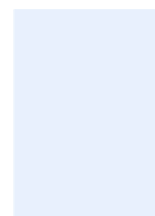


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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of this report

The purpose of this report is to convey to City of Ryde Council the verbal and written submissions made in relation to a public hearing held on 22 July 2020 regarding:

- ☐ proposed recategorisation of part of Marsfield Park
- ☐ proposed categorisation/recategorisation of parts of Glades Bay Park
- ☐ proposed recategorisation of parks in the Draft Natural Areas Generic Plan of Management
- ☐ multiple categorisations of Crown land in the Draft Generic Plans of Management for Parks and General Community Use, and Sportsgrounds.

This report has been prepared under Section 40A of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

1.2 Background to the public hearing

City of Ryde placed the Draft Generic Plan of Management for Parks and General Community Use, and the Draft Generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds, on public exhibition from 9 March to 19 April 2020. Both plans were able to be viewed online at the City of Ryde Have Your Say website www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/Home, at the Customer Service Centre at 1 Pope Street, Ryde (Monday to Friday, 8.30am - 5.00pm), and at all City of Ryde Libraries (during branch hours).

The community was invited to attend a public hearing about the proposed recategorisation of part of Marsfield Park and the multiple categorisations of Crown land included in the Draft Generic Plans of Management for Parks and General Community Use, and for Sportsgrounds, on Wednesday 1 April 2020 from 6.00pm – 7.30pm at Marsfield Community Centre, 1A Trafalgar Place, Marsfield. However due to the restrictions on public gatherings as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, that public hearing had to be cancelled.

Council rescheduled the public hearing to Wednesday 22 July 2020. Council took the opportunity to combine the proposed recategorisation of Marsfield Park and multiple categorisations of Crown land with the proposed recategorisation of parts of Glades Bay Park and recategorisation of some parks in the Draft Natural Areas Generic Plan of Management at the public hearing.

There are four elements of the public hearing:

1. Proposed recategorisation of part of Marsfield Park from General Community Use to Park
2. Proposed categorisation/recategorisation of parts of Glades Bay Park as Natural Area-Bushland or Park
3. Proposed recategorisation of parks in the Draft Natural Areas Generic Plan of Management to Natural Area-Bushland or Park:
 - part of Burrows Park from General Community Use to Natural Area-Bushland
 - part of Denistone Park, all of Hubert Hunt Reserve, part of Stewart Park from Park to Natural Area-Bushland

- all of Civic Gateway and part of Pindari Park from Natural Area-Bushland to Park.
4. Multiple categorisations of Crown land in the Draft Generic Plans of Management for Parks and General Community Use, and Sportsgrounds.

1.3 This report

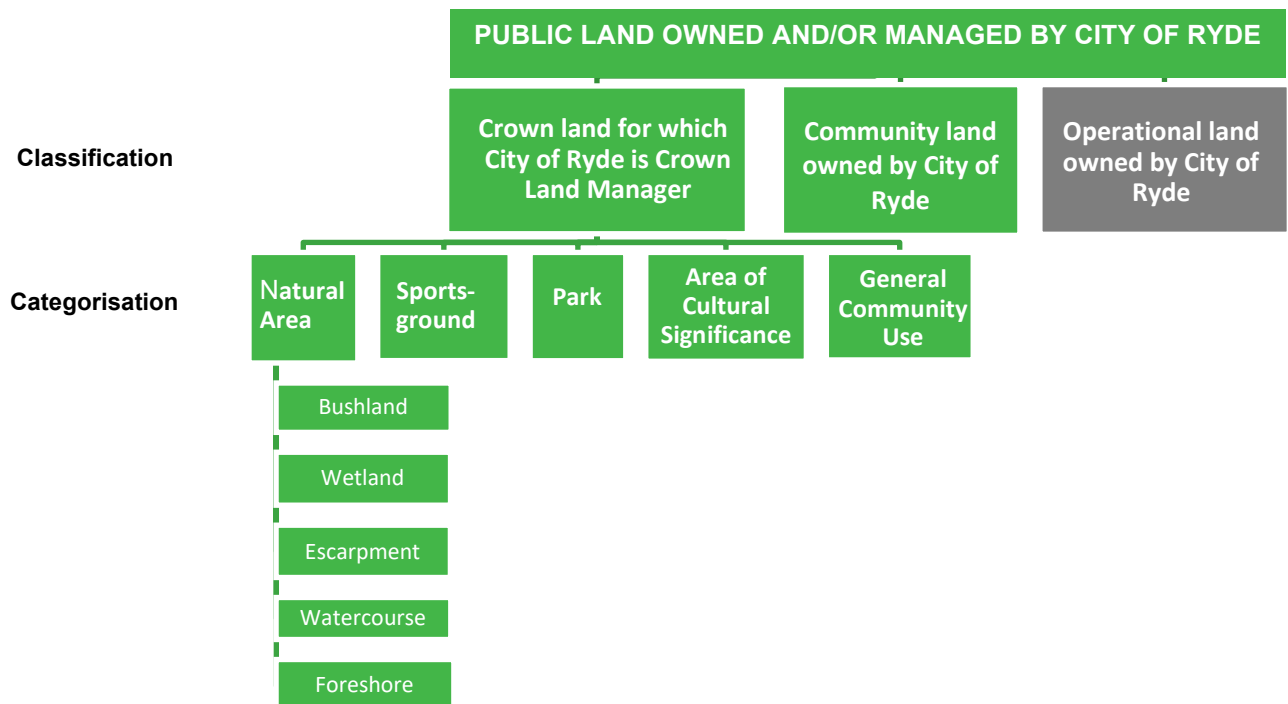
The remainder of this report presents the relevant requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* and *Crown Land Management Act 2016* regarding Plans of Management and categorisation of community land, and submissions regarding the proposed recategorisation of community and Crown land in part of Marsfield Park and parts of Glades Bay Park, recategorisation of parks included in the Draft Natural Areas Plan of Management, and multiple categorisation of several Crown land parks. The submissions comprise verbal submissions made at the public hearing held on 22 July 2020, and written submissions received by Council between 24 June and 29 July 2020.

2 PLANNING CONTEXT

2.1 What is community and Crown land?

The *Local Government Act 1993* and *Crown Land Management Act 2016* set out a range of requirements for the management of public land that City of Ryde is legally bound to adhere to.

Figure 1 Classification and categorisation of community and Crown land



From 1 July 2018 the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* requires local Councils that are appointed to manage dedicated or reserved area of Crown land (as is the case for Marsfield Park, Glades Bay Reserve and the other Crown land parks covered by the Draft Plan), to manage that land as if it were community land under the *Local Government Act 1993*, including preparing a Plan of Management and categorising the land.

The Local Government Act requires that all public land owned by Council must be classified as "community" or "operational" land (Section 26).

Community land is intended to be managed for use by the community for purposes including environmental protection, recreational, cultural, social and educational activities. Community land may only be leased or licensed for up to 21 years without the Minister's consent or up to 30 years with the Minister's consent, it cannot be sold, and its use is restricted to the above purposes.

Conversely, operational land is land that can be used for any purposes deemed fit by Council, may be used for commercial purposes, be leased for a longer period of time, and can be sold.

2.2 What are the categories of community land?

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires that all land owned by the Council which is classified as community land be categorised. The *Crown Land Management Act 2016* provides that the same requirement for categorisation also now applies to Crown reserves such as Morrison Bay Park which are under the control of a “Council manager”.

As shown in Figure 3, community land may be categorised as one or more of the following under Section 36(4):

- ☐ a natural area.
- ☐ a sportsground.
- ☐ a park.
- ☐ an area of cultural significance.
- ☐ general community use.

Land that is categorised as a natural area is to be further categorised as one or more of the following under Section 36(5) of the Act:

- ☐ bushland.
- ☐ wetland.
- ☐ escarpment.
- ☐ watercourse.
- ☐ foreshore.
- ☐ a category prescribed by the regulations.

2.3 What are the guidelines for categorising community land?

Guidelines for categorising community land as a particular category are in Clauses 102 to 111 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.

The Department of Local Government’s revised Practice Note on Public Land Management (Department of Local Government, 2000) made general recommendations on the guidelines for categorising community land. The Practice Note stated:

“Council must have regard to the guidelines in determining a category (cl.9) but are not required to adopt any category merely because the land fits the description in the guidelines. Council should look at all the circumstances of the land in making a decision as to categorisation. For example, a piece of land may seem to satisfy the guidelines for more than one category. Council has a discretion in this case to look at the land in context, taking into account all relevant material before determining a category. It is important that Council be able to justify a decision.”

Also, Council may have a piece of community land, parts of which may be best managed as different categories, for example a piece of land with remnant bushland in one part and children’s play equipment in another. Council is able to categorise land as part ‘Natural Area – Bushland’ and part ‘Park’. It is strongly recommended that the land in each category not overlap. Overlapping categories may cause conflict in management objectives and will create confusion in the minds of Council staff and the community.”

2.4 Core objectives for managing community land

Each category and sub-category of community land has core objectives that apply to it under the Local Government Act. The core objectives outline the approach to management of the land covered by the particular category. The core objectives for each category of community land are set out in Sections 36E to 36N of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

2.5 Guidelines and core objectives for categories for this public hearing

The guidelines and core objectives for the categories of community and Crown land that will be dealt with in the public hearing are set out below in Table 1.

Table 1 Guidelines and core objectives for categories of Natural Area-Bushland, Park, Sportsground, General Community Use

Category	Guidelines	Core objectives
Natural Area	If the land, whether or not in an undisturbed state, possesses a significant geological feature, geomorphological feature, landform, representative system or other natural feature or attribute that would be sufficient to further categorise the land as bushland, wetland, escarpment, watercourse or foreshore under section 36(5) of the Act.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. - maintain the land, or that feature or habitat, in its natural state and setting. - provide for the restoration and regeneration of the land. - 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. - 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 <i>Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995</i> or the <i>Fisheries Management Act 1994</i>.
Under Section 36(5) of the Act, Natural Areas are required to be further categorised as bushland, wetland, escarpment, watercourse or foreshore based on the dominant character of the natural area.		
Natural Area – Bushland	Land that is categorised as a natural area should be further categorised as bushland under section 36(5) of the Act if the land contains primarily native vegetation and that vegetation: (a) is the natural vegetation or a remainder of the natural vegetation of the land, or	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ensure the ongoing ecological viability of the land by protecting the ecological biodiversity and habitat values of the land, the flora and fauna (including invertebrates, fungi and micro-organisms) of the land and other ecological values of the land. - protect the aesthetic, heritage, recreational, educational and scientific values of the land. - promote the management of the land in a manner that protects and enhances the values and quality of the land and facilitates public enjoyment of the land, and to implement measures directed to minimising or mitigating any disturbance caused by human intrusion.

Category	Guidelines	Core objectives
	(b) although not the natural vegetation of the land, is still representative of the structure or floristics, or structure and floristics, of the natural vegetation in the locality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - restore degraded bushland. - protect existing landforms such drainage lines, watercourses and foreshores. - retain bushland in parcels of a size and configuration that will enable the existing plant and animal communities to survive in the long term. - protect bushland as a natural stabiliser of the soil surface.
Park	Land that is, or is proposed to be, improved by landscaping, gardens or the provision of non-sporting equipment and facilities, for use mainly for passive or active recreational, social, educational and cultural pursuits that do not unduly intrude on the peaceful enjoyment of the land by others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities, and - provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and - improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.
Sports-ground	If the land is used or proposed to be used primarily for active recreation involving organised sports or the playing of outdoor games.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving active recreation involving organised sports and informal sporting activities and games, and - ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.
General Community Use	Land that may be made available for use for any purpose for which community land may be used, whether by the public at large or by specific sections of the public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public. - 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).

2.6 Plans of Management for community land

Council must prepare a Plan of Management for community land (Section 36(1)) and for Crown reserves for which it is the Crown Land Manager.

Community land and Crown reserves are required to be used and managed according to a Plan of Management applying to the land (Section 35).

Among the requirements of the Local Government Act for the contents of a Plan of Management for community and Crown land are:

- ☐ categorisation of the land
- ☐ core objectives for management of the land.

2.7 Public hearings

2.7.1 Why hold a public hearing?

A public hearing is required under Section 40A of the *Local Government Act 1993* and Section 3.23(7)(d) of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* if:

- ☐ a Plan of Management proposes to categorise (that is, the Plan has not been previously been prepared and adopted by Council, or has not categorised community land) the public land covered by the Plan of Management
- ☐ a Plan of Management proposes to re-categorise (changing the adopted category) the public land covered by the Plan of Management
- ☐ multiple categorisations are assigned to parks after the initial categorisation has been submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

Note: Public hearings regarding categorisation or re-categorisation of community land are not related to reclassification. Reclassification is when community land is re-classified as operational land that can then be managed differently and has the ability to be sold by Council. Community land is protected under the Local Government Act and cannot be sold.

2.7.2 Who conducts a public hearing?

An independent chairperson conducts the public hearing, and provides a report to Council with recommendations on the proposed categorisation, recategorisation or multiple categorisation of public land.

Under Section 47G of the Act, the person presiding at a public hearing must not be:

- a) A Councillor or employee of the Council holding the public hearing.
- b) A person who has been a Councillor or employee of that Council at any time during the 5 years before the date of his or her appointment.

2.7.3 What happens after the public hearing?

Council must make a copy of the report regarding the outcomes of the public hearing available for inspection by the public at a location within the area of Council no later than 4 days after it has received the final report from the person presiding at the public hearing.

This report will be presented to Council for their information when it considers:

- ☐ proposed recategorisation of part of Marsfield Park from General Community Use to Park
- ☐ proposed categorisation/recategorisation of parts of Glades Bay Park as Natural Area-Bushland or Park
- ☐ proposed recategorisation of parks in the Draft Natural Areas Generic Plan of Management to Natural Area-Bushland or Park:

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- ❑ Multiple categorisations of Crown land in the Draft Generic Plans of Management for Parks and General Community Use, and Sportsgrounds: Brush Farm Park, Glen Street Reserve, Monash Park, North Ryde Park, Ryde Park, Westminster Park.

The public hearing report will be presented to Council for their information when it considers adopting the Draft Generic Plans of Management for Parks and General Community Use, and Sportsgrounds; the Draft Parramatta River Parklands Plan of Management, and the Draft Natural Areas Generic Plan of Management.

If 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 relevant land owner.

3 PROPOSED CHANGES TO CATEGORISATION

3.1 Marsfield Park

3.1.1 Location of Marsfield Park

Marsfield Park is situated in the suburb of Marsfield, on a rectangular shaped area bounded by Vimiera Road to the north-west, Macquarie University student housing to the north-east, Culloden Road to the south-east, and medium density residential properties and the Divine Word Missionaries to the south-west.

