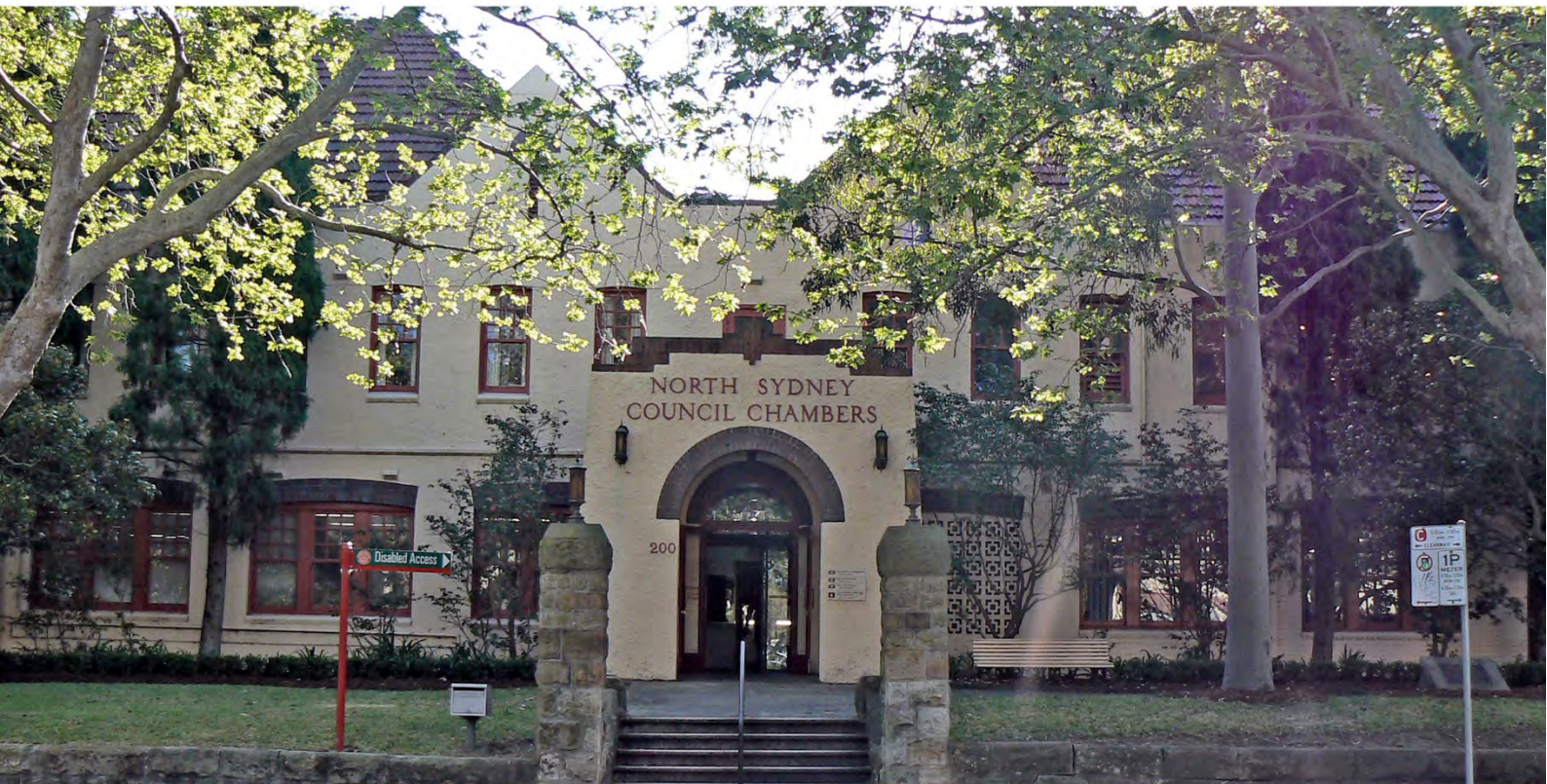




AGENDA

A meeting of **the Sport and Recreation Reference Group** will be held on Cammeraygal Land at the Ros Crichton Pavilion Council Chambers, 200 Miller Street, North Sydney at 6:00 PM on Tuesday 8 August 2023.
The agenda is as follows.

Therese Manns
GENERAL MANAGER



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1. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 May 2023, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

2. Disclosures of Interest

3. Committee Reports

3.1. Capital Works Program 2023/24

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ATTACHMENTS	Nil
CSP LINK	1. Our Living Environment 1.4 Well utilised open space and recreational facilities 2. Our Built Infrastructure 2.1 Infrastructure and assets meet diverse community needs

PURPOSE:

This report provides an update on sport and recreation Capital Works projects for the current financial year 2023/24.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report presents an update on capital works projects that are scheduled to be completed within the current financial year 2023/24.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Sport and Recreation Reference Group receive the Capital Works Program 2023/24 report.

Background

There are several sport and recreation projects that are scheduled to be commenced in the 2023/24 financial year. This report provides information for the Sport and Recreation Reference group on each of these projects.

Quarantine Boat Depot Site & Access Improvements

After many years of negotiation, Council purchased a portion of this property with the assistance of a grant from the NSW State Government. Council's site extends from the line of the former mean high-water mark to the western boundary of the site adjacent to Balls Head Reserve. Council is also currently seeking tenure of the reclaimed foreshore section of the site.

Works to date have focused on site clean-up, investigations including detailed surveying of site features and levels, repair works to fencing and other structures. Improvement works being considered include repairs to existing retaining walls, upgrading of services (including drainage, electrical and sewer) and repair of dilapidated out-buildings. Council is also considering how to best to enhance pedestrian access to and through the site. Equitable access is currently difficult to achieve due to the steep topography and design of the site heritage buildings.

Council is also currently liaising with the NSW Government in relation to a connection from the Quarantine Depot through the Berrys Bay Master Plan site to the north.

Council has allocated a budget of \$1,100,000.00 for this project.

Convert 1 Henry Lawson Ave to community Parkland

This site has been transferred to the ownership of North Sydney Council from the NSW Government. Council is currently working towards demolition of the existing buildings and returning the site to public open space as soon as possible.

Initial works have included removing failing hoarding boards and replacement with security mesh fencing, removal of a large amount of loose rubbish and stockpiled loose building materials. A detailed site survey was recently completed to inform the documentation for the development application (DA) required for the demolition. Council is now working towards completing the DA.

The DA documents will include an indicative landscape plan showing the treatment of the remnant building footprints and associated landscape works. Under plans currently being developed, heritage elements including the historic slipways, sandstone walls and former building footprints will be retained and incorporated into the new section of park.

Council is also considering the potential for some kayak storage to be included on the footprint of the old boat shed slip area. This area is set down below the adjacent park level and has ready access to the slipway in front. Subject to investigations, design and approvals, the possibility of launching kayaks at that location can be explored, to augment the use of the beach for launching.

Demolition of the building will commence following determination of the DA. The park reinstatement works will commence as soon as possible after the demolition, subject to any adjustments that may be necessary once the buildings are removed.

Council has allocated a budget of \$900,000.00 for this project.



Bon Andrews Oval New Irrigation System

This project has been allocated a budget of \$120,000.00. The current system is over 30 years old and does not provide adequate coverage across the entire field. The new system will be much more water efficient and provide even coverage over the entire area.

The design will investigate the option of increasing the size of the water tank on the northern side of the oval and the potential to utilise it to store water from Councils storm water harvesting system.

Upgrade Lodge Road Playground

This project has been allocated a budget of \$170,000.00 and will include improvements that meet the needs and requirements of the community and adhere to required safety standards.

Open Space & Recreation Needs Study

At its meeting of 26 April 2023, Council unanimously resolved to commence the preparation of an Open Space & Recreation Needs Study (Needs Study) and a subsequent Open Space & Recreation Strategy. Council's existing Recreation Needs Study 2015 and Open Space Provision Strategy 2009 are now dated and there is a pressing need to address deficiencies in North Sydney's open space and recreation network.

The Needs Study will identify strategic directions and priorities to inform the North Sydney Open Space & Recreation Strategy (the Strategy), to be prepared by Council. The Strategy will provide a roadmap for how Council will deliver open spaces and recreation facilities that meet the needs of the current and future North Sydney resident, worker, and visitor populations. It will guide and inform the preparation of future major open space and recreation planning and design projects, including the Cammeray Park Strategic Masterplan,

Preparation of the Study is anticipated to take approximately 16 months once a consultant has been engaged.

A Project Control Group (PCG) comprising staff from many Council departments will provide direction to the Consultant, monitor the project program, progress and quality of outputs and discuss any significant issues that arise.

Council has allocated a budget of \$155,000.00 to undertake this study.

Small Water Craft Storage Strategy (SWCSS) Projects

Since 2018, implementing the SWCSS has focussed on providing additional storage facilities and associated infrastructure. There are now 13 facilities accommodating 318 small water craft.

In late 2022, Council staff revisited the North Sydney foreshore to update the data on ad hoc small water craft storage gained in the 2018 SWCSS. The investigations identified several alternative locations that were suitable for small water craft storage. Projects for this year are located at:

- **Tunks Park South** has been allocated a budget of \$60,000.00 where an anticipated 20 Kayaks could be accommodated and
- **John Street Road Reserve** has been allocated a budget of \$40,000.00 where an anticipated 8 Kayaks and 17 dinghies could be accommodated.

Primrose Park Additional Dual Cricket Net

This project has been allocated a budget of \$150,000.00. It is proposed to install the practice nets behind the existing nets.

North Sydney District Junior Cricket Club have been successful in obtaining a grant of \$30,000.00 through the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund to aid in funding this project.

North Sydney District Junior Cricket Club and the North Shore Junior Cricket Cricket Association are also donating another \$30,000.00 between them that will be utilised as additional funding for this project.



Stage 4 - St Leonards Park Landscape Masterplan Implementation

This Stage of the St Leonards Park Landscape Master Plan will be providing a warm glow to the park at night with the installation of new lighting throughout the majority of St Leonards Park.

The new light poles will provide general lighting reducing dark areas within the park and directional linear spotlighting to highlight pathways. The design has the light poles beside the pathways minimising pathway obstacles in keeping with the Tunks Way and Southern Lawn stages that already have new lighting installed.



Consultation requirements

Community engagement will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Protocol.

Financial/Resource Implications

Budget allocations are part of the adopted Capital Works program for the 2023/24 financial year.

3.2. Lane Cove Council Indoor Sports Centre Update

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CSP LINK	1. Our Living Environment 1.4 Well utilised open space and recreational facilities 2. Our Built Infrastructure 2.1 Infrastructure and assets meet diverse community needs

PURPOSE:

This report presents information to the Sport and Recreation Reference Group on the status of the proposed Indoor Sports Centre in Lane Cove.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides relevant sport and recreation information from within the NSROC (Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils) district. The construction of a new Sport and Recreation facility in Lane Cove is of similar nature to issues within the North Sydney LGA.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Lane Cove Council Indoor Sports Centre update report be received.

Background

A report was presented at the Sport and Recreation Reference Group on 15th November 2022 that included the final version of Facility. This incorporated input and feedback from community consultation and Lane Cove Council workshops, qualified design consultants, leading industry specialists and operators as well as local sporting and community groups.

Report

On 5 May 2023, the Sydney North Planning Panel approved a development application by Lane Cove Council to build a Sports and Recreational Facility with eight courts (4 indoor and four multipurpose outdoor courts) at 180 River Road Lane Cove.

It will cost around \$75 million to design and construct the facility. The Development Consent includes the following:

- Demolition of existing structures and improvements;
- Lot consolidation and re-subdivision;
- Construction of a two and part three-storey/mezzanine multipurpose sports facility comprising 6,235m² of GFA apportioned as:
 - 3,221m² of indoor sports hall;
 - 277m² Bistro (including servery and golf trophy display area);
 - 204m² Outdoor Dining Terrace;654m² of multipurpose space shared between 4 rooms;
 - 118m² of lounge space, 64m² of office space and a meeting room of 56m²;
- Construction of four new outdoor multipurpose courts (3,665m² GFA);
- Cut, fill, re-levelling and construct lower ground parking level with 248 parking spaces, including six accessible parking spaces, ten bicycle parking spaces and 16 motorbike parking spaces;
- Landscaping works, including extensive tree planting.



Figure 35 Artistic render of proposed indoor multi-purpose courts

Lane Cove Council has a \$5 million grant for the facility under the NSW Government Multi-Sport Community Facility grants program. This program requires construction to commence by 1 July 2023 and be completed by December 2025. An estimated construction time of 18 months beginning in June 2023, with the existing facilities being demolished.

Consultation requirements

Community engagement is not required.

3.3. Draft Plan of Management for Foreshore Parks and Reserves

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ATTACHMENTS	1. Draft Foreshore Parks and Reserves Po M [3.3.1 - 148 pages]
CSP LINK	1. Our Living Environment 1.4 Well utilised open space and recreational facilities

PURPOSE:

This report presents information to the Sport and Recreation Reference Group on the Draft Plan of Management (PoM) for Foreshore Parks and Reserves that is now on exhibition.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The new draft PoM for Foreshore Parks & Reserves is the fifth Crown land PoM to be prepared for North Sydney. When adopted, it will supersede Council's Foreshore Parks and Reserves PoM 2017.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Sport and Recreation Reference Group receive the Draft Plan of Management for Foreshore Parks and Reserves report.

Background

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act), Council has adopted 14 Plans of Management (PoMs) for community lands. These strategic documents include both Council-owned parks as well as Crown reserves and they provide a holistic guide to the use, development, and management of all public open space in North Sydney.

The new Crown Land Management Act 2016 (CLM Act) was enacted on 1st July 2018. It imposes various requirements on Councils in NSW, including that Councils must categorise, and adopt PoMs for all Crown reserves for which they are the appointed Crown land manager. The requirements are such that Council's existing PoMs that include Crown land do not comply with the CLM Act.

Council has commenced preparation of a new suite of PoMs that address relevant Crown reserves. The new draft PoM for Foreshore Parks & Reserves will replace Council's existing PoM for Foreshore Parks & Reserves 2017.

Report

The foreshore parks and reserves provide a sense of place for the community and contribute not just to the character of the North Sydney area, but to the character and beauty of Sydney harbour.

The draft PoM for Foreshore Parks & Reserves provides an overall framework for management of these significant, highly visible, and very well-used areas of public open space. It examines the broad range of issues associated with foreshore parks and reserves in a comprehensive and holistic manner, identifying clear objectives for management, maintenance, and future development.

The draft PoM for Foreshore Parks & Reserves has been prepared specifically to:

- Meet Council's obligations regarding public land management under the requirements of Section 36 of the LG Act, the CLM Act and the CLM Regulation.
- Ensure the requirements of the Native Title Act for the management of Crown land are addressed.
- Enable Council to renegotiate or enter into leases, licences, and other use agreements.

Project Life Cycle

Step 1 - New draft Plan of PoM for Foreshore Parks & Reserves prepared

New PoM must include advice from Council's Native Title Manager.

Step 2 - Report to Council

Council resolves to refer the new draft PoM to the NSW government department administering the CML Act (the landowner) attesting it has considered Native Title Manager advice and seeking permission to publicly exhibit the draft PoM.

Step 3 - NSW government reviews the draft PoM and gives consent to exhibit

Advise Council of any properly required provisions to include in the draft PoM prior to exhibition.

Step 4 – Public Exhibition

Draft PoM is publicly exhibited for a minimum of 42 days.

Step 5 - Collate feedback and adopt PoM

All community feedback is considered by Council's project team and the POM is reported to Council. Unless significant amendments are required. If significant amendments are required, The PoM must be resubmitted to the NSW government department seeking Minister's Consent to adopt the amended PoM. Once Consent is received, the PoM is reported to Council for adoption.

Once adopted by Council, the new PoM will replace the current Foreshore Parks & Reserves PoM 2017.

Consultation requirements

Community engagement will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Protocol.

The Draft Plan of Management for Foreshore Parks and Reserves is now on exhibition with feedback closing on the 18th of August 2023.



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Foreshore Parks & Reserves



PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL

2023

FORESHORE PARKS & RESERVES PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

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Introduction

Plans of Management provide clear guidelines for the effective short and long-term management of all land owned by Council or under Council's control. The Foreshore Parks & Reserves Plan of Management examines the broad range of issues associated with these important areas of public open space in North Sydney in a comprehensive and holistic manner and identifies clear objectives for management and maintenance. The Plan of Management clarifies management policy and direction, both for Council staff and the community.

The Foreshore Parks and Reserves Plan of Management applies to all public open spaces located on the North Sydney foreshore that are not covered in any other Council Plans of Management and examines the broad range of issues associated with the foreshore parks and reserves in a holistic manner. These open spaces are diverse in character; however, their foreshore situation means these spaces all have important scenic, natural, and restorative values that contribute to the health and wellbeing of the North Sydney community.

Council's foreshore parkland is highly valued, and its protection and maintenance is vital. As North Sydney becomes increasingly dense, the importance of open space for the health and wellbeing of the community and for the social, environmental, and economic benefits it provides increases correspondingly.

The Foreshore Parks & Reserves Plan of Management sets out Council's strategies to manage, upgrade and maintain these open spaces over the next 5 - 10 years. This document supersedes Council's Foreshore Parks & Reserves Plan of Management 2017.

Land affected by this Plan of Management is a combination of Council-owned land and Crown land owned by the NSW State Government. As such, it is managed under the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

This Plan of Management draws on information contained in relevant Acts, planning documents and studies, including:

- *Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act)*
- *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*
- *Crown Land Management Act 2016 (CLM Act)*
- *Crown Land Management Amendment (Plan of Management) Regulation 2021*
- *Native Title Act (Cwlth) 1993 (NT Act)*
- The North Sydney Community Strategic Plan – Our Vision 2040
- Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP), North Sydney Council
- Recreation Needs Study 2015 (RNS)

Several of Council's other Plans of Management should also be referred to when reading this document. Those parts of foreshore parks and reserves that have been categorised as Natural Area – Bushland, or as Sportsgrounds, will be included in Council's Bushland and Sportsgrounds Plans of Management. This Plan of Management indicates the location of playgrounds in relevant foreshore parks and reserves; however, the Playgrounds Plan of Management provides more information about playgrounds and other outdoor recreation facilities throughout the North Sydney area. Additionally, Bradfield Park and Cremorne Reserve, while both located on the main harbour foreshore, have their own, significant area, Plans of Management.

A major review of the Foreshore Parks & Reserves Plan of Management will take place every 7 – 10 years to allow policy and planning issues to be revisited and updated. Implementation of the actions listed in the Plan is reviewed regularly.

Foreshore parks and reserves covered by this Plan of Management are listed in **Appendix 1 – Schedule of Land**. Additional detail and mapping information is provided in **Appendices 2-5**.

1.0 **Management Framework**

1.1 **Structure of the Plan of Management**

The Foreshore Parks and Reserves Plan of Management is divided into 6 parts.

Part 1 examines what a Plan of Management is, outlines the scope of the Plan, the legislative framework that drives and guides it, its purpose, and its core objectives. It explains the link between this Plan of Management and Council's land management goals and details the importance of community engagement. It also examines the issue of leases, licences, permits, and other estates.

Part 2 provides a general description of the foreshore parks and reserves included in this Plan of Management and examines their characteristics and resources.

Part 3 identifies and examines the major planning issues essential to understanding the overall directions of the document and discusses current management practices.

Part 4 sets out the core values and management objectives, as determined by Council and the community through previous studies including the Recreation Needs Study 2015. These objectives have been used as the basis for formulating the implementation plan.

Part 5 is the implementation and performance component of the Plan of Management. A matrix sets out the objectives, proposed actions and performance indicators and anticipated timing for each issue and action. An indicative works program further details the staging of all works and actions.

Part 6 is the Appendices.

1.2 **Purpose of the Plan of Management**

This Plan of Management provides an overall framework for management of North Sydney's foreshore parks and reserves in coming years. Specifically, it has been prepared to:

- Meet Council's obligations regarding public land management under the requirements of Section 36 of the *LG Act* and the *CLM Act*
- Ensure the requirements of the *NT Act* for the management of Crown land are addressed
- Enable Council to renegotiate or enter into leases, licences and other use agreements

The production of this Plan of Management is closely linked with Council's overall land management objectives, as set out in the North Sydney Community Strategic Plan – Our Vision 2040. The following information has been taken from the Community Strategic Plan:

Council's goal regarding foreshore parks and reserves (encompassed in the Community Strategic Plan – Our Vision 2040 under Direction 1 – 'Our Living Environment') is:

- 1.4 'Public Open Space and Recreational Facilities and Services Meet Community Needs'

The following objectives are derived from that goal:

- Protect, enhance and expand public open space and foreshore access
- Advocate for new visionary and quality open and green spaces

1.3 Legislative Framework

The *LG Act* requires that Plans of Management must be prepared for Council-owned community land. Plans of Management for Crown land were previously adopted under the *Crown Lands Act 1989*; however, the *CLM Act* requires Council's to prepare Plans of Management for Crown reserves as per the requirements of the *LG Act*.

North Sydney's foreshore parks and reserves are located on a combination of Council-owned and Crown land. The parts of the foreshore parks and reserves included in this PoM are zoned RE1 Public Recreation under Council's Local Environmental Plan 2013. (Refer **Appendix 6 – Explanation of Relevant Zones**).

1.3.1 NSW Local Government Act 1993 (*LG Act*)

The *LG Act* provides the legislative framework for Council's day-to-day operations. It identifies a Council's responsibility to actively manage land and to involve the community in developing a strategy for management.

The *LG Act* requires all community lands to be covered by a Plan of Management that identifies:

- The category of the land
- Objectives and outcomes for the land
- How Council proposes to achieve objectives and outcomes
- The way by which Council proposes to assess its performance
- Expressly authorise any leases, licences or other estates

The nature and use of community land may not change without an adopted Plan of Management.

1.3.2 Crown Land Management Act 2016 (*CLM Act*)

The *CLM Act* assigns certain functions to Council managers. As a crown land manager, Council is authorised to classify and manage its dedicated or reserved Crown land as if it were public land within the meaning of the *LG Act*. Dedicated or reserved Crown land may be used only for the following purposes:

- The purposes for which it is dedicated or reserved, or
- Any purpose incidental or ancillary to a purpose for which it is dedicated or reserved, or
- Any purpose specified in a plan of management for the land, or
- Any other purposes authorised by an Act.

Council, as Crown Land Manager, may issue leases and licences over Crown land in line with the *LG Act*, as per the assigned category and with consideration of the reserve purpose.

Generally, when managing dedicated or reserved Crown land, and for the purposes of this Plan of Management, Council:

- a) Must manage the land as if it were community land under the *LG Act*, and
- b) Has for that purpose all the functions that a local council has under that Act in relation to community land (including in relation to the leasing and licensing of community land)

Objectives of the *CLM Act*

The Objectives of the *CLM Act* are to ensure that Crown land is managed for the benefit of the people of New South Wales, and in particular:

- To provide for the ownership, use and management of the Crown land of NSW, and
- To provide clarity concerning the law applicable to Crown land, and
- To require environmental, social, cultural heritage and economic considerations to be taken into account in decision-making about Crown land, and
- To provide for the consistent, efficient, fair and transparent management of Crown land for the benefit of the people of NSW, and
- To facilitate the use of Crown land by the Aboriginal people of NSW because of the spiritual, social, cultural and economic importance of land to Aboriginal people, and, where appropriate, to enable the co-management of dedicated or reserved Crown land, and
- provide for the management of Crown land having regard to the principles of Crown land management.

Principles of Crown land management

- Observe environmental protection principles in relation to the management and administration of Crown land
- To conserve the natural resources of Crown land (including water, soil, flora, fauna and scenic quality) wherever possible
- Encourage public use and enjoyment of appropriate Crown land
- Encourage multiple use of Crown land, where appropriate
- Use and manage Crown land in such a way that both the land and its resources are sustained in perpetuity, where appropriate
- Occupy, use, sell, lease, licence or otherwise deal with Crown land in the best interests of the State, consistent with the above principles

The *CLM Act* provides a new regime for the management of Crown land, and Council is now responsible for compliance with native title legislation for the Crown land that it manages.

1.3.3 Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) (NT Act)

Native title is the legal recognition of the individual or communal rights and interests which Aboriginal people have in land and water, where Aboriginal people have continued to exercise their rights and interests in accordance with traditional law and custom since before the British asserted sovereignty over Australia. Native title rights and interests are formally recognised under the *NT Act*.

On Crown land, Native Title rights and interests must be considered unless:

- Native title has been extinguished, or

- Native title has been surrendered, or
- Determined by a court to no longer exist

Council must manage Crown land in accordance with Part 8 of the *CLM Act* in relation to native title and ensure the requirements of the *NT Act* for the management of Crown land are addressed.

All activities on Crown land included in this Plan of Management (refer **Appendix 1 – Schedule of Land**) must address the issue of native title. Whilst a successful claim for native title will lead to official recognition of native title rights, native title rights are considered to pre-date such recognition. Native title can therefore be relevant to activities carried out on the land even if no native title claim has been made or registered.

The native title process must be considered for each activity on the land and a native title assessment must be undertaken. Almost all activities and public works carried out on the land will affect native title and require validation under the future act procedures in Division 3 of the *NT Act* by Council’s Native Title Manager.

The *NT Act* sets out procedures for notification and opportunity to comment which must be followed in certain circumstances (for example if the proposed activity/act is a ‘public work’ as defined in Section 253 of the Act).

1.4 Land Categorisation, Core Objectives & Permissible Uses

Section 3.21 of the *CLM Act* states that dedicated or reserved Crown land may be classified and managed as if it were public (community or operational) land within the meaning of the *LG Act*. Section 3.23(2) of the *CLM Act* requires Crown land to be categorised consistent with the *LG Act*.

North Sydney’s foreshore parks and reserves are located on a combination of Council-owned and Crown land. All are classified as community land and all are categorised as ‘park’, except for the Council-owned Quarantine Boat Depot which is categorised as a combination of ‘park’ and ‘general community use’ (to allow the reuse of the existing buildings for a variety of community uses).

According to the *LG Act 1993*, land should be categorised as ‘park’ under section 36(4) of the Act if the land:

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.

Land Category	Core Objectives
Park (LGA 1993 - Section 36G)	<p><i>to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games, and</i></p> <p><i>to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and</i></p> <p><i>to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.</i></p>

Permissible use and development of community land categorised as Park by Council

Purpose/Use	Development to facilitate uses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active and passive recreation including children's play and cycling • Group recreational use, such as picnics and private celebrations • Eating and drinking in a relaxed setting • Publicly accessible ancillary areas, such as toilets • Festivals, parades, markets, fairs, exhibitions and similar events and gatherings • Low-intensity commercial activities (for example recreational equipment hire) • Filming and photographic projects • Busking • Public address (speeches) • Community gardening <p>Note: Some of the uses listed above require a permit from the council.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development for the purposes of improving access, amenity and the visual character of the park, for example paths, public art, pergolas • Development for the purposes of active recreation such as play equipment, exercise equipment, bike racks, half-court basketball courts, bocce courts • Amenities to facilitate the safe use and enjoyment of the park, for example picnic tables, BBQs, sheltered seating areas • Café or refreshment areas (kiosks) including external seating • Lighting, seating, toilet facilities, courts, paved areas • Hard and soft landscaped areas • Storage sheds • Car parking and loading areas • Commercial development that is sympathetic to and supports use in the area, for example hire of recreation equipment • Community gardens • Heritage and cultural interpretation, for example signs • Advertising structures and signage (such as A-frames and banners) that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ relate to approved uses/activities ○ are discreet and temporary ○ are approved by the council • Bio-banking and carbon sequestration initiatives • Water-saving initiatives such as stormwater harvesting, rain gardens and swales

Purpose/Use	Development to facilitate uses
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy-saving initiatives such as solar lights and solar panels • Locational, directional and regulatory signage

According to the *LG Act 1993*, land should be categorised as ‘general community use’ under section 36(4) of the Act if the land:

(a) 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, and

(b) is not required to be categorised as a natural area under Section 36A, 36B or 36C of the Act and does not satisfy the guidelines under clauses 102–105 for categorisation as a natural area, a sportsground, a park or an area of cultural significance.

Land Category	Core Objectives
General Community Use (LGA 1993 - Section 36I)	<p><i>to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public-</i></p> <p><i>a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and</i></p> <p><i>b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).</i></p>

Permissible use and development of community land categorised as General Community Use by Council

Purpose/Use	Development to facilitate uses
<p>Providing a location for, and supporting, the gathering of groups for a range of social, cultural or recreational purposes.</p> <p>Providing multi-purpose buildings (for example, community halls and centres) with specialised community uses such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • casual or informal recreation • meetings (including for social, recreational, educational or cultural purposes) • functions • concerts, including all musical genres 	<p>Development for the purposes of social, community, cultural and recreational activities, such as libraries, youth services, health services, sports.</p> <p>Development includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provision of buildings or other amenity areas to facilitate use and enjoyment by the community • development (particularly within buildings) for the purposes of addressing the needs of a particular group (for example, a stage) • landscaping and finishes, improving access, amenity and the visual character of the general community area • water-saving initiatives such as rain gardens

Purpose/Use	Development to facilitate uses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • performances (including film and stage) • exhibitions • fairs and parades • workshops • leisure or training classes • designated group use (e.g. scout and girl guide use) • educational centres, including libraries, information and resource centres • entertainment facilities • active cemeteries • caravan parks and camping grounds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • energy-saving initiatives such as solar lights and solar panels • car parking and loading areas • advertising structures and signage (such as A-frames and banners) that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ relate to approved uses/activities ○ are discreet and temporary ○ are approved by the council • locational, directional and regulatory signage.

1.5 Leases, Licences, Permits and Other Estates

A lease, licence or permit is a contract between a landowner and another entity, granting that entity a right to occupy an area for a specific period. Leases, licences and permits formalise the use of community land by groups such as sporting clubs, community groups and schools, or by commercial organisations and individuals providing facilities or services for public use.

A lease is typically required where exclusive use or control of all or part of a park or reserve is required. The terms and conditions of a lease should ensure that the lessee undertakes proper management of the facility such that it is maintained in a safe and visually pleasing condition, and that the interests of Council and the public are protected.

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

Under the *CLM Act*, Councils are authorised to manage Crown land as if it were community land within the meaning of the *LG Act*. This enables Councils to issue licences, leases, permits and other estates for Crown land reserves in the same way they do for any Council-owned public land, with consideration of the reserve purpose. Essentially, the process for issuing tenures will depend on the classification and categorisation of the land, as well as its applicable planning controls associated with the land zoning.

This Plan of Management expressly authorises the issue of leases, licences, permits or other estates over foreshore parks and reserves categorised as Park or General Community Use, provided that:

- The purpose is consistent with the purpose for which the land was dedicated or reserved
- The purpose is consistent with the community land classification and the core objectives for the category of the land

- The purpose is consistent with the zoning of the land under North Sydney LEP 2013
- The lease, licence, permit or other estate is for a permitted purpose listed in the *LG Act* or the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021
- The issue of the lease, licence, permit or other estate and their respective provisions can be validated by the provisions of the *NT Act*
- Where the land is subject to a claim under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* the issue of any lease, licence or other estate will not prevent the land from being transferred in the event the claim is granted
- The lease, licence, permit or other estate is granted and notified in accordance with the provisions of the *LG Act* or the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021
- The issue of the lease, licence, permit or other estate will not materially harm the use of the land for any of the purposes for which it was dedicated or reserved
- The purpose is consistent with the core values and management objectives listed in Section 4.1 of this Plan of Management
- Sub-leases are only allowable for the same purpose as the original lease in accordance with the requirements of Section 47C (1) (a) of the *LG Act*

For leases, licences or estates for terms up to five years, section 47A applies and councils are required to undertake a public consultation process as set out in section 47(1) through (4) of the *LG Act*.

Councils must consider all submissions received during the specified period for public consultation. However, there is no requirement to obtain the Minister for Local Government's approval to enter the lease, licence or estate.

Section 46A of the *LG Act*, which sets out the requirement to call for tenders, if a lease or licence for a term in excess of five years, is not being granted to a non-profit organisation.

Any proposal to grant a lease, licence or estate for a term of over five years on community land must be in accordance with section 47 of the *LG Act*. If, during the specified period for public consultation Council receives a submission in the form of an objection, the consent of the Minister for Local Government is required for them to enter the lease, licence or estate.

Community land must not be leased or licenced for more than 21 years, or 30 years without the consent of the Minister for Local Government. Any lease or licence for more than 21 years must have prior public notice according to the requirements of Sections 47 and 47A of the *LG Act*, and if an objection is made to the tenure because of the notice, the Minister for Local Government's consent is required.

Licences for short term casual use or occupation of land included in this Plan of Management for a range of uses may be granted in accordance with Section 46(1)(b)(ii) for the purposes specified in Section 116 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021. All short-term casual uses and occupations are subject to Council's standard conditions of hire, approval processes and booking fees, as well as to native title manager advice (for relevant Crown reserves).

Leases, licences and other estates and purposes for which they may be granted for community land categorised as Park

Type of tenure arrangement	Purpose for which tenure may be granted
Lease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • café/kiosk areas, including seating and tables • management of court facilities • hire or sale of recreational equipment
Licence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • outdoor café/kiosk seating and tables • management of court or similar facilities • hire or sale of recreational equipment
Short-term licence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • community events and festivals • playing a musical instrument, or singing for fee or reward • picnics and private celebrations such as weddings and family gatherings • filming, including for cinema/television • conducting a commercial photography session • public performances • engaging in an appropriate trade or business • delivering a public address • community events • fairs, markets, auctions and similar activities
Other estates	This PoM allows the council to grant ‘an estate’ over community land for the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities and provision of services, or connections for premises adjoining the community land to a facility of the council or public utility provider on the community land in accordance with the <i>LG Act</i> .

Leases, licences and other estates and purposes for which they may be granted for community land categorised as General Community Use

Type of tenure arrangement	Purpose for which tenure may be granted
Lease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • educational purposes, including libraries, educational classes, workshops • cultural purposes, including concerts, dramatic productions and galleries • recreational purposes, including fitness classes, dance classes and games • sporting uses developed/operated by a private operator • kiosk, café and refreshment purposes • commercial retail uses associated with the facility (e.g. sale or hire of sports goods) • childcare or vacation care
Licence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • educational purposes, including libraries, education classes, workshops • recreational purposes, including fitness classes, dance classes

Type of tenure arrangement	Purpose for which tenure may be granted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • café/kiosk areas • sale of goods or services that are ancillary to community land use and reserve purpose, for example flower sales at cemetery • social purposes (including childcare, vacation care)
Short-term licence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • public speeches, meetings, seminars and presentations, including educational programs • functions (including commemorative functions, book launches, film releases, balls, and similar activities) • displays, exhibitions, fairs, fashion parades and shows • events (including weddings, corporate functions, and community gatherings) • concerts and other performances, including both live performances and film (cinema and TV) • broadcasts associated with any event, concert, or public speech • engaging in an appropriate trade or business delivering a public address, community events; auctions, markets and similar activities
Other estates	This PoM allows the council to grant ‘an estate’ over community land for the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities and provision of services, or connections for premises adjoining the community land to a facility of the council or public utility provider on the community land in accordance with the <i>LG Act</i> .

Current leases and licences that exist in foreshore parks and reserves covered by this Plan of Management are set out in **Appendix 7 – Leases & Licences in Foreshore Parks & Reserves**.

1.6 Community Consultation

Community consultation plays an important role in the production of Plans of Management, providing Council with a sound understanding of issues from people who are familiar with and use the relevant parks and reserves. To a large degree, the views expressed by the community guide Council’s management of the land.

Public engagement also generates an understanding of Council's land management aims, combats misinformation and misunderstanding, and fosters support for Council's programs and policies. The consent and co-operation of the users of open space facilitates management and lends weight to the status of this Plan of Management.

Prior to general public exhibition of a new Crown land draft Plan of Management, Council is required to submit the draft Plan of Management to the appropriate representative of the owner of the land under section 39 of the *LG Act* (Currently the NSW Department of Planning and Environment – Crown Lands). The Department reviews the draft Plan of Management and advises Council of any properly required provisions to include in the Plan of Management. Council then amends the draft Plan

of Management (if required) and places it on public exhibition (under section 38 of the *LG Act*).

Exhibition of the draft Foreshore Parks & Reserves Parks Plan of Management for 42 days during which time Council will accept submissions from interested parties wishing to comment on the document. The following steps will generate widespread awareness of the draft Plan of Management:

- Posting the draft document on Council's website for information and comment, and providing details of how to make a submission
- Providing the opportunity to comment in accordance with sections 24JB(6) and 24KA(7) of the *NT Act*
- Notifying all Precincts, Council's Sport and Recreation Reference Group and other known stakeholders that a new draft Plan is on exhibition, and inviting comments
- Providing hard copies of the draft document to stakeholders, upon request

Writing a Submission

Submissions give stakeholders an opportunity to express their opinions, provide information and suggest alternatives to Council's proposed management strategies.

To ensure submissions are as effective as possible:

- (1) List all points according to the section and page number in the Plan of Management
- (2) Briefly describe each subject or issue you wish to discuss
- (3) State which strategies you agree or disagree with and give reasons
- (4) Suggest alternatives to deal with any issue with which you disagree

Written submissions should be sent to:

The General Manager
North Sydney Council
P O Box 12
NORTH SYDNEY NSW 2059

Attention: Landscape Planner

Email: council@northsydney.nsw.gov.au

Comments regarding this or any other adopted Plan of Management may be submitted at any time. All Plans of Management are reviewed regularly, and at the time of the review new issues and actions can be incorporated and existing actions amended. All adopted Plans of Management are available on Council's website.

Note:

This Plan of Management requires that for any activity/action specified in it, a native title assessment and validation under the *NT Act* be carried out by Council's Native Title Manager prior to the commencement or approval of that activity. NTS Corp and the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council will be notified of the preparation of the

draft Foreshore Parks & Reserves Plan of Management, and invited to comment, in accordance with the Native Title (Notices) Determination 2011 (No. 1).

2.0 **Characteristics and Resources – Foreshore Parks & Reserves**

2.1 **Location and Context**

The distribution of open space within the North Sydney area is relatively uneven, being largely a result of geographical constraints and historical factors rather than population densities or demand. Many of Council's parks and reserves are located on the harbour foreshores, with most of the remainder stretching in a band down the centre of the North Sydney area. Council is fortunate to have an extensive foreshore area with numerous foreshore parks and reserves providing excellent opportunities for a variety of outdoor activities.

North Sydney Council has a water frontage of approximately 18.6 kilometres. Some 16.2 kilometres fronts Sydney Harbour while another 2.4 kilometres fronts Middle Harbour. Council's network of foreshore parks and reserves includes large developed urban parks as well as numerous small parks, lookouts, and linkages. The foreshore parks provide a welcome counterpoint to the dense, urban development of North Sydney's commercial and residential areas, and the natural beauty and harbour location mean that they are enjoyed and appreciated not only by the local community, but by visitors from the wider Sydney metropolitan area and beyond.

Council's foreshore parks and reserves are popular with people walking, jogging, cycling, picnicking, and playing ball games. Many are connected either directly or via street links to other parks and reserves, meaning Council has been able to create not only significant walking trails, but also green corridors that benefit the local flora and fauna.

As well as offering opportunities for informal recreation activities such as picnicking and enjoying scenic harbour views, many foreshore parks and reserves contain recreation facilities that appeal to different sectors of the community. Playgrounds cater for children and their carers, and small boat storage and launching facilities cater for the boating community. Many of Council's larger foreshore parks and reserves contain sportsfields and sports courts. Other common recreation facilities found in foreshore parks and reserves include outdoor fitness equipment and ancillary features such as seats, picnic tables, public amenities, park lighting and pathways. Council's only harbour pool, Maccallum Pool is located on the foreshore in Cremorne Reserve; see Council's Plan of Management for Cremorne Reserve for more details.

Council's large urban parks fronting the main harbour such as Bradfield Park and Blues Point Reserve are popular with people viewing special harbour events such as the Australia Day activities and the New Year's Eve fireworks displays.

2.2 **Significance of the Foreshore Parks & Reserves**

Council's network of parks and reserves is a vital part of everyday urban life for North Sydney's residents, workers, and students. Public open space is our open-air living room: the place where children can play, where sport can be enjoyed, where we can encounter nature and where we can walk or picnic or simply sit at lunchtime to take a break from busy daily life. Good quality, well-maintained public open spaces can help to improve our physical and mental health and well-being.

Public spaces shape the cultural identity of an area and Council's parks and reserves, and particularly those on the foreshore, form part of North Sydney's unique character and provide a sense of place for the community. North Sydney's expansive network of foreshore parks and reserves provide an attractive land-water interface. They contribute not just to the character of the North Sydney area, but to the character and beauty of Sydney harbour. Together with open space areas such as the Botanical Gardens and Dawes Point on the southern side of the harbour, North Sydney's foreshore parks and reserves form a partial green belt that softens the transition from the harbour to dense urban development.

The foreshore parks and reserves are meeting places that bring the local and wider community together; they are venues for informal picnics and meet ups with neighbours as well as for organised social events that draw a larger crowd. Their unique location makes parks that front the main harbour such as Bradfield Park and Blues Point Reserve significant destinations for visitors to North Sydney. These foreshore areas provide excellent views of events and activities occurring on the harbour, and of the Sydney skyline and the harbour bridge.

Given the high cost of foreshore land and the developed nature of the North Sydney area, opportunities to acquire significant new areas of foreshore open space are limited. Council documents including the Open Space Provision Strategy 2009 and the Foreshore Access Strategy 2007 examine ways of providing more public open space in areas of need, and of connecting existing open space areas (particularly those on the foreshore) to create a more useable open space network. Council's long-term vision is to establish continuous access around the North Sydney foreshores, and opportunities to pursue this vision are acted upon when they arise.

Council ensures that the existing the network of foreshore parks and reserves is managed and maintained to a standard commensurate with their high profile and in a manner that meets the needs and expectations of both local users and visitors alike. The enhancement of North Sydney's existing foreshore parks and reserves is an ongoing commitment.

3.0 **Planning Issues**

3.1 **Landscape Character & Heritage**

The landscape character of North Sydney's foreshore parks and reserves is extremely diverse. Developed parks such as Kesterton Park and Kurraba Reserve consist largely of open, landscaped areas suitable for general recreation and relaxation. Other foreshore parks such as Berry Island Reserve feature pockets of urban bushland which reflect the pre-European ecosystem, while Milson Park, Clark Park and Watt Park all have strong European heritage planting themes. Large foreshore parks including Anderson, Primrose, Waverton, and Tunks Park represent significantly modified landscapes; constructed on land reclaimed from the heads of bays.

Generally, it is those areas of land with the most complex topographical natures and the most inaccessible locations that have best retained their original character, (due to their original unsuitability for development). The remnant bushland area of Berry Island Reserve is a good example of this, as are the steep slopes covered with bushland that surround the playing fields at Tunks Park.

The foreshore parks and reserves contain many items and sites of both Aboriginal and European heritage significance. Shell middens and rock engravings are found in various foreshore locations, generally in association with bushland. The Gadyan Track is an interpretive loop walk located at Berry Island Reserve that leads visitors past several sites of Aboriginal significance that have been sensitively interpreted.

Items of European heritage significance in North Sydney's foreshore parks and reserves are listed in Council's Local Environmental Plan 2013. They include the remains of Eaton's Timberyard at Sawmillers Reserve, the vehicular ferry dock at Blues Point Reserve, boat slips, sandstone walling and the cliff face on the Kirribilli Foreshore, and the Tunks Park sewerage viaduct.

3.2 **Scenic Views & Amenity**

3.2.1 *Scenic Views*

Scenic views out of, into and within the foreshore parks and reserves all contribute to the visual character and appeal of North Sydney's harbourside landscape. Foreshore parks and reserves are popular with both locals and visitors who come to watch boats and other maritime activities on the harbour, and view the city, both by day and by night.

North Sydney is well endowed with excellent viewing points; fronting the main harbour, Blues Point Reserve, Henry Lawson Reserve and Bradfield Park, along with numerous smaller parks, provide virtually unrestricted views of the Harbour and city. Further north Tunks Park offers views over Middle Harbour. Views range from unrestricted, to filtered, to almost non-existent, particularly in areas of dense bushland. It is important that all new works in foreshore parks and reserves consider the existing landscape character and the potential impacts on scenic views out of and into the parks.

Council manages the issue of scenic views and vegetation in foreshore parks and reserves according to the zoning of the area in question. While land zoned C2 Environmental Conservation is managed only to offer sporadic vantage points, as would have naturally been available through the reserve's original vegetation, land zoned RE1

Public Recreation is more likely to offer views out to the harbour and beyond. Council's aim in managing the foreshore parks and reserves is not to provide unrestricted views from all areas, but to provide a variety of viewing experiences.

The retention of scenic views out of the foreshore parks and reserves is a significant issue for both locals and the wider community, as many people visit these areas expressly to enjoy the views. Sporadic illegal poisoning of trees impeding views highlight the level of importance some owners of adjoining properties place on this issue.

North Sydney's foreshore parks and reserves offer a diverse range of views that provide inspiring backdrops for socialising and other pursuits. The popularity of some of the foreshore parks and reserves fronting the main Harbour as viewing points for special events has implications for their management and maintenance. Bradfield Park and Blues Point Reserve are major venues for people watching harbour events. On occasions such as Australia Day and New Year's Eve, these parks are at capacity, and the added pressure resulting from this concentrated use must be carefully considered. Management of Bradfield Park and Blues Point Reserve during special events is addressed in section 3.5.1 *Managed Access*.

3.2.2 *Planting*

Landscape elements including trees, shrubs and groundcovers are important components of Council's foreshore parks and reserves. Planting contributes greatly to the attractive, green character of the foreshore parks and reserves when viewed from both within the park or reserve and from the water. Trees create shady areas enjoyed by people relaxing and picnicking and the planting of appropriate vegetation creates habitat for wildlife and can attract native birds and animals back to the urban area.

In foreshore parks and reserves zoned C2 Environmental Conservation, vegetation management is carried out by staff from Council's bushland management team, along with volunteers and specialist contractors. The Bushland Plan of Management provides more details about Council's management of foreshore bushland, as do Council's North Sydney Bushland Rehabilitation Plans 2019-2029.

Any significant new planting schemes proposed for foreshore parks and reserves must consider the possible effects on views and vistas out of and through these areas as these are of great importance, both to the function of the parks and reserves as lookouts and to neighbouring residents. Sightlines along paths and in general must also be considered to ensure that the new plantings will not pose a (real or perceived) threats to public safety. All new plantings should be sympathetic to the existing established landscape character of the area in which they are located.

The types of plants growing in private gardens adjacent to Council's foreshore parks and reserves can have a significant impact on them. In some areas, large shrub and tree species screen residences from the public open space and create an attractive backdrop; however taller vegetation is often avoided to maintain views from the private properties. Inadequately maintained private gardens can be the source for weed escapes which infest the adjacent parks and reserves. Maintenance by Council employees, assisted by volunteer participants in Council's Bushcare and Adopt-a-Plot programs is successfully reducing the amount and variety of weeds in the foreshore parks and reserves.

3.2.3 Structures

Council's Recreation Needs Study 2015 identified the value the community places on green space and recommended that built structures in parks and reserves be kept to a minimum. The Study also identified both general and specific works that the community believed would improve the usability of the foreshore parks and reserves. These included improving and upgrading the existing public amenities blocks in many foreshore parks, and providing additional, or upgraded seats, picnic tables, shelters and playground equipment, as these are some of the most well-used facilities in Council parks and reserves. A need to provide additional ancillary facilities around sportsgrounds (particularly shade, shelter, and seating) was also identified.

The North Sydney Council Amenities Condition Report 2018 assessed the condition of various structures in North Sydney's most significant parks and reserves, including the foreshore areas of Bradfield Park, Blues Point Reserve, Anderson Park, Sawmillers Reserve, Waverton Park, Quibaree Park, Milson Park, Tunks Park, Kesterton Park and Berry Island Reserve.

The report sets out maintenance and capital works required over the next 10 years and includes projected budgets. Some of these works have been completed; the remaining significant capital works are included in the Matrix section of this Plan of Management.

The provision of new structures and facilities in some of Council's most significant parks and reserves in recent years has been based on implementing the park's Landscape Masterplans. Masterplans have been prepared for Bradfield Park & the Kirribilli Foreshore 1998, the Lavender Bay Parklands 2007, Anderson Park 2018 and Tunks Park 2018. Most of the works required to upgrade and improve these areas have already been undertaken, in accordance with community-determined priorities. The remaining works are included in the Matrix section of this Plan of Management.

Council's Small Water Craft Storage Strategy 2018 (SWCSS) also identified work required in some of the foreshore parks and reserves to provide storage for small water craft (generally dinghies and kayaks) and improve access to the harbour. The issue of water-based recreation is discussed further in section 3.4.1 of this Plan.

The amount of public art in Council parks and reserves has grown in recent years, and opportunities to install public art projects in the foreshore parks and reserves are pursued where appropriate. Examples include the Australian Angel in Bradfield Park and the series of small sculptures along the Lavender Bay Foreshore which add detail and delight to this area. Public art projects may range from items commissioned for specific projects to existing artworks which are purchased and placed in appropriate locations. Artworks in public open space can significantly increase user appreciation and enjoyment of an area, providing a point of interest and stimulating discussion.

However, just like any other new structure, potential negative impacts must be considered before public art is placed in a public park. The new artwork should be contextually appropriate for the location and should complement the existing park character. Large sculptures may compromise significant views and may be overly dominant in smaller parks. They may also reduce the amount of space available for people wishing to use the parks for sitting, reading, picnicking and other activities.

