

# YAMBLE RESERVE Plan of Management



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# YAMBLE PARK Plan of Management

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# Executive Summary

## Background

Yamble Reserve is a district level unstructured passive recreation park and a highly valued area of open space located in Ryde. The Reserve is owned by the City of Ryde and is classified as Community Land under the *Local Government Act 1993* and it is zoned specifically for public recreation in the 2010 Ryde Local Environment Plan. Within the boundary of Yamble Reserve is the North Ryde Pre School.

This Plan of Management has been prepared under the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* and accordingly, satisfies the requirements for content and process in preparing a Plan of Management as defined under Section 38 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The Yamble Reserve Plan of Management has been prepared to guide the future development and management of the Reserve in response to the needs and values of the Ryde community and the users of the Reserve. When adopted by Council this Plan of Management will replace the current generic plan applicable to Yamble Reserve.

Preparation of this Plan of Management involved consultation with internal and external stakeholders, interested bodies and the general community through a process of community engagement that extended an invitation to submit either a survey or a written submission during a six week period from mid March to the end of April 2010. It is anticipated that the Draft Plan of Management will be placed on public exhibition in late 2010.

This Plan of Management provides a strategic planning and sustainable management framework to enhance the Reserve's recreation potential and to promote public passive recreation and leisure for people of all abilities. Yamble Reserve has been identified as the location for the development of an all abilities playground as the Reserve has many beneficial attributes that will support the creation of an all abilities playground. This Plan of Management provides the framework that supports the development of the Reserve for this purpose while ensuring the existing passive uses will still be accommodated.

A suite of management actions are recommended to meet the current and future demands of Reserve users and are outlined in Part 6 of this Plan. These actions will improve the quality of the Reserve, respond to the potential for the Reserve, respond to the needs of the community, satisfy management objectives and reinforce the values of the Reserve.



*Yamble Park is located on Quarry Road, Ryde and is highly valued by the community as a local passive recreation destination.*

## Current Status of Yamble Reserve

Site Name	Yamble Reserve
Location	Quarry Road, Ryde
Adjacent land uses	Low density residential (R2)
Land parcels	Refer to Figure 2.1
Area (ha)	2.4 ha
Ownership	City of Ryde
Management	City of Ryde
Zoning: Ryde LEP 2010	RE1 Public Recreation
Catchment	District
Physical characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aspect: Northern.</li> <li>• Topography: An elevated position, gently sloping to the north-west. Level in the southern area (surrounding the Pre School), gently sloping down to the north-west (Quarry Road), becoming steeper towards the road.</li> <li>• Soils: The original soil is shale and general fertility is low to moderate. Extensive fill (garden mix) has been imported. Historically the site has been used for agriculture.</li> <li>• Drainage: A drainage pit is located within the eastern open grassed area. The natural slope of the land directs overland flow from the area of the Pre School in the south, northward through the playground. Water in the western part of the reserve is directed toward a swale along the western boundary and to a stormwater collection point in the north-western corner.</li> </ul>
Flora and fauna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flora: The reserve has a predominance of native species with exotics used for feature trees, formal beds and hedges.</li> <li>• Fauna: Small mammals such as possums and a variety of birds which are predominately large and native.</li> </ul>
Visual elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key visual elements include: well established semi mature trees, exotic and native planting, formal and informal planted garden areas, open grass areas, semi formal design/layout with central formal spine pathway, ridge outlook with views.</li> </ul>
Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to the reserve is primarily via steps or ramped pathways from Quarry Road.</li> <li>• Quarry Road has a car park with 2 spaces for disabled parking.</li> <li>• A second car parking area is located in Clermont Avenue in the south.</li> <li>• Level pedestrian access is available from Clermont Ave.</li> <li>• There is a network of formal pathways through the Reserve.</li> <li>• Universal access is available from the Quarry Road entry.</li> </ul>
Assets and condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pathways – varies – Good and Fair</li> <li>• Park buildings - Good</li> <li>• Park furniture - Good</li> <li>• Playground equipment - Good</li> <li>• Car parking - Fair</li> </ul>
Recent improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional planting</li> <li>• Installation of concrete platforms under picnic shelters</li> <li>• Removal of sandpit</li> <li>• Additional drainage works</li> </ul>



Existing uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informal recreation including walking and cycling, picnics and barbecues, playground, informal sports.</li> <li>• Organised events including star watching and Christmas carols.</li> </ul>
Licence	North Ryde Pre School for 5 years commencing 30 May 2006.
Event / Booking Management	Bookings through City of Ryde Council as Owner
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park quality: grass mowing, garden bed maintenance, rubbish collection.</li> <li>• Built structures: car park line marking, lighting repairs, bollards, barbecues, path condition, graffiti removal.</li> <li>• Toilets: maintenance, repairs, cleaning.</li> <li>• Playground: safety inspections, repairs.</li> </ul>

## Basis for Management

Yamble Reserve is classified as Community Land and accordingly the provisions of Section 38 of the *Local Government Act 1993* apply. Other key relevant legislation that applies to the management of the Reserve includes the Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2010 under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, *Companion Animals Act* and *Disability Discrimination Act*.

Council's strategic plans such as Parks on Track for People 2025, Ryde 2030 Community Strategic Plan, accessibility and social plans, and cultural initiatives also influence planning and management of the Reserve.

Community values of the reserve are related to passive recreation, open space and landscape, environment, cultural heritage, access and linkages. Key roles for the reserve include:

VALUE	ROLE
Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A district level open space in the Ryde Open Space Network.</li> <li>• A play space that offers integrated play opportunities for children of all abilities.</li> <li>• A place for informal passive recreation that meets the needs of the local community.</li> <li>• An accessible parkland providing safe, sealed walking paths, accessible toilets, parking spaces and paths at an appropriate grade.</li> </ul>
Open Space and Landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A parkland that can accommodate informal play and leisure activities.</li> <li>• A parkland destination for the community with little or no private yard.</li> <li>• Open space within an urban context.</li> </ul>
Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An open space area that is a part of the wider biodiversity linkages within the City of Ryde that provide habitat for animal and birds.</li> </ul>
Cultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A venue for cultural activities and ceremonies.</li> <li>• Opportunities to promote awareness and understanding through the use of interpretation signage and public art.</li> </ul>
Access and Linkages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To enhance connection to surrounding land uses such as residential areas, schools and other parks/reserves.</li> </ul>

The key management objectives for the Reserve are as follows:



VALUE	MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE
Recreation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To maintain the use of the Reserve as a district level passive recreation facility.</li> <li>2. To design and plan the future of the Reserve as an all abilities play space.</li> <li>3. Encourage and facilitate passive recreational pursuits for the local community.</li> <li>4. To provide for recreational activities and for the casual playing of games for individuals and groups of all ages and abilities.</li> <li>5. Manage the recreational activities in the Reserve to ensure minimal impact on the local resident population.</li> </ol>
Open Space and Landscape	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To reinforce the visibility of the major Reserve entrances through landscape and signage and to improve sight lines and general visibility into and across the reserve.</li> <li>2. Reinforce and maintain semi formal and formal planting and beds.</li> <li>3. Provide opportunities for picnicking and socialising.</li> <li>4. Improve Reserve lighting to accommodate evening walking, informal use and events.</li> </ol>
Environmental	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and ecosystem function for the Reserve.</li> <li>2. Maintain adequate drainage within the reserve and promote awareness of drainage within the catchment.</li> <li>3. Maintain and enhance habitat linkages within the Reserve.</li> <li>4. To develop and maintain a consistent management and maintenance approach to all planting elements in the reserve whilst retaining a dominance of Australian species.</li> </ol>
Cultural	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To provide for a range of opportunities for social and cultural activities for people of all age groups and cultural backgrounds in a variety of settings.</li> </ol>
Access and Linkage	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To ensure equitable and easy access to and within Yamble Reserve for all ages and abilities</li> </ol>

## Vision for Yamble Reserve

The vision for the Yamble Reserve is:

*Yamble Reserve will become a destination park for people of all abilities to play and relax in an integrated and safe landscape setting. The Reserve will continue to provide for unstructured passive recreation for the community through the provision of open space areas, cycling and walking paths, open lawn areas and picnic facilities that will meet the needs of people of all ages and abilities*

## Key Issues

There are a number of key issues that were identified during the consultation and preparation of this Plan of Management. These include:

- Access
- Visibility and sight lines
- Drainage
- Provision of amenities
- Lighting
- Play equipment
- Dog management

- Cultural/Aboriginal acknowledgement/artwork
- Linkage
- Signage

## Strategies and Actions

This Plan of Management has been prepared with a series of Action Plans linked to the values of the Reserve. Strategies, actions, priorities, responsibilities and performance measurements are outlined in Section 6 which will be incorporated into future budgets and work programs.

Some of the key actions in this Plan of Management are listed below:

### *Short Term: 1 - 3 years*

- Design and development of an all abilities play space.
- Revise and remove or replace selected planting to allow greater visibility/sightlines within the reserve.
- Improve lighting within the reserve.
- Install dog bubblers, waste bins and bags to enhance dog management.
- Erect signage at formal entries to reserve.
- Install disabled car parking spots in Clermont Ave carpark.
- Improved access to turf areas for maintenance staff.
- Installation of additional bollards to reduce illegal access to the Reserve.

### *Medium Term: 4 - 6 years*

- Develop and install cultural acknowledgement – Aboriginal and Italian.
- Develop cycle/pedestrian path linkages with Santa Rosa Park.
- Improve disabled (universal) access to amenities.

### *Long Term: 7 - 10 years*

- Develop and install public art and interpretative signage within the reserve.
- Determine additional passive recreation opportunities in response to changing community needs.

### *Ongoing*

- Maintain existing and planned facilities.
- Maintain high quality passive recreation facilities and high quality landscape.
- Maintain adequate drainage management.

Trees in this garden bed to undergo crown pruning to improve sight lines into and out of the Reserve.

Placement of distance markers around the loop path for use in casual fitness training.

Water sensitive urban design swale

Placement of additional picnic shelters along the internal loop path

Planting in garden beds along the internal loop path should be removed or replaced in key locations to improve visibility and access.

Activate this space with park elements such as seating or BBQ'S.

Bus drop off and parking area to provide close and on grade access to the Reserve.

Car park to be extended to provide an additional 8 parking spaces. 4 of the additional spaces should be marked for "Disable Parking"

**Legend**

● Main entry points

✕ Interpretative / Public Art opportunities to be incorporated with the playground



Placement of park signage at each of the identified Main Entry Points

Trees in this garden bed to undergo crown pruning to improve sight lines into and out of the Reserve.

Improve connection between the car park and the Reserve to improve equal access.

Vegetation along Quarry Road to be thinned or replaced

Park building to be modified to provide specialist facilities to complement the all abilities playground

Realignment of pedestrian path along the edge of the bus lay over and parking area.

Provision of a bus parking area adjacent to the existing car park area to provide a safe and accessible drop off and pick up zone for Reserve users.

Trees in this garden bed to undergo crown pruning to improve sight lines into and out of the Reserve.

Include sensory garden elements as a part of the playground and the surrounding landscape

Existing park furniture to be relocated as a part of the playground expansion. Placement of additional park benches and picnic tables to be included in the playground expansion.

Extended playground area to provide space for the development of an all abilities playground. Actual layout will be the subject for future detailed design. (Area represented with the dashed line)

Increase screening where necessary along the boundary interface with private residences.

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 What is a Plan of Management

A Plan of Management is a formal planning document that provides guidance for the future development and management of public open space. It achieves this by identifying values affecting public open space and outlines how open space can be improved, used, managed and maintained sustainably into the future.

## 1.2 Why prepare a Plan of Management for Yamble Reserve?

Yamble Reserve was included in the Generic Plan of Management for Sportgrounds, Parks, Natural Areas and General Community Use Lands, as prepared and adopted in November 2001. Under this Plan of Management, Yamble Reserve was assigned the following categories and sub-categories (in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*):

- Park, and
- General Community Use

The 2001 Generic Plan of Management provided broad strategies for the management of many parks across the Ryde Local Government Area (LGA). However the increasing need to provide a play space in a parkland that accommodates all abilities prompted the creation of a specific Plan of Management for Yamble Reserve. Furthermore, the preparation of the Plan of Management was identified in Ryde's *Parks on Track For People 2025, 2006*.

