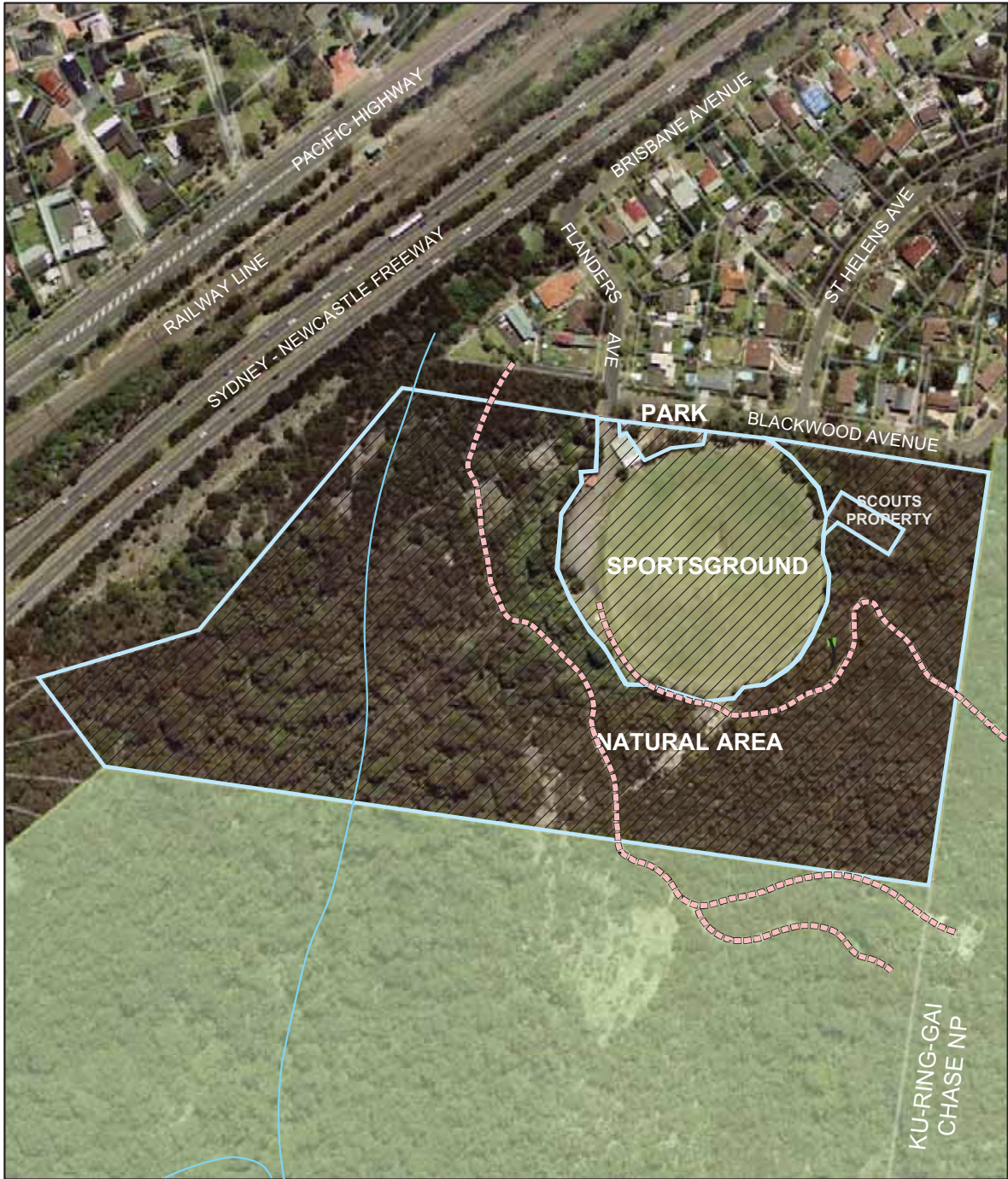
- Easement for transmission line
- The Scout Association of New South Wales is the registered owner of a property is located within the reserve in the eastern bushland section
- The lower fire trail does not have public access

Level of Service Grading:

High

Existing Leases:





None


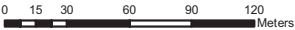



HORNSBY
SHIRE COUNCIL

Date : MAY 2006

LEGEND: MT KURING-GAI PARK

-  Land Categories: Park, Sportsground, Natural Area
- Land Owner: Crown Lands R81449
-  *Darwinia biflora*. Vulnerable Species TSC Conservation Act 1995
-  Fire trail
-  Tributary / creek