The area of Marsfield Park which is proposed to be recategorised from General Community Use to Park is shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2 Photos of the area proposed for recategorisation in Marsfield Park



3.1.2 Ownership of Marsfield Park

Marsfield Park comprises Crown land as shown in Figure 3. The subject land is part of Lot 652 DP 752035, which is part of Crown Reserve R500342 reserved for Public Recreation.

Figure 3 Land tenure of Marsfield Park



3.1.3 Background

In the 2001 Generic Plan of Management for Parks, Sportsgrounds, Natural Areas and General Community Use which was adopted by City of Ryde in 2001, Marsfield Park was categorised as Sportsground, Natural Area-Bushland, Park, and General Community Use.

City of Ryde has prepared a Draft Generic Plan of Management for Parks and General Community Use, which proposed to retain the categorisation of a small part of the land in Marsfield Park on which an amenities block was situated as General Community Use. The amenities block was demolished in 2015.

Part of the process of preparing the Draft Plan of Management required Council to forward a copy of the draft Plan to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing for his approval to exhibit it for public comment. In correspondence from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment dated 13 January 2020 Council was directed to remove the area of General Community Use from part of Crown Reserve R500342 (part Lot 652 DP 752035) and to recategorise the land as Park.

Council has been directed by the Minister to recategorise this area from General Community Use to Park because the Park category more closely aligns with the guidelines and core objectives for the use of this area under the *Local Government Act 1993*, and it more closely aligns with the Crown land purpose of Public Recreation.

The Department also advised Council that:

'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

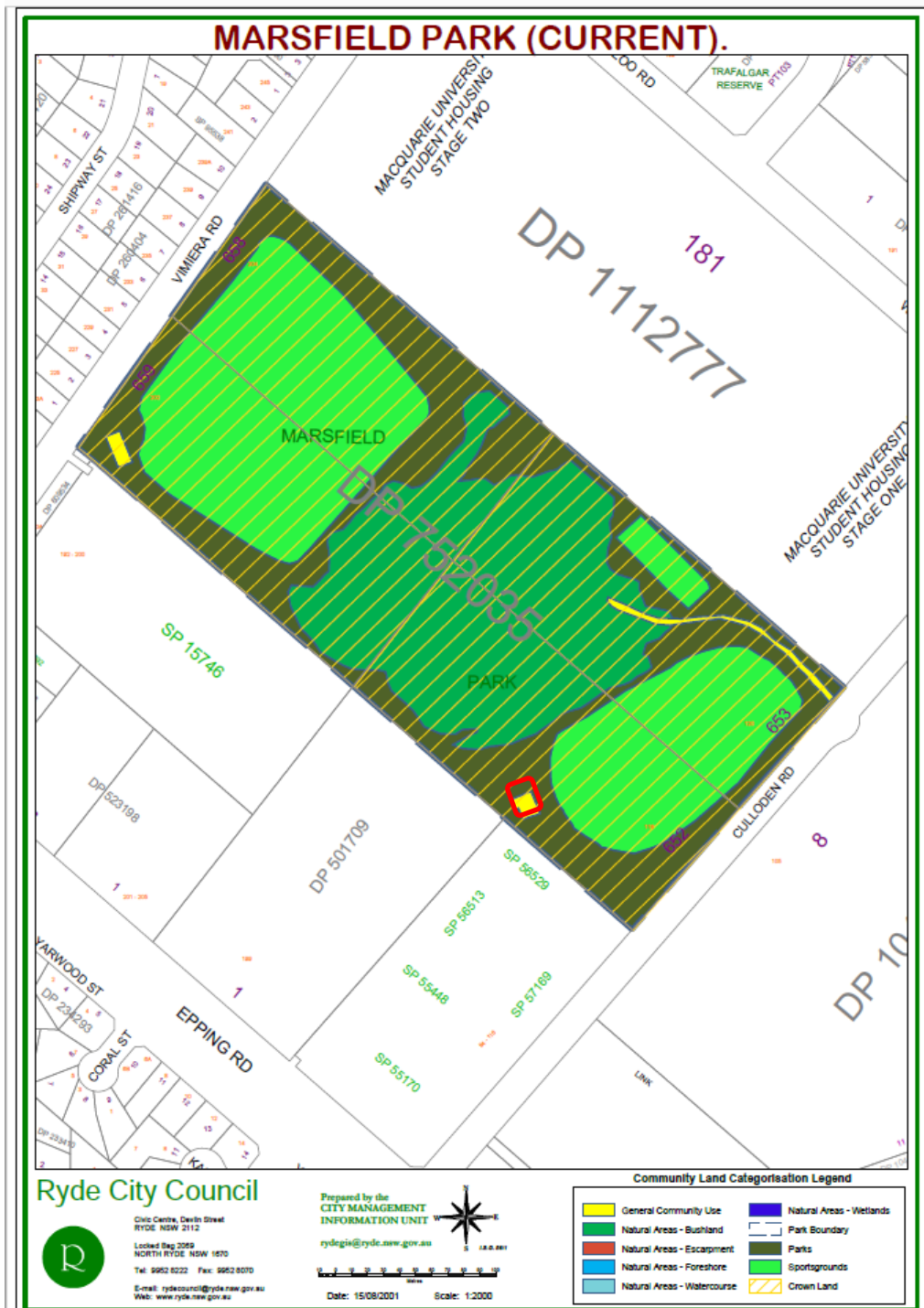
the council decides to amend the draft plan after public notice of the draft plan of management, Council is required to again refer the plan to the land owner.'

3.1.4 Current and proposed categorisation

Part of Lot 652 DP 752035 in Marsfield Park is proposed to be recategorised from General Community Use to Park.

The current and proposed categorisation of Marsfield Park is shown in Figures 4 and 5.

Figure 4 Categorisation of Marsfield Park adopted by City of Ryde 2001



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3.2 Glades Bay Park

3.2.1 Location of Glades Bay Park

Glades Bay Park is located at Ashburn Place in Gladesville.

Photographs of Glades Bay Park are in Figure 6.

Figure 6 Photographs of Glades Bay Park







3.2.2 Background

Glades Bay Park is community land that is owned and managed by City of Ryde.

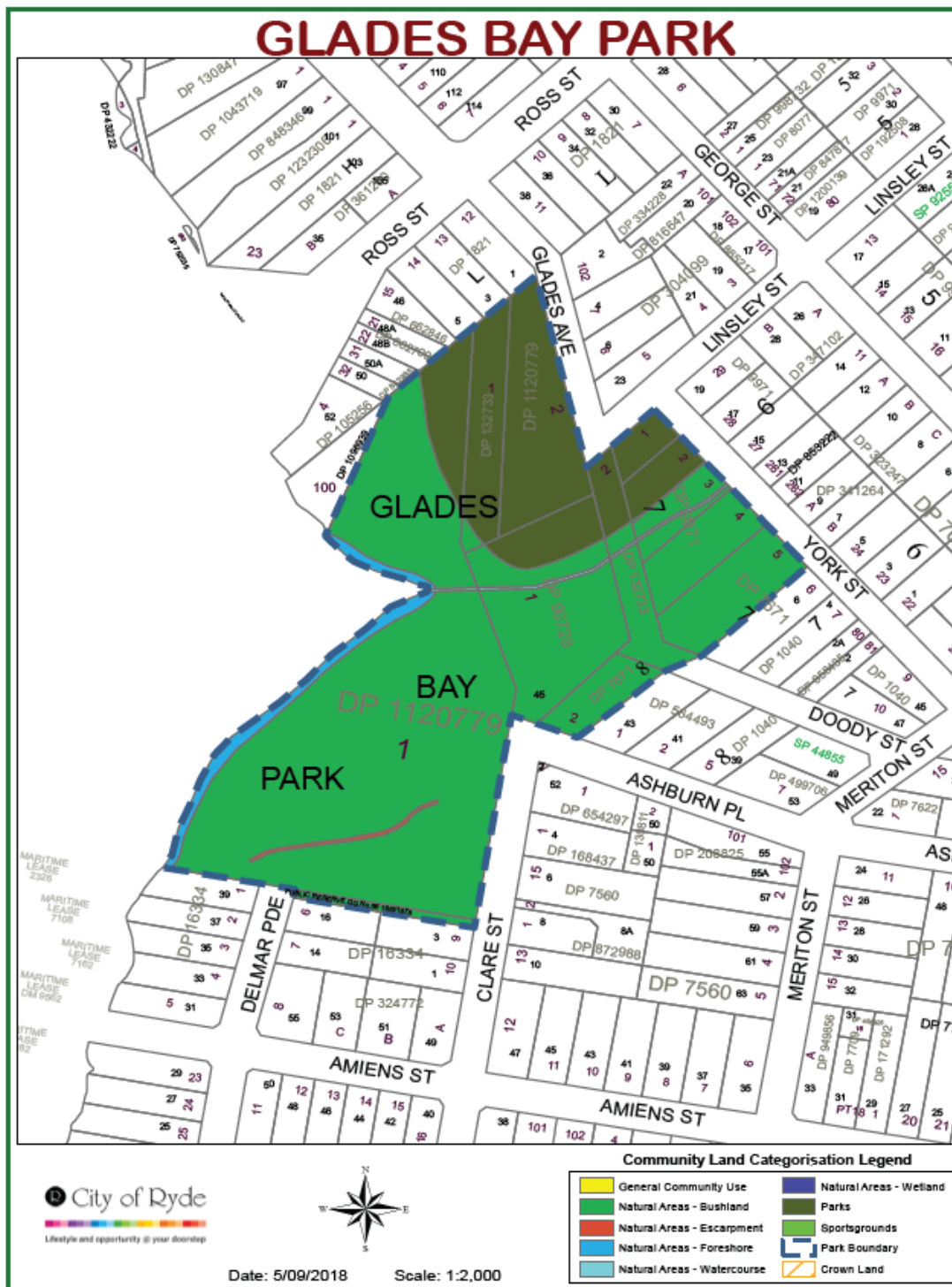
Glades Bay Park is included in the Draft Parramatta River Parklands Plan of Management.

Council is proposing categorisation of an addition to the park, and recategorisation of three parts of Glades Bay Park. The categorisation and recategorisations will require amendments to the Draft Parramatta River Parklands Plan of Management.

3.2.3 Current and proposed categorisation

The current categorisation of Glades Bay Park is shown in Figure 7.

Figure 7 Categorisation of Glades Bay Park adopted by City of Ryde 2001



The proposed recategorisation of parts of Glades Bay Park are shown in Figures 8 and 9:

- ☐ inclusion of a new area to the park in the north which will be categorised as Natural Area – Bushland
- ☐ expansion of Natural Area – Bushland from Park in the north of the park
- ☐ change from Natural Area - Bushland to Park in the north-east of the park
- ☐ change from Natural Area – Bushland to Park in the south of the park.

Figure 8 Proposed areas for recategorisation of Glades Bay Park 2020

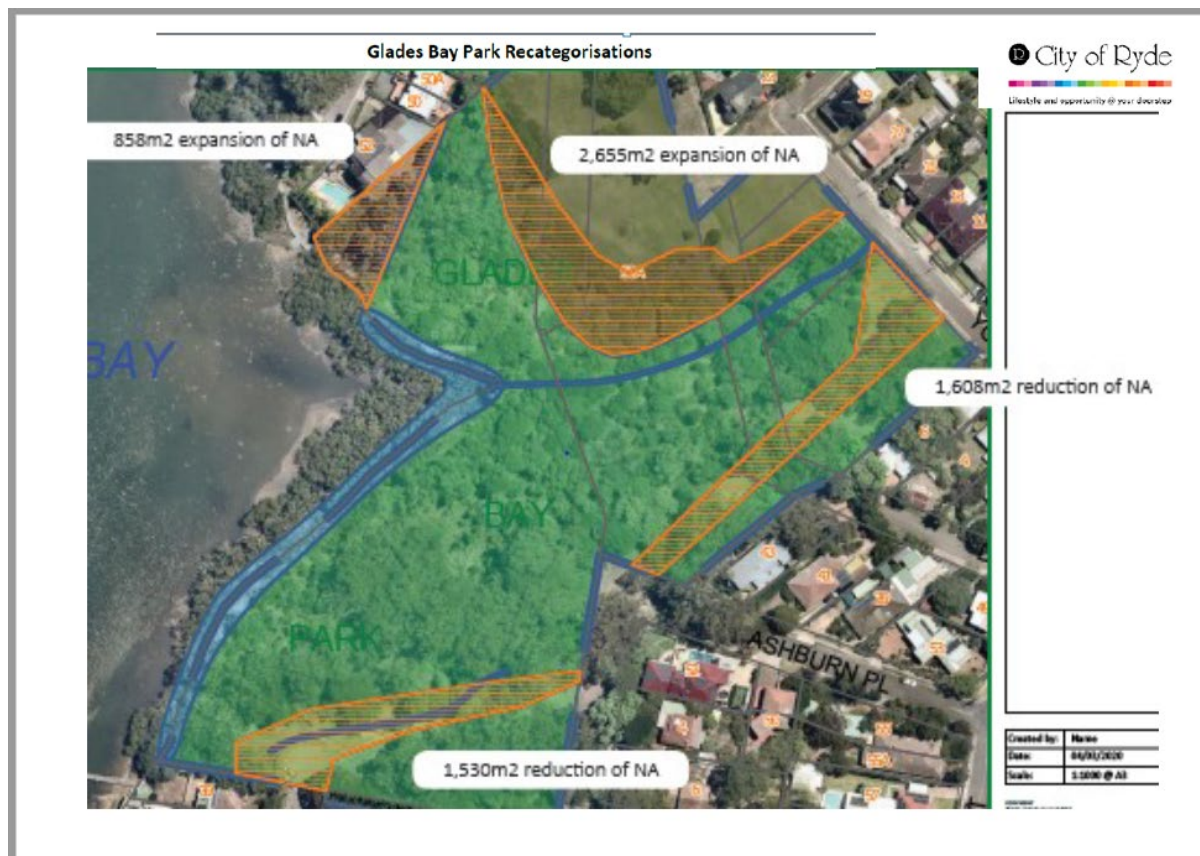
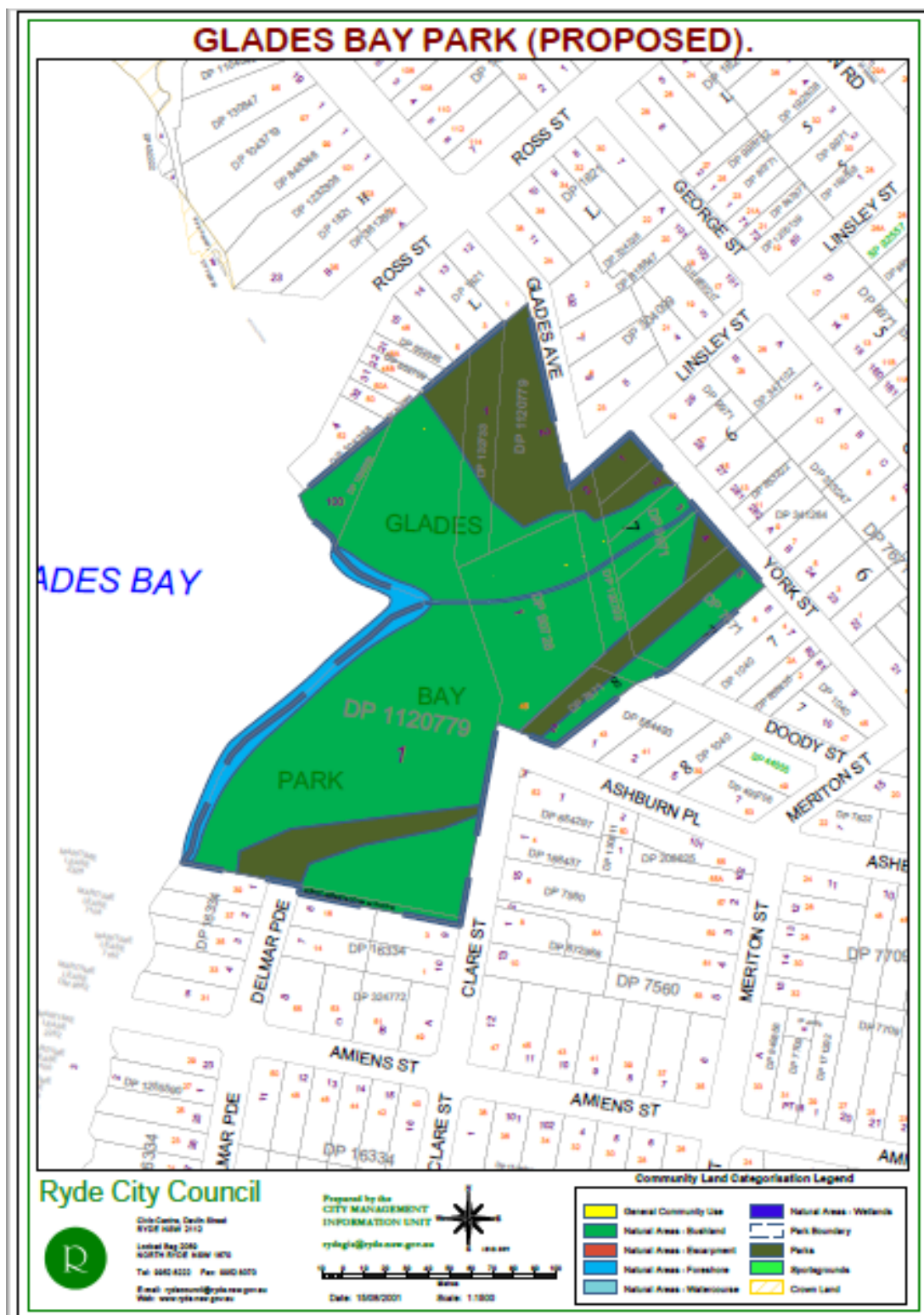