The purpose of this Plan of Management is to:

- Identify opportunities for the future sustainable management and development of the Reserve,
- Ensure the recreation needs of the community are provided for within a high standard landscape setting, and
- Set the management direction for the park for the subsequent 5 - 10 years in accordance with relevant legislative provisions.

## 1.3 Land to which this Plan of Management Applies






This Plan of Management specifically applies to Yamble Reserve. The Reserve is Community Land and has an area of 2.4 hectares. Located in Ryde, close to the geographic centre of the LGA, Yamble Reserve is a district park providing opportunities in the form of facilities and space for passive recreation. Refer to Figure 1.1.

The key characteristics of Yamble Reserve include:

- Open mown grass areas suitable for informal recreation and leisure activities.
- Picnic facilities (shelters, seats, tables, barbecues).
- Formal walking and recreational cycling paths.
- Shaded playground.
- Community amenity facilities including toilets and off street carparking.



**LEGEND**

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
|  Yamble Reserve |  Shopping Centre   |  Playgrounds    |
|  Open Spaces    |  Residential Areas |  Public Toilets |
|  Schools        |   |   |



- Established mix of informal native gardens and formal exotic beds.
- Private residences on three boundaries.
- Connection to public transport.
- Connection to Santa Rosa Park.

## 1.4 Objectives of this Plan of Management

The objectives for this Plan of Management are to:

- Reflect the values and expectations of the local community, park users and stakeholders in all future uses and development of the Reserve.
- Provide a practical approach to the planning and management of Yamble Reserve through the development of a flexible framework that responds to the needs of the community, pressures on use and potential opportunities for recreation.
- Encourage community use and enjoyment of the Reserve.
- Meet all relevant legislative requirements.
- Be consistent with Council's Management Plan and its other strategies, plans and policies.
- Embrace environmental conservation and sustainability principles in the future use and planning for the Reserve.

## 1.5 Process of preparing this Plan of Management

The process for the preparation of this Plan of Management has followed the legislative requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

### 1.5.1 Legislative Requirements

Under the *Local Government Act 1993*, the preparation of a Plan of Management must adhere to the following prescriptive process.

- Place a copy of the draft on public display in accordance with Section 38 of *Local Government Act 1993*, that states:
  - A council must give public notice of a draft plan of management.
  - The period of public exhibition of the draft plan must be not less than 28 days.
  - The public notice must also specify a period of not less than 42 days after the date on which the draft plan is placed on public exhibition during which submissions may be made to the council.
  - The council must, in accordance with its notice, publicly exhibit the draft plan together with any other matter which it considers appropriate or necessary to better enable the draft plan and its implications to be understood.
- Adoption of the Plan of Management is to be in accordance with Section 40 of *Local Government Act 1993*, that states:
  - After considering all submissions received by it concerning the draft plan of management, the council may decide to amend the draft plan or to adopt it without amendment as the plan of management for the community land concerned.
  - If the council decides to amend the draft plan it must either: (a) publicly exhibit the amended draft plan in accordance with the provisions of this Division relating to the public exhibition

of draft plans, or (b) if it is of the opinion that the amendments are not substantial, adopt the amended draft plan without public exhibition as the plan of management for the community land concerned.

- If a council adopts an amended plan without public exhibition of the amended draft plan, it must give public notice of that adoption, and of the terms of the amended plan of management, as soon as practicable after the adoption.
- The council may not, however, proceed to adopt the plan until any public hearing required under section 40A has been held in accordance with section 40A. Following the public display period, consider all submissions received by it concerning the draft Plan of Management and amend the Plan of Management where appropriate.

### 1.5.2 Consultation

Consultation is an important part of the process of preparing a Plan of Management. Continuous review and incorporation of stakeholder, user and community attitudes, expectations and requirements into the ongoing management of the reserve is paramount. Community consultation for this Plan of Management has been in the form of user surveys and submissions and the review of Integrated Open Space Surveys.

The surveys received for 6 weeks during March and April 2010 were utilised to gauge community use and perceived improvements to the reserve as well as providing a means for establishing the broad values of the reserve.

The consultation for this Plan of Management has also included discussions with internal Council staff. This consultation, on the 9th of March 2010 provided background knowledge and an awareness of issues relating to other integrated elements.

The initial community consultation for this Plan of Management was conducted from 16th of March 2010 to the 30th April 2010. During this process the following notifications were undertaken:

- Residents living within 200m of Yamble Reserve were issued with an Information Fact Sheet and hard copy of the survey.
- Notification was placed in the Ryde City View on the 17th of March 2010 and the 14th of April 2010.
- Notification was placed on Council's website.
- Online survey on Council's website.
- Signs were erected in Yamble Reserve.
- Direct mail was sent to local schools, pre-schools and institutions.
- Notification was sent to Council's Access Advisory Committee.

All community submissions received have been considered in the preparation of this Plan of Management.

## 1.6 What is included in this Plan of Management?

This Plan of Management is divided into the following sections, as outlined in Table 1.1

**Table 1.1 Structure of this Plan of Management**

SECTION	WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?	
1	Introduction	Background to the Plan of Management.
2	Description of Yamble Reserve	History, facilities, uses, physical description, maintenance.
3	Planning Context	State government planning legislation, local planning context.

SECTION		WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?
4	Core Values and Roles for Yamble Reserve	Values of the community, stakeholders and users, vision, roles and policy objectives.
5	Management Issues	Discussion of the key management issues facing the Reserve.
6	Action Plan	Desired outcomes, actions required to implement management strategies.

**Table 1.2 Process of preparing this Plan of Management**

CONSULTATIONS	STUDY TASKS	OUTPUTS
Definition of the project parameters.	INCEPTION	Scope of Works
Site Inspection, review of background information, visual Reserve survey and stakeholder identification	↓ BACKGROUND REVIEW	Site Analysis
Local community, park users, stakeholders, Councillors and Council staff 16/3/10 - 30/4/10	↓ CONSULTATIONS	
Internal review by City of Ryde	↓ DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT	
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Public exhibition period occurred from 18 August 2010 - 29 September 2010.	↓ PUBLIC EXHIBITION	
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	↓ FINAL PLAN OF MANAGEMENT	Revised Plan of Management personated to the Committee of the Whole, 19 October 2010
	↓ ADOPTION	
	↓ IMPLEMENTATION	

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## 2. DESCRIPTION OF THE RESERVE

### 2.1 Location and Context

Yamble Reserve is located in the suburb of Ryde and is close to the geographic centre of the Ryde Local Government Area (LGA) (Refer to Figure 1.1). The Reserve is approximately 2.4 hectares in size and it is situated on Quarry Road, a collector road running west from Lane Cove Road towards Eastwood. Yamble Reserve is bounded by Quarry Road in the north and residential properties to the south, west and east. The Reserve is within 260 metres of Santa Rosa Park to the west and 460 metres from Lane Cove Road in the east.

Table 2.1 provides a summary of the distance between local landmarks and Yamble Reserve.

**Table 2.1 Yamble Reserve from a Pedestrian Context**

TYPE OF LANDMARK	NAME	WALKING DISTANCE (METRES)
Open Spaces and Parks	Santa Rosa Park	260m
	Henri Dunant Reserve	260m
	Adventure Park	550m
	Kulgoa Reserve	616m
	Byron Park	830m
	Cecil Park	850m
	Beattie Park	890m
	Flinders Park	970m
Retail Areas	Mid Way Shops	660m
	Top Ryde Shopping Centre	1500m
	Cox's Road Shopping Centre	1700m
Public Transport	Quarry Road (Bus stop)	Adjacent
Schools	North Ryde Community Pre School	On site
	Goulding Hill Pre School	640m
	North Cross Christian Community School	750m
	Ryde College of TAFE	880m
	Denistone East Public School	1200m
	North Ryde Public School	1300m
	Ryde Secondary School	1800m
Leisure/Recreation Centre	North Ryde Golf Club	1200m
	Future ELS Indoor Sports Facility	2000m

### 2.2 Significance of Yamble Reserve

Yamble Reserve's location close to the geographic centre of the City of Ryde and its established access and facilities are significant features for both the users in the immediate neighbourhood of the park as well those users in the greater City of Ryde. The Reserve is well used on a regular daily basis for informal recreation as well as patronised for special events ranging from private social gatherings to larger community events and it is highly valued as an oasis in the urban setting.

## 2.3 Land Ownership and Management

### 2.3.1 Park Ownership

The ownership and management of the two parcels of land that combine to comprise Yamble Reserve are shown in Figure 2.1. Yamble Reserve is in the Parish of Hunters Hill, County of Cumberland and consists of Community Land.

It should be noted that DP 708529 is partially occupied by North Ryde Pre School under a Licence Agreement and is made up of Lot 1 DP 1054886. The Pre School has a licence for a period of 5 years commencing on 30 May 2006. A condition of the licence is that the operation of the licence is restricted to the periods of the state school term (including weekends). Therefore the Pre School shall allow Council to use, or make available for casual hire at its discretion, the building and facilities at all other times. There is no other existing lease or licence within Yamble Reserve.

### 2.3.2 Maintenance

The City of Ryde maintains Yamble Reserve and regular maintenance tasks undertaken in the reserve are:

- Rubbish removal.
- Lawn maintenance (mowing, edging, line trimming, herbicide application, cleaning drains and paths).
- Garden bed maintenance (hedge clipping, shrub trimming and pruning).
- Pathway, pavement and car park area inspections and repairs.
- Inspection of play equipment.
- Inspection and repair of built structures including amenities, lights, picnic shelters and barbecues.
- Inspection and repair of fixtures and furniture.
- Toilet cleaning.

## 2.4 Recreation

### 2.4.1 Recreation Needs

The demand placed on public open space for passive recreation is rapidly increasing. As the demographic characteristics of the City of Ryde and its surrounds change, so will the needs of the community towards passive recreation. As outlined in Parks on Track for People 2025, the Ryde Local Government Area will experience a reduction in the population group of 0 - 19 years while a substantial growth in the population groups of 50 - 69 and 70 + will occur. From this analysis, the City of Ryde can be described as having an ageing population and while this trend is not unique to the City of Ryde, it does, nonetheless, change the provision of open space and facilities needed by the community.

According to the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation, the most popular sport/physical activity in NSW in 2006 was walking (other than bushwalking). Yamble Reserve provides district level passive recreation opportunities for the community.

The City of Ryde has identified the need to provide additional opportunities to provide for the recreation needs of people with special needs. The Reserve offers opportunities for passive recreation including a children's playground, walking paths, grassed kick-about areas and potential for an all abilities play space.



 Community Land

**Table 2.2 Yamble Park Land Register**

ADDRESS	LOT	DP	OWNER	SIZE (m <sup>2</sup> )
196 - 218 Quarry Road	1	708529	City of Ryde	24,152.00
17 Clermont Avenue	17	12753	City of Ryde	677.94
			<i>Total Area</i>	<i>24,829.94</i>

## 2.4.2 Access and Circulation

Yamble Reserve has good access from the local street network for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles. The Reserve has a frontage on Quarry Road with a parking area and another parking area is located off Clermont Avenue. Refer to Figure 2.2(a) for access and circulation details within the Reserve.

Public transport access to Yamble Reserve is via Sydney Buses, Routes 518 and X18. A bus stop is located on Quarry Road adjacent to the reserve. These bus routes provide the following linkages as outlined in Table 2.3.

**Table 2.3 Public Transport Access**

BUS ROUTE	SUBURBS
Sydney Bus 518	Macquarie University to the City via Macquarie Shopping Centre, Denistone east, Ryde, Gladesville, Drummoyne and Rozelle
Sydney Bus x18	Wynyard to Denistone east via route 518

Vehicular access to Yamble Reserve is limited to 40 off street car parking spaces in the Quarry Road car park (2 disabled car parking spots) and 20 in the Clermont Ave car park. There is on street parking available in Clermont Avenue, Jennifer Street, Smalls Road and Aeolus Avenue, however all of these streets are local residential streets and on street parking is limited.

There are three pedestrian entry points in Quarry Road; one central formal entry and two secondary entry points accommodating eastern and western entry. There is one formal pedestrian entry point off the Clermont Avenue carpark in the south.

Santa Rosa Park, which is 260m to the west of the reserve along Quarry Road, has an off-road cycle path which continues to Heath Street (160m west of the reserve). The cycle path is in the form of a shared pathway and is used by both pedestrians and cyclists, both commuters and recreational cyclists.