When installing all new structures and facilities, Council carefully considers their placement, appearance, functionality, inclusiveness, and accessibility. New items must be sympathetic to the character of the open space, attractive and often low-key, as the foreshore parks and reserves are in high profile and very visible locations.

3.3 Access

Public access is available to all Council owned and managed foreshore parks and reserves, however, some areas, particularly bushland areas, are not physically accessible due to steep topography and dense vegetation. These areas nevertheless contribute significantly to the scenic and environmental qualities of North Sydney's foreshore environment.

Whilst general vehicle access to North Sydney's foreshore parks and reserves is prohibited, adequate access for authorised vehicles servicing these areas and emergency vehicles is provided. Vehicular access to and through any foreshore park or reserve is only permitted for appropriate purposes, consistent with each areas' zoning, and consistent with its use as an area for public recreation.

3.3.1 Getting There

North Sydney's foreshore parks and reserves are generally well served by a combination of trains, buses, and ferries. Many transport routes take commuters either directly to the foreshore or leave them within easy walking distance of it.

Railway stations at Milsons Point, North Sydney, Waverton, and Wollstonecraft each provide easy access to various foreshore parks and reserves on the main harbour. Government bus services criss-cross the North Sydney area, servicing the train stations and the ferry wharves, and providing connections to many foreshore parks and reserves.

Public ferry wharves offer connections to other foreshore areas on both sides of Sydney harbour, and the train/ferry/bus interchange at Circular Quay allows people from all over Sydney to access North Sydney's foreshore parks and reserves. Public ferry stops include McMahon's Point wharf (adjoining Henry Lawson Reserve), Milsons Point wharf (adjoining Luna Park and the Lavender Bay foreshore), Beulah Street wharf, Kirribilli wharf (adjoining Bradfield Park), High Street wharf (adjoining Kesterton Park), Neutral Bay wharf (adjoining Hayes Street Foreshore), Kurraba wharf, Cremorne wharf and Old Cremorne wharf (both adjoining Cremorne Reserve).

Generally, there is a scarcity of car parking associated with Council's foreshore parks and reserves. There are few formal carparks and the majority of vehicles park on the surrounding residential streets in designated parking zones and/or bays. Parking is particularly challenging at popular destinations on the main harbour including Bradfield Park, Milson Park, Blues Point Reserve and Berry Island Reserve. Parking shortages can occur on weekends and when there are special events on the harbour as visitors from other areas compete with North Sydney residents for parking. They can also occur on weekends, particularly Saturday mornings, near foreshore parks such as Tunks, Primrose, Anderson and Waverton Parks that contain sports fields.

Council encourages the use of public transport throughout the North Sydney area and discourages reliance on private cars to reduce the impact of cars on the environment, and to reduce problems with traffic congestion and parking. Council continues to explore ways of providing better connections to foreshore areas and to construct new

cycleways and bike paths. All railway stations in the North Sydney Council area now have lifts, helping to make North Sydney's foreshore parks and reserves more accessible to all members of the community.

3.3.2 *Barriers to Access*

While all new works in North Sydney's foreshore parks and reserves are designed with inclusivity and accessibility for all in mind, access to some of North Sydney's foreshore parks and reserves presents challenges. The rugged topography means that some foreshore areas (such as Ben Boyd Road Park, John Street Open Space and Dowling Street Road Reserve) are accessible only via steep sets of steps. A combination of steeply sloping land and dense bushland vegetation often restricts access to established bush tracks in foreshore parks and reserves such as Berry Island Reserve.

3.3.3 *Linkages*

Linking parks and reserves enhances the recreational value of the whole open space network. Creating connections allows the development of district and regionally significant movement corridors for recreational and commuter pedestrians and cyclists.

Council's commitment to creating continuous regional recreation trails along the harbour foreshore between North Sydney and adjoining local government areas for walking trails, harbour viewing, ecological benefits and nature appreciation is articulated in many of North Sydney's existing strategic documents including the Open Space Provision Strategy 2009, the Recreation Needs Study 2015, the North Sydney Integrated Cycling Strategy 2014 and the Foreshore Access Strategy 2006.

Information about existing walking routes in the North Sydney and surrounding areas can be found in several publications available on Council's website including the 'North Sydney Harbour Foreshore Bushwalk Guide', and the 'North Sydney Circle Walk' series of brochures and maps.

Foreshore parks and reserves account for a large proportion of North Sydney's total public open space. Creating additional links between existing areas of foreshore open space generally relies on the redevelopment of individual foreshore sites and is therefore a long-term goal, with road-based linkages in streets with a 'harbour character' providing connections in the short term. The recent acquisition by Council of 'missing link' sites including 1 Henry Lawson Avenue in McMahons Point and the Quarantine Boat Depot in Waverton helps improve the connectivity and usability of the whole foreshore open space network.

Council also creates green corridors to link existing bushland areas through planting along streets and on private property. Green corridors can enhance bushland by providing habitat linkages and increasing the movement of organisms and their genes. These linking corridors are vital to biodiversity conservation and the long-term health of our bushland plant communities.

3.4 **Use**

Council's foreshore parks and reserves cater for the recreational needs of the North Sydney community. This Plan of Management provides guidelines to ensure the ongoing provision of high-quality open space areas that are also visually attractive and enjoyable places to be.

North Sydney's foreshore parks and reserves provide a diversity of recreational experiences and cater for a wide variety of users. Urban bushland areas provide opportunities for bush walking, environmental education, interpretation, and community participation (via Council's Bushcare, Wildlife Watch and Adopt-a-Plot programs). These opportunities are explored in Council's Bushland Plan of Management.

Sportsgrounds in foreshore parks such as those at Tunks Park, Anderson Park, Primrose Park and Waverton Park cater for organised sports and for informal activities at other times. These uses are explored in Council's Sportsgrounds Plan of Management, while the Playground Plan of Management addresses issues relating to playgrounds and other park facilities including outdoor fitness equipment, basketball rings and half courts, outdoor ping pong tables and skate and scooter facilities.

The foreshore parks provide opportunities for walking, jogging, relaxing, picnicking, barbecuing, unstructured children's play, ball games and dog walking. Many foreshore parks and reserves also cater for water-based activities including fishing, paddling, swimming and small boat storage and launching. Refer *3.4.1 Water-Based Recreation*.

Foreshore parks and reserves may be used for some private functions and special events. Bookings are taken and fees are charged for the use of a Council owned or managed park or reserve in some circumstances. Details on when a booking is required, how to make a booking, and other associated information is available on Council's website.

The larger foreshore parks and reserves, especially those on the main harbour such as Blues Point Reserve and Bradfield Park attract both locals and visitors from further afield who come to view the harbour, the Bridge, and the city. New Year's Eve is the busiest night of the year in these parks as large numbers of people come to view the fireworks. Council works closely with the NSW Police and other agencies to ensure the event is safe for residents and visitors. Alcohol is prohibited in several key foreshore parks, additional public amenities are provided, various roads are closed, and special event clearways are designated. Information about New Year's Eve is posted on Council's website in December each year and is distributed directly to affected households.

Use of parks in North Sydney by fitness trainers continues to increase, reflecting a nationwide trend. An 'Outdoor Fitness Code of Conduct', available on Council's website, outlines common sense guidelines to ensure that fitness trainers and others involved in these activities do not have a significant negative impact on other park and reserve users and on neighbours. If issues arise with fitness trainers or with any other park users, Council staff communicate directly with the relevant group.

Directional and interpretive signage is posted throughout the network of foreshore parks and reserves, assisting navigation, and providing information about the history and significance of the various open spaces.

3.4.1 Water-based Recreation

North Sydney's foreshore location, coupled with its population density and the high environmental quality of the harbour, makes it ideal for water-based recreation activities including fishing, paddling, boat launching, and small boat storage. In recent years, the popularity of these activities has increased dramatically.

Existing facilities that support water-based recreation in North Sydney include:

- 2 boat ramps suitable for use by cars with trailers; 1 large facility with associated parking for trailers at Tunks Park, and a small facility in Quibaree Park
- 2 boat ramps suitable for small water craft that can be carried in or are stored nearby; at Milson Park and Kurraba Reserve
- 2 public swimming pools; Maccallum Pool, an outdoor harbour pool in Cremorne Reserve, and the North Sydney Olympic Pool, adjacent to Bradfield Park
- Storage facilities for small water craft are located at Folly Point, Lavender Bay, Shellbank Reserve, Tunks Park, Kurraba Reserve, Sawmillers Reserve, Gore Cove Reserve, Primrose Park, Cremorne Reserve and Wrixton Park (Small water craft are also currently stored informally at various locations.
- Several small beaches including Hayes Street Beach, Berry Island Reserve and Quibaree Reserve
- Some of the smaller, less busy jetties (such as those in Lavender Bay) provide fishing opportunities, as do many of the foreshore parks
- There are fish-cleaning facilities in Tunks Park, beside the boat ramp
- There are also various privately-owned facilities including sailing clubs

Council's Recreation Needs Study 2015 found that many more people would participate in water-based activities (including kayaking, canoeing, wind surfing, stand-up paddle boarding and rowing) if additional or new facilities were provided. The Study also identified an unmet demand for small water craft storage (mainly dinghies, kayaks and paddle boards), and for boat moorings (these are managed by Transport for NSW). Council's Small Water Craft Storage Strategy 2018 (SWCSS) addresses the issue of constructing new facilities, as well a variety of other related issues. *Refer 3.4.2 Small Water Craft Storage Strategy.*

The Recreation Needs Study 2015 identifies several key strategies and actions to assist people wanting to take part in water-based recreation. These are currently being implemented, as described in the following Table: **Table 1** – 'Implementing Strategies from Council's Recreation Needs Study 2015'.

Table 1 – Implementing Strategies from Council’s Recreation Needs Study 2015

KEY		
C Commenced	ST Short Term (within 3 years)	MT Medium Term (3 – 5 years)
LT Long Term (5+ years)	CP Completed	O Ongoing
Action	Priority	Work Carried out to Date/Notes
Provide additional facilities to store light vessels (boards, dinghies and kayaks) to allow for increased participation in water-based recreation	O	New facilities have been constructed in Kurraba Reserve and Sawmillers Reserve, Primrose Park and Cremorne Reserve with others planned
Work with peak bodies, clubs and schools to provide and promote opportunities for participation in water-based recreation	O	Boat ramp in Milson Park was upgraded in association with Transport for NSW and adjacent sailing club
Investigate opportunities to provide additional water-based and other recreational opportunities in the future development of the HMAS Platypus site	O	An over-water link has been constructed linking Kesterton Park to former Sub Base Platypus. Council constructed a foreshore path in Kesterton Park connecting the over-water link with the High Street ferry wharf at a level grade
Upgrade the North Sydney Olympic Pool to improve the quality of recreation being offered and to improve accessibility for all, in keeping with the site’s heritage significance	MT	Major redevelopment of the Pool is currently underway
Seek opportunities to provide additional access to the Harbour, and along the Harbour foreshore	O	Boat ramp upgrades at Milson Park and Kurraba Reserve provide improved access for small water craft, removing most kayaks from Hayes Street Beach has freed up the beach for swimmers and other recreational users

3.4.2 Small Water Craft Storage Strategy

Council’s Small Water Craft Storage Strategy 2018 (SWCSS) was developed to ensure that water craft stored on public land on the harbour foreshore are managed effectively and equitably, for the benefit of water craft owners, and for the convenience and enjoyment of the wider community who wish to access and use North Sydney’s foreshore parks for recreation.

Council is committed to providing opportunities for water-based recreation around the harbour foreshore (including easy access to the harbour for owners of small water craft) and will therefore continue to permit storage of small water craft in approved locations.

Water craft are stored on public foreshore land for various reasons, including:

- To access swing moorings
- To avoid the need to transport water craft to and from home
- To avoid the high costs associated with commercial water craft storage facilities
- To gain easy access to the harbour

Storing small water craft around the harbour foreshore is considered appropriate if it does not compromise the primary use of the foreshore as an area for public recreation, does not significantly restrict public access to the foreshore and does not have undue impact on the environment. The community has a right to access and use public foreshore open space (for picnics, walking, exercising and to access the water) however there is no requirement for Councils (as the owners or managers of the land) to provide storage for privately-owned water craft on public open space.

The SWCSS identifies various works to be carried out in North Sydney. These are summarised in the following Table: **Table 2 – Implementing Works from Council’s SWCSS 2018** along with their relative priority for implementation and details of work completed to date.

Table 2 – Implementing Works from Council’s SWCSS 2018

KEY		
C Commenced	ST Short Term (within 3 years)	MT Medium Term (3–5 years)
LT Long Term (5+ years)	CP Completed	O Ongoing

Objective

To provide additional Storage Facilities for small water craft on the North Sydney foreshore

Action	Priority	Work Carried out to Date/Notes
Identify potential sites where additional purpose-built storage facilities for small water craft could be installed (these are generally sites where informal storage is currently causing problems)	CP	Identified sites included Kurraba Reserve, Sawmillers Reserve, Primrose Park, Cremorne Reserve, John Street Open Space, Tunks Park, Milson Park and Anderson Park
Assess the identified locations and prioritise them	CP	Above list reflects current priorities (accepting that these may change if new problem areas develop)
Construct new Storage Facilities in order of identified priority	C-O	New storage facilities constructed in: Kurraba Reserve (2019) Sawmillers Reserve (2020) Primrose Park (2022) Cremorne Reserve (2022) The boat ramps at Kurraba Reserve and in Milson Park were upgraded in 2020 to provide easier access to the harbour
Revisit the need for additional Storage Facilities once several new facilities have been constructed	ST-MT	There needs to be a balance between small water craft storage facilities and retaining open space for other types of foreshore recreational activity

Objective

To control and manage storage of small water craft at informal storage sites

Action	Priority	Work Carried out to Date/Notes
Inspect all existing Informal Storage Areas to determine whether it is feasible and desirable to retain them as storage facilities	C-ST	Kurraba and Sawmillers Reserves were both previously informal storage areas This action will be completed once several more storage sites have been provided

Objective

To ensure all private water craft stored on public foreshore land in North Sydney are registered

Action	Priority	Work Carried out to Date/Notes
Review Council's existing registration process, Permit system and fees for Storage Facilities with a view to amending them, as per the SWCSS and charging fees for all storage of private water crafts on public foreshore land)	MT	Currently, only owners of water craft who store their craft in authorised Council Storage Facilities (generally toaster-style racks, boatsheds, or tie-up points) are required to obtain a Permit and pay fees
Implement the new registration process, Permit system and for storage of authorised water craft in all Storage Areas	MT	The new process will be implemented when all significant informal storage sites have been assessed for their feasibility to remain as storage areas

Objective

To remove unregistered and inappropriately stored small water craft from the North Sydney foreshore

Action	Priority	Work Carried out to Date/Notes
Develop a process for relocating or removing small water craft that are inappropriately stored on publicly owned foreshore land in North Sydney	MT	A process was developed and followed when new storage facilities replaced informal storage of small water craft at Sawmillers Reserve and Kurraba Reserve
Commence removal of unauthorised water craft from publicly owned foreshore land in North Sydney	MT	This process has commenced

Objective

To increase community awareness of water-based recreation opportunities in North Sydney

Action	Priority	Work Carried out to Date/Notes
Update Council's website to include a dedicated section on Water-Based Recreation in North Sydney	ST	This work is scheduled for implementation in the short term.
Develop a brochure explaining: - what is an authorised water craft - how to apply for a Permit to store a small water craft on the foreshore in North Sydney - location of and facilities at each of Council's Storage Sites - why it is important to store small water craft appropriately - the likely results of non-compliance	ST-MT	This work is scheduled to occur once several more storage sites have been provided, and all informal sites have been assessed for their feasibility to remain as storage areas

The full SWCSS is available on Council's website.

3.4.3 Recreation in Foreshore Bushland

Although all parks and reserves categorised as Natural Area – Bushland are addressed in Council's Bushland Plan of Management, the following information gives readers of this Plan of Management a brief summary of the issues relevant to recreation in

bushland areas situated on North Sydney's foreshore, without having to refer to the Bushland Plan of Management.

Foreshore bushland reserves in North Sydney are well-used due to the area's population density, due to their attractive and often spectacular harbour foreshore settings and due to the community's need for respite from the busy urban environment. Popular activities include walking and jogging on bush tracks, fishing, picnicking, viewing the harbour and city from lookouts, photography, and nature appreciation.

There are kilometres of walking tracks through North Sydney's foreshore bushland, many of these tracks can be combined to form loops and longer expeditions. The North Sydney Harbour Foreshore Bushwalk Guide (available on Council's website) contains practical information about bush walking in North Sydney including length of walks, transport access, and information about the Aboriginal and European history of the area and the types of flora and fauna present. Stand-alone brochures for the Gadyan Track at Berry Island Reserve and the Cremorne Point Foreshore self-guided walking brochure are included in the Guide.

Many of Council's bushland reserves contain ancillary facilities which make them popular with visitors. There are electric barbecues at Balls Head Reserve, Berry Island Reserve and Tunks Park, and public amenities in many foreshore reserves including Balls Head Reserve and Berry Island Reserve. Trackhead, directional and interpretive signage aims to educate and inform visitors to North Sydney's bushland.

The high level of use foreshore bushland receives puts it under significant pressure. Council must consider and address issues including vegetation damage, rubbish dumping and littering, vandalism and 'bush-bashing', track erosion and disturbance to habitat. Dogs off-leash can disturb and change native wildlife behaviour, and the scent dogs leave behind inhibits wildlife movements, foraging and breeding. Council prohibits rock climbing, mountain biking, orienteering, geo-caching and camping in its parks and reserves, however, these activities continue to occur from time to time.

Activities in bushland need to be managed to ensure that the reserves can be maintained in a healthy condition and their values protected. Council's Outdoor Fitness Training Code of Conduct stipulates that bushland reserves are not available for use by commercial fitness trainers. Issues associated with requests to film in bushland areas can generally be addressed by Council officers working with the applicant to select an appropriate location and imposing a series of conditions. Rangers patrol all parks and reserves and may be called out as needed.

Small water craft stored in inappropriate foreshore bushland locations can damage the foreshore environment, degraded access paths and create informal tracks. The SWCSS prohibits the storage of small water craft in most foreshore locations and recommends that strict conditions of use be imposed where storage sites are permitted in bushland so that their environmental impact is minimal.

Opportunities for recreation in bushland are addressed in detail in Council's Bushland Plan of Management.

3.4.4 *Playgrounds and other Recreational Facilities*

Although all playgrounds and other recreation facilities are addressed in Council's Playgrounds Plan of Management, the following information gives readers of this Plan of Management a brief summary of the issues relevant to playgrounds and other recreation facilities situated on North Sydney's foreshore without having to refer to the Playgrounds Plan of Management.

North Sydney's foreshore parks and reserves contain a variety of recreation facilities to meet community needs. Since identified in North Sydney's Recreation Needs Study 2015, Council has worked to create more 'social/family recreation spaces'. These provide general amenity including open lawns for relaxation as well as a range of inclusive and accessible facilities that cater for inter-generational social gatherings.

Playgrounds are an important component of North Sydney's open space network. They are places for families and friends to gather, places for people to be active, and places for learning. 11 of North Sydney's 33 playgrounds are located on the foreshore, and many are in high-profile locations including Blues Point Reserve, Bradfield Park and Berry Island Reserve. Many of North Sydney's foreshore playgrounds are in natural settings, and the play equipment has been designed to complement the surrounding bushland.

The popularity of existing fitness equipment in North Sydney and the number of requests that Council receives indicates that additional facilities are wanted and needed, and this is supported by the findings of Council's Recreation Needs Study 2015. Council is committed to increasing the amount of fitness equipment in parks and reserves to meet identified community needs. Equipment is located at foreshore parks including Tunks Park, Waverton Park, Kesterton Park and Anderson Park.

There is a 'learner' cycle track in Brightmore Reserve and an outdoor ping pong table in Bradfield Park. Other facilities to aid the community's use and enjoyment of the foreshore parks include BBQs, seats, picnic tables, shelters, drinking fountains and bottle refill stations and public amenities.

Providing free outdoor recreation facilities which are available for use at any time removes some of the barriers that may prevent people from exercising. Parks and reserves with fitness equipment and other facilities tend to be busier; this makes them feel safer and discourages antisocial behaviour. There is also less misuse of park furniture not intended for physical activity. Some additional recreational facilities provided in other parks in North Sydney (not on the foreshore), that could be considered in the future for foreshore locations include basketball rings and backboards, skate and scooter parks and handball courts.

Playgrounds and other recreational facilities are addressed in detail in Council's Playgrounds Plan of Management.

3.4.5 *Facilities for Organised Sport*

Due to the area's hilly topography, many of North Sydney's sportsgrounds are located on reclaimed foreshore land at the heads of bays. Waverton, Anderson, Primrose and Tunks Parks all contain sportsgrounds and sports courts. Sportsgrounds comprise

marked playing fields that accommodate competitive, organised sports such as cricket, rugby, football, and hockey. They also include the marked courts used for tennis (Primrose Park) and cricket wickets (Primrose Park, Anderson Park). Ancillary facilities include clubhouses, change rooms, kiosks, storage facilities and amenities blocks, as well as flood lighting, seating, scoreboards, goal posts, nets, and shade structures. Fees are charged for the use of sportsgrounds for organised sporting activities, and bookings must be made to secure their exclusive use

Organised sporting facilities including sportsfields, sports courts and related infrastructure are addressed in Council's Sportsgrounds Plan of Management.

3.4.6 *Dogs in Foreshore Parks and Reserves*

With numerous parks where dogs can be exercised off-leash, North Sydney is a dog-friendly area. Council understands that many families visiting North Sydney's parks and playgrounds will sometimes bring the family dog as part of their outing. However, there are some restrictions on dogs in parks and reserves.

All dogs in public places must be under the control of a competent person. Council is required by the State Government to enforce the laws concerning dogs, and Rangers may issue on-the-spot fines for infringements of the regulations listed below.

Under the *Companion Animals Act 1998* (Section 14), dogs are prohibited in the following public places:

- In or within 10m of any children's play areas
- Food preparation and/or consumption areas (unless it is a public thoroughfare such as a road, footpath, or pathway)
- Recreation areas where dogs are declared prohibited
- Public bathing areas where dogs are declared prohibited
- School grounds (unless with the permission of the person controlling the grounds)
- Child care centres (unless with the permission of the person controlling the centre)
- Shopping areas where dogs are prohibited (unless secured in a vehicle, with the permission of the person controlling the place or going to or from a vet or pet shop); and
- Wildlife protection areas where dogs are declared prohibited

As per North Sydney Council's 'Local Companion Animal Management Plan', all Council parks and public reserves are off-leash areas except for:

- St Leonards Park Oval (No. 1 and 2)
- All playing fields whilst organised sporting events are in progress
- All bushland areas
- Cremorne Reserve, Clark Park and Ancrum Street Park
- The Coal Loader Centre for Sustainability

3.5 **Management**

Council's foreshore parks and reserves are highly valued and extremely well used. They provide valuable opportunities for recreation for the local community and for visitors from further afield. Management strategies within this Plan of Management must consider the

significance of these areas and be flexible enough to provide for the changing needs of the community as they arise.

This Plan of Management provides guidelines for the future use, development, management and maintenance of all foreshore parks and reserves in North Sydney; regardless of whether they are located on Council-owned or Crown land.

Other Council Plans of Management including the generic Playgrounds, Sportsgrounds and Bushland Plans provide additional and complementary information that guides Council's operations in its foreshore parks and reserves. Additionally, Council has stand-alone, significant area Plans of Management for two of North Sydney's highest profile foreshore parks and reserves: Cremorne Reserve and Bradfield Park.

Maintenance practices in the foreshore parks and reserves vary from site to site according to the character, function, size and level of use of the individual park. High-profile parks such as Blues Point Reserve and Bradfield Park receive more maintenance than less visited parks.

Parks Department staff working in the foreshore parks and reserves carry out general maintenance including weeding of garden areas, planting, and mulching. Council's tree management staff work in all foreshore parks and reserves on a regular, cyclical basis. Maintaining Council's foreshore parks and reserves to a high standard, commensurate with community expectations and with their high public profile is an important commitment for Council.

Council programs such as Community Gardening and Streets Alive operate throughout North Sydney. These programs offer opportunities for the community to participate in the management and maintenance of small areas of public land and help foster a sense of community ownership of public parks and reserves. Other programs that operate in bushland areas including 'Bushcare', 'Adopt-a-Plot' and 'Wildlife Watch' are discussed in Council's Bushland Plan of Management.

3.5.1 *Managed Access*

On New Year's Eve harbour fireworks displays attract large crowds to many of North Sydney's foreshore parks and reserves. Crowds need to be managed to ensure that all visitors, including families, have a safe and enjoyable experience.

First introduced at Bradfield Park in 2002, Council's managed access program regulates entry to the most popular foreshore areas (Bradfield Park and Dr Mary Booth Lookout, Blues Point Reserve and Clark, Watt and Quibaree Parks in Lavender Bay) on New Year's Eve. Entry is via checkpoints, with fencing enclosing the perimeter of the site and preventing general access. BYO alcohol and glass are not permitted to be taken into the managed access area; however, alcohol is available within the area from licensed bars observing Responsible Service of Alcohol Guidelines.

The managed access areas aim to:

- Provide a safe and secure precinct and a pleasant atmosphere for families and the community to enjoy New Year's Eve celebrations
- Reduce overcrowding by controlling access to the site
- Reduce accidents and injuries that occur as a result of broken glass by eliminating the consumption of alcohol contained in glass bottles

- Reduce incidents of intoxication
- Reduce incidents of crime
- Eliminate under-age drinking

Implementing the managed access program has significantly reduced the type and severity of the incidents listed above in recent years. The performance of managed access areas in North Sydney is carefully reviewed and assessed each year, and modifications to processes and procedures are made as required.

3.5.2 Encroachments

This Plan of Management aims to ensure that any current or future encroachments onto the foreshore parks and reserves are dealt with consistently, appropriately and in the best interests of the public.

Council's Encroachment Management Policy defines an encroachment as: '*the intrusion of a structure or other object onto land owned or controlled by Council*'. Encroachments typically include fences, steps, paths, paved areas, seating, small buildings such as sheds and vegetation planted to imply a boundary. Encroachments alienate public land and prevent people from using public open space.

North Sydney's foreshore parks and reserves are located on a combination of Council-owned and Crown land. In accordance with the *CLM Act*, Crown land including in this Plan of Management is managed as if it were 'community land' under the *LG Act*. Community land included in this Plan of Management is further categorised as either 'park' or 'general community use'. (Refer Section 1.4 – Land Categorisation and Core Objectives).

Community land cannot be sold and is subject to strict restrictions to ensure its long-term retention for public use. Encroachments onto community land are not permitted unless authorised by a lease or licence in accordance with the *LG Act*. The Act provides that Council may lease or licence community land where it is expressly authorised to do so under a Plan of Management, and where the purpose for which the lease or licence is issued is consistent with the core objectives for the area of community land in question. If the purpose of the lease or licence is not consistent with these core objectives, a Plan of Management authorising it is rendered invalid. Refer Section 1.5 – Leases, Licences, Permits and Other Estates for further details.

3.6 Acquisition

Council's Open Space Provision Strategy 2009 provides a framework within which to assess opportunities to provide new open space and recreation areas in North Sydney. It identifies areas where new public open space is most needed to cater for the recreational needs of the North Sydney population (current and future) and allows Council to evaluate the suitability of parcels of land within these areas for acquisition as open space as opportunities arise.

Although Council continues to levy funds for open space acquisition and embellishment through its Section 94 development contributions plan, existing funds are unlikely to cover the purchase of more than a few open space areas given the value of land in North Sydney. While the acquisition of land to create new parks and reserves or civic spaces is important, it is not the only way to provide the community with new opportunities for recreation. The

Open Space Provision Strategy provides several realistic alternative strategies for providing new public open space that do not involve significant financial outlay.

New land for open space may be acquired via either planned or opportunistic acquisition. Planned acquisition involves the prioritising areas of land that Council has previously identified as desirable as public open space. Targeting desirable sites and negotiating their acquisition (via purchase) is an example of planned acquisition.

Opportunistic acquisition involves the detailed and rigorous evaluation of individual parcels of land for possible acquisition as they become available. Priority sites will be those with the highest potential to meet the open space and recreation needs of the new population, while also being consistent with the parallel needs of the existing population.

There are a number of other innovative and co-operative ways to provide land for public open space at little financial cost to Council (in addition to acquisition by purchase at market price). These include:

- Land swap arrangements
- Leasing vacant areas of land from Government instrumentalities such as Rail Corp or other landowners such as schools
- Donations/bequests
- Grants
- Naming rights/sponsorship
- Partnering with neighbouring Councils
- Working with developers to obtain contributions of open space in desirable locations
- Dual use of land not dedicated as public open space

Acquisition of even small areas of land can have significant public benefits. The 2007 Foreshore Access Strategy highlighted the importance of creating linkages between existing areas of foreshore open space, reasoning that each foreshore area serves a wider purpose once it has been linked with other areas. The Study advocates creating a mix of foreshore linkages and street linkages, incorporating boardwalks, land-based foreshore open space and improved pedestrian environments in relevant streets that demonstrate a harbour living character. Street linkages between harbour foreshore areas often allow views and add a different dimension to the harbour experience.

Opportunities to link North Sydney's foreshore parks and reserves or to extend existing parks, reserves, pathways, and boardwalks are being pursued as they arise. The most common way in which additional areas of foreshore land are acquired is by development negotiation. The creation of rights of way or the dedication of foreshore land may be included as a condition of development consent, especially if a link exists between the new development and the need for public access to the foreshore.

3.6.1 New Acquisition Sites

The following sites have recently been returned to the public as public open space. Background information describing the location of the sites and their history is included here. Works required for the sites to be added to North Sydney's open space network are listed in Section 5.1 – Matrix.

- Berrys Bay - Quarantine Boat Depot

- Landward Portion - above Former Mean High-Water Mark (FMHWM)*

This project has seen the acquisition of 2185m² of land on the Sydney Harbour foreshore at Waverton, to link existing areas of bushland and open space, extend habitat corridors and improve access opportunities. Council has been negotiating with Property NSW for over ten years to acquire the former Quarantine Boat Depot in Waverton and develop it as high quality public open space for the community. There is also the opportunity to reuse existing buildings for community purposes.

The site was used by the Commonwealth Government since 1918. The earliest use of the entire property was for fumigation activities (mooring of fumigation barge and residence of responsible officers) associated with the quarantine functions. Following cessation of Quarantine functions the residential buildings were leased for some years by the National Maritime Museum as a base for volunteers to undertake restoration works on vessels and maritime heritage items. The site is listed in the North Sydney LEP 2013 as a heritage item.

In 2008 the site was subdivided into two portions (one being the landward section above the FMHWM and the other the reclaimed area below FMHWM). A Contract for Sale was then negotiated between Council and NSW Government (Property NSW) for the landward portion.

- 1 Henry Lawson Avenue, McMahons Point

The last waterfront property between McMahons Point Ferry and Blues Point Reserve, this property has been a visual and physical obstruction separating Henry Lawson Reserve into two sections. The property has long been identified for open space acquisition, to facilitate the realisation of a continuous foreshore reserve. NSW Government (DPE) acquired the property from private owners in 2021.

The property was transferred to North Sydney Council in November 2022. Existing elements with limited heritage value, including residence / workshop will be removed and the site will be incorporated into the Reserve. Significant heritage elements including the slipway will be retained and interpreted.

The following sites are all mooted to be returned to the public as public open space in coming years. Background information describing the location of the sites and their history is included here. Works required for the sites to be added to North Sydney's open space network are listed in Section 5.1 – Matrix.

- Berrys Bay - Quarantine Boat Depot

- Reclaimed Portion – Below FMHWM*

This section of the Quarantine Depot site was reclaimed in the early 1900s. However, being located over the former bed of Sydney Harbour it has historically been managed by the NSW Maritime Authority.

- Berrys Bay - Other NSW Government sites (former Woodleys site and former BP site Working Waterfront parcel)

The NSW Government own several sites fronting Berrys Bay, including the working waterfront section of the former BP Site and the former Woodleys site. Transport for NSW is committed to returning these sites to the public as public open space and a community and stakeholder working group has been established to guide the designs for the sites. Consultation supports a master plan offering open

space for passive and informal recreation with features including BBQ facilities, tidal steps to the water and a continuous and accessible foreshore path. The sites have substantial assets of heritage significance which should be incorporated into the future designs.

3.7 Improvement Works

Since the previous Foreshore Parks & Reserves Plan of Management was adopted in 2017, many identified projects and tasks have been implemented. Completing the projects listed below has directly and significantly contributed to the improved condition and recreational value of the foreshore parks and reserves.

Anderson Park

- Preparation of a Landscape Master Plan/ PoM to guide future work in the Park – 2018
 - Foreshore upgrading (Stage 1 Master Plan Implementation) – 2020
- Work included upgrading the foreshore east-west path, repairing the memorial, improving accessibility, and upgrading the surrounding area with new seating and planting. New park furniture was installed and the slope on the lawn area adjoining the seawall was reduced to increase usability.



Restored memorial adjoins foreshore path and playing field



Foreshore path & adjacent lawns

Berry Island Reserve

- Gadyan Track upgrading – 2020



New sandstone stairs to the foreshore



A new floating boardwalk protects an eroding shell midden

Blues Point Reserve

- Amenities Block Upgrading – 2020



Amenities block – Blues Point Reserve, McMahons Point

Bradfield Park

- Bicentennial fence restoration – 2018
- Refurbishment of two Exeloo units (one near foreshore, the other near Fitzroy St)
- Lighting upgrade (Bradfield Park North) – 2021
- Sandstone shelter restoration – 2017



One of two restored sandstone shelters on the Bradfield Park foreshore

Captain Henry Waterhouse Reserve

- Pedestrian bridge replacement – 2017

Dr Mary Booth Lookout

- Foreshore Walkway upgrading – 2017

Hayes Street Beach & Foreshore

- Installation of public shower at beach – 2018
- Landscape upgrade, foreshore at end of Hayes Street -2019



New seating and paving at the southern end of Hayes Street, Neutral Bay

Kesterton Park

- Public amenities upgrading – 2018
- Foreshore path construction (links ferry wharf to sub-Base Platypus) – 2018
- Playground upgrade and outdoor fitness equipment – 2018



The new playground and outdoor fitness equipment is fenced and shaded

Kurraba Reserve (includes Spains Lookout & Hodgson Lookout)

- Construction of new storage for small water craft in Kurraba Reserve – 2018
- Kurraba Reserve boat launching ramp upgrade and extension – 2019
- Spains Lookout Upgrade - 2020
- Kurraba Reserve entry upgrading and access improvements – 2021
- Hodgson Lookout landscaping improvements - 2021



Storage space for small water craft at Kurraba Reserve

- Spains Lookout Upgrade – 2020



Repair of heritage depression-era fencing, and associated landscape works

- Kurraba Reserve access road upgrade - 2021



- Hodgson Lookout landscape upgrade - 2021



Upgrade of accessibility and park paths, new terraced gardens to counter erosion, new park furniture and new planting

Milson Park

- Stair Access to High St Upgrading – 2017
- Turf renovation – 2020
- Boat Ramp Upgrading – 2019

Improvements to the existing boat ramp in conjunction with Transport for NSW to improve safety and trafficability for sailors and the general public



Milson Park boat ramp is now longer, wider and the slope is less steep

Sawmillers Reserve

- Construction of storage spaces for small water craft replaced informally stored water craft that were damaging vegetation and preventing access along the foreshore



New storage for kayaks and dinghies at Sawmillers Reserve

Lavender Bay Parklands

- Watt Park to Lavender Cres Steps Construction – 2019

Primrose Park

- Installation of cricket nets – 2018
- Bush walking track upgrade - 2021

Tunks Park

- Preparation of a Landscape Master Plan/ Plan of Management to guide future work in the Park – 2018
- Landscape upgrade (Stage 1&2 Master Plan Implementation) – 2020
Installation of a co-ordinated suite of park furniture items consistent with Council's Public Domain Style Manual in Tunks Park and adjacent Mortlock Reserve. Other work included localised storm water drainage improvements, turfing, installation of low planting in the foreshore area and upgrading existing gardens.



New park furniture in Tunks Park

Strategic Documents

- Small Water Craft Storage Strategy – 2018
- Bushland Rehabilitation Plan 2019-2029 – 2019 (Refer Bushland Plan of Management)

Upcoming projects are detailed in section 5.1 – Matrix. Section 5.2 - Indicative Works Program contains specific scheduling details for the planned projects and other works.

4.0 **Basis for Management**

4.1 **Philosophical Basis for the Plan of Management**

The Foreshore Parks and Reserves Plan of Management guides the future use, development, and management of these important areas of public open space. The foreshore parks and reserves serve the recreational needs of both the local and wider community and they contribute to the visual beauty of the harbour foreshore. Careful management will ensure that our foreshore parks and reserves are appropriately maintained that they cater for a range of activities, that conflicts between user groups are minimised and that future work complements the established landscape character of the parks and reserves, whether it be bushland or parkland.

The Plan of Management is flexible to respond to the changing needs of the community and to incorporate future requirements as they arise.

4.2 **Core Values and Management Objectives**

4.2.1 *Core Values*

The following core values describe the most significant and important qualities of North Sydney's foreshore parks and reserves. These values must be considered when future management objectives, strategies and actions are formulated to ensure their protection.

Social/Recreational

- Council's network of foreshore parks and reserves is an important recreational resource for our community. Recreation settings comprise informal parks suitable for casual activities including picnicking, dog walking, relaxing, socialising, jogging, fishing and viewing the harbour and city
- The foreshore parks and reserves contain a variety of recreational facilities to meet community needs including walking tracks and paths, playgrounds, outdoor exercise equipment and small water craft storage and launching facilities
- Ancillary facilities including seats, picnic tables, shelters, BBQs, paths and public amenities allow the community to stay for longer and enjoy the foreshore parks
- Foreshore parks including Bradfield Park and Blues Point Reserve are regionally significant due to their unique combination of scenic, recreational and heritage features, and/or to their prime location as viewing points for harbour events such as New Year's Eve
- As population grows and density increases, the importance of the foreshore parks and reserves as venues for social gatherings also increases. They are hubs that encourage interaction between all sectors of the community

Visual & Aesthetic Qualities

- Council's foreshore parks and reserves have very high scenic value due to their physical setting on the foreshores of Sydney or Middle Harbour
- The foreshore parks and reserves that offer scenic views of Sydney Harbour, and major harbour features and landmarks including the Harbour Bridge and the City as a backdrop are particularly valued by visitors to North Sydney
- Foreshore parks and reserves are green elements when viewed from the harbour, contrasting with the surrounding urban environment, and providing an attractive land-water interface
- Built structures in foreshore parks and reserves are designed to complement the character of the park in which they are located, and new landscape elements are carefully selected to reflect the surrounding environment and to consider scenic views

Cultural and Natural Heritage

- Many of Council's foreshore parks and reserves including Tunks Park and Berry Island Reserve have a bushland character, precious in an urban environment.
- Some of our foreshore parks and reserves (particularly those with a bushland character) contain remnants of Aboriginal cultural heritage including shell middens, rock shelters and engravings which are sensitive to human impacts and require protection
- Some foreshore parks and reserves contain items of European heritage significance including seawalls and boat slips in Quibaree Reserve, the remains of Eaton's Sawmill in Sawmillers Reserve and the formal palm plantings in Milson Park
- Many foreshore parks and reserves contain items of archaeological significance. For example, Bradfield Park is significant for the dwellings that were demolished to make way for the Harbour Bridge
- Signage tracks and trails interpreting both the Aboriginal and European history of North Sydney are in various foreshore parks and reserves including Gore Cove Reserve, Bradfield Park and Berry Island Reserve (the Gadyan Track)

4.2.2 *Management Objectives*

The following broad management objectives are based on:

- Legislative requirements
- The values and assets of Council's foreshore parks and reserves
- Identified community needs and expectations
- To manage the foreshore parks and reserves in accordance with the North Sydney Community Strategic Plan – Our Vision 2040, the *LG Act*, the *CLM Act* and the *NT Act*
- To ensure all uses of the land are appropriate; that they comply with the purpose of the land reservation and accord with its zoning under LEP 2013 and with its categorisation under the *LG Act*
- To provide and maintain high quality recreation facilities and accommodate a range of activities that meet the needs and expectations of the community
- To provide ancillary facilities such as seats, picnic tables, drinking fountains, BBQ's and shady lawn areas that complement recreational activities and add to user enjoyment and experience

- To ensure that the use and management of these areas is sustainable in environmental, social, and economic terms, and takes account of environmentally sustainable principles
- To allow use of the foreshore parks and reserves by groups or for special events within the carrying capacity of the park and consistent with other Council documents
- To issue leases, licences, permits etc for appropriate activities and events, consistent with the land zoning, categorisation, and purpose of the reservation
- To protect and enhance the recreational, heritage, scientific and natural qualities and values of the foreshore parks and reserves
- To ensure the conservation and appropriate management of items of cultural heritage (both Aboriginal and European)
- To define, promote and maintain an appropriate landscape character for the individual foreshore parks and reserves, according to their existing character and function
- To provide a range of viewing experiences out of the foreshore parks and reserves
- To seek linkages between existing foreshore parks and reserves to encourage greater frequency of movement and to aid the establishment of a continuous network of foreshore open space
- To maintain the foreshore as a transition area between the aquatic and the terrestrial environment, and to protect and enhance all functions associated with the foreshore's role as a transition area
- To ensure foreshore parks and reserves are as accessible and inclusive as possible
- To provide access to and from the water
- To provide for public safety
- To take a consistent approach to management of foreshore areas and to maintain them to an acceptable standard
- To manage bushland, playgrounds, and sportsgrounds in foreshore locations as per the relevant Council generic Plans of Management
- To ensure this Plan of Management is flexible and able to evolve with changing community needs and attitudes

These objectives have been used in the subsequent management issues to guide policy development and formulation of the action plan.

5.0 **Policy, Implementation and Performance**

The management framework outlined in this document is consistent with the anticipated availability of resources and anticipated community trends. The priority ratings outlined on the following pages may be modified if special circumstances arise.

Codes used to define priorities in the ‘Priority’ section of the Matrix:

ST	Action completed within 2 years
MT	Action completed in 3 – 5 years
LT	Action completed after 5 years
O	(Ongoing) – Action will occur throughout the life of the Plan of Management
C	(Commenced) – Action has started

5.1 **Matrix**

Council’s generic Plans of Management for Sportsgrounds, Bushland and Playgrounds may also be referred to when reading this document. These generic Plans of Management provide detailed and specific information regarding Council’s management of sportsgrounds, bushland and playgrounds located on North Sydney’s foreshores that augments the information contained in this document. The significant area Plans of Management for Bradfield Park and Cremorne Reserve also contain relevant information.