Figure 9 Proposed recategorisation of Glades Bay Park 2020



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3.3 Proposed recategorisation of parks In the Draft Natural Areas Generic Plan of Management

3.3.1 Background

Several parks, or parts of parks, which are included in the Draft Natural Areas Generic Plan of Management are proposed to be recategorised either to or from Natural Area-Bushland as summarised in Table 2. More detail about each park listed below is in Sections 3.3.2 to 3.3.7.

Table 2 Proposed recategorisation of parks in Draft Natural Areas Generic Plan of Management

Park name	Draft Generic Plan of Management for Natural Areas	Draft Generic Plan of Management for Parks and General Community Use	Proposed recategorisation	Reason
Burrows Park	✓	✓	General Community Use to Natural Area-Bushland	The area currently categorised as General Community Use is maintained as a natural area
Civic Gateway	✓	✓	Natural Area-Bushland to Park	The planted area was incorrectly categorised as Natural Area when it more closely resembles a park
Denistone Park	✓	✓	Park to Natural Area-Bushland	To straighten the boundary line to allow better management of the natural area
Hubert Hunt Reserve	✓		Park to Natural Area-Bushland	The proposal is to change the categorisation from Park to Natural Area-Bushland consistent with its current use and maintenance as bushland
Pindari Park	✓	✓	Natural Area-Bushland to Park	The proposed Park categorisation is the area of the park required to accommodate a playground
Stewart Park	✓	✓	Park to Natural Area-Bushland	Old amenities block is no longer there, so categorisation should revert from Park to the adjoining categorisation of Natural Area-Bushland

3.3.2 Burrows Park

Proposed recategorisation: General Community Use to Natural Area-Bushland

The area currently categorised as General Community Use is maintained as a natural area.

Figure 10 Proposed recategorisation of part of Burrows Park

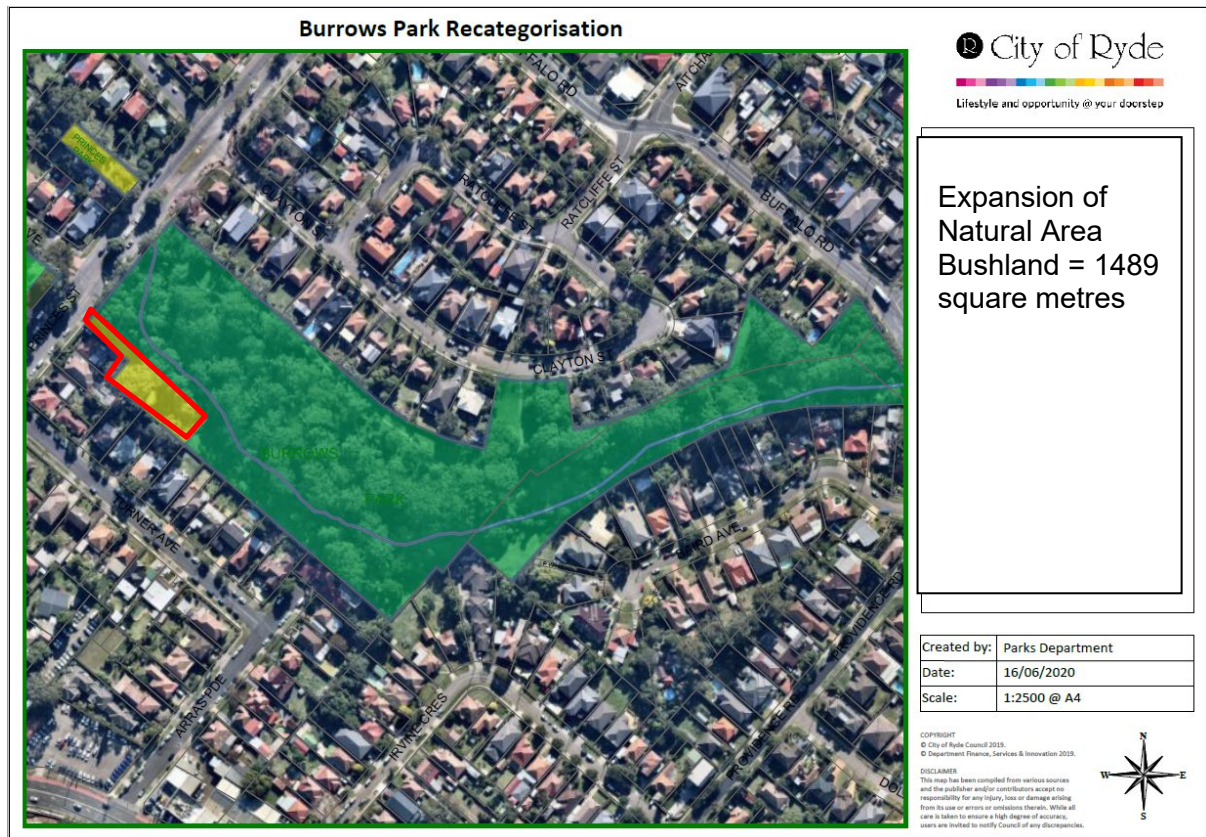


Figure 11 Photographs of Burrows Park

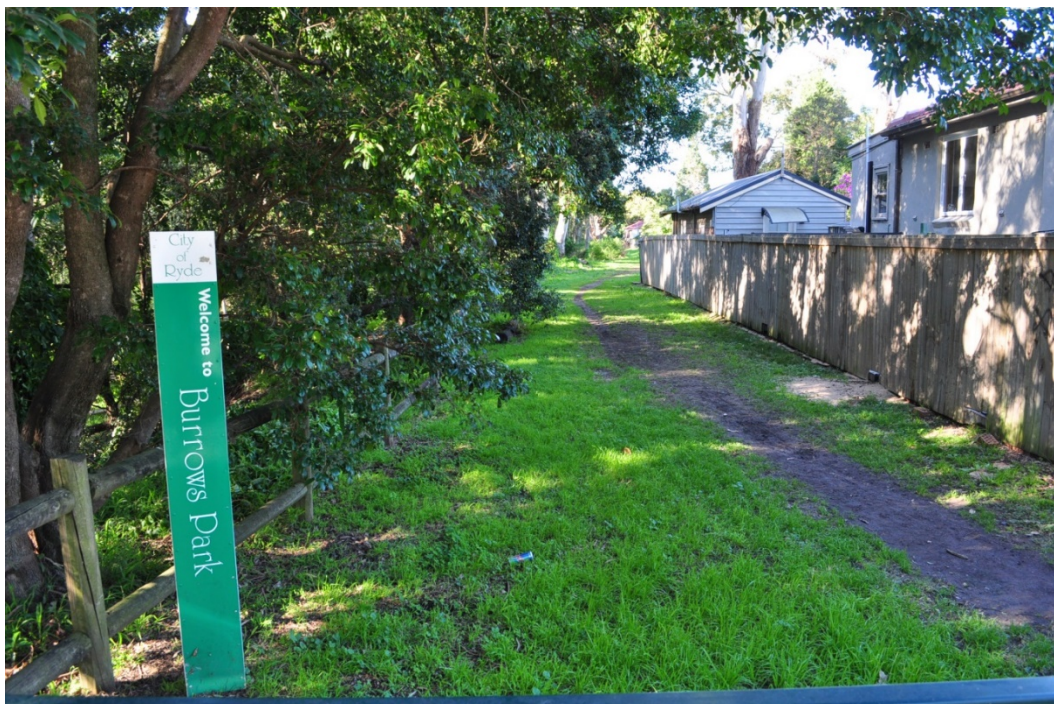
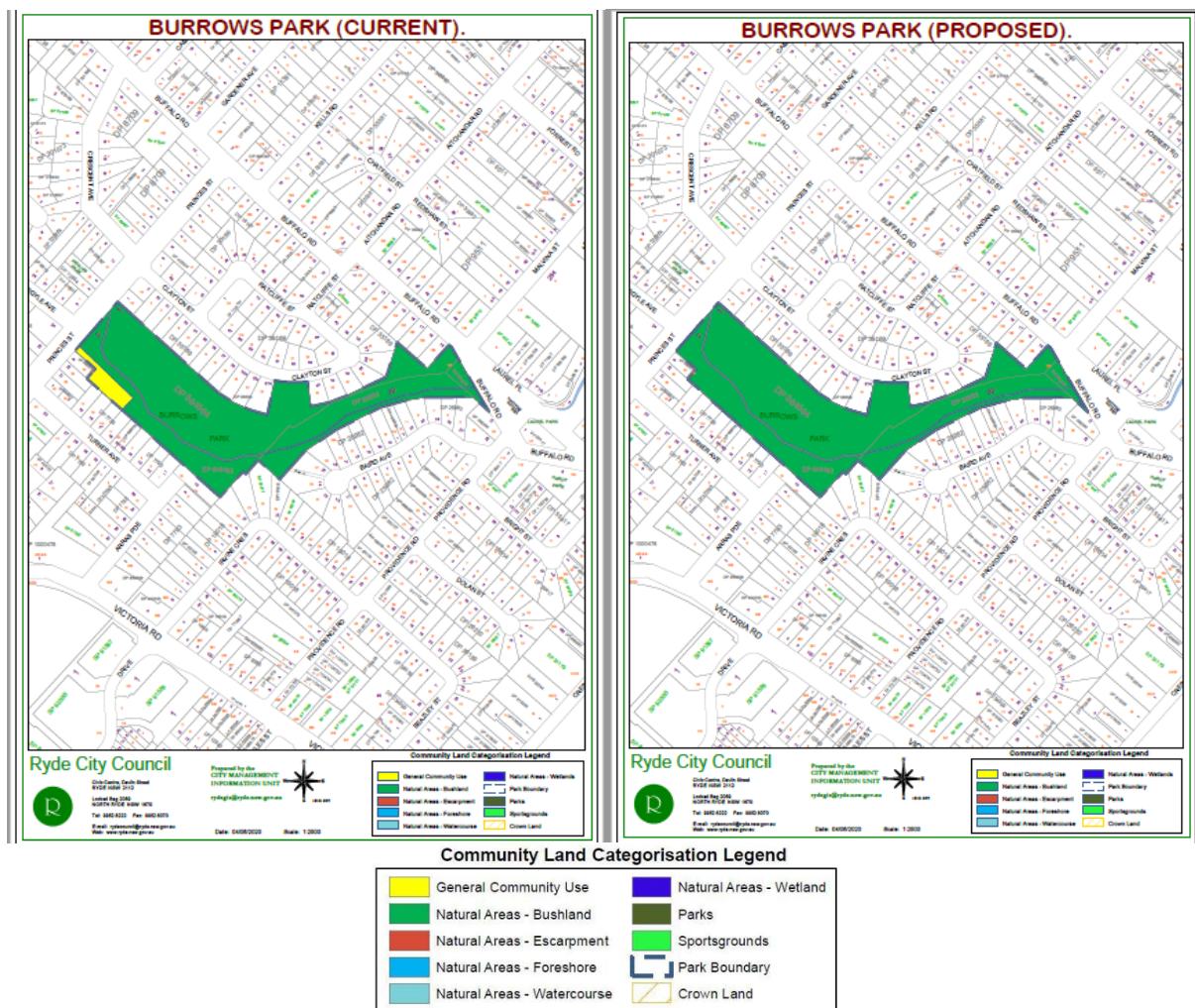




Figure 12 Current and proposed recategorisation of Burrows Park



3.3.3 Civic Gateway

Proposed recategorisation: Natural Area-Bushland to Park

The planted area was incorrectly categorised as Natural Area when it more closely resembles a park.

