
13 ACTION PLANS

This section details the objectives, targets, actions, performance measures and priorities needed to effectively and efficiently maintain Meadowbank Park.

Action Plans Structure

The actions are displayed in table form, structured using the five management directions:

- Provision and access
- Environmental sustainability
- Management and maintenance
- Community interaction and engagement
- Leases, licences, permits and other estates

Priority of implementation

For each action in the Action Plan a corresponding priority for its implementation is assigned as follows:

- **High (H):** Top priority. Where there are no impediments to its delivery, this action should be achieved in up to 4 years
- **Medium (M):** Second tier priority with implementation due in up to 7 years
- **Low (L):** Not an urgent implementation action but important nonetheless and should be planned for completion in up to 10 years
- **Ongoing (O):** A recurrent action that may be regularly repeated.

The time frames provided are indicative only. As opportunities arise to deliver these actions, timeframes may need to be adjusted. It should be noted that the delivery of the various actions may extend beyond the 10 year time frame. Some of the actions suggested are large, complex projects that may require additional funding from Council's annual works programmes and/or partnerships with State and Federal Government departments through their various grant agencies.

13.1 Provision and Access

Table. 11 Action Plans - Provision and Access

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Strategic planning	Examine ways to optimise the use of sportsgrounds to and meet recreation needs now and into the future	Develop and implement long term plans for the provision and development of sporting and recreational facilities to meet community needs	Strategic studies undertaken in a timely manner and reviewed on regular basis	O
	Sportsgrounds Masterplanned and developed in a timely manner to meet current and future community needs.	Prepare Masterplan for the Park	Masterplan prepared for community feedback	H
Sportsgrounds	Ensure the sportsground and facilities are fit for purpose	Design all new sportsgrounds to meet where possible NSW Office of Sports dimensions, technical and surface standards	Sportsgrounds dimension meet standards	H
	Maximise the use of sportsgrounds for extended seasonal and daily usage	Reconfigure sportsgrounds to maximise multifunctional field numbers	Increased field numbers	H
		Provide multifunctional synthetic turf for all weather play	Synthetic turf installed in accordance with the masterplan	M
		Provide floodlights to all sportsground that comply with Australian Standard- Sports Lighting (AS 2560.2.3-2007)	Compliant floodlights installed	M
Informal use of fields and courts	Provide sport and recreational facilities for the whole community through a balance between the provision of structured and unstructured opportunities	Plan and design sportsgrounds to include areas for informal public active recreation including public use of fields or courts when they are not being used by organised sport	All sportsgrounds planning to consider multi-user and community use for active recreation outcomes	O
		Design sport courts and fields for multiple sport games	Increased number of multifunctional sport courts and fields	M
		Increase informal sport courts, such as half court, outdoor games	Increased number of informal sport courts	M
Complementary Facilities	Provide park facilities to increase enjoyment of sports groups and park users	Provide complementary recreation facilities in sportsgrounds, such as shade structures, picnic and barbecue facilities, and seating for resting and spectating	Increased complementary facilities	M

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Fitness and outdoor play	Encourage physical activities for all ages and abilities	Increase family friendly fitness equipment for all age groups, especially for seniors	Fitness equipment installed	M
		Explore opportunities to provide spaces for outdoor games, such as ping pong, board games, yard games	Increased opportunities for outdoor play	M
Impact on adjoining residents	Ensure that planning and design of functional sportsgrounds consider the needs of adjacent residents, and minimise impacts from crowds, noise, and lighting	Properly and sensitively located lighting designs and fittings that minimises lighting spill to adjoining areas (in accordance with Australian Standards)	Community feedback	O
Amenity buildings	Ensure amenity buildings are fit for purpose and provide high quality facilities for the enjoyment of sports groups and park users	Through the masterplan process investigate the feasibility of upgrading or relocating the Amenity Building and Clubhouse near LH Waud Field and netball courts	Concept development for community consultation	M
		Through the masterplan process investigate the feasibility of upgrading or relocating the Western Amenity Building	Concept development for community consultation	M
		Through the masterplan process investigate the feasibility of upgrading or relocating the Amenity Building between Little Creek and Field 2	Concept development for community consultation	H
		Increase amenities for informal sports and activities, such as half courts, outdoor games and playgrounds	Amenities installed	M
Community needs	Ensure the provision of a wide range of park amenities that meet the present and future needs of the community	Improve and locate park amenities for passive recreation, such as benches, picnic tables, BBQ, drinking fountains, shade, lighting, bins and toilets	Park facilities installed	M
		Repair and upgrade existing park furniture	Park furniture repaired upgraded	O
Food and beverages outlet	Provide opportunities to enjoy food and beverages for community benefit	Explore opportunities to activate the park by providing for approved commercial activities in the public interest, such as café, kiosk and mobile food service in association with recreational and sport facilities	Concept prepared for community feedback	M