Property:	Seaview Street Playground
Reserve No:	360
Oracle Fixed Asset No:	105714
Matman Equipment No:	4.377.0.0.0.0
Address:	Seaview Street (11X), Mt Kuring-gai
Lot & DP:	Lot 40 DP 31081 (Freehold as Public Reserve)
Area:	771 sq m
Zoning:	Open Space A (Public Recreation - Local)
Land Owner:	Hornsby Shire Council
Classification:	Community Land
Community Land Category:	Park
Subcategories:	N/A
Recategorised since last POM:	No
Relationship to Other Plans:	Supersedes 1996 Generic Plan of Management for Parks and Reserves

Description & Site Analysis:

Facilities Provided

- Informal open space
- Playground / safety fence and gate entry
- Memorial Garden, seat and plaque

General park view from western high point within:



Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Site contains no known Aboriginal relics or European heritage items (Koettig, 1996, *Hornsby Shire LEP*, 1994)
- Soil derived from Hawkesbury sandstone
- Memorial Garden with dedication by the residents of Mt Kuring-gai to the 4 National Parks and Wildlife Officers who died in a bushfire in June 2000

Management:

Recurrent Expenditure

- Tree maintenance
- Mowing
- Inspection and maintenance of playground equipment, signage and fencing
- General park asset maintenance

Exceptional Expenditure

- Maintenance of Memorial Garden including seat and plaque
- Repair and replacement of playground equipment, signage and fencing as required
- Repair tap and bubbler as required

Memorial Garden dedication to Firefighters:




Level of Service Grading:
Existing Leases:

Medium
None



Date : MAY 2006


LEGEND: SEAVIEW ST PLAYGROUND

 Land Owner: Hornsby Shire Council

Land Category: Park



0 2.5 5 10 15 20 Meters

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APPENDIX 1: BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR SPORTSTURF

More detailed information sheets on each of the produce, retain and remove strategies are being developed by the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust in consultation with our sportsturf experts.

The most effective way to address the impact of nutrients from your sportsturf facilities, is through an Environmental Management Program.

Environmental Management Program

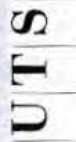
This type of program must include:

- The management plan to provide objective standards, time schedules and technical details
- A management system to organise staff responsibilities, training and effective communication
- Review and monitoring process to determine the progress of the programs so that the necessary adjustments can be made

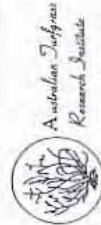
A framework for an Environmental Management Program is also being developed by the Trust and supporting agencies.

Our communities are demanding more effective environmental control from all of our facilities. In a lot of areas, sportsturf managers have been leading the way in terms of nutrient management and control. Through this Information Program for sportsturf operators we hope to maintain that position of prominence.

For further information call
Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust
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CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT TRUST

Sportsturf

Parklands, playing fields and golf courses are features of the modern urban landscape.

Well designed and well managed, these areas of sportsturf can have significant environmental benefits including the preservation of open space in cities and the conservation of native flora and fauna.

Applying the principles of planned catchment management to these areas i.e. trying to ensure the water which flows off the sportsturf site is as healthy as the water which flows into it, can also enhance water quality.

Poor design and management can generate problems and neglect opportunities which, in turn, raises costs and causes environmental damage.

This leaflet will be supported by a series of information sheets to be developed by specialists in the field of sportsturf management. Their purpose is to encourage good design and best management practice.

The leaflets and other information activities are being developed by leading practitioners in the field of sportsturf management under the direction of the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust and with the support of professional associations.

They are being developed to help reduce the amount of nutrient flowing from your sportsturf facility and into local waterways.

The Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust was established by the NSW Government to bring people together to establish ways to better protect the whole of the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment. This information has been circulated in the catchment and beyond in order to protect all of our waterways.

What's the Problem?

There is simply too much nutrient like phosphorus, entering our waterways. Too much nutrient can lead to excessive weed growth and algal blooms, even toxic blue green algae blooms. It is up to all of us to do what we can to reduce the amount of nutrient flowing into our rivers, creeks, lakes, lagoons and streams.

Nutrient reduction programs like this one are being put in place all over NSW. They encourage builders, farmers, school students and turf growers to help reduce the amount of nutrient flowing into our lakes and waterways.

What's Causing the Problem?

Nutrient sources include:

- fertilisers of all types including organics which can be transported from sportsturf and surface runoff, leached through the soil profile or escape from stockpiles, loading and equipment washdown areas or spill sites
- soil itself through the erosion of phosphorus rich soil particles
- grass clippings washing into adjacent waterways

What's the Solution?