Figure 13 Proposed recategorisation of Civic Gateway



Figure 14 Photographs of Civic Gateway

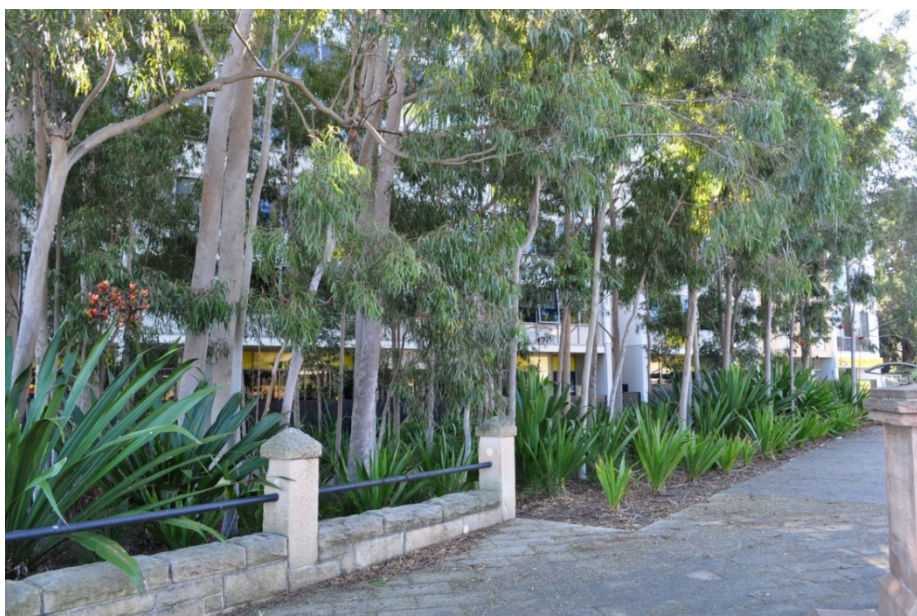
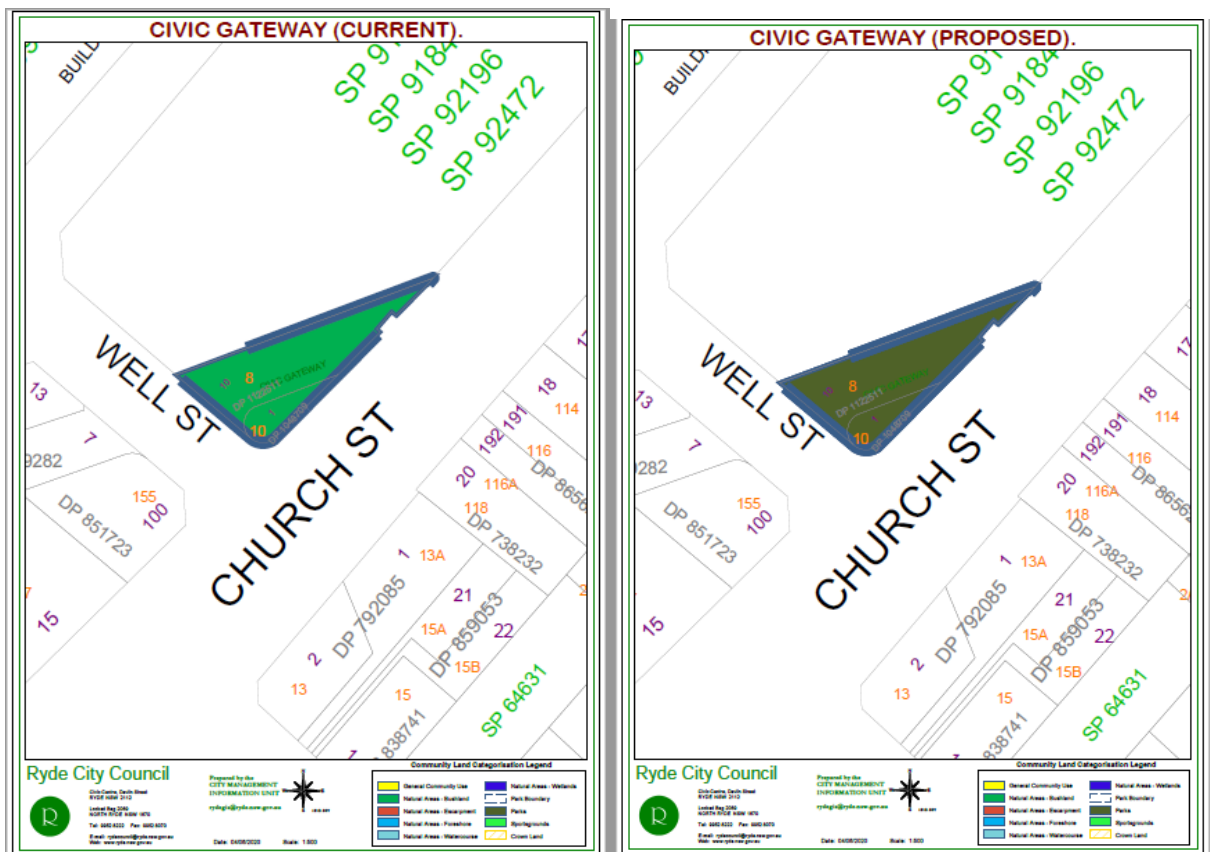




Figure 15 Current and proposed recategorisation of Civic Gateway



3.3.4 Denistone Park

Proposed recategorisation: Park to Natural Area-Bushland

To straighten the boundary line to allow better management of the natural area.

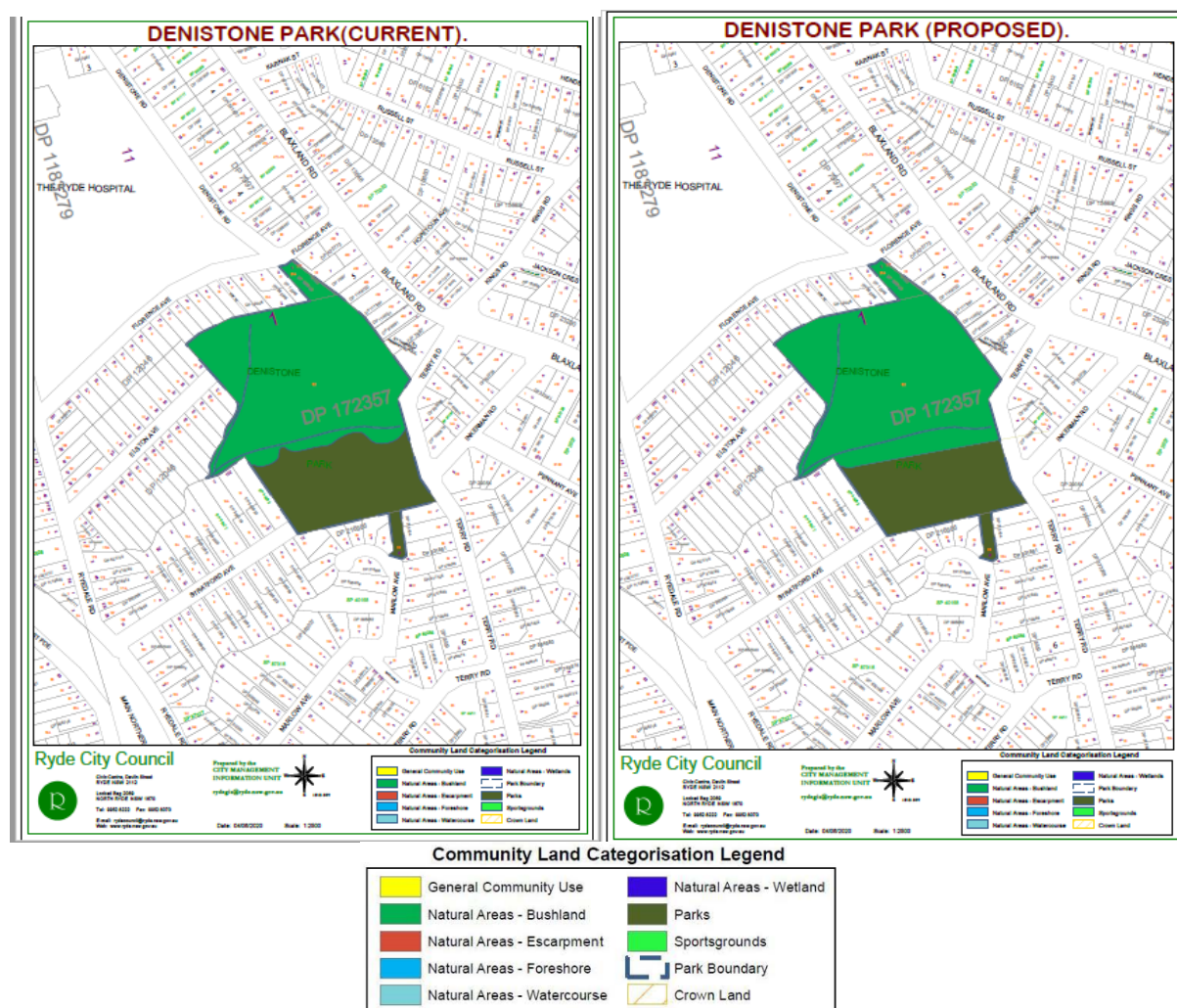
Figure 16 Proposed recategorisation of part of Denistone Park



Figure 17 Photograph of Denistone Park



Figure 18 Current and proposed recategorisation of Denistone Park



3.3.5 Hubert Hunt Reserve

Proposed recategorisation: Park to Natural Area-Bushland

The proposal is to change the categorisation from Park to Natural Area-Bushland consistent with its current use and maintenance as bushland.

Figure 19 Proposed recategorisation of Hubert Hunt Reserve

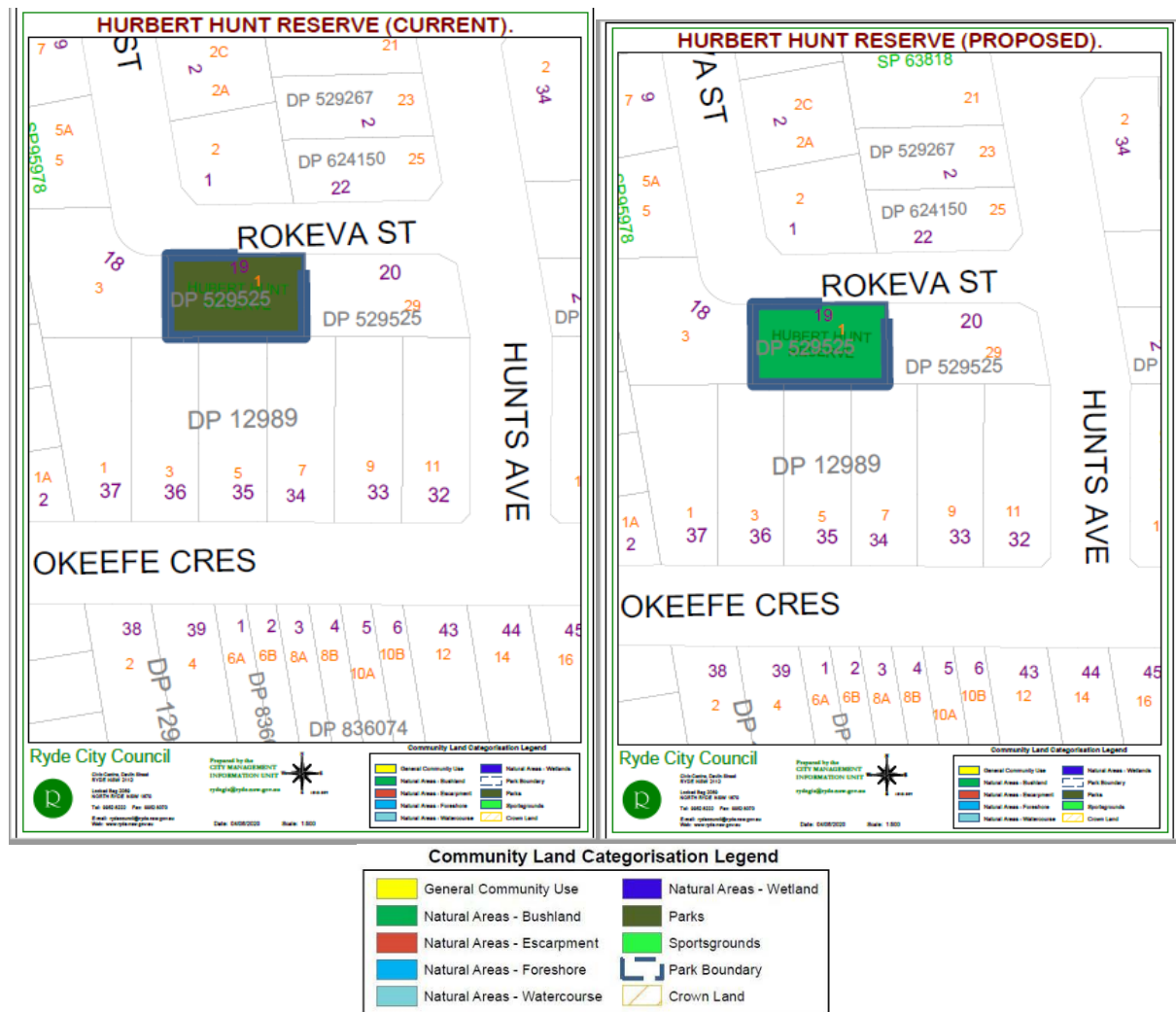


Figure 20 Photographs of Hubert Hunt Reserve





Figure 21 Current and proposed recategorisation of Hubert Hunt Reserve



3.3.6 Pindari Park

Proposed recategorisation: Natural Area-Bushland to Park

The proposed Park categorisation is the area of the park required for a playground.