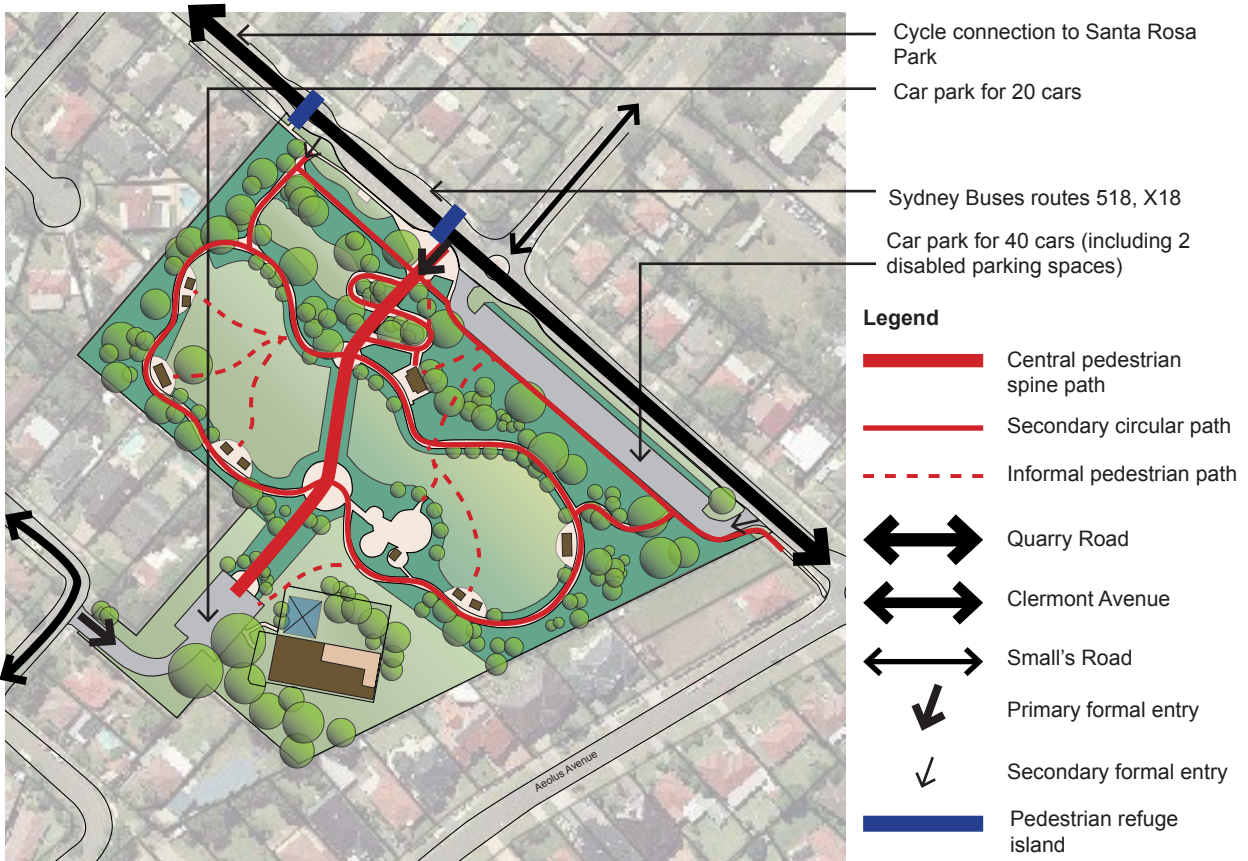


**Photograph 2.1 Pathways and Car Parking**

Circulation within the reserve primarily revolves around a formal central path and a circular loop path. This central path has direct access from the Clermont Ave car park through the park to a formal entry at the Quarry Road car park.

The Clermont Ave car park and entry is of an even grade and thus can provide access to people of all abilities. It is limited in car spaces and currently does not provide any disabled spaces. Disabled car parking spaces are provided for in the Quarry Road car park but modifications are needed to improve access between the car park and the Reserve. Quarry Road car park fills quickly on weekends and public holidays.





(a) Access and Circulation



(b) Park Elements



### 2.4.3 Park Elements and Built Features

There is a range of built facilities within Yamble Reserve and these are provided throughout the Reserve and support the use of the Reserve for passive recreation. The facilities located in the Reserve include the following:

- Park amenities building
- Children's playground (combination unit).
- Signage.
- Picnic tables.
- Seating.
- Picnic shelters.
- Barbecues.
- Pathway.
- Car parks.
- Pre-School building and surrounds.
- Lighting

The park elements in Yamble Reserve are shown in Figure 2.2(b)

The majority of facilities within the Reserve are maintained at a moderate standard however the crushed granite beneath the central seating area is regularly washed away creating an unstable ground surface as is the bark chip in the children's playground.

### 2.4.4 Use of the Reserve

The Reserve is a destination for local and district park users. The users of Yamble Reserve participate in a variety of informal recreation and social activities with the areas of high usage being the playground, picnic facilities and grassed areas.

#### *Informal Activities*

Informal uses of Yamble Reserve include:

- Picnics and barbecues, using either the picnic shelters, tables and barbecues provided, or on the grassed areas.
- Relaxation and enjoyment of the natural environment.
- Children's play and informal games.
- Walking for pleasure.
- Walking and dog exercising.
- Cycling and jogging.
- Informal sport games.
- Bike riding on sealed paths.

#### *Organised Activities and Events*

Yamble Reserve is available for casual park bookings. The conditions of use for casual hire are set by Council and Council may collect a bond for larger events. The bond is refunded if no damage occurs during



**Photograph 2.2 Park Elements**

the booked period. Personal training is permitted within the reserve and subject to an application process and annual fees.

### *Prohibited Uses*

Within the Reserve, it is prohibited to:

- Use a motor vehicle outside the parking areas.
- Practice golf.
- Unleash dogs.
- Allow dogs within 10 metres of the playground.
- Consume alcohol.
- Fly model aircraft.
- Use firearms.
- Ride horses.
- Light fires.
- Smoking is discouraged.

### 2.4.5 Characteristics of Reserve Users

The majority of visitors come to Yamble Reserve several times each week and live in the local area and stay in the Reserve for about one hour. The focus areas used in the Reserve are shown on Figure 2.3 (a). The park is well used during weekdays and on weekend afternoons. The result of the community consultation indicated that Reserve users particularly like the landscaping and design of the Reserve, describing it as an “oasis in suburbia”. The three primary reasons given for visiting the park were: “to enjoy the park”, walk, and use the playground.

A survey of park users during community consultation generally fell into two categories outlined as follows.

#### *Regular Park Users*

The majority of local users visit the reserve regularly and the main values expressed were enjoyment and engagement with the landscape (nature, trees, plants, landscaping) closely followed by the playground and large open grass area.

#### *Less Frequent Park Users*

The reserve is also very popular on the weekends, both mornings and afternoons and their reasons for visiting the Reserve include the bike track, cleanliness and standard of maintenance and the picnic/barbecue facilities.

## 2.5 Natural

### 2.5.1 Climate

Ryde’s rainfall is intermediate between the higher rainfall of the North Shore Ridge and the drier country west of Parramatta. Yamble Reserve is located between two major meteorological stations at Sydney Observatory Hill and Parramatta and taking an approximate average of Sydney and Parramatta meteorological data, the reserve would experience:

- Mean daily maximum summer temperature of 27 degrees C.
- Mean daily minimum temperature in winter of 7-8 degrees C.
- Mean annual rainfall of approximately 1,100 mm.
- 10 – 11 wet days per month
- Mean wind speed at 9am of 9 – 10 km/hour

Yamble Reserve is positioned marginally to the north of a major ridge line running east west through the City of Ryde and is therefore somewhat sheltered from prevailing southwest winds. The reserve has good solar access with a northerly outlook and many semi mature trees providing shade to park users.

### 2.5.2 Soils, Drainage and Water Quality

Much of the Ryde area represents a transition from the sandstone geology of the east to the low-lying clay soils of the Cumberland Plain in the west. Wianamatta shale dominates the ridges of Ryde and the geology has the strongest influence on vegetation though climatic influences can be inferred. The original soil of Yamble Reserve is shale and general fertility is low to moderate. Extensive fill (garden mix) has been imported and historically the site has been used for agriculture.

Yamble Reserve plays an important role as part of the catchment area for Shrimpton’s Creek, therefore flows from the site must ensure a high level of water quality. Drainage across the reserve flows to the northwest and is sourced from the surrounding urban area.





**Legend**

- Areas of high or daily use
- Areas of moderate use or more than 3 days per week
- Areas of low use

(a) Park Usage



**Legend**

- Very densely planted areas
- Dense *Lomandra* planting

These areas have been planted with *Lomandra longifolia* and the height of this grass limits the views across the Reserve.

Very dense vegetation

Vegetation screening for surrounding residents

(b) Vegetation

The topography of the Reserve is supportive to the concept of the Reserve providing additional recreation opportunities to people with special needs. While the Reserve does have a significant level change along the Quarry Road boundary, the upper level of the Reserve is quite flat and suitable grade access can be created between Quarry Road and the open grasses areas within the Reserve.

### **2.5.3 Flora and Fauna**

Yamble Reserve has a number of exotic and native mature and semi mature trees that help define the character of the reserve. This includes the featured deciduous trees surrounding the central grassed areas and more formally planted central pedestrian spine. The majority of the reserve is planted with native species and incorporates a significant number of quickly maturing native trees. The south-east corner of the site, surrounding the pre-school, has large, mature eucalypts which existed on the site before the current development as a public reserve. No trees in Yamble Reserve are listed on the City of Ryde's Significant Tree Register.

Due to the predominance of native species vegetation, the reserve offers habitat to a range of predominately native birds and small mammals.

A snap shot of the Reserve's vegetation is shown in Figure 2.3 (b).

### **2.5.4 Visual Assessment**

Yamble Reserve is obscured from view from both the Quarry Road frontage and the Clermont Avenue entry point. Along Quarry Road only the car park is visible from the road as the reserve itself is screened by dense planting. The Clermont Avenue entry point is little more than a driveway leading to a car park.

The reserve does have limited long distance views to the north and north-west that may be viewed from the central pedestrian spine. Internally, limited mid distance views of the grass areas and picnic shelters above 1200mm are possible, whereas sight lines below 1200mm are blocked by dense hedging and planting.



## 3 PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT CONTEXT

### 3.1 Introduction

This section describes the legislative and policy framework that applies to the future management and planning for Yamble Reserve and the preparation of this Plan of Management. There is only one type of land ownership within the reserve: Community Land and under the *Local Government Act 1993*, all public land must be categorised and managed to meet specific core objectives for these categories.

### 3.2 Local Government Act 1993

All land that is owned by Council is governed under the *Local Government Act 1993*, that specifies that all lands under Council ownership must be classified as either Operational or Community Lands. The *Local Government Act 1993* as amended 1998 requires the following to be completed in the preparation of a Plan of Management for Community Land:

- Determination of the categorisation of Community Land based on its use and/or other ecological and heritage significance criteria.
- Provide a description of the 'condition of the land' and any buildings or improvements proposed for the land.
- Provide a description of the use of the land and any such buildings or improvements, at the date of the adoption of the plan of management.
- Specify the purposes for which the land, any buildings and improvements will be, permitted to be used together with a description of the scale and intensity of such permitted use or development.
- Address and meet the 'core' objectives for each appropriate land category.
- Provide expressed conditions to ensure that the terms of all leases or licences issued will be consistent with the core objectives for the particular land category in which they occur.
- Include performance targets.
- Include actions to achieve objectives and satisfy performance targets.
- Include a means of assessing the success or otherwise of plan implementation.

The purpose of the categorisation of Community Land is to provide the parameters for the planning and management of the land including the permissible uses for the land. Under Section 36 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Community Land is to be categorised as one or more of the following:

- Natural Area,
- Sportsground,
- Park,
- An area of Cultural Significance, or
- General Community Use.

For all Land that is categorised as a natural area, further categorisation as one or more of the following is required:

- Bushland.

- Wetland.
- Escarpment.
- Watercourse.
- Foreshore.
- A category prescribed by the regulations.

The process for the preparation of a Plan of Management for Community Land is also prescribed in this Act. Section 38 defines the requirements for the public exhibition of a draft Plan of Management, Section 40 and 41 outlines the process for adoption and making amendments respectively.