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND HERITAGE

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Landscape and Vegetation	To use planting to complement and enhance the character of the foreshore parks	Select, plant, and establish suitable species of trees, shrubs, and groundcovers	Consider character of existing planting, aesthetic appeal and impacts on scenic views	O	Planting objectives achieved	
	To manage existing vegetation using best-practice horticultural techniques	Carry out regular, ongoing maintenance works as required to maintain existing appropriate vegetation in good health	Refer to Issue 'Maintenance' as well as other Council Plans of Management including Bushland, Playgrounds and Bradfield Park	O	Vegetation maintained in healthy condition	NSC website
		Control any activities that may harm existing trees	Potentially harmful activities include tree climbing and digging around roots	O	Trees maintained in healthy condition	
		Remove unsuitable species and replace with more appropriate species where practical	The unsuitability of a tree species depends on its location, but may include coral trees, self-sown date palms, brush boxes and African olives	O	Inappropriate species removed and replaced where practical	
		Remove species reaching the end of their useful lives and replace with new trees/shrubs/groundcovers where practical	Consider health and safety, but also ensure that removals do not have significant adverse effects on existing habitats. Some dead trees may be retained on site to provide habitat	O	Over-mature species removed and replaced where practical	
	To attract more wildlife to the foreshore parks and to protect existing native fauna species	Select and plant appropriate trees, shrubs and groundcovers that will provide habitats for native wildlife in suitable foreshore parks	Non-native species may still provide fauna habitat and should not be removed merely because they are not native. Dead trees may be retained on site to provide habitat	O	Appropriate species planted in selected locations. Nesting boxes installed	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
	To protect existing trees and other vegetation in North Sydney's foreshore parks from illegal activities	Enforce controls set out in DCP 2013 – Tree and Vegetation Management, and pursue appropriate action where vegetation is illegally cleared or damaged	Council's Tree Vandalism Policy sets out actions to be taken by Council against tree vandalism on public land	O	Tree Preservation Order enforced, and appropriate action taken if required	Tree & Vegetation Vandalism Policy 2018 NSC. North Sydney Development Control Plan 2013 – Tree & Vegetation Management
	To control biosecurity and environmental weeds in foreshore parks	Undertake weed removal programs when and where required	Weed removal is a standard component of Council's maintenance operations	O	Reduction in the levels of weeds in foreshore parks	
		Implement the Biosecurity Act consistently and effectively in association with bushland management processes		O	Biosecurity Act implemented by staff and contractors	<i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i>
		Issue Notices to properties adjoining foreshore parks that contain biosecurity weeds	Notices require property owners to remove or manage the biosecurity weeds within a set time to prevent their spread	O	Notices issued as required	<i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i>
		Provide information to interested residents and to owners of properties known to contain biosecurity or environmental weeds	A brochure (available from Council upon request) is automatically distributed with biosecurity weeds Notices	O	Educational brochures provided to relevant property owners	
	To ensure all foreshore parks have a high amenity value	Assess all new landscape proposals to ensure all work will be appropriate, attractive, and sympathetic to the park's character		O	All landscape proposals are assessed for suitability	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
	To consider the effect of new plantings on scenic views out of foreshore parks	Consider existing scenic views when siting new plantings and structures	An important function of many of the foreshore parks is as lookouts. While scenic views are always considered, Council does not aim to provide unobstructed views from all foreshore parks	O	All new work considers impacts on scenic views	
		Consider requests for trimming of trees in foreshore parks for scenic views on a case-by-case basis	Only work that is horticulturally and environmentally sound and appropriate will be approved. All work on public land is at the expense of the person/s requesting the work.	O	All requests are assessed, and only work deemed appropriate is approved	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Conservation and Recognition of Heritage Items and Sites	To recognise and protect identified items and sites of Aboriginal and European heritage significance in the foreshore parks	Manage items and sites of Aboriginal heritage significance in accordance with relevant conservation management practices	Items and sites include middens and rock engravings. Consult with the National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS) and the Metropolitan and Local Aboriginal Lands Council on the management of Aboriginal sites and fulfil requirements of the National Parks & Wildlife Act	O	Co-ordinated & effective management of Aboriginal sites	<i>National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1974.</i> North Sydney Aboriginal Sites Management Report 2011 AHO
		Manage items and sites of European heritage significance in accordance with relevant conservation management practices	Items of European heritage significance are listed in 'Schedule 5 Environmental Heritage' of Council's LEP. Consult with the National Trust and the Heritage Council on the management of European heritage sites and items and fulfil requirements of the Heritage Act	O	Co-ordinated and effective management of Heritage sites and items	<i>NSW Heritage Act 1977.</i> LEP NSC 2013
		Carry out all work necessary to maintain heritage items and sites in good condition		O	Heritage items and sites appropriately maintained	
		Redirect walking tracks where damage to heritage items and sites is occurring or is likely to occur in future		O	Heritage items and sites protected	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
		Submit an archaeological assessment with any Development Application that involves excavation work in a foreshore park or reserve where there is an identified item of heritage significance	Sites listed in Council's Local Environmental Plan and managed under heritage provisions can require development consent	O	Archaeological assessments submitted as required	LEP NSC 2013
		Install innovative and thoughtful interpretive material to highlight appropriate items and sites of heritage significance and interest	Methods for presenting information include signage panels, words set into paving, murals, sculpture, lighting etc	O	Interpretive material installed in appropriate locations	

PARK FURNITURE AND OTHER STRUCTURES

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Park Furniture and Other Structures	To provide park furniture and other structures in foreshore parks that meet identified community needs	Install required park furniture and other structures in Council's foreshore parks on an ongoing basis	Park furniture includes seats, picnic tables, BBQ's, drinking fountains and the like. PoMs for Bradfield, Anderson and Tunks Parks identify where new park furniture and other structures are required. Council's RNS identified the need to install new park furniture and other items to create more usable 'social/family' spaces in some parks and to accommodate people of all ages and abilities	O	New park furniture and other structures installed in identified locations	Recreation Needs Study 2015 NSC. North Sydney Council PoMs
		Assess the need for additional park furniture and other structures on a case-by-case basis as they are identified	Additional needs, not identified in the documents listed above, may be brought to Council's attention by stakeholders at any time	O	Need assessed on a case-by-case basis	
		Refurbish buildings in parks and other park structures in accordance with Council's Amenities Condition Report		O	Ongoing implementation of Condition Report	NSC Amenities Condition Report (10-year Major Maintenance Plan) 2018
		Engage with the community prior to undertaking significant new works	Depending on the scale of the work, this may be undertaken as part of the DA process, or prior to it	O	Satisfaction with consultation process as gauged from feedback	LEP 2013 NSC
		Minimise the footprint of any new structures in foreshore parks	Council aims to maintain as much green open space as possible	O	Footprint of any new structures is minimised	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
	To provide adequate directional and interpretive signage in and around the foreshore parks	Continue to provide directional and/or interpretive signage in Council's foreshore parks	The RNS stresses the importance of providing information for people walking around North Sydney. Eg: - length of track - estimated time and difficulty - accessibility - whether the walk is circular - connections at the end of the walk - features along the way eg seats, picnic tables, scenic views Also refer Matrix Issue: 'Circulation and Connections'	O	Appropriate signage provided as needed	Recreation Needs Study 2015 NSC
		Renew existing directional and interpretive signage as required	All signs deteriorate over time in the harsh, foreshore environment	O	Signage is in good condition	
	To encourage and support appropriate public art projects in foreshore parks	Continue to site art in appropriate foreshore parks	Public art adds detail, texture, and interest to North Sydney's parks urban spaces. Art should be relevant to and complement the character of the park in which it is located. A Schedule of Public Art in North Sydney is on Council's website	O	Appropriate projects implemented when opportunities arise	Public Art Schedule NSC
		Continue to support the bi-annual 'Sculpture at Sawmillers' event		O	Council continues to support this public event	
	To ensure all seawalls fronting Council's foreshore parks are appropriately maintained	Liaise with appropriate Engineering staff to ensure maintenance and restoration of relevant seawalls occurs as required	Explore opportunities to provide habitat for intertidal organisms and to improve access opportunities to the water's edge	O	Ongoing liaison with Engineering staff regarding seawall management. Condition of seawalls	

ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Access	To encourage the community to explore North Sydney's foreshore parks on foot or by bicycle	Provide the community with information about North Sydney's foreshore parks and how to access them	Information for pedestrians and cyclists on Council's website includes 'Walk North Sydney' maps and brochures, 'North Sydney Harbour Bushwalk Guide' and 'North Sydney Bike Map'	O	Information is readily accessible	NSC website
		Continue to provide facilities for cyclists in selected foreshore parks and reserves	Council's Integrated Cycleway Strategy identifies locations where more cycle racks or bike storage containers could be installed	O	Cycle racks provided in identified locations	Integrated Cycleway Strategy NSC 2014
	To place a higher priority on public and collective transport	Encourage visitors to use public transport to access the foreshore parks	Numerous ferry wharves, railway stations and bus routes service the foreshore parks	O	Decrease in complaints regarding lack of parking spaces	
	To control vehicular access into and through foreshore parks	Prohibit and prevent general vehicular access into foreshore parks	Permission for a private vehicle requiring one-off access through a park (due to lack of other options) may be granted upon request	O	General vehicular access to foreshore parks prevented	
		Allow service and emergency vehicles to enter foreshore parks	Removable bollards and gates allow access for maintenance and other permissible activities	O	Ease of entry for service and emergency vehicles	
	To provide safe and convenient access for all to the foreshore parks	Consider opportunities to improve access, where practical, as they are identified	Reduce physical barriers into the foreshore parks, and along circulation paths in them. Consider pedestrian crossings, pram ramps, footpaths, and steps	O	Opportunities to improve access identified and appropriate work scheduled	Recreation Needs Study 2015 NSC

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Access to the Harbour Foreshore & the Harbour	To provide access to the foreshore and to the water from selected foreshore parks	Provide paths, steps, ramps, and other means of accessing the water's edge and the water in appropriate locations	Council is committed to providing a variety of water-based recreational opportunities in North Sydney. Paths, steps, and ramps typically provide access to small water craft storage areas and launching sites, to fishing spots and to beaches	O	Access to foreshore and the water is provided in suitable locations	Recreation Needs Study 2015 NSC
		Carry out regular inspections to ensure paths and steps are maintained in a safe condition	Also refer Issue 'Maintenance'	O	Regular inspections carried out	
		Continue to provide additional water-access points for small water craft	These may be provided in conjunction with construction of new or improved storage facilities. Also refer Issues: 'Use of Foreshore Parks for Small Water Craft Storage' and 'Improvement Works'	O	Additional water-access points provided	Small Water Craft Storage Strategy (SWCSS) 2018
	To ensure informal tracks to the harbour foreshore do not cause undue erosion and environmental degradation	Inspect informal tracks and paths that lead to the water's edge to monitor their condition	Informal tracks may be formalised, upgraded, or removed, according to the need for them and the amount of damage they are causing	O	Informal tracks inspected regularly	
		Close unnecessary or inappropriate informal tracks to the foreshore		O	Unnecessary informal tracks closed/removed	
		Repair or upgrade access tracks to appropriate small boat storage areas when and where required	Solutions in sensitive areas may include the use of duckboards (like those used at Folly Point Reserve)	O	Repairs carried out as required	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Circulation & Connections	To provide and maintain a safe and attractive system of pathways in foreshore parks	Continue to construct new paths and upgrade existing paths where a need is identified, and the work is viable	The needs of people with impaired mobility are considered during the design and planning process	O	Appropriate works undertaken as required	
		Assess the feasibility of improving existing circulation routes to make them accessible for all as opportunities are identified, and schedule work		O	Feasibility assessments carried out and work scheduled	
		Carry out corrective pathway works as required to ensure all pathways are in good condition	Any work should consider optimum pathway widths	O	Work carried out in a timely manner	
	To link existing foreshore parks	Pursue opportunities to link existing foreshore parks as they arise	The most common way in which new land may be acquired is by development negotiation	O	Opportunities to create new links pursued	
	To further develop links between the foreshore parks and reserves and public transport nodes	Pursue opportunities to create new or improved links between existing foreshore parks and reserves and public transport nodes		O	Viable opportunities pursued	
	To publicise connections between foreshore parks and other public open spaces	Provide relevant information to enable the community to enjoy North Sydney's open space network	Information on Council's website includes: - 'Walk North Sydney' maps and brochures - 'North Sydney Circle Walks' - 'Bike Map'	O	Relevant information is easily accessible	NSC website

USE OF FORESHORE PARKS & RESERVES

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Use of the Foreshore Parks and Reserves	To encourage the use of foreshore parks for appropriate recreational activities to meet community needs	Ensure all activities occurring in foreshore parks are appropriate and consistent with the Council's management goals and objectives as per Section 4.2 of this PoM	Suitable activities vary according to the primary function of the park	O	Reduced number of complaints regarding inappropriate use of foreshore parks	
		Ensure all activities occurring in foreshore parks are consistent with the zoning, classification and categorisation of the land	Foreshore parks in this PoM are classified as 'community' land, and categorised as either 'parks', 'general community use', or a combination of these	O	Reduction in complaints regarding inappropriate use of foreshore parks	LEP 2013 NSC. <i>Crown Land Management Act 2016</i> <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>
		Accommodate a range of unstructured recreational activities in foreshore parks	North Sydney's foreshore parks cater for unstructured activities including jogging, walking, picnicking, reading, quiet contemplation, dog walking and informal sport and games	O	Community satisfaction with parks as measured in regular surveys	
		Accommodate a range of appropriate social, cultural, and recreational events and activities in the foreshore parks	Groups may use foreshore parks for social gatherings and informal sports and games. Bookings are taken and fees are charged in some circumstances. Refer Council's website for details	O	Parks maintained in good condition	NSC website: 'Permit for a Social Gathering in Parks and Reserves' and 'Parks and Reserves Hire Fees'

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
		Accommodate special events and activities in the foreshore parks, while retaining space for casual community use	Space may be booked in foreshore parks for appropriate special events and activities. Bookings are taken and fees are charged in some circumstances. Refer Council's website for details	O	Space in foreshore parks remains available for casual users. Parks maintained in good condition	NSC website: 'Permit for a Social Gathering in Parks and Reserves' and 'Parks and Reserves Hire Fees'
		Enforce Council's Fitness Training Code of Conduct as required	The Code provides fitness trainers with common sense guidelines to ensure their activities have minimal impact on park condition, on other park users and on neighbours	O	Rangers carry out patrols and respond to complaints	Outdoor Fitness Training Code of Conduct NSC
		Liaise directly with individuals or groups if complaints are received regarding inappropriate use of the foreshore parks	All user groups should be courteous and considerate toward other users	O	Reduction in the annual number of complaints received	
		Manage recreational activities that may have negative environmental impacts carefully to minimise impacts	General overuse, as well as activities such as walking dogs, fitness training and fishing can have a negative environmental impact, particularly in sensitive foreshore areas	O	Foreshore parks maintained in good condition	
		Patrol the foreshore parks to ensure compliance with the above actions	Patrols are carried out by Council Rangers	O	Regular Ranger patrols carried out	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Use of Selected Foreshore Parks during Major Events	To provide a safe and secure environment in selected major foreshore parks fronting the main harbour on New Year's Eve and during other major public events	Promote selected foreshore parks as appropriate venues for people gathering to watch New Years' Eve activities and other major harbour events	Bradfield Park and Blues Point Reserve occupy prime harbour foreshore locations (offering views of the harbour, city, and harbour bridge) and have a greater carrying capacity than many other harbourside parks	O	Promotional activities occur as required	
		Provide facilities in Bradfield Park on selected occasions, including New Year's Eve, to ease potential pressure on other harbourside parks	Provision of portable toilets, food stalls and family-style entertainment attract visitors to Bradfield Park. Portable toilets are also provided in other foreshore reserves including Blues Point and Kurraba Reserve	O	A range of facilities is provided when major events take place	
		Continue to implement managed access programs in key foreshore parks on New Year's Eve	Managed access programs at Bradfield Park and Blues Point Reserve allow regulation of crowd numbers and provide a safe and pleasant environment for the community	O	Annual number of incidents recorded	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Use of Foreshore Parks for Small Water Craft Storage	To allow storage of appropriate small water craft on public land on the North Sydney foreshore in accordance with Council's Small Water Craft Storage Strategy (SWCSS)	Manage storage of small water craft on foreshore public land as per Council's SWCSS	The SWCSS aims to improve management of water craft stored on public land on the harbour foreshore, for the benefit of water craft owners, and for the convenience and enjoyment of the wider community who wish to access and use North Sydney's foreshore parks for recreation	O	Management of small water craft stored on public land occurs as per the SWCSS	Small Water Craft Storage Strategy (SWCSS) 2018 NSC
		Implement the actions listed in the SWCSS in order of priority	The clear community priority, gauged from feedback on the draft SWCSS, was provision of more storage facilities for small water craft. Work has commenced and is ongoing, as budgets and resources permit	O	Works implemented as per the SWCSS	SWCSS 2018 NSC
		Continue to allow informal storage of small water craft on some foreshore public land until an adequate number of new storage facilities have been provided	This is unless the water craft are causing significant environmental damage or are so numerous as to be making public access to and use of the foreshore open space difficult. Note: 'adequate' refers to a reasonable balance between provision of storage facilities and retention of unrestricted public open space for general community use.	C-MT	Informal storage of small water craft continues where causing no damage to the environment	SWCSS 2018 NSC
		Review registration processes, fees (including fee reductions for sectors of the community identified in the SWCSS) and other administrative processes when new storage facilities and associated infrastructure have been provided	People wishing to store their water craft in a storage facility must register with Council and pay an annual fee. As of 2021, it is anticipated that between 5-10 additional facilities will be provided	MT-LT	Carry out review and provide recommendations	SWCSS 2018 NSC

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
		Conduct regular audits and remove abandoned and unregistered water craft	Impounding abandoned, and unregistered water craft reduces visual clutter and environmental damage. Regular audits will commence once Council has constructed more storage facilities, however audits of particular sites and removals will be undertaken as needed	MT-O	Reduced number of abandoned and unregistered small water craft on the foreshore	SWCSS 2018 NSC
	To continue to provide new storage facilities for small water craft	Provide new storage facilities for small water craft along with associated improvement works (for accessing storage areas and the water) in order of priority	Refer Matrix Issue 'Improvement Works' for list of new storage facilities and associated works to be undertaken in order of priority. Note that priorities may change, and some locations may not be developed if detailed feasibility studies determine they are not suitable. Provision of additional storage (such as toaster-style racks) will help reduce overcrowding in areas that are currently suffering from over-use. Their smaller footprint (when compared to informally stored water craft) also means that environmental impacts and inconvenience to other users of the foreshore is reduced	O	New facilities constructed and improved access provided as per SWCSS	SWCSS 2018 NSC

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Dogs in foreshore parks	To accommodate responsible dog walking in appropriate foreshore parks	Allow dog-walking in foreshore parks in accordance with the Companion Animals Act and with the North Sydney Local Companion Animals Management Plan	All Council foreshore parks are off-leash areas apart from: - Playing fields whilst organised sport is in progress - All areas zoned C2 Environmental Conservation - Cremorne Reserve - Coal Loader Center for Sustainability Dogs are not permitted in or within 10 meters of children's play equipment	O	Reduction in the annual number of complaints and infringements	<i>Companion Animals Act 1998.</i> North Sydney Local Companion Animals Management Plan 2004
		Patrol the foreshore parks to ensure compliance with the above action	Patrols are carried out by Council Rangers	O	Regular Ranger patrols occur	

FACILITIES IN FORESHORE PARKS & RESERVES

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Sportsgrounds and Courts	To manage Council's sportsgrounds and courts in foreshore parks for organised sport and other appropriate activities	Manage and maintain sportsgrounds and courts in foreshore parks as per the Sportsgrounds Plan of Management	Council's sportsgrounds are a vital recreational resource for both the local and wider sporting community. Good management will ensure that grounds are well-maintained, that they cater for an appropriate range of activities, and that non-sporting users still have some access to them	O	Sportsfields and courts managed and maintained as per the Sportsgrounds Plan of Management	Sportsgrounds PoM NSC

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Playgrounds	To manage Council's foreshore playgrounds to provide a diversity of play opportunities	Manage Council's playground stock in foreshore parks as per the Playgrounds Plan of Management	North Sydney Council provides a range of safe, fun, inclusive and challenging playgrounds that complement the character of the park in which they are located. 11 out of 33 playgrounds are located in foreshore parks and reserves	O	Playgrounds managed and maintained as per the Playgrounds Plan of Management	Playgrounds PoM NSC

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Other Recreation Facilities	To provide a range of additional recreation facilities in foreshore parks to meet the needs of a variety of users	Investigate opportunities to provide other recreation facilities as they arise, and implement, as per available budgets	Other recreational facilities include outdoor exercise equipment, sports courts, handball courts, basketball hoops and backboards, scooter parks and outdoor ping pong tables. Council's Recreation Needs Study identified the need for additional social/family spaces in North Sydney; places which offer something for all members of the community, regardless of age or ability. Refer Issue 'Improvement Works' for list of planned new facilities and upgrades to existing facilities	O	Range of facilities provided in foreshore parks to meet community needs	Recreation Needs Study 2015 NSC. Playgrounds PoM NSC
	To provide a range of appropriate ancillary facilities in foreshore parks	Provide additional ancillary facilities that meet community needs and enhance the foreshore parks	Ancillary facilities including BBQ's, public amenities, picnic tables, shelters and drinking fountains make a park more desirable as a destination for a longer visit	O	Appropriate ancillary facilities installed in foreshore parks to meet community needs	Recreation Needs Study 2015 NSC

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Improvement Works	To upgrade existing facilities in foreshore parks to improve their appearance and function, and to provide new facilities that meet identified community needs	Carry out the following works (listed by park name, in alphabetical order)	This PoM is designed to be relevant for up to 10 years. Other projects may be added to this list during this time as circumstances change and new priorities emerge. New strategic documents prepared in coming years (such as a new Recreation Needs Study) will also generate new works	O	Improved condition of North Sydney's parks and new facilities that meet community needs	
	Anderson Park	Install cycle racks in the park		ST-MT	Cycle racks installed	Anderson Park Masterplan/ PoM 2018
		Install outdoor fitness equipment 'nodes'		CP	Outdoor fitness equipment installed	Anderson Park Masterplan/ PoM 2018
		Provide storage facilities for small water craft, particularly kayaks	It is anticipated that mainly kayaks will be stored here	MT	Storage facilities constructed	Anderson Park Masterplan/ PoM 2018
		Provide easier access to the water's edge (eg steps) for park users	This will also assist those launching small water craft	MT	Access to water's edge constructed	Anderson Park Masterplan/ PoM 2018
		Continue to implement the Anderson Park Masterplan	The previously listed actions are the current priority works	O	Masterplan implementation continues	Anderson Park Masterplan/ PoM 2018
	Ben Boyd Road Park	Carry out a detailed assessment to determine the feasibility of providing storage for small water craft near the high tide mark and schedule work, if feasible	Need for storage in this location will be determined after higher-priority sites are constructed. This is a low priority action that will only be investigated if higher priority projects cannot proceed	LT	Storage provided, if required	SWCSS 2018 NSC

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
	Berry Island Reserve	Upgrade the public amenities		ST	Public amenities upgraded	Amenities Condition Report 2018 NSC
		Install outdoor fitness equipment		ST	New equipment installed	Playgrounds PoM NSC
		Provide storage for small water craft near the border with Badangi Reserve		MT	Appropriate storage for small water craft provided	SWCSS 2018 NSC
	Berrys Bay <i>Quarantine Boat Depot</i> <i>(Landward Portion - above Former Mean High-Water Mark)</i>	Prepare and implement designs to make the site safe and publicly accessible	Work will include amenities such as seating and lighting	C	Site made safe and publicly accessible	
		Develop and implement comprehensive design plans for the reuse of the site as predominantly open space		ST-LT	Design plans developed and implemented	
		Determine appropriate uses for existing cottages (Pasteur and Jenner)	The existing buildings offer potential to be adaptively reused for appropriate community purposes Possible EOI process if required / appropriate	MT	Appropriate uses determined	
		Consider application to list the site on the State Heritage Register		MT-LT	Assessment carried out	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
	Berrys Bay <i>Quarantine Boat Depot</i> <i>(Reclaimed Portion – Below Former Mean High-Water Mark)</i>	Seek transfer of the reclaimed portion to Council for care, control and management	This transfer is being negotiated in conjunction with the transfer of lands for the Western Harbour Tunnel project	ST	Care, control and management of site transferred to NSC	
		Prepare and implement designs to make the site safe and publicly accessible	Obtain any necessary planning approvals. Designs are being considered in conjunction with the landscape plans being prepared for all Berrys Bay public lands sites currently in NSW Government ownership by the Berrys Bay Community and Stakeholder Working Group. Implementation will include remediation works if required	ST-LT	Site made safe and publicly accessible	
	Berrys Bay <i>Balls Head Road to Midden Track access path</i>	Prepare and implement designs for a link path to formalise an existing pedestrian track and link it to the Quarantine Boat Depot site and existing tracks in Balls Head Reserve	Obtain any necessary planning approvals. Track includes boardwalk section across a Council owned parcel of land behind the beach and steps to the beach. Track will improve connectivity within the Waverton Peninsula open space	MT-LT	Link track designed and constructed	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
	Berrys Bay <i>Other NSW Government sites (former Woodleys site and former BP site Working Waterfront parcel)</i>	Contribute to design for future parkland	These sites were mooted for use as a construction depot for the proposed Western Harbour Tunnel (WHT) project however they are no longer required for this purpose. The NSW Government is in the process of returning them to the public as public open space and associated facilities. Council is participating in the community and stakeholder working group established to guide the designs for the sites. The sites have substantial assets of heritage significance which needs to be protected and incorporated into the future designs	O	Community satisfaction with the design process, as gauged from feedback	
		Carry out required work to prevent further deterioration of historic Woodleys Shed and slipway site	The future of this site is yet to be determined, however due to the condition of the shed, and the length of time until the WHT work is complete, some preservation and restoration work is required soon	ST-MT	Ongoing condition of shed and slipway	
		Support and contribute to the implementation of the design for future parkland	This may be delivered by the contractor engaged for the tunnel project, with Council oversight. Design will incorporate continuous public foreshore access around the Bay	LT	Community satisfaction with the design process, as gauged from feedback	
	Blues Point Reserve	Carry out landscape improvements to the Reserve	This is one of Council's key harbour foreshore parks. Improvements are likely to include formal paths that reflect desire lines, upgraded gardens and improvements to turfed areas.	MT-LT	Improved condition and amenity of the reserve	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
		Install outdoor fitness equipment		MT	New equipment installed	Playgrounds PoM NSC
	Bradfield Park	Install outdoor fitness equipment		ST	New equipment installed	Playgrounds PoM NSC
		Upgrade the synthetic surface in Bradfield Park Central		ST	Synthetic surface upgraded	
		Refurbish the two Exeloos in the Park	One is near Fitzroy Street, the other in near the foreshore	MT-LT	Refurbishment completed	
		Upgrade Bradfield Park South as per the Park Masterplan	Timeframe currently unknown – dependent on ongoing negotiations with Transport for NSW	MT-LT	Improved condition of Bradfield Park South	Bradfield Park & Kirribilli Foreshore Masterplan 1997
		Brightmore Reserve	Install fitness equipment		MT	Equipment installed
	Update interpretive and directional signage in bushland areas			ST	Signage updated	Bushland PoM NSC
	Upgrade walking tracks in bushland areas			MT-LT	Walking tracks upgraded	Bushland PoM NSC
	Colindia Reserve	Carry out a detailed feasibility assessment of providing storage for small water craft near the high tide mark	This is a low priority action that will only be investigated if higher priority water craft storage projects cannot proceed	LT	Storage provided, if required	SWCSS 2018 NSC
	Dowling Street Road Reserve	Carry out landscape beautification works to make reserve more usable and attractive and improve access to the foreshore		MT	Improved condition and functioning of reserve	SWCSS 2018 NSC

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
		Carry out a detailed feasibility assessment of providing storage for small water craft near the high tide mark	This is a low priority action that will only be investigated if higher priority water craft storage projects cannot proceed	LT	Storage provided, if required	
	Hayes Street Foreshore	Continue to upgrade the foreshore open space at the southern end of Hayes Street	The area west of the recently upgraded area is still to be improved	ST-MT	Remaining foreshore upgraded	
	Hayes Street Boardwalk (western end)	Install kayak racks and carry out landscaping and consider appropriate access works to enable kayaks to be lowered to beach level and raised up again		MT	Storage and access works carried out	SWCSS 2018 NSC
	Henry Lawson Reserve	Undertake demolition and carry out landscape works to turn the property at 1 Henry Lawson Avenue, McMahons Point into foreshore parkland	This property current divides the Reserve into two parts. Required work will include detailed investigations and studies (heritage study, Hazmat Assessment, contamination study etc). Development Applications will be required for early works (demolition) and for main works (new landscape works)	ST - LT	Property demolished and new parkland created	
		Carry out a detailed feasibility assessment of providing storage for small water craft near the high tide mark	This is a low priority site that will only be investigated when the above project is complete, and if higher priority storage locations cannot proceed	LT	Storage constructed, if required	SWCSS 2018 NSC
	John Street Open Space	Formalise storage for small water craft and carry out associated access improvement works	There are currently a number of dinghies and kayaks stored informally in this location	ST	Storage and associated access works complete	SWCSS 2018 NSC

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
	Lady Gowrie Lookout	Carry out landscape improvements including substantial restoration works	Sensitive restoration of steps and walls as well as paved areas and soft landscaping is required in this park which is currently tired and worn	ST	Improved condition of the park	
	Lavender Bay Parklands	Upgrade the footpath and associated lighting in Watt Park		ST-MT	Footpath upgraded	Lavender Bay Parklands Masterplan 2005 NSC
		Upgrade the Walker Street Steps		ST-MT	Steps upgraded	Lavender Bay Parklands Masterplan 2005 NSC
		Install exercise equipment in Watt Park	Location should be within easy sight of the existing playground	MT	Exercise equipment installed	Playgrounds PoM NSC
		Consider a kayak share facility in this location	A community run and managed kayak share facility similar to the one that operates on Hayes Street Beach could operate at Lavender Bay	MT	Feasibility assessed and community support sought	
	Milson Park	Construct kayak racks in the park	Newly upgraded boat ramp will provide easy access to and from the water	ST	Kayak racks installed	SWCSS 2018 NSC
	Primrose Park	Upgrade public amenities		LT	Public amenities upgraded	
		Upgrade walking tracks as required		MT- LT	Walking tracks upgraded	Bushland PoM NSC
	Sawmillers Reserve	Formalise pathway between the Munro St bridge and the main path leading down to the foreshore lawn	This pathway is currently a well-worn desire line	ST	Path formalised	
		Replace existing timber step tower		ST	Tower replaced	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
		Install fitness equipment		MT	Equipment installed	Playgrounds PoM NSC
	Spains Wharf Road Reserve	Carry out a detailed feasibility assessment of providing storage for small water craft near the high tide mark	This is a low priority action that will only be considered if a number of higher priority projects cannot proceed	LT	Storage provided, if required	SWCSS 2018 NSC
	Sugarworks Reserve/ King St Rd Reserve	Provide storage for small water craft near the foreshore	Numerous small craft are currently stored here informally	ST	Storage facilities provided, if feasible	SWCSS 2018 NSC
	Tunks Park	Install kayak racks, and carry out any required landscaping and associated pathway construction		ST	Kayak racks installed	SWCSS 2018 NSC
		Upgrade the change rooms at the western end of the park		ST	Change rooms upgraded	Amenities Condition Report 2018 NSC
		Demolish existing building housing public amenities, change rooms and maintenance storage area and replace with new facilities that occupy a similarly-sized footprint in the park	When undertaking this project, consider the feasibility of incorporating the existing free-standing kiosk into the new building and removing the existing kiosk to reduce the number of structures in the park	LT	Existing building demolished and new building constructed	Amenities Condition Report 2018 NSC
		Continue to implement the Tunks Park Landscape Masterplan		O	Masterplan implementation continues	Tunks Park Masterplan 2018 NSC
		Install interpretive signage		ST-MT	Signage installed	Tunks Park Masterplan 2018 NSC

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
	Waverton Park	Upgrade the public amenities		ST	Public amenities upgraded	Amenities Condition Report 2018 NSC
		Construct a perimeter path around some or all the park to cater for walkers, joggers and recreational cyclists (including children)	It may be feasible to undertake this project in conjunction with the upgrading of Merrett Playground	ST-MT	Path constructed	Recreation Needs Study 2015 NSC
		Provide storage for small water craft near the high tide mark and carrying out access improvements to facilitate use		MT	Feasibility assessed; recommendations made	SWCSS 2018 NSC

LANDUSE PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Native Title Obligations	To ensure Council meets its obligations under the <i>CLM Act</i> and the <i>NT Act</i> regarding the management of Crown land	Carry out a native title assessment and validation under the <i>NT Act</i> as part of the terms of authorisation for the commencement of any building, development, or infrastructure activity (act) on foreshore parks that are Crown reserves	Assessment is carried out by Council's Native Title Manager	O	Native title assessment and validation carried out prior to commencement of all relevant activities	<i>Native Title (Cwlth) Act 1993</i> <i>Crown Land Management Act 2016</i>
		Carry out appropriate notification and 'opportunity to comment' procedures if the proposed act (above) is a 'public work' as defined in Section 253 of the <i>NT Act</i>	Council will notify NTS Corp and the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council of the proposed act and provide the opportunity to comment (at least 30 days)	O	Appropriate notification and opportunity to comment provided	<i>Native Title (Cwlth) Act 1993</i>

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Leases, Licences, Permits, and Other Estates	To facilitate the use of foreshore parks for a range of appropriate activities	Grant leases, licences, permits and other estates to recreational and cultural organisations and other groups to formalise use of parts of the foreshore parks for appropriate activities	<p>Applicable legislative and other planning controls governing leases, licences, permits, and other estates are set out in Section 1.5 of this PoM.</p> <p>All lessees/licensees should provide facilities or services for public use and should ensure the leased area is safe and attractive and that the interests of Council and the public are protected.</p> <p>Current leases and licences in foreshore parks and reserves are detailed in Appendix 7</p>	O	Appropriate leases, licences, permits, and other estates issued	<p>Appendix 7 – Leases & Licences in Foreshore Parks & Reserves</p> <p><i>LG Act 1993</i></p> <p><i>CLM Act 2016</i></p> <p>LEP 2013 NSC</p>
		Consider opportunities to grant leases, licences, permits and other estates to commercial organisations to increase the use and vitality of appropriate foreshore parks	<p>Applicable legislative and other planning controls governing leases, licences, permits, and other estates are set out in Section 1.5 of this PoM.</p> <p>Parks and reserves on land zoned C2 Environmental Conservation would not be deemed appropriate.</p>	O	Appropriate leases, licences, permits, and other estates issued	<p><i>LG Act 1993</i></p> <p><i>CLM Act 2016</i></p> <p>LEP 2013 NSC</p>

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Publicity	To increase community awareness of water-based recreation opportunities in North Sydney	Update Council's website to include a dedicated section on Water-Based Recreation in North Sydney	<p>The website will provide information about Council's authorised storage facilities for small water craft:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location, type of storage offered, capacity • Annual fees to hire storage space • Online Permit Application Form • Waiting List information and Online Application Form • Impounding process and ways to relinquish storage <p>Information will also be provided about public boat ramps, public wharves, harbour pools and other swimming locations, fish-cleaning benches and other facilities, as well as opportunities to participate in water-based recreation activities</p>	ST	Relevant information available on Council's website	SWCSS 2018 NSC
		Develop a brochure to assist people wishing to hire space to store a small water craft on public foreshore land in North Sydney	<p>Brochure will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - what is an authorised water craft - how to apply for a Permit - location of storage sites, etc. <p>Brochure will be available on Council's website</p>	ST-MT	Brochure developed and available of Council's website	SWCSS 2018 NSC

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Community Involvement	To provide opportunities for the community to be involved in the development of the Foreshore Parks & Reserves PoM	Encourage feedback by widely publicising the draft PoM	Stakeholders including Precinct Committees and other known users receive direct notification when the draft PoM is on exhibition	O	Public exhibition of the draft Plan widely publicised	
		Ensure the Foreshore Parks & Reserves PoM is easily accessible	All Plans of Management (draft and final) are available on Council's website. Hard copies are available on request	O	Plans of Management easily available	NSC website
	To provide opportunities for the community to be involved in new developments in foreshore parks	Consult with stakeholders prior to and during the development of significant new proposals for the foreshore parks and consider comments	Consultation methods vary according to the value and potential impact for the proposal, but may include: - Posting concept plans in the relevant parks - Letterbox drops to local residences - Information and a feedback form on Council's website - Public meetings Concept plans are amended based on public responses where possible	O	Community satisfaction with the consultation process as gauged from feedback	
	To achieve greater levels of participation in Council's existing community programs in the foreshore parks	Publicise existing programs to encourage participation	Current programs include: - Streets Alive - Adopt-a-Plot - Community gardening Methods of promotion include field days, displays, mail outs and information on Council's website	O	Increasing participation levels in Council's community programs	NSC website
	To raise community awareness on activities detrimental to the conservation of bushland in foreshore parks	Provide information to people living close to foreshore bushland	Council staff can provide residents with information on subjects ranging from environmental and noxious weeds to creating a bush-friendly backyard	O	Information provided to the community	Bushland PoM NSC

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Private Encroachments	To manage private encroachments onto public land covered by this Plan of Management consistently	Assess any private encroachments (for example fences, paths, buildings, or vegetation) onto public foreshore land when they are identified and take appropriate action	A lease or licence may be issued if the encroachment is assessed as being for a purpose consistent with the core objectives for the park in question and is authorised by a PoM. Otherwise, Council may direct the encroaching owner to remove the encroachment	O	Impact assessment carried out and appropriate action taken when potential encroachments are identified	<i>Local Government Act 1993</i> <i>Crown Land Management Act 2016</i> Encroachment Management Policy 2019 NSC
	To prevent future private encroachments onto foreshore parks	Ensure staff working in foreshore parks are aware of property boundaries	When property boundaries are known, new encroachments can be easily identified	O	Council staff working in foreshore parks remain vigilant	
		Ensure DA's submitted for properties bordering foreshore parks do not propose encroachments onto the adjacent public open space		O	New developments comply with Council's LEP	LEP 2013 NSC
		Refuse DA's that propose encroachments onto public open space	New private encroachments onto public open space are prohibited	O	No new private encroachments onto public open space	LEP 2013 NSC

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Provision of New Open Space	To extend the existing network of parks and reserves on the harbour foreshore	Pursue opportunities to extend the existing network of foreshore parks and reserves as they arise	While the most likely way in which new land may be acquired is by purchase at market price, this is generally prohibitively expensive	O	The suitability of a proposed site to meet community needs is carefully assessed	Open Space Provision Strategy 2009 NSC
		Pursue current opportunities to acquire new land for public open space in Waverton	<p>These opportunities are described in Section 3.6.1 'New Acquisition Sites' (pg 32), and the works required at each site are included in the Matrix Issue: 'Improvement Works' (pg 62) as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Berrys Bay</u> Quarantine Boat Depot - (Reclaimed Portion – Below Former Mean High-Water Mark) • <u>Berrys Bay</u> Other NSW Govt sites (former Woodleys site and the former BP site Working Waterfront parcel) 	ST-LT	Opportunities pursued vigorously and new open space gained	Open Space Provision Strategy 2009 NSC

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
		Pursue innovative and co-operative options to provide land for public open space at minimal financial cost to Council as per Council's Open Space Provision Strategy (OSPS)	Options include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development negotiation - Land swap arrangements - Leasing vacant areas of land from Government instrumentalities such as Rail Corp or schools - Donations/bequests - Grants - Naming rights/sponsorship - Partnering with neighbouring Councils - Dual use of land not dedicated as public open space 	O	Opportunities to acquire new foreshore public open space pursued	Open Space Provision Strategy 2009 NSC
		Give priority to acquiring sites with the highest potential to meet the open space needs of the current and future population	The value of individual sites for acquisition is assessed using the methodology set out in Council's OSPS	O	Sites assessed using the OSPS and priorities determined	Open Space Provision Strategy 2009 NSC
	To determine Council's current level of need for additional open space, and to plan for its provision	Update Council's Open Space Provision Strategy	Current OSPS was prepared in 2008. North Sydney's situation has changed significantly since this date, for example, new open space gained, some opportunities lost, demographic information changed, new relevant studies developed (eg NSROC Regional Sportsgrounds Strategy Review etc), hence the Strategy needs to be updated. Prepared in-house previously, can be prepared in-house again or using consultants	ST	Updated Open Space Provision Strategy prepared	Open Space Provision Strategy 2009 NSC

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Managed Access	To create a safe environment for locals and the wider community to enjoy on New Year's Eve in Council's most popular foreshore parks	Continue to implement a program of managed access in the Bradfield Park precinct and at Blues Point annually on New Year's Eve	Managed access involves regulating and monitoring entry to these areas. Entry is via checkpoints, with fencing preventing general entry. BYO alcohol and glass are not permitted in managed access areas	O	Reduction in the number of anti-social incidents reported annually	
		Review the performance of the managed access areas annually to determine whether modifications to processes and procedures are required		O	Investigations complete and recommendations made	
		Modify processes and procedures for managed access areas as and when required		O	Modifications made as needed to ensure Managed Access program works well	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Maintenance	To maintain the foreshore parks to meet community needs and expectations, commensurate with Council resources	Carry out regular maintenance to appropriate standards in all foreshore parks	Frequency of maintenance depends on the foreshore park's location and profile	O	Community satisfaction with the condition of foreshore parks	
		Undertake emergency repairs or additional maintenance work as required	Council staff are pro-active, identifying problem areas and responding to public requests	O	Expenditure/ revenue ratio achieved	
		Monitor the cost of maintenance work so that adequate resources can be allocated, and future problems prevented	The cost of maintaining sportsfields and courts is particularly significant	O	Cost data recorded and monitored	
		Use appropriate materials and techniques to conserve and restore heritage assets	These include plaques, signage, ornamental gardens, original tree plantings, stone fencing etc	O	Heritage assets maintained in good condition	
	To ensure all playgrounds and other recreational facilities in foreshore parks continue to be safe, functional and attractive	Manage and maintain all playgrounds, outdoor exercise equipment and the like in foreshore parks as per Council's Playgrounds Plan of Management		O	Playgrounds managed as per Playgrounds Plan of Management	Playgrounds PoM NSC
	To ensure built structures in foreshore parks are functional, safe, and attractive	Maintain built structures in foreshore parks as per Council's ACRMP (Amenities Condition Report)	Refer Matrix Issue 'Improvement Works' for list of relevant works to be carried out within the life of this PoM	O	Amenities and facilities maintained as per the ACRMP	Amenities Condition Report & 10-Year Major Maintenance Plan 2018 NSC

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
	To ensure all sportsgrounds and courts in foreshore parks are maintained in good condition	Manage and maintain all sportsgrounds in foreshore parks as per Council's Sportsgrounds Plan of Management		O	Sportsgrounds managed as per Sportsgrounds Plan of Management	Sportsgrounds PoM NSC
	To ensure all bushland in foreshore parks is maintained appropriately	Manage and maintain all bushland in foreshore parks as per Council's Bushland Plan of Management		O	Bushland areas managed as per Bushland Plan of Management	Bushland PoM NSC
	To ensure effective maintenance of seawalls fronting the foreshore parks	Liaise with Council's Engineering Department to ensure maintenance of the seawalls and associated balustrades occurs as required		O	Ongoing liaison with Engineering Department regarding seawall maintenance	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Safety and Risk Management	To minimise Council exposure to complaints, compensation claims and litigation	Continue to carry out an inspection program to identify and eliminate potential hazards in a timely manner	Refer Issue 'Maintenance'. The regular maintenance inspections also function as risk assessment inspections	O	Inspection program regularly carried out	
		Carry out maintenance and risk management as required.	Playgrounds, sportsgrounds, and bushland areas to be dealt with as per the relevant Council Plan of Management.	O	Reduction in annual claims	Playgrounds, Sportsgrounds and Bushland PoMs
	To minimise vandalism in foreshore parks	Patrol the foreshore parks regularly	Council Rangers carry out patrols	O	Decrease in annual incidents reported	
		Remove all graffiti as soon as practicable	Removing graffiti quickly sends the message that Council facilities are well-cared for	O	Speed of graffiti removal	
		Repair vandalised park furniture, play equipment and other structures as soon as practicable, or remove if damaged beyond repair	Park users are encouraged to alert Council to any vandalism as soon as it is noticed	O	Speed of repair work or removal	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Monitoring of Management Systems	To review and update the Foreshore Parks PoM regularly	Review the Foreshore Parks and Reserves PoM regularly and comprehensively update the Plan after 5-10 years to conserve, maintain and enhance the values and character of the parks		O	PoM objectives and actions implemented. Relevance of Plan of Management	

5.2 Implementing the Indicative Works Program

Council's Plans of Management identify clear objectives and directions for planning, resource management and maintenance of public open space. They inform the community about upcoming projects and works; clarifying what will be happening, explaining why, and assigning priorities.

However, Plans of Management must also be flexible enough to respond to new opportunities and to changed circumstances and community needs. While significant shifts in policy or planning issues during the life of a Plan are unlikely, it is possible that specific works or the order in which works are undertaken may vary.

New Opportunities

Implementing many of Council's 'visionary' objectives and goals (contained in policy documents such as the Delivery Program and the Open Space Provision Strategy) requires Council to react to plans proposed by other organisations or individuals.

For example, Council has a long-term vision to achieve continuous public access along the foreshore. Opportunistic acquisition of a link or open space as a result of redevelopment of a foreshore site is one of the most realistic ways of working towards this goal. When such an opportunity arises, swift action is needed.

Although the work to acquire the foreshore land and to develop it for public use and access may not be directly identified as an action in the Foreshore Parks and Reserves Plan of Management, it is consistent with the core values and the stated management objectives expressed in the document and is therefore appropriate. The fact that the objective of continuous foreshore access is also referenced in the relevant high-level policy documents (Delivery Program and Open Space Provision Strategy) further justifies taking quick action.

Whenever possible, Council makes application for grant funding from relevant state and federal organisations. If an application is successful, Council may need to bring forward a project. There may also be instances where particular projects need to be delayed, for example projects in parks impacted by the Western Harbour Tunnel construction.

Change Circumstances and Community Needs

The process of reviewing and revising Council's Plans of Management is cyclical, and other significant studies completed between PoMs may identify actions and works that can appropriately jump ahead of existing Plan of Management actions. This is particularly appropriate when the study in question (for example a Recreation Needs Study) has been prepared with a very high level of community involvement. If the fast-tracked action is consistent with the core values and stated management objectives expressed in the relevant Plan of Management, this is justified and appropriate.

5.3 INDICATIVE WORKS PROGRAM

Note: Works listed in the following table are proposed new projects only. Actions designated as ‘Ongoing’ in the Matrix section of the Plan are not listed here.

Park Name	WORKS/ACTION	Short Term		Medium Term		Long Term	
		2023 –	2025	2026 –	2028	2029	onwards
Anderson Park	Install cycle racks						
	Provide storage facilities for kayaks						
	Provide access to the water’s edge (eg steps)						
	Continue to implement the Park Masterplan						
Ben Boyd Rd Reserve	Provide storage for small water craft and access improvements, if feasible and needed						
Berry Island Reserve	Upgrade the public amenities						
	Install outdoor exercise equipment						
	Provide storage for small water craft near border with Badangi Reserve						
Berrys Bay	Prepare and implement designs to make the QBD site (LP) safe and publicly accessible						
	Determine appropriate uses for existing cottages on QBD site						
	Consider application to list the QBD site (LP) on the State Heritage Register						
	Seek transfer of the reclaimed portion of QBD site (reclaimed portion) (RP) to Council for care, control and management						
	Prepare and implement designs for the Balls Head Road to Midden Track						
	Contribute to design and implementation of future parkland (other NSW government sites at Berrys Bay)						
	Carry out required work to prevent further deterioration of historic Woodleys Shed and slipway site						
Blues Point Reserve	Carry out landscape improvements to upgrade the Reserve						
	Install outdoor exercise equipment						
Bradfield Park	Install outdoor exercise equipment						

Park Name	WORKS/ACTION	Short Term		Medium Term		Long Term	
		2023 –	2025	2026 –	2028	2029	onwards
	Refurbish the two Exeloos in the Park						
	Upgrade Bradfield Park South as per the Park Masterplan						
Brightmore Reserve	Install outdoor exercise equipment						
	Upgrade walking tracks						
Colindia Reserve	Provide storage for small water craft (if feasible and needed)						
Dowling St Rd Reserve	Upgrade to increase usability and attractiveness and improve access to foreshore						
	Provide storage for small water craft (if feasible and needed)						
Hayes Street Foreshore	Upgrade remainder of foreshore open space at the southern end of Hayes Street						
Hayes Street Boardwalk	Install kayak racks and improve access to and from foreshore (western end)						
1 Henry Lawson Ave	Undertake demolition and carry out landscape works to turn the property at 1 Henry Lawson Avenue, McMahons Point into foreshore parkland						
	Construct formal storage for kayaks (if feasible and needed)						
John Street Open Space	Provide formalised storage for small water craft and improve access						
Lady Gowrie Lookout	Carry out landscape improvements including substantial restoration works						
Lavender Bay Parklands	Upgrade the footpath and associated lighting in Watt Park						
	Upgrade the Walker Street Steps						
	Install exercise equipment in Watt Park (in association with existing playground)						
Milson Park	Construct kayak racks in the park						
Primrose Park	Upgrade public amenities						
	Upgrade walking tracks						
Sawmillers Reserve	Formalise path between the Munro St bridge and the main path down to the lawn area						
	Replace existing step tower						
	Install outdoor exercise equipment						

Park Name	WORKS/ACTION	Short Term		Medium Term		Long Term	
		2023 –	2025	2026 –	2028	2029	onwards
Spains Wharf Road Reserve	Provide storage for small water craft and improve access (if feasible and needed)						
Sugarworks Reserve/ King St Rd Reserve	Formalise storage facilities for small water craft and carry out associated access works						
Tunks Park	Construct kayak racks, landscaping and associated pathways						
	Upgrade change rooms at western end of the park						
	Upgrade the public amenities block containing toilets, change rooms, storage etc						
	Continue to implement the Tunks Park Landscape Masterplan						
	Carry out drainage works on the north western side of sportsfield no. 1 to address heavy puddling that follows rain						
	Install interpretive signage						
Waverton Park	Upgrade the public amenities						
	Reintegrate the former Waverton Bowling Club site into Waverton Park to provide for public recreation to meet community needs						
	Construct a perimeter path around some or all of the park						
	Provide formalised storage for small water craft and improve access (if required)						
Wonga Road Reserve	Investigate stormwater management measures to address gross pollutants and erosion at Wonga Reserve & Tobruk Ave						
Planning Works	Prepare a new Playgrounds Methodology document						
	Develop comprehensive information for Council's website re water-based recreation and storage of small water craft on public foreshore land						
	Prepare a new Recreation Needs Study						
	Update Council's Open Space Provision Strategy						
	Review and update the Foreshore Parks & Reserves Plan of Management regularly						

6.0 Appendices and Supporting Material

6.1 Appendix 1 - Schedule of Land

Refer **Appendix 3, Maps 2-4** for the location of the parks and reserves shown in this Appendix.

Park or Reserve	Street Address	Ownership	Land Category (LGA Act 1993)	Zoning (NSC LEP 2013)	MAP REF#
Anderson Park	Kurraba Road, Neutral Bay	Crown	Park	RE1	1 (Map 3)
Ben Boyd Road Park	Ben Boyd Road, Neutral Bay	NSC	Park	RE1	2 (Map 3)
Berry Island Reserve	Shirley Road, Wollstonecraft	Crown	Park	RE1	1 (Map 2)
Beulah Street Reserve	Beulah Street, Kirribilli	NSC	Park	RE1	3 (Map 3)
Blues Point Reserve	Blues Point Road, McMahons Point	NSC/Crown	Park	RE1	2 (Map 2)
Boatbuilders Walk	Munro Street, McMahons Point	NSC	Park	RE1	3 (Map 2)
Bob Gordon Reserve	King George Street, McMahons Point	NSC/Crown	Park	RE1	4 (Map 2)
Bradfield Park	Alfred Street South, Milsons Point	NSC	Park	RE1	4 (Map 3)
Brightmore Reserve	Young Street, Cremorne	NSC/Crown	Park	RE1	1 (Map 4)
Captain Henry Waterhouse Reserve	Off Broughton Street, Kirribilli	NSC/Crown	Park	RE1	5 (Map 3)
Colindia Reserve	Peel Street, Kirribilli	NSC	Park	RE1	6 (Map 3)
Copes Lookout	Broughton Street, Kirribilli	NSC	Park	RE1	7 (Map 3)
Dowling Street Road Reserve	West Crescent Street, McMahons Pt	NSC	Park	RE1	5 (Map 2)
Dr Mary Booth Lookout	Waruda Street, Kirribilli	NSC	Park	RE1	8 (Map 3)
Hayes Street Foreshore	Hayes Street, Neutral Bay	NSC	Park	RE1	9 (Map 3)
Henry Lawson Reserve	Henry Lawson Avenue, McMahons Pt	NSC	Park	RE1	6 (Map 2)
High Street Reserve	Eastern end High Street, North Sydney	Crown	Park	RE1	10 (Map 3)
Hunts Lookout (AKA Kareela Rd Reserve)	Bromley Ave, Cremorne Point	Crown	Park	RE1	11 (Map 3)
John Street Open Space	Western end John Street, Waverton	NSC	Park	RE1	7 (Map 2)
Kesterton Park	High Street, North Sydney	NSC	Park	RE1	12 (Map 3)
King Street Road Reserve	King Street, Waverton	NSC	Park	RE1	8 (Map 2)

Park or Reserve	Street Address	Ownership	Land Category (LGA Act 1993)	Zoning (NSC LEP 2013)	MAP REF#
Kurraba Reserve (includes Spains Lookout & Hodgson Lookout)	Kurraba Road, Neutral Bay	NSC/Crown	Park	RE1	13 (Map 3)
Kurraba Wharf Reserve	Kurraba Road, Neutral Bay	NSC	Park	RE1	14 (Map 3)
Lady Gowrie Lookout	Kirribilli Avenue, Kirribilli	NSC	Park	RE1	15 (Map 3)
Lavender Bay Foreshore	Lavender Bay, McMahons Point	NSC	Park	RE1	9 (Map 2)
Milson Park	McDougall Street, North Sydney	Crown	Park	RE1	16 (Map 3)
Neutral Bay Foreshore	Below Wycombe Rd & Wallaringa Ave	NSC	Park	RE1	17 (Map 3)
Olympic Pool Foreshore	Former Olympic Drive, Milsons Point	Crown	Park	RE1	18 (Map 3)
Oyster Cove Reserve	Off King Street, Wollstonecraft	NSC	Park	RE1	10 (Map 2)
Oyster Cove Reserve Wharf	Off King Street, Wollstonecraft	Crown	Park	RE1	11 (Map 2)
Primrose Park	Matora Lane, off Young Street, Cremorne	NSC	Park	RE1	2 (Map 4)
Quarantine Boat Depot	Off Balls Head Drive, Waverton	NSC	Park/General Community Use	IN4	12 (Map 2)
Quibaree Park	Lavender Crescent, McMahons Point	NSC/Crown	Park	RE1	13 (Map 2)
Sawmillers Reserve	French Street, McMahons Point	NSC	Park	RE1	14 (Map 2)
Shellbank Reserve	Shellbank Parade, Cremorne	NSC	Park	RE1	3 (Map 4)
Spains Wharf Road Reserve	Spains Wharf Road, Neutral Bay	NSC	Park	RE1	19 (Map 3)
Sugarworks Reserve	Horace Street, Waverton	NSC	Park	RE1	15 (Map 2)
Tunks Park	Brothers Ave, Cammeray	NSC/Crown	Park	RE1	4 (Map 4)
Waverton Park	Woolcott Avenue, Waverton	Crown	Park	RE1	16 (Map 2)
West Crescent St Reserve	West Crescent St, McMahons Point	Crown	Park	RE1	17 (Map 2)
Wrixton Park	Willoughby Street, Kirribilli	NSC	Park	RE1	20 (Map 3)

6.2 Appendix 2 - Crown Land in Foreshore Parks & Reserves

Refer Appendix 4 – Maps showing Crown Land included in this PoM for more details on the parks and reserves listed in this Appendix.