Obviously we need to minimise the movement of nutrients out of our sportsturf system. Through this we can make significant cost savings as well as maintaining environmental standards. The three R's of nutrient management on sportsturf facilities are:

- **Reduce**
- **Retain, and**
- **Remove nutrients**

Best Management Practices

Some simple things we can all do to achieve the three R's of nutrient removal include:

1. **Reduce**
 - Select turf with lower fertiliser and irrigation requirements
 - Increase areas of rough or maintain more naturally vegetated areas
 - Plan a fertiliser program
 - Limit fertiliser to key heavy duty areas
 - Use the absolute minimum quantity of fertiliser required
 - Use low or no phosphate fertilisers where possible
 - Optimise all non fertiliser turf growth
2. **Retain Nutrients in the Soil where they are useful**

Some activities you may consider include:

 - Time fertiliser applications carefully
 - Cleanup fertiliser spills promptly
 - Thoughtfully dispose of nutrient rich waste materials
 - Prevent soil erosion
3. **Remove Nutrients before they escape to adjacent Waterbodies**

Some activities include:

 - Contour drain the facility if possible so all on site runoff is retained on the site in dams and recycled through irrigation
 - Construct sedimentation ponds to proven designs
 - Develop a maintenance program for ponds and wetlands to ensure continuous optimum function

These are just some examples of best management practice.

APPENDIX 2: HORNSBY SHIRE LEP 1994 – MINOR COUNCIL WORKS

MINOR COUNCIL WORKS

Savings

Section 6(3) of the Hornsby Shire Local Environmental Plan 1994 permits Council to undertake the following minor works without obtaining development consent:

- “6. (3) *Development carried out by or on behalf of the Council for the purposes of the following may be carried out on any land without development consent:*
- a) *construction or maintenance of stormwater drainage, water quality treatment devices, water tanks, recreation areas, public amenities, temporary storage facilities;*
 - b) *installation or maintenance of street furniture, such as seats, Council information signs, street signs, street lights, bus shelters, garbage and recycling containers and bins, bollards, flag poles, telephone kiosks and the like, but not fixed outdoor vending machines;*
 - c) *construction and maintenance of roads, footpaths, cycleways, parking areas, fire trails, walking tracks and other public pedestrian areas, roads, including tree planting and repaving, street surfacing, reconstruction of kerbs, gutters and the like;*
 - d) *installation or maintenance of park furniture including seats, picnic tables, barbecue units and shelters, awnings and shade structures, gazebos and pergolas, bollards, playground equipment, flag poles, bridges, staircases, boardwalks, lighting (excluding ovals, tennis courts and the like);*
 - e) *information signs;*
 - f) *installation and maintenance of goal posts, sight screens, fencing and similar ancillary sporting structures on sporting or playing fields for use in the playing/performance of sporting events (excluding grandstands, dressing sheds and other structures);*
 - g) *installation and maintenance of temporary structures for special events, including marquees, booth toilets, stages, tents, scaffolds and the like;*
 - h) *bush fire hazard reduction carried out in accordance with a bush fire management plan under the Rural Fires Act 1997;*
 - i) *bush regeneration, landscaping, gardening, tree planting, tree maintenance and tree removal.”*

The proposals are assessed under Part V of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.

Council is required to notify and exhibit minor work proposals. Section 6(4) – (5) of the Hornsby Shire Local Environmental Plan 1994 requires that:

- “(4) *The Council shall not undertake any works in accordance with subclause (3), unless it has given written notice to such persons who own or occupy the land adjoining the land on which the work is to be undertaken and the Council has considered any written submission made in relation to the works.*
- (5) *Regardless of subclause (4), the Council need not give written notice of a work proposed to be undertaken in accordance with subclause (2), where, in the opinion of the Council, the work is of a minor nature or has previously been the subject of community consultation.”*

The Notification Protocol on the following page details the circumstances and procedures for the notification and exhibition of minor work proposals.

MINOR WORKS - NOTIFICATION ELEMENT

Objective of element

To enable community notification and participation in Council's minor works proposals, which do not require development consent.

Performance criteria

Residents and land owners should be advised of Council's minor works proposals, which could potentially affect the residents or property.

The notification should encourage public participation and provide sufficient opportunity for input prior to the commencement of the minor work.

Prescriptive Measures

Residents or property owners should notified of the following works:

- the installation or maintenance of stormwater drainage lines, on private property or in road reserves in front of residential properties;
- the construction or re-surfacing of roads on road reserves in front of residential properties;
- the construction of new fire trails, footpaths, bicycle paths and the like, in proximity to residential properties;
- the installation of new street and park furniture;
- the erection of new grandstands, dressing sheds and other structures at parks and ovals;
- bush fire hazard reduction (as required by the *Rural Fires Act 1997*);
- the removal of trees listed as heritage items in Schedule D of the *Hornsby Shire Local Environmental Plan 1994* or which are assessed as significant;

- minor road maintenance works (such as the repair of potholes);
- bush regeneration, landscaping, gardening, tree planting, tree maintenance or tree removal (except trees listed as heritage items in Schedule D of the *Hornsby Shire Local Environmental Plan 1994* or which are assessed as significant);

The notification shall be in the form of a letter (either posted or delivered) to the owner or resident advising of the proposed work, when it will commence and the construction period. It should also provide the opportunity to inspect any documentation.