### **3.2.1 Land Categorisation**

The Generic Plan of Management - Sportsgrounds, Parks, Natural Areas and General Community Use (November 2001) categorised Yamble Reserve as follows and is shown in Figure 3.1.

- Park.
- General Community Use.

The Core Objectives defined in the *Local Government Act 1993*, as listed in on Figure 3.1.

## **3.3 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979**

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EPA Act) establishes the statutory planning framework for environmental and land use planning in NSW through State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs), Regional Environmental Plans (REPs) and Local Environmental Plans (LEPs). The EPA Act also sets out processes for approving development applications for structures and works on public and private land as set out in the Ryde Planning Scheme Ordinance.

## **3.4 Other Legislation that Applies to Yamble Reserve**

### **3.4.1 Companion Animals Act 1998**

The Companion Animals Act 1998 aims to promote responsible animal ownership in NSW. Under the Act, dogs in public places must be on a lead under the effective control of a competent person, except in a declared off-leash area. Dogs are prohibited within 10 metres of children's play areas, food preparation / consumption areas, and recreation areas where dogs are prohibited by the local authority. It is the responsibility of the dog owner to clean up after their dog and dispose of all waste in a rubbish receptacle.

At the time of this Plan of Management being prepared, there is no dog off-leash area in Yamble Reserve, although it has been suggested through community consultation. The nearest off-leash dog areas are at Meadowbank Park and Blenheim Park.

All provision for dog exercise areas should be planned and managed in accordance with the City of Ryde's Companion Animals Management Plan 2007 - 2010.

### **3.4.3 Disability Discrimination Act 1992**

The *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* is a Commonwealth Act that aims to eliminate, as far as possible, discrimination against people with disabilities in many areas, including access to premises. The Act also aims to promote recognition and acceptance in the community that people with disabilities have the same



Park



General Community Use

LAND CATEGORY	CORE OBJECTIVES
Park <i>(LGA 1993 Section 36G)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities, and</li> <li>• To provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and</li> <li>• To improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.</li> </ul>
General Community Use <i>(LGA 1993 Section 36I)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The core objectives for management 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:</li> <li>• In relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and</li> <li>• 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).</li> </ul>



fundamental rights as the rest of the community.

The Act covers a range of areas including sport and recreation, and access to premises. The Act requires that people be able to access any building which the public is entitled to enter or use through the primary entrance used by the general public. It further requires that people should have access to any services and facilities provided in those buildings.

The NSW *Anti-Discrimination Act 1997* also makes it unlawful to discriminate on the grounds of disability.

Disabled access should be provided wherever possible as it is required by law.

#### **3.4.4 Native Title Act 1993**

As a result of the High Court's Mabo decision, the Commonwealth Government enacted the Commonwealth *Native Title Act 1993*, which recognised the interest that indigenous Australians may still hold in some areas of Crown Land. The Act makes provisions for:

- Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders to lodge native title claims.
- The determination and validation of extinguishment of native title.
- The dealing with land and waters where native title may not have been extinguished.
- Establishing the existence of native title.

#### **3.4.5 Other Relevant Legislation**

Other legislation that may address specific issues in the management of Yamble Reserve may include:

- Protection of the Environment Act
- Waste Minimisation Act

### **3.5 State Government Policies and Initiatives**

#### **3.5.1 Regional planning context**

Key priorities for recreation in the Northern Sydney region arising from the Northern Sydney regional recreation demand and opportunities study (Parkland Environmental Planners and CD Recreation Services, 2004) that applies to Ryde are:

- Catering for target groups, particularly accessible spaces for recreation and social activities for young people.
- Regional walking, cycling and shared paths and tracks.
- Informal recreation opportunities, especially family-friendly parks for all age groups.

### **3.6 Local planning context**

City of Ryde's planning framework guides this Plan of Management as follows:

- Council's Management Plan, which sets overall objectives and performance targets for activities, budgets and other issues relating to open space and recreation management.
- Planning instruments, particularly the Ryde Planning Scheme Ordinance, and Development Control Plan which govern uses of and development of facilities within the reserves.



- Policy documents, such as Parks on Track for People 2025, Bikeways Plan (1994), Social Plan 2005; Access and Equity Policy; Tree Preservation Order and Tree Management Policy and cultural initiatives.

**3.6.1 City of Ryde Management Plan 2010 - 2014**

Council’s Management Plan contains a strategic overview of Council’s proposed activities, budgets and other issues relating to community and the environment. This Plan of Management is consistent with the vision formulated by City of Ryde in its current Management Plan for the whole of the City.

**3.6.2 2010 Ryde Local Environment Plan**

The 2010 Local Environmental Plan (LEP) guides development control within Yamble Reserve, with zoning maps and defined categories for development as either permissible or prohibited. This Plan of Management does not override provisions in the LEP. Yamble Reserve is zoned RE 1 - Public Recreation the LEP the objectives of Zone RE 1 are as follows:

- To enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes.
- To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses.
- To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.
- To provide adequate open space areas to meet the existing and future needs of the residents of Ryde.
- To protect and enhance the natural bushland in a way that enhances the quality of the bushland and facilitates public enjoyment of the bushland in a way that is compatible with its conservation.

The zoning of the land under the Ryde LEP 2010 and other planning instruments provides a mechanism to ensure the appropriate development of the land usually through the Development Application process. The zoning table usually indicates what is permissible or not permissible on the site. The zoning of RE 1 Public Recreation is consistent with the Public Purpose of Public Recreation applying to Yamble Reserve. This plan of management does not propose any purpose other than public recreation.

Council will refer to this Plan of Management as well as the Ryde LEP 2010 and other relevant legislation in assessing development applications relating to the Reserve.

Development controls are further defined in Development Control Plans that apply to Yamble Reserve include:

- City of Ryde Development Control Plan 2010.
- DCP 34 - Exempt and Complying Development.

**Table 3.1 Zoning table for Zone RE 1**

WITHOUT DEVELOPMENT CONSENT	WITH DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ONLY	PROHIBITED
Environmental protection works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business identification signs,</li> <li>• Community facilities,</li> <li>• Environmental facilities,</li> <li>• Jetties,</li> <li>• Kiosks,</li> <li>• Recreation facilities (indoor and outdoor),</li> <li>• Restaurants,</li> <li>• Roads,</li> <li>• Water recycling facilities,</li> <li>• Water treatment facilities.</li> </ul>	Anything not listed in this table.

## 3.7 Council policies and plans

### 3.7.1 Parks on Track for People 2025

Council's vision for the parks and open spaces of Ryde will be:

*"multi-purpose facilities providing sustainable leisure and recreational opportunities to meet the changing needs of the community".*

Environmental protection and sustainability principles will be observed in relation to the management and administration of parks and open spaces, ensuring that natural resources (including water, soil, flora, fauna and scenic quality) are conserved wherever possible.

The values that the Ryde community puts on its parks and open spaces are:

- Recreation and leisure spaces should be well designed allowing multiple use or functionality of facilities.
- Assets are managed and maintained so they are safe, provided at optimum lifetime cost and meet community needs.
- Recreation and leisure facilities are available and accessible to provide an environment that facilitates play, learning and personal development.
- The natural environment, its native flora and fauna, is valued and will have priority in open space design, development and maintenance.
- Volunteers will be actively encouraged to assist in the delivery of quality parks and open spaces.
- Use of spaces by community and charitable groups will be encouraged.
- Continuing engagement between people and parks including enhanced opportunities for all to visit, participate in, learn, respect, enjoy and conserve is a fundamental purpose of management.

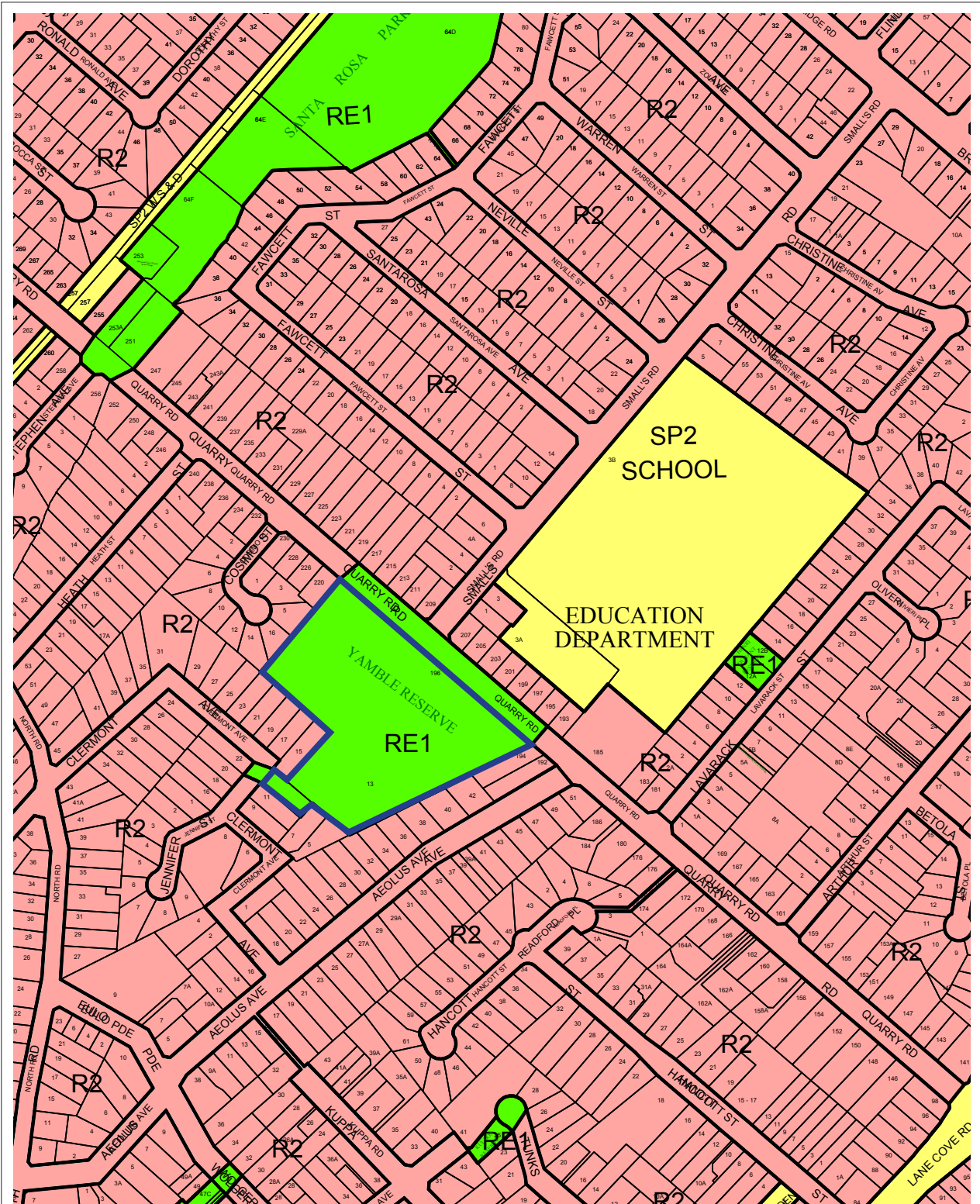
### 3.7.2 Social Plan





Council's Social Plan 2005 includes specific Needs Papers for target groups of children, young people, older people, people of a culturally and linguistically diverse background, men, women and Aboriginal people. A framework for social planning for Ryde 2005-2010 is also presented.

### 3.7.3 Access and Equity Policy and Disability Action Plan

Both the Access and Equity Policy (2003) and the Disability Action Plan 2006-2008 advocate provision of inclusive, equitable and accessible facilities and services in Ryde for people of all abilities. The Disability Action Plan states that open spaces and facilities throughout the City are intended to be accessible wherever possible and achievable within the landform. A key aim of the Plan is that people with disabilities need to be able to have full access to key parks and linkage routes. Park furniture and signage in key parks need to be accessible.





-  Yamble Reserve
-  RE1 Public Recreation
-  R2 Low Density Residential
-  SP2 Infrastructure

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## 4. CORE VALUES AND ROLES FOR YAMBLE RESERVE

This section of the Plan of Management identifies and defines the specific roles and objectives for Yamble Reserve based on community values. The needs and requirements of the City of Ryde (as owner), residents (as neighbours and users), current and future visitors (as users) and other government stakeholders, are reflected in the management of the Reserve. These needs and requirements are in addition to the legislative requirements and context that has been outlined in Section 3 of this Plan.