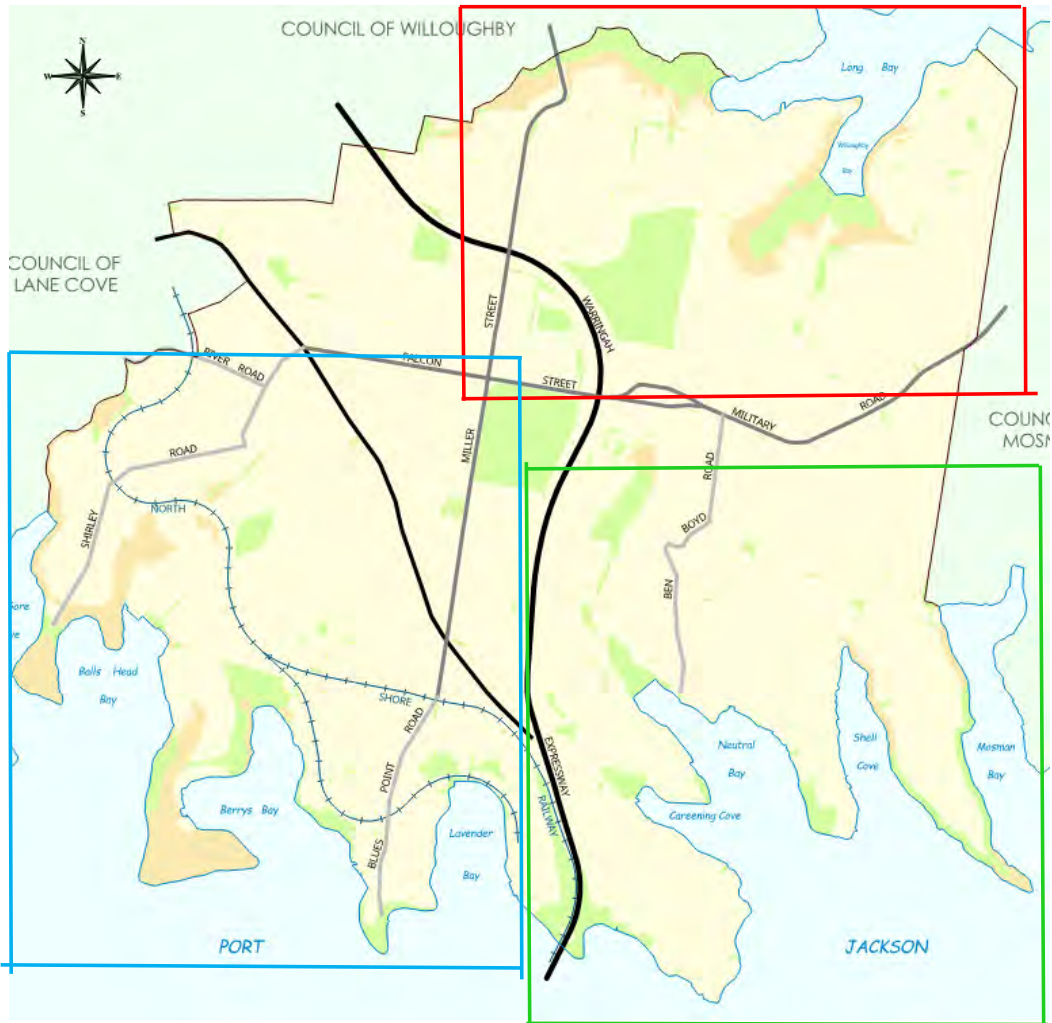
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Anderson Park	R500352 (part)	Lots 2-3 DP 913708	8/10/1898	Public Recreation	Park	RE1
	R500363	Lot 7031 DP 93641	1/6/1928	Public Recreation	Park	RE1
Berry Island Reserve	R58957 (part)	Lots 2-3 DP 548178, part lot 1 DP 115701	25/6/1926	Public Recreation	Park	RE1
Blues Point Reserve	R100007	Lot 1132-1135 DP 752067	20/02/1987	Public Recreation	Park	RE1
	R82191	Lot 2 DP 581992, Lot 7048 DP 1077149	04/12/1959	Public Recreation	Park	RE1
Bob Gordon Reserve	R100009	Lot 1137 DP 752067	20/2/1987	Public Recreation	Park	RE1
Brightmore Reserve	R100020	Lot 1125 DP 752067	20/2/1987	Public Recreation	Park	RE1
Captain Henry Waterhouse Reserve	R100024	Lot 1129 DP 752067	20/2/1987	Public Recreation	Park	RE1
High Street Reserve	R100019	Lot 1124 DP 752067	20/2/1987	Public Recreation	Park	RE1
Hunts Lookout (AKA Kareela Road Reserve)	R500293	Lot 9 DP 4756	4/12/1907	Public Recreation	Park	RE1
Kurraba Reserve	R100021	Lot 1126 DP 752067	20/2/1987	Public Recreation	Park	RE1
Milson Park	R500180	Lots 1-2 DP 909065, Lot 7331 DP 1158203	29/10/1898	Public Recreation	Park	RE1
Olympic Pool Foreshore	R100078	Lot 6 DP 127637	2/1/1987	Public Recreation	Park	RE1
Oyster Cove Reserve Wharf	R100022	Lot 1127 DP 752067	20/2/1987	Public Recreation	Park	RE1
Quibaree Park	R100008	Lot 1136 DP 752067	20/02/1987	Public Recreation	Park	RE1
Tunks Park	R74114 (part)	Part Lot 7349 DP 1166085	30/03/1951	Public Recreation	Park	RE1
Waverton Park	R500178 (part)	Part Lot 1 DP 115703	12/11/1943	Public Recreation	Park	RE1
	R87002 (part)	Part Lot 1 DP 909046 Lot 2 DP 909046	13/12/1968	Public Recreation	Park	RE1
	R500285	Lot 1 DP 1146265	21/04/1944	Public Recreation	Park	RE1

West Crescent St Reserve	R96739	Lot 2 DP 48224, Lot 1 DP 909051, Lot 7352 DP 1157191	29/04/1983	Public Recreation	Park	RE1
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


6.3 **Appendix 3 - Foreshore Parks and Reserves included in this Plan of Management**

Note: Some foreshore parks and reserves are included in other Plans of Management. Foreshore bushland reserves are included in the Bushland Plan of Management, and there is a significant area Plan of Management for Cremorne Reserve.

MAP 1 Overview: North Sydney Council Showing Foreshores



KEY

	<p>MAP 2 Waverton, Wollstonecraft, McMahan's Point, Lavender Bay</p>		<p>MAP 3 Milsons Point, North Sydney, Neutral Bay, Cremorne Point</p>		<p>MAP 4 Cremorne, Cammeray</p>
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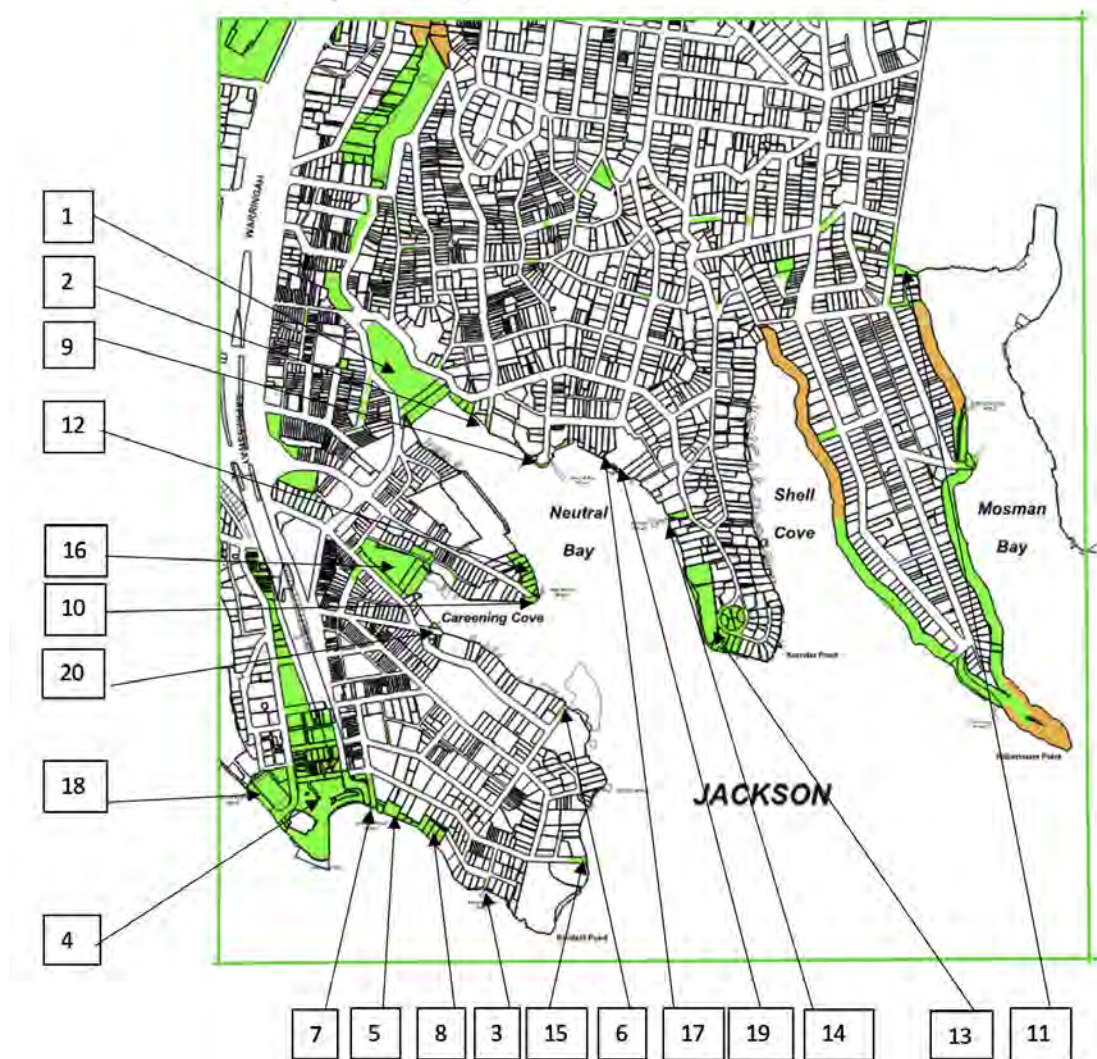
MAP 2 Foreshore Parks & Reserves included in this Plan of Management: Waverton, Wollstonecraft, McMahoons Point & Lavender Bay



KEY

1	Berry Island Reserve	6	Henry Lawson Reserve	12	Quarantine Boat Depot
2	Blues Point Reserve	7	John Street Open Space	13	Quibaree Park
3	Boatbuilders Walk	8	King Street Road Reserve	14	Sawmillers Reserve
4	Bob Gordon Reserve	9	Lavender Bay Foreshore	15	Sugarworks Reserve
5	Dowling Street Road Reserve	10	Oyster Cove Reserve	16	Waverton Park
		11	Oyster Cove Reserve	17	West Crescent St Reserve
			Wharf		

MAP 3 Foreshore Parks & Reserves included in this Plan of Management: Milsons Pt, North Sydney, Neutral Bay, Cremorne Pt



KEY

1	Anderson Park	8	Dr Mary Booth Lookout	15	Lady Gowrie Lookout
2	Ben Boyd Road Park	9	Hayes Street Foreshore	16	Milson Park
3	Beulah Street Reserve	10	High Street Reserve	17	Neutral Bay Foreshore
4	Bradfield Park	11	Hunts Lookout (AKA Kareela Road Reserve)	18	Olympic Pool Foreshore
5	Captain Henry Waterhouse Reserve	12	Kesterton Park	19	Spains Wharf Road Reserve
6	Colindia Reserve	13	Kurraba Reserve	20	Wrixton Park
7	Copes Lookout	14	Kurraba Wharf Reserve		

MAP 4 Foreshore Parks & Reserves included in this Plan of Management: Cremorne, Cammeray



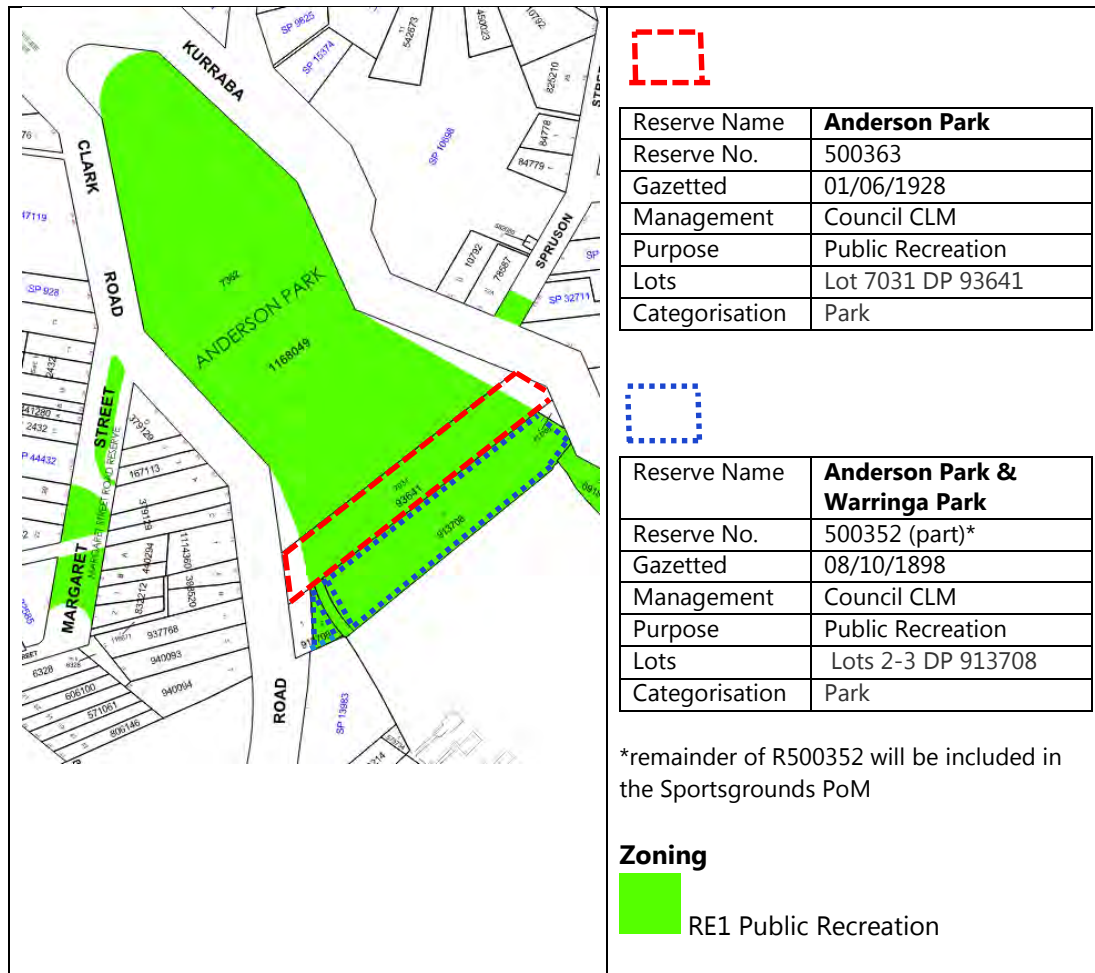
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1	Brightmore Reserve
2	Primrose Park
3	Shellbank Reserve
4	Tunks Park

6.4 Appendix 4 – Maps showing Crown Land included in this PoM

Refer Appendix 3, Maps 1-4 for the location of the parks and reserves shown in this Appendix

Anderson Park



Berry Island Reserve

Reserve Name	Berry Island Recreation Reserve
Reserve No.	58957 (part)*
Gazetted	25/06/1926
Management	Council CLM
Purpose	Public Recreation
Lots	Lots 2-3 DP 548178, part lot 1 DP 115701
Categorisation	Park

*remainder of R58957 is included in the Bushland PoM

Zoning

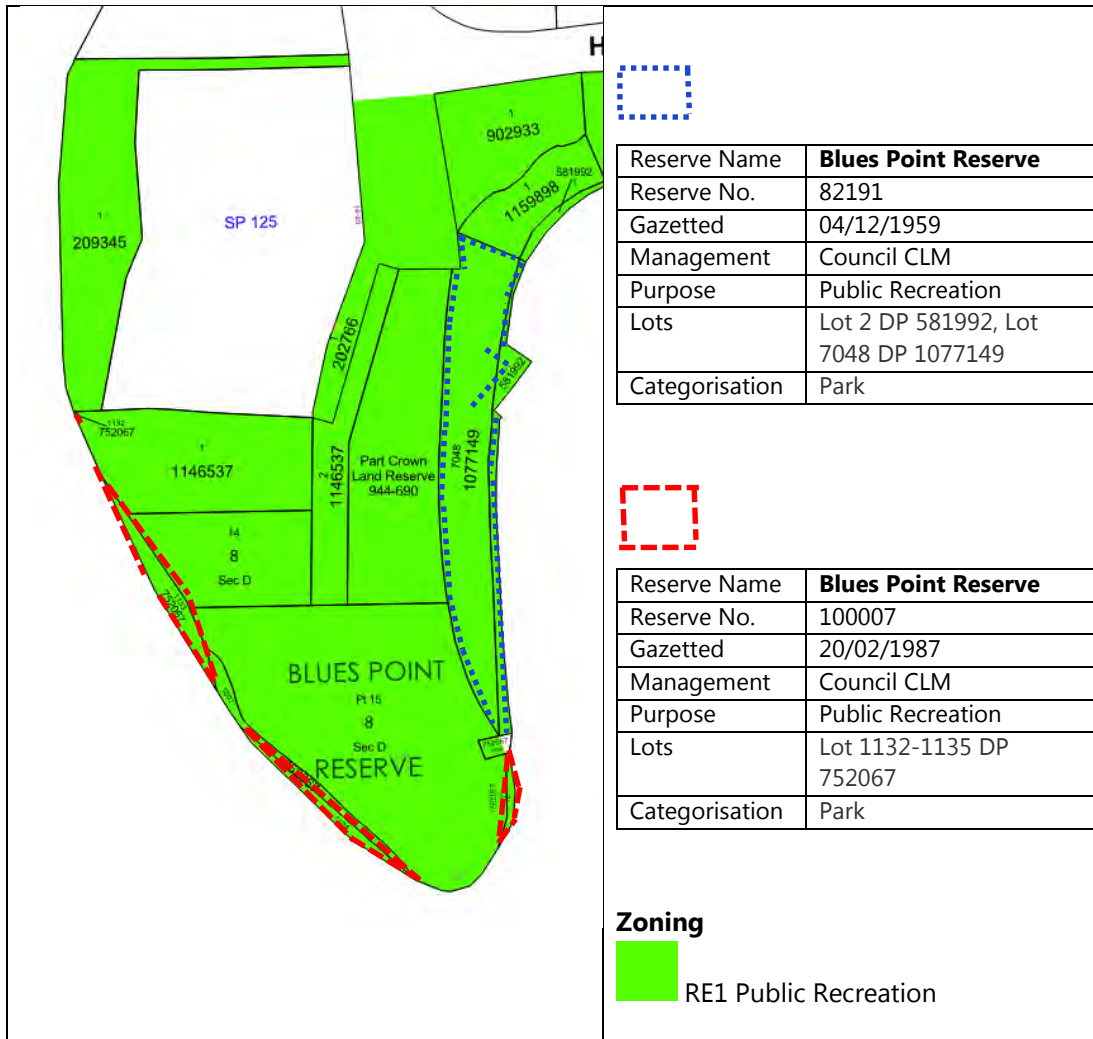
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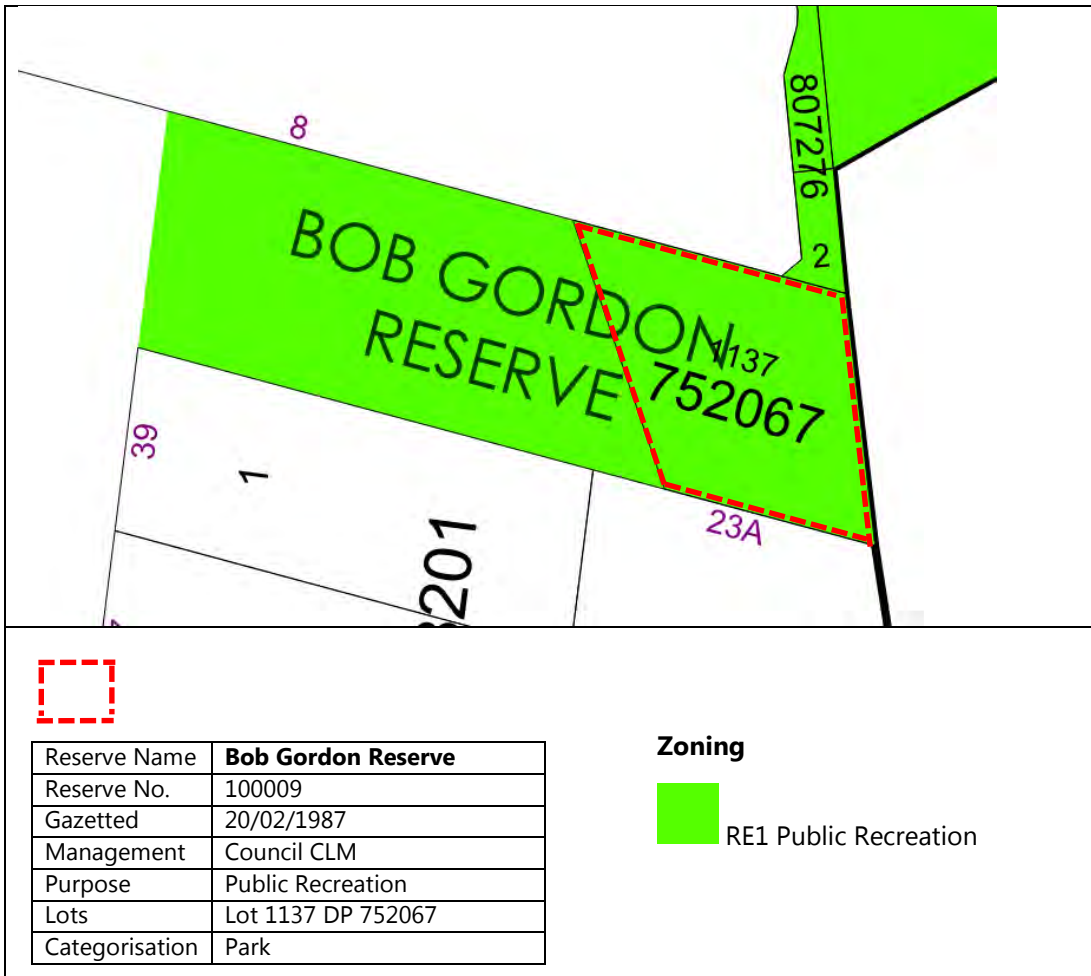
✕ Approximate location of playground.

Playground is included in Council's Playgrounds Plan of Management 2022.

Blues Point Reserve



Bob Gordon Reserve

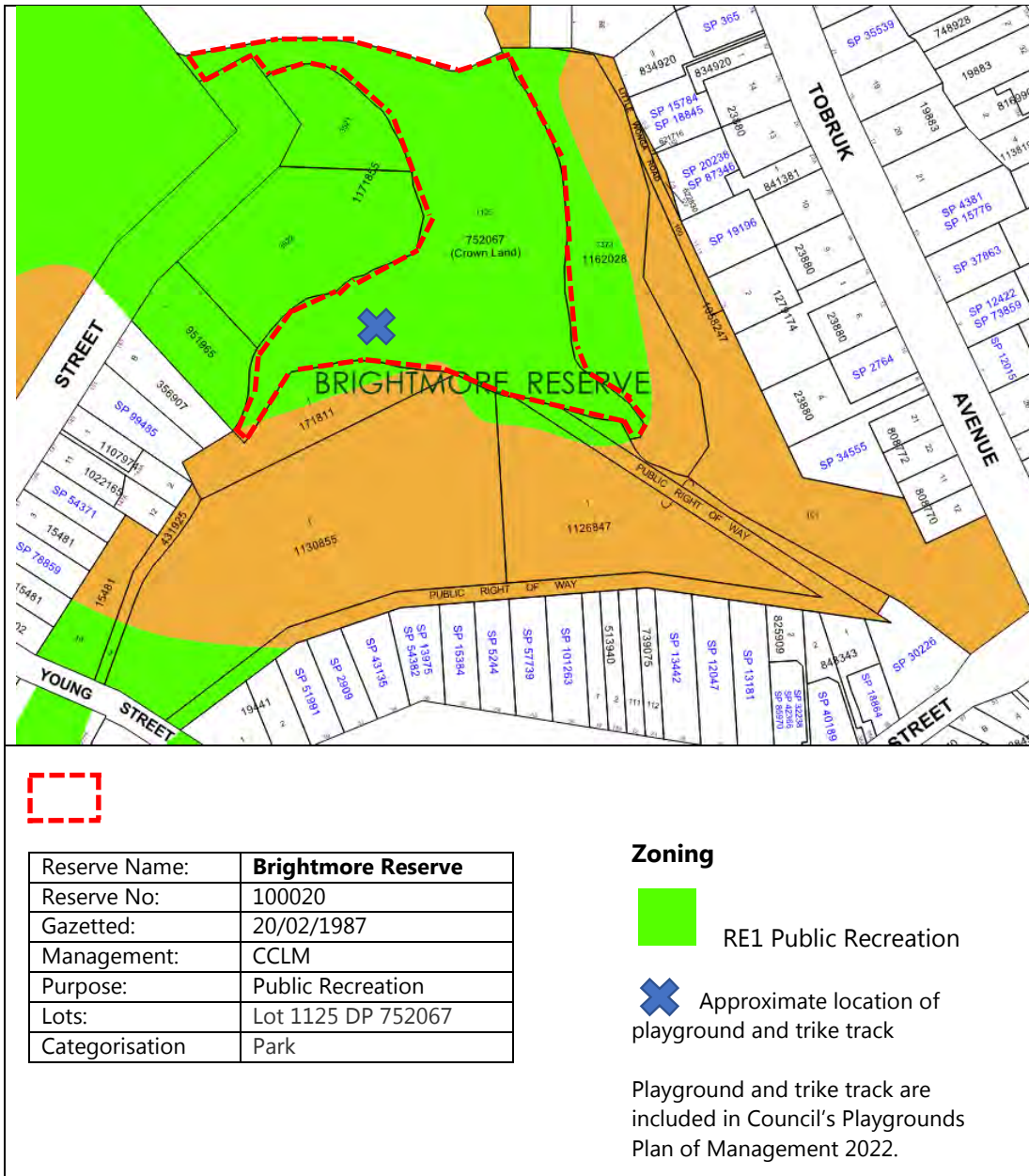


Reserve Name	Bob Gordon Reserve
Reserve No.	100009
Gazetted	20/02/1987
Management	Council CLM
Purpose	Public Recreation
Lots	Lot 1137 DP 752067
Categorisation	Park

Zoning


 RE1 Public Recreation


Brightmore Reserve



Reserve Name:	Brightmore Reserve
Reserve No:	100020
Gazetted:	20/02/1987
Management:	CCLM
Purpose:	Public Recreation
Lots:	Lot 1125 DP 752067
Categorisation	Park

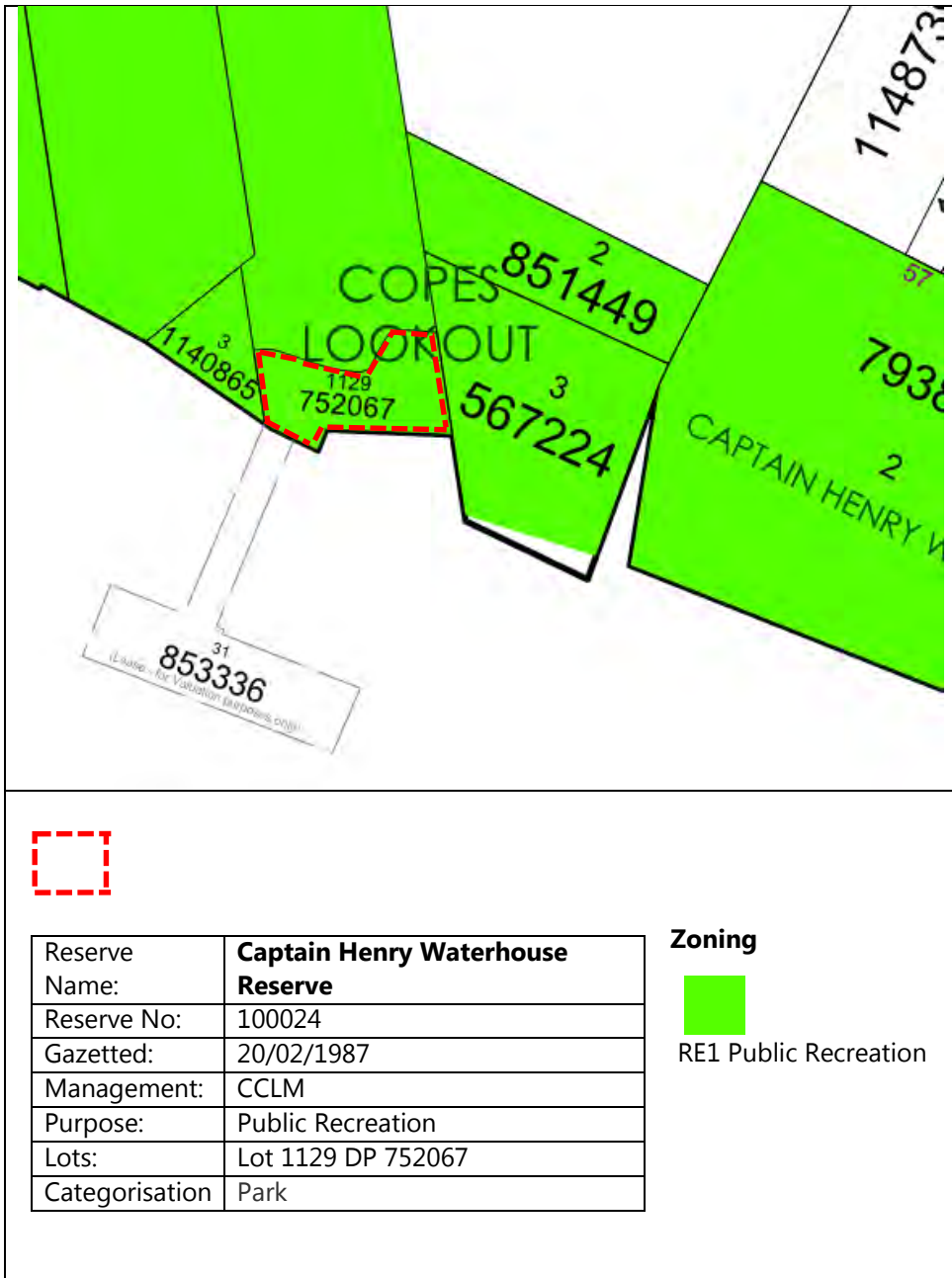
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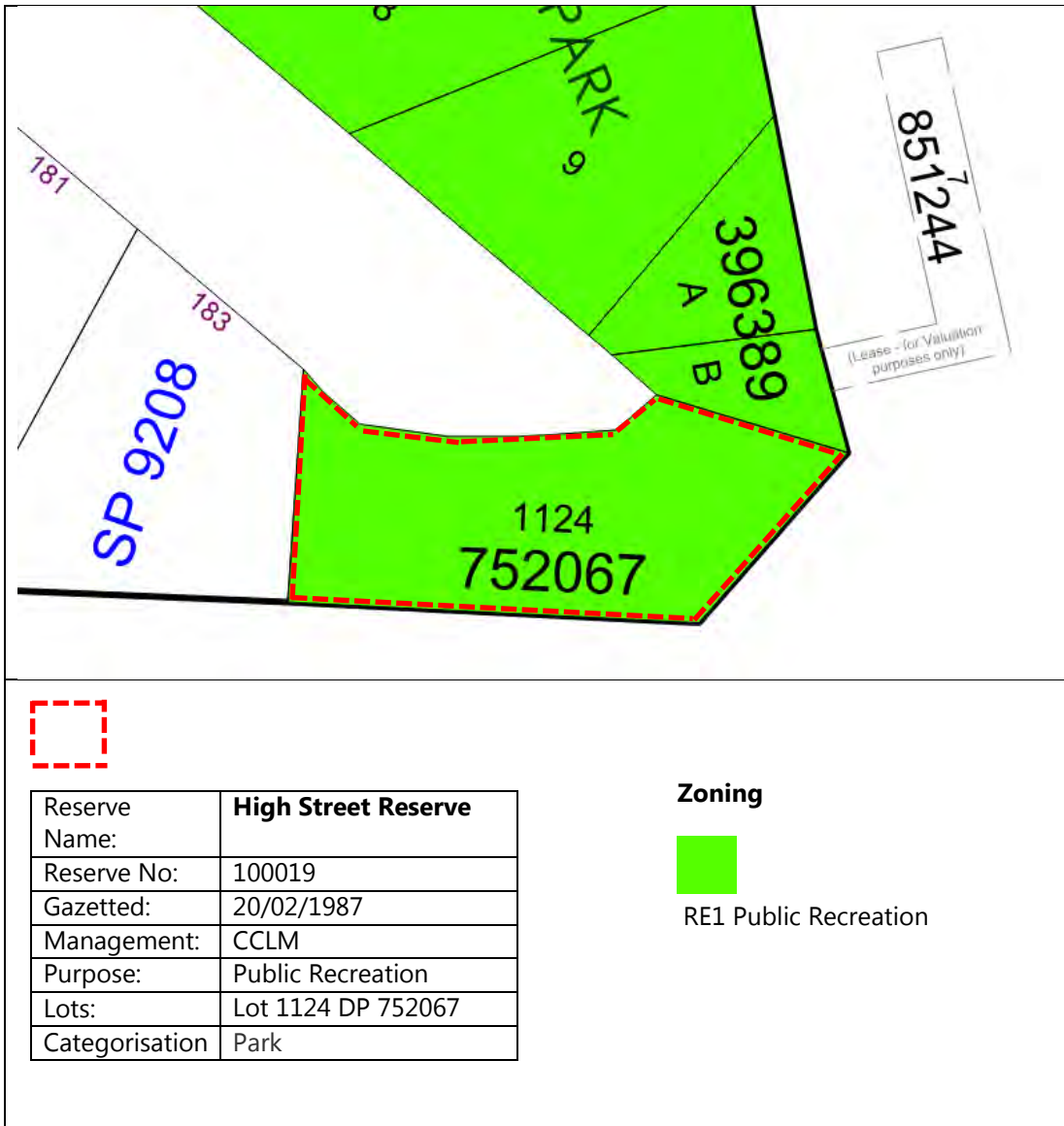
 Approximate location of playground and trike track

Playground and trike track are included in Council's Playgrounds Plan of Management 2022.

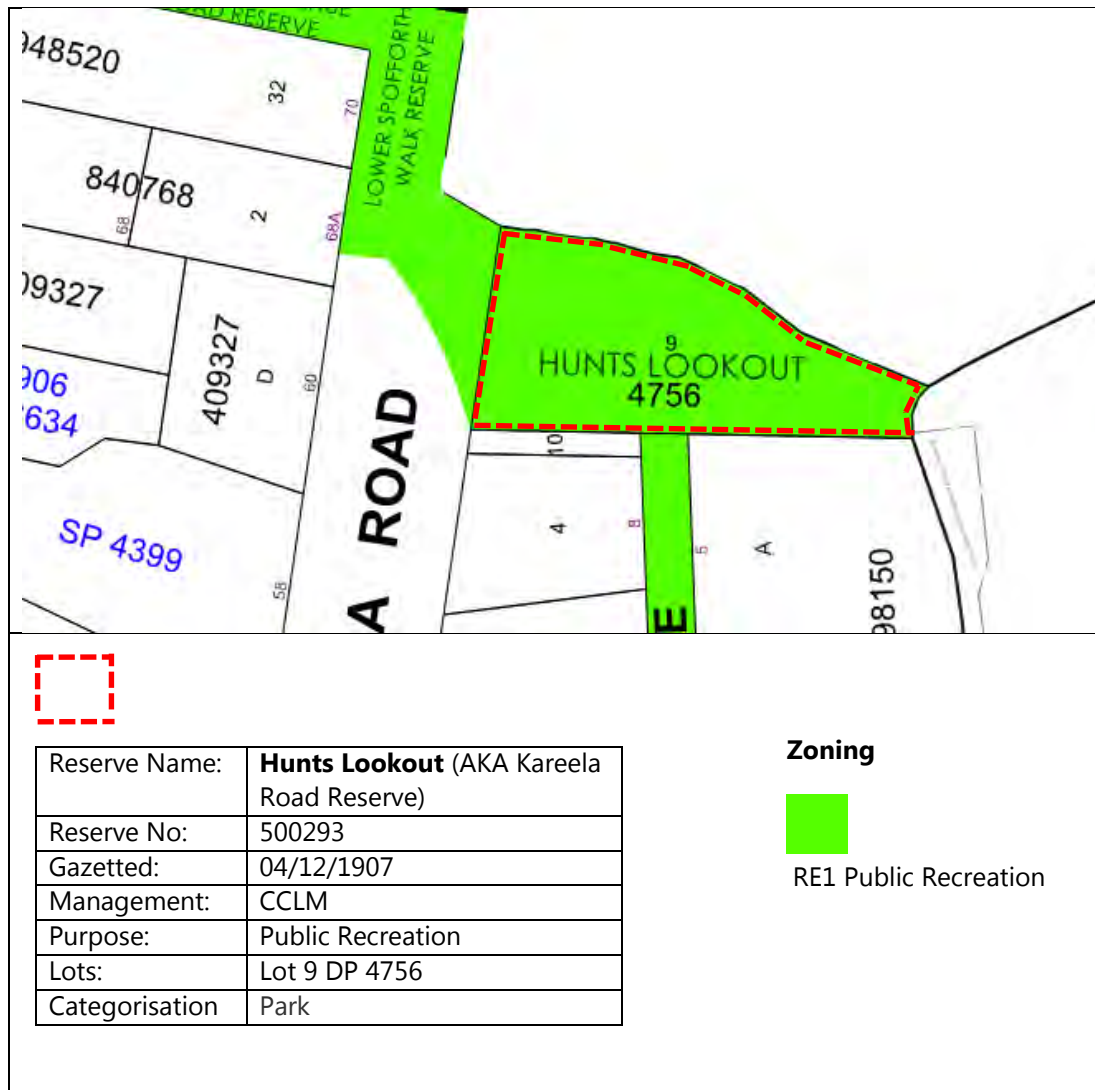
Captain Henry Waterhouse Reserve



High Street Reserve



Hunts Lookout (AKA Kareela Road Reserve)



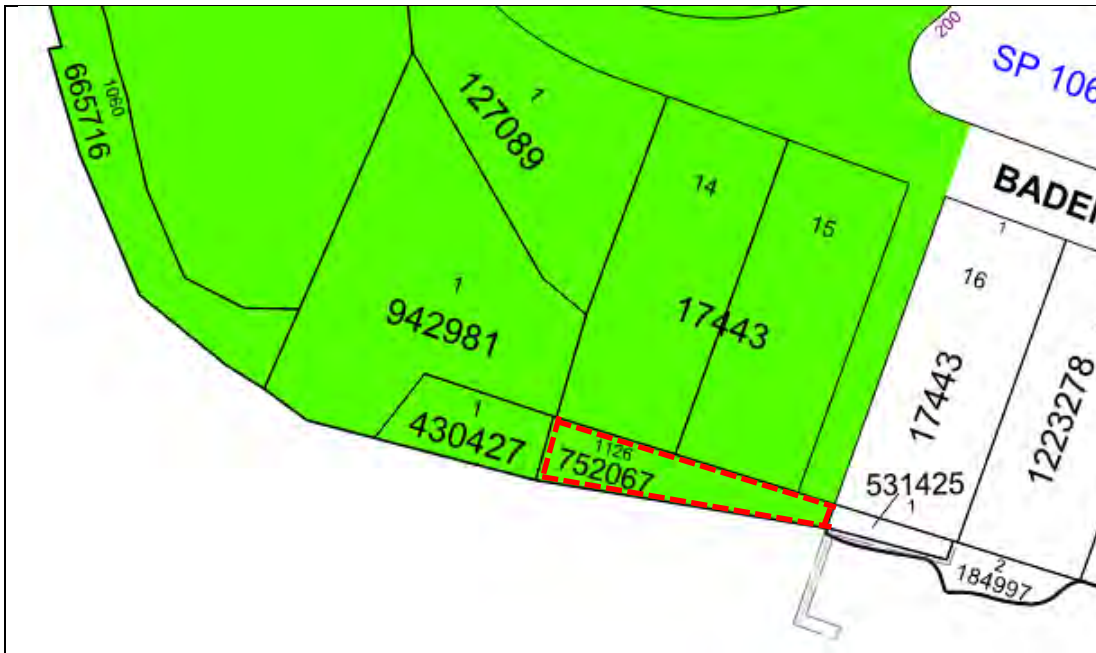
Reserve Name:	Hunts Lookout (AKA Kareela Road Reserve)
Reserve No:	500293
Gazetted:	04/12/1907
Management:	CCLM
Purpose:	Public Recreation
Lots:	Lot 9 DP 4756
Categorisation	Park

Zoning



RE1 Public Recreation

Kurraba Reserve



Reserve Name:	Kurraba Reserve
Reserve No:	100021
Gazetted:	20/02/1987
Management:	CCLM
Purpose:	Public Recreation
Lots:	Lot 1126 DP 752067
Categorisation	Park

Zoning



RE1 Public Recreation


Milson Park



Reserve Name:	Milson Park
Reserve No:	500180
Gazetted:	29/10/1898
Management:	CCLM
Purpose:	Public Recreation
Lots:	Lots 1-2 DP 909065, Lot 7331 DP 1158203
Categorisation	Park

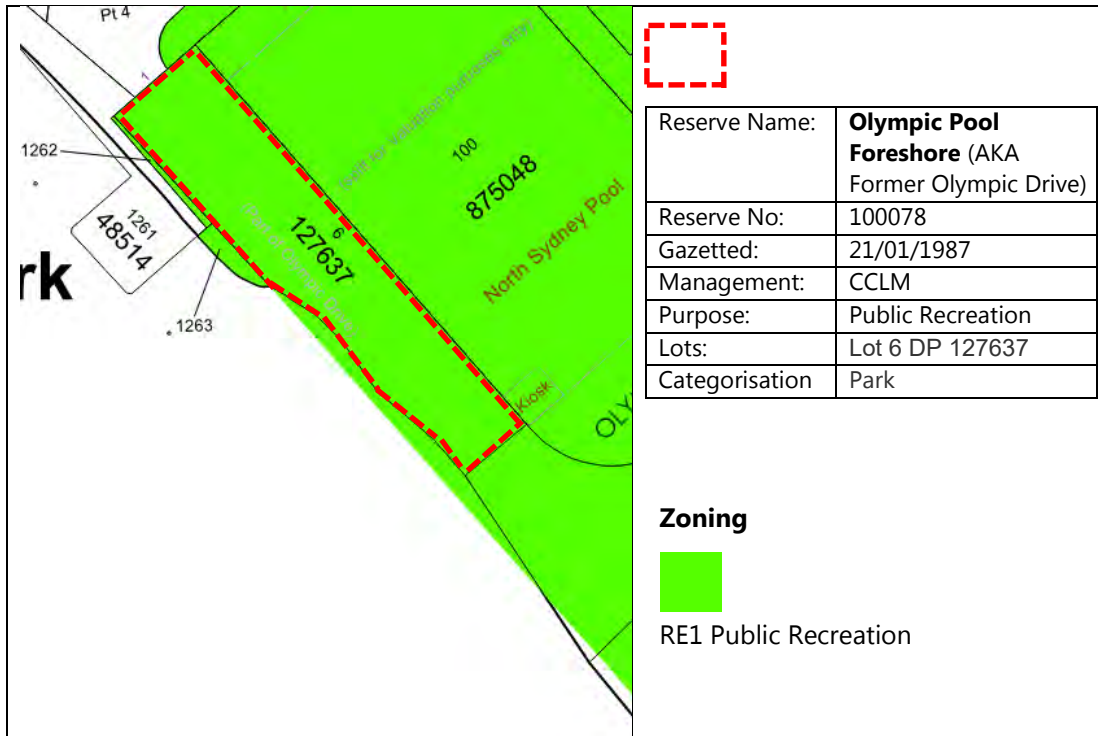
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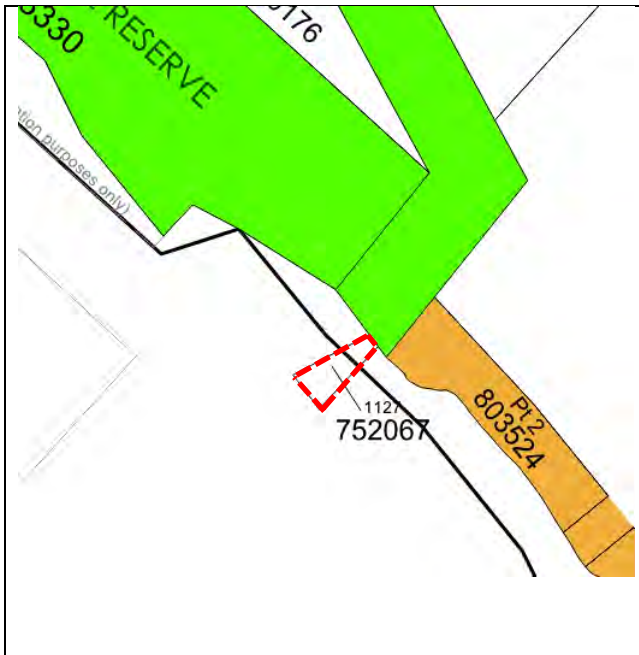
 Approximate location of playground

Playground is included in Council's Playgrounds Plan of Management 2022.