Figure 22 Proposed recategorisation of part of Pindari Park

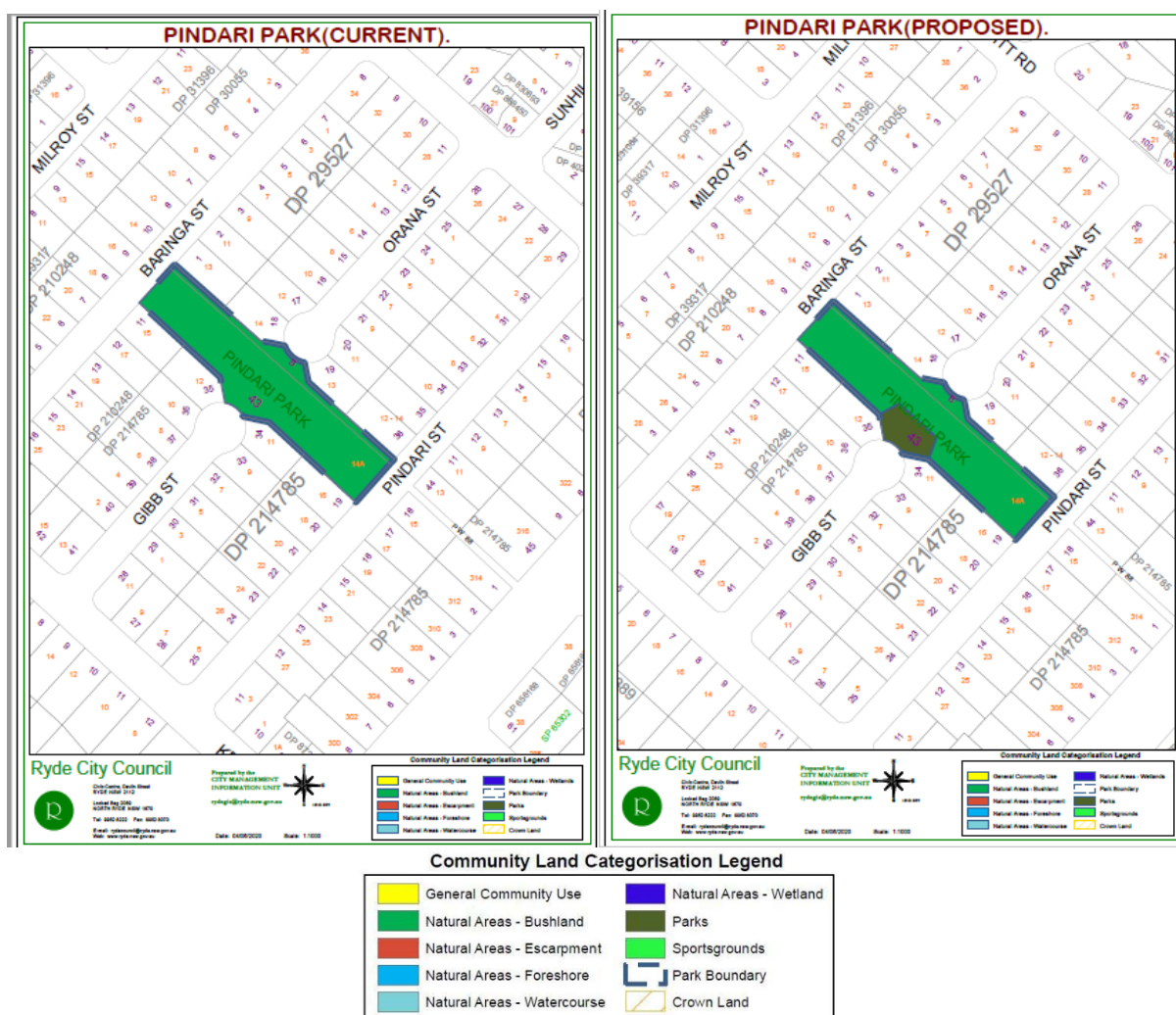


Figure 23 Photographs of Pindari Park





Figure 24 Current and proposed recategorisation of Pindari Park



3.3.7 Stewart Park

Proposed recategorisation: Park to Natural Area-Bushland

Old amenities block is no longer there, so categorisation should revert from Park to the adjoining categorisation of Natural Area-Bushland.

Figure 25 Proposed recategorisation of part of Stewart Park

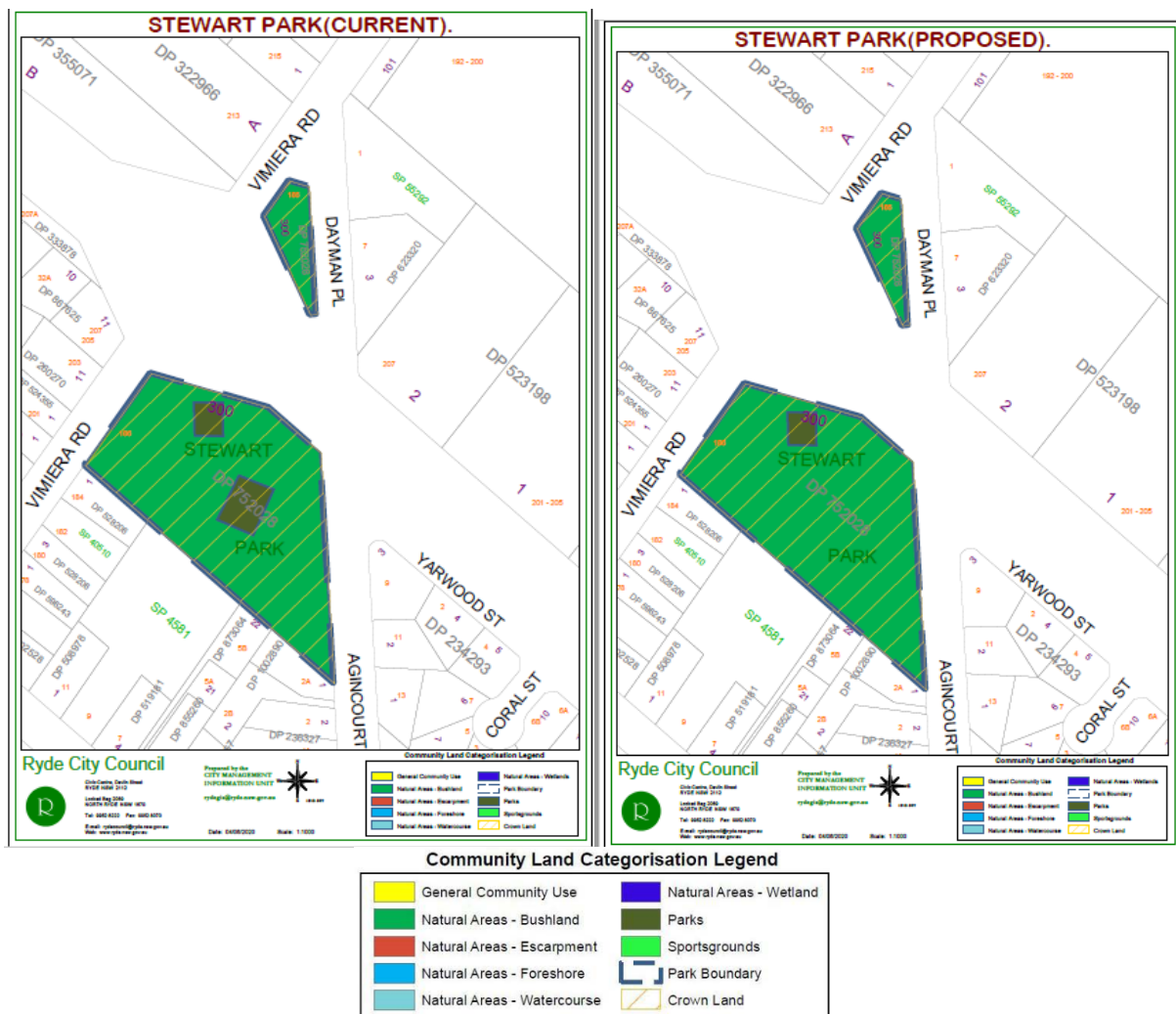


Figure 26 Photographs of Stewart Park





Figure 27 Current and proposed recategorisation of Stewart Park



3.4 Multiple categorisation of other Crown land in Draft Generic Plans of Management for Parks/General Community Use and Sportsgrounds

3.4.1 Background

Written advice to Council from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment–Crown Lands in January 2020 directed Council to undertake a public hearing to inform the community of multiple categorisations that Council has assigned to Crown land covered by the Draft Generic Plans of Management for Parks and General Community Use, and Sportsgrounds.

The Department also advised Council that: *‘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.’*

As well as Marsfield Park (refer to Section 3.1) and Stewart Park (refer to Section 3.3.7), other Crown land included in the Draft Generic Plans of Management for Parks and General Community Use and Sportsgrounds which has been assigned multiple categories are listed in Table 3 and mapped in Figures 28 and 29.

Table 3 Crown land with multiple categorisations in Generic Plans of Management

Park name	Draft Generic Plan of Management for Parks/General Community Use	Draft Generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds
Brush Farm Park	✓	✓
Glen Street Reserve	✓	
Marsfield Park	✓	✓
Monash Park	✓	✓
North Ryde Park	✓	✓
Ryde Park	✓	✓
Stewart Park	✓	
Westminster Park	✓	✓

Figure 28 Crown land with multiple categorisations – Generic Plan of Management for Parks and General Community Use

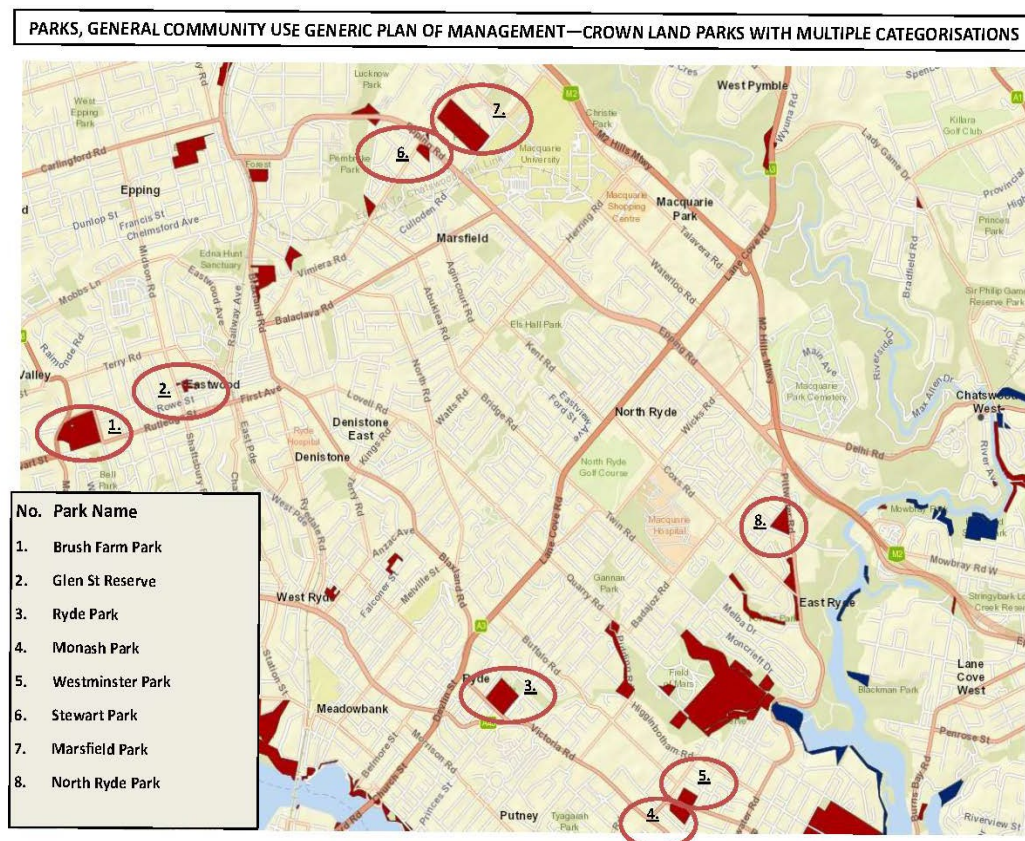
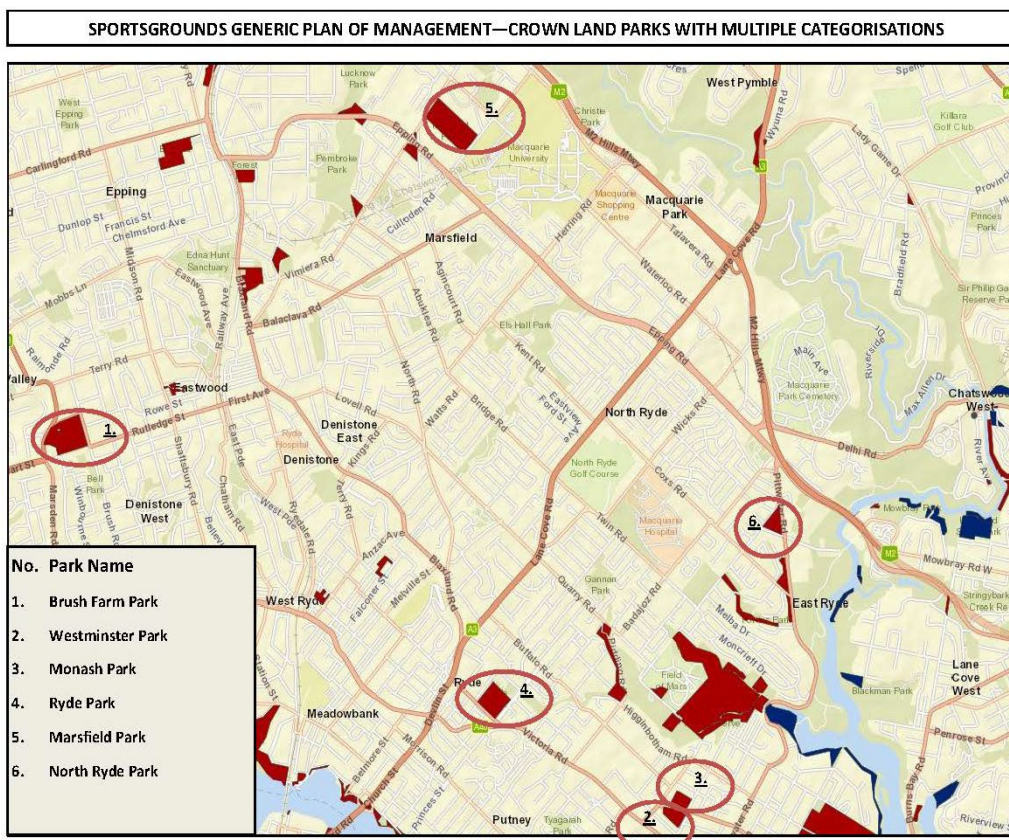


Figure 29 Crown land with multiple categorisations – Generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds



PUBLIC HEARING AND SUBMISSIONS REPORT FOR: PROPOSED RECATEGORISATION OF PART OF MARSFIELD PARK, PARTS OF GLADES BAY PARK, AND PARKS INCLUDED IN DRAFT NATURAL AREAS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT; AND MULTIPLE CATEGORISATION OF CROWN LAND IN DRAFT GENERIC PLANS OF MANAGEMENT FOR PARKS/GENERAL COMMUNITY USE AND SPORTSGROUNDS
PARKLAND PLANNERS

These parks were first categorised in 2001 in the Generic Plan of Management Sportsgrounds Parks Natural Areas General Community Use.