### 4.1 Community Values of Yamble Reserve

The local community and users of Yamble Reserve place value on the Reserve for various reasons. It is vital for Council to understand the reasons why the community and users value the Reserve as this informs how the Reserve will be managed into the future.

This Plan of Management is based on protecting and enhancing the community's values. Management actions and desired outcomes based on these values are recommended later in this Plan.

Using values as the basis of the Plan of Management ensures that this Plan will be valid longer than one based on simply addressing issues. Issues-driven Plans of Management can quickly become out of date. Values change at a much slower pace than issues do. Values may remain constant for up to a generation, therefore once values are documented, issues can easily be dealt with as they arise consistent with the values.

The most recent attitudes and views of Ryde residents regarding various aspects of living in the City of Ryde were gained by mail and telephone surveys of residents to develop the City Vision 2022 (City of Ryde, undated; Taverner Research, 2003).

Values of Ryde residents derived from the City Vision 2022 relevant to Yamble Reserve are as follows.

**Table 4.1 Values of City of Ryde Residents**

VALUE	VALUED ASPECTS
Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leisure and recreation that is safe, close and available</li> <li>• Sportsgrounds and sporting facilities</li> <li>• Walking and cycling tracks</li> <li>• Access to water</li> <li>• Children's facilities (such as play equipment)</li> <li>• Youth facilities</li> <li>• Recreation areas for people of all abilities</li> </ul>
Open Space and Landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe and legible open space areas</li> <li>• High quality and well maintained landscape</li> <li>• Connections to other landscapes and open spaces</li> <li>• Relief from the urban environment</li> </ul>
Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bushland protection, preservation and maintenance</li> </ul>

VALUE	VALUED ASPECTS
Cultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community interaction</li> <li>• Community and cultural facilities</li> <li>• Community festivals and events</li> <li>• Youth activities</li> </ul>
Access and Linkages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trails for commuter and recreation use</li> <li>• Connection to surrounding land uses and transport hubs</li> </ul>

Sources: City of Ryde, undated; Taverner Research, 2006.

The management objectives, issues and actions outlined in this Plan of Management will be presented according to these community values.

## 4.2 Vision for Yamble Reserve

Management of Yamble Reserve is based on a vision statement that is shared by Council and the wider community. The vision is intended to inspire Council to provide a long-term ideal and focus for all management decisions.

The vision for Yamble Reserve is:

*Yamble Reserve will become a destination park for people of all abilities to play and relax in an integrated and safe landscape setting. The Reserve will continue to provide for unstructured passive recreation for the community through the provision of open space areas, cycling and walking paths, open lawn areas and picnic facilities that will meet the needs of people of all ages and abilities.*

## 4.3 Roles of the Yamble Reserve

The Reserve is largely used by local residents, as well as people from elsewhere in the City of Ryde and further afield. As such, the reserve will be managed for local and district catchments.

Major policy objectives consistent with the reinforcement of the Reserve's district open space role are to:

- Continue to function as a district passive recreation resource.
- Provide the community with open spaces for socialisation, enjoyment, cultural interaction and formal and informal events.
- Provide the community with safe and accessible open spaces as relief from the urban environment.
- Ensure the Reserve is available and accessible to all sections of the local and wider community.
- Contribute to the healthy lifestyle opportunities for the Ryde Community.

Following on from the values and vision defined above, the desired future roles of Yamble Reserve are defined in Table 4.2.

**Table 4.2 Roles of Yamble Reserve**

VALUE	ROLE
Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A district level open space in the Ryde Open Space Network.</li> <li>• A play space that offers integrated play opportunities for children of all abilities.</li> <li>• A place for informal passive recreation that meets the needs of the local community.</li> <li>• An accessible parkland providing safe, sealed walking paths, accessible toilets, parking spaces and paths at an appropriate grade.</li> </ul>
Open Space and Landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A parkland that can accommodate informal play and leisure activities.</li> <li>• A parkland destination for the community with little or no private yard.</li> <li>• Open space within an urban context.</li> </ul>
Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An open space area that is a part of the wider biodiversity linkages within the City of Ryde that provides habitat for animal and birds.</li> </ul>
Cultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A venue for cultural activities and ceremonies.</li> <li>• Opportunities to promote awareness and understanding through the use of interpretation signage and public art.</li> </ul>
Access and Linkages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To enhance connection to surrounding land uses such as residential areas, schools and other parks/reserves.</li> </ul>

## 4.4 Management Objectives

### 4.4.1 Recreation Objectives

1. To maintain the use of the reserve as a district level passive recreation facility.
2. To design and plan the future of the reserve as an all abilities play space.
3. Encourage and facilitate passive recreational pursuits for the local community.
4. To provide for recreational activities and for the casual playing of games for individuals and groups.
5. Manage the recreational activities in the Reserve to ensure minimal impact on the local resident population.

### 4.4.2 Open Space and Landscape Objectives

1. To reinforce the visibility of the major Reserve entrances through landscape and signage and to improve sight lines and general visibility into and across the reserve.
2. Reinforce and maintain semi formal and formal planting and beds.
3. Provide opportunities for picnicking and socialising.
4. Improve Reserve lighting to accommodate evening walking, informal use and events.

### 4.4.3 Environmental Objectives

1. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and ecosystem function for the Reserve.
2. Maintain adequate drainage within the reserve and promote awareness of drainage within the catchment.
3. Maintain and enhance habitat linkages within the Reserve.
4. To develop and maintain a consistent management and maintenance approach to all planting elements in the reserve whilst retaining a dominance of Australian species.

**4.4.4 Cultural Objectives**

1. To provide for a range of opportunities for social and cultural activities for people of all age groups and cultural backgrounds in a variety of settings.

**4.4.5 Access and Linkage Objectives**

1. To ensure equitable and easy access to and within Yamble Reserve for all ages and abilities



## 5. MANAGEMENT ISSUES

The overall management plan for Yamble Reserve is to enhance the Reserve in its role as a district community open space and passive recreation resource that has an additional unique purpose as a destination park providing an integrated all abilities playground. To achieve this, the Reserve will require enhancements to the play areas, pathways and landscape.

The development of the Reserve to provide an all abilities playground will not distract from the role of Yamble Reserve as a passive recreation area for the local community. This role can be further achieved by maintaining and strengthening the formal and informal landscape features of the Reserve to maximise opportunities for a wide range of informal recreational and passive uses. Building on the values and roles of the Reserve, it is important to establish some management principles against which the opportunities for the future management, purpose and development of the Reserve can be assessed. The following issues for Yamble Reserve have been identified by users and are grouped into major headings. The issues are listed in no specific priority order.

### 5.1 Public Recreation

The provision of passive recreation facilities at Yamble Reserve have been developed in accordance with expressed needs of the Ryde Community. There is, however a need for consideration of the way people use the Reserve to ensure maximum value to the community. As Yamble Reserve is located in a predominately residential area and is designated as a district level parkland, there is a requirement that the amenity of the local community is maintained while the wider recreation needs of the community can be reached and maintained.

#### 5.1.1 Passive Recreation

Yamble Reserve was created to offer the local community a place for passive recreation and this can be shown in the design of the Reserve with the loop pathways, central lawn areas and the provision of barbecue and picnic areas. The use of the Reserve for passive recreation is still encouraged and the provision of facilities in the Reserve should continue to ensure flexibility so as to maximise use of the Reserve for a variety of uses.

It is important that the facilities in the Reserve reflect the Community's recreation needs and demands by offering balanced and varied opportunities and experiences through a blend of informal, active and unstructured facilities which compliment each other.

Yamble Reserve provides informal recreation opportunities for a range of ages. This includes a 475m internal loop pathway that is used for cycling, roller blading, scooters, walking, jogging etc. There is potential for distance markings to be placed along this path to encourage informal fitness training.

#### 5.1.2 Children's Playground

The Reserve contains an existing children's playground consisting of 1 piece of combination equipment, shade cloth and bark chip. The playground provides a play experience for the 5 - 12 age group and it is complemented with seating and shade for carers and other people making use of the space immediately surrounding the playground area. The playground in its existing form is frequently used and highly valued by the community.

The existing vegetation hedge surrounding the playground separates the playground from the central grassed areas and creates a visual barrier impacting on the awareness of users to the presence of the playground. The landscape surrounding the playground should be reviewed to allow for physical and visual

connection of the playground with the wider parkland.

The playground should be extended and developed to provide additional play opportunities for other age groups and abilities. This could include more advanced and diverse equipment and play opportunities for youth and toddlers of all abilities. Any redevelopment or expansion of the playground must be done in consultation with the local residents and reserve users to ensure minimal impact to residents while achieving maximum opportunities for users.

The City of Ryde has a commitment to ensure all playgrounds across the City are maintained to high standards and to ensure compliance with all of the relevant Australian Standards. Council conducts regular inspections and audits of the Yamble Reserve playground and these will be continued in the future.



**Photograph 5.1 Playground Equipment**

### 5.1.3 All abilities Playground

Yamble Reserve will become a destination playground for children and carers with special needs. The playground area of Yamble Reserve will be extended to provide a playground that will seek to provide a fully integrated, universally accessible playground environment for people of all ages and abilities. The aim of the play area is to enable children with and without disabilities opportunities to play together encouraging all children to explore, imagine, create, learn and just have fun playing with friends. The focus of the design of the playground areas is to allow children with disabilities to participate and join in and no longer be segregated and watch from the sidelines as other kids have fun.

Council should investigate potential external partnerships and or sponsorship, with business and charity organisations, and government grant funding to assist in the development of an all abilities playground within the Reserve.

Yamble Reserve will become a focal point within the City of Ryde as a centrepiece for the Ryde community and by no means will the playground be a place in which only children with special needs will benefit. Children with disabled parents or grandparents will now have a place to go together.

Figure 6.1 provides an indicative location for an expanded all abilities playground that has minimal impact on the use of the Reserve for passive recreation.

Sport and Recreation Victoria's *The Good Play Space Guide: "I can play too"* outlines a framework for the development of an all abilities playground along the principles of access, inclusion, participation, equity, and dignity. The following points are outlined in *The Good Play Space Guide: "I can play too"* that describe how the user of a play space might define each term.

- Access

- Able to physically get there from the street and from the car.
- There is seamless access to the main activities and through the space.
- There are contrasting elements and landmarks that help me find my way around.
- There are manageable grades at level changes.
- There is enough headroom to fit underneath.
- Inclusion
  - Welcomed by signage and details that make me think others want me here.
  - Able to be included with everyone else, although I might not be able to do what others can do.
  - There is space for me at tables and drinking fountains and in swing seats and at things that move.
- Participation
  - Able to take part in activities alongside and equally with everyone else, and do them to the best of my ability.
  - Where the user
    - Can reach movable items, and main points of interest;
    - Can get my knees under counters, tables and the like;
    - Can use gadgets.
    - Can choose what I can do and where I can go.
- Equity, where the user is
  - Able to use the same entrance as everyone else;
  - Able to sit where everyone else sits, next to my friends;
  - Not excluded by the design;
  - Able to play with other children in my neighbourhood just like they can.
- Dignity where the user is
  - Not made to feel uncomfortable and that all attention is on me, or that anyone has to make a fuss to let me do things;
  - Able to go to the toilet in privacy;
  - Not made to feel embarrassed.

It is this framework that will guide the design of the all abilities playground at Yamble Reserve.

#### **5.1.4 Dog Exercising**

Yamble Reserve is used as a location for dog walking and exercising in the Ryde area. While the Reserve does not provide any off leash areas, the use of the pathways and open grassed areas for on leash exercising is very popular. Council is currently considering the location of additional off leash areas for dog recreation areas across the City. This includes the creation of a shared sportsfield off leash area at Santa Rosa Park. This would provide opportunity for permitted off leash dog recreation to occur authorised 260 metres to the north of the Reserve.

Yamble Reserve is not a suitable location for an off leash exercise area due to the extensive use of the reserve for other passive recreational activities and the future development of the Reserve to include an all abilities playground. This, however, should not preclude the reserve as an enjoyable and accessible location for the community to exercise their dogs on leash. Signage, water trays and dog-waste management systems should be installed within the Reserve to promote responsible dog management..



The New South Wales Companion Animals Act places a number of requirements on Council to promote responsible animal ownership. Accordingly, Yamble Reserve should be equipped with appropriate signage to educate the community to pick up after and maintain control of their animal at all times.