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Play spaces	Offer children's play spaces that are varied in intent and design for all age groups and all abilities	Provide regional playground (all abilities) near the existing skateboard facility on Constitution Road	Concept prepared for community feedback	H
		Plan and design playgrounds in accordance with City of Ryde Play Implementation Plan	Playground provided in accordance with City of Ryde Play Implementation Plan	O
	Ensure high quality and easy-to-access play space for the whole-of-a-family experiences	Identify locations for playgrounds in Meadowbank Park that are easy to access by local communities on daily basis	Location identified in masterplan	H
		Upgrade the local playground at Ross Smith Avenue and provide complimentary amenities for other passive and active recreation opportunities, such as family friendly fitness equipment, benches, picnic and BBQ facilities	Park upgraded and new facilities installed	M
		Upgrade the neighbourhood playground at Andrew Street and provide complimentary facilities for other passive and active recreation opportunities, such as multi-generational spaces, fitness equipment, benches, picnic and BBQ facilities	Park upgraded and new facilities installed	M
Shade	Provide adequate shade for park users	Plant trees for shade in appropriate locations with consideration to floodlighting near sportsgrounds	Shade provided	O
		Introduce shade structure at appropriate locations	Shade provided	O
		Maximise the benefit of existing tree canopies in new projects	Design concept to integrate existing tree shade	O
Dog exercise	Provide opportunities to exercise dogs in a safe and responsible manner for all park users in the park	Designate and manage accessible off leash areas in the park	Areas designated	M
		Designate and manage on-leash dog exercise areas	Areas designated	M
		Enforce City of Ryde Dog Policy and Companion Animal Act	Policies and legislation enforced	O
		Install dog waste bag dispensers, dog waste bins and water bowls in designated leashed and unleashed dog exercise areas	Facilities installed	M

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Access and wayfinding	Ensure that high use areas are visible from nearby streets and other public areas	Improve amenities at main park entries, such as signage, mass planting, benches, etc.	Amenity elements installed	M
	Ensure equal access to high use areas for all members of the community regardless of ability, age, gender and race	Undertaken an access audit measuring community wellbeing, access, social cohesion, usability and biodiversity benefit	Audit completed	M
		Implement recommendations for access audit	Access Committee support	O
		Where possible, provide universal physical access to park facilities (BBQ, toilet, play equipment) where demand exists through design of pathways, parking areas and facilities	Physical access provided Consistent with Australian Standards and Disability Discrimination Act Regular inspections	O
		Provide picnic settings, amenities and car parking which area accessible to views and other desirable park locations where possible to allow for use by elderly people and people with specific needs	Positive feedback from users	M
	Provide pathways to facilitate movement to, from and within parks and general community use areas	Construct pathways with resilient, hard-wearing, ecologically considerate materials where possible in accordance with Australian Standards for accessibility	Path construction consistent with Australian Standards Access for people using wheelchairs, personal mobility devices, prams and strollers Easier access for the elderly and infirm	O
	Facilitate easy navigating in the Park	Develop signage plan and concept design to facilitate wayfinding	Signage plan and design concept delivered and implemented	O
	Ensure the sportsgrounds and recreational facilities are used in an appropriate manner	Develop signage plan and concept design providing user information for the fields, fitness stations, and recreational facilities	Signage plan and design concept delivered and implemented	O