Olympic Pool Foreshore




Oyster Cove Reserve Wharf



Reserve Name:	Oyster Cove Reserve Wharf
Reserve No:	R100022
Gazetted:	20/02/1987
Management:	CCLM
Purpose:	Public Recreation
Lots:	Lot 1127 DP 752067
Categorisation	Park

Zoning

 RE1 Public Recreation

Quibaree Park



Reserve Name:	Quibaree Park
Reserve No:	100008
Gazetted:	20/02/1987
Management:	CCLM
Purpose:	Public Recreation
Lots:	Lot 1136 DP 752067
Categorisation	Park

Zoning



RE1 Public Recreation

Tunks Park



Reserve Name:	Tunks Park
Reserve No:	74114 (part)*
Gazetted:	30/03/1951
Management:	CCLM
Purpose:	Public Recreation
Lots:	Part Lot 7349 DP 1166085
Categorisation	Park

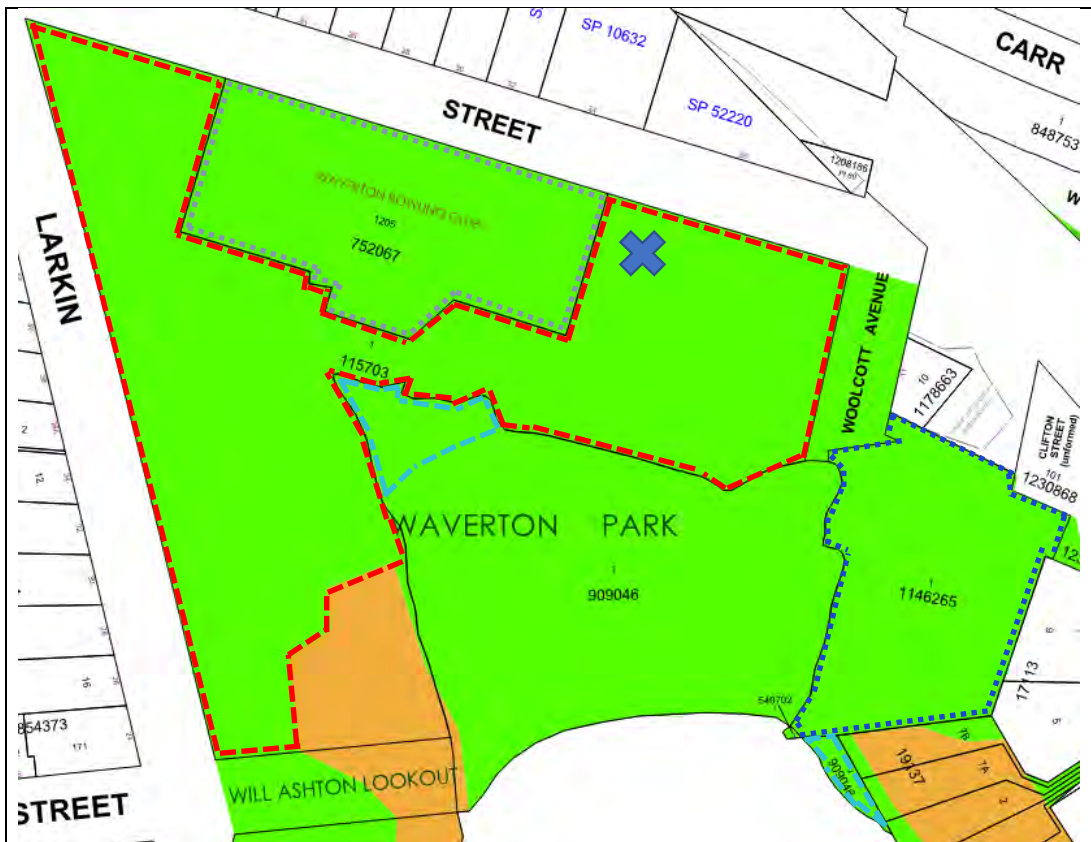
Zoning



RE1 Public Recreation

*remainder of R74114 will be included in the Sportsgrounds PoM

Waverton Park



Reserve Name:	Waverton Park
Reserve No:	500178 (part)
Gazetted:	12/11/1943
Management:	CCLM
Purpose:	Public Recreation
Lots:	Park Lot 1 DP 115703
Categorisation:	Park

*remainder of R500178 is included in the Bushland PoM



Reserve Name:	Waverton Park
Reserve No:	87002 (part)*
Gazetted:	13/12/1968
Management:	CCLM
Purpose:	Public Recreation
Lots:	Part Lot 1 & Lot 2 DP 909046
Categorisation:	Park

*remainder of R87002 will be included in the Sportsgrounds PoM



Reserve Name:	Waverton Park
Reserve No:	500285
Gazetted:	21/04/1944
Management:	CCLM
Purpose:	Public Recreation
Lots:	Lot 1 DP 1146265
Categorisation:	Park



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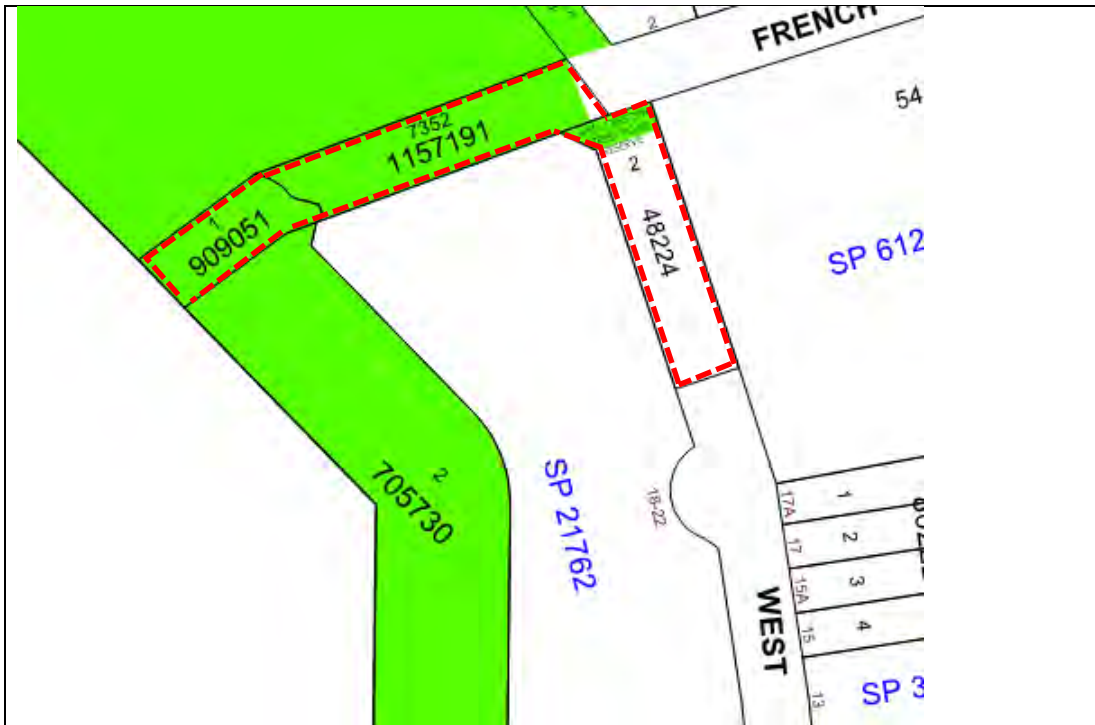
Zoning

RE1 Public Recreation

Approximate location of playground

Playground is included in Council's Playgrounds Plan of Management 2022.

West Crescent Street Reserve



Reserve Name:	West Crescent Street Reserve
Reserve No:	96739
Gazetted:	29/04/1983
Management:	CCLM
Purpose:	Public Recreation
Lots:	Lot 2 DP 48224, Lot 1 DP 909051, Lot 7352 DP 1157191
Categorisation	Park

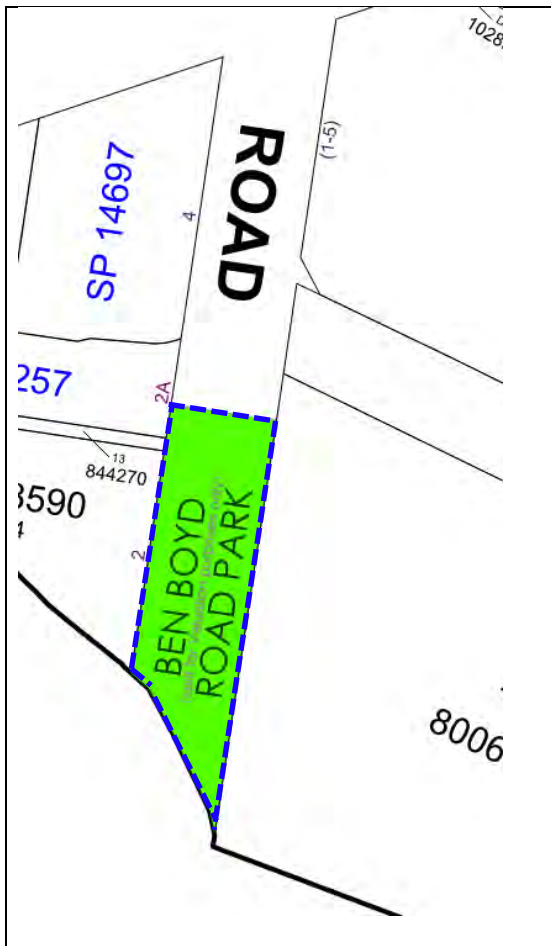
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6.5 Appendix 5 – Maps showing Council Land included in this PoM

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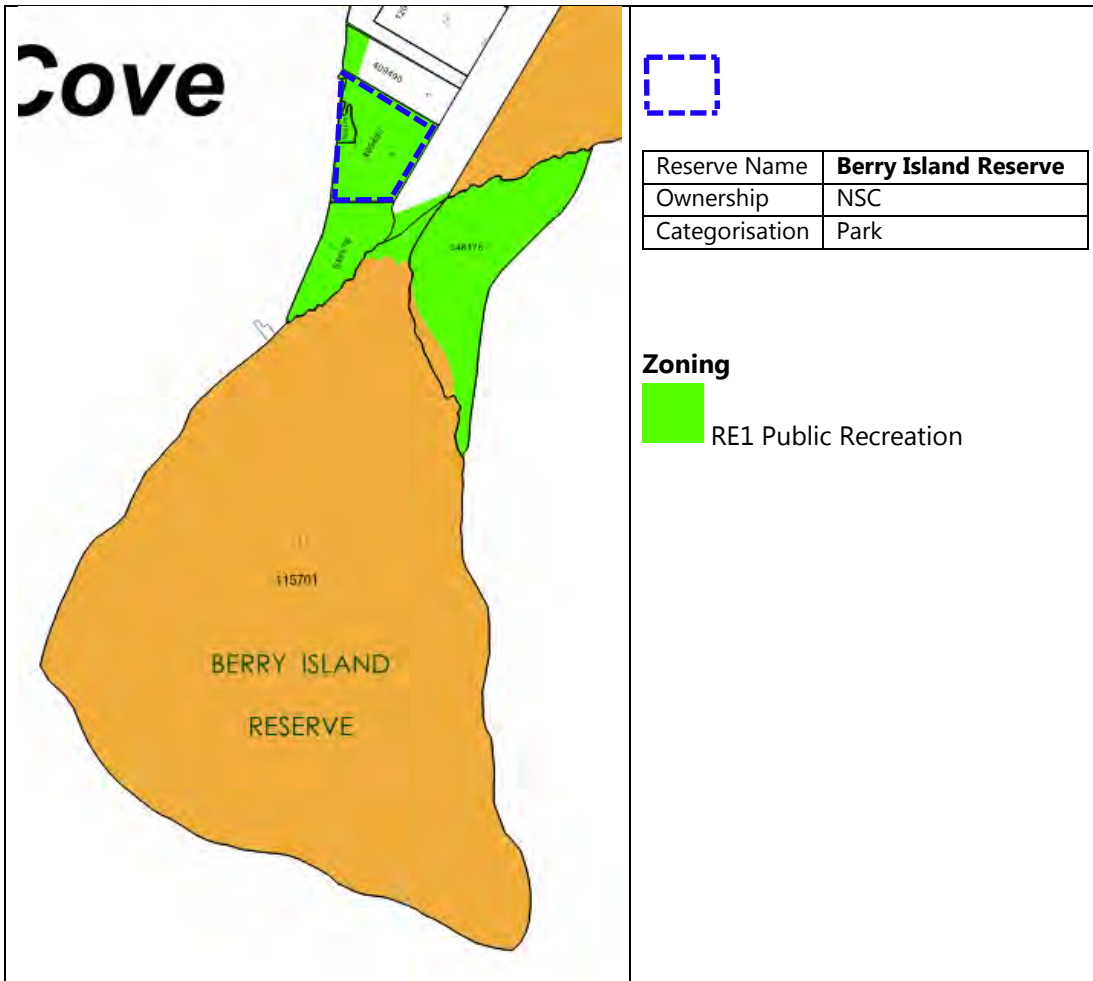


Reserve Name	Ben Boyd Road Park
Ownership	NSC
Categorisation	Park




Zoning

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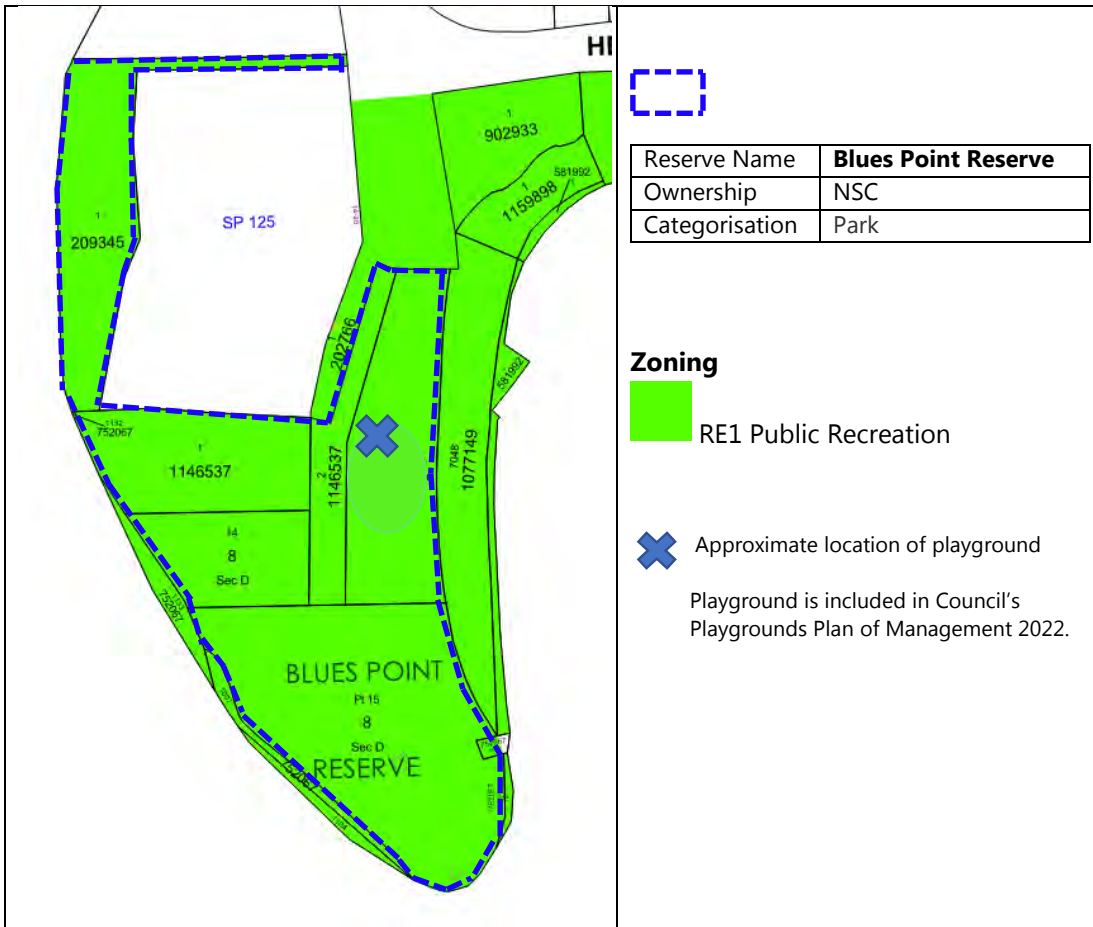
Berry Island Reserve



Beulah Street Reserve

						
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Ownership	NSC					
Categorisation	Park					
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Blues Point Reserve



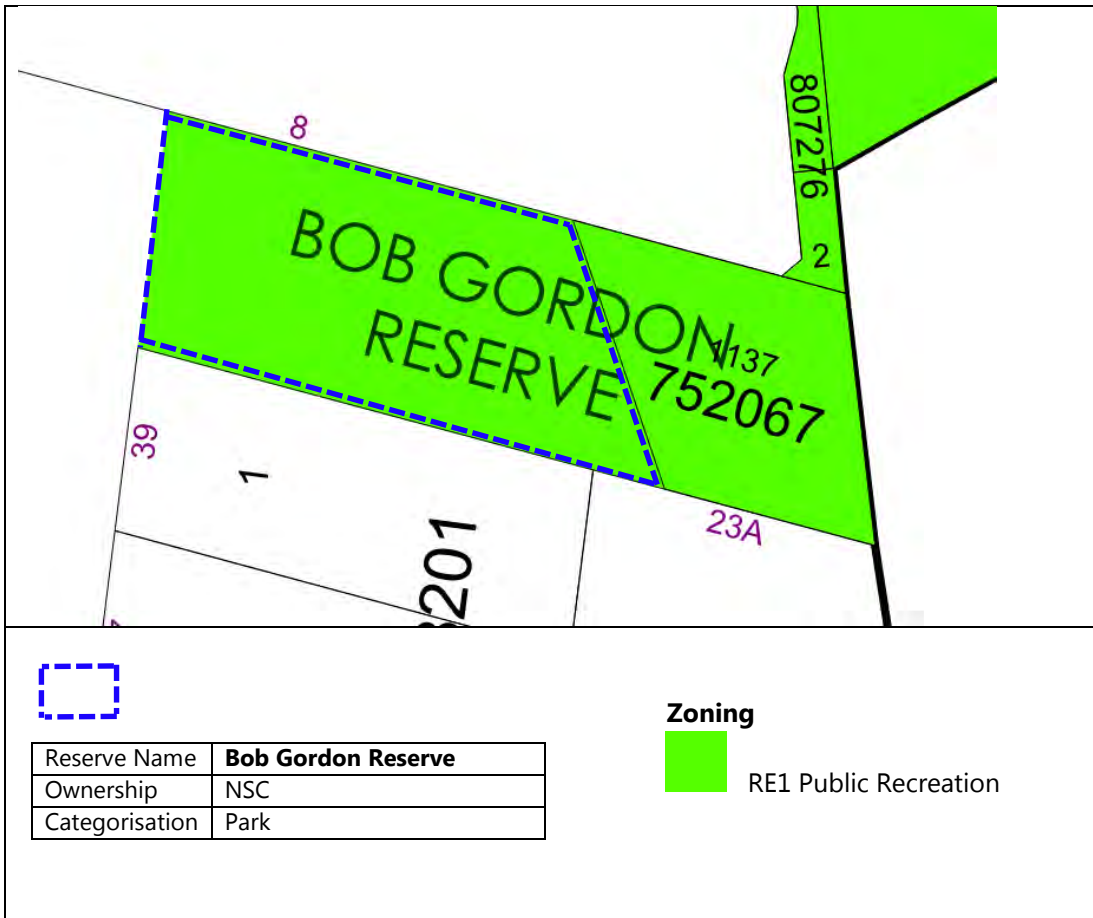
Boatbuilders Walk

Reserve Name	Boatbuilders Walk
Ownership	NSC
Categorisation	Park

Zoning

RE1 Public Recreation

Bob Gordon Reserve




Bradfield Park



Reserve Name	Bradfield Park
Ownership	NSC & Others*
Categorisation	Park

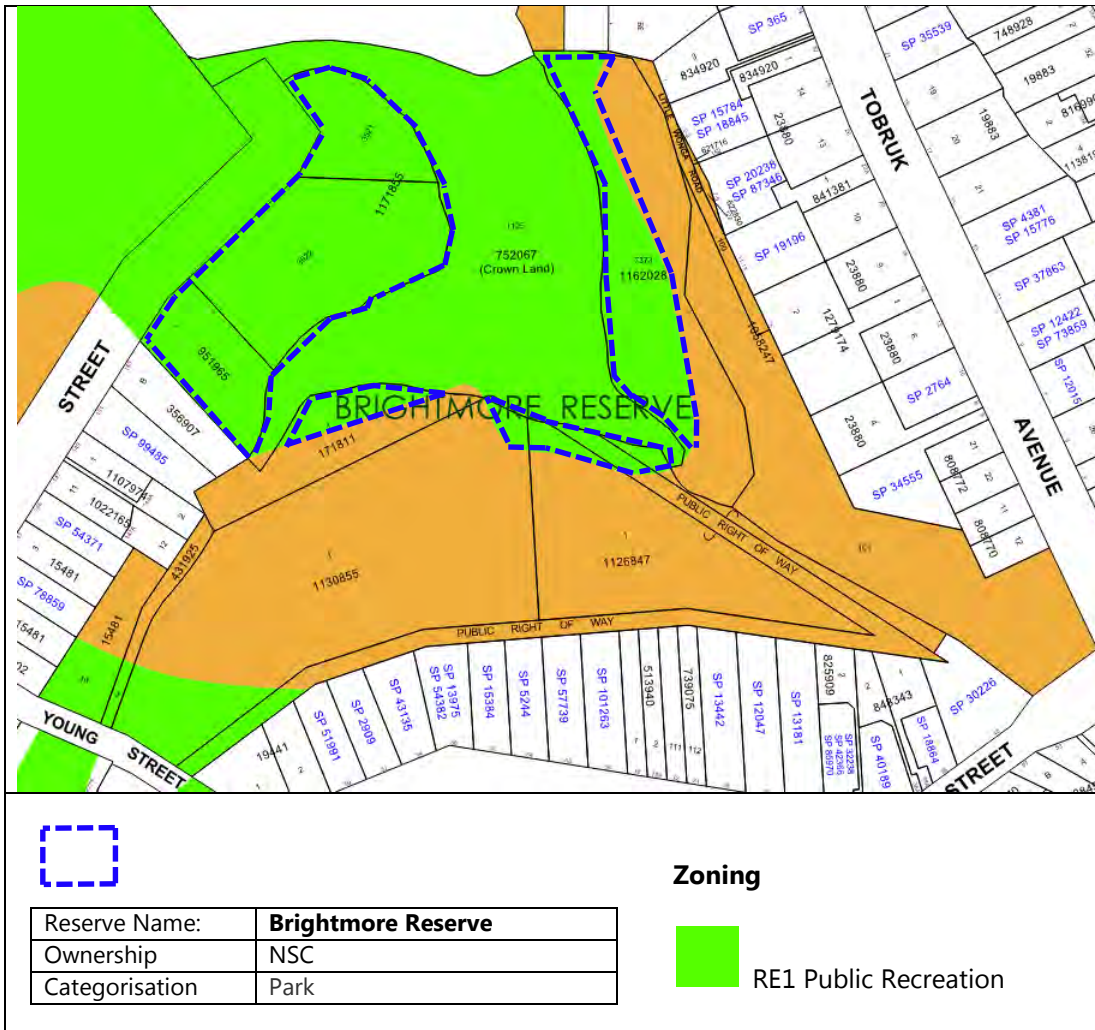
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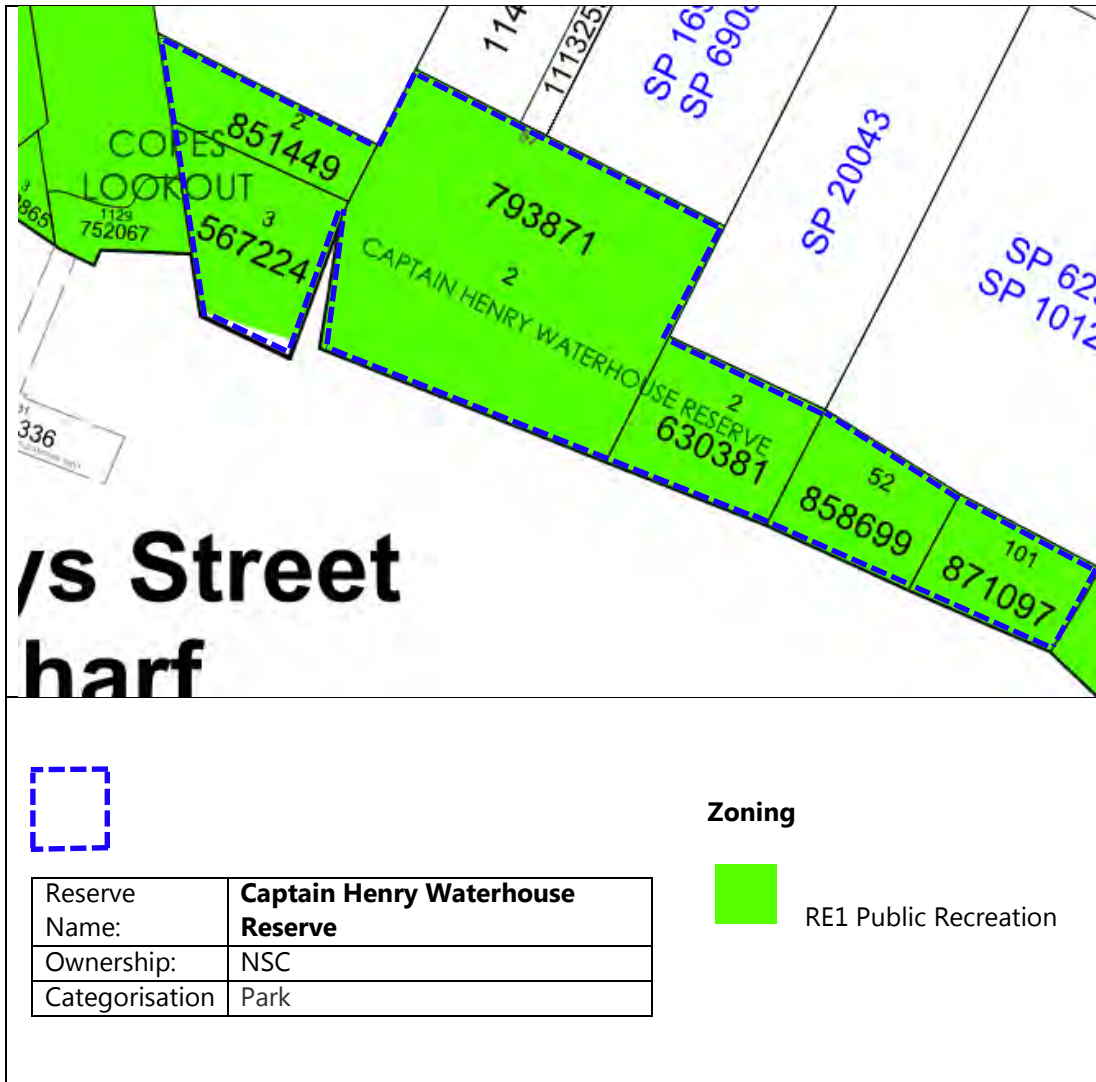
 Approximate location of playground
 Playground is included in Council's Playgrounds Plan of Management 2022.

*Ownership of the various land parcels that comprise Bradfield Park is divided between entities including North Sydney Council, the Minister for Public Works and the Minister for Education. Council is working to simplify this situation to reflect its almost 100 years of stewardship of Bradfield Park.

Brightmore Reserve



Captain Henry Waterhouse Reserve




Zoning



RE1 Public Recreation

Reserve Name:	Captain Henry Waterhouse Reserve
Ownership:	NSC
Categorisation	Park


Colindia Reserve



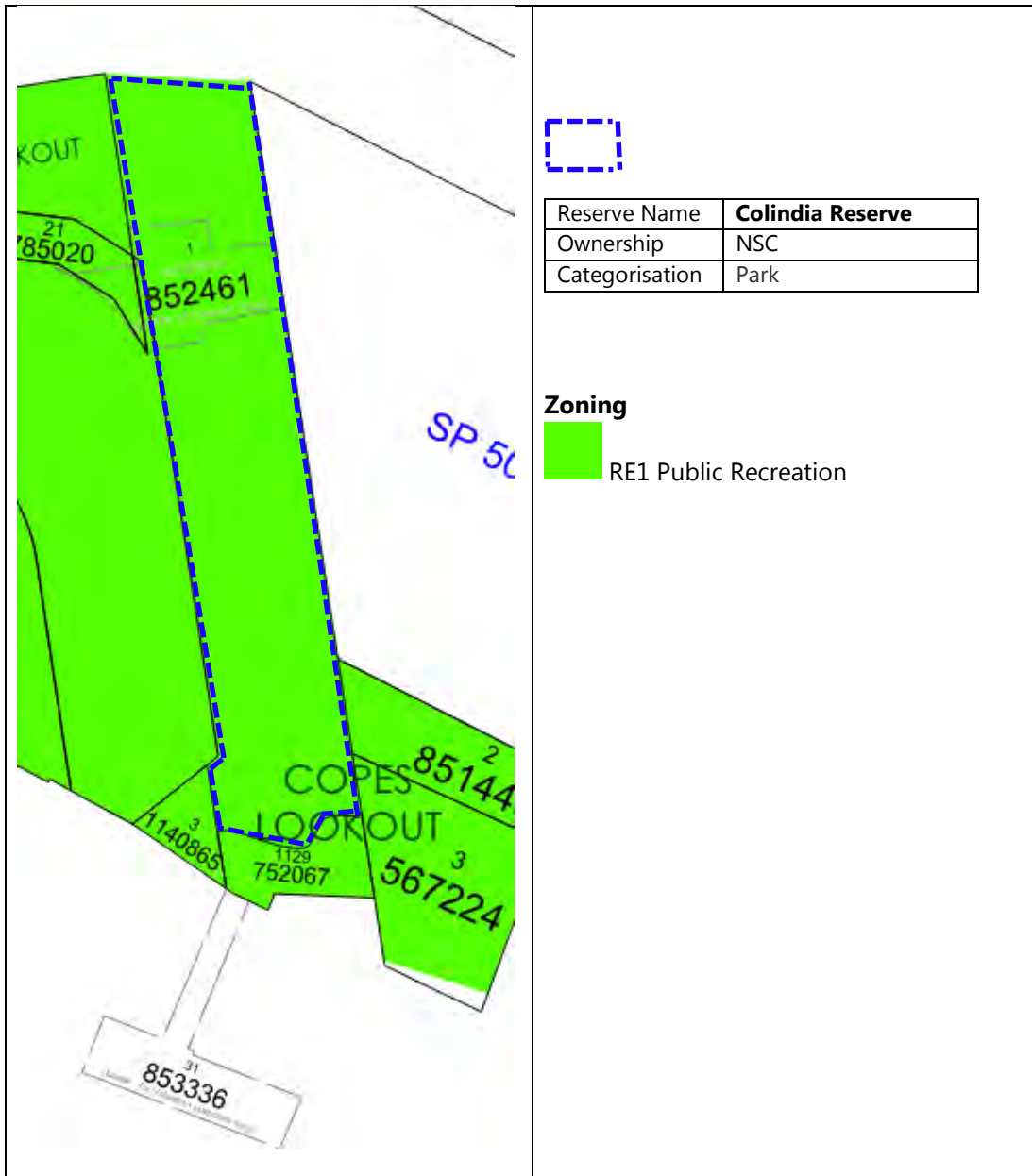
A map showing the location of Colindia Reserve. The reserve is a green-shaded area outlined with a dashed blue line. It is situated between a street (labeled 'STREET') and several other land parcels. Parcel numbers visible include 307268, 115499, and 89565. The reserve itself is labeled 'COLINDIA RESERVE'.

Reserve Name	Colindia Reserve
Ownership	NSC
Categorisation	Park

Zoning

 RE1 Public Recreation

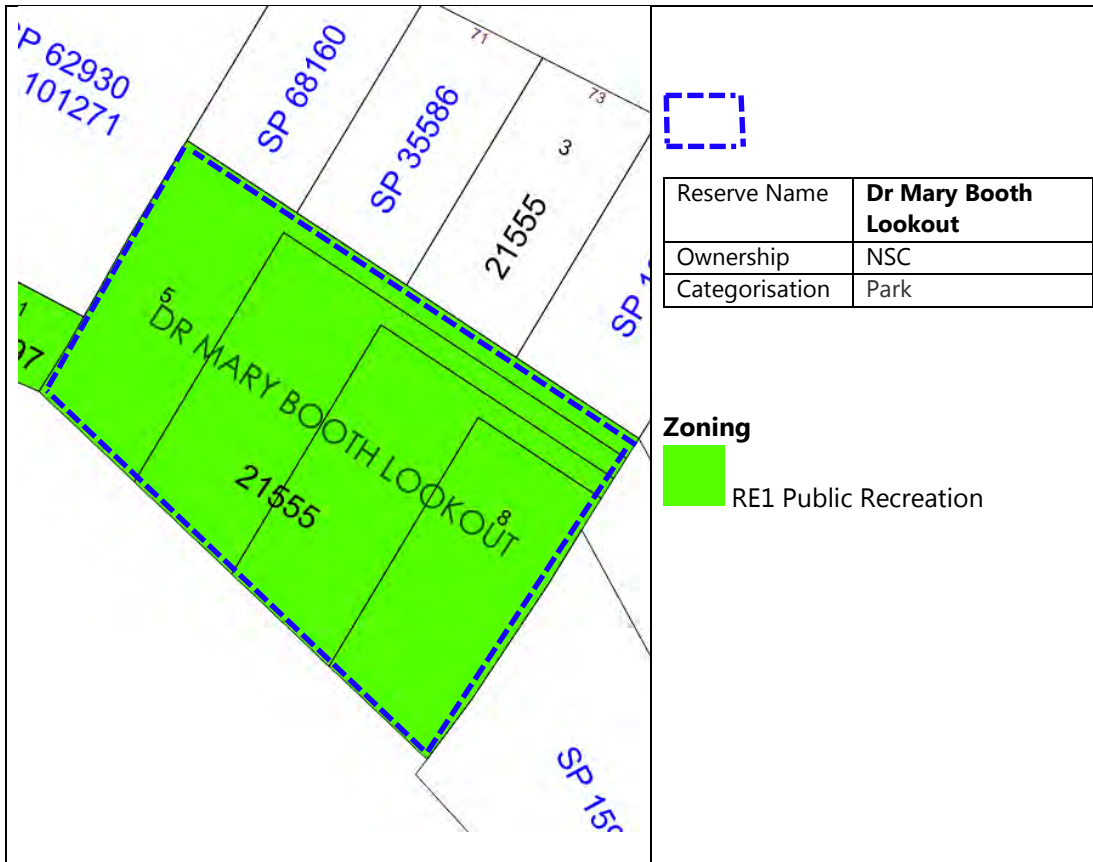
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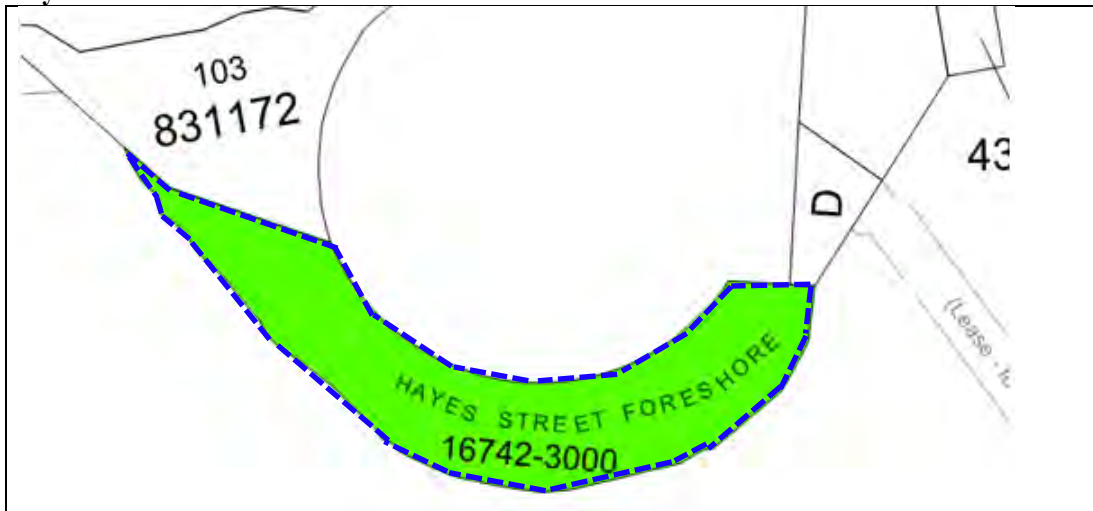
Dowling Street Road Reserve



Dr Mary Booth Lookout



Hayes Street Foreshore



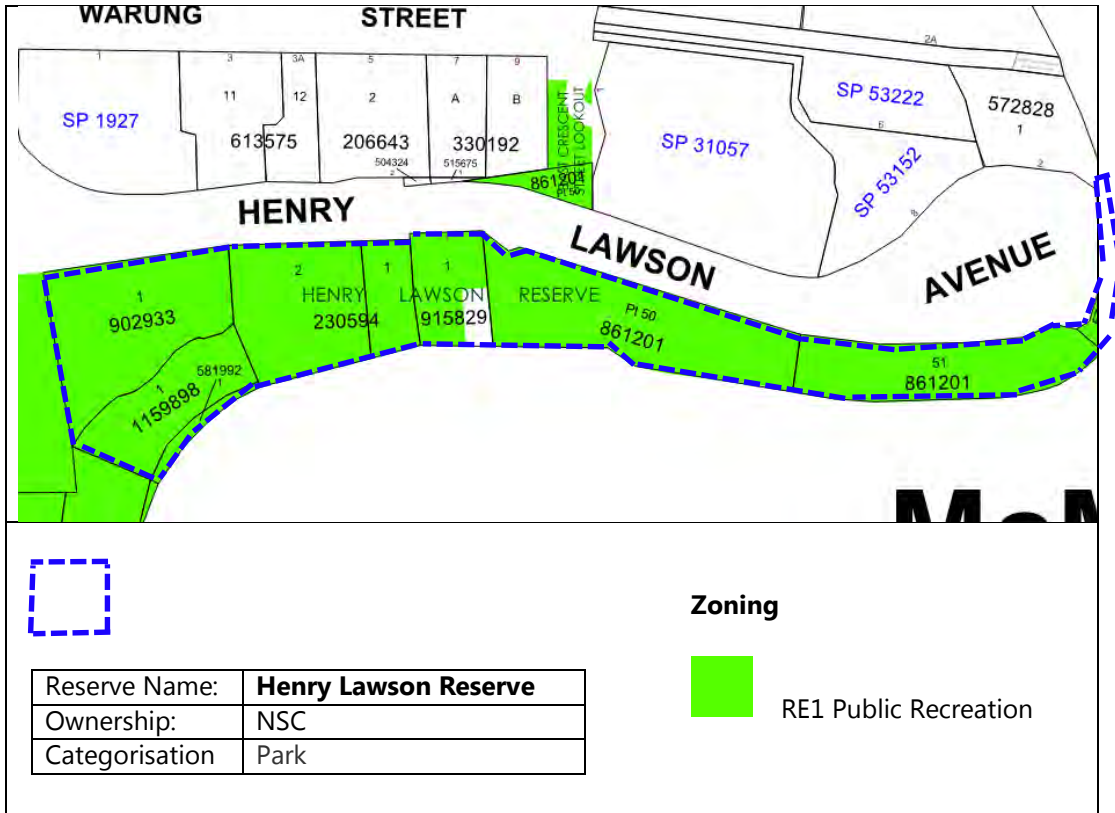
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Ownership:	NSC
Categorisation	Park

Zoning

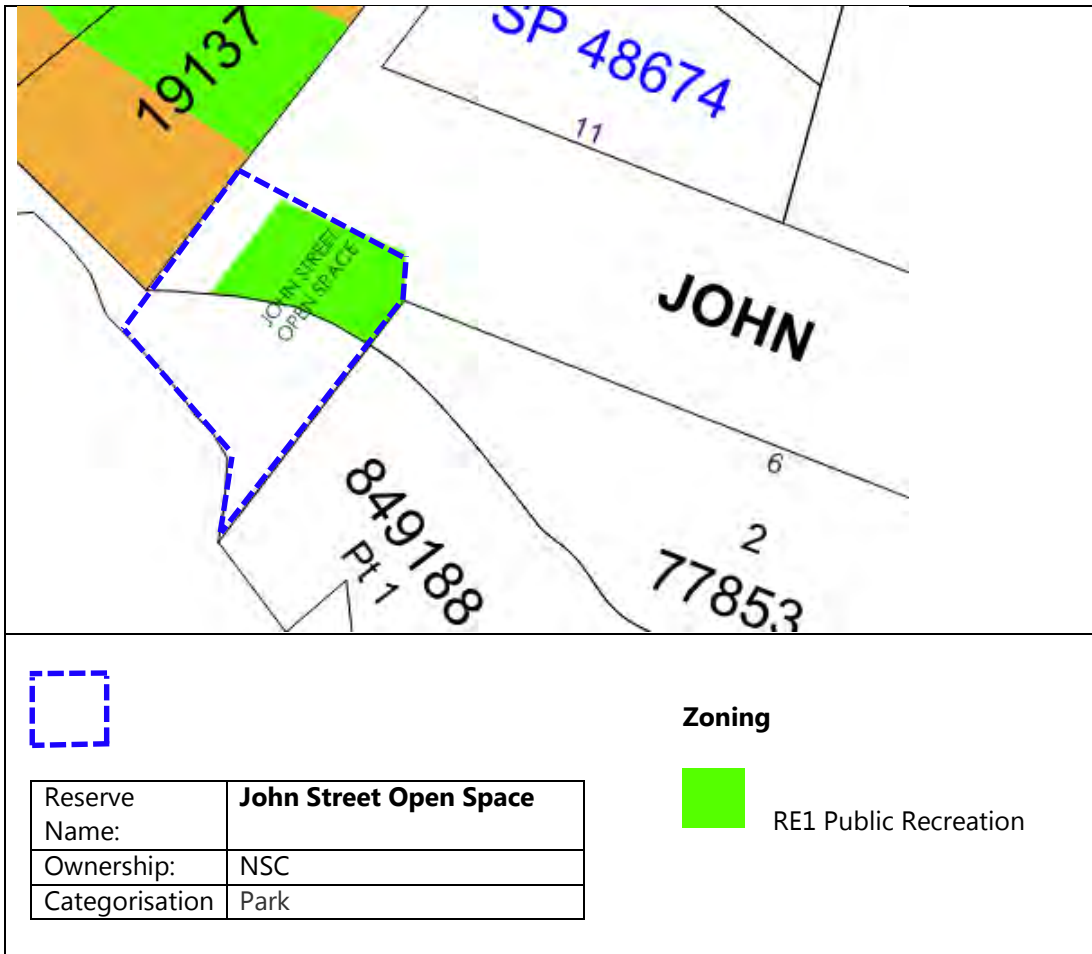


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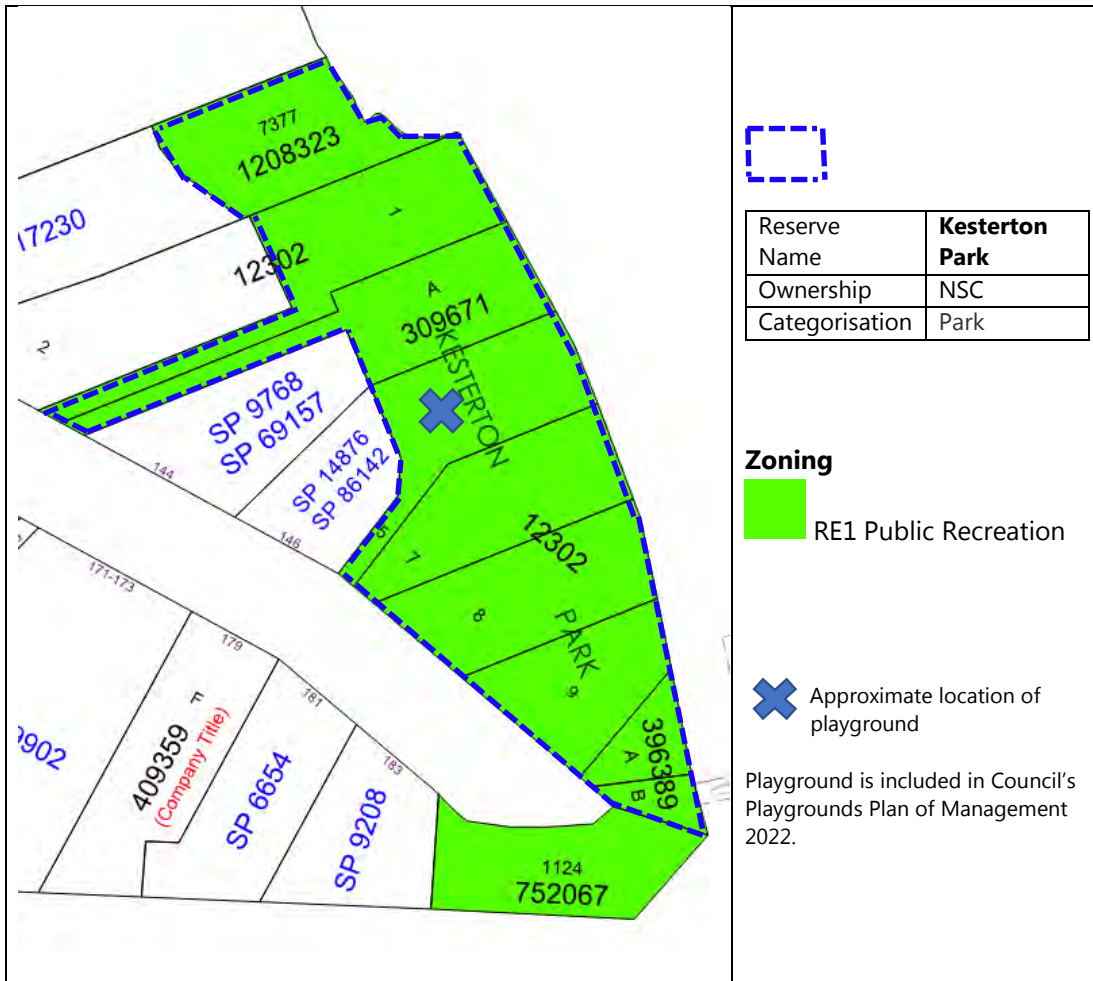
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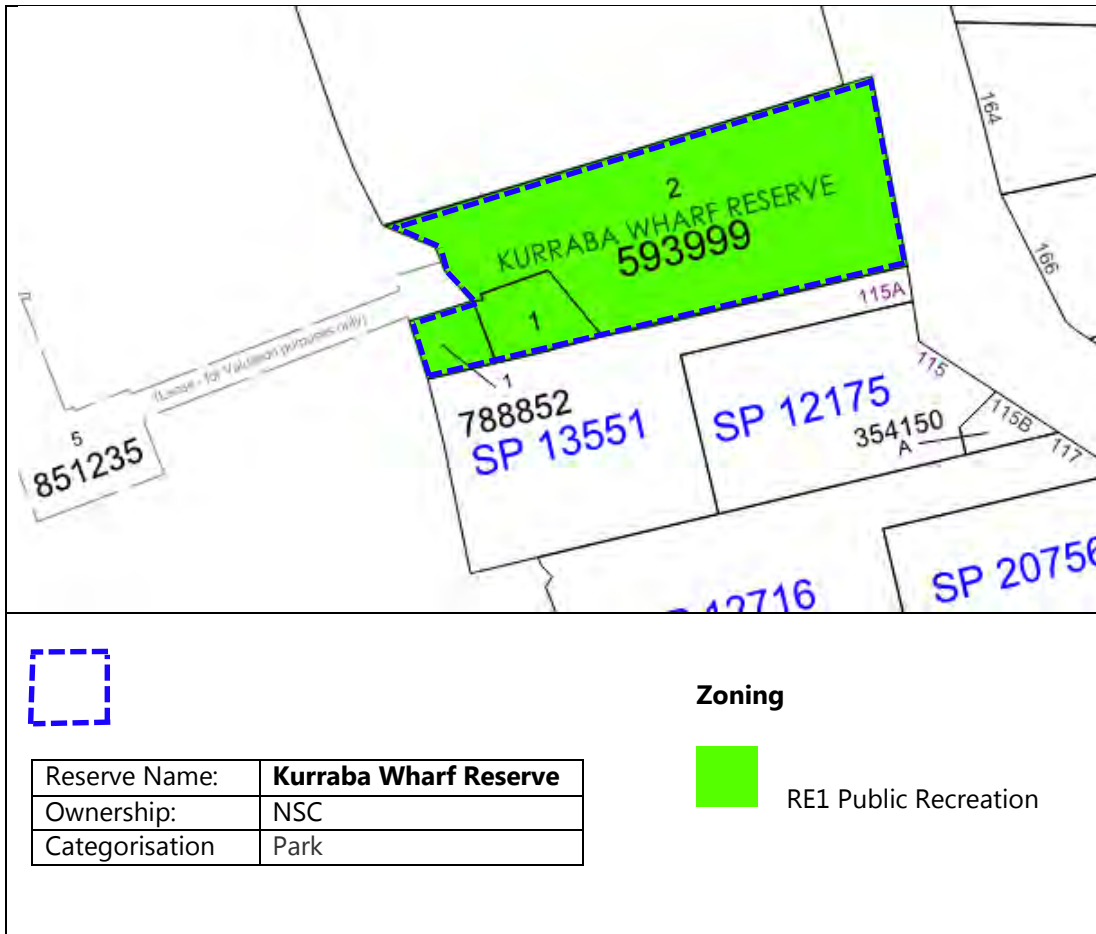
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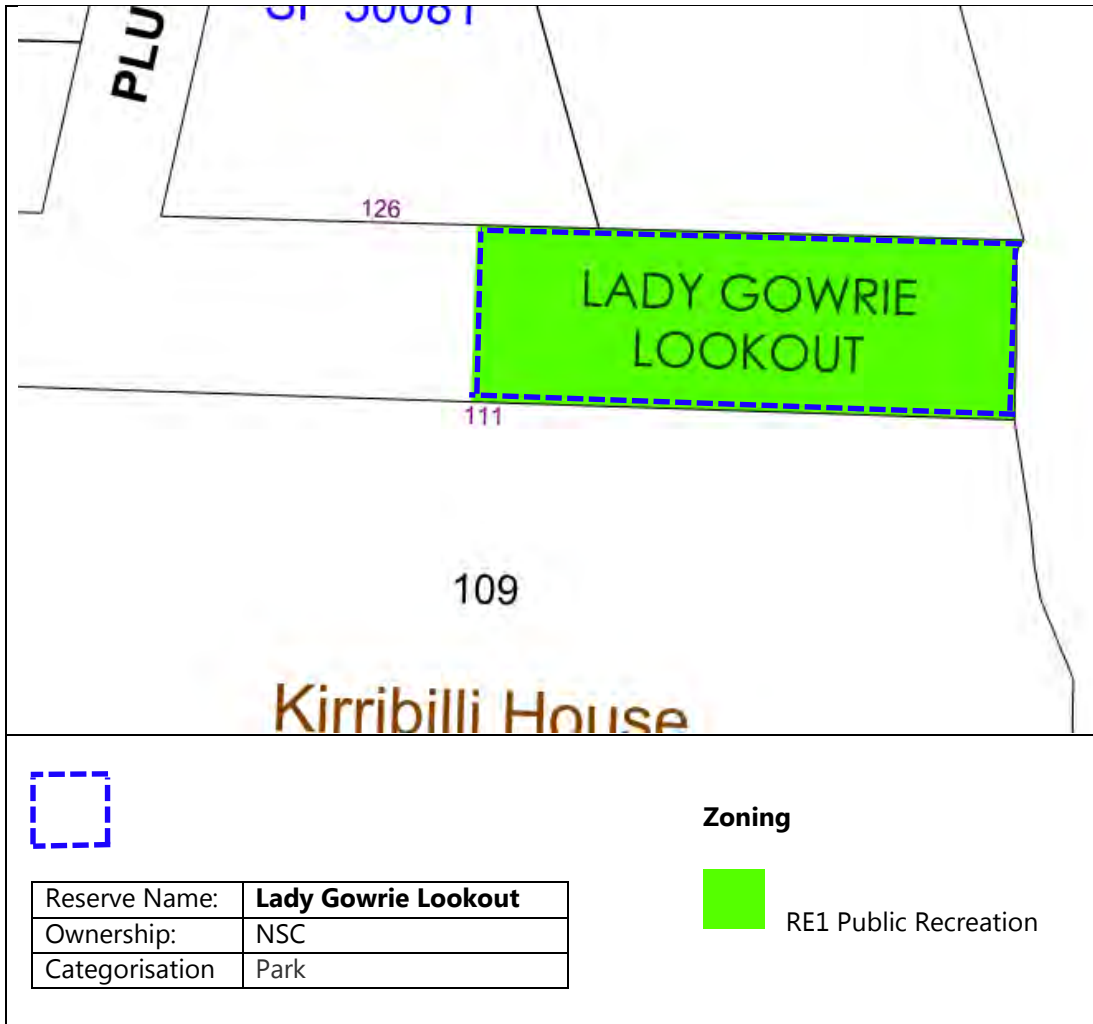
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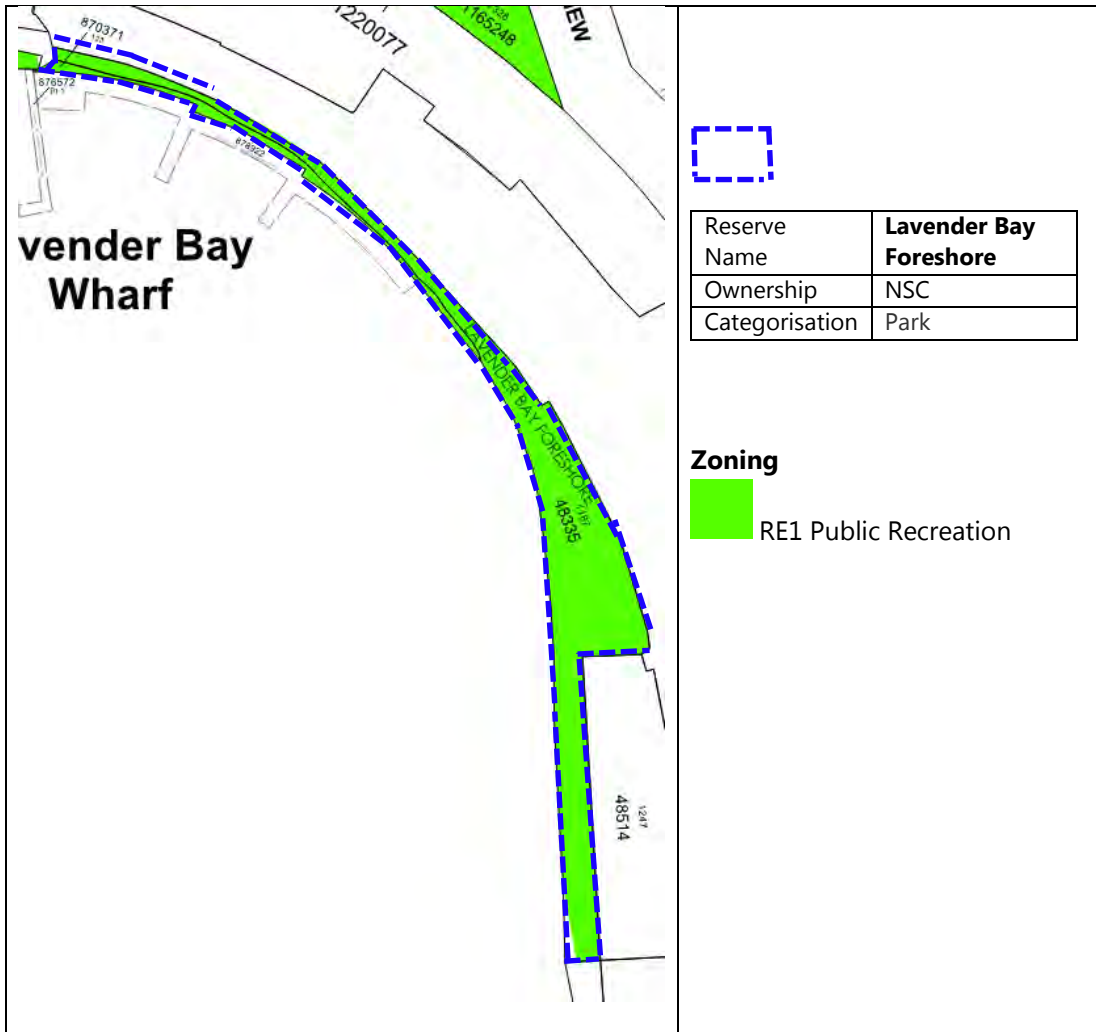
Kurraba Wharf Reserve



