
3 ADOPTION OF THE PARKS AND GENERAL COMMUNITY USE AND SPORTSGROUNDS GENERIC PLANS OF MANAGEMENT

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REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Council to adopt two draft Generic Plans of Management:

- Parks, General Community Use (GPoM P, GCU) and
- Sportsgrounds (GPoM Sp).

These two Generic Plans of Management apply to Community Land owned by Council and Crown land which Council has been granted Crown Land Manager status. It applies to land that has been categorised as Parks, General Community Use and Sportsground in accordance with the Local Government Act (1993). Should Council adopt these plans it will allow all this land, including that owned by the Crown, to be managed in accordance with the Local Government Act.

At the meeting held on 26 February 2019 Council resolved to seek permission from the Minister for Lands and Forestry to place the GPoM's on public exhibition. It also resolved to bring a report back to Council with the results of that exhibition period.

On 6 March 2019, Council forwarded a letter to the Minister, Lands and Forestry seeking approval to publicly exhibit the two Generic Plans of Management. On 9 January 2020, Council received correspondence from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands (the Department) on the GPoM Sp and on 13 January 2020 for the GPoM P, GCU confirming that the draft plans satisfied the requirements under Section 3.23 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

A copy of the letters from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands has been provided as **ATTACHMENTS 1 AND 2**.

The correspondence from the Department further informed Council that the initial categorisations for all the Crown Reserves proposed in the GPoMs have been accepted, with the exception of Crown Reserve (R500342 – Marsfield Park). The proposed categorisation of General Community Use for a small portion of the park, which was the former site of a now demolished amenities building in the southern section, was not approved and Council was directed by Crown Lands to re-categorise this area as Park. A Public Hearing was therefore required to be undertaken as per Section 40A of the *Local Government Act 1993* to enable this re-categorisation to occur.

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Council was also directed by Crown Lands to undertake a Public Hearing in relation to assigning multiple land categorisations in ten (10) Crown land parks covered by the GPoMs. This was due to the fact when the land was initially devolved to Council, it was required to assign a categorisation which most closely aligned to the reserve purpose of Public Recreation. Only a single categorization was permitted, however these has been changed through the public hearing process so that the land categorization reflects the use of that land. As such s3.23(7)(d) of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* (CLMA) applies.

The public hearing process was also used to correct a number of anomalies in relation to the manner in which seven (7) parks covered by GPoMs are currently categorised and maintained. The proposed re-categorisations will bring them in line with their respective Plan of Management and future use.

Due to the restrictions placed on public gatherings as a result of COVID-19, the public hearing was rescheduled as an audio-visual webcast held on Wednesday 22 July 2020. The hearing was chaired by Sandy Hoy (Parkland Planners). Six (6) individuals registered to attend the public hearing prior to the hearing, all six attended the public hearing and made verbal submissions and five (5) individuals made an online submission via the Have Your Say Page, e-mail or post.

The Public Hearing Report, which includes the proposed re-categorisations requiring Council adoption, has been provided as **ATTACHMENT 3 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.**

In accordance with legislative requirements set out in the correspondence from the Department, the draft GPoM P GCU and GPoM Sp were placed on public exhibition from 9 March until 19 April 2020. During the exhibition period, the local community and the users of these Parks were invited to review the draft Plans and provide written submissions.

Council received eight (8) submissions during the exhibition period. As the submissions received during the community consultation are already reflected within the GPoMs and other Council programs and strategies, or could be dealt with as part of future envisaged masterplanning processes, no changes have been made to the exhibited plans or their appendices provided as **ATTACHMENTS 4, 5, 7 AND 8 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.**

As these submissions were either of a minor nature and/or the GPoM P GCU and GPoM Sp had content that dealt with the issues raised or the matters could be dealt with as part of other relevant strategies or incorporated into the development of Master Plans for Park covered by these GPoMs, only one (1) alteration to the exhibited plans was required. This was a change to the wording in Section 1.6 Benefits and roles of parks in City of Ryde in the GPoM P GCU and GPoM Sp.

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The following wording was inserted:

Section 1.6.2 and 1.6.4 – Social, Community and economic benefits) – “Achieves integration and synergies between different land uses (such as recreation, residential and commercial uses), broadening the appeal for users, maximising community return on investment in these spaces and connecting residents, businesses and sportspeople

A number of other points raised issues in relation to biodiversity improvement issues. While these points are covered in the GPoMs, they will also be covered more thoroughly in the Generic Plan of Management for Natural Areas which Council resolved to forward to the Minister seeking approval to place on public exhibition at their Ordinary Meeting on 22 September 2020.