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Public transport access	Ensure park facilities are easily accessible by public transport	Locate key facilities in parks close to public transport stops where possible	Observations	O
	Increase in trips to parks and general community use facilities by public transport	Enhance connections between Meadowbank Park and public transport connection facilities where possible	Surveys of park users regarding mode of transport used to access Meadowbank Park	O
		Articulate pedestrian and cycle connections between the Park and public transport through signage, lighting and line marking	Increase in park users using public transport to access Meadowbank Park	O
Parking	Improve vehicular circulation in the car park during peak uses.	Connect Constitution Road and Adelaide Road car parks to improve circulation	Traffic study conducted and design concept developed for community feedback	M
	Distribute vehicular access from multiple entries	Investigate additional parking bays and drop off areas at Ross Smith Street and Andrew Street	Traffic study conducted and design concept developed for community feedback	M
	Ensure easy access to main recreational facilities for park users with accessibility needs	Provide disabled parking bays and allow for limited time parking near playgrounds	Disabled parking and limited time parking provided	M
	Improve arrival experiences	Increase tree canopies and ground cover planting in car park medians	Community satisfaction	
	Ensure parking within the park is used appropriately in the benefit of park visitors	Review parking operations and develop parking policies to restrict commuter parking within the park.	Concept developed for community feedback	O
Unauthorised vehicle access prevented beyond defined road	Clear identifiable entries to the Park	Provide park entries and signage to prevent unauthorised vehicle access	Management measures carried out	M
	Manage authorised vehicle access	Provide controlled access for authorised vehicles include police/emergency and maintenance use	Detailed planning and design carried out	O

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Pedestrian/ bike/skate/ scooter access and circulation	Establish and promote links to the park and the surrounding areas	Investigate location for pedestrian links between Memorial and Meadowbank Parks	Concept developed for community feedback	M
		Create pedestrian access point adjacent to Constitution Road vehicular entry	Path installed	M
		Widen Ryde RiverWalk shared path	Shared path widened	L
		Encourage cycling by improving bike facilities, such as bike racks, self-service air pumps.	Bike facilities installed	H
		Create a network of shared paths within the park that link to key entries and facilities	Paths installed	M
Safety measures for cyclists and pedestrians	Ensure the paths and shared paths are used in an appropriate and safe manner	Provide paths and shared paths with sufficient width and safety	Install paths fit for purpose	O
		Install signage and line marking to clearly identify the purpose of the paths	Install signage and line markings	M
Cycle and pedestrian	Connect the Park to a broader path network along Parramatta River as part of Greater Sydney Commission North District Plan	Follow the recommendations identified in Parramatta River Parklands Plan of Management to improve walking and safe cycle ways, and enhance foreshore access to Sydney Harbour	Recommendations implemented	O
		Connect the Park to broad RiverWalk network according to the RiverWalk Masterplan including links to other external tracks such as the Parramatta Valley Cycleway and the Wharf to Wharf Walk	Recommendations implemented	O
Universal access	Encourage and facilitate park uses for all abilities groups	Design to comply with state and federal legislation requiring all public buildings to be accessible and for car parks and pathways to facilitate access for people with mobility and accessibility needs	Compliance with legislative requirements in all design	O

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Safety	Facilitate safe use in evenings	Design and install pedestrian lighting to create safe routes connecting RiverWalk and main entries in accordance with City of Ryde Draft Open Space Lighting Policy.	Lighting installed to applicable P rating and/or AS/NZ Standard	O
		Develop projects with considerations of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)	New projects and site maintenance in accordance with CPTED principles	O
Fencing	Protect the park from unauthorised vehicle access while maintaining access for pedestrians, bikes, skateboards, scooters, wheelchairs and personal mobility devices	Plan, design and construct appropriate vehicular fencing between Constitution Road, skatepark and other park access points	Fence, bollards installed and maintained	H
	Separate conflicting activities in the Park such as children's playgrounds, natural areas, picnic/BBQ facilities and unleashed dog exercise areas	Design and install bollards or similar at pedestrian entrances	Bollards installed according to detail design	O