Lady Gowrie Lookout



Lavender Bay Foreshore



Milson Park

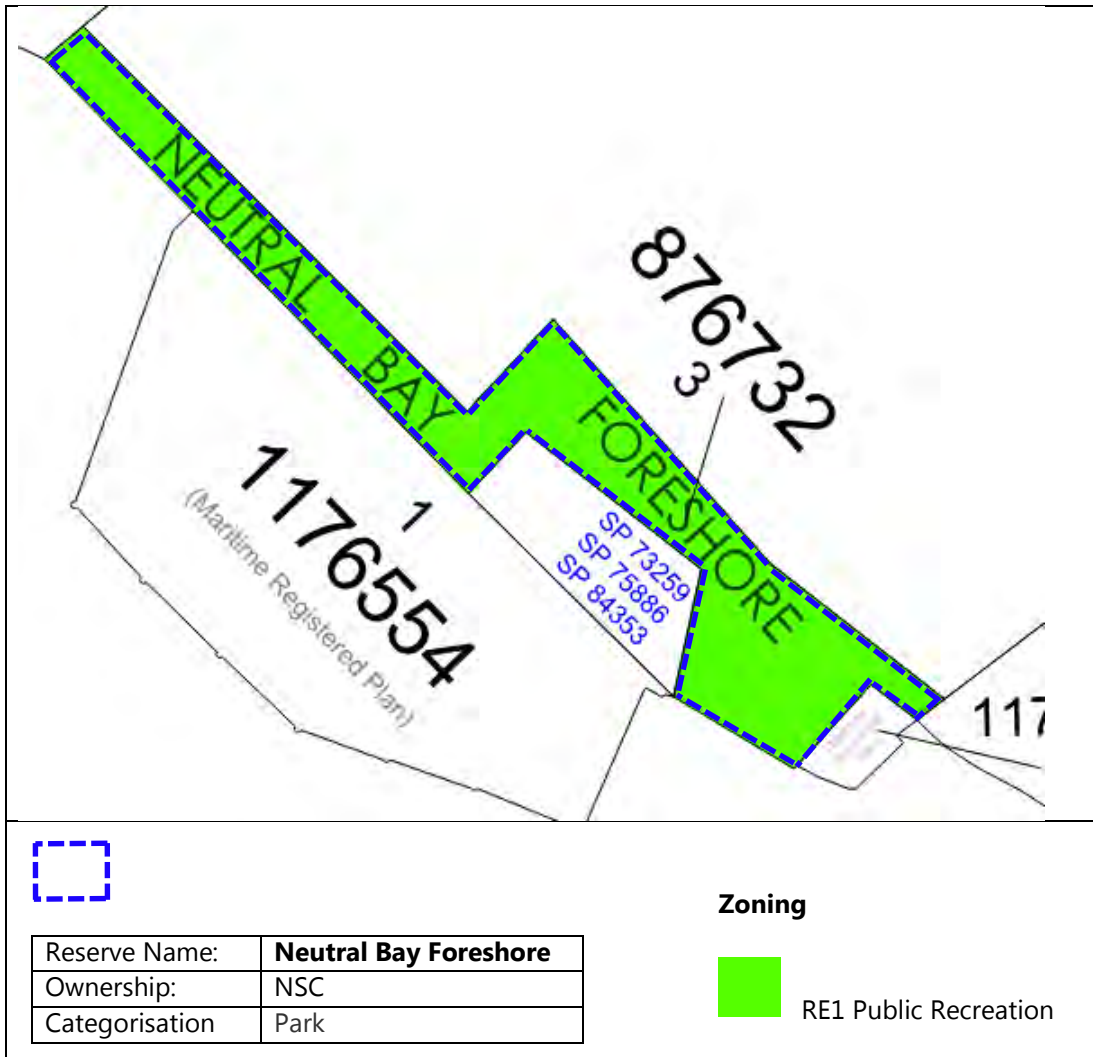


Reserve Name:	Milson Park
Ownership:	NSC
Categorisation	Park

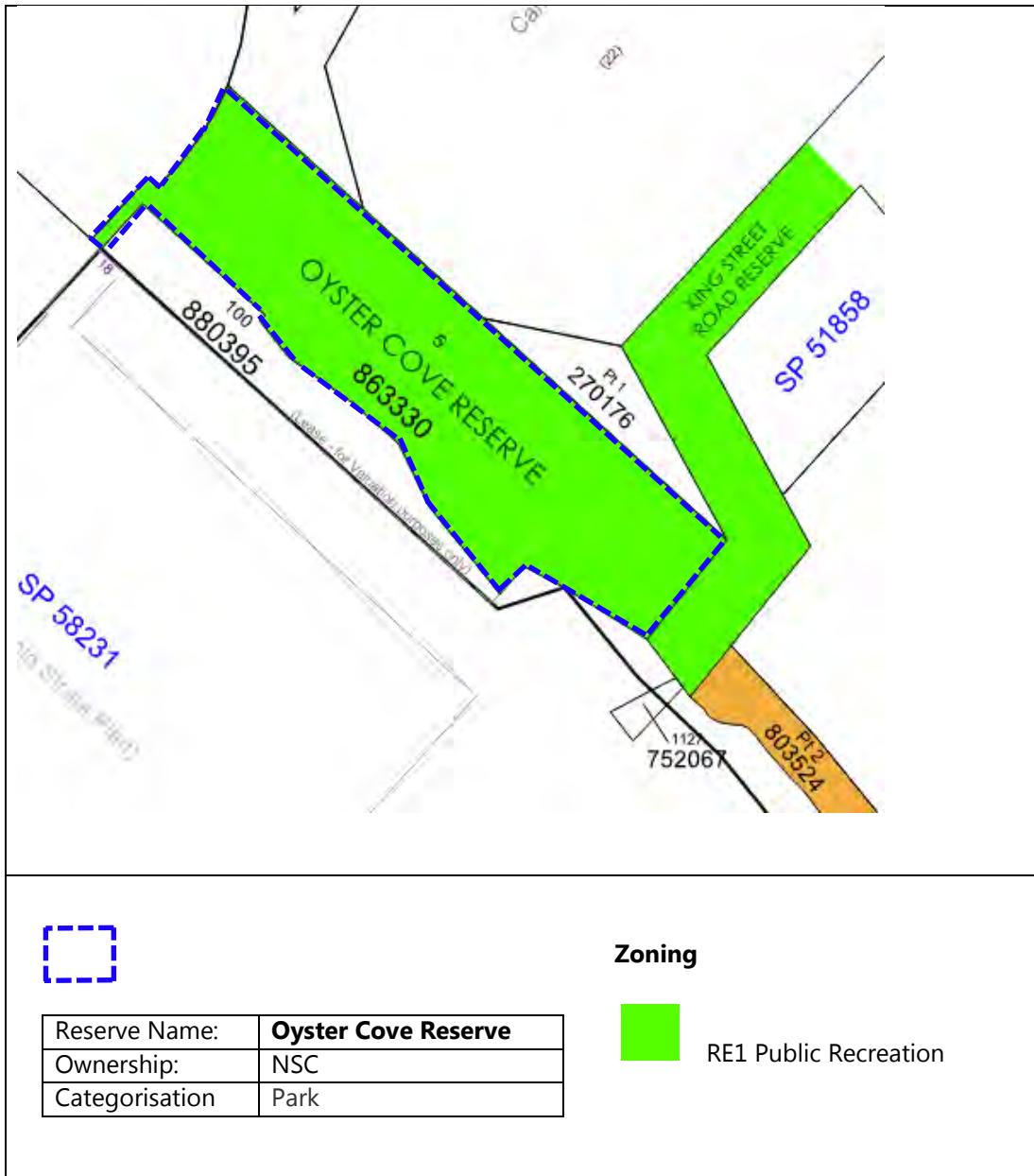
Zoning

 RE1 Public Recreation

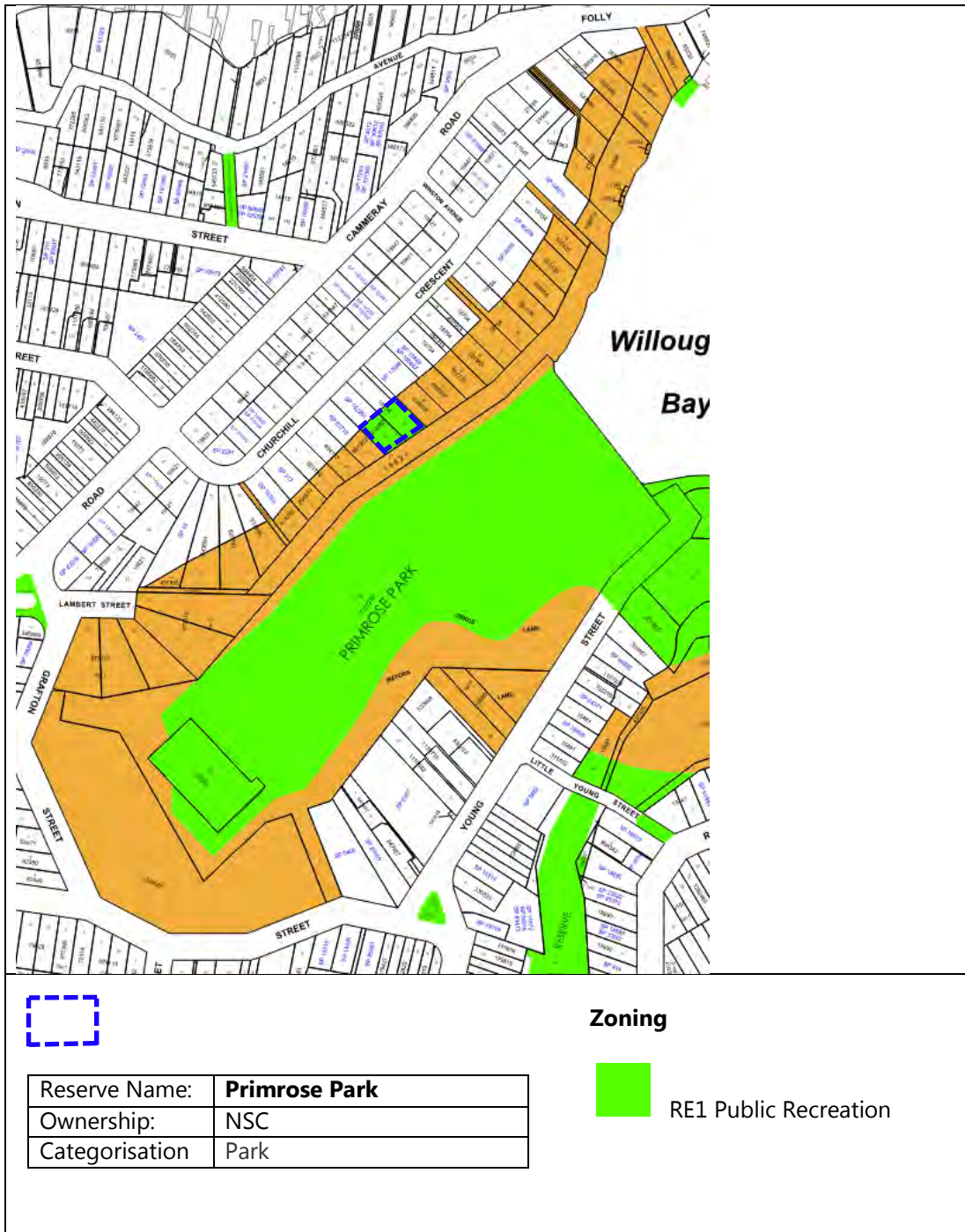
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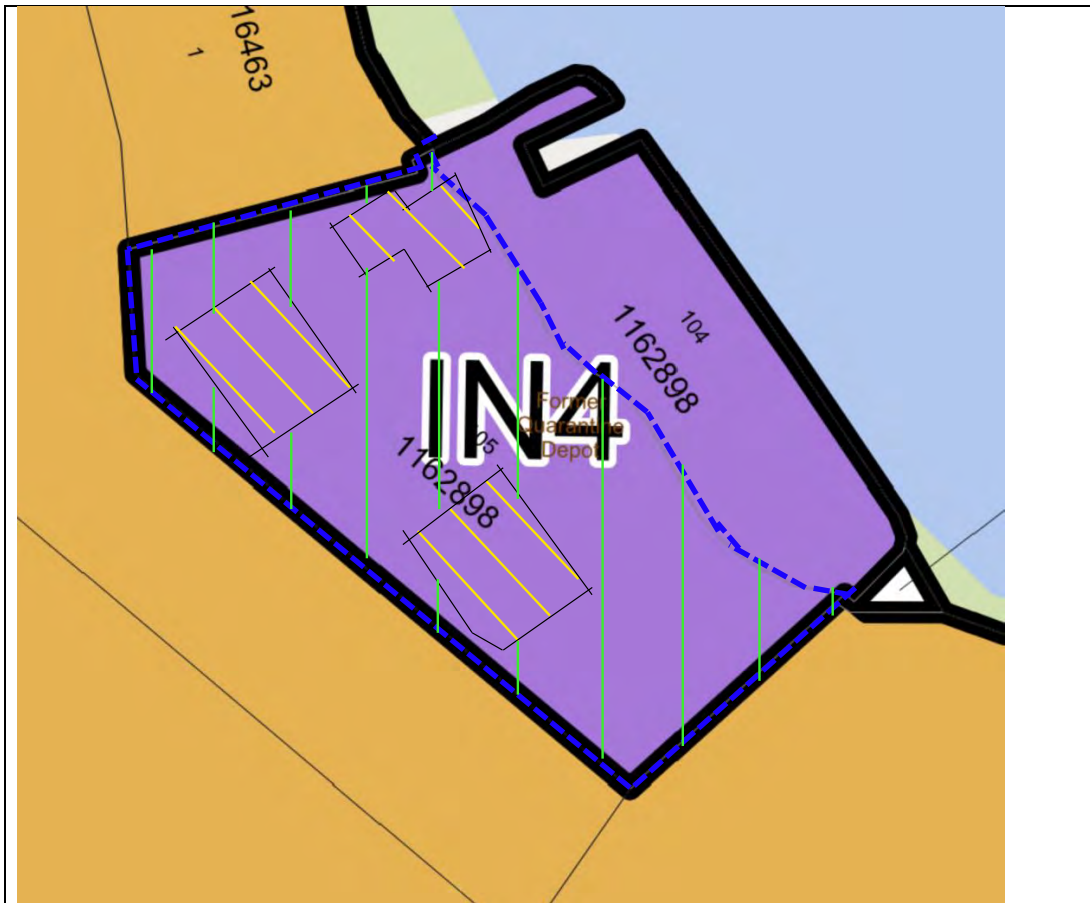
Oyster Cove Reserve



Primrose Park



Quarantine Boat Depot




Note: the land comprising the Quarantine Boat Depot has recently been acquired by North Sydney Council for public open space. It will be rezoned as RE1 Public Recreation.



Reserve Name:	Quarantine Boat Depot
Ownership:	NSC
Categorisation:	Park/General Community Use

Note: the area of the site categorised as General Community Use comprises the footprint of the two main cottages, the old kerosene Store and the adjacent proposed deck over the slipway winch shed.

Zoning

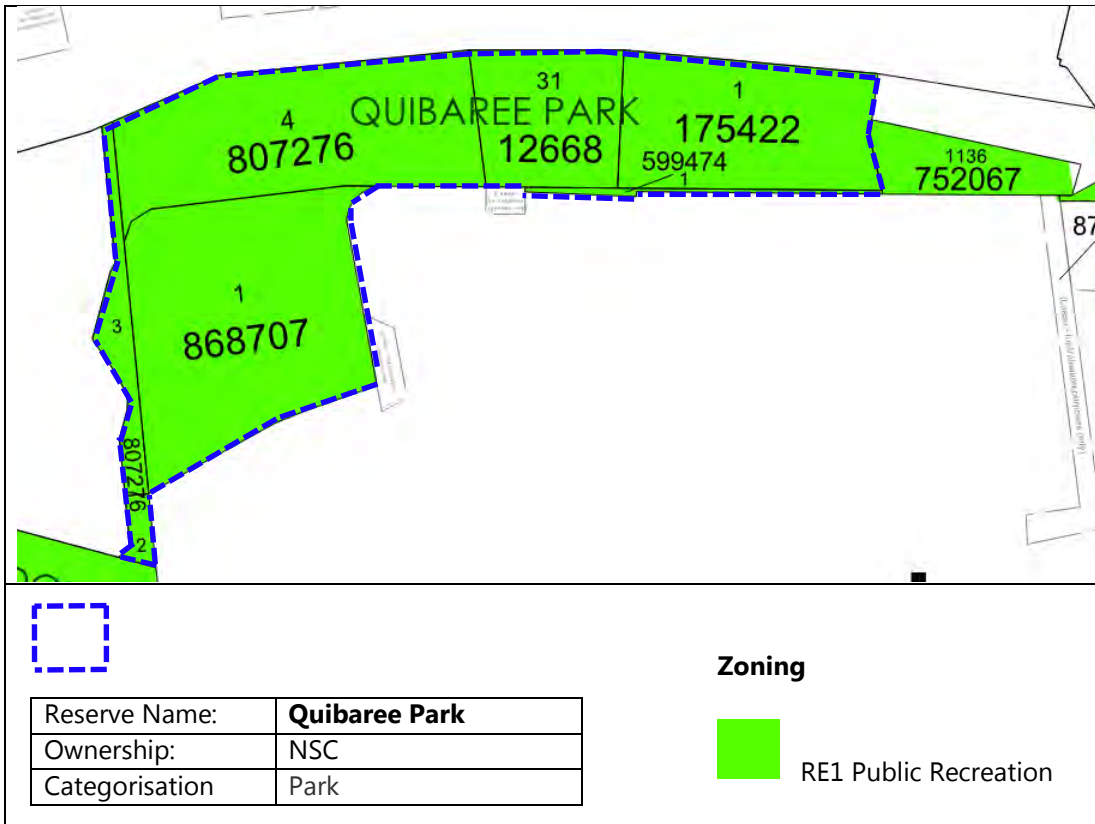
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Categorisation

 Park

 General Community Use

Quibaree Park



Sawmillers Reserve



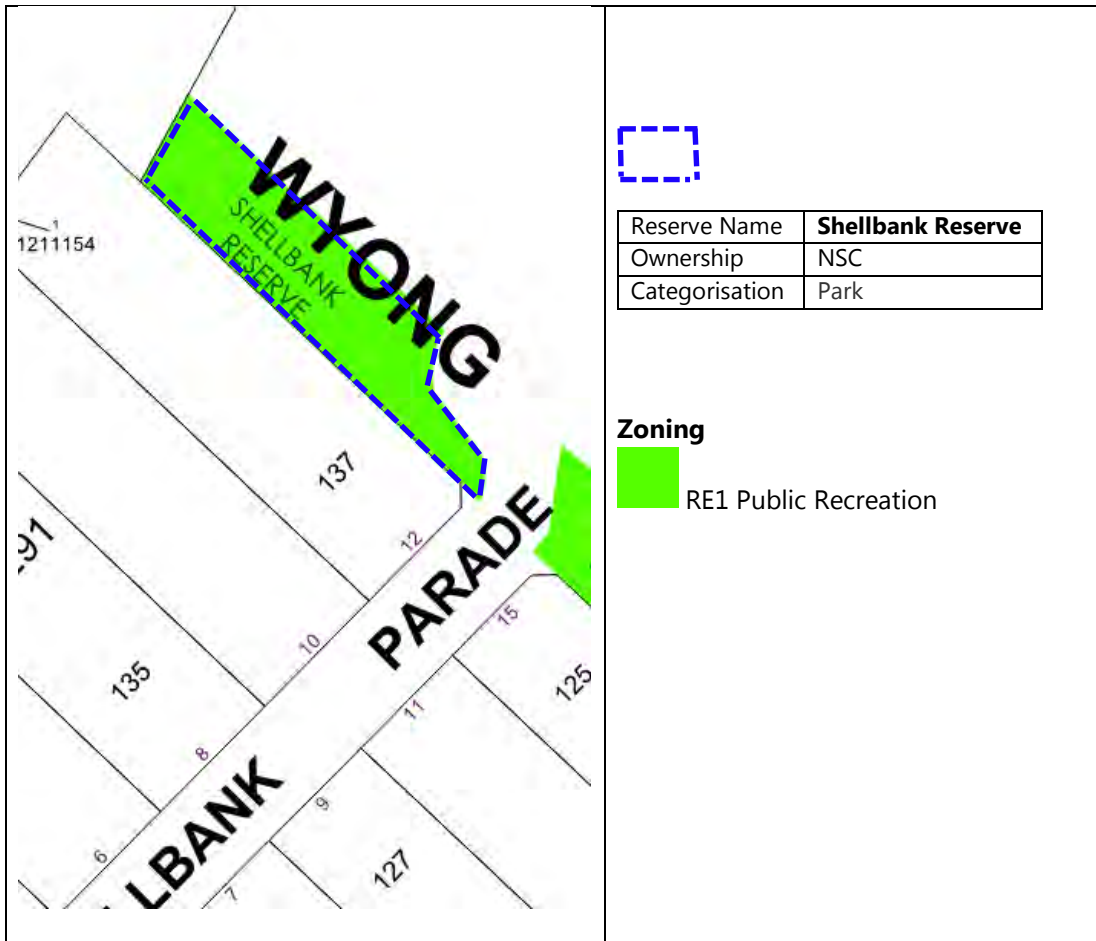
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Ownership:	NSC
Categorisation	Park

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RE1 Public Recreation

Shellbank Reserve

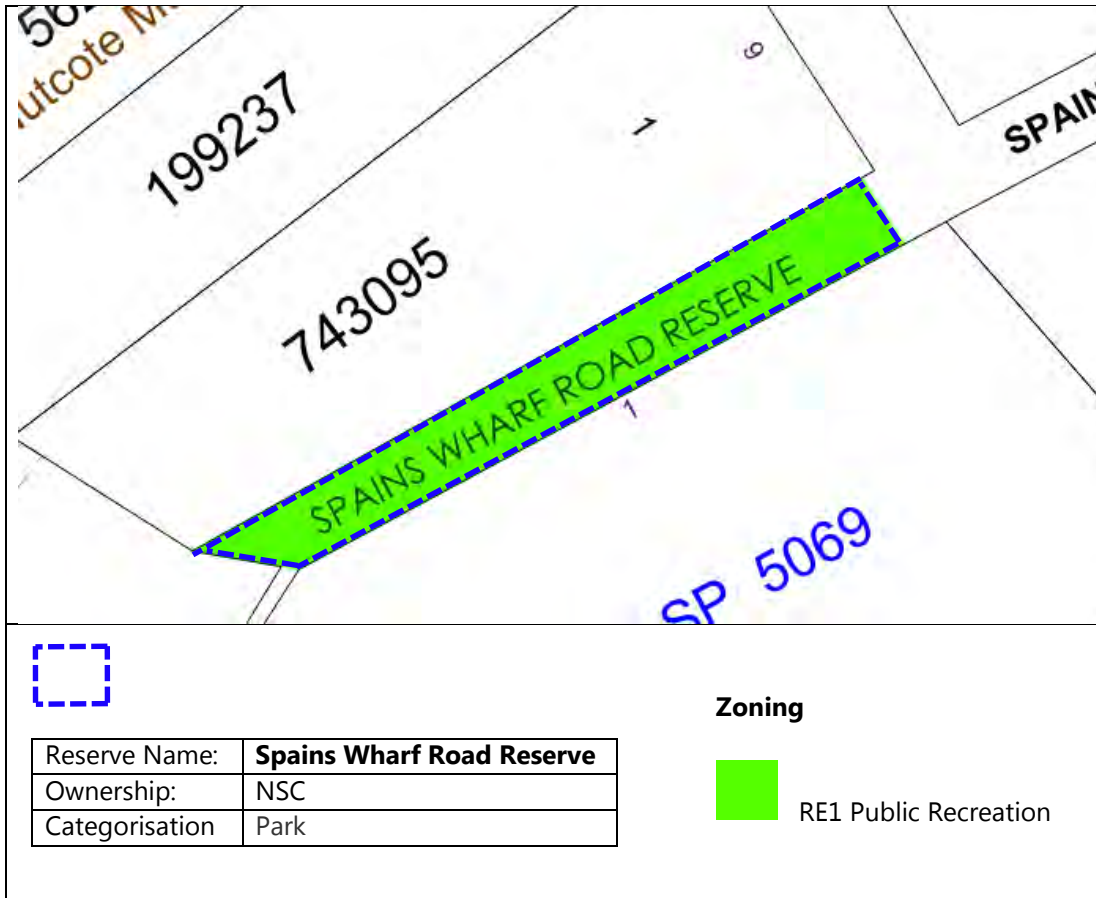


Reserve Name	Shellbank Reserve
Ownership	NSC
Categorisation	Park

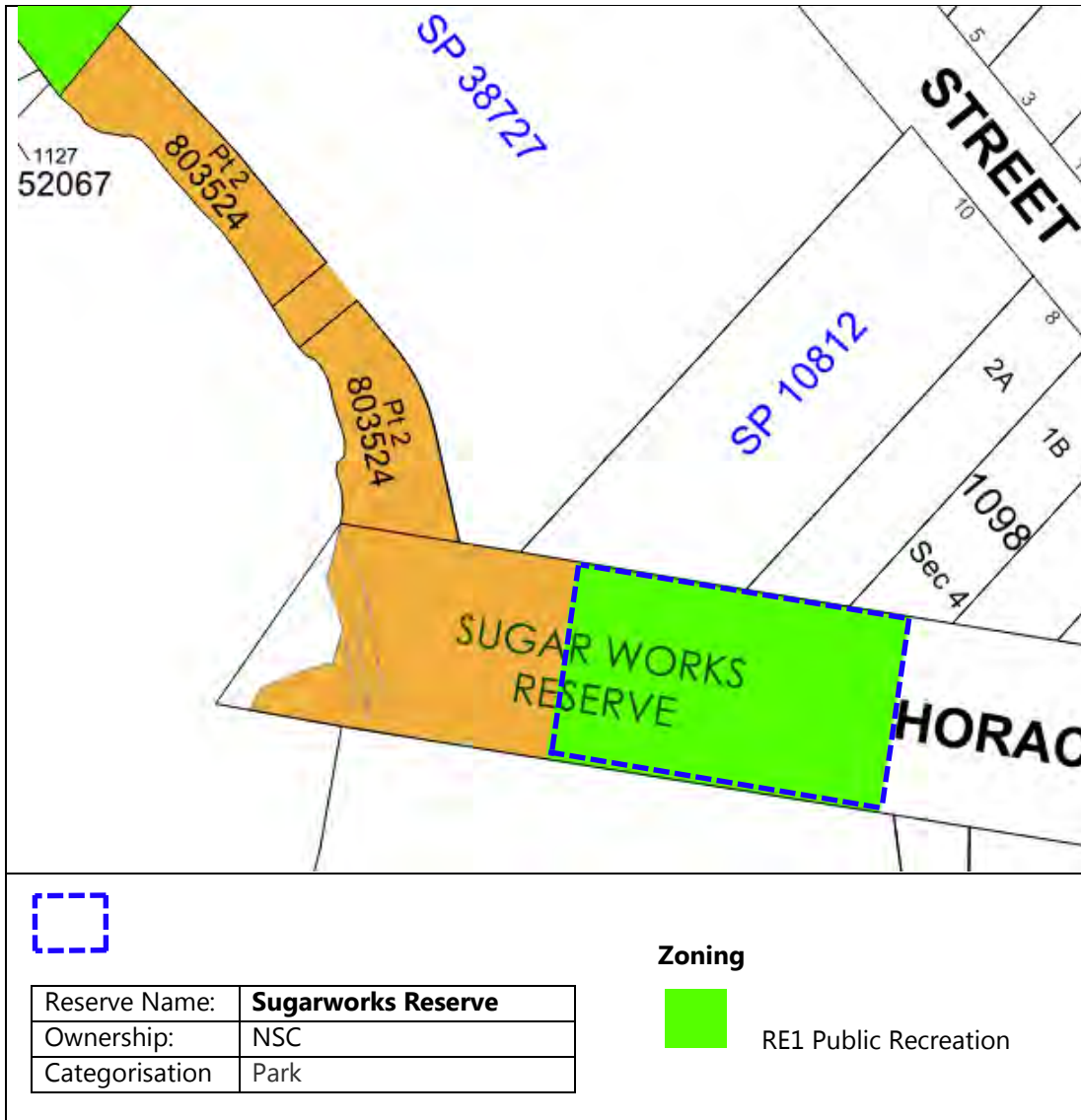
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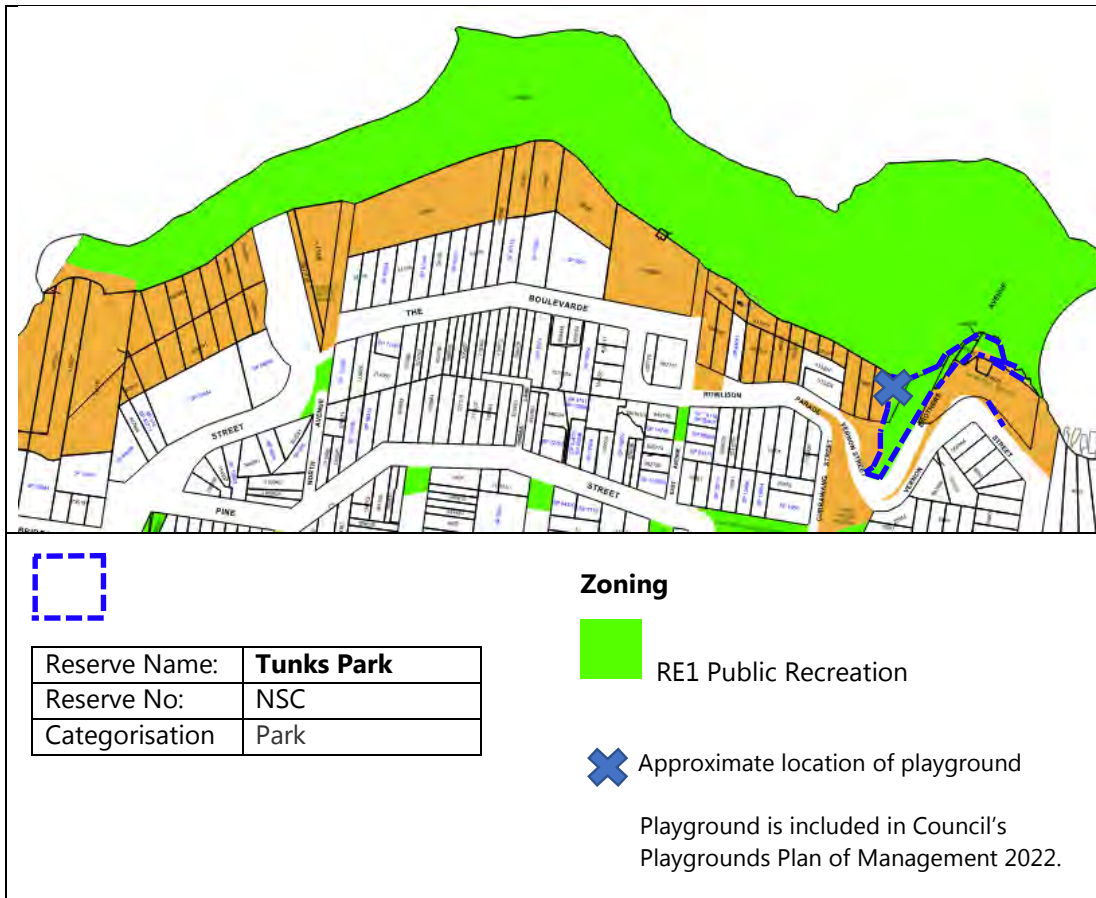
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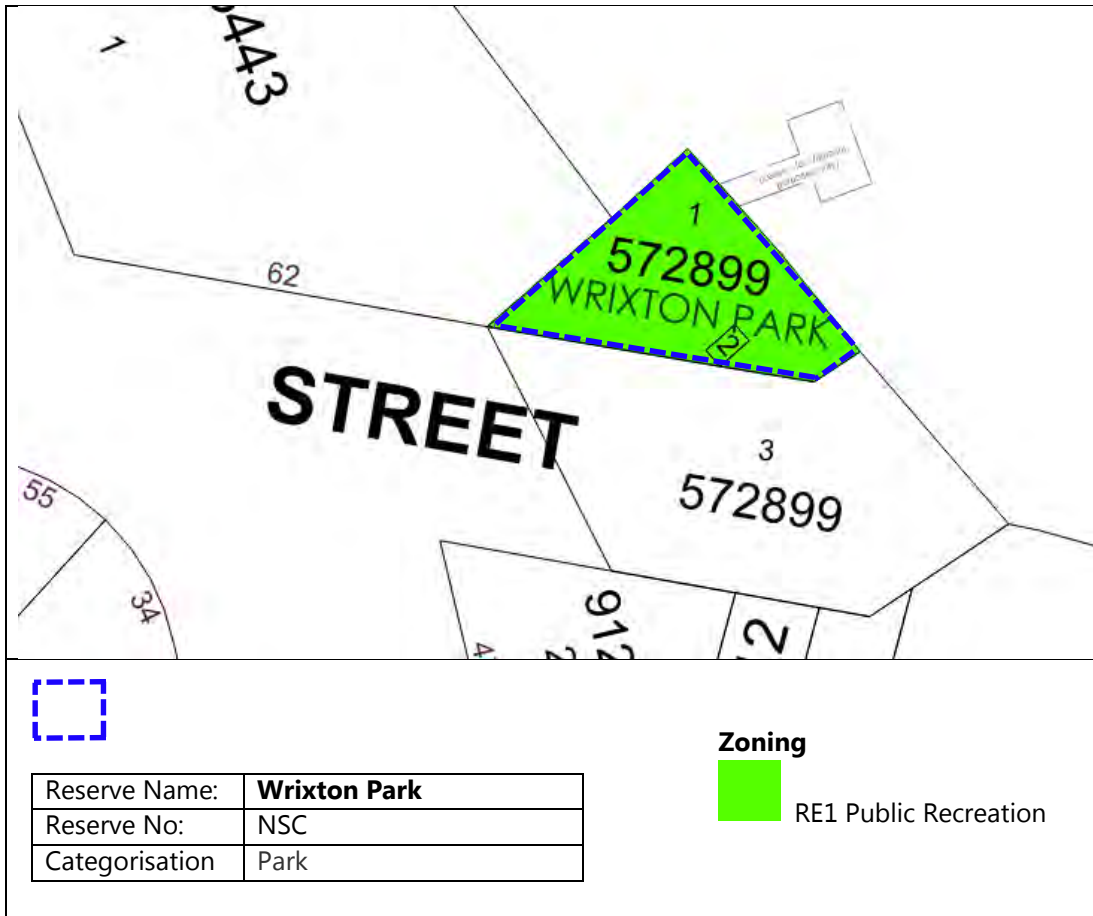
Sugarworks Reserve



Tunks Park



Wrixton Park



6.6 Appendix 6 – Explanation of Relevant Zones

Zone RE1 Public Recreation

1. Objectives of the Zone

- To enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes.
- To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses.
- To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.
- To ensure sufficient public recreation areas are available for the benefit and use of residents of, and visitors to, North Sydney.

2. Permitted without consent

Environmental protection works.

3. Permitted with consent

Building identification signs; Business identification signs; Community facilities; Environmental facilities; Information and education facilities; Kiosks; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (outdoor); Roads; Water recreation structures.

4. Prohibited

Any development not specified in item 2 or 3.

Source: Local Environmental Plan 2013, North Sydney Council

6.7 Appendix 7 - Leases & Licences in Foreshore Parks & Reserves

Leases

Park Name, Location, Landowner	Facility	Lessee	Term/Dates	Permitted Use
Bradfield Park Alfred St South, Milsons Point NSC	Restaurant Building (Ground floor area and first floor area of the building known as 41 Alfred Street South, Milsons Point) former Bradfield Park Community Centre	La Capannina Italian Restaurant Pty Limited	30/01/2023 – 30/01/2028	Italian Restaurant and Ancillary storage
	Telco communications facility located in building known as 41 Alfred Street South, Milsons Pt	Axicom Pty Ltd	01/07/2020 – 30/06/2025	Constructing, maintaining and operating a communications facility and incidental uses

Licences

Park Name, Location, Landowner	Facility	Licence Holder	Term/Dates	Purpose
Bradfield Park Alfred St South, Milsons Pt NSC	Alfred Street Artist Studios (series of rooms within the former Bradfield Park Community Centre (41A Alfred Street South))	Various	4-month periods	Artist's studio space, with a requirement to participate in Council's Alfred Street Artist Studios Program on a monthly basis

3.4. Reconfiguration of Primrose Park Update

AUTHOR	David Manson, Manager Parks & Reserves
ENDORSED BY	Gary Parsons, Director Open Space and Infrastructure
ATTACHMENTS	1. Primrose Park Sports Field Reconfiguration _ Post Exhibition Report [3.4.1 - 39 pages]
CSP LINK	1. Our Living Environment 1.4 Well utilised open space and recreational facilities

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Sport and Recreation Reference group with the outcome of the Primrose Park Sports Fields Reconfiguration proposal.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

That at its meeting on the 26 June 2023, the Council resolved to discontinue the Primrose Park Reconfiguration project and that a compromise on the proposed reconfiguration will be to improve current drainage, which will increase the playing hours.

An assessment and financial costings of the improved drainage will be undertaken in the 2023/24 financial year with a view to undertaking these works in the 2024/25 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Sport and Recreation Reference Group receive the Reconfiguration of Primrose Park Update report.

Background

This project has been reported through Council's Sport and Recreation Reference Group since May 2018.

On 15 November 2022, the Sport and Recreation Reference Group resolved to recommend: that a report be provided to Council detailing the concept of the Primrose Park Reconfiguration Project including the results of the Traffic, Parking and Acoustic studies. The minutes of this meeting were endorsed by Council at its meeting held on 12 December 2022.

On 30 January 2023, Council resolved:

1. THAT the Primrose Park Reconfiguration Project be endorsed for public exhibition for a minimum period of 42 days.
2. THAT a further report be provided to Council following the conclusion of the public exhibition period for the purpose of considering any submissions received and adopting the project.

The exhibition period ran from 7 March to 16th May 2023 and was promoted in accordance with the prepared project-specific Engagement Strategy.

A post exhibition report was presented to Council at its meeting on Monday the 26th of June 2023 where it was resolved:

- 1. THAT** the Primrose Park reconfiguration project be discontinued.
- 2. THAT** the Primrose Park reconfiguration budget be reallocated to capital works reserve pending a full costing being undertaken for upgrades to the turf playing surfaces and drainage improvements at Primrose Park.
- 3. THAT** Council reassess the usage of other sports grounds including North Sydney Oval and the Bon Andrews Oval to see what other capacity for organised sport may be available.
- 4. THAT** Council write to the NSW Planning Minister to note that developer contributions are not funding proportionate new sporting and recreational facilities to match increased density targets, and asks what the government will do to fix this.

Report

Council sought feedback on the proposed reconfiguration of Primrose Park, Cammeray which seeks to accommodate an additional playing field.

This change was proposed to meet the demand from local sporting clubs and schools for more sports fields. An additional sports field would allow Council to accommodate further training as well as additional weekend games.

A total of 140 submissions were received, with 73% (102) opposing the proposal and 27% (38) supporting the proposal.

Summary of reasons given in support of the project:

- net increase in sports fields to aid with participation demand;
- improved amenities that provide a safe and suitable facility all participants, both male, female; and
- cricket pitches removed from Winter sport playing surfaces.

Summary of reasons against the project:

- lack of parking and increase in traffic movements;
- less passive open space availability;
- increase in noise; and
- less opportunity for dog walking.

A compromise on the proposed reconfiguration is to improve the playing surfaces (in the existing configuration) by improving drainage and providing alternative turf surfaces. This will increase the playing hours through the fields being able to cope with and recover from wet weather events in a faster time frame. This approach would need to be fully costed and could occur in the financial year 2024/25.

Consultation requirements

Community engagement has occurred in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Protocol. The detail of this report provides the outcomes from the engagement for Council to consider prior to adoption.

Financial/Resource Implications

Council has allocated \$600,000.00 in capital funding within the 2023/24 financial year for this project to be implemented, as reported to Council via the draft Operational Plan & Budget 2023/24.

Council has allocated \$255,000.00 to improve the drainage on the Primrose Park Sports fields in the 2023/24 financial year.

These two budget items for the 2023/24 financial year will be reallocated to capital works reserve to enable a process to be undertaken to gain accurate costings for full drainage and playing surface refurbishments for assessment for the 2024/25 financial year.

10.11.Primrose Park Sports Field Reconfiguration - Post Exhibition Report

AUTHOR	David Manson, Manager Parks and Reserves
ENDORSED BY	Peter Massey, Acting Director Open Space and Environmental Services
ATTACHMENTS	1. Submissions Summary [10.11.1 - 29 pages] 2. Proposal - Concept Plans [10.11.2 - 1 page]
CSP LINK	1. Our Living Environment 1.4 Well utilised open space and recreational facilities

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to detail the submissions received during the public exhibition of the Primrose Park Sports Fields Reconfiguration proposal. The final recommendation is presented to Council for adoption.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- The Primrose Park Reconfiguration project would enable Council to reconfigure the layout of the existing fields, resulting in the addition of an extra full-size sports field (for Autumn/Winter sports), and a new permanent cricket pitch in between two new fields (for Spring/Summer).
- At its meeting on 30 January 2023, the Council resolved to publicly exhibit the proposed reconfiguration concept plans for 42 days. The exhibition period ran from 7 March to 18 April 2023 and was promoted in accordance with the prepared project-specific Engagement Strategy.
- A total of 140 submissions were received, with 73% (102) opposing the proposal and 27% (38) supporting the proposal.
- Summary of reasons given in support of the project:
 - net increase in sports fields to aid with participation demand;
 - improved amenities that provide a safe and suitable facility all participants, both male, female; and
 - cricket pitches removed from Winter sport playing surfaces.
- Summary of reasons against the project:
 - lack of parking and increase in traffic movements;
 - less passive open space availability;
 - increase in noise; and
 - less opportunity for dog walking.
- A compromise on the proposed reconfiguration is to improve the playing surfaces (in the existing configuration) by improving drainage and providing alternative turf surfaces. This will increase the playing hours through the fields being able to cope with and recover

from wet weather events in a faster time frame. This approach would need to be fully costed and could occur in the financial year 2024/25.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Primrose Park reconfiguration project be discontinued.
2. **THAT** the Primrose Park reconfiguration budget be reallocated to capital works reserve pending a full costing being undertaken for upgrades to the turf playing surfaces and drainage improvements at Primrose Park.

Background

This project has been reported through Council's Sport and Recreation Reference Group since May 2018.

On 15 November 2022, the Sport and Recreation Reference Group resolved to recommend:

that a report be provided to Council detailing the concept of the Primrose Park Reconfiguration Project including the results of the Traffic, Parking and Acoustic studies

The minutes of this meeting were endorsed by Council at its meeting held on 12 December 2022.

On 30 January 2023, Council resolved:

- 1. THAT the Primrose Park Reconfiguration Project be endorsed for public exhibition for a minimum period of 42 days.*
- 2. THAT a further report be provided to Council following the conclusion of the public exhibition period for the purpose of considering any submissions received and adopting the project.*

Report

Council sought feedback on the proposed reconfiguration of Primrose Park, Cammeray which seeks to accommodate an additional playing field.

The current configuration includes three parallel soccer/football fields running East/West, and shared by both soccer and football sporting codes during Autumn/Winter. Four synthetic cricket wickets are situated on the fields in Spring/Summer.

The proposed design would retain two of the sporting fields and reconfigure the eastern end (water's edge) of the park to include a soccer field, permanent cricket pitch, and a rugby field, as well as give space for a new amenities block. Construction of the new amenities block does not require development consent.

This change is proposed to meet the demand from local sporting clubs and schools for more sports fields. An additional sports field will allow us to accommodate further training as well as additional weekend games.

The current position of the two synthetic cricket pitches on Field 1 makes it difficult to use both at the same time due to safety concerns with the pitches being so close together. It is proposed to create a new permanent pitch in between the two new fields.

Independent modelling (survey conducted during Winter 2022) has found that there is sufficient off-street parking and adequate road space to handle the impact of the additional field both for training during the week and on Saturdays for competition games

No changes to field lighting or irrigation are proposed. A new retaining wall and some levelling is required at the base of the slope from the Young Street Carpark and along the Middle Harbour edge of the field.