The current categorisation of these Crown land parks is not proposed to change. However multiple categorisations were assigned to those Crown land parks in 2001, and these multiple categorisations are proposed to be retained in the 2020 Draft Generic Plans of Management for Parks and General Community Use and for Sportsgrounds.

The public is informed that there have been no other changes to the categorisation of Crown Land in the Draft Generic Plan of Management for Parks and General Community Use, and the Draft Generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds from the categorisations initially assigned in the 2001 Generic Plan of Management for Sportsground, Parks, Natural Areas, General Community Use.

3.4.2 Current and proposed multiple categorisation of Crown land parks

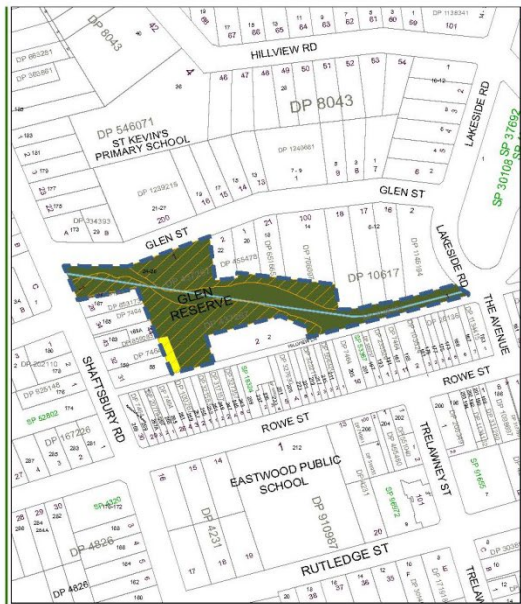
A comparison of the current and proposed categorisation of these Crown land parks included in the Draft Generic Plans of Management for Parks and General Community Use and Sportsgrounds are shown in Figures 30 to 35.

Figure 30 Current and proposed categorisation of Brush Farm Park



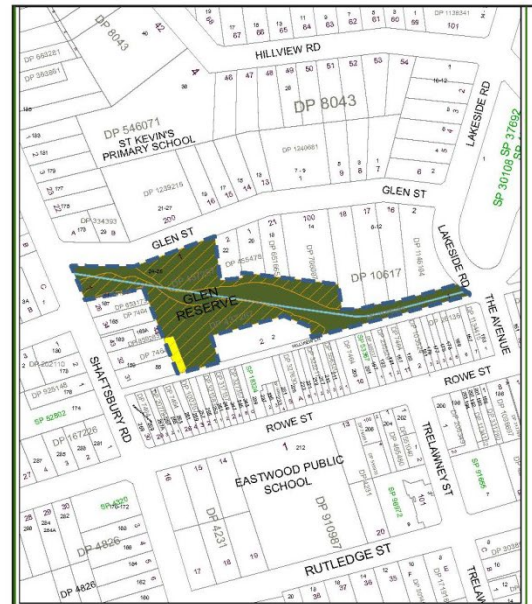
Figure 31 Current and proposed categorisation of Glen Street Reserve

Generic Plan of Management Sportsgrounds Parks
Natural Areas General Community Use 2001
GLEN STREET RESERVE



Parks, General Community Use Generic Plan of Management

GLEN STREET RESERVE



Community Land Categorisation Legend

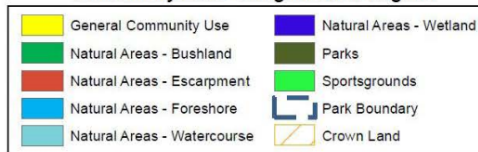
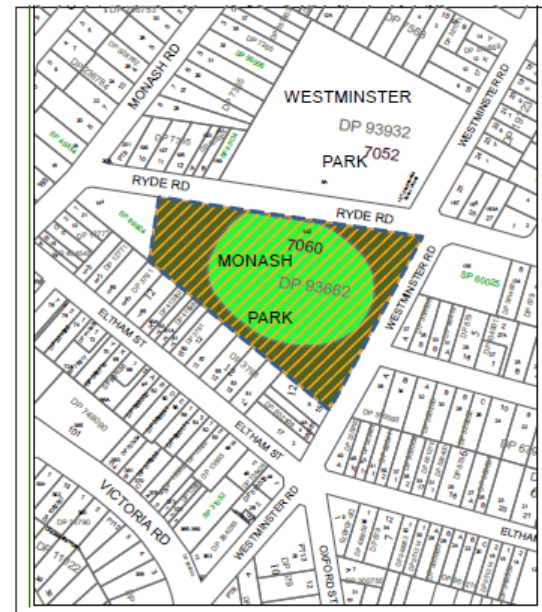


Figure 32 Current and proposed categorisation of Monash Park

Generic Plan of Management Sportsgrounds Parks
Natural Areas General Community Use 2001
MONASH PARK



Parks, General Community Use Generic Plan of Management
Sportsgrounds Generic Plan of Management
MONASH PARK



Community Land Categorisation Legend



Figure 33 Current and proposed categorisation of North Ryde Park

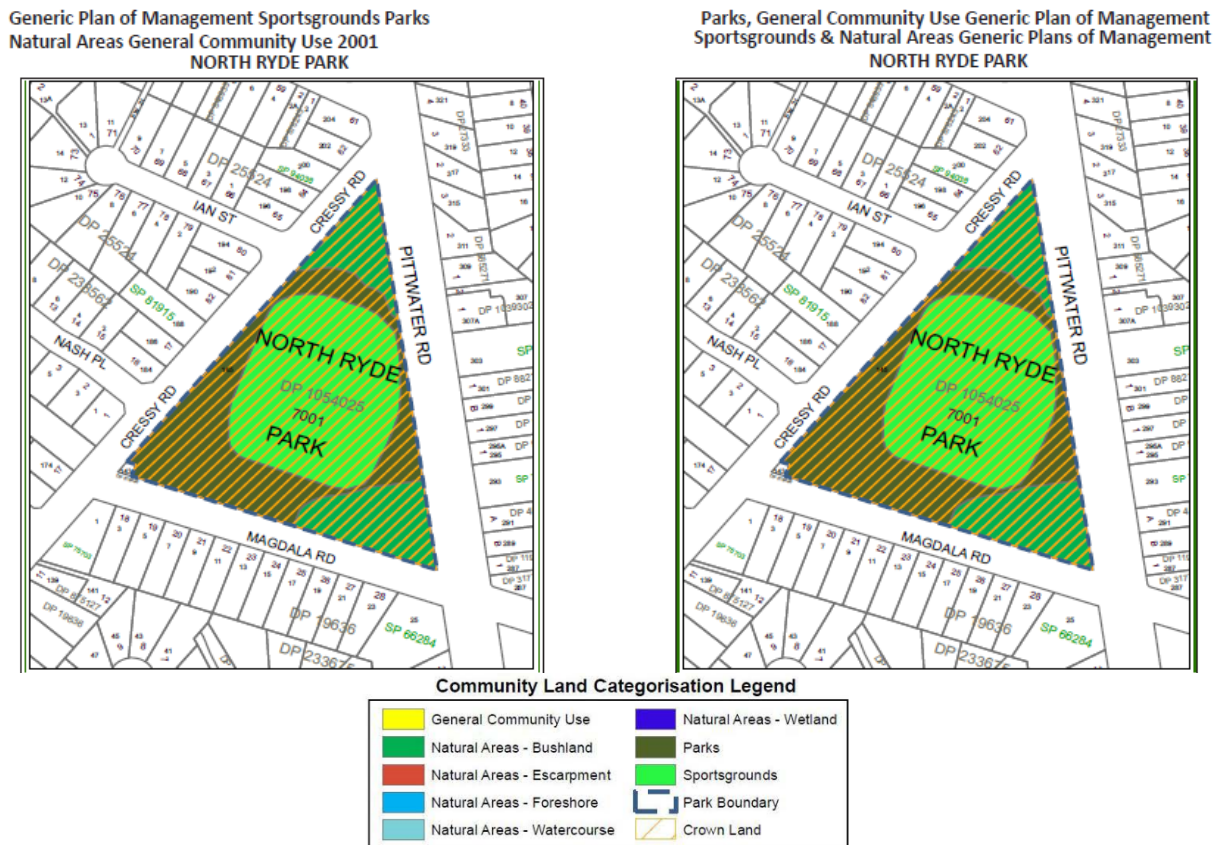
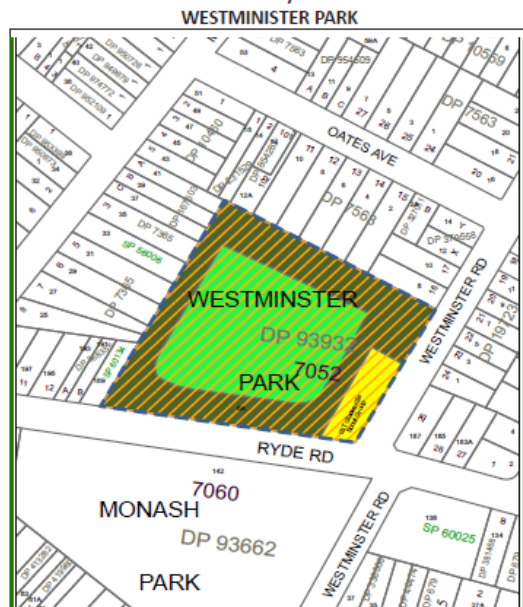


Figure 34 Current and proposed categorisation of Ryde Park

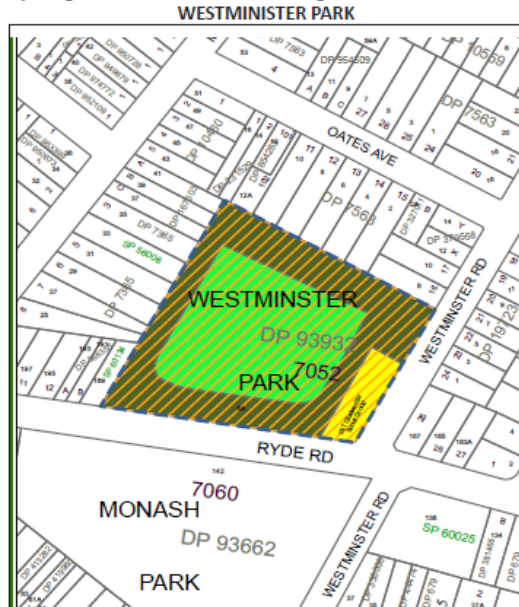


Figure 35 Current and proposed categorisation of Westminster Park

Generic Plan of Management Sportsgrounds Parks
Natural Areas General Community Use 2001



Parks, General Community Use Generic Plan of Management
Sportsgrounds Generic Plan of Management



Community Land Categorisation Legend

General Community Use	Natural Areas - Wetland
Natural Areas - Bushland	Parks
Natural Areas - Escarpment	Sportsgrounds
Natural Areas - Foreshore	Park Boundary
Natural Areas - Watercourse	Crown Land

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4 THE PUBLIC HEARING

4.1 Advertising and notification

4.1.1 Public notification and exhibition requirements

Section 38 of the *Local Government Act 1993* states that Councils must give “public notice” of a draft Plan of Management, and the length of time that it must be on public exhibition and for submissions to be made. The public notice contents are set out in Section 705 of the Act.

4.1.2 Online notification

Council notified the community of the online public hearing on its website www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/ParksLC from 24 June to 22 July 2020. The project page on Council’s website is shown in Figure 36.

A background information document explaining the proposed recategorisations, multiple categorisations and the public hearing, and an online submission form, were also provided on the project page.

Figure 36 Public hearing information on Council’s website

The screenshot displays the 'HAVE YOUR SAY' section of the City of Ryde website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a 'Go to City of Ryde homepage' link, a 'MENU' icon, and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, a breadcrumb trail reads 'Home / City of Ryde Parks – Proposed Land Categorisations'. The main heading is 'City of Ryde Parks – Proposed Land Categorisations'. A teal banner indicates 'Consultation closing on 29 July 2020 / 11:59pm'. To the left of the main content is a large image of a park with tall trees. To the right, there are two columns of links. The first column, titled 'Background Information', lists four documents: 'City of Ryde Parks Public Hearing Background Information June 2020 (PDF, 15MB)', 'Parks General Use Draft Generic Plan of Management (PDF, 6MB)', 'Sportsgrounds Draft Generic Plan of Management (PDF, 7MB)', and 'Parramatta River Parklands Plan of Management Public Exhibition 2020 (PDF, 69MB)'. The second column, titled 'Related Information', lists three links: 'Local Government Act 1993', 'Section 3G - Core objectives for management of community land categorised as park', and 'Section 36I - Core objectives for management of community land categorised as community use'. A 'Section 40A - Public hearing in' link is partially visible at the bottom. A small upward arrow icon is in the bottom right corner.

Go to [City of Ryde homepage](#)

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City of Ryde Parks – Proposed Land Categorisations

Consultation closing on 29 July 2020 / 11:59pm

Earlier this year, the City of Ryde placed the [Draft Generic Plan of Management for Parks and General Community Use](#), and the [Draft Generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds](#) on public exhibition.

Part of this process included the requirement of a public hearing for the proposed recategorisation of part of Marsfield Park and the multiple categorisations of Crown Land. Due to restrictions on public gatherings, Council had to postpone the public hearing.

Council has now changed the public hearing in line with current restrictions and is proposing the following categorisations/recategorisations of parks that form part of the Draft Plans of Management for Parks and General Community Use, Sportsgrounds, Parramatta River Parklands and Natural Areas.

Background Information

- [City of Ryde Parks Public Hearing Background Information June 2020 \(PDF, 15MB\)](#)
- [Parks General Use Draft Generic Plan of Management \(PDF, 6MB\)](#)
- [Sportsgrounds Draft Generic Plan of Management \(PDF, 7MB\)](#)
- [Parramatta River Parklands Plan of Management Public Exhibition 2020 \(PDF, 69MB\)](#)

Related Information

- [Local Government Act 1993](#)
 - [Section 3G - Core objectives for management of community land categorised as park](#)
 - [Section 36I - Core objectives for management of community land categorised as community use](#)
 - [Section 40A - Public hearing in](#)

PROPOSED RECATEGORISATION OF PART OF MARSFIELD PARK FROM GENERAL COMMUNITY USE TO PARK

The category 'Park' more closely aligns with the Community Land core objectives for the use of this area as well as the Crown Land Purpose of public recreation.