The notification should provide for a minimum period of 14 days for the inspection of documentation and submission of resident's comments.

The Council may amend the minor work proposal on the basis of the submissions.

Residents or property owners are not required to be notified in the following circumstances:

- the proposal has been previously exhibited for community comment as part of Plans of Management or works programs;
- the maintenance of street and park furniture in public places and road reserves;
- the installation or maintenance of sporting structures (excluding the erection of new grandstands, dressing sheds and other structures) at public ovals and parks;
- the installation of temporary structures on public land, if in accordance with the Plan of Management for the land;
- road maintenance works, drainage works or tree removal works which need to be undertaken urgently to maintain public health and safety;

If the commencement of minor works is delayed by poor weather or other circumstances, the proposal is not required to be re-notified. Any residents directly affected by a delayed proposal should be given 2 days notice prior to the commencement of works.

APPENDIX 3: PUBLIC RESERVES NOTICE

PUBLIC RESERVES NOTICE



PARK RULES

This is your park. It is provided for your use, enjoyment and education. Please respect the area by encouraging activities which do not damage the environment, or disturb the enjoyment of others.

To provide for sustainable use and enjoyment, Council has prohibited the following in this reserve:



1
NO FIRES EXCEPT
IN AUTHORISED
FIREPLACES



2
NO CAMPING OR
STAYING OVER
NIGHT



3
NO LITTERING OR
DEPOSITING OF
ANY MATERIAL



4
NO DAMAGE TO
PARK FACILITIES



5
NO GOLF OR
ARCHERY



6
NO
UNAUTHORISED
VEHICLES



7
NO ANIMALS
EXCEPT LEASHED
DOGS

8. No hawking or trading except with Council's written permission
9. No activities which may interfere with the comfort, convenience or safety of the public
10. No use or sale of alcohol except with Council's written permission
11. No entering or remaining in the park in an intoxicated state
12. No offensive or disorderly behaviour
13. No meetings, public addresses, performances or organised activities except with Council's written permission
14. No interfering with flora, fauna, infrastructure or other landscape features except with Council's written permission
15. No dogs within ten metres of barbeques, picnic tables or play equipment

PENALTIES APPLY FOR FAILURE TO OBSERVE THE ABOVE REGULATIONS

BY ORDER OF COUNCIL

APPENDIX 4: LEASING AND LICENSING OF COMMUNITY LAND

Extract from the Local Government (General) Amendment (Community Land Management) Regulation 1999 Regarding Leasing and Licensing of Community Land

“6JF Leases, licences and other estates in respect of community land:

- (1) For the purposes of section 46 (1) (b) (iii) of the Act, the use or occupation of community land for the following events is prescribed as a purpose in respect of which a council may grant a licence in respect of community land on a short-term casual basis:
 - (a) the playing of a musical instrument, or singing, for fee or reward;
 - (b) engaging in a trade or business;
 - (c) delivering a public address;
 - (d) commercial photographic sessions;
 - (e) picnics and private celebrations such as weddings and family gatherings;
 - (f) filming for cinema or television;
 - (g) the agistment of stock.
- (2) However, the use or occupation of community land for events listed in subclause (1) is prescribed only if the use or occupation does not involve the erection of any building or structure of a permanent nature.

6JG Exemptions from section 47A (Leases, licences and other estates in respect of community land - terms of 5 years or less)

- (1) Leases, licenses and other estates granted for the following purposes are exempt from the provisions of section 47A of the Act:
 - (a) residential purposes, where the relevant community land has been developed for the purposes of housing owned by the Council;
 - (b) the provision of pipes, conduits or other connections under the surface of the ground for the connection of premises adjoining the community land to a facility of the Council or other public utility provider that is situated on the community land;
 - (c) use and occupation of the community land for events such as:
 - (i) a public performance (that is, a theatrical, musical or other entertainment for the amusement of the public);
 - (ii) the playing of a musical instrument, or singing for fee or reward;
 - (iii) engaging in a trade or business;
 - (iv) playing of any lawful game or sport;
 - (v) delivering a public address;
 - (vi) conducting a commercial photographic session;
 - (vii) picnics and private celebrations such as weddings and family gatherings;
 - (viii) filming for cinema or television.
- (2) However, the use or occupation of community land for the events listed in subclause (1) (c) is exempt only if:
 - (a) The use or occupation does not involve the erection of any building or structure of a permanent nature, and
 - (b) In the case of any use or occupation that occurs only once, it does not continue for more than 3 consecutive days, and
 - (c) In the case of any use or occupation that occurs more than once, each occurrence is for no more than 3 consecutive days, not including Saturday and Sunday, and the period from the first occurrence until the last occurrence is not more than 12 months.