13.2 Environmental Sustainability

Table. 12 Action Plans - Environmental Sustainability

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Climate change	Ensure climate considerations are included in planning to ensure park assets are maintained and planned for in a sustainable way without increasing maintenance burdens	Undertake whole of life cycle assessment of new and integrated park designs to ensure Park can deliver without financial implication as per Asset Management Plan	Requirements of Asset Management Plan met	O
Biodiversity	Protect and enhance biodiversity and promote enjoyment	Assess the risks and threats of biodiversity in the Park and develop biodiversity strategies for the Park	Prepare flora and fauna study	H
		Conserve existing natural areas through the promotion of bushcare and other complimentary activities	Bushcare activities maintained and increased	O
		Enhance and protect native flora and fauna and maintain ecosystem function in respect to the natural areas within the reserve.	Increased local native plant diversity	O
		Plant more trees and understory plants at appropriate locations. With consideration given to sightlines and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)	Increased trees and understory plants	O
		Implement Ryde Biodiversity Plan 2016	Protect and promote biodiversity in accordance with the Plan	O
	Protect and promote habitat for urban wildlife	Explore opportunities to restore natural habitats along the river and creeks	Concept developed for community feedback	M
	Raise public awareness and encourage community involvement in promoting biodiversity	Engage with local community and bushcare group in designing places and developing programmes to encourage biodiversity	Increased community involvement in activities of promoting biodiversity	O
	Balance management and development of sportsgrounds and their use for active recreation so that biodiversity is maintained and where possible enhanced	Sportsground management takes into account the need to mitigate possible impacts on biodiversity and actively consider enhancement opportunities	Ryde Biodiversity Plan action items implemented	O
Ensure an ongoing healthy ecosystem in the Park	Plant, manage and maintain trees according to the City of Ryde Urban Forest Policy and Tree Management Plan	Monitor the health of the flora and fauna in the Park	O	

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Mangrove	Ensure on going health of the mangrove and salt marsh habitat	Conduct flora and fauna study of the mangrove and salt marsh habitat to assess the risks and threats and develop strategies for its ongoing health	Fauna and flora study delivered	H
		Continue to monitor the health of the mangrove and salt marsh habitat	Monitoring reports	O
Education	Raise public awareness of the natural habitat and ecosystem in the Park	Install information signage near the natural habitats to illustrate the functionality and environmental threats of the ecosystems in the Park	Signage installed Raised public awareness	O
	Raise public awareness of the sustainable design and management measures taken place in the Park	Install information signage to demonstrate the sustainable design and management measures in the Park	Signage installed Raised public awareness	O
Delineation of parks and natural areas	Clearly delineate parks and general community use areas from natural areas as appropriate and when funding is available	Enforce appropriate management practices at the interface between bushland and turf sports facilities, such as planting of native plants, physical barriers such as retaining walls and logs, mowing zones and regimes, use of fertiliser, stormwater management, minimising pedestrian access points into surrounding bushland.	Vegetated edges and delineations between parks and natural areas identified and implemented. Biodiversity protected, especially where threatened species and endangered ecological communities are present.	O
	Identify and maintain a naturally vegetated edge between sportsgrounds and general community use areas and natural areas	Prevent grass clippings entering natural areas.		
Landscaping	Integrate well designed and resilient planting schemes with the functional elements of the land to result in a strong and unique park identity and pleasing visual amenity	Prepare appropriate landscape masterplan including planting, park furniture and related elements according to Council's Delivery Plan	Landscape masterplan developed and implemented	O
		Develop tree masterplan to improve amenity, biodiversity and connectivity for wildlife.	Tree masterplan developed and implemented	O

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Trees	Plant, manage and maintain trees according to the City of Ryde Urban Forest Policy and Tree Management Plan	Protect trees from mechanical maintenance equipment damage, such as using mulch rings around trees in turf.	Adherence to Service Level Agreements and vegetation management plans	O
		Investigate and prosecute tree vandalism in accordance with City of Ryde Tree Management Plan	Adherence to Tree Management Plan	O
		Implement deterrent measures such as enforcing fines, installing signs highlighting the vandalism, leaving tree stumps as wildlife habitat and replacing vandalised trees with suitable species	Tree vandalism recorded occurrence reduced	O
Stormwater runoff	Promote natural infrastructure to protect water quality and reduce long term maintenance and operational costs	Enhance riparian planting along creeks to reduce direct surface runoff into the water courses	Monitor water quality	M
		Increase the use of permeable surfaces to increase infiltration and decrease stormwater run off	Permeable paving area increased	O
		Install rain gardens and swales where possible to capture and filter stormwater runoff prior discharging into water courses	More surface runoff conveyed to rain gardens and swales	O
		Implement using Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) principles in design and planning	Design and planning incorporate WSUD principles	O
Gross pollutant trap	Reduce stormwater pollutant and protect water quality	Continue maintenance of th GPT and provide interpretive signage to educate park users of the GPT function in reducing litter going into the Parramatta River	Interpretive signage explaining GPT function installed	M
Creeks naturalisation	Restore natural creek habit for environmental and community benefits	Identify priority areas for creek restoration	Priority areas identified	O
		Reserve green spaces along the creeks wherever possible for future creek naturalisation when funding becomes available	Space reserved	O
	Improve water quality of the creeks	Introduce mass planting along the creeks to increase infiltration and reduce stormwater pollutant	Water quality improved	O