A summary of the submissions received and Council’s response to the matters they raised has been provided as **ATTACHMENT 6**.

In accordance with the requirements of the CLMA (2016), Native Title advice on the areas of Crown Land covered by this PoM has been obtained and is outlined in the GPoM documents.

It is therefore recommended that the revised Generic Plan of Management for Parks, General Community Use and Generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds, and the proposed re-categorisations be adopted by Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council adopt the Generic Plan of Management for Parks, General Community Use and the Generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds in accordance with Section 40 of *the Local Government Act 1993*.
- (b) That Council adopt the recategorisations as set out in the Public Hearing Report from Parkland Planners in accordance with Section 40A of the *Local Government Act 1993* and Section 3.23 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

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- 1 Departmental Approval Letter Sportsgrounds January 2020
- 2 Departmental Approval Letter Parks GCU January 2020
- 3 Marsfield Park Glades Bay Park and Other Crown Land Recategorisations
Public Hearing Report Final 19 August 2020 - CIRCULATED UNDER
SEPARATE COVER
- 4 GPoM Parks & GCU 09-20 Final - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER
- 5 GPoM Sportsgrounds 09-20 - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER
- 6 Submission Table for Adoption Report Parks GCU and Sportsgrounds PoMs
2020
- 7 PGCU GPoM - Appendix B- Land Information - Community and Crown Lands -
CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER
- 8 PGCU SpGPoM - Appendix C - Map Series of all land parcels, presented by
sub-category - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

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At the Ordinary Council meeting held on 26 February 2019 Council resolved as follows:

- (a) *That the draft Generic Plan of Management for Parks, General Community Use and Generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds be forwarded to the Minister for Lands and Forestry seeking his approval to place them on public exhibition.*
- (b) *That once approval by the Minister for Lands and Forestry is received, the draft Generic Plan of Management for Parks, General Community Use and Generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds be placed on public exhibition in accordance with the NSW Government's Crown Land Community Engagement Strategy for a period of 28 days.*
- (c) *That submissions be accepted by Council for up to a further 14 days after the completion of the exhibition period.*
- (d) *That a subsequent report be brought back to Council with the results of the public exhibition.*

The two draft Generic Plans of Management, Parks, General Community Use (GPoM P, GCU) and Sportsgrounds (GPoM Sp) cover the majority of the parks and reserves in the City of Ryde ranging from large district parks, playgrounds, small areas of community parkland as well as district level sporting facilities. These are well used by the Ryde community as well as visitors from other areas.

These parks are a combination of Crown Land and Community Land and are dedicated, categorised and zoned specifically for public recreation.

The draft GPoM P GCU and GPoM Sp have been prepared under the requirements of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016 (CLMA)*, the *Crown Land Management Regulation 2018* and the *Local Government Act 1993 (LGA)* and accordingly, these draft Plans of Management will satisfy the requirements for the content and process in preparing Plans of Management under the applicable Acts.

The draft GPoM P GCU and GPoM Sp have been prepared to guide the future development and management of these parks in response to the needs and values of the local community and the users of these parks.

When adopted by Council, the GPoM P GCU and GPoM Sp will extinguish the current specific plans of management applicable to Eastwood Park and Ryde Park and references to those parks covered in the Generic Plan of Management for Sportsground, Parks, Natural Areas, and General Community Use 2001.

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On 3 March 2020 a Councilor Information Bulletin was presented which provided an update on the Generic Plans of Management, including the GPoM P GCU and GPoM Sp and proposed changes to categorisations.

Information was provided on the directives from the Minister for Lands and Forestry (the Minister) whereby the Generic Plans of Management for Parks, General Community Use, Sportsgrounds and the Parramatta River Parklands Plan of Management were required to be placed on public exhibition.

The Department further informed Council that the initial categorisations for all the Crown Reserves proposed in the GPoMs have been accepted, with the exception of Crown Reserve (R500342 – Marsfield Park). The proposed categorisation of General Community Use for a small portion of the park, which was the former site of a now demolished amenities building to the south of the park was not approved and Council was directed to recategorise this area as Park. A Public Hearing was therefore required to be undertaken as per Section 40A of the *Local Government Act 1993* to enable this recategorisation.

