

## What is a Natural Area?

Under the Local Government Act 1993, community land must be categorised as either a natural area, a sportsground, a park, an area of cultural significance or general community use.

Land that is categorised as a natural area is to be further categorised as one or more of the following:

- bushland,
- wetland,
- escarpment,
- watercourse,
- foreshore,

Under the Local Government Act 1993 the Core objectives for management of community land categorised as a natural area include:

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

## Crown Land

As some of the parks that will be covered in the Natural Areas Generic Plan of Management are Crown Land Reserve Trusts under the care control and management of the City of Ryde, this plan of management is also required to comply with the requirements of the recently introduced Crown Land Management Act 2016. This requires all Crown land to have a plan of management applied to it by 1 July 2021. Prior to the plan of management being publicly exhibited, it must be approved for exhibition by the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act.

## Which parks are included?

The Generic Plan of Management for Natural Areas will include all parks with natural areas except for Field of Mars Reserve, Parramatta River Parklands, Meadowbank Park, ELS Hall Park and Putney Park (which have their own individual Plans of Management).

The parks that will be covered in the Generic Plan of Management for Natural Areas include:

AITCHANDAR PARK  
BARTON RESERVE  
BELL PARK  
BOOBAJOOB RESERVE  
BOOTH RESERVE

BRAEMAR PARK  
BREMNER PARK  
BRERETON PARK  
BRUSH FARM PARK  
BUNDARA RESERVE

BURROWS PARK  
BUSACO ROAD - UNNAMED PARK  
CHRISTIE PARK  
DARVALL PARK  
DENISTONE PARK  
FIELDER PARK  
FLINDERS PARK  
FORRESTER PARK  
FORSYTH PARK  
GANNAN PARK  
GLEN RESERVE  
GREENWOOD PARK  
IVANHOE RESERVE  
JIM WALSH PARK  
KITTY'S CREEK RESERVE  
KOBADA PARK  
LAMBERT PARK  
LAUREL PARK  
LUCKNOW PARK  
LYNN PARK  
MAGDALA PARK  
MALLEE RESERVE  
MARSFIELD PARK  
MARTIN RESERVE  
MAZE PARK  
McCAULEY PARK

MIDGEE RESERVE  
MINGA RESERVE  
MIRIAM PARK  
MYALL RESERVE  
NORTH RYDE PARK  
OUTLOOK PARK  
PEMBROKE PARK  
PIDDING PARK  
PINDARI PARK  
PORTIUS PARK  
PRYOR PARK  
RAFFERTY RESERVE  
RIVER AVENUE  
SANTA ROSA PARK  
STEWART PARK  
SOMERSET PARK  
SYMON'S RESERVE  
TASMAN PARK  
TINDARRA RESERVE  
TYAGARAH PARK  
TYRELL PARK  
WATERLOO PARK  
WESTMINISTER ROAD  
WILGA RESERVE  
YARRAMAR RESERVE  
YURRAH RESERVE

## **Generic Plans of Management**

Council has reviewed the Generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds, Parks, Natural Areas and General Community Use (2001). Going forward there will be separate Generic Plans: one covering Sportsgrounds, one covering Parks and General Community Use and one covering Natural Areas. In combination these three generic plans will replace the Generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds, Parks, Natural Areas and General Community Use (2001). Until such time as the Natural Areas Generic Plan of Management is adopted, the current Generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds, Parks, Natural Areas and General Community Use (2001) will continue to apply