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Irrigation	Reuse or recycle stormwater in the Park as part of the broader integrated water cycle management stagey	Increase stormwater tank capacity for irrigation	New stormwater tanks for irrigation installed	M
Watercourses	Restore natural habitat for urban wildlife and recreational benefits in and along watercourses	Investigate opportunity for increasing flows through Charity Creek and Archer Creek to enable a constant flow and reduce the incidence of stagnant water at the riparian edge contributing to the incidence of mosquito breeding	Feasibility study undertaken	M
		Identify priority areas for restoring natural creek lines and installing WSUD measures such as bioswales along watercourses to be installed when funding becomes available.	Concept developed for community feedback	M
Construction materials	Promote sustainable construction materials and consider life cycle cost	Consider the life cycle cost of construction materials, such as fit for purpose, transport distance, long term availability, robustness, recycled materials and easy for maintenance	Cost effective design and reduced long term maintenance cost	O
Weed and animal pest management when required	Actively manage weeds, animal pests and diseases of turf and plants using environmentally sound practices	Implement Council's weed and pest control as per Service Level Agreements	Management of weed and pest species consistent with Service Level Agreements and specific treatment where required	O
	Control weeds and animal pests in parks, especially in and adjacent to natural areas	Remove dead, dying or diseased plants and monitor animal pest activities in the Park	Weeds and animal pests managed	O
	Control weeds and animal pests in the Park	Provide signage in parks and public notifications (as required) to indicate when weed and animal pest control activities are being undertaken	Signage installed as per Council's Pesticide Notification Plan and public notifications as per Council's Feral Animal Control Plan and legislation	O
Aboriginal cultural heritage	Protect the aboriginal cultural heritage items in the park	Protect indigenous heritage items located in the Park	Heritage items projected	O
Cultural heritage	Protect, reflect and interpret the cultural heritage values in the park	Protect and interpret heritage listed items such as the former site of Meadowbank House and park gates on Constitution Road	Heritage items projected and interpreted	O

13.3 Management and Maintenance

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Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Park management and maintenance	Manage and maintain Meadowbank Park in an efficient and effective manner	Undertake maintenance and improvements to Meadowbank Park in accordance with the applicable City of Ryde Service Level Agreement	Compliant with the applicable Service Level Agreements	O
Horticulture and planting	Manage and maintain the health and aesthetic quality of landscape elements in the Park	Manage and maintain the soft landscape in accordance with the applicable Plan of Management and Service Level Agreements	Compliant with the applicable Service Level Agreements and Generic Plan of Management	O
Park furniture and landscape elements	Ensure the safety and reliability of furniture and infrastructure in the park, such as lighting, seats, drinking fountains, shade structure, sports courts, bins and signage	Manage and maintain the park furniture in accordance with the applicable Plan of Management and Service Level Agreements	Compliant with the applicable Service Level Agreements and Generic Plan of Management	O
Path and shared user path	Ensure the safety and connectivity of the path network	Conduct regular inspection and maintenance ensuring the surfaces are in good conditions, and line markings are clearly visible and adequate	Path surfaces are in good condition Line markings are clearly visible	
		Manage and maintain the pedestrian and shared user path lighting ensuring the identified evening safe routes meet safety standards	Lighting installed to applicable P rating and/or AS/NZ Standard	
Buildings	Ensure that park users find buildings clean, attractive, functional and safe to use	Manage and maintain the buildings in accordance with the applicable Plan of Management and Service Level Agreements	Compliant with the applicable Service Level Agreements	O