Council was also directed to undertake a Public Hearing in relation to the multiple categorisations of ten (10) Crown land parks covered by the GPoMs. This was due to the fact that while these parks have multiple categorisations which had existed since the adoption of the original Generic Plan of Management for Sportsground, Parks, Natural Areas, General Community Use 2001, our initial assignment of a categorisation to the Department, which most closely aligned to the reserve purpose of Public Recreation was only permissible as a single categorisation and such s3.23(7)(d) of the CLMA applies.

This states:

- (d) if the draft first plan of management alters the categories assigned as provided by this section, the council manager must:*
- (i) obtain the written consent of the Minister to adopt the plan if the re-categorisation would require an addition to the purposes for which the land is dedicated or reserved, and*
 - (ii) hold public hearings under section 40A of the Local Government Act 1993,*

Apart from the proposed recategorisations which are outlined in the Public Hearing Report, there has been no change in the assigned categorisations of these parks from the Generic Plan of Management for Sportsground, Parks, Natural Areas, General Community Use 2001.

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The Public Hearing and background information, supplied on line to the community, conveyed the reasoning behind the recategorisation of the portion of Marsfield Park and the multiple categorisations of the following ten (10) Crown land parks contained in the GPoM P GCU and GPoM Sp:

- Cararra Reserve
- Brush Farm Park
- Westminister Park
- Monash Park
- Stewart Park
- Glen Street Reserve
- Ryde Park
- North Ryde Park
- Anzac Park
- Mulhall Park

The public hearing was also used to correct a number of anomalies in relation to the manner in which six (6) parks covered by GPoMs are currently categorised and maintained. The proposed recategorisations will bring them in line with their respective Plan of Management and future use. These parks are:

- Civic Gateway
- Hubert Hunt Reserve
- Glades Bay Park
- Burrows Park
- Denistone Park
- Pindari Park

Consultation on the GPoM P GCU and GPoM Sp and Public Hearing

The GPoM P GCU and GPoM Sp were exhibited in accordance with the requirements of LGA, the *Crown Land Management Regulation 2018* and the CLMA. The consultation process has been thorough and has informed both internal and external stakeholders as well as the local community. The Public Exhibition Period for the draft Plans of Management ran from 9 March until 19 April 2020.

In accordance with Council's Community Engagement Strategy, notices were placed in parks outlined in the GPoM P GCU and GPoM Sp. Copies of the draft GPoM P GCU and GPoM Sp were also provided at the Customer Service Centre and libraries as well as information explaining where further information could be obtained and how the community could make a submission.

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Consultation was also undertaken for the Public Hearing which Council was directed to undertake for the proposed re-categorisation of Marsfield Park, the multiple categorisations of Crown land parks and the correction of anomalies of six other parks.

The required Public Hearing, initially scheduled to be held concurrently within with the public exhibition period at Marsfield Community Centre on Wednesday 1 April at 6:30pm. This was rescheduled due to the restrictions placed on public gatherings as a result of COVID-19 as an audio-visual webcast held on 22 July 2020.

The community was made aware of the rescheduled on-line meeting via the Have Your Say Page, notices erected in the parks and an eNewsletter to those on our previous distribution list as well as customers who had made a submission on the GPoM P GCU and GPoM Sp or who subscribed to the webpage.

The hearing was chaired by Sandy Hoy, a consultant with extensive experience in conducting these hearings. Six (6) customers registered to attend the public hearing prior to the hearing, six (6) customers attended the public hearing and made verbal submissions and five (5) customers made an online submission via the Have Your Say Page, e-mail or post.

A Public Hearing Report which outlines the proposed re-categorisation of the identified parks and the submissions received as a result, has been provided as **ATTACHMENT 3** to this report.

Discussion

During the public exhibition of the GPoM P GCU and GPoM Sp, Council received eight (8) submissions from the community.

Each of the submissions has been reviewed and a detailed commentary and analysis of each has been provided in **ATTACHMENT 6**.

A number of the submissions received were in support of the management strategies and actions in these Plans of Management and thanked Council for the opportunity to make comment.