An alternative is for this project could be combining the existing funding with the funding for drainage works (\$255,000.00) to undertake a full reconstruction of each field. As there has not been any accurate costings at this point, it would be necessary to undertake this process for consideration in the 2024/25 financial year.

Whilst not achieving an additional full-size field as originally proposed, the alternate option of reconstruction will result in an increase in both playable hours and quality of the fields. This has been proven in the recent refurbishments of Waverton Park and the newly opened Anderson Park.

No change to the layout or current use/s of Primrose Park for both active and passive recreation would be necessary together with no change in traffic volume or increased parking issues.

Public Exhibition Period

The 71-day public exhibition period was held from 7 March to 16 May 2023, during which effort was made, in accordance with the project-specific Engagement Strategy prepared, to ensure stakeholder awareness of the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposal during the public exhibition period.

Inform Reach

The following summary details the methods used to promote awareness of the proposal and its reach:

- onsite signage with QR code
- direct notification (letterbox drop) to 620 properties within 0.5 kms of the centre of Primrose Park, delivery was completed by 10 March 2023
- direct notification to all sporting clubs who currently use Primrose Park sport fields in Spring/Summer and Autumn/Winter either as regular or ad hoc hirer,
- direct notification to all schools; and
- Civic Park and Stanton Library 'Your Say' noticeboards
- web page - over 1,160 page visits, including:
 - 242 views of Diagram 1
 - 200 views of Diagram 3
 - 177 views of Diagram 2
 - 147 views of Diagram 4
 - 110 downloads of the Council report
 - 21 downloads of the project-specific Engagement Strategy
 - 20 downloads of the notification letter to residents and occupants
 - 13 downloads of the notification letter to sporting groups
 - 9 downloads of the notification letter to schools

- Council's eNewsletters including:
 - Council eNews, 2 issues March/April 2023 - 1,431 reach, 49% (698) opened, 47 clicks
 - Business eNews April 2023 - 968 reach, 36% (346) opened, 0 clicks
 - Precinct eNews, 6 issues March/April 2023 (weekly) - 160 subscribers, 46% average opened, 2 clicks total
- social media posts:
 - Facebook, 30 March 2023 - 1,398 reach, 558 link clicks and 84 post reactions;
 - Instagram, 30 March 2023 - 1,927 impressions, 36 profile visits, 30 actions taken

A flyer was distributed to numerous properties surrounding Primrose Park, and was promoted by Precinct Committees, encouraging submissions. This contained incorrect information regarding the proposal, including nets to prevent balls from going into the harbour. Many submissions directly supported this incorrect information.

Submissions

Council received 140 submissions. Of these, 89 (66%) were via the online submission form.

The submissions summary is attached, which is proactively released in accordance with Council's *Access to Information Policy*.

Submissions were from a range of stakeholders including local residents, Park users including dogwalkers, residents, schools, community arts groups and their members, sporting groups and their members, and Precinct Committees:

- Sporting groups - Football NSW, Northern Suburbs Rugby Football Club Ltd, Northern Suburbs Football Association, North Sydney United FC, Crows Nest Rebels Cricket Club, Primrose Park Tennis, North Sydney Womens Hockey Club & Mosman Hockey Clubs, Northern Suburbs Rugby Football Club Limited
- Arts groups - Australian Society of Calligraphers Inc, Primrose Paper Arts Inc
- Precinct Committees - Brightmore and Willoughby Bay
- St Aloysius' College

Of the total 140 submissions, 27% (38) supported the proposal, while 73% (102) opposed it.

The following table summarises the key feedback received in relation to the proposal and Council's response to the issues raised:

Key Issues	Council Response
Lack of parking/ increased traffic	<p>The independent Parking Study undertaken advised that parking on a Saturday morning is in high demand. However, there are sufficient parking spaces available within a reasonable walking distance to accommodate the increase demand that may be generated by the additional field and its use.</p> <p>Whilst the Parking Study suggests current parking supply would cater to the proposed changes, taking on board community concern, it may be that a more in-depth Parking Study over a longer period could be undertaken to ensure accuracy.</p>

Key Issues	Council Response
No room for picnicking	Whilst the reconfiguration proposal will take up more of the active recreation area to create more sporting fields, it will not stop users from being able to picnic at the park. It would be difficult currently to picnic whilst sport is in progress at Primrose Park. There are alternate locations nearby that are suitable for picnicking when the fields are in use for sport, including Brightmore Reserve across the road which is a dedicated passive recreation park.
Less walking opportunities	Passive recreation users will still be able to walk around the fields and get to the Folly Point trail or any other location that exists at present.
Less opportunity for dog play/dog walking	Passive recreation users will still be able to walk their dogs at Primrose Park on-leash when sport is in progress and off-leash when it is not. There are many other off-leash parks in the North Sydney Council area including Brightmore Reserve. These areas can be utilised if sport is being played at Primrose Park.
Installation of netting	There is no proposal to place any netting along the edge of the park. Council has other sports fields (Waverton Park) with close sideline proximity to the water's edge.
No room for spectators	The field sizes can be adjusted to accommodate suitable viewing areas if so required. There will be room on all sides as well as in between each field for spectators to view the games.
Inappropriate width of fields	It is possible for adjustments to be made to each field i.e., Soccer pitch to 60m wide and rugby to 68m wide. The rugby pitch marked on Field 2 currently is just over 50m in width. There are also many other fields in other LGAs that have rugby fields of less than 68m wide e.g., War Memorial Playing fields in Willoughby. At present only junior school rugby (up to U/16) competition games are being played at Primrose Park. For seniors, Primrose is used for training during the week, with competition games being played at Tunks Park, Bon Andrews, or North Sydney Oval.
Balls crossing over fields	There are numerous other fields in other LGAs that have more than two fields in close proximity to each other. Balls crossing into other fields is commonplace in community sports,
Noise	The independent acoustic study undertaken advised that the additional noise generated would be considered acoustically acceptable.
Grassy Hill	The proposal only affects a small area of the Grassy Hill. There will still be plenty of sloping area for kids to roll down, or to picnic on the bank. Access will still be possible to the fields from the Young Street Carpark.
Broader community not considered	Primrose Park is an active recreation area of which demand for use is higher than Council can provide. The proposal is based around increasing the number of sporting fields that Council can provide for use by local clubs and schools. Public consultation included the broader community.

Key Issues	Council Response
New Amenities block not accessible	The new amenities block will be relocated approximately 50m east. It would be built to accommodate accessibility requirements. The current facility is not built to accessible standards.
Engagement not undertaken properly	Community engagement was undertaken in accordance with the project-specific Engagement Plan prepared for this project. The proposal was promoted in accordance with the listed 'inform' methods. The public exhibition period ran for more than the minimum 42 days, as resolved by Council.
Heritage Impact of works	Council's Conservation Planner/Heritage Officer advises that the works will not detrimentally impact the understanding and interpretation of its former use.

The following table summarises the 'other' feedback received which is outside the proposal and Council's response:

Other Issues	Council Response
Disability access/parking	These issues will be considered in the detailed design if the proposal is adopted.
Synthetic turf/track	Synthetic turf is not part of this proposal. There are no plans to install Astroturf or a tartan track around the park.
Cricket pitch	This proposal removes one of the existing permanent cricket pitches, reducing the total pitches from four to three. It is possible that some submitters were referring to a turf pitch which is not planned here.
Paths	There are currently no plans to install a pathway to the water.
There are enough sporting facilities in North Sydney	There are not enough sporting facilities within the LGA to meet demand. The sports field supply and demand studies undertaken over the last few years by the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) indicate that North Sydney is the most undersupplied LGA in the NSROC region for sporting facilities.

Options

Council has the following options in relation to this matter:

1. Endorse the concept plan as exhibited and seek additional grant funding to complement the existing budget allocation.
2. Reallocate the capital funding to upgrade the existing turf playing surfaces over the next three years. This would include installing sub-surface drainage (already funded), re-levelling the surface and re-turfing with Couch.
3. Discontinue the project and undertake accurate costings for the drainage and playing surface for the 2024/25 financial year.

These options are assessed in the table below.

Option	Finance/Resourcing	Risk/Opportunity	Consultation
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently only half the capital budget required is available to complete this project. - Seek grant opportunities for additional funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase in sports fields for use and hire. - Further community opposition to parking and traffic ramifications of the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stakeholder engagement occurred in accordance with the project-specific engagement plan. - Further consultation is not considered necessary.
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No additional financial implications. - Seek grant opportunities for additional funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reconstruction of the fields will result in improvement of the quality of turf surfaces, allowing increased use of existing fields. - Improved subsurface drainage will increase the available hours of use and enable play to return earlier after rain events. - Improved playing surface levels will aid in player safety and enhance drainage capabilities of the fields, enabling play to return earlier after rain events. - No accurate costings have been undertaken 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community consultation is not considered necessary; inform methods to be used to notify of construction works.
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A financial saving would be made with the current funding being reallocated to capital works reserve. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No increase in the number of quality sports fields for use and hire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further consultation is not considered necessary

Option 3, is recommended for the following reasons:

- Whilst not achieving an additional full-size field as originally proposed. the alternate option of reconstruction will result in an increase in both playable hours and quality of the fields. This have proven to be the case at Waverton Oval and Anderson Park where similar refurbishments have taken place.

- No community consultation would be required. There would be no effect on any of the issues raised as concerns by the community.
- No change to the layout or current use/s of Primrose Park for both active and passive recreation
- No change in the volume of traffic or potential parking issues that the community are heavily opposed to.

Consultation requirements

Community engagement has occurred in accordance with Council's *Community Engagement Protocol*. The detail of this report provides the outcomes from the engagement for Council to consider prior to adoption.

Financial/Resource Implications

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**Primrose Park Sports Field Reconfiguration
Summary of submissions received during public exhibition period
(7 March - 18 April 2023)**

The following criteria are used to analyse all submissions received, and to determine whether or not the plan would be amended:

1. The Primrose Park Sports Field Reconfiguration proposal **would be** amended if issues raised in the submission:
 - a provided additional information of relevance.
 - b indicated or clarified a change in government legislation, Council's commitment or management policy.
 - c proposed strategies that would better achieve or assist with Council's objectives.
 - d was an alternate viewpoint received on the topic and is considered a better option than that proposed or;
 - e indicated omissions, inaccuracies or a lack of clarity.

2. The Primrose Park Sports Field Reconfiguration proposal **would not be** amended if the issues raised in the submission:
 - a addressed issues beyond the scope of the proposal.
 - b was already in the proposal or will be considered during the development of a subordinate plan (prepared by Council).
 - c offered an open statement, or no change was sought.
 - d clearly supported the proposal.
 - e was an alternate viewpoint received on the topic but the recommendation was still considered the best option.
 - f was based on incorrect information.
 - g contributed options that are not possible (generally due to some aspect of existing legislation or government policy) or; involved details that are not appropriate or necessary for inclusion in a document aimed at providing a strategic community direction over the long term.

No.	Name and Address	Key Points Raised	Criteria
1	Duncan Coates 14 Grafton St Cremorne	I received a letter encouraging me to say no to the Primrose Park development, with new sports fields going north south. Having worked in sport and knowing how hard it is to secure sports facilities for young kids and people to play sport I would suggest that you are doing the right thing by the community, and support what I know of the changes.	2d
2	Christine and Robert Reynolds 12 Brightmore St Cremorne	My husband and I are totally against the proposed plan to add another playing field to Primrose Park. We visit Primrose Park regularly as we live in Brightmore Street Cremorne, so it is a wonderful place for us to picnic. We visit regularly as it is a short walk for us to enjoy regular exercise, which includes taking our dog for a walk, plus walking across to the Folly Point trial. We also don't understand why the council would agree to put a playing field so close to the edge where there is water!!!! So dangerous!!! ... and not a standard width playing field??? We see that a waste of money. Also, no room for parents or spectators to enjoy watching. No sense at all. The suggestion to put up high netting on the waters edge just adds to the reasons and proves why the proposal is wrong in this park in the first place and should be stopped immediately. We hope this Proposal for Primrose Park will be cancelled and that a more suitable oval can be found for the extra playing field. My husband and I are happy for our submission to be made public.	2c
3.	Brenda McCartney	I have 2 dogs and use Primrose Park as an off-lead exercise area every morning and afternoon. Post Covid the dog numbers have increased significantly. I am concerned we will lose a lot of space/times that we currently enjoy due to sporting clubs being in the park more often. Is there a way the Tennis Court end could be fenced off with park bench and table so we can enjoy time with our dogs without the stress of having them join the players/balls etc. Parking in the access roads is already very congested but I walk down so not concerned about that aspect although others are. Tunks Park is the only alternative in this area but I would have to drive there which I want to avoid if possible.	2c
4.	Dr Michael Honnery	I object to the proposed development as it does not take into account the broader community outside of the sporting community.	2c
5.	Richard Cranmer Benelong Rd Cremorne	Rugby League Field too close to the Harbour: 64m wide, not standard 68m; Narrow, unsafe run-off area; No room for spectators; No room for walkers to get past; Eyesore of high netting to stop balls going into harbour open space and grass picnic area to go; No room for youngsters to play and roll down the grassy slope. No room for dog walking when fields are in use. Amenities Block relocated towards the Harbour: Amenities building to be relocated away from Denos Lane and close to stone building. Not as accessible - Not as convenient for all sports field users additional Parking Congestion: 33% more cars but no extra parking Council's Sport and Recreation Reference Group report says there is no need to provide extra parking because there is parking available in the following local streets: Young Street - Little Young Street - Wonga Road - Earle Street - Grafton Street View Street - Grasmere Road - Benelong Road - Benelong Lane - Brightmore Street Schools and Sports Clubs considered but not Other Park Users: All users should be considered. This includes the families who bring a picnic rug to spread out near the water, those who use the much-loved tricycle track in adjacent Brightmore Reserve, local dog walkers, and those who walk across the park to access the Folly Point walking trial. The park is there to share.	2c
6.	Robert Howe Vice President Australian Society of Calligraphers Inc.	I am concerned about the proposal for the park. I understand the need for the extra/revamping of sporting facilities there, and indeed in principle, I would be in favour of it. But without providing for extra parking - and a significant amount of it in this case - it's just not feasible. Parking there on weekends can be horrendous. Even in the current situation, you often cannot find parking, even in the street. To say, as it does in the proposal, that you can find parking in the surrounding streets is just plain wrong. Summer or winter, it's the same. This is my experience, after using the Craft Centre for many years. If the proposal went ahead in its current	2c

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		form, ie without providing for the necessary parking, it would affect all users - football players, cricketers, tennis players, and craftspeople - of the park, current and future, in a negative way. It would create personal stress as well, which would be counterproductive. In this state of mind, driving can become dangerous, causing hazardous conditions for other drivers and pedestrians. A further consequence of the proposal going ahead is that it's inevitable that frustrated drivers will park in Matora Lane - which indeed has already been the case - creating a further dangerous situation, as passing would create just another hazard. An accident would be waiting to happen. What's the point of providing extra facilities if it places an extra demand on parking which can't be met, and which places stress on users and the surrounding neighbourhood?	
7.	Alan Mooney 70A Benelong Rd Cremorne	As a long time resident of Cammeray and Cremorne, I must object, in the strongest possible terms, to the proposed changes to Primrose Park and the construction of two football pitches. Primrose Park is a delightful green space area and multi-purpose park so close to the centre of Sydney. For decades it has served the local residents well for a variety of social activities, including sports, dog walking and just generally sitting on the bank having a picnic whilst enjoying the peace and quiet and beautiful water views. This will totally be destroyed and lost by adding 2 football pitches and limit the multi-purpose attraction of the park to local residents. Not to mention the added increase in road traffic and parking chaos that will occur. In addition, it is totally impractical having a pitch so close to the water, into which countless balls will be kicked and the suggestion of erecting a huge net to prevent this happening is just ludicrous and will create a horrendous eyesore. Open green spaces and park areas that can be enjoyed by everyone are few and far between as it is. So for heavens' sake please do not proceed with this short-sighted proposal, which will only appeal to a tiny minority of the local residents, meaning that the majority of us will miss out on a park and open area we have enjoyed for decades.	2c
8.	Sally Molineaux	Surely the park is there to share with everyone. 1) The Rugby League field is too close to the harbour therefore no room for spectators or walkers. 2) The proposed high net would be an eyesore 2) No room for kids to play or dog walkers when fields are in use 3) Parking spills over to all the neighbouring streets 4) I'm a close neighbour of the park and already the noise from the sporting groups is very loud and especially at night. Would you consider a plan that considers all users of this wonderful open space? A close neighbour of Primrose Park	2c
9.	Annie Holstock 1/76 Benelong Rd Cremorne	I am opposed to the changes outlined for Primrose Park. This is a beautiful green, open, quiet (usually except when football practice) space. As a local resident I prefer the park to be accessible for residents, mothers, children and walkers, including dog walkers. Two football fields will fill up the space and anyway there is not enough room for two fields. The nets required will be ugly. The noise level will increase and it's certainly loud when football is on. The football fields are not for locals but bring in people from outside the local area. Parking is already tight in surrounding streets and there is not enough room to build more spaces (which would take away more green space in any case). Why does almighty football take precedence over everything? Please leave our park alone.	2c
10.	Meredith Trevallyn-Jones 1 Lodge Rd Cremorne	I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed reconfiguration of Primrose Park. I have lived within walking distance of the park for nearly 30 years and walk at the park most days. When I moved house recently it was important to me to remain within walking distance of the park and the many friends I know from the park. I voted for the motion at the Willoughby Bay Precinct meeting on 13 April 2023 opposing the reconfiguration due to concerns about loss of passive recreation space, parking on local streets and lack of consultation with all park users. I would like to raise the following additional concerns. Insufficient space for additional playing field: There is not enough room between the two new fields and between the rugby field and	2c

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		<p>the harbour. This means there is not enough room for spectators on the sidelines or for other park users to walk past the fields when they are in use. Balls will inevitably be kicked onto adjoining fields and into the harbour. Is the rugby field pitch width the standard dimension for the code or less than the standard (68 metres)? The report does not mention of the need for high netting or a high fence at the harbour's edge to minimise the number of balls kicked into the harbour, but this is effectively implicit in the proposal. Netting or fencing at the water's edge would destroy the ability to enjoy the view from the park of the water and sky. Council should clarify what it proposes to prevent balls going into the harbour.</p> <p>Drainage: The report does not mention the need to reconfigure the drainage of the park. Council has done a lot over the years to improve the drainage from the playing fields and there is a large grated drain located in the proposed new rugby field pitch. The relocation of this grated drain is effectively implicit in the proposal. It would, of course, be unsafe to have a grated drain in the pitch. However, relocating the grated drain to the narrow run off area next to the harbour will only relocate the danger to the runoff area.</p> <p>Consent for development on site which is a Local Heritage Item: The report states: <i>"The construction of a new amenities block would not require consent under NSW SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021, Chapter 2, Part 2.3 Division 12, Clause 2.73 (3) (vi) where change facilities may be constructed by Council or a Council contractor at a public reserve."</i></p> <p>The report fails to state that the development is on land which is a Local Heritage Item under NSLEP 2013 (Item 10082 Heritage Item Landscape which includes Lot 7136 DP 1071218, being the land upon which the proposed development is situated). Irrespective of whether new change facilities can proceed without consent, Council should, as a matter of appropriate behaviour as a public body, review whether the proposed excavation and stone seating, and netting or fencing at the harbour's edge, would have an affect on the park as a local heritage item.</p> <p>Community Engagement: The report states, <i>"Community engagement will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Protocol."</i> Notices placed at the park do not include any plan or diagram of the proposal. It is almost as if Council wishes to conceal what is proposed. It may well be that the notices comply with Council's protocol. However, that would indicate the protocol should be reviewed to ensure that adequate information is provided on notices used by Council to notify Council projects. This is simply a matter of transparency.</p>	
11.	Valda O'Keeffe 112 Young St Cremorne	<p>This email is in response to proposed changes to Primrose Park.</p> <p>I have lived in Young Street Cremorne bordering Primrose Park for the past 7 years. I categorically refute the claim that there is ample parking to accommodate the increase demand these changes will make. On any given day except perhaps school holiday periods, there is already a high demand for on street parking in the area surrounding the park. The park is already generating a demand for street parking as it's a popular space for residents in the area for recreational pursuits. Coupled with that there is a children's playground opposite the park requiring parking and any further demand will have a detrimental effect on existing residents and their need for on street parking, given the number of units in the immediate area with insufficient parking onsite. Before any further proposal for park usage there needs to be a more comprehensive look at the parking/traffic impact this will have.</p>	2c
12.	Andrea Ehlers 3 Wonga Rd Cremorne	<p>I'm writing to say that I, and my household, strongly object to a proposal to make changes to Primrose Park oval design to add another playing field that would make changes to the water's edge and reduce general enjoyment access. I am also disappointed with the lack of notification about the discussion on the proposal, my first knowledge of the plans having been by receiving an independent flyer with information on the same day that the have your say closed - 18 April 2023. Noting this date fell in the middle of school holidays, I am concerned that a disadvantage has been facilitated by the timing as well as lack of openly communicated information and community consultation. As a near resident I expect North Sydney Council to involve our household in discussions in a timely and meaningful manner. Our household is a high user of Primrose Park and all its amenities, as well as accessing the walking tracks around the park and to Folly Point on an often daily basis.</p>	2c

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We object to the minimisation of general enjoyment amenity that the proposal will impose. The park is an important public social place with high general resident use of the ovals and open areas for non-organised recreation and play, including the surrounding slopes and water's edge, that appear to be detrimentally impacted by the proposal. We object to the impact on visual amenity and the sense of connectivity to the harbour and waterside that a high fence on the water's edge will incur. We object to the traffic parking difficulties an added field will bring to the nearby streets. We live with narrow streets generally in the surrounding streets, where cars must wait and give way to oncoming traffic as passing is uncomfortably tight. In particular, Young Street has minimal width and cars drive across the middle lines, forcing oncoming drivers to queue to the side while the dominant driver passes. Increased sporting events including training sessions at Primrose Park will exacerbate this situation. Increased sporting events will also include increased evening and night use of the fields for training, conflicting with the area being accessible for general public enjoyment and exacerbating the traffic and parking already experienced mid-week. <p>Please include these objections in the have your say. I'd appreciate greater discussion of the concepts with and for general users and neighbours who will be most affected. I look forward to receiving a response.</p>	
13.	Adriana Deetlefs 46 Benelong Rd Cremorne	<p>I am very concerned by the suggestion to add another playing field to Primrose Park. I am opposed because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will remove space from dog walkers and others simply there to enjoy the view. Already the space is very restricted on the nights that there is League rehearsal. In order to prevent the ball going into the Harbour, a tall fence may be required which will detract from the scenic aspect of Primrose Park. The noise could disturb the birds that frequent that part of the harbour - herons, darters, cormorants and cockatoos. An additional field can be built on the other side of the road, when the Sewerage works is complete. However, there is inadequate parking and residents are already having to suffer the noise and high volume of traffic with sports practice. <p>Thanks for consulting.</p>	2c
14.	Letitia Scorgie	I do not support the Primrose Park reconfiguration.	2c
15.	Linleys	The plan will leave no space for casual walkers	2c
16.	Dr Peter Gilkes 39 Brightmore St Cremorne	<p>I believe the redevelopment is not appropriate for the space and do not support this.</p> <p>Fields are too close together. High fences will be unsightly.</p> <p>Dog walking amenity will be limited - I use this most days.</p> <p>Parking congestion will be difficult in surrounding streets.</p> <p>Council management plan should relate to all users, especially those living in the neighbourhood.</p>	2c
17.	Oliver Flower 1 Wonga Rd Cremorne	<p>As a local resident who lives near Primrose Park, I want to formally object to the proposed changes. My concern is that the netting near the harbour will ruin the view for all the other park users, and there is insufficient parking for additional users. Already people park illegally whenever a match is on, if there are two concurrent matches, I predict more dangerous and illegal parking will occur. I suggest council prepares a plan of management that is more accommodating to all users of this important green space.</p>	2c
18.	Jen Thornton 9A Wonga Rd Cremorne	<p>I am a resident of Wonga Rd, Cremorne and am writing to have my say about the proposed changes to Primrose Park located at the bottom of our street.</p> <p>I have a lot of reservations and concerns about the impact these change will have on the locals and visitors to the park for other reasons besides using the sport fields. One of the loveliest things about having the park down the road is being able to walk my dog</p>	2c

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		freely, cross the oval to walk to Cammeray and to see all of the locals use the bike track and have children's parties and gatherings in Brightmore Reserve. I have already witnessed since living here, 3 dogs being hit by speeding cars and am greatly concerned that the increase in traffic to the area will put walkers, dog walkers and children at a much higher risk from the increase in traffic. Perhaps council should observe the traffic congestion on Saturday and log how dangerous the situation is with illegal parking and speeding down Young St with parking both sides and not enough room for two cars to drive down it? This area is not about the sports ovals but a whole community which use and love the space for a myriad of other activities than Rugby. And I would hope that North Sydney Council will consider that in their decision making.	
19.	Neroli Best, Peter Mouser, Phillip Mouser and Gregory Mouser	We wish to register our objections to the Council's proposed changes to the usage of Primrose Park, for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the over development of the site prevents park usage by local residents, ie the rate payers, because it severely restricts the area available for moving around the park, particularly on the bay side and around what would be the new playing fields. - People coming into the park to use the ovals would be predominantly non-residents of the North Sydney and as the public transport in the area is limited traffic would increase and parking in local streets, which is often limited would become very difficult. - The park is well used by local residents, as an area to take their children for exercise and picnics. The development severely restricts this. It also makes it impossible to cross the park near the harbour when sports matches are occurring. - Relocating the amenities block makes it less accessible to all sports field users. - Exercising or walking a dog would be difficult when ovals are in use. - With increase usage of playing fields would result in more noise as the noise travels up out of the park loudly already. We would be grateful if you consider these objections and modify your development so that the park can continue to be a favourite and valued area for local residents.	2c
20.	Mary Barnes 1 Little Wonga Rd Cremorne	I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed changes to Primrose Park for the following reasons: 1. Traffic congestion and parking problems: The planned changes will bring more cars to the area, causing congestion due to parents dropping off and picking up children for soccer and rugby games and practice. Parents and friends staying to watch will have difficulty finding parking space nearby. There are already parking problems at certain times. More cars will exacerbate this. 2. Disadvantage to people using the park for recreation: Those who use the park for walking or for access to Folly Point, Lambert Street and Grafton Street will be unable to do so while matches are being played on either the Rugby Union/League pitch or the Soccer pitch. Families and other groups who presently enjoy using the open space on, and at the bottom of, the slope down from the Young Street car park will be unable to do so once the slope has been excavated to make room for the Rugby pitch. The pleasant views towards the water will be spoiled by the erection of a high netting fence, and in general the amenity of the area will be reduced. 3. Change in location of the amenities block: It is a great waste of taxpayers money to demolish and rebuild something that is at present in good useable condition. 4. Safety issues: Because the proposed rugby and soccer pitches are so close together, there is a high possibility of players or balls intruding from one field into the neighbouring one. This would disrupt play on both fields and present a high risk of injury to those involved. The small distance between the edge of the pitch and the fence along the water creates another risk of a player running into the fence and being injured. There is no room for spectators at the sides of either pitch. I strongly request Council to rethink these proposals, and prepare a new Plan of Management that will take into account the needs of all users of the park.	2c
21.	Christian Reid	Regarding the proposed changes to Primrose Park facility, which if I'm correctly informed is to be the formalisation of two playing fields, one at the harbours edge, high fence erected, and the other parallel to it to the south. Change rooms and toilet block removed	2c

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		<p>and relocated. This proposal is not aimed at serving local residents, it seems obviously aimed at schools and sports clubs. I make the following points for your consideration</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The population of North Sydney and other adjoining municipalities has increased substantially bringing increased through traffic, pollution and noise to our streets and suburbs which results in more of our residents becoming more localised in our daily movements 2. The proposed changes to the park will further restrict our daily movements through the movement of cars and buses, pollution and noise in bringing additional people to our local park. Local residents will feel excluded. 3. Parking in our suburban streets is already at a premium and larger sporting areas will make it very difficult to impossible for residents to park outside of or near their homes in times of high use for these proposed sporting fields 4. Primrose Park is one of the last open areas in our suburb where all residents can enjoy simple leisure activities, walking, enjoying the waterside on a day off, exercising oneself and or dog, throwing a ball or frisbee with children, sitting reading or chatting with family or friends. Properties surrounding the park and for a couple of kilometres back from the park currently enjoy those noise and movement free times, this will all change with your proposal. 5. Noise levels for practice football during the week is sufficient enough to indicate to a resident that creating two formal playing fields would negatively impact our otherwise relatively peaceful suburb <p>Parking in Young Street, Tonga Road, View Street, Earle Street, Grasmere and Grafton Streets is already difficult for casual parkers and resident's vehicles.</p> <p>Council, think this proposal through fully, you have an opportunity to change Primrose Park into a more attractive area for families and all residents. I suspect your proposed changes to Primrose Park is to accommodate schools and sports clubs; what about the needs and desires of the many rate payers located in and around the park.</p> <p>Renovate the toilet and change facilities, yes, long overdue!</p>	
22.	Kirsty Lewis	I just wanted to highlight that some users of Primrose Park do not support its reconfiguration. Being a dog walker, this would make my days harder with space and parking, and I don't think families who like to picnic in the park would enjoy the park anymore. If there's any way to pause the planned works so our voices can be heard, that would be appreciated.	2c
23.	Brett Slater 25 Minnamurra Rd Northbridge	I oppose the proposed high net and any pavilion for seating	2c
24.	Don Barnes	I object to the proposed changes to Primrose Park. The proposed Rugby field has one side close to a change in level and a fence. Play often forces players across the sidelines, which would be dangerous on that side. The Rugby and Soccer fields are close together. If matches are played simultaneously, there would be frequent disruptions when a ball from one crossed onto the other field, to be followed by a player to retrieve it. If matches are not to be played simultaneously, there is no need to change the present arrangement. The existing field is set up so that it can be used for either sport. Children's participation in sport is to be encouraged. The children playing are usually accompanied by parents. The plans make little provision for spectators and their presence would exacerbate the sideline problems. There are many other reasons to object to the proposal, for example, the blocking of access to the Folly Point walking track, loss of the grassy slope passive recreation area and the need for more parking in neighbouring streets.	2c
25.	Lisa O'Mahony	I have great concerns for Primrose Park and the proposed changes. My concerns stems from the fact that the proposed changes do not cater for the wider community and only to schools and sports clubs. The parking as it is currently does not cater for the community with lots of congestion for families and their dogs, dog walkers and tennis players it can be tricky at the best of times and it will be ridiculously worse with the changes planned. The changes will affect dog walkers with reduced space to walk and exercise	2c

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		which is important for dogs to have ample space to burn off that energy. Primrose Park is one of my favourite parks to bring the dogs with its open space and natural surroundings it would be a shame to ruin that with what is proposed. I strongly object to this reconfiguration and ask the council to prepare a plan of management that takes into account all users of this wonderful open space.	
26.	David Cook 157/41 Rocklands Rd Wollstonecraft	Sounds like a great idea. As long as the parking available does not decrease. If so there should be works to add parking to retain the current availability of spots, as a parent I have to say cars are a non-negotiable for kid's sports. I congratulate the Council on seeking ways to provide more useable sports facilities in the LGA. And on Cr Bakers interview on ABC regarding Private schools sharing facilities; this is a great idea. Public school children desperately lack sports facilities, Cammeraygal High middle school campus is like a prison yard, and North Sydney Publics yard is 95% asphalt; it's ridiculous. I'd say Long Bay has more open space per head than these schools. The youngest teenagers run the most (and need to. Supplying usable, quickly accessible open space for public school sports should be a State government priority for this area, informed by consultation with Council.	2d
27.	Natalie Riches 147 Young St Cremorne	Thank you for your notification about Council's plans to increase the playing fields on Primrose Park. Whilst I have objection to the actual reconfiguration or improvement of the use of Primrose Park to enable more of the community to utilize it, I do object to the view in your report that no significant increase in noise (quote - negligible) or no impact on parking or traffic will prevail. I do not concur that a 33% increase in playing fields to specifically accommodate more games equates to a 'negligible' noise increase and 'no' impact on parking or traffic. This is fundamentally not possible. As it is, there is insufficient parking to cater for the volume of sporting traffic and local resident requirements with the existing fields and a 33% increase will only make Young St a busier street with greater parking needs. As a long-term resident of Young St, I do not believe that your modeling reflects the constant demand for parking on Young St that I experience every day. Young St from Earle St to the Park allows for parking on both sides of the street at all times and becomes a one-way street with significant congestion at busy times. This will only become worse with the increase of playing fields. What is council going to do to manage the congestion on Young St and improve the flow of traffic with 33% increase in playing capacity? At this point your letter indicates the current solution is retain status quo and advise residents there will be no impact. I would also like confirmation that there will be safe access around these playing fields to the bush land walk and the water foreshore whilst games are in motion. I remain very concerned by Council's current plans to manage parking and traffic.	2c
28.	Name and address withheld	Great idea to try and squeeze more out of Primrose Park by fitting in a 4th pitch. Three concerns: 1 It's quite narrow. The 64 meters width available is already less than the 68m minimum (70m max) required for the playing area of a (regulation) rugby pitch. 2, Player safety. Will the concrete cricket pitch be covered during winter sports seasons? 3 Lost balls. It's not easy to gain access to the water from Primrose Park and the kicking involved with rugby on a pitch aligned parallel, and so close, to the water is going to result in a lot more harbour-bound balls.	2d
29.	St Aloysius' College	I refer to your letter of 8 March 2023 and thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the Primrose Park reconfiguration. In summary, I would like to highlight the impact some of the proposed changes to Primrose Park present to St Aloysius' College and its long-term use of the facility. Specifically, the proposed changes present significant challenges for our winter sports program. My feedback for your consideration: • The construction phase (to be completed by Council over the summer period) would have little impact. However, if there were delays, (as there was with Anderson Park earlier this year) the College may struggle to have adequate field coverage for training sessions and Saturday fixtures come winter trials and leading into Term 2. • The winter reconfiguration could possibly see the College lose part or all of our current storage facility at Primrose Park. This would present logistical problems for the College, particularly as we are currently undergoing major building works at our Milsons Point	2a

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		<p>campus at the moment with space at a premium. The storage facility we currently use at Primrose Park is located on the Southern sandstone wall. The change could create</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Logistical pressures on Saturday and training schedules; o A compromised location for the College BBQ on Saturdays. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The winter reconfiguration for Primrose Park presents the issue of College Rugby games being separated. At the moment our 14,15s and 16s teams generally using the new proposed Field 4 and our Prep and 13s teams would utilise what has been marked Field 7. The maintenance of bookings and advanced notice for our student and parent community is of importance in our sporting program. • The winter reconfiguration presents the opportunity for the Junior School to move football fixtures from Willoughby Park to Primrose Park to play alongside Rugby, we acknowledged that the securing of bookings will be essential for this to occur. 	
30.	Willoughby Bay Precinct - 13 April 2023 minutes	<p>At Willoughby Bay Precinct's meeting on 13 April 2023 the following motion was passed unanimously: Motion: THAT Precinct</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) supports the retention of passive recreation open space in North Sydney. 2) opposes the reconfiguration of Primrose Park due to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) loss of passive recreation space at the south and east of the park, including the grass picnic area replaced by stone seating, b) additional parking congestion on local streets, c) minimal space between the new Rugby Field and the harbour which will lead to calls for netting or high fencing, d) lack of adequate consultation with park users other than schools and sports clubs. 3) supports the Mayor in <i>"putting open space and density on the table as an urgent subject for discussion so that Council can determine open space and financial priorities that we as a community can own and work towards together"</i> and requests Council defer approving the conversion of open space to playing fields until such priorities are determined. <p>The following Precinct members were present (address and contact details are on the completed attendance sheets):</p> <p>Louis Thevenin Nicole Thevenin Liz Chedzoy Kate Dufall David Dufall Robyn Lilienthal Don Barnes Meredith Trevallyn-Jones Phil Worrall Victoria Parker</p>	2c
31.	Pamela Reilly	<p>I'm writing to object strongly to the above proposal. I'm a regular user of the Primrose Park Arts and Crafts Centre over many years. I'm fully aware of the already limited parking and the narrow surrounding streets which would make additional traffic to and from the park hazardous and frustrating for visitors and locals. I consider this proposal to be totally unsuitable for this area and ask you to urgently reconsider the reconfiguration of this local facility.</p>	2c
32.	Olga Brainardsmith 29 Brightmore St Cremorne	<p>I am writing to oppose the new development of Primrose Park. It takes up almost half of the park. Therefore there will be very little of the park available to families who picnic, families who take their children there to teach them sports, families with dogs, dog walkers etc. elderlies who sit on the benches & enjoy the views. Now it's a community park, but if this happens it will be mostly a sport field. The community will have limited access to the park.</p> <p>The lovely benches looking out onto the harbour will not be available for use. Nor the hill which the children love to run down. The</p>	2c

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		<p>nets will be an eyesore, seriously ugly. The view looking onto the harbour will be impaired.</p> <p>I was told there will be bleachers. The noise from the crowds will disturb all the homes who are close to the park and on nearby streets.</p> <p>Parking will be a mess! There is hardly room now on the weekends, I can't imagine what it will be like. I read there was no need to have extra parking, as streets such as Grasmere, Brightmore, etc. can accommodate the surge in parking. I've lived on Brightmore street for 11 years. Today I had to park my car on Benelong, as there was no parking!</p> <p>I implore you to please either stop this, and help the community by allowing them use of this beautiful park. And not to destroy the views and tranquillity.</p>	
33.	Football NSW - Facilities & Advocacy Unit	<p>I write to confirm that Football NSW offers its full and unequivocal support for the sports field reconfiguration at Primrose Park, home of North Sydney United. The reconfiguration will provide an additional football (soccer) field and provide space for a new amenity block on the site.</p> <p>The reconfiguration of Primrose Park links directly to the NSW Football Infrastructure Strategy and the five key pillars of the strategy. The strategy recognises that football demand is already exceeding facility supply with the sport's large numbers across the state and country. This project strongly aligns to the pillars; Improve Existing Venue Capacity, Inclusive Football Facilities and Planning for Growth and Demand within the strategy.</p> <p>The upgrade will directly benefit North Sydney United, Northern Suburbs Football Association (NSFA), and the local football community. This project will benefit the sport in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase participation. • Increase the number of quality playing fields in the NSFA region. • Provide a safe and suitable facility all participants, both male and female. • Meet the current and future demands of NSFA and the local football community. <p>With Australia and New Zealand hosting the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup we expect there to be a huge spike in girls' participation right across Australia and NSW. Previous men's World Cups (overseas) and Asian Cups (hosted in Australia in 2015) has seen growth in participation with Australia. With these previous signs we can pre-empt similar spikes in growth with a home World Cup. This project has the potential to support increased participation in football and enhance the sporting experience of all community members. The project will improve access to and improve the quality of the sporting facility enabling a more diverse range of activities to be undertaken to meet current and future community needs of the area. Football NSW strongly supports the delivery of reconfiguration at Primrose Park. The upgrade will allow players, coaches, referees, and volunteers to enjoy their football experience whilst at the venue. We know this project will make a significant and long-lasting contribution to football and all the participants from the local community.</p>	2d
34.	Dr Marcus Gunaratnam	<p>I am a member of the Australian Society of Calligraphy (ASOC) and user of the Primrose Park Arts and Craft centre regularly, I feel that the proposed redevelopment would pose an intolerable burden on parking (contrary to reassurances in the form) and that the plans are inappropriate and unsustainable and will adversely affect those who use the facility.</p> <p>This would impact those of us who attend especially on the weekends.</p> <p>I humbly beseech you to reconsider and abandon the project to redevelop.</p>	2c
35.	Therese Finn	<p>I wish to state that I do not support the changes to Primrose Park.</p> <p>The park is a wonderful open space and is used by many groups at all hours of the day, walkers, runners, people having picnics and dog walkers.</p> <p>The proposed re structure would not allow those wishing to walk around the park or to access the walking track to Folley Point so have a safe walking area while sport is being played.</p>	2c

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36.	Sue Ogle 1/76 Benelong Rd Cremorne	I do not think the proposed changes are in the interests of the community living near Primrose Park. There is not enough room for two football fields: no space for locals to walk with or without their dogs, no room for picnics and kids, no room for spectators. The users of the football fields will most likely not be local. High netting proposed will be a total eyesore. There is already noise from football and this will increase. No extra parking is ridiculous. If you think there is spare parking in adjacent streets there isn't. I have trouble finding parking outside my unit in Benelong Rd every day. This green space should be kept open and useable by the people who live nearby and use the park every day.	2c
37.	Terry Stapleton 97 Young St Cremorne	I wish to advise I don't support the proposed plan to reconfigure Primrose Park The Park is there to share so please leave as is or prepare a plan that takes into need all the users of the wonderful open space, not just sport activities	2c
38.	Glenette Silver 147A Young St Cremorne	All users of this park should be considered not just schools and sports clubs I pay North Sydney Council rates and use the park consistently for walking exercise and picnics. Parking in Young and Little Young streets is at a minimum due to people parking their boats there so I often have to park in Primrose Park. The park is to share with residents who pay their rates to the local Council. I say no to changes to Primrose Park.	2c
39.	Petra Mueller	I'm a local passionate dog walker. Can I please beg to reconsider the changes at Primrose Park, it breaks all our hearts to see what the plans are on the field. As one of many voices, I'd highly appreciate to leave this beautiful park as it is	2c
40.	Amelia Procter 10/131 Young Street Cremorne	I have lived in Young Street for 15 years. Whenever there is a sports game on, people park anywhere and everywhere including illegally (and not once have I seen any fines given out) and then the overflow park up and down the street (also often illegally) preventing locals from parking near their homes until later in the evening. The same happens on the weekends esp. when the kid's park is also busy. Other than the parking illegalities I am not opposed to this current situation, but the proposed changes will increase these parking issues that are already at capacity. There actually isn't room for additional cars here and, at times, I have had to park over 500m away. If I wanted that I would have chosen to live next to a train station. I have also had my side mirror knocked off my car twice since living here both times by reckless young people heading to the oval to play sport in the evenings. This end of Young Street is narrow and two way, not a main road to speed down. The park should be useful to all suitable recreation including walkers, bush walkers, dog walkers, picnic folk etc not just sports teams. Please consider others in the community and continue to make this park shareable for everyone not just useful for small groups. There is a lot at stake in terms of resident's peaceful enjoyment of their home and local surrounds.	2c
41.	Sher Canny	The reconfiguring to create another playing field will take away a much used park from dog walkers, walkers in general, exercisers and people who probably live in apartments who have picnics near the water. This is unfair especially considering the loss of Cammeray Park. This is a much-loved park by families in the area for many activities. Say no to the loss.	2c
42.	Yuan Yuan Chen	I do not support the Primrose Park reconfiguration. Could you please prepare a Plan of Management that takes into account All Users of this wonderful open space.	2c
43.	Camilla Cash	I am unsupportive of the changes to Primrose Park. The parking congestion will be a nightmare for all residents. There is only one way out of the area. It is difficult enough a car getting up and a car getting down the hill at the same time with the traffic the way it is now with cars parked on both sides. What a ridiculous idea when there is a park just a few metres up the road there is Cammeray Park - where if you ever go there the parking is also a nightmare!	2c
44.	Brightmore Precinct Committee - 12 April 2023 minutes	The following MOTION was proposed, and passed 21 FOR, with 3 ABSTENTIONS (see list below) THAT: Precinct 1) opposes the reconfiguration of Primrose Park due to: (a) loss of passive recreation open space to the south of the existing Field 1, including the grass picnic area proposed to be excavated	2c

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		<p>and turned into playing field and stone seating, (b) unacceptable parking congestion on local residential streets, 2) supports the Mayor in <i>"putting open space and density on the table as an urgent subject for discussion so that Council can determine open space and financial priorities that we as a community can own and work towards together"</i> and requests that Council defer approving the conversion of open space to playing fields until such priorities are determined.</p> <p>Comments from Attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the moment, Primrose Park is a pleasant shared space between those using the sporting facilities, dog-walkers, and recreational use for exercise and picnics. • Cramming another sports field into this space compromises its other uses. • Fields are already being used to the maximum. • While recognising the need for more sporting fields, public open space should not be cannibalised to achieve this goal. This area of North Sydney LGA has already seen the loss of open green space and the destruction of Cammeray Park and Cammeray Golf Course for the Warringah Freeway Upgrade and Western Harbour Tunnel construction. • In Council's <i>North Sydney News March 2023</i>, the Mayor has put <i>"open space and density on the table as an urgent subject for discussion"</i>. <p>Parking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is not enough parking now, let alone with the addition of an extra playing field. The report states that independent modelling had found that <i>"there is sufficient parking and adequate roads to handle the impact of the additional field, both for training during the week and on Saturdays for competition games"</i>. <i>"Sporting traffic may continue to cause temporary annoyance to the residents close to the Park but as this is transient to Saturday morning winter months, many residents will already have measures in places to ensure they are not unduly inconvenienced."</i> • Many attendees live nearby, and ALL were concerned about this comment, which from their experience is totally false. Many do not have off-street parking and are often unable to park near their properties. This is a problem throughout the whole area, not just near the sports fields, due to Redlands' students driving to school (usually 1 person per car) and parking in local streets. Despite many residents complaining to Redlands' management, there has been no response to their concerns. • During busy periods, vehicles are often park illegally in <i>"No Stopping"</i> zones in lower Young Street, Little Young Street, Benelong Lane and Wonga Road. • Many of the available parking spaces identified in the report (483) are over 10 minutes' walk away on steep roads or steep bushland tracks. <p>Space around the fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new, additional field is too close to the harbour. A high net will have to be built to stop rugby balls ending up in the harbour. How high will this net be? • There is not enough space between and beside the 2 new fields - where do spectators go? • <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Many people cross from the Young Street carpark and walk close to the harbour to access the bridge over Willoughby Creek to the Folly Point Walking Track, and this access will be severely restricted (and dangerous) when sports are in progress. 	
45.	Jessica Hahn 4a Churchill Cres Cammeray	While an increase to the sporting field is fine, the ability for disabled people to access the ground is non-existent. Access from the Denos lane does not have sufficient level or pathed access, the lane is on a large slope with no disabled parking. Matora Lane has a car park but again poor access, with only stairs available to the playing field. Young Street Carpark park has no disability access to the	2a

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		playing field as it is a large slop and again no pathway. Car parking around the playing fields also does not have Sufficient disability parking. This is an opportunity to provide access for people with disabilities to attend games for their children/friends and family or visit Primrose Park. As it stands now, this field does not provide sufficient access or safety to anyone in a wheelchair, scooters, walking aid or someone with an invisible disability. I have a disability and on multiple occasions have nearly fallen down trying to access the park with my walking stick via Denos Lane. If there is no parking available via this lane, I need to leave as the other car parks provide no ability to enter safely on foot. With the type of park this is and the volume of people it will and does attract, it is disappointing to see no inclusion of improve facility for people with disabilities - this is parking, access onto the field and including the actual bathroom facilities on the grounds.	
46.	Delphine Cappronier 1/29 Grasmere Rd Cremorne	I wish for the park to stay in the current state and for none of these propositions to be developed as they would sadly affect this whole area...	2c
47.	Angela Evans 21 Grasmere Rd Cremorne	Please no redevelopment to the park. There are no other suitable dog parks in the area where they can be off leash. We do not need more sporting facilities. There are enough. An extra oval will make it impossible for all the dog owners to find a safe place for their dogs. There are so many apartment dog owners and they need a place with space for their dogs and to meet up with other owners.	2c
48.	Catherine Turner 2 Grafton St Cremorne	I understand the pressure on Council to provide more sporting fields, but the new Rugby field encroaches on an area used as passive relaxation near Middle Harbour and there are few such areas left in the vicinity. The Rugby field is in an area of the park beside the breakwater which floods readily after rain and would require extensive drainage. It is likely to need a high fence along Middle Harbour to prevent balls being kicked there. A fence would spoil the beautiful vista of Middle Harbour and be another area which is fenced off as Cammeray Golf Course will be.	2c
49.	Thomas Goater 84 Young St Cremorne	Totally unnecessary, there are plenty of sports pitches in the council's area and having another general-purpose field developed takes more money and focus away from improving other facilities. Weekend sport be reduced to allow children to be children and their parents playthings.	2c
50.	Genevieve Casarotto 89 Parraween St Cremorne	What about the demand of providing your community with dog friendly and off leash parks? There is a blossoming community of dog friends and families who meet at Primrose Park in the mornings and evenings with anywhere between 10-20 dogs off leash at any given time. Not to mention the several dog walking companies that bring dogs down to the park for activities on a daily basis (sometimes twice a day). It's no secret that, people bought new dogs for companionship during covid. For most of us, this got us through long days working from home on our own. Primrose Park is one of the only areas where the dogs are free to roam around, with many of us in apartment buildings, this is so important. It gets people out of the house, with many of us walking down to the park with our dogs. Please understand that this is a daily activity for a large amount of people and their dogs and it would be a great shame if this is taken away from us. Some consideration to this dog community in your proposed plans would be strongly appreciated	2c
51.	Martin Krause 19 Ellalong Rd Cremorne	Good to maximise the square meter use by adding two new fields. Separating rugby from football will reduce the impact of each other's sport on grass conditions as well as allow different grass types to be used in the future for the different sports. Cricket pitch off the rugby and football playing field will allow for year-round use.	2d
52.	Anna Baryshev 3 Bray Street Mosman	I do not want to see a permanent cricket pitch at primrose park as I think the current ability to switch between summer and winter sports is a bonus. There is no need for a permanent cricket pitch. We have Tunks park for that I do not wish the toilet block to be upgraded it is fine as is. I do not think primrose park needs to change in any way.	2c