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Sport event, non-sporting events special events and special sporting events and reserve hire	Encourage social and cultural events in the Park to foster community bonding and social coherence	Designate areas for events to reduce impact on other park activities.	Area in the Park identified	M
		Promote and maintain online event/function booking system	Compliance with Park Booking System. Hire charges consistent with adopted fees and charges	O
		Enforce the City of Ryde's policies on event management	Compliance with City of Ryde policies and legislative requirements	O
	Manage event use and reserve hire to prevent conflicts with other users and damage to sportsgrounds, courts and ancillary facilities	Support non-structured and passive recreational activities that do not adversely affect sportsground condition, including community or Council organised special events, festivals or activities	Compliance with City of Ryde policies and legislative requirements	O
		Approve other uses subject to ground allocations to sporting clubs and playing and training schedules	Approvals only provided where appropriate	O
Manage event applications to ensure events are well organised and compliant with all City of Ryde policies and procedures	Ensure Non-sporting events, Special Events and Special Sporting Events have Development Application and Traffic Management Plans obtained by Event Organiser	Development Application and Traffic Management Plans in place and implemented as required	O	
Smoke-free environment	Ensure all users can enjoy the Park in smoke-free environment	Enforce non-smoking legislations and City of Ryde No Smoking Policy	Legislation and policy enforced	O
		Install no smoking signs in enclosed public spaces, playgrounds, skatepark, and recreational areas for group gathering	Signs installed	M

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Quality of playing surfaces	Manage and maintain sportsgrounds in an efficient and effective manner. Ensure design and management of sportsgrounds considers the sustainability of the playing surface and manages use to levels that minimise long term degradation of the surface.	Manage weeds, pests and disease using environmentally sound practices and in accordance with the applicable Service Level Agreement	Pests, weeds and diseases managed to minimise loss of use hours	O
		Maintain acceptable turf cover on playing fields as fit for purpose and considering climatic extended events, council water targets and budgetary allowance	Delivery of maintenance through Service Level Agreements and community satisfaction	O
		Maintain playing surfaces at an acceptable standard through regular maintenance cycles	Turf heights and cover meet agreed standards for user sports	O
		Undertake correct irrigation practice (watering outside of peak heat periods, 10am-3pm, to avoid waterlogging or drying out)	User satisfaction Soil and turf inspections and reports Smart monitoring and automated water systems to water in cooler parts of the day implemented	O
		Review the Park for opportunities to install water capturing devices for irrigation reuse	Number of sportsgrounds with installed water tanks and reuse irrigation systems	O
		Monitoring water usage and increases from community or climate related increase and seek to install automated water timing devices to maximise water table retention and minimise water wastage	Automated timers installed and reduction in consumption at the Park	O
		Implement the City of Ryde Synthetic Action Plan (2016-2026) and Sport and Recreation Strategy	User satisfaction	O
		Maintain synthetic and built playing areas (fields and courts) to manufactures' recommendations	User satisfaction	O
		Implementation of City of Ryde Sports Ground Allocation Policy, ensuring the use programming for sporting areas does not exceed design capacity of weekly use	Design capacity not exceeded	O
When refurbishing or redeveloping sporting areas ensure that designs incorporate improved resilience to use and more efficient management regimes	All refurbishment or redevelopment to improve design capacity of sporting areas using life cycle cost vs benefit assessment prior to business case submission	O		

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Allocation and bookings	Manage sportsgrounds and facilities to maximise their use	Implement Council's Sports Ground Allocation Policy	High utilisation of playing areas during peak hours (week day afternoons and evenings; weekends)	O
	Allocate use of sportsgrounds to sporting organisations fairly and equitably and with consideration of changing user trends and demographics	Review the Sportsground Allocation Policy every 5 years	Satisfactory outcomes for sporting and community organisations Review completed	M
Enforcement of restricted and prohibited activities	Ensure that restricted and prohibited activities do not take place in Meadowbank Park	Enforce restricted and prohibited activities in Meadowbank Park according to regulatory signage	Enforcement and ranger reports Community reporting to Council	O
Tree management	Implement proactive and sound tree management practices in and around Meadowbank Park	Trees maintained in accordance with City of Ryde Urban Forest Policy and Tree Management Plan	Tree inspections and reports Reports from community	O
	Maintain trees to standard in a healthy and safe condition	Replace removed or fallen trees with locally indigenous species where appropriate. Where a whole tree cannot be retained, preserve trees or trunks containing hollows for habitat	Increase in whole or part of fallen trees retained	O
Waste management	Ensure waste management practices minimise litter responds to the individual characteristics and uses of Meadowbank Park	Regularly check bins and grounds	Minimised noticeable or reported litter occurrence around sportsgrounds	O
		Empty bins according to Service Level Agreement and as required		
		Provide additional general waste and recycling bins where and when required such as for larger competitions and events	Bins provided when needed	O
		Provide water refill stations at nominated locations in Meadowbank Park	Water stations installed	M