Set out below in summary are the areas outlined in the GPoM P GCU and GPoM Sp that the community made comment on. These included:

ITEM 3 (continued)Playgrounds

There were two submissions in relation to the provision and siting of playgrounds. The GPoMs provides some direction regarding playgrounds, however Council's Children's Play Plan – 5 Year review is the principle Strategy. The GPoMs state:

- There is a need for equipment more accessible to a younger age groups i.e. toddlers and school age group children
- Playgrounds need separation between off leash areas
- Playground fencing to separate conflicting activities in parks is required

(GPoM P GCU – pages 13, 25, 33, 36, 40, 51, 54 & 66. GPoM Sp - pages 33 & 47).

Dog Facilities

There were three submissions that raised issues in relation to dogs in parks. A report on dog off leash areas was presented to Council in May 2020 and is the principle strategy. The GPoMs state:

- Provide more dog park facilities, especially in Macquarie Park
- The off-leash dog area in Darvall Park is not fenced, and has no time-restrictions
- Fence all unleashed dog exercise areas
- Object to the proposal to “increase access” to sportsground for dogs

(GPoM P GCU – pages 16, 33, 37, 40, 54, 55, 68, 74 & 84. GPoM Sp - pages 15, 30, 34, 37, 50, 61 & 68).

Biodiversity values

There were four submissions in relation to biodiversity values and wildlife corridors. Council adopted the Biodiversity Plan in 2016 which has been incorporated into the GPoMs. The main points and references to where these are dealt with in the GPoMs are set out below:

- Interest is in native vegetation and our bird-life
- Insect attack on many native plants already struggling to survive

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- Lantana was one of the last refuges for many of our remaining small birds
- As stated in the Greater Sydney Green Grid there should be connections of creeklines and habitat / green corridors to the Lane Cove River
- A habitat/green corridor should be made either around or through Macquarie Shopping Centre
- Native vegetation in the parks and sportsgrounds is very important as a corridor for native birds migrating up and down the East Coast and habitat for resident birds
- Trees and shrubs should be enhanced by more infill planting, more ground storey plantings, more variety of structure and there should be succession plantings for the future to provide mature replacement trees
- Parks and sportsground are also managed to maximise biodiversity not just passive and active recreation

It is felt that the matters raised in the various submissions are also dealt with in the plans of management in the following manner:

- Referencing of the applicable legislation, strategies and plans within the (GPoM P GCU – pages 12-25. GPoM Sp – 13-22).
- Through the Values Visions and Core Objectives for Parks (GPoM P GCU – pages 39-44. GPoM Sp – 36-40).
- Included in the Action Plans for parks (GPoM P GCU – pages 58-63, 65 & 69. GPoM Sp – 45, 46, 48, 50, 51-53 & 56).

These matters will also be dealt with in the Generic Plan of Management for Natural Areas, which Council resolved to send to the Minister in September 2020.

These and other matters raised in submissions can also be dealt with as part of envisaged future masterplanning processes for individual parks.

Native Title

Under the CLMA, Councils are now required to engage a qualified 'native title manager' to oversee and approve dealings and actions that may affect native title. Native title managers must have training or qualifications that have been approved by the Minister.

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Land managers (Council's) must obtain the written advice of at least one native title manager where it grants certain interests in the land, including leases, licences, easements, mortgages, covenants, permits, other estates and other restrictions on use.

Council engaged Lands Advisory Services Pty Ltd, who are a suitably qualified legal firm to provide Native Title advice on Councils Crown Land.

They have provided advice in relation to the GPoM P GCU and GPoM Sp and the required amendments to the PoMs have been included. This advice and amendments satisfy the requirements of the CLMA.

The advice received permits Council to issue leases and licenses and undertake public works on all of the areas of Crown land covered by the GPoMs with the exception of a small section of Carrara Reserve comprised of the following lots, Lot 1 DP 34765, Lot 1 DP 121411, Lot 2 DP 223488 and Lot B DP 392153.

Searches conducted by our Native Title Manager revealed that due to an oversight by the Crown when gazetting this park as Crown land, this reserve is not excluded land for the purposes of Part 8 of the CLMA. Excluded land is land where all native title rights and interests in relation to the land have been extinguished, or there are no native title rights and interests in relation to the land.

Council, through our Native Title Manager, will continue investigations and provide this information to the Crown seeking a Native Title Certificate for this park. As no works or leases/licenses are required for this park, there will be no effect on the GPoMs.

Financial Implications

There are a number of "H" High Priority items that have been identified in the GPoM P GCU and GPoM Sp. Funding to implement all prioritised actions will be considered either during Council's business planning cycle, incorporated into the future iteration of the Section 7.11 Plan, or identified for grant funding opportunities, and appropriate adjustments will be made to the Delivery Plan.