## 5.2 Park Elements

### 5.2.1 Tree Management

Throughout the Reserve there is a strong backdrop of semi mature and mature native trees complementing the formal plantings of exotic deciduous trees along the central spine pathway and the loop pathways. These trees not only provide shade for Reserve users but also contribute to the landscape character of the Yamble Reserve.

The management of the sight lines into and within the Reserve are important from a surveillance and landscape perspective. The original planting of trees in Yamble Reserve has been very successful and as a result of this, many views into and within the Reserve have been obscured. All trees within the Reserve should be inspected by a qualified arborist and in conjunction with a landscape architect with the purpose of identifying those trees that can be crown lifted to open key sight lines. Following the process of crown pruning of the Reserve trees, a secondary review by an arborist and a landscape architect should be conducted to identify any trees that should be removed. Note, any tree removal should be in accordance with Council's policy for tree preservation.

Any future development within the Reserve should limit any negative impacts on the trees within the Reserve and where ever possible, additional tree planting should be encouraged to provide shade for Reserve users. However, any future tree planting should be planned so as to limit impacts on the surrounding residents.



**Photograph 5.2** Trees in Yamble Reserve

### 5.2.2 Vegetation Management

Yamble Reserve has mixture of formal planting and more natural planting. This ranges from formal hedging along retaining walls and around the existing playground and a strong informal backdrop of semi mature and mature native trees and shrubs complementing the formal plantings of exotic trees and shrubs along the central pathway.

The loop paths to the east and west of the central path have a dense edging of *Lomandra* which should be removed or replaced with an alternative plant species as it impedes visibility and presents a hazard for children riding bikes along the path due to the sharp leaves. Extensive hedging in the central areas of the reserve and around the playground impede visibility and sight lines and should be reviewed and replaced where required. Areas of hedging in the formal entry points (both Quarry Road and Clermont Avenue) should



be reviewed and replaced as required to allow for appropriate signage and artwork opportunities.

Further planting of indigenous groundcovers and low shrubs in the perimeter areas of the reserve should be undertaken to encourage habitat for smaller birds.

Strategic sight line corridors from Quarry Road should be established to encourage greater visibility and use of the reserve. The Action Plan identifies areas where additional planting can be provided and view corridors may be installed.

Ongoing maintenance and control of weed species within and adjacent to the reserve should be maintained.



**Photograph 5.3**      **Vegetation**

### 5.2.3 Park Furniture

The park furniture in Yamble Reserve contributes to the amenity of the reserve and offers opportunities for relaxation and passive recreation and consists of seating, picnic tables, barbecues, bollards, bubblers etc. One of the most common uses of the Reserve is for community and family picnics and the demand on the picnic shelters and BBQ's is very high throughout the year.

While it is recommended that the playground area within the Reserve be expanded it is vital that the number of areas where informal picnicking can take place is not reduced. This should include picnic areas that are associated with the playground and locations that are removed from the playground area. Park furniture specifically designed to accommodate people of all abilities should be incorporated in to future development of the Reserve.



The City of Ryde has nominated a style of furniture that is to be used across the City's parks and reserves and this furniture style should be used in Yamble Reserve the following furniture should be included within the Reserve:

- Additional picnic areas in association with the expanded playground.
- Provision of bicycle racks.
- Removal of rails and replace with bollards to improve the entry to the Reserve.
- Additional bins including dog waste bins.
- Additional picnic areas including BBQ's within the Reserve.
- It is essential that the furniture used in Yamble Reserve is universally accessible.



**Photograph 5.4 Park furniture in Yamble Reserve**

#### 5.2.4 Park Lighting

Lighting in parklands and open spaces increases opportunities for the community to actively participate in recreation outside of daylight hours. Currently, Yamble Reserve has lighting along some of the internal pathways and street lighting is located on Quarry Road, Clermont Ave and Jennifer Street and offers minimal illumination to the perimeter of the Reserve.

Yamble Reserve is used during the evening by the local community for walking and dog exercising as well as several organised community events throughout the year. The Reserve currently does not provide adequate lighting along the east and west loop pathways and the community has expressed concerns regarding the lack of lighting. Additional path lighting in Yamble Reserve is required to accommodate informal evening usage, organised community events and discourage inappropriate behaviour in the Reserve.

The Action Plan nominates lighting along the loop paths to increase the safety and useability of the reserve in the evening. The preparation of a lighting plan is necessary to ensure adequate light coverage and to minimise impacts on the surrounding community. The design and placement of all lighting in Yamble Reserve is to be in accordance with all the relevant Australian Standards.

#### 5.2.5 Signage

There are two major types of signage that should be used in Yamble Reserve.

1. Park entry, direction and regulatory signage.
2. Interpretation signage.

### *Park Entry, Direction and Regulation Signage*

Park entry signage is required due to the low profile and lack of visible connection to the surrounding streetscapes that Yamble Reserve currently maintains. Formal entry signage incorporated into the Quarry Road entry provides an opportunity for public art., as does entry signage incorporated into the formal entry adjacent to the Clermont Avenue carpark. All City of Ryde parks have a standardised approach to signage and the future installation of all signs within Yamble Reserve should be done in accordance with this standardised approach.

### *Interpretation Signage*

Interpretation signage within a park is an important part of the open space experience for the community. Not only can interpretation signage provide interesting historical, geographical and cultural information on the park, it can also provide information on the surrounding landscape and suburbs. In addition to promoting historical and cultural elements, interpretation signage can also guide the community regarding usage and behaviour when in the park.

An analysis of the potential for an interpretation strategy at Yamble Reserve is required. This analysis should also consider the use of signs that will be integrated with the all abilities playground and should include, where possible, public art.

### **5.2.6 Park Building**

The existing amenities building is centrally located in the Reserve and provides toilet facilities for users of the Reserve. The current location of the building is ideal however, the building will require modification to support the development of an all abilities playground in the Reserve. To provide these additional facilities, an expansion of the footprint of the building may be required.

Additional facilities that may be required could include:

- Increase the number of accessible public toilets.
- Ensure the surrounds of the building meets the Australian Standards for accessibility.
- Development of space within the building that provides for special needs that are complementary to the all abilities play area.
- Alternative doors to enable easier entry.
- Embody the principles of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design.



**Photograph 5.5 Park Building**

The redevelopment of the Park Building should be done in consultation with Reserve users and the local community and attempts to maximise the integration of the Reserve and the building.

## 5.3 Access and Movement

### 5.3.1 Entry Points and Park Loop Path

Yamble Reserve has four main entry points of which, three are located on Quarry Road and the other is from the Clermont Avenue car park.

Informal paths have formed throughout the Reserve as a result of desire lines between access points along the Quarry Road car park, the playground, picnic areas and the amenities building. A review of these informal pathways should be undertaken to formalise or redirect pedestrian traffic.

The pathways in the reserve are predominately concrete or asphalt. Cracks in the asphalt paths and movement in the concrete paths require ongoing regular maintenance.

The following actions are needed to improve the quality of the pathway system in Yamble Reserve.

- Increased signage and visibility into the reserve from the two major entry points.
- Review of informal pathways in the reserve.
- Removal of screening vegetation parallel to the internal loop pathway.
- Ongoing regular maintenance of existing paths.
- Additional bollards to prevent unauthorised access to the Park.
- Improved access to turf areas for maintenance staff.

### 5.3.2 Car Management

Yamble Reserve contains two existing car parks that provide off street parking for 60 vehicles. In addition, Reserve users make use of on street parking located around the reserve within the surrounding neighbourhood area. This includes Smalls Road between Quarry Road and Christine Avenue, Cosimo Street, Heath Street between Quarry Road and North Road, Aeolus Avenue between Quarry Road and Clermont Avenue and Clermont Avenue and Jennifer Street between North Road and Aeolus Avenue.

With the recommended development of the Reserve to accommodate a regionally significant all abilities playground, there is a need for changes to vehicle access and car parking to facilitate users with special needs access to the Reserve. This should include the addition of the following elements to improve access:

- Expansion of the Clermont Avenue car park to provide 4 additional accessible car parking spaces.
- Additional accessible car parking space in the Quarry Road car park.
- Creation of a bus parking and lay over area in the Quarry Road and Clermont Avenue car parks. (Note, this area is to support mini buses and the like transporting people with special needs. It is not proposed that this area is available to large transport buses.)
- Review of the pathways between the car park areas and the upper level of the Reserve to ensure compliance with relevant accessible standards.

All changes to the car parking and traffic surrounding the Reserve should be done in consultation with Council's traffic engineers and should be planned and designed to comply with all relevant Australian Standards and safety guidelines.

## 5.4 Event Management

Yamble Reserve is regularly hired for events that are in addition to the ongoing passive recreational usage. The layout, location and facilities in the Reserve support its use for community events. The ongoing assessment, determination and subsequent management of all future events and activities within the reserve must be done so as to protect the availability of the reserve to the general public and to minimise impacts, such as noise, lighting and access etc. on local residents.

The City of Ryde defines an event as an organised activity, occupying a reserve, park, foreshore or playing field for more than one hour and is attended by 50 people or more. This definition is applied to the use of the Reserve for events and application to conduct events must be made to Council's Open Space Department. Close monitoring of the changing uses of the Reserve following the creation of an all abilities playground will be necessary and changes to the booking policy with respect to Yamble Reserve may be required to ensure equitable use of the Reserve.

## 5.5 Park Maintenance

The City of Ryde manages and maintains the landscape of Yamble Reserve with the goal of providing a safe and clean park for the community. All maintenance activities are programmed to minimise impact or conflict with park users, both informal and organised.

All future large scale works within the reserve should be programmed and the community notified, alerting them of the works, timing and safety matters. Signage and fencing should be used to ensure community safety.

## 5.6 Licenses

Licences allow multiple and non-exclusive use of an area. A licence may be required where intermittent or short-term use or control of all or part of the reserve is proposed. A number of licenses for different users can apply to the same area at the same time, provided there is no conflict of interest.

Section 49 of the *Local Government Act 1993* states that a lease, licence or other estate in respect of community land may be granted, in accordance with an express authorisation in the Plan of Management and such provisions of the Plan of Management as apply to the granting of the lease, licence or other estate:

- For a purpose of the provision of goods, services and facilities, and the carrying out of activities, appropriate to the current and future needs within the local community and of the wider public. This can be in relation to
  - Public recreation,
  - The physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of persons (which may include include, but are not limited to, maternity welfare centres, infant welfare centres, kindergartens, nurseries, child care centres, family day-care centres, surf life saving clubs, restaurants or refreshment kiosks) and
  - The provision of public roads.
- For a purpose prescribed by any of sections 36E to 36N as a core objective of the categorisation of the land concerned, or
- For a purpose prescribed by the regulations, if the plan of management applies to several areas of community land, or
- For a short-term, casual purpose prescribed by the regulations, or



- For a residential purpose in relation to housing owned by the council, or

Licences and leases for the use of the subject land for activities need authorisation as Community Land under Local Government Act 1993. Development consent may also be required under the Ryde LEP 2010, and activities should be accepted in terms of this Plan of Management. Licences can be established by the Council for public or private purposes, providing they are consistent with the major objectives of this Plan of Management, and that the residential and environmental amenity of surrounding areas is maintained.

### 5.6.1 Existing Licences

This plan of management expressly authorises the licences described below.

**Table 5.1 Permitted Licences**

DETAILS	
Licence	North Ryde Community Pre-School Incorporated
Term of Licence	Expires 29 May 2011
Permissible Uses	Pre school purposes during NSW state school terms. This includes weekdays and weekends.

### 5.6.2 Authorisation of Future Licences

Any licence granted must comply with the core objectives of the relevant community land categorisation though existing agreements remain unaffected by the provisions of the Act until their expiry date. The latter is the case for the present licence. Nonetheless, the current licence is consistent with the core objectives for land categorised as being for general community use.

### 5.6.3 Guidelines for Assessing Proposed Uses Under Licence

In considering whether to grant any licence in the Reserve, Council will take into account the consistency of the proposal with the values and objectives of this Plan of Management and Council's draft Community Licensing Policy, particularly regarding:

- Whether the use/activity is in the public interest.
- Whether the use / activity is consistent with the categorisation of community land.
- Whether the use/activity would not cause any significant detrimental impact on the reserve or on the local community.
- In the case of sporting uses, that equal access for both men and womens sporting groups is provided.
- The impact of the licence on the public/private space of the reserve.
- The impact on maintaining the reserve as one cohesive open space.
- Compatibility with zoning and other Council requirements.
- Provision of benefits and services or facilities for the users of the land.
- Responsibility of the licensee for ensuring the area is maintained to a standard which is acceptable to Council.
- The need to define the times the land or facility will be available for use by the lessee/licensee.
- Any fixed or temporary outdoor lighting of areas to be allowed only between the hours identified in the lease/licence.