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Dog and companion animals	Ensure that the needs of dog exercise are harmonious with other park uses	Develop and implement policies for managing off leash dog exercise areas	Policies developed and implemented	O
		Enforce the Companion Animals Act in terms of unleashed dogs	No conflicts between dogs and other park users	O
Mosquitoes	Reduce the population of mosquitoes in the park	Investigate success of mosquito repellent plants in affected areas	Reduction in mosquito numbers	O
		Develop control measures and management practices to manage mosquito population	Control measures implemented	O
External funding	Staged implementation programme addresses community and environmental priorities	Masterplan and staged action plan to provide basis for seeking of external funding	Awarding of various funding grants	H
Internal funding	Identify staging for the delivery of prioritised works	Link delivery programme to identified works	Funding through delivery programme identified	H

13.4 Community Interaction and Engagement

Table. 14 Community Interaction and Engagement

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Community engagement	Foster strong connections between the local community and stakeholders associated with Meadowbank Park	Consult with the community and park stakeholders to understand current and future needs in the Park	Feedback from community engagement programs and park usage study	O
		Keep the community informed on any proposed and approved developments and improvements in the Park	Community engagement carried out	O
		Inform community of events, programs and social groups available in the Park through online media and newsletter	Community engagement carried out	O
Planning and design	Respond to community needs by providing feedback and information through the Plan of Management and Masterplan for Meadowbank Park	Develop a Masterplan for Meadowbank Park in response to stakeholder and community feedbacks	Masterplan delivered	H
		Active consultation with the community, sports groups and stakeholders in developing the Masterplan and management strategies	Feedbacks from community, sports groups and stakeholders	H
		Obtain community feedback on proposed design and improvements in Meadowbank Park	Community feedback	O
Social and cultural opportunities	Foster social and cultural integration	Encourage engagement with different social and cultural groups to understand their specific needs in the Park	Community feedback	O
		Provide multi-purpose spaces for informal social gathering and cultural programs	Space provided	M
Aboriginal cultural items	Raise public awareness of aboriginal history associated with Meadowbank Park	Develop and implement interpretation strategy to highlight aboriginal history associated with the Park	Aboriginal history interpreted	
History and cultural significance of the Park	Develop and interpret the history and background of Meadowbank Park	Highlight and interpret the significant contributions made by individuals to the community and the Park as appropriate	Concept developed and community feedback received	M

13.5 Leases, Licences, Permits and Other Estates

Table. 15 Leases, Licences, Permits and Other Estates

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Use agreements	Ensure that use agreements meet legislative requirements, adhere to planning controls, cater for community needs, and are consistent with Council's objectives. Grant leases, licences, permits and other estates in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Crown Land Management Act 2016 and provisions outlined in this Plan of Management	Expressly authorise Council to enter into leases, licenses, permits and other estates which formalise the use of parks, general community use land, sportsground and natural areas by groups such as community groups, schools or by commercial organisations and individuals providing facilities or services for public use	All use agreements comply with legislation and Council policy	O
		Assess applications for leases, licenses, permits and other estates in terms of the core objectives for parks, general community use land, sportsgrounds, and natural areas, the public interest, character of the land, short and long term impacts, uses of land, and impacts on use of adjoining land	Reduction in conflict between stakeholders Proposed use serves the public interest Leases, licences and other estates granted according to application and assessment	O
		Grant appropriate leases, licences and other estates only where there is a demonstrated community benefit and /or infrastructure improvement and where there will be no detrimental impact on adjoining natural areas	Community feedback	O
	Ensure that use agreements continue to meet the community needs and Council requirements	Monitor terms and conditions of leases , licences and permits on a regular basis	Compliance of lessees, licensees and hirers with terms and conditions	O
Easement	Minimise the impact of easements on the functions of the Park	Design with consideration of existing easements to minimise their impact on park functions	Access to easements retained for respective operators or the public	O

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Contribution to the local economy and park funding	Recognise the financial, community and natural infrastructure benefit that Meadowbank Park contributes to the local economy and wellbeing through activation	Explore opportunities to activate Meadowbank Park by considering limited commercial facilities provided in the public interest, such as a café, kiosk, mobile food services and outdoor seating in association with sport and recreational facilities	Concept developed for community feedback	H
		Explore opportunities to activate Meadowbank Park with other user groups, such as group fitness, personal trainers, instruction , coaching, dog walkers, recreation equipment hire, etc.	Concept developed for community feedback	O