External grant funding opportunities will be investigated and may include NSW Government Community Building Partnership program, NSW Office of Sport, Metropolitan Greenspace grants, Australian Government Stronger Community grants, environment/water grants and potential grants/contributions from sporting user groups or special interest groups.

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ATTACHMENT 1



**Planning,
Industry &
Environment**

Reference: LBN19/2265

Mr Vince Cusumano
City of Ryde Council
Locked Bag 2069
North Ryde NSW 1670

Dear Mr Cusumano

Subject: City of Ryde draft Plan of Management – Sportsgrounds

Thank you for referring City of Ryde Council's draft Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds under section 39 of the Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act), and Council's request for consent to alter the initial assigned categorisation of the land under section 3.23(d)(i) of the Crown Land Management Act 2016.

I have reviewed of the draft plan of management and as a delegate for the Minister for Water, Property and Housing, I am pleased to confirm that the draft plan satisfies the requirements under section 3.23 of the Crown Land Management Act 2016.

I have also considered Council's request to alter the initial assigned categorisation for six Crown reserves included in the draft plan. As a delegate of the Minister for Water, Property and Housing, I grant consent to assign the category of Sportsground as per the Sportsgrounds Plan of Management for the land (see Attachment 1).

The other categories assigned to the reserves in the draft plan of management will be assessed on review of other draft plans of management that are relevant to those categories.

Council can now progress to give public notice of the draft plan of management which is required to include a public hearing as per section 40A of the Local Government Act 1993. If the council decides to amend the draft plan after public notice of the draft plan of management, Council is required to again refer the plan to the land owner.

If you have any further questions or need assistance, please contact me on 0422 005 533 or via email at council.clm@crowland.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



9 January 2020

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Encl.

Attachment 1: *Schedule of Crown reserves – consent to alter categorisation granted*

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ATTACHMENT 1

Attachment 1: Schedule of Crown reserves – consent to alter categorisation granted

Reserve No.	Purpose(s)	Categorisation
R500164 (part)	Public Recreation	Sportsground <i>Bush Park Pt</i>
R500260 (part)	Public Recreation	Sportsground <i>Washburne</i>
R500307 (part)	Public Recreation	Sportsground <i>Marion Park</i>
R77264 (part)	Public Recreation Community Purposes (S121A)	Sportsground <i>Ryde Pt</i>
R44240 (part)	Public Recreation	Sportsground <i>Marion Park Pt</i>
R500342 (part)	Public Recreation	Sportsground <i>Marion Park Pt</i>

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ATTACHMENT 1

Figure 1: R95771 – Purpose 'Public Recreation'



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ATTACHMENT 2



Planning,
Industry &
Environment

Reference: LBN19/2263

Mr Vince Cusumano
City of Ryde Council
Locked Bag 2069
North Ryde NSW 1670

Dear Mr Cusumano

Subject: City of Ryde draft Plan of Management – Parks and General Community Use

Thank you for referring City of Ryde Council's draft Plan of Management for Parks and General Community Use under section 39 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and Council's request for consent to alter the initial assigned categorisation of the land under section 3.23(d)(i) of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

I have reviewed of the draft plan of management and as a delegate for the Minister for Water, Property and Housing, I am pleased to confirm that the draft plan satisfies the requirements under section 3.23 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

I have also considered Council's request to alter the initial assigned categorisation for 12 Crown reserves included in the draft plan. As a delegate of the Minister for Water, Property and Housing, I grant consent to assign the categories of Park and General Community Use to eight Crown reserves as per the Parks and General Community Use Plan of Management for the land (see Attachment 1), with one amendment (R500342).

It is noted three Crown reserves Council has not altered the initial categorisation of Park. A further Crown reserve (R71349) has not been considered as the requested categorisation (Natural Area) places it outside of the parameters of this Plan of Management for Parks and General Community Use.

The other categories assigned to the reserves will be assessed on review of the draft plan of management relevant to the categorisation.

Council can now progress to give public notice of the draft plan of management which is required to include a public hearing as per section 40A of the *Local Government Act 1993*. If the council decides to amend the draft plan after public notice of the draft plan of management, Council is required to again refer the plan to the land owner.

If you have any further questions or need assistance, please contact me on 0422 005 533 or via email at council.clm@crowland.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



13 January 2020

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Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands

Encl.