Further considerations that may affect licences are:

- Fees can be charged as part of a licence and can be commercially based.
- The licensee must take out public risk insurance and produce notices of the policy as required on renewal.
- Use of the premises by the licensee is restricted to only those activities and times authorised in the licence.
- Any alteration, transfer or sub-letting etc. will not be permitted without Council's consent.
- Ownership of improvements should be dealt with in the licence.
- A lease (5 years or more) should be registered on the land title.
- A licence can be terminated by either party where specified by the licence.

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## 6. ACTION PLAN

The overall management plan for Yamble Reserve is to preserve it as a district community resource and to develop the Reserve's role in providing play opportunities for people of all abilities. This can be achieved by maintaining and strengthening the features and facilities of the reserve to maximise opportunities for a wide range of passive recreational uses for a wide variety of users.

Building on from the values and roles of the Reserve, it is important to establish some management principles against which the opportunities for the future management and development of the Reserve can be assessed. The following Action Plan (as listed in the tables and shown on Figure 6.1) has been prepared to coordinate the future management of Yamble Reserve. The Plan contains actions needed to:

- Develop the all abilities focus of the Reserve.
- Improve the quality of the Reserve.
- Respond to the needs of the local community.
- Achieve the core objectives of the Local Government Act.
- Reinforce the values of the Reserve.

All actions have been assigned a priority rating that should be used to assist in the scheduling planning of capital improvements within the Reserve.

**Table 6.1 Priority Rankings**

TERM	ACTIONS
Short Term 1 - 3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety issues</li> <li>• Park function improvements</li> <li>• Severe environmental rectifications</li> </ul>
Medium Term 4 - 6 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preventative and remedial maintenance</li> <li>• Resolution of park user conflicts</li> <li>• Moderate environmental rectifications</li> <li>• Improve park user use and enjoyment</li> </ul>
Long Term 7 - 10 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long term quality improvements</li> <li>• Reduction of maintenance costs</li> </ul>
Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular actions for the life of the Plan of Management</li> </ul>

Each action is also accompanied by a indication of legislative compliance as listed in Table 6.2.

**Table 6.2 Legislative Compliance**

LEGISLATION	DETAILS	ACTION PLAN NOTATION
Local Government Act		
Section 36G	To encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities.	36G (a)
	To provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games.	36G (b)
	To improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.	36G (c)

LEGISLATION	DETAILS	ACTION PLAN NOTATION
Section 36l	in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public.	36l (a)
	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).	36l(b)

## 6.1 Implementation of the Plan of Management

When the City of Ryde has adopted this Plan of Management, Council becomes incumbent upon Council to carry out its recommendations. Implementation of the Plan will be monitored annually with the preparation of annual performance standards and capital works programs. Performance standards and works programs for administration, maintenance and upgrading works are revised each year to meet allocated budgets and works priorities determined in Council's Management Plan.

### 6.1.1 Review of this Plan of Management

Alteration of the adopted Plan of Management may be required after a period of five years to keep abreast of government legislation and policy, to cater for the changing expectations and requirements of the community, to recognise completed actions, and to ensure that the Plan of Management remains useful and relevant.

Review of this Plan of Management should also take into account the outcomes of periodic reviews of Council's strategic and operational plans. The Action Plan tables have a shorter life and therefore require more frequent reviews and updating. The Action Plan tables should be reviewed and revised yearly in accordance with Council's budgets, Capital Works Program and changing priorities.

Funding for management of the Reserve will be sought from a range of Council and community sources.

### 6.1.2 Funding Sources and Opportunities

There are a number of approaches that Council can take regarding funding the implementation of this Plan of Management. The City of Ryde, as Owner, is likely to fund most of the proposed improvements to the reserve. The implementation of this Plan of Management is achieved through its linkage with Council's Management Plan, Operational Budget, and Capital Works Program. Funding is integral to implementing the Plan.

Funding arrangements need to address recurrent costs of management and maintenance, together with capital costs for new facilities or upgrading works. Council currently funds management and maintenance costs through its annual budget allocation, and uses capital funds and Section 94 funding for capital and non-recurrent works.

Funding for construction of new facilities is generally through the annual budgeting process, but special projects may be partly funded through State Government grant allocations, which may involve matching funding from Council.

Staging of works will need to occur because Council cannot meet the cost of every single item of work proposed at one time, due to other financial commitments throughout the City. Actions listed in the Action Plans have been prioritised, which will assist in preparing forward open space work programs and annual budgets. This Plan will therefore provide direction for future works in the Reserve.

- Section 94A contributions - Council currently enters into planning agreements, or levies contributions or works in kind from developers towards the cost of upgrading facilities, including parks, to meet the needs of new development.

- Partnerships - Local residents and corporate groups participate in the development of the all abilities play area and associated facilities. There is an opportunity to develop further partnerships with residents and interested people in relation to park improvements and ongoing management.
- Rental income - Income from the Reserve is generated by lease and licence fees, and from applicants for approved functions and events.
- Rationalisation and disposal - Revenue for park projects and improvements may be raised from the sale of assets, such as surplus or inappropriate land.

### Grants

A number of Commonwealth and State government grants are available to assist with capital works along within open spaces. While not exhaustive, the following list gives an indication of the range of available grant programs through which improvements to the Reserve consistent with its size, catchment and intended uses could be funded.

**Table 6.3 Examples of Grant Funding Opportunities**

GRANT	ORGANISATION	PURPOSE
<b>Commonwealth</b>		
Public Art Program	Ministry for the Arts	Grants of up to \$4,000 are available to assist in the commissioning of concept proposals by artists. Matching grants of up to \$20,000 are available for commissioning public art.
Australia Council for the Arts	Australia Council	Community cultural development, visual arts / crafts, theatre, dance, music.
<b>State</b>		
Metropolitan Greenspace Program	Department of Planning	Planning and improvement of regionally significant open space in Sydney.
Capital Assistance Program	Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation	Community-oriented sporting and / or recreational facilities.
Regional Cycleway Network	Roads and Traffic Authority	The RTA matches Council funding for regional cycleway routes.



## 6.2 Public Recreation

		LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE			LOCAL GOV'T ACT CORE OBJECTIVE	
ITEM	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	ACTION	PRIORITY	PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S)	PARK VALUE	
Passive Recreation	To develop and define areas within the Reserve for informal use and passive recreation and gathering.	Extend the picnic and playground facilities at the centre of the Reserve in connection with future playground expansion.  Provide new picnic and informal areas around the loop path.  Provide additional trees within the Reserve shade on the central lawn areas.	Short  Medium  Medium	Increased use of the Park for informal and passive recreation.  Increased use of the Park for informal and passive recreation.  Increased use of the Park for informal and passive recreation.	Recreation Open Space and Landscape  Recreation Open Space and Landscape  Recreation Open Space and Landscape	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)  36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)  36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)
	To provide a range of unstructured active play opportunities.	Provide centralised BBQ facilities that encourage the use of the Reserve for picnics and family gatherings.  Develop opportunities for informal fitness training with distance markings on the existing loop path for jogging and interval training.	Long  Short	Increased use of the Park for informal and passive recreation.	Recreation  Recreation	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)  36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)
Children's Playground	To ensure playground facilities are safe for use.	Review and audit the playground regularly for compliance with the relevant safety standards.	Ongoing	Playground equipment and surrounds comply with relevant Australian standards and inspection regime.	Recreation	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)
	To provide a playground facility that meets the needs of the community.	Review the current playground's frequency of use and modify playground as necessary.	Medium	Completion of review.	Recreation	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)
	To improve the visual connection between the playground and the surrounding lawn areas	Review the existing landscape planting surrounding the playground and replace with planting what allows views across the Reserve.	Short	View lines within the Reserve re-established.	Landscape	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)
All abilities play space	To create a destination playground for people of all abilities	Prepare a design for the expansion of the playground to create a play space for people of all abilities.	Short	Completion of a design for an all abilities playground	Recreation Open Space and Landscape	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)

ITEM	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	ACTION	PRIORITY	PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S)	PARK VALUE	LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE	
						LOCAL GOV'T ACT CORE OBJECTIVE	
		Engage with the local community and special needs organisations in the development of a concept plan for an all abilities play space.	Short	Community engagement completed in accordance with Council's Your City Your Voice.	Recreation	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)	
		Investigate opportunities to enter into sponsorship and other partnerships to support the funding for the play space	Short	Partnerships entered into	Recreation	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)	
	To provide a landscape within the Reserve that complements the all abilities play space	Ensure the development of the playground design incorporates unique landscape treatments such as sensory gardens etc.	Short	Development of the landscape in the Reserve	Recreation Open Space and Landscape	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)	
	To create a play space environment includes suitable places for carers	Incorporate shade, seating and picnic areas within the play space for carers	Short	Inclusion of seating areas within the play space design	Recreation	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)	
Dog Exercising	To provide a safe and accessible reserve for dog walking that is free from dog waste.	Install and maintain signage that encourages dog owners to act responsibly in the Reserve and to pick up after their dog.	Short	Minimal complaints from Park users and community satisfaction.	Recreation Open Space and Landscape	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)	
		Consider the installation of a dog waste bin and collection bags to encourage responsible dog owner behaviour.	Medium	Minimal complaints from Park users and community satisfaction.	Recreation Environmental	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)	
	To minimise the potential conflicts between dog owners and other Reserve users.	Maintain regular and prompt attention by Council Rangers to matters relating to dogs acting contrary to notices at the Park.	Ongoing	Minimal complaints from Park users and community satisfaction.	Recreation Open Space and Landscape	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)	
	To improve the facilities in the Reserve for dog walkers	Installation of dog water bowls in conjunction with bubblers.	Short	Installation of water bowls.	Recreation Open Space and Landscape	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)	

### 6.3 Park Elements

ITEM	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	ACTION	PRIORITY	PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S)	PARK VALUE(S)	LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE	LOCAL GOV'T ACT CORE OBJECTIVE
						36G (c)	36I (a)
Tree Management	To protect the significant trees planted within the Reserve.	Identify all significant trees located within the boundary of Yamble Reserve and register these trees on the City of Ryde Significant Tree Register.	Long	Significant trees registered and protected.	Open Space and Landscape Cultural Environmental	36G (c)	36I (a)
	Manage the tree assets.	Conduct regular inspections and monitor the health and condition of the trees as a part of regular Reserve maintenance. Undertake tree surgery, removal and replanting as required.	Ongoing	Tree management works are identified early and action taken as required.	Open Space and Landscape Environmental	36G (c)	36I (a)
		Conduct regular inspection as a part of regular Reserve maintenance, to identify the occurrences of tree vandalism and report to the regulatory officers for action.	Ongoing	Reduction of vandalism incidents.	Open Space and Landscape Environmental	36G (c)	36I (a)
	Enhance the landscape character of the Reserve.	Ensure all replacement tree plantings are consistent with the landscape character of the Park and maintain Park users safety.	Ongoing	Unhealthy trees are removed and replaced with appropriate species.	Open Space and Landscape Cultural	36G (c)	36I (a)
		Undertake an assessment of all trees within the Reserve suitable for crown pruning to restore sight lines in to and through the Reserve.	Short	Restored slight lines into the Reserve	Open Space and Landscape	36G (c)	36I (a)
		Consider the placement of additional shade trees in the lawn areas.	Medium	Provision of shade	Open Space and Landscape	36G (a)	36G (b)
						36G (c)	
Vegetation Management	To provide a safe and aesthetic landscaped areas within the Reserve.	Ensure all replacement landscape plantings are consistent with the landscape character of the Reserve and maintain Reserve user safety.	Ongoing	Community satisfaction	Open Space and Landscape Environmental	36G (c)	36I (a)
	Eliminate inappropriate landscape plantings.	Remove and replace the <i>Lomandra</i> and other species plantings along the internal loop path and along the Quarry Street frontage to improve sight lines into and within the Reserve.	Short	All inappropriate plantings removed and replace with suitable plant species	Open Space and Landscape	36G (c)	36I (a)