PROPOSED CATEGORISATION/RECATEGORISATION OF PARTS OF GLADES BAY PARK

The proposed categories more closely align with the current use of the areas:

- Inclusion of a new area to the park in the north which will be categorised as Natural Area – Bushland
- Expansion of Natural Area – Bushland from Park in the north of the park
- Recategorisation from Natural Area - Bushland to Park in the north-east of the park
- Recategorisation from Natural Area – Bushland to Park in the south of the park.

PROPOSED RECATEGORISATION OF PARKS IN THE DRAFT NATURAL AREAS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

- Part of Burrows Park from General Community Use to Natural Area - Bushland

The area currently categorised as General Community Use is maintained as a natural area

- Part of Denistone Park from Park to Natural Area - Bushland

To straighten the boundary line to allow better management of the natural area

- Hubert Hunt Reserve from Park to Natural Area - Bushland

Consistent with its current use and maintenance as bushland

- Part of Stewart Park from Park to Natural Area - Bushland

Old amenities block is no longer there, so categorisation should revert from Park to the adjoining categorisation of Natural Area-Bushland

- Civic Gateway from Natural Area-Bushland to Park

The planted area was incorrectly categorised as Natural Area when it more closely resembles a park

- Part of Pindari Park From Natural Area-Bushland to Park

The proposed Park categorisation is the area of the park required to accommodate a playground

MULTIPLE CATEGORISATIONS OF CROWN LAND IN THE DRAFT GENERIC PLANS OF MANAGEMENT FOR PARKS AND GENERAL COMMUNITY USE, AND SPORTSGROUNDS

The current categorisation of the below Crown land parks is not proposed to change. However multiple categorisations were assigned to those Crown land parks in 2001, and these multiple categorisations are proposed to be retained in the 2020 Draft Generic Plans of Management for Parks and General Community Use and for Sportsgrounds.

- Brush Farm Park
- Glen St Reserve
- Ryde Park
- North Ryde Park
- Westminster Park
- Monash Park

To undertake these changes, a public hearing is required under the Local Government Act 1993 Section 40A and of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 Section 3.2(7)(d). [Click here for background information on the proposed land categorisations and the public hearings.](#)

Latest Updates

Have Your Say

Past Have Your Say

You can have your say on the City of Ryde Parks – Proposed Land Categorisations in several ways including online, e-mail, post or registering for the Public Hearing.

Please note submissions for the Draft Generic Plans of Management for Parks, General Community Use, Sportsgrounds and the Parramatta River Parklands Plan of Management have now closed. However, due to the public hearing being rescheduled, submissions on the proposed land categorisations listed above are still being accepted.

Written submissions must be clearly marked as 'City of Ryde Parks – Proposed Land Categorisations'. All submissions must be received by **Wednesday 29 July 2020**.

- Email cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au
- Post General Manager, City of Ryde, Locked Bag 2069, North Ryde NSW 1670

Public Hearing (now through phone call or video link)

Local residents are invited to attend the public hearing for the proposed land categorisations of parks as per the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 Section 40A and of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 Section 3.2(7)(d).

Council has changed the public hearing in line with current restrictions. Residents are invited to attend through a phone call or video link. **Registrations are essential.**

Date Wednesday 22 July 2020

Time 4.30pm – 6.00pm

(Hosted by Sandy Hoy - Director, Parkland Planners)

[Click here for background information on the proposed land categorisations and the public hearings.](#)

[relation to proposed plans of management](#)

[Project Page: Parramatta River Parklands - Draft Plan of Management](#)

[Project Page: Sportsgrounds, Parks and General Community Use - Draft Plan of Management](#)

Contact Us

If you require more information about the City of Ryde Parks – Proposed Land Categorisations please call our Customer Service Centre on 9952 8222 or email cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au.

[Click here to register for this session](#)

Please note: Registrations will be unavailable from 1.00am - 1.00pm (approximately) Saturday 4 July 2020 for site maintenance.

Registrations close **Wednesday 22 July at 12.00 Noon.**

How do I participate in the public hearing?

To participate in the public hearing, you can join us through a phone call or video link. Once you have registered, instructions will be provided to you on how to join the meeting.

If you are unable to register, please call our Customer Service Centre on 9952 8222. Once registered, Council will provide you with further information on how to join the session.

Online Submission

City of Ryde Parks - Proposed Land Categorisations



Note: If you do not wish to provide feedback on a particular park, please click 'Not Applicable'

Tell us what you think about the proposed recategorisation of the small section of Marsfield Park from General Community Use to Park Required

Questions	I support the proposed recategorisation	I do not support the proposed recategorisation	Not applicable
Marsfield Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Tell us what you think about the proposed categorisations/recategorisations of Glades Bay Park

Questions	I support the proposed categorisations /recategorisations	I do not support the proposed categorisations /recategorisations	Not Applicable
Glades Bay Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Tell us what you think about the proposed recategorisations of Parks in the Draft Natural Areas Generic Plan of Management Required

Questions	I support the proposed recategorisation	I do not support the proposed recategorisation	Not Applicable
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Burrows Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Civic Gateway	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Denistone Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hubert Hunt Reserve	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pindari Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stewart Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Tell us what you think about the proposed multiple categorisations of Crown Land Parks Required

Questions	I support the proposed categorisation	I do not support the proposed categorisation	Not Applicable
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Glen Street Reserve	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Monash Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
North Ryde Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ryde Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Westminster Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comments (Please be clear which park(s) you are commenting on)

Your Details

Name Required

Email Required

Phone

Address

Required

☐ Yes, I understand the Privacy Notification (below)

Privacy Notification

Personal information collected from you is held and used by Council under the provisions of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. The supply of information is voluntary, however if you cannot provide, or do not wish to provide the information sought, Council may be unable to process your application or request, or consider your submission. Please note that the exchange of information between the public and Council, may be accessed by others and could be made publicly available under the Government Information Public Access Act 2009 (GIPA Act). If you require further information please contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 9952 8222.

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4.1.3 Other notification methods

Council also placed notices in the Council column in *The Weekly Times* on Wednesdays 24 June, and 1, 8, 15 and 22 July 2020 to notify the community about the public hearing.

Figure 37 Notice in Council column in *The Weekly Times* 15 July 2020

Wednesday 15 July, 2020 THE WEEKLY TIMES 7

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Financial hardship provisions. This means approved Jobseeker and keeper applicants may defer payments until the end of September and are also eligible for \$100 council rates rebate. Eligible pensioners will also receive a \$150 voluntary pensioner subsidy to supplement the \$250 voluntary pensioner subsidy they already receive. Other ratepayers will have access to rates relief via a mutually agreeable Rates Payment Plan. As part of Council's commitment to provide support to those who need it most during this pandemic, learning lessons return to the community. Learning lessons will resume at the Aquatic Leisure Centre (ALC) on Monday (20 July) in accordance with current COVID-19 restrictions.

Planning Portal. This change means Council will no longer be able to accept physical applications by post or in person. I would like to thank staff from the City of Ryde and the NSW Government for all their work in transitioning to the NSW Planning Portal. It is a good example of collaboration between both levels of government. The NSW Planning Portal can be viewed at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au.

Sincerely,
Clir Jerome Laxale
Clir Jerome Laxale
Mayor
Phone 9952 8222
mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au

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HAVE YOUR SAY

OPEN COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS
You are invited to have your say about documents, projects and proposals that are currently on public exhibition, or provide feedback on services and concerns that affect the community.

- **City of Ryde Parks – Proposed Land Categorisations (Closing 29 July 2020)**
- New Library Membership Fees (Closing 2 August 2020)
- Dunbar Park – New daily hire fee (Closing 9 August 2020)
- Waste and Recycling App Survey (Closing 9 August 2020)
- Rowe Street East Smoke Free Zone Trial (Closing 31 August 2020)
- Devlin Street Pedestrian Bridges
- Graffiti Vandalism in the City of Ryde
- Immunisation Clinic Customer Experience Survey
- Traffic & Parking Around Schools
- Save Our Streets

Want to find out more?
To find out more about one of the above projects or for information on how to provide feedback, please visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay or call Customer Service on 9952 8222.

City of Ryde www.ryde.nsw.gov.au

Customer Service Centre: 1 Pope Street, Ryde
Locked Bag 2069, North Ryde NSW 1670
P: 9952 8222 E: cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au

Other methods to notify the community about the public hearing included:

- ❑ placing signs in the parks – refer to Figure 38
- ❑ sending a targeted email to Council's eNewsletter list on Tuesday 30 June 2020. 147 of the 256 eNewsletters sent (57%) were opened.

Figure 38 Public hearing notification signs placed in parks



Marsfield Park



Hubert Hunt Reserve



Denistone Park

4.2 Public hearing arrangements

The public hearing was advertised as an audio-visual conference on Wednesday 29 July 2020 from 4.30pm to 6.00pm.

Customers were requested to register before the hearing either online at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/RSVPParksLC or by calling Customer Service on 9952 8222. Customers who registered before the public hearing were emailed an enewsletter which provided:

- ❑ background information that they were asked to read prior to joining the public hearing
- ❑ instructions on how to join to the public hearing online via MS Teams (Desktop computer, smartphone/ tablet)
- ❑ contact details for assistance if required with joining the public hearing (Ph 9952 8477).

Registrations for the public hearing closed at 12.00 noon Wednesday 22 July. If any customers called after the closing time wanting to register for the public hearing, the community engagement team was available to assist them.

Customers who registered for the public hearing were invited to submit any comments or questions before the hearing. Four customers provided comments or questions before the hearing, which are addressed in Section 5.

The independent chairperson Sandy Hoy (Director, Parkland Planners), Michael Longworth (Senior Co-ordinator, Parks Planning at City of Ryde), Meredith Gray (Open Space Planner at City of Ryde) and Vince Cusumano (Plan of Management Officer at City of Ryde) were based at the City of Ryde offices at 3 Richardson Place at North Ryde for the public hearing.

Claudia Micallef, Nikki Fraser and Giang Nguyen from Council's Community Engagement Team assisted customers, Council staff and the Chair with running the online public hearing.

Social distancing protocols were followed at all times.

4.3 Attendance at the public hearing

As required under Section 47G of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council appointed an independent chairperson, Sandy Hoy, Director of Parkland Planners, to chair the public hearing.

Michael Longworth, Meredith Gray and Vince Cusumano represented City of Ryde, providing information and answering questions on behalf of Council during the public hearing.

Six community members registered and attended the public hearing online.

4.4 The public hearing

Ms Hoy opened the public hearing at 4:35pm.

Ms Hoy explained the purpose of the public hearing, the legislative basis for categorisation of community and Crown land, and the requirement for public hearings, based on the background information document available online.

The questions that the Chair asked people attending the hearing to address are:

1. Do you agree or not with the proposal to recategorise part of Marsfield Park from General Community Use to Park? Why or why not?
2. Do you agree or not with the proposal to categorise or recategorise parts of Glades Bay Park as Natural Area-Bushland or Park? Why or why not?
3. Do you agree or not with recategorising part of Burrows Park from General Community Use to Natural Area-Bushland? Why or why not?
4. Do you agree or not with recategorising part of Denistone Park, all of Hubert Hunt Reserve, part of Stewart Park, from Park to Natural Area-Bushland? Why or why not?
5. Do you agree or not with recategorising all of Civic Gateway and part of Pindari Park from Natural Area-Bushland to Park? Why or why not?
6. Do you agree or not with assigning multiple categories to the following Crown reserves in the Draft Generic Plans of Management for Parks and General Community Use and for Sportsgrounds: Brush Farm Park, Glen Street Reserve, Monash Park, North Ryde Park, Ryde Park, and Westminster Park? Why or why not?
7. Do you have any other comments about the proposed categorisation or recategorisation of parks included in this public hearing?

Several people asked a question or made a comment about the proposed recategorisation of land, or changes to a Plan of Management at the public hearing. The content of the submissions which are relevant to the proposed recategorisation and changes to the Plan of Management are outlined in more detail in Section 5 of this report.

Other comments and questions were noted but are outside the scope of this report.

With there being no further submissions or questions, Ms. Hoy closed the hearing at 5.10 pm.

4.5 Submissions

Submissions about the proposed recategorisations and multiple categorisations of Crown land parks could be made:

- ☐ via the online submission form on the Have Your Say page www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/ParksLC from Wednesday 24 June 2020
- ☐ verbally at the public hearing by calling in by phone. Prior registration is required
- ☐ in writing to Council after the public hearing until Wednesday 29 July 2020 by:
 - email: cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au
 - post to: General Manager, City of Ryde, Locked Bag 2069, North Ryde NSW 1670.

One written submission was received after the public hearing from a customer who did not attend the public hearing. This submission is also addressed in Section 5.

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5 CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS

5.1 Verbal and written submissions

5.1.1 Introduction

Nine customers engaged with the invitation to register and attend the public hearing, and/or make a written submission as follows:

- ☐ six customers registered to attend the public hearing prior to the hearing
- ☐ six customers attended the public hearing and made verbal submissions
- ☐ five customers made an online submission.

Verbal and written submissions relating to the proposed recategorisations and multiple categorisations are set out below, according to:

- ☐ proposed recategorisation of part of Marsfield Park from General Community Use to Park
- ☐ proposed categorisation/recategorisation of parts of Glades Bay Park as Natural Area-Bushland or Park
- ☐ proposed recategorisation of parks in the Draft Natural Areas Generic Plan of Management to Natural Area-Bushland or Park:
 - part of Burrows Park from General Community Use to Natural Area-Bushland
 - part of Denistone Park, all of Hubert Hunt Reserve, part of Stewart Park from Park to Natural Area-Bushland
 - all of Civic Gateway and part of Pindari Park from Natural Area-Bushland to Park.
- ☐ multiple categorisations of Crown land in the Draft Generic Plans of Management for Parks and General Community Use, and Sportsgrounds.

5.1.2 General support for proposed recategorisations and multiple categorisations

Two customers supported all of the proposed recategorisations, remarking that they seem very appropriate, and look logical and OK to them.

Submissions supporting the proposed recategorisations to Natural Area-Bushland are:

- ☐ any increase in natural areas is very welcome.
- ☐ finding opportunities to extend habitat corridors and connections is reinforced.
- ☐ green natural corridors and connections should be looked at, and how the whole landscape in Ryde could work better.
- ☐ corridors for native birds are important.

One customer supported the proposed changes in categorisation to Park as appropriate given the usage of those parks.

5.1.3 Proposed recategorisation of part of Marsfield Park from General Community Use to Park

One customer specifically supports the proposed recategorisation of part of Marsfield Park from General Community Use to Park.

5.1.4 Proposed categorisation/recategorisation of parts of Glades Bay Park as Natural Area-Bushland or Park

One customer stated they do not support the proposed categorisation/recategorisation of parts of Glades Bay Park as Natural Area-Bushland or Park, and two other customers had concerns as set out in Table 4.