Attachment 1: *Schedule of Crown reserves – consent to alter categorisation granted*

Attachment 2: *Schedule of Crown reserves – consent to alter not considered*

Attachment 3: *Schedule of Crown reserves – no alteration to categorisation required*

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ATTACHMENT 2

Attachment 1: Schedule of Crown reserves – consent to alter categorisation granted

Reserve No.	Purpose(s)	Categorisation approved by Plan of Management
R500164 (part)	Public Recreation	Park <i>Bush Farm Pt x</i>
R500260 (part)	Public Recreation	Park General Community Use <i>Westminster Pt x</i>
R500307 (part)	Public Recreation	Park <i>Marsfield Park x</i>
R72358 (part)	Public Recreation	Park <i>Stewart Park x</i>
R75180	Public Recreation	Park General Community Use <i>Gr St Res x</i>
R77264 (part)	Public Recreation Community Purposes (S121A)	Park General Community Use <i>Ryde Park x</i>
R500342 (part)	Public Recreation	Park General Community Use (not including area in Lot 652 DP752035) (see Figure 1) <i>Marsfield Pt x</i>
R44240 (part)	Public Recreation	Park <i>North Ryde Park x</i>

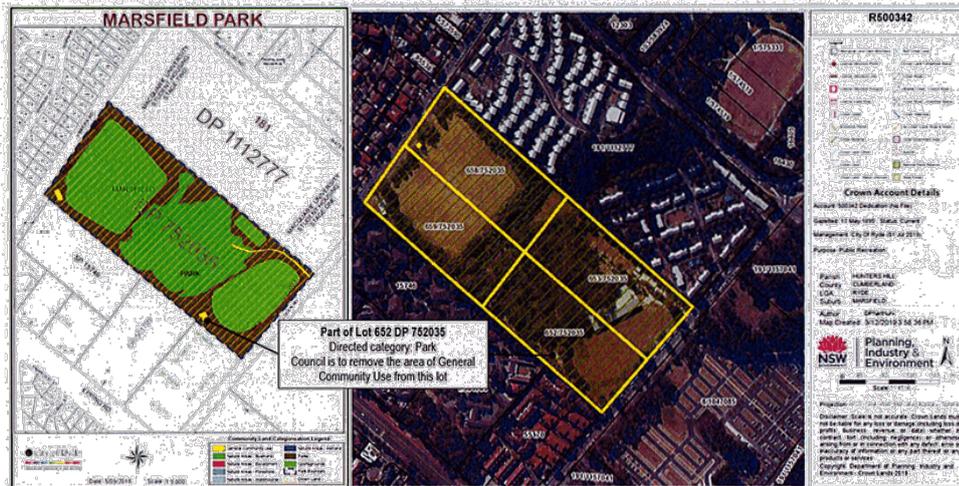
Attachment 2: Schedule of Crown reserves – consent to alter not considered

Reserve No.	Purpose(s)	Category requested
R71349	Public Recreation	Natural Area - Bushland <i>Stewart Park x</i>

Attachment 3: Schedule of Crown reserves – no alteration to categorisation required

Reserve No.	Purpose(s)	Categorisation previously approved
R100215	Public Recreation	Park <i>Cassara Park x</i>
R69923	Public Recreation	Park <i>Azzal Park x</i>
R89785	Public Recreation	Park <i>Mulhall Park x</i>

Figure 1: R500342 – Purpose 'Public Recreation'



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ATTACHMENT 6

Analysis of the submissions received during the Public Exhibition Period for the
Parks General Community Use and Sportsgrounds Draft Plans of Management – 20 April 2020.

SUBMISSION DETAIL	DISCUSSION	CHANGES TO PLAN OF MANAGEMENT
Submission 1 – CM D20/43929		
Eastwood Park: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a need for equipment more accessible to younger age groups ie. Toddlers and school age group children into greater consideration 	The issues raised will be considered as part of the masterplan process undertaken in the future.	No change to the plans of management.
Submissions 2, CM D20/50673		
Macquarie Park area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide more dog park facilities, especially in Macquarie Park 	The issue raised will be considered as part of masterplan processes for parks in this area undertaken in the future. Dog facilities are also dealt with through the recently endorsed Dog Recreation Needs Study	No change to the plans of management.
Submissions 3, CM D20/50690		
Darvall Park and Outlook Park: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interest is native vegetation and our bird-life The proliferation of damaging insect and unimpeded insect attack on many native plants already struggling to survive Lantana was one of the last refuges for many of our remaining small birds—now almost all areas of safety has disappeared along with almost all of the local small birds 	The issue raised will be considered as part of masterplan processes for parks in this area undertaken in the future. Respondent made aware of Natural Areas Generic Plan of Management currently being prepared	No change to the plans of management.