ITEM	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	ACTION	PRIORITY	PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S)	PARK VALUE(S)	LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE LOCAL GOV'T ACT CORE OBJECTIVE
Park Furniture	Develop a strategy for park furniture that is suitable for an all abilities parkland is complementary to other parks in Ryde.	Adhere to the Council standard material palette.	Short	Consistent park furniture. Park furniture is installed where needed.	Open Space and Landscape Environment	36G (c) 36I (a)
	Develop new areas with tree planting, seating, picnic, BBQ and shelters	Provide new picnic and informal areas within the Reserve.	Medium	Increased use of the Park for informal and passive recreation.	Open Space and Landscape	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)
Park Lighting	Improve safe evening access to the Reserve.	Complete a study on the feasibility and design of pathway lighting within the Reserve to increase the useability of the Reserve into the evening.	Short	Completion and implementation of the Study	Open Space and Landscape Recreation	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)
		Install all lighting in accordance with the relevant Australian Standards	Medium	Standards adhered to.	Open Space and Landscape Recreation	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)
Signage	Increase legibility of Reserve activities and connections	Install entry signage and directional signage	Short	Signage implemented	Open Space and Landscape	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)
		Install signage that provides information to Reserve users on the location of car parking areas within the Reserve..	Short	Signage implemented	Open Space and Landscape	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)
	Increase legibility of the pathways, connection, regional links and connections to public transport	Install appropriate signage.	Long	Signage implemented enhances connections	Open Space and Landscape Environment	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)
Park Building	Provide quality facilities for an all abilities parkland.	Review and upgrade existing toilets and facilities provided for in the building.	Short	Facilities to cater for planned all abilities use.	Recreation	36G (c) 36I (a)
		Provide additional accessible toilets and change rooms at the Reserve.	Short	Facilities to cater for planned sports use.	Recreation	36G (c) 36I (a)

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	Embrace environmental design principles.	Incorporate environmental design principles in the future development of the Park Building.	Medium	Development of a sustainable building	Recreation Environmental	36G (c) 36I (a)
General	Animate the parks in the Reserve with public art to enhance the cultural environment	Public art implementation in connection with the play space	Medium	Program for engagement of artists and implementation over time	Cultural Open Space and Landscape Environmental	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)
		Install artwork in public open spaces and parks.	Medium	Engage artists and install artwork	Cultural Open Space and Landscape Environmental	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)



## 6.4 Access and Movement

ITEM	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	ACTION	PRIORITY	PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S)	PARK VALUE(S)	LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE
						LOCAL GOV'T ACT CORE OBJECTIVE
Entry Points and Pathways	Enhance the connections within the Reserve and link into surrounding connections with other parks.	Review the desire lines and informal pathways within the Reserve and remove or formalise where appropriate.	Medium	Formalised pathways	Recreation Access and Linkages Open Space and Landscape.	36G (a) 36G (b)
	Improve access for all people within the Reserve.	Incorporate even-surfaced paths, pedestrian ramps and accessible grades.	Short	Upgrade parking, pathways and connections in the Reserve	Recreation Access and Linkages Open Space and Landscape.	36G (a) 36G (b)
	Provide appropriate physical access to recreation facilities	Identify illegal vehicle access points and provide barriers	Ongoing	Illegal access prohibited	Access and Linkages	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c) 36I (b)
	Provide formalised entry points into the Reserve	Review all current entry points and rationalise and formalise where necessary.	Short	Reduced number of entry points.	Recreation Access and Linkages Open Space and Landscape.	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)
		Improve signage at Reserve entry points.	Short	Additional signs installed.	Recreation Access and Linkages Open Space and Landscape.	36G (a) 36G (b) 36G (c)
		Upgrade lighting of parks in the vicinity of the public transports nodes surrounding the Reserve.	Medium	Improved and consistent lighting conditions.	Recreation Access and Linkages	36G (a) 36G (b)
	Increase facilities catering for non-motorised modes of transport	Install bicycle parking facilities.	Short	Installation of bike facilities.	Recreation Access and Linkages	36G (a) 36G (b)

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Car Management	Provide equal access for legitimate park use and increase range of patronage in the Reserve.	Provide equal access for legitimate park use and increase range of patronage in the Reserve.	Short	Develop park treatments for entries and access easements	Recreation Access and Linkages	36G (c)	
		Formalise access requirements for maintenance, emergency and other vehicles as required.	Short	Improvements made to access points.	Recreation Access and Linkages	36G (a) 36G (b)	
		Extension of the Clermont Avenue car park to provide 4 additional accessible car parking space.	Medium	Additional car parking spaces	Recreation Access and Linkages	36G (a) 36G (b)	
		Review the pathways connecting the car park areas with the Reserve to ensure accessible grades are created.	Medium	Suitable grade access between car parks and the Reserve	Recreation Access and Linkages	36G (a) 36G (b)	
	To provide a safe and convenient area for dropping off of Reserve users.	Modify the Quarry Street car park to provide a mini bus lay over area.	Medium	Installation of bus lay over area	Recreation Access and Linkages	36G (c)	

### 6.5 Event Management

ITEM	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	ACTION	PRIORITY	PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S)	PARK VALUE(S)	LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE
						LOCAL GOV'T ACT CORE OBJECTIVE
Event Management	Provide a range of opportunities for social and cultural activities	Park amenities and services to accommodate a range of size gatherings including shelters, food preparation areas	Ongoing	Parks well used by a diverse range of groups	Cultural Environmental Recreation Open Space and Landscape	36G (a) 36G (b) 36I (a) 36I (b) 36I (c)
	Establish a program of events and festivals focused on the use of the Reserve	Coordinate existing program of events and develop potential new events with a publicised calendar	Ongoing	Yearly events throughout the Reserve	Cultural Environmental Recreation Open Space and Landscape	36G (a) 36G (b) 36I (a) 36I (b) 36I (c)

## 6.6 Reserve Maintenance

ITEM	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	ACTION	PRIORITY	PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S)	PARK VALUE(S)	LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE	LOCAL GOV'T ACT CORE OBJECTIVE
						36G	36I
Park Maintenance	Carry out turf maintenance	Implement mowing program. Undertake turf maintenance as required.	Ongoing	High quality and durable grass cover	Recreation Open Space and Landscape	36G	36I
	Ensure healthy and attractive garden beds	Minimum monthly garden bed maintenance. Clean up and mulch garden beds. Undertake horticultural maintenance.	Ongoing	Garden beds are free of weeds and rubbish, well-mulched. Healthy, viable plants	Environmental Open Space and Landscape	36G	36I
	Ensure safe surfaces of footpaths and steps	Maintain footpaths and steps. Remove weeds. Barricade dangerous / broken pavement and arrange for repairs	Ongoing	Paths and steps are clear of obstructions and weed free. Path surface are even, free draining and clean.	Recreation Access and Linkages	36G	36I
	Ensure maintenance of lighting furniture and fixtures	Check lighting monthly. Repaint damage annually. Replace or repair items within 2 weeks of being notified	Ongoing	All lights are operational and with posts and fittings of good quality	Open Space and Landscape	36G	36I
	Provide comfortable and safe, drinking fountain, picnic shelters and seats	Check seating monthly. Replace or repair or clean as required.	Ongoing	Seats are good quality, clean and fixed to ground.	Open Space and Landscape	36G	36I
	Ensure signs are functional	Check signage monthly for damage and cleanliness	Ongoing	Signs are clean and undamaged	Open Space and Landscape Access and Linkages	36G	36I
	Ensure maintenance, operation and cleanliness of toilets	Check toilets daily for cleanliness, replacement of items and other repairs as required.	Ongoing	Toilet buildings are clean and in good condition, toilet paper and soap available, lights working.	Recreation	36G	36I
	Provide quality turf surface for recreation	Undertake programmed maintenance	Ongoing	High quality playing surface	Recreation	36G	36I
	Minimise use of water on turf areas.	Investigate opportunities for water harvesting and reuse in the Reserve.	Long	Develop plan for water management practices to be implemented	Environmental	36G	36I

ITEM	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	ACTION	PRIORITY	PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S)	PARK VALUE(S)	LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE LOCAL GOV'T ACT CORE OBJECTIVE
	Discourage encroachments on the open space of the Reserve.	Identify park boundaries and determine encroachments. Remove encroachments and dumped refuse.	Ongoing	No reports of encroachments.	Open Space and Landscape	36G 36I



Trees in this garden bed to undergo crown pruning to improve sight lines into and out of the Reserve.

Placement of distance markers around the loop path for use in casual fitness training.

Water sensitive urban design swale

Placement of additional picnic shelters along the internal loop path

Planting in garden beds along the internal loop path should be removed or replaced in key locations to improve visibility and access.

Activate this space with park elements such as seating or BBQ'S.

Bus drop off and parking area to provide close and on grade access to the Reserve.

Car park to be extended to provide an additional 8 parking spaces. 4 of the additional spaces should be marked for "Disable Parking"

**Legend**

● Main entry points

✕ Interpretative / Public Art opportunities to be incorporated with the playground



Placement of park signage at each of the identified Main Entry Points

Trees in this garden bed to undergo crown pruning to improve sight lines into and out of the Reserve.

Improve connection between the car park and the Reserve to improve equal access.

Vegetation along Quarry Road to be thinned or replaced

Park building to be modified to provide specialist facilities to complement the all abilities playground

Realignment of pedestrian path along the edge of the bus lay over and parking area.

Provision of a bus parking area adjacent to the existing car park area to provide a safe and accessible drop off and pick up zone for Reserve users.

Trees in this garden bed to undergo crown pruning to improve sight lines into and out of the Reserve.

Include sensory garden elements as a part of the playground and the surrounding landscape

Existing park furniture to be relocated as a part of the playground expansion. Placement of additional park benches and picnic tables to be included in the playground expansion.

Extended playground area to provide space for the development of an all abilities playground. Actual layout will be the subject for future detailed design. (Area represented with the dashed line)

Increase screening where necessary along the boundary interface with private residences.

## **Appendix A - Community Consultation Information**

## Submission 1– Public Exhibition Period

To Whom It May Concern

I have previously spoken to a member of your office after placing a concern phone call in relation to the safety of equipment at the park. I was told that my request would be considered but nothing has happened.

My backyard backs onto the park, down the other end of the play equipment near the tables and chairs. ON numerous occasions we have young groups of people attending the park at these tables and chairs and they are drinking, smoking and making large amount of noises not to mention the language spoken. These gatherings start after dark and can go on till the early hours of the mornings. These people break the bottles on the tables, run things on the shelter roofs, jump up and down off the tables and seats. On many occasions after these nights when you visit the park you find a number of glass bottles broken on the ground and bottles lying around on the grass

At the end of the summer gone by, we had the Police attend this scene and believe some people were taken away.

I strongly recommend, as I have requested previously, that in order to protect your facilities you need to install some lighting down this end of the park, similar to that which is placed at the top end of the park.

Now that the summer months are approaching we will be hearing and you will be seeing and noticing a lot of damage to these shelters and its surroundings. It is also not nice for younger children to be visiting the park and finding broken glass and empty glass bottles around the area.

Yours faithfully

## Submission 2– Public Exhibition Period

Hello,

We held our daughter's 1st birthday party at Yamble Reserve last weekend. What a beautiful park! We had a BBQ and used a table as well as rugs on the grass. We had an impromptu game of volleyball/soccer on the grass. The children rode bikes and scooters on the track and used the playground. Here is some feedback from a mother of 2 children.:

What the reserve already does well:

- easy parking
- great bike track
- shade cloth over playground
- toilets were clean and easy to use
- well maintained gardens
- shade over picnic tables
- BBQs
- not a busy crowded park (cf Blenheim or Buffalo)
- unusual but great combination of open space that is still intimate (cf Blenheim)
- seats at playground
- compact playground away from the road - great for keeping track of the kids.
- Playground was able to be enjoyed by both my 1 yr old and 4 yr old

Some suggestions:

- there is space in the playground for a few other bits of equipment eg swings, bouncy thing like at the Sager place park, small slide
- there is very little shade over the grass areas. Would be hot having a picnic in summer.

In summary, the park is already great - don't change it too much!!

Thanks for your time,

### **Submission 3 – Public Exhibition Period**

I would like to have a section/ area in the park that adults can use and do personal training. The equipment can include a chin up bar, inclined sit up equipment etc. This will encourage more adults to exercise and use the park.