Table 4 Proposed categorisation/recategorisation of parts of Glades Bay Park as Natural Area-Bushland or Park

Support?	Submission	Council response
Do not support	<p>Recategorisation of Glades Bay Park (Reserve)</p> <p>This area of park/bush land has remained in a 'natural' state for a number of important reasons:</p> <p>*It is a natural watershed. The vegetation helps slow the runoff of water, especially after heavy rain, into the Parramatta River and assists in the reduction of erosion.</p> <p>Any further clearing, construction of hard surfaces, development would impact negatively on the Parramatta River and the Park itself.</p> <p>*The entirety of the Park is accessed by bird life, including migratory birds. Flocks of seed-eating birds are regularly seen using the top grassed area as it provides a relatively undisturbed habitat for them (one of few remaining) The adjoining natural bush land and mangroves provides a natural habitat for them.</p> <p>*The Aboriginal Cultural heritage of the Park must be maintained.</p> <p>* The natural expanse of grassland, as it is, provides for passive recreational activities and pastimes and for casual playing of games. Areas like this are sadly lacking in our built environment.</p> <p>I fear the proposed recategorisation can only lead to the degeneration of the bush land and open space - a Reserve that National Parks bequeathed to Ryde Council, I feel for safekeeping not development as the recategorisation would enable.</p>	<p>The recategorisation and categorisation of sections of Glades Bay Park has been put forward to remove a number of anomalies from the original 2001 Generic Plan of Management which simply used the canopy cover from the aerial photos at that time.</p> <p>The proposed recategorisation from Natural Area to Park and vice versa reflects the current use of these areas.</p> <p>In relation to the specific comments made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - there is no intention to reduce the area of open grass in the park which provides feeding opportunities for birds and recreational areas for park users - Aboriginal heritage will not be compromised by the proposed changes - through the delineation of the natural areas and their boundaries, there will be an enhancement of the natural areas in the park. <p>Through its Biodiversity Plan Council has adopted the position of strengthening riparian corridors along the Parramatta River, and that involves where possible expanding Natural Areas over time.</p>
Support	<p>The triangle in the north-west corner of Glades Bay Park is a void space which should be categorised as Natural Area-Bushland.</p>	Noted

Support?	Submission	Council response
Support	The northern part of Glades Bay Park is bushland, so the proposed expansion of the Natural Area-Bushland category is a formality.	Noted
Concern	<p>What are the benefits of recategorising 2,655sqm to the north-east of Glades Bay Reserve from 'Park' to 'Natural Area - Bushland'? This area is currently 'Park' but it is not managed, landscaped, grassed or open space as 'Park'.</p> <p>Recategorisation from Park to Natural Area-Bushland will give more park space to bushland. The increase in Natural Area - Bushland to the north of the park will not benefit the general needs of the local community - accessible and landscaped open space with grassed area for recreation would be a higher priority than inaccessible bushland. Has an option to instate the facility of a park rather than recategorising as Natural Area-Bushland just because there are trees on it been considered? Updates or changes to this area must include more usable open space, better accessibility and visibility to the foreshore and improved views across the bay. The Aboriginal carvings should not be disturbed.</p>	<p>The proposed changes reflect the current use of these areas and therefore the proposed recategorisation.</p> <p>Some areas of the park, such as the north-east portion which were not included in the original 2001 Generic Plan of Management, are now included in the park.</p> <p>On the ground there will be no change to the current use of these areas.</p> <p>The Aboriginal carvings will continue to be retained and protected, and their location will not be promoted to further protect their integrity.</p>
Concern	What will change by the reverse categorisation (Natural Area - Bushland to Park in the north-east of the park) (Natural Area – Bushland to Park in the south of the park)? The Park category should be for facilities and landscaping to encourage activities. If the southern areas are recategorised as Park what landscaping and other works will be done to promote recreational activities in that space?	<p>The areas in Glades Bay Reserve initially categorised as Natural Area-Bushland in 2001 based on aerial photos are not accurate and consistent with the current canopy line boundaries of vegetation and bushland. Council is proposing to correct and realign the borders between Natural Area-Bushland and Park to make the boundary between them clearer.</p>
Concern	<p>The new additions at Glades Bay Park are very welcome.</p> <p>My only concerns are the two areas in the south of the reserve that will be recategorised from Natural Area-Bushland to Park. These areas follow the pedestrian paths through the park. The proposed change is understandable, but maintenance of the narrow strips of land would then encroach on the bushland on the edges of the lawn area and extend into the Natural Area-Bushland more than occurs at the moment. The delineation between Natural Area-Bushland and Park must be clear.</p>	<p>The two areas in south Glades Bay Park proposed to be recategorised as Park comprise a walkway between bushland leading down to a playground at the bottom of the hill. The playground will stay, but a playground is not consistent with the core objectives of Natural Area-Bushland. The Park category is a better fit for the playground. Council wants to protect the existing grassed areas to the east and south by recategorising them as Park.</p> <p>The parkland would be maintained using mowing equipment etc. so there would be no encroachment on the Natural Area-Bushland.</p> <p>Logs or similar will be used to delineate the Natural Area-Bushland from Park.</p>

5.1.5 Proposed recategorisation of parks in the Draft Natural Areas Generic Plan of Management to Natural Area-Bushland or Park

Submissions about the proposed recategorisations in Burrows Park, Civic Gateway, Denistone Park, Hubert Hunt Reserve, Pindari Park and Stewart Park are listed below.

Table 5 Proposed recategorisation of parks in the Draft Natural Areas Generic Plan of Management to Natural Area-Bushland or Park

Park/ reserve	Support?	Submission	Council response
Burrows Park	Support x 1	The proposed change from General Community Use to Natural Area-Bushland looks very appropriate.	Noted
Civic Gateway	-	No comments	Noted
Denistone Park	Support x 1	No comments	Noted
Hubert Hunt Reserve	Support x 2	We support the proposed recategorisation of Hubert Hunt Reserve from Park to Natural Area-Bushland. Although a small area in a small street, this reserve is significant for its native vegetation and bird life (see report on ebird.org in 2018 regarding the observation of 22 species of birds in this reserve).	Noted
Pindari Park	-	No comments	Noted
Stewart Park	Support x 2	No comments	Noted

5.1.6 Multiple categorisation of Crown land in the Draft Generic Plans of Management for Parks and General Community Use, and Sportsgrounds

Submissions about the multiple categorisation of Crown land in Brush Farm Park, Glen Street Reserve, Monash Park, North Ryde Park, Ryde Park and Westminster Park are listed below.

Table 6 Multiple categorisation of Crown land in the Draft Generic Plans of Management for Parks and General Community Use, and Sportsgrounds

Park/reserve	Support?	Submission	Council response
Brush Farm Park	Support x 2	No comments	Noted
Glen Street Reserve	Support x 2	No comments	Noted
Monash Park	Support x 2	No comments	Noted
North Ryde Park	Support x 2	No comments	Noted
Ryde Park	Support x 3	The multiple categorisation looks very appropriate.	Noted
Westminster Park	Support x 2	No comments	Noted

5.2 Other submissions

Other verbal and written submissions that are outside the scope of this public hearing report are listed below.

Table 7 Other submissions

Submission	Council response
My opinion is that if there's going to be plans for developing sportsgrounds, serious consideration needs to be put into basketball as the numbers are growing through the seams and is desperate for government investment. For example, Westminster Park has 1 soccer field which hosts 22-28 football players per 60-90 minutes, the space at this park if developed into a basketball stadium could fit 10-12 courts...that's a possible 200-240 basketball players per 60-90 minutes. A stadium of this magnitude would accelerate Ryde into a premier basketball community alike the other large clubs in the country (Dandenong in Melbourne for example has a 15 court stadium) and would be able to host national basketball events that could help stimulate the local economy, especially needed after this pandemic. Or even a 6 court stadium with room for parking and space for growth would still be able to host 5-6 times the capacity of a soccer field and reinvigorate sports participation in the area that also isn't affected by the weather. The Inner West (Ryde) Bulls Basketball Association based in Ryde for over 15 years is now one of if not the fastest growing clubs in the state, and with all the new residential developments in Gladesville and Meadowbank, a premier basketball facility sounds rather fitting for our city's and their club's rapidly growing demographic.	The masterplan for Westminster Park was on public exhibition during June and July 2019. The feedback received from the community supported Council's proposed masterplan for a synthetic surface at the park. While it is recognised that additional basketball facilities may be required in the City, other locations would need to be investigated. The multiple categorisations assigned to Westminster Park (refer to Figure 35) is required to satisfy the requirements of the <i>Crown Land Management Act 2016</i> .
What changes to Glades Bay Park will occur in the Draft Parramatta River Parklands Plan of Management?	Council's normal management and maintenance in Glades Bay Park will continue. The Plan of Management will be the basis of future management and improvements. If residents want anything improved or added to the park make a representation to Council which will be considered in future works programs if they fit in with park management objectives.
A customer wants to discuss the pathway between Bill Mitchell Park and Glades Bay Reserve	Please contact Council via email and Parks staff would be happy to discuss

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6 RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Consideration of submissions

The written and verbal submissions regarding the proposed recategorisations and the multiple categorisation of Crown land parks are carefully considered and assessed below.

6.1.1 Recategorisation of part of Marsfield Park

The submissions from customers either supported or made no comment about the proposed recategorisation of part of Marsfield Park from General Community Use to Park.

The proposed category of Park is consistent with the existing character and features of the land, and its proposed use and management as informal open space.

Recommendation:

- ☐ Support the proposed recategorisation of part of Marsfield Park from General Community Use to Park.

6.1.2 Recategorisation of parts of Glades Bay Park

The proposed categorisation and recategorisation of parts of Glades Bay attracted several submissions which expressed concern or opposition, as well as submissions that supported the proposed categorisation and recategorisation.

Concerns about the proposed recategorisations focused on:

- ☐ recategorisation of Natural Area-Bushland to Park, and the encroachment on, degeneration of or loss of the natural habitat for birds.

Council responded that it recognises the importance of natural bushland. Council is merely correcting a mapping anomaly that occurred in 2001 when the boundary between Natural Area and Park was mapped using the canopy cover shown in aerial photographs instead of also ground-truthing the boundary. Council has responded that it has no intention of degenerating the bushland by clearing natural vegetation, constructing hard surfaces or developing the land. The boundary between Natural Area-Bushland and Park would be clearly delineated by measures such as the grass mowing regime and logs.
- ☐ recategorisation of Park to Natural Area-Bushland and the loss of informal open space for recreation.

The two narrow strips of Park in the south and east of Glades Bay Reserve are characterised by footpaths, mown grass adjacent to the paths and York Street and Delmar Parade, and a playground which all reflect the guidelines and core objectives of the Park category. Council also recognises the importance of open grass areas for informal recreation. From Council's response I am satisfied that open space areas in the park for informal recreation will not be affected by the proposed recategorisation from Park to Natural Area-Bushland.

Recommendation:

- ☐ Support the proposed categorisation/recategorisation of parts of Glades Bay Park as Natural Area-Bushland or Park.

6.1.3 Proposed recategorisation of parks in the Draft Natural Areas Generic Plan of Management

Submissions either supported or made no comment on the proposed recategorisation of part of all of six parks in the Draft Natural Areas Generic Plan of Management.

The proposed recategorisations are logical and appropriate given the existing features and character of the parks, and the proposed use and management of the parks.

Recommendation:

- ☐ Support the proposed recategorisation of:
 - part of Burrows Park from General Community Use to Natural Area-Bushland
 - part of Denistone Park, all of Hubert Hunt Reserve, part of Stewart Park from Park to Natural Area-Bushland
 - all of Civic Gateway and part of Pindari Park from Natural Area-Bushland to Park.

6.1.4 Multiple categorisation of Crown land parks

Submissions either supported or made no comment on the multiple categorisation of Crown land in the Draft Generic Plans of Management for Parks and General Community Use, and Sportsgrounds.

The multiple categorisations appropriately reflect differences in character, use and management within each park.

Recommendation:

- ☐ Support the multiple categorisations of:
 - Brush Farm Park
 - Glen Street Reserve
 - Monash Park
 - North Ryde Park
 - Ryde Park
 - Westminster Park.

6.2 Recommendations

Based on the representations and written submissions to the public hearing on 22 July 2020 and written submissions made to Council by 29 July 2020, my recommendations to City of Ryde are that Council:

1. Note the verbal and written submissions made in Section 5.
2. Support the proposed recategorisation of part of Marsfield Park from General Community Use to Park.
3. Support the proposed categorisation/recategorisation of parts of Glades Bay Park as Natural Area-Bushland or Park.
4. Support the proposed recategorisation of:
 - part of Burrows Park from General Community Use to Natural Area-Bushland
 - part of Denistone Park, all of Hubert Hunt Reserve, part of Stewart Park from Park to Natural Area-Bushland
 - all of Civic Gateway and part of Pindari Park from Natural Area-Bushland to Park.
5. Support the multiple categorisations of:
 - Brush Farm Park
 - Glen Street Reserve
 - Monash Park
 - North Ryde Park
 - Ryde Park
 - Westminster Park.

6.3 Adoption of proposed recategorisations

Council must agree to the proposed recategorisation of community and Crown land included in the Draft Plans of Management for Parks/General Community Use, Sportsgrounds, Natural Areas, and Parramatta River Parklands before resolving to adopt the proposed amendments to the categorisations in each Plan of Management.

Section 114 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* states that if Council receives any submission objecting to a categorisation of land in the Plan of Management, and the Council adopts the Plan of Management without amending the categorisation that gave rise to the objection, the resolution by which Council adopts the Plan of Management must state the Council's reasons for categorising the relevant land in the manner that gave rise to the objection.

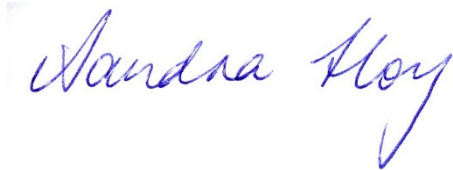
If Council intends to adopt the proposed recategorisation as was set out in the Draft Plan of Management, it must state the reasons why it did not make changes to categorisation in response to the objections received in its resolution to adopt the Plan of Management.

If Council decides to alter the proposed recategorisation of community land from that in the Plan of Management and that considered at the public hearing, Council must hold a further public hearing in respect of the proposed Plan of Management (Section 40A(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*).

6.4 Reporting

Within four days of receiving this final report, Council is required under Section 47G(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* to make a copy of this report available for inspection by the public at a location within the area of the Council. It is recommended that Council:

- ☐ send a copy of the public hearing report to the people who attended the public hearing and/or made a written submission.
- ☐ keep a copy of the public hearing report for inspection at Council's Customer Service Centre and at local libraries.
- ☐ post an electronic copy of the public hearing report on Council's website.



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