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SUBMISSION DETAIL	DISCUSSION	CHANGES TO PLAN OF MANAGEMENT
Submissions 4, CM D20/50694		
Darvall Park: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to know about Darvall Park in particular 	<p>The issue raised will be considered as part of masterplan processes for parks in this area undertaken in the future.</p> <p>Respondent made aware of Natural Areas Generic Plan of Management currently being prepared</p>	No change to the plans of management
Submission 5, CM D20/51547		
General Document Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the City's draft Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds and Parks, which is obviously a very thoroughly prepared and well considered document. I congratulate Council, its staff and consultants on the draft document. • Suggests the draft Plan be amended slightly to incorporate each park needs to be integrated into the city as a whole and will help permit prioritisation of the planning and management of all parks. • Section 1.6.2 and 1.6.4 – Social, Community and economic benefits) – consider inserting the following additional benefit: "Achieves integration and synergies between different land uses (such as recreation, residential and commercial uses), broadening the appeal for users, maximising community return on investment in these spaces and connecting residents, businesses and sportspeople. • Sections 3.3 and 3.4 Core objectives for parks and aims and objectives for parks – consider inserting content which describes aims, objectives and actions which recognises the context of the park within the City of Ryde, the role it plays in that context at present and the new role it may play in the future. • 4.3 regarding "Provision and access actions" and seeks to achieve linkages beyond simply "connections with other parks" as described on p58 of the draft Plan. • This is consistent with the City's Community Strategic Plan, which seeks a "city of connections" and "a City of prosperity and liveable neighbourhoods", which is referred to in the exhibited in the draft PoM document. 	<p>Core objectives and benefits contain wording that covers these issues</p> <p>Sections 3.3 & 3.4 are wording from the Local Government Act 1993 and therefore cannot be amended</p> <p>Section 4.3 covers connections to other land uses in the CoR</p>	No other changes to the plan of management.

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ATTACHMENT 6

SUBMISSION DETAIL	DISCUSSION	CHANGES TO PLAN OF MANAGEMENT
Submission 6 – CM D20/55587		
Sportsground, Parks and General Community Use - Plans of Management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These plans have been well thought through and are comprehensive. • Thank you for the inclusion of many points considering the maintenance and enhancement of biodiversity and of habitat corridors and connections through all areas and also with regards to connecting habitat corridors from one park or reserve to another where and when opportunities arise. • There is one concern and that relates to Shrimptons Creek and its connection to Lane Cove River. As stated in the Greater Sydney Green Grid there should be connections of creeklines and habitat / green corridors to the Lane Cove River. • Shrimptons Creek runs under Macquarie Shopping Centre. We believe it is important to the wellbeing of the entire Shrimptons Creek corridor that an above ground connection for a habitat/green corridor should be made either around or through Macquarie Shopping Centre. 	Corridor connections are captured in the two GPoMs. This matter may be more pertinent to the Natural Ares Generic PoM which is presently being prepared	No change to the plan of management.
Submission 7 – CM D20/58616		
Sportsground, Parks and General Community Use - Plans of Management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am concerned that the Plan of Management fully achieves its objective of enhancing the natural and ecological values of the City's parks and sportsgrounds. • Native vegetation in the parks and sportsgrounds is very important as a corridor for native birds migrating up and down the East Coast through the metropolitan area and links to the north to Lane Cove River National Park and further on and links south over Parramatta River through Sydney Olympic Park and other remnant vegetated areas. • Native vegetation in Parklands is important as habitat for resident birds. • Vegetation located in Ryde bushland in areas categorised as park, sports ground and as community use needs to be valued and protected. Increase plantings of native species for habitat and shade. • Areas categorised as park and as community use contain many large mature trees of great value as habitat, aesthetic value and shade. • Trees and shrubs should be enhanced by more infill planting, more ground storey plantings, more variety of structure and there should be succession plantings for the future to provide mature replacement trees when the current trees age and die or are damaged. • It is important to me that the parks and sportsground are also managed to maximise biodiversity not just passive and active recreation. 	Corridor connections are captured in the two GPoMs. The issues raised will be considered as part of the masterplan process undertaken in the future. These matters are dealt with in the Parramatta River Parklands Plan of Management.	No change to the plan of management.

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SUBMISSION DETAIL	DISCUSSION	CHANGES TO PLAN OF MANAGEMENT
Submission 8 – CM D20/58568		
<p>Darvall Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The park contains a children’s playground. Adjacent to this is a large, grassy area which is sometimes used for organised sport. Whenever organised sport is not being played, the large, grassy area (which forms the majority of Darvall Park) is an off-leash dog area. The off-leash dog area is not fenced, and has no time-restrictions. There is no separation between the off-leash dog area and the playground; they are adjacent. I have young children. I would like to be able to take them to Darvall Park (to use both the playground and grassy area) – but the off-leash dog area means that this is not safe. My experience is that, at any time, an off-leash dog may appear and start behaving aggressively towards my children. My experience is that dog owners do not attempt to restrain their dogs – they allow them to run towards my children. It is unsatisfactory that there are no time-limits placed upon the off-leash dog arrangements at Darvall Park. It is unsatisfactory that, at Darvall Park, the recreational needs of dogs are effectively considered more important than the recreational needs of young children – children unable to defend themselves against, for example, a German Shepherd dog that comes running towards them at speed. This situation is unacceptable; it must change, urgently. At a minimum, there must be time-limits for when off-leash dogs are allowed at Darvall Park – such as the time limits currently in place at Meadowbank Park (6am to 8am, and 5pm to 7pm). If time limits are considered a reasonable imposition (on dog-owners) at one park, they can also be imposed at other parks. My strong preference is that a fenced off-leash dog area be constructed at Darvall Park. (Compared to the cost of, say, re-sealing a local road, it can’t be overly expensive to erect some fencing and a gate.) This could be done in the area adjacent to the bowling club, or in an area between the playground and the informal sportsground – to create an area about the size of the off-leash dog area at Ryde Park. This would leave the majority of the grassy area still available for organised sport, and informal recreation by citizens. <p>Comments specifically on Parks & General Community Use Draft Plan of Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pages 36/37 of this document refer to the 2015 community engagement outcomes from the Sport and Recreation Strategy. It notes that, for people who were dissatisfied with the provision of sport and recreational facilities, amongst the things they most wanted, was “fenced dog-off leash areas...”. I also support fenced dog off-leash areas (as my preferred type of off-leash area) in the Ryde local government area. 	<p>The issues raised were referred and dealt with as part of the endorsed Dog Needs Study.</p> <p>The issues raised will be considered as part of the masterplan process undertaken in the future.</p>	<p>No change to the plan of management.</p>

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<i>Submission 8 – CM D20/58568 (cont.)</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I strongly support the content on page 54, which refers to the management issue, "Fencing" as a way to "Separate conflicting activities in parks such as children's playgrounds, natural areas, picnic/barbecue facilities and unleashed dog exercise areas." I note that one of the associated actions is to "Install fencing and gates to carparks and roads at designated unleashed dog exercise areas." I propose that this could be made less ambiguous by, instead, simply stating, "Fence all unleashed dog exercise areas." Comments specifically on Sportsgrounds Draft Plan of Management Pages 33/34 of this document also refer to the 2015 community engagement outcomes from the Sport and Recreation Strategy. It notes that, for people who were dissatisfied with the provision of sport and recreational facilities, amongst the things they most wanted, was "fenced dog-off leash areas...". I also support fenced dog offleash areas (as my preferred type of off-leash area) in the Ryde local government area. Page 50 refers to the management issue, "Dog exercise on sportsgrounds". The document proposes that the associated objectives/targets be, "Increase access to sportsgrounds for dog exercise while recognising the primary use of sportsgrounds for sport and active recreation...". I object to the proposal to "increase access" to sportsground for dogs. Furthermore, the wording should be amended to, "...while recognising the primary use of sportsgrounds for sport and active recreation, and informal recreation by citizens...". Any use of sportsgrounds (being either formal or informal sportsgrounds) by offleash dogs, should be subject to time-restrictions. However, my very strong preference is that off-leash dog areas in the Ryde local government area, only take the form of dedicated, fenced areas. 	<p>The issues raised were referred and dealt with as part of the endorsed Dog Needs Study.</p> <p>The issues raised will be considered as part of the masterplan process undertaken in the future.</p>	<p>No change to the plan of management.</p>