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53.	Jeffrey 11 Fifth Ave Cremorne	Being a local resident who uses the Park everyday with many others, may I suggest the following. 1) incorporating an exercise station at the park; 2) a Astro turf or tartan track around the Park, so joggers, runners and walkers can use. Not just a dog park. Thanks so much for your kind consideration	2a
54.	Stuart Broadfoot 1-7 Hampden Ave Cremorne	Strongly support the proposed reconfiguration. There is a systemic shortage of sporting fields available in North Sydney (particularly for children's sport), which inhibits participation in beneficial organised social and exercise activities.	2d
55.	Greg Joosse 43 Palmer St Camberay	Well done, sounds great	2d
56.	Belinda 93 Avenue Rd Mosman	I think this has merit however I completely disagree about enough parking. Whoever did your study must not really see how it works. Parking is a nightmare at primrose and really needs investing in. Disability parking as well. Coaches and bus parking for those teams who come in that manner. Many families with prams need to attend and there is huge hills to walk up or down. I don't support more filled if you are not looking at parking. The impact on local residents having no street parking on weekends is an issue.	2c
57.	Colleen Johansson 66 Belgrave St Cremorne	Residents who work only have access to Primrose on the weekend, for recreation, fun and walking dogs. Where is it stated in this that they can be accommodated? More and more we are being prevented from enjoying the peacefulness of this area by rowdy parents and sports players who, quite often, shout obscenities whilst playing. Would this reconfiguration be done if no fees were applied? Millions of dollars were spent on the tennis courts and now on the road leading up to Young Street - how do pedestrians walk up there? Couldn't a footpath have been included? There is already an enclosed cricket pitch which is rarely used. Dogs are now not allowed to cool off at the waterfall without being on the lead - why can't some funds be spent installing a defenced barrier so, if by chance, they happen to run off the track? Why is it that we are constantly harassed by the bush care workers, who seem not be making much headway with the terrible weed problem suffocating the trees - how can wildlife survive in the bush if they can't access weed free trees? I think this reconfiguration should be abandoned until the council can accomodate the wishes of the majority of people who use Primrose Park to escape the pain of traffic ridden Neutral Bay and Cremorne.	2c
58.	Rob McKay 3/8 Parraween St Cremorne	<p>Firstly - thank you for trying to provide more sporting fields for our community - we are desperately short of playing fields and outdoor areas, so every little bit helps, even if it means using the same space more effectively, as we see here, rather than finding additional space, which we still need.</p> <p>The proposed configuration, particularly with the rugby field immediately adjacent to the water, creates some practical problems. As someone who has been actively involved in literally thousands of games of rugby, I can confirm that many balls throughout each match will find their way into the water, unless suitable netting, and very high netting at that, is put in place. Potentially difficult as it creates an aesthetic problem, but necessary to ensure the use of the ground is feasible.</p> <p>I also note that maps of both the current and proposed configurations have incorrectly located the cricket pitches. Pitches 3 and 4 are not angled similarly to 1 and 2. Rather, they are parallel, or close to parallel, to the proposed Pitch 1, as like the proposed Pitch 1, they are located between the winter fields, rather than on them. Please see attached map.</p> <p>Finally, the current pitches 1, 2, and 3 are spaced roughly equally from each other. However, the information provided states: "The current position of the two synthetic cricket pitches on Field 1 makes it impossible to use both at the same time". My observation has been that they are used at the same time, as is Pitch 3. Therefore, the relocation of Pitch 1, while being sensibly placed between the two new fields makes sense, does not solve the proximity issue of the pitches, whether between 1 and 2, or 2 and 3.</p>	2c
59.	Paul 859 Bourke St Waterloo	The inclusion of an additional sportsfield is of particular great need in an LGA with limited open spaces for a growing population. Increased access to sporting facilities help people live an active and healthy lifestyle in a world of increased online and sedentary behaviours. I would very much welcome an additional sportsfield to help cater for local sport users.	2d

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60.	Paul Levrier 2 Ryries Pde Cremorne	A much welcome revamp to the fields and new washroom facilities. Thank you to council for initiating this upgrade. Perhaps not part of the current upgrades, but it would be worth considering a replacement for the ugly fenced wall along the water's edge of the park. This perimeter area could well do with some beautification. Tunks Park is a perfect example of what can be achieved here (albeit on a smaller scale perhaps). The edge needs softening with perhaps a sandstone wall with native planting and even benches to look out onto the water and a fixed path along its side. It would certainly make this part of the park look far more appealing and accessible. Seems to be the missing link.	2a/2d
61.	Derek Maguire 10/465-467 Willoughby Rd Willoughby	Primrose Park definitely needs a multi-use synthetic field. So much community sport gets cancelled due to wet weather. When it rains, because it is low lying, Primrose immediately turns into a mud bath and all fields are closed. Also, it needs better fencing. So many footballs, cricket balls etc end up in the stream at the side of the fields. If players can't get them (which is a safety hazard) they end up being washed out into middle harbour. This is an environmental hazard that could be easily prevented with higher / better fencing.	2a
62.	Gavin O'Reilly 31 Albany Street Crows Nest	Great idea. Will benefit the area and sports a lot.	2d
63.	Sharon Cox 13 Reid Drive Chatswood West	Any additional sporting facilities are a positive for the area. A new amenities block and additional pitch is fantastic.	2d
64.	Sophie Christensen Fifth Ave Cremorne	As a long-time resident, I like to have an outdoor fitness equipment area and perhaps a jogging track. Not just for dog owners and cricket players. Thanks Please have an outdoor gym area and a running track.	2a
65.	Simon 39 Grasmere Rd Cremorne	Overall in support two things to note access to Primrose Park is via young St, the other two options are via steep bush tracks. There needs to be some form of a ladder down the stone wall to the waterfront so that retrieval of balls over the side can be done safely. I would not support a Nd high fence to prevent this happening.	2a/2d
66.	David Taylor 17/28 West Street North Sydney	The proposed changes to Primrose Park would increase the usage for sport and other outdoor healthy activities. There is a shortage of sporting fields in the North Shore. The proposal would not have significant changes to the Park, apart from increasing the usage.	2d
67.	Liam Garratt 27/10 Oaks Ave Dee Why	I see this as a positive move by the council to make better use of the space, and to make Primrose safer. Adding the additional sporting field and placing the wicket between means we will no longer have a dangerous artificial strip running across the rugby and football fields. It also means that the cricket fields will be safer to play on as we will not have boundaries in contact with one another. I'm an amateur sports player for both North Sydney United and Crow's Nest rebels' cricket club, both of which use these fields very frequently and I honestly believe this to be an excellent idea by the council.	2d
68.	Julia Smith 33 Walkers Dr Lane Cove North	The new configuration would increase the ability for more sport to happen and be a great hub for sport on the weekends	2d
69.	Helen Davis 65 Garland Rd Naremburn	Sport is an important part of our community and essential for the health and well being of local children and adults alike. The introduction of another sporting field at Primrose is a great way to increase sport participation and training without having to 'find' more space. Reconfiguration to use the existing sports grounds more efficiently is a significant win for the local community and the local government providing the facilities at minimum cost.	2d

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70.	North Sydney United FC	Having extra playing fields in the North Sydney Council area is essential given the projected population growth and the current status whereby there simply are not enough. NSROC have made this very clear in their studies over the past few years and this council area was singled out as needing the most work to increase the number of playing fields. Football is the fastest growing sport amongst females and with the Women's World Cup on these shores later this year there is likely to be continued growth. On top of already booming participation numbers in the sport this means any new or additional playing field will be of huge benefit to the community, especially for females and for all juniors especially. Primrose is the ideal location for an extra field because there have been 3 fields there for so many years already that the likely impact for the local community in terms of extra traffic will be minimal and its well away from residential areas. With a prime location next to the harbour and an upgraded tennis centre at the far end Primrose will become one of the most popular and exciting sporting venues in Sydney, catering for many different sorts and providing a valuable resource for schools and local community football clubs.	2d
71.	Northern Suburbs Football Association	I am the CEO of the Northern Suburbs Football Association and would like to represent our members and member clubs including North Sydney United Football Club. We agree with the Primrose Park Reconfiguration proposal including the inclusion of 1 additional playing field to increase sports ground capacity. This will help North Sydney Council to meet the expected growth in demand for sports fields (NSROC forecasts an increase of 40% in sports ground capacity is required by 2036 to meet forecast higher demand from a growing population).	2d
72.	Crows Nest Rebels Cricket Club	Crows Nest Rebels Cricket Club play social cricket as part of the Northern Cricket Union, including many games at our adopted 'home' of Primrose Park. We wholeheartedly support the proposed changes to the current configuration and updated/additional amenities as it allows for more sport, whatever code, year-round. While noting the loss of one cricket pitch, as pointed out in the report, the current configuration is non-sensical as it does not allow for concurrent play on all pitches. While mindful that any redevelopment takes time and may impact the ground's availability, we understand this is for the greater good of the community. We hope any additional amenities constructed at Primrose Park reflect the current and future community sporting landscape, including the ages and genders of those who play sport in Australia. Lastly, as a club participating in a summer sport, we would appreciate any designs incorporating sun-smart spaces for players, officials and spectators to rest and enjoy the match when not involved.	2d
73.	Fiona Denton 29/34 Gerard St Cremorne	I agree demand has increased for sports grounds, but I disagree there is sufficient parking to accommodate an additional sports field. When the current 3 fields are in use the streets are overflowing with cars and it is difficult to enter or exit the 3 parking areas. In addition to this the slip road in between tennis courts and the car park near the water has had so much wear and tear it is Dangerous to park close to the curb. I question why the road was not repaired last week when the road to the tennis court was. When the current 3 fields are in full use, particularly if they are being used by adult teams ie people over 18 who each appear to each drive to the park separately - if they often abuse the parking on the slip road - parking on the bends often blocking the road so that it leaves insufficient room for cars to drive through and they park around the slip road entrances so drivers exiting can't see on coming traffic. They do this because all available parking is taken by other people using the park or residents. I can't stress enough there is not sufficient parking. The redevelopment of the amenities block and BBQ facilities is well overdue and would be welcomed but I would suggest that it would be nice to have some tables and seating close to the BBQs so you can actually use them. I own a dog, the park is heavily used by dog owners and loved by dogs. the demand for use of parks for residents of the area with dogs has also increased and I would question if this has been taken into consideration and what plans have been made to improve this for dog owners. We deserve to use the space too. While I don't play sport, my dog is my sport! It would be great if the council can provide information for dog owners when the fields are booked and will be in use so we too can benefit from the park more easily. There are many dog owners concerned we will be pushed out even more should an additional field be added. Primrose is the only park on this side of Military Road! You mentioned the lighting will not be improved. One way dog	2c

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		owners and potential sports groups could get more use out of the park is if the council can put on the lights even down one end to 7.00 or 8.00pm. This will mean we can see and remain safe. I often don't get home from work until 6.30pm and this would allow me to use the park in winter after work. While I see some considerations has been taken into account the only thing you mention you have done is have an independent company advise on parking - what other considerations have you made?? On the parking I think you have been misinformed and I would like the council to reconsider putting in an additional field unless extra parking is provided. Oh and the road leading to the park is so narrow cars find it difficult to pass and can't if a truck or Ute involved or parked. Often you pass at your own risk with only seems like millimetres between you.	
74.	Susan Windmiller 3 Tobruk Ave Cremorne	I would like to see a cafe at the park. This would make the park even more appealing. It would be nice if it could be in the old building near the tennis courts. It would also be good to have a path from the car park near the water as people with mobility issues can't get down that way.	2a
75.	Michelle Cross 27/5 Hume St Wollstonecraft	I think that it a great idea to provide more facilities that can be used to help make people more active.	2d
76.	Corinne Hitchenson 117 Young St Cremorne	I support the more efficient use of open space both locally and as part of the broader NSROC strategy. I cannot however see details in the existing report that reflect sufficient consideration to reconfigure the existing off-street car parks and/or acknowledging a need for future investment in funding expansion of these. The study took place during the refurbishment of the Primrose Park Tennis Centre - can the study be repeated this winter to see if there is any difference? And typically it would consider more than one weekend day for robust results? While winter sport is the primary beneficiary of the plan, Spring is the peak time of use for Brightmore Reserve - what impact does this have on children's park usage and/or will the proposed drop off zone in the car park near there be seasonal/give regard to young families access to this park? The study acknowledges there is already pressure on local streets and reflects only capacity of car parking, not the safety of those attending games as well as local residents given increased traffic. Vehicular damage is a regular occurrence on Young Street and the increase in traffic cannot be the burden of individuals alone, it would be great to see some master planning for the increase of off street parking to foster the safety of all. In any case a more robust parking study/data would give local residents more peace of mind that the whole picture is being considered, including the full complement of activities in the vicinity (e.g. Tennis reopened late 2022)	2c
77.	Kevin Doyle 1/2b Nicholson St Wollstonecraft	I believe that this would be a good upgrade for the local area, there is a shortage of green space as there is and when it rains for a few weeks you have very little option to rotate pitches in winter. If there were another field then you could always keep at least 1 closed and rotate the others to keep the grass green and not muddy.	
78.	Jane Theau 37 Illiliwa St Cremorne	I understand there is an increased need for sporting facilities is our area, and this design maximises the use of Primrose Park for that purpose, however, I strongly contest the assertion that there is sufficient off-street parking and road access to accommodate the increased traffic this development will generate. I walk my dog daily at PP, use the PP Art and Craft Centre weekly, and organise Clean Up Australia at the park there so I am very familiar with the current usage. There is NO capacity to accommodate more traffic on weekends. As it is the car parks are full and Matora Lane is perilous when weekend football and tennis vehicles attempt to pass each other up and down the hill. The current upgrade of Matora Lane will not alleviate this problem, or the pedestrian safety issue. In addition, the fact that Young Street becomes one way at the bottom means that the other car park is a u-turn bay for people who can't find a parking spot. This Brightmore car park is full on weekends with parents and children that use Brightmore Reserve. There is no additional capacity. Please don't consider using synthetic turf as part of whatever upgrade is decided upon.	2c
79.	Didier Galvez	I am a local resident and regular user of the Primrose park facilities and I am against the proposal to add an additional field to the	2c

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	69 Cammeray Rd Cammeray	three existing. The reason is that it will affect the present layout and access to the park and increase traffic and parking to the park. Please do not proceed.	
80	Margaret Gilbert 1/102 Cremorne Road Cremorne Point	I understand there is an increased need for sporting facilities in our area, and this design maximises the use of Primrose Park for that purpose, however, I strongly disagree that there is sufficient off-street parking and road access to accommodate the increased traffic this development will generate. I walk my dog often at Primrose Park and use the PP Art and Craft Centre regularly, as well as take part in Clean Up Australia at the park so I am very familiar with the current usage. There is no capacity to accommodate more traffic at Primrose Park, especially on the weekends. As it is, the car parks are full and Matora Lane is perilous when weekend football and tennis vehicles attempt to pass each other up and down the hill. The current upgrade of Matora Lane will not alleviate this problem, or the pedestrian safety issue. To improve the sporting facilities at Primrose Park without addressing the serious lack of sufficient parking is irresponsible and puts the public at risk.	2c
81.	Dinah Beeston 2/2 Powell Street Neutral Bay	The assessment of the impact on parking does not take into account the other users of this area such as the tennis courts, the artists' studios, the Art and Craft Centre, the dogwalkers and other users of the park. The assessment of the parking that the recommendation is based on was very limited. The Thursday was cold and overcast with some rain. On the Saturday we also assessed the parking in the Matora Lane carpark - there were 66 cars in the carpark (capacity is 57) and 6 cars parked in Matora Lane. This is different to the numbers included in the report. The assessment was done just as the new tennis courts were opening so before there was an increase in their use as there is now, which is heavily impacting the use of the Matora Lane carpark. The assessment said that there was sufficient parking within a reasonable walking distance - however the range of the walking catchment is up to 1.5 km and up a steep hill. Is this reasonable? Many of the streets included in the walking catchment are a long way from the fields and would not be considered for parking by families with children or pets. This then puts a lot more pressure on the carparks and the streets which are within sight of the playing fields. The assessment also says that having an additional field may not significantly increase the number of participants - if there are not going to be any more people using the fields why do we need another field? There are very few disability parking spots in this area - in fact I know of only one, which is in the Matora Lane carpark. With more people expected to use the area there must be more disability spots put in place. The Matora Lane carpark is used by the tennis courts, the Artists' studios and the Art and Craft Centre but often on the weekends we are unable to access our venues. In most cases there is a lot of materials and equipment that need to be brought to the studios for use and it is impossible for the attendees to walk from the road carrying this load. We have had people who have driven from locations such as Hornsby who have not been able to find any parking so have had to drive home again and miss the activity they had booked and paid for. On the evening of 21 March this year, the carpark was full for football training and 6 cars were parked in Matora Lane. The continual use of Matora Lane for overflow parking is extremely dangerous for drivers, for pedestrians (many of whom are children) and for pets who use this narrow lane. This will not improve after the redevelopment of the lane has been completed. In fact it could be more dangerous as cars will move more quickly on a smooth road and in some places it will be narrower than it currently is. The current requirement for parking spots when the three fields are being used is more than 200, however the current carparks cater for only about 100. If we add another field in we are exacerbating the situation, and creating situations that could lead to accidents and injuries. Attachment provided.	2c
82.	Sue Davie 13 Thorn Street Ryde	Member of Australian Society of Calligraphers Inc. and member of Primrose Park Paper Makers Inc. - As a user of Primrose Park Arts & Craft Centre, usually on Saturdays, I can confidently say there is no spare car parking capacity on weekends, especially during the winter football season. This proposal has the potential to cause chaos and add unnecessary safety risks, unless additional car parking spaces are included in the redevelopment.	2c
83.	Wendy Wilcox 11 Park Street	I'm a member of the Calligraphy Society. Further sporting fields would put an intolerable burden on parking at weekends. Parking when sporting events are taking place, i.e. every weekend, is already inadequate, making it difficult for those using the workshop at	2c

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	Portland	Primrose Park to park their cars.	
84.	Julie Williams Julie Williams Calligraphy 32 Neptune Rd Newport	I am a long-standing member of the Australian Society of Calligraphers and am a regular user of PP Arts Centre for workshops for both the calligraphers and the paper makers. The vast majority of these workshops are held on weekends. Parking is already a huge problem when sports are being held and if you proceed with creating further sports fields, parking will be impossible for those attending workshops at the arts centre. Before any new fields are approved, adequate parking HAS to be provided for those using the arts centre. Many are mature age and have to transport equipment for workshops and member days. As you would be well aware, there is no public transport near PP Arts Centre. It will be an impossible situation if not addressed.	2c
85.	Jennifer Selinger 9 Young St Vaucluse	While I support the upgrade to the field, I am concerned about the access to parking on Manora Lane for people using the arts centre. This is already an issue at peak times. Please consider this during the planning process.	2c
86.	Karina Barnard 52 Arabella St Longueville	The carpark at Primrose Park is very small and cannot service existing numbers wanting to utilise it. The strain placed on members wanting to access the Arts Centre for planned workshops has increased to the point it is driving members away. Members arrive with art equipment that cannot be hauled up and down a steep road. The only place viable for them is the carpark which is supposed to service the Art Centre. Another playing field opened up for sport is not sustainable by this carpark facility.	2c
87.	Helen Campbell 12a Noonbinna Cr Northbridge	Primrose Park is a park open to all. As a member of the Primrose Park Arts Centre I use this space on a regular basis, especially for weekend workshops. I am of retiring age and find the parking even challenging now on some weekends when sports events are on. How are we, the members, many who are even less agile than me, going to manage reasonable access to our centre? This new proposal needs to be re-evaluated with more consideration for "other" users and not just families, who by the way are fitter and more able to park up the steep hill off site. I trust you the council will understand this oversight in your proposal and come up with a reasonable solution for weekend use of the facility.	2c
88.	Peter Carroll 96 Megalong St Leura	Scheduling extra sporting facilities at Primrose Park would put an intolerable burden on parking at weekends. Parking when sporting events are taking place, i.e. every weekend, is already inadequate, making it difficult for those using the workshop at Primrose Park to park their cars. Therefore, planning extra sporting events inappropriate and unsustainable.	2c
89.	Roy Maslen 8 Powell Street Neutral Bay	I am supportive of providing more space for sporting activities. Mental health and wellness is always important and has become even more challenging since Covid-19. Sport is a very important way to relieve stress and build resilience for players and their families. Quite simply it is a critical part of helping our community to recover from Covid-19. Our area has insufficient fields to meet all the sporting needs for players of all ages and genders. In addition if there is a period of rain it is very difficult to catch up on missed games and training. This new pitch is critical to making more sport available to members of our community. I appreciate people living near the fields many have concerns about disruption to their lives. However, there will be material benefits to the community of bringing sport to people to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Help manage their stressful lives - Exercise to keep fit and healthy - Play for fun and enjoyment. 	2c/2d
90.	Primrose Park Tennis	I am the current operator of Primrose Park Tennis and my concerns are with car parking. At present with Norths Rugby training on Tuesdays and Thursdays we do not have enough space for our customers, then on Saturday winter sports it is not possible to find car space so with more activity there will need to be more car parking available	2c
91.	Primrose Park Photography	As President of Primrose Park Photography, I am very concerned at the issue of parking when this increase to the sporting areas goes ahead. Our group meets at the Art & Craft Centre in the evenings of the first and third Wednesday of the month as well as sometimes on the weekend. Additionally, we have a darkroom which is accessed at various times during every day and night; usually	2c

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		by one or a few users. The parking survey conducted by Auswide Consulting indicates only 57 car parking spaces in Car Park 1 which is adjacent to the Art & Craft Centre. They also note that at the other end of the park in Car Park 2, there are only 27 car parking spaces. To arrive at a grand total of 483 car parking spaces available to sport field users, they include every space in adjacent residential streets. [I note that Young Street in the evenings has cars parked on both sides, leaving only space for one car to drive down between; without enough room for safe passing]. Common sense and behavioural observations show that everyone wanting to use the sporting fields or be a spectator, will prefer to park in either CP1 or CP2. Partly because if they park in adjacent streets, they will have to trek down substandard vehicle laneways with whatever gear they are carrying. So in reality there are a total of 84 car parking spaces to cater for all the sporting fields, the tennis courts, the artists in residence and the various groups who use the Art & Craft Centre, such as our group. I believe that at a minimum, Council needs to address CP1 and determine how the parking situation could be improved. Currently the surface is undulating with many hazards, including concrete garden edges for non-existent gardens. The area is also used as a Council construction zone with storage of equipment and materials which take up a good proportion of the space. [Hopefully this will change when current construction projects are completed]. I am confident that a study of CP1 by qualified Traffic Engineers will show many ways to improve the parking situation and that may go some way to addressing what will be quite an issue when the additional fields are in operation.	
92.	Priyanka 26-32 Gerard St Cremorne	It's important to save the nature and let all types of user have the access to the park. I vote no to proposed changes to the park.	2c
93.	Alison Muir 404/131 Spencer Rd Cremorne Junction	<p>I understand there is an increased need for sporting facilities in our area with the increase in multi dwellings and push to reduce obesity in the population. This design maximises the use of Primrose Park for that purpose, however, I strongly disagree with the assertion that there is sufficient off-street parking and road access to accommodate the increased traffic this development will generate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am a person with a disability and a member of Primrose Park Arts and Crafts Inc at 3 of the groups. • My family are rate payers and long term residents of North Sydney Local Government area, since 1982. • At times I find it impossible to park within close access to PPACC building, especially when disabled parking is used by Contractors, people with vans using solar panels to get battery power and others who ignore the disabled parking signs. • As a result I believe there is no capacity to accommodate more traffic or parking. Additional 3 fields is 100 people extra and 50 cars extra to an already overloaded area. • Car parks are full and Matora Lane is perilous when weekend football and tennis vehicles attempt to pass each other up and down the hill. • Its impossible on weekends to find parking when visitors to the PPAC have one of the 6 group community exhibitions. • The current upgrade of Matora Lane will not alleviate this problem, or the pedestrian safety issue. I should say the upgrade is highly appreciated. • The fact that Young Street becomes one way at the bottom means the other car park is a U-turn bay for people who can't find a parking spot. • Brightmore car park is full on weekends with parents and children that use Brightmore Reserve. There is no additional capacity. 	
94.	Lyn Franks PO Box 197 Wahroonga	I am writing in response to North Sydney Council's proposal to extend sporting facilities at Primrose Park. Primrose Park is both a sports facility as well as home to various arts and crafts groups. There is at present inadequate parking for all these existing groups, with people often unable to attend Primrose Park for arts and crafts workshops due solely to the lack of available parking. There of course being almost no on-street parking in the local area. As a member of the Australian Society Of Calligraphers I request that	2c

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		North Sydney Council not proceed with their proposal to extend sporting facilities at Primrose Park as it will exacerbate the existing parking problem for all users of Primrose Park.	
95.	Valerie Keevers 370 Willarong Rd Caringbah South	As person with a disability sticker who attends the Primrose Park hall regularly I am against the redevelopment of the football/soccer grounds as the parking on Saturdays when I attend activities in the pump house is appalling in the Matora Lane parking area. For months the builders upgrading the tennis courts took up one third of the available parking which included the only disability parking spot. Also, the upgrade of the parking area is going to restrict the parking for some months again. On Saturdays the Young Street parking is non-existent and the football crowd overflow into the Matora Lane parking from 8am to 1pm, the afternoon parking is not so bad as the games are seniors not juniors. Adding another field will cause more parking problems.	2c
96.	Anne McCallum 8 Harrison St Cremorne	The area is a community open space. Currently families, dog walkers, groups of friends and those engaged in informal games use the park in addition to those who pay the council for organised sporting training and fixtures. The changes proposed will dramatically reduce the area available to the many hundreds of people who use the park for purposes other than organised sporting fixtures. I am afraid it is simply laughable to suggest that a 30% increase in traffic can be accommodated. It is already sometimes parked out. Those who are elderly or with small children cannot walk long distances to enjoy the park. Many afternoons these are the regular park users. It should not be turned into a major expedition. Are they to be forced out by football clubs? Organised sport is a wonderful part of our lives but it should not be given preference over other uses. There are some sporting fields that are underused. These should have their calendars filled before precious community space is reallocated. Over the 40 years we have lived in Harrison Street we have used the park for many reasons: my son played cricket for a local team, we have walked around the ovals regularly, walked our dogs and met friends to socialise. I do not want to see this amenity stripped away under the guise of improved access to sporting teams. They use the park often, girls, boys and adults and that is as it should be. I do not want to see park use changed. Perhaps the private schools who use the park for sport might put aside some of their money to purchase land for their own playing fields? Why should the other residents of the electorate subsidise them further? Or perhaps I am wrong and they open their facilities to community use during holidays and other times when they are not in use.	2c
97.	Sandra Hedge 29 Carter St Cammeray	I am supportive of providing more space for sporting activities. Mental health and wellness are always important and have become even more challenging since Covid-19. Sport is a very important way to relieve stress and build resilience for players and their families. Quite simply it is a critical part of helping our community to recover from Covid-19. Our area has insufficient fields to meet all the sporting needs of players of all ages and genders. In addition, if there is a period of rain it is very difficult to catch up on missed games and training. This new pitch is critical to making more sports available to members of our community. I appreciate people living near the fields many have concerns about disruption to their lives. However, there will be material benefits to the community of bringing the sport to people to: - Help manage their stressful lives - Exercise to keep fit and healthy - Play for fun and enjoyment.	2d
98.	Shradhey Rathore 167 High St North Sydney	There is not enough parking spaces as is and adding a field without adding more parking spaces is not a right step to take. If you want to add an additional field please add another 50 parking spaces to the facility. A convenient parking space can't be 1.5 kms away. There is also a need for more disable parking spots. There should be atleast 5-6 such spots instead of current one. Please add more parking spots if you want to add a new field. At least 50 more parking spots should be added to keep the parking situation as is. The current parking situation is not ideal but the new field will make it even worse.	2c
99.	Murray Sallen 167 High St North Sydney	Please don't add a new field without new parking spaces. The parking situation is dire as it is and there needs to be more spaces for access to all facilities in the area.	2c

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100.	Northern Suburbs Rugby Football Club Limited	<p>I'm a Board member of Northern Suburbs Rugby Football Club Limited and we welcome the investment and development ideas as presented here.</p> <p>We are a heavy user of these fields during late summer to spring and have been for several years. We do have some questions and comments to help guide next steps and also welcome further consultation and involvement.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The full rugby field is a very welcome aspect of the development. 2. We would like to understand if the council has considered all weather synthetic grass to allow for use during wet weather. If of interest, our Club would be interested in contributing to the cost of this in return for access privileges. 3. In respect of any structures being developed ('change room block'), again we welcome more detailed input and ability to explore contribution to the structure if it could be designed similar to that put in at Latham Park by the Randwick Council so a gym, presentation room and/or small office/storage area was incorporated into the design. 4. When are the works being considered / how long will they take. We are keen to not have our training in season interrupted. 5. We are also keen for our standing booking for the park during spring/autumn and winter to be un-competed and continuing. 6. What type of synthetic cricket pitches will be installed - will these be safety approved for non-cricket sports? 	2a/2d
101.	Lachlan Renshaw Centrestone Investments Trust 12 Martens Ln Cremorne	<p>Primrose Park is one of the only open green spaces in the Cremorne/Neutral Bay area. It is loved by locals for its amenity and for the beautiful harbour views it provides from the park. As a local who attends the park on a daily basis, it is a sanctuary for many locals who love the park and wonderful amenity it currently provides. The suggested location of the football field along the waters edge boundary is not only unsafe for the players being not wide or long enough, but it is unsafe for spectators and locals who are just looking to enjoy the park due to the narrow areas between the fields and the sideline and the water. The suggestion of putting high fences to stop balls going in the water is the equivalent of knocking down Luna Park so 2 smaller versions can be built, but because it's too close to the water fences are erected which block out the views of the harbour bridge. The fix to a problem that doesn't currently exist would be an absolute travesty to ruin the vista of the area for everyone in the interests of a small few. Do not allow this to proceed.</p>	2c
102.	Graham Short 78 Gerard St Cremorne	<p>While it is commendable of Council to increase the provision of playing fields in North Sydney it should not be at expense of existing open space.</p> <p>Primrose Park is a landfill area and one wonders why it could not be extended further into the bay, The area of the bay is not navigable especially at low tide.</p> <p>The must be contractors who would donate suitable landfill material to such a project avoid dumping costs at tips. Also parking is a problem and perhaps the elevated single level parking in SE corner could be excavated (with material used to extend park) to create another parking level under it ie level with the field. Metered parking could be used to recoup costs and encourage turnover as is in place at Balmoral Beach.</p>	2c
103.	Marcus Hughes 92 Amherst St Camberay	<p>The proposed reconfiguration biases schools and sports clubs at the expense of open green space for the leisurely other users of the park. The addition of a permanent fence to stop footballs from going into the harbour will ruin the special ambience of the park. The need to have such a fence demonstrates the unsuitability of the football field.</p>	2c
104.	Elisabeth Stewart 1/30 Benelong Rd Cremorne	<p>I object to the Reconfiguration of Primrose Park - there is not enough parking to accommodate football crowds and the noise level will be much increased for residents in the vicinity.</p>	2c
105.	North Sydney Womens Hockey Club & Mosman Hockey Club	<p>I support the reconfiguration of Primrose Park to allow 4 winter playing pitches. More sporting facilities are desperately needed on the Lower North Shore and this would allow a significant increase in participation with very little impact on the surrounding residential community or natural environment. The amenities block needs a total upgrade anyway, so constructing a new facility to allow this pitch configuration makes sense. It is disappointing that there is no provision for hockey on the once was the "home of</p>	2a/2d

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		North Sydney hockey" at Primrose Park. I am also disappointed that the tennis court upgrade did not include the opportunity for multi-sport usage. Overall, as a sporting body in the local area we fully support this proposal.	
106.	Max Black 16 Reynolds St Cremorne	I don't support the Primrose Park reconfiguration. Looking at the Council report, it fails to detail how much pent up demand there is for extra playing fields (data council should have) vs the amenity the rest of the non sporting public. I'd ask council to prepare a Plan of Management that takes into account all users of this wonderful open space.	2a/2c
107.	Sharon Baker President Australian Society of Calligraphers Inc.	In regard to the proposed reconfiguration of Primrose Park Sporting fields I strongly object to the idea that there is sufficient parking in the surrounding streets and existing car parks. I have on numerous occasions been verbally abused by football players as I stand in a parking space holding it so a visiting tutor can unload their car for a two- or three-day workshop at Primrose Arts & Craft Centre. Not to mention the students, artists and tennis players! The cars they drive, often take up one and half spaces and they have no regard to safety as they park along Matora Lane. The current upgrade of the Lane will only increase this behaviour. If the council wishes to expand the number of sporting fields, then they must consider using some green space near Field 1 for more parking as there is currently no capacity to accommodate more traffic on weekends. Sharon Baker President Australian Society of Calligraphers.	2c
108.	Elaine Witton 22 Dorothy St Denistone East	As a member of both Primrose Paper Arts and The Australian Society of Calligraphers I use the car park adjacent to the Primrose Park Craft Centre regularly. This parking area is also used by the Tennis Court participants and is only just adequate now. I am concerned that having the extra sporting activities on weekends will make it virtually impossible to find somewhere to park to access the Centre. Street parking will not be enough to accommodate the extra sporting venues. I hope you will consider my concerns.	2c
109.	Ingemar Johansson 66 Belgrave St Cremorne	I wish to object strongly to this reconfiguration of Primrose Park	2c
110.	Jessica Taylor 92 Parraween St Cremorne	Have local private schools been contacted to use their sporting grounds-due to lack of public green space. I am against the rezoning due to loss of space for dog walkers, play area and green space for local residents.	2c
111.	Graham Shaw 48 Reynolds St Cremorne	What is there not to like with more organised sport facilities. Have we forgotten the opportunities in age of overweight and obesity? There is plenty of room to picknick and roll on the grass just across Young St / Wonga Rd in the reserve there. The Sydney Water / Remediation Pipe guys won't be there for ever. Dog walkers have plenty of options around the area, besides the Sports usage not 365 days a year.... Plenty of dog time left. Fully support this proposal	2d
112.	Susette Dixon 33 Illiliwa St Cremorne	I have two concerns with the proposal: 1) lack of a balanced use and availability of local assets and 2) pedestrian and traffic safety and amenity, particularly during peak use times such as weekends. I disagree with the assertion that there is sufficient off-street parking and road access to accommodate the increased traffic this development will generate. Matora Lane is high risk at peak sporting times. The current upgrade of Matora Lane will not address these risks and will result in an unacceptable level of risk to pedestrians. In summary I believe the proposal is fundamentally flawed and poses unacceptable impacts to general community amenity and more importantly community safety.	2c
113.	Midori Furze 62 Lacelles Rd Narraweena	It is wonderful that the council is thinking of making a new football field at Primrose Park. However, the plan must come with good planning for a new car parking space. I am a member of PPACCI and I use the Primrose Park Art & Craft Centre a lot. It is a unique building that was renovated recently. We are very proud to be members and we take care of the facility. We are busy working artists and we usually carry a lot of tools and artwork to the centre from our cars, we need our parking space near the building. Please consider carefully planning the football field with a new large car parking space so all the visitors are equally happy and share the space.	2c

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114.	Lynne Launt 240 Ben Boyd Rd Cremorne	As a local resident and regular user of primrose park I object to the current scale of proposal. A smaller increase in size of the various fields may be warranted but the proposed increase in size would decrease the amount of area for dog walking, picnics and bbqs. The proposed reconfiguration of the eastern end will destroy the view to the bay. This is a very popular and needed area for dog walkers, picnickers and the general public. This proposal will destroy the community atmosphere.	2c
115.	Meg Dunworth 8 Carr Street Chatswood	I am a member of the Australian Society of Calligraphers and attend workshops and other events the Society organises at Primrose Park. Often the parking is difficult and adding another playing field to enable more sporting events to take place will only exacerbate the problem. I understand the need for more facilities for sport but the parking should be increased as well to cope with the greater influx of cars this will cause.	2c
116.	Martin Choy 8/389A Alfred St North Neutral Bay	With increasing population densities it seems logical to try and make better use of are sports facilities. My only concern is that its quite close to the water and balls will potentially be irretrievable if they go over the fence.	2d
117.	Name and address withheld	We live locally and enjoy Primrose Park as a recreational relaxation area for residents, visitors, children and pets. I object to Council's proposal to cram in an extra playing field up to water's edge. Besides, how do you avoid balls straying into the water? A high fence? This amenity in its present form contributes to the quality of life of the entire community. Spare ratepayers' funds and let non ratepaying entities find new sportsfields elsewhere.	2c
118.	John Hibbett 41 Gerard St Cremorne	I think it is a great idea!	2d
119.	Georgina Blix 6-12 Prospect Ave Cremorne	I am a local resident of Cremorne who uses Primrose park two times every day (morning and evening) as an off leash dog park. I love the park for its safety away from roads and as a way to meet people in my community. I support the changes to the playing fields. I am happy to share the park between active and passive recreation. But I do think it is important to recognise more fully how many residents use this park every day for passive walking, running and dog walking. Please consider facilities that will support all users of the park. For dog walkers that could include: Fencing off the almost permanent polluted runoff puddles that form under the carpark near the practice nets. The runoff grates are highly rusted, and the water is highly polluted. It would be great to either treat this water, provide proper civil works to drain the water or fence off that small area. Please also add some bins at whatever amenity block you create, and add a water tap for dogs. The bubbler that is currently there only dribbles down the sides and doesn't easily fill the water bowl. Lights on at night during winter would be highly supported as it gets darker. Say until 7.30pm? As a female that would make the place feel much safer. Also, if possible, would be great to more easily know the times that games are playing or training. When there are sports people using the park, off leash dogs don't mix well, so I'll need to find another park. Thanks!	2d
120.	Lynette Dowd 1/34 Ellalong Rd Cremorne	Preservation of park as existing with the exception of making more accessible for those in electric wheelchairs, both entering and on the ovals.	2a/2c
121.	Robyn Lilienthal 11 Ellalong Rd Cremorne	I am a long-standing resident of the area surrounding Primrose Park. I visit the park regularly. This wonderful park and its breathtaking views of the harbour is for all, not just footballers. The thought of the grassy picnic embankment being removed or eyesore netting to stops balls going into the harbour is abhorrent to me. Your proposal gives no safe room for youngsters to play on the safe flat area or dog walkers to use the circumference of the field when play in action- contrary to the current arrangement. Also, your proposal will only add to the current park chaos.	2c
122.	Barbara Briggs 19 Earle St Cremorne	I wish to object to the proposed reconfiguration of sporting fields. The report on the proposal has detailed assessment of parking in the area and acoustics but makes no assessment of the effect the proposed changes would make on non-sport use of the urban green space. Primrose Park is highly used by local residents for walking, including by dog owners and other forms of exercise.	2c

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		It is not clear whether walkers can safely walk from one side of the Park to the other near the sea wall when the proposed rugby field is in use. Will there be any netting of the field perimeter to prevent balls falling into the water? Any netting would greatly detract from the appearance of the Park and the vista seen by park users. Even if netting or other barrier is not included in the development at first, there may be pressure to install it later. It is quite a beauty spot, with the view of Willoughby Bay, and this aspect should be valued and not spoiled by a barrier. The existing sporting fields are considerably used in the early evening. Is an east-west orientation satisfactory when the sun is low in the sky and glare is considered? I consider that the proposed development should not proceed without full assessment of the impact it would have on park users not taking part in team sports.	
123.	Victoria Whitney 102 Young St Cremorne	I'm very concerned that this reconfiguration appears to be a sports field takeover to the detriment of the many other users of the park. There is bound to be a considerable increase in car movement and parking in surrounding local streets. I live in one of those. The access for people who like to walk in or across the park, either alone or with friends and/or dogs, will be constrained. This plan tries to fit too much into the available open space. Please reassess.	2c
124.	Primrose Paper Arts Inc	<p>The report by consultants to assess parking for the proposal greatly underplays the effect that an extra playing field, plus the potential conversion of an existing field into 2 smaller ones, will have on existing parking arrangements around Primrose Park. I am a frequent user of Primrose Park Arts and Craft Centre. There have been many Saturdays when I have needed to park in the carpark CP1 to carry large loads into the building and have not found one.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parking survey is inadequate, being done on only one evening and one Saturday. These days could have been affected by random weather events or cancellations, so may not have been typical. Even so, the study shows that the Young St parking area CP2 is mostly full on a Saturday. <p>The reality for both carparks on a Saturday morning is of cars circling round looking for a spot, then searching on steep and narrow roads, making it dangerous for drivers and pedestrians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many of the streets the study considers as parking for Primrose Park, such as Bennelong Road and Brightmore Street, are too far away and up the steep hill of Young St, to realistically serve as parking for players and spectators. • From the intersection with Grafton St down the hill, Young St is effectively one way, as the cars parked on either side are uncomfortably close for a dual carriageway, adding to congestion when the playing fields are in use. • The Matora Lane access to the tennis court carpark is one-way, and despite the welcome upgrade, is congested and dangerous for cars and pedestrians during sports ground use. Some users even park in the lane, making the situation worse. • The parking study has not considered other users of the Primrose Park facilities – the tennis court users (of which are many) and users of the Arts and Craft Centre. The Arts and Craft Centre users are generally elderly, need to carry bags of supplies for workshops held on the weekends, and so cannot park far way and walk. <p>In conclusion I submit that parking WILL be affected by the playing field addition proposal, and I urge the Council NOT to go ahead with it.</p>	2c
125.	Dezrae Byrne 7 Sunset Pde Chain Valley Bay	Although I live on the Central Coast of NSW I have belonged to the Australian Society of Calligraphers for over 6 years. They are one of the joint uses of the Primrose Park Community Centre. As a member I have travelled to Primrose Park for weekend workshops up to 4 times a year and individual tutorial sessions up to six times a year (excluding Covid Lockdown of course). In the beginning I was invariably able to find a parking space at the Centre. I was also able to walk the distance from Military Road if necessary. Now however I have to use a walking stick and require a Mobility Parking sticker for closer availability. All attendees require to unload a large amount of equipment for workshop attendance so that parking anywhere except close by the door is untenable. In the last couple of years parking has become more difficult with the increase of weekend sporting activities at the park. I was alarmed to read that the report recommended no further adjustment to parking facilities and after a couple of hours investigation of local parking declared there was adequate parking available in nearby streets! If I were to find a parking place anywhere on Young Street on	2c

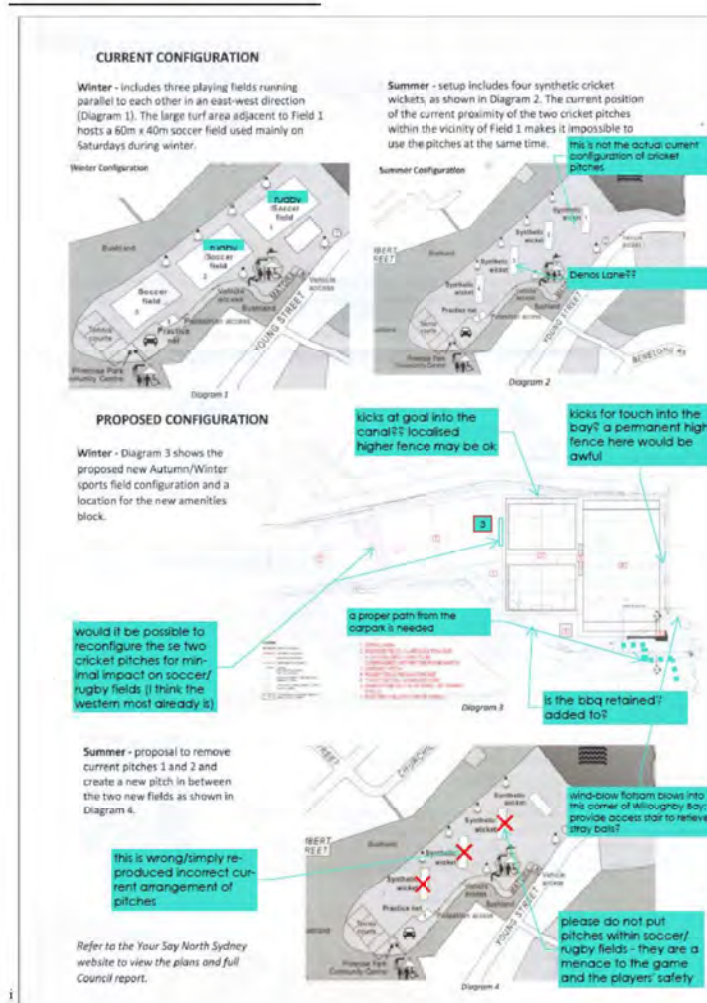
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		weekend mornings of my attendance at workshops I would have to call a taxi and hope the driver was willing to transfer all my equipment to his cab and then ferry me down Matora Lane to the Centre then unload everything at the door before I could gather assistance to enter. I have no problem with an increase in sporting facilities but there has to be an equal increase in parking facilities to accommodate present and future use of all the facilities affected by the reconfiguration. I found the report inadequate and dismissive of the needs of all users.	
126.	Katherine Henry 16 Upper Ave Rd Mosman	While I understand there is a need for more sporting facilities in our area, I strongly disagree with the assertion that there is sufficient, off-street parking and road access to accommodate the increased traffic new facilities will generate. I use the PP Art and Craft Centre weekly (during the week and sometimes weekend workshops) and am very familiar with the current usage. There is NO capacity to accommodate more traffic on weekends. As it is the car parks are full and Matora Lane is perilous when weekend football and tennis vehicles attempt to pass each other up and down the hill. The current upgrade of Matora Lane will not alleviate this problem, nor the pedestrian safety issue. In addition, the fact that Young Street becomes one way at the bottom means that the other car park is a u-turn bay for people who can't find a parking spot. Even during the weekday there is often no handicapped parking available for our visitors to PPACC. Our members also carry projects in including spinning wheels, sewing machines and looms for their day at the facility. Having to park on the street and attempt to carry items down the hill and along Matora Lane seems a treacherous if not too athletic of a feat for any of our members. PPACC has been such a perfect place for workshops to take place because of it's parking. But on weekends, it has been difficult to find parking for our workshops due to parking issues. We are delighted that Matora Lane is getting an uplift for safety. But this change to the lane is not increasing parking. And it is not improving the pedestrian traffic situation. I fear that increased parking along Young St will lead to more children walking down Matora Lane to get to tennis lessons and sporting events at the same time that parents are racing to and from games. It seems a treacherous, unnecessary addition to the existing space. There is no additional capacity at this facility for parking to accommodate additional sporting fields' players/spectators.	2c
127.	Tim Rowston 26 Grasmere Road Cremorne	Whilst I can appreciate the overall community's need for an extra oval, a real bonus for local schools and grassroots sporting clubs. I am concerned about the requirement for a new high fence on the eastern/water fence. As the new Rugby oval will be running north/south most balls going off oval would not be water bound but running behind dead ball lines and still on grass. So may I suggest higher new fencing only at the ends only of the current east end fencing thus preserving the current beautiful unobstructed views. Parking does need to be addressed, perhaps some basic multilevel parking at the current carpark adjacent to the new tennis courts. Also some simple push bike racks allowing bikes to be locked up.	2d
128.	Anthony Page Travelsignposts Pty Ltd 29/4-8 Kareela Road Cremorne Point	Looking at the plans, it seems to me that the rugby pitch is far too close to the harbour. The area allowed for players running out of play, let alone spectators, seems inadequate. And how about people wanting to walk across the park or use it for recreation, e.g. family picnic, sitting near the water? Presumably, there will be some sort of barrier or netting put up to stop the balls going into the water, and it's difficult to see how this won't be an eyesore, ruining the aspect over the harbour. It's all very well to consider the schools and sports clubs, but ALL users should be considered. After all, this is public space to be shared, not simply sequestered for the use of a particular interest group for a limited amount of time. Have you done any survey to find out the usage of the area by families, children and other interest groups? Simply researching one group of stakeholders is not enough. I think the current proposal is deficient for the reasons I have indicated, and needs both further research into usage and amendment to take a broader view of public utility. (And I don't live in the surrounding streets you mention, but good luck with using those closest to Primrose Park for parking, I suspect the residents will not be amused).	2c
129.	Laura Duesbury Wangal Land	Happy with the Proposal as long as it doesn't interfere with the tennis business or dog walking amenity which are two very important uses of the park.	2d

No.	Name and Address	Key Points Raised	Criteria
	30 Foucart St Rozelle		
130.	Name and address withheld	<p>I am against the proposal. In an area with a relatively high proportion of apartments green space for everyone is essential. Primrose is the only place to safely walk dogs off lead and as it stands on the weekend there is limited time slots (usually early and late day) where locals can relaxingly use that space as sport dominates and takes priority. Currently winter sports are played all across the park leaving no space for dog walking and therefore forced to walk the perimeter on lead. The only space not used by sports is the end closest to harbour and closest to waterfall which in winter is a muddy pit. Effectively leaving only the harbour end of which this proposal will remove, the proposal also removes the ability to walk the perimeter with spectators lining sidelines.</p> <p>I am supportive of sports at primrose, but not supportive on any more than current as the balance is already in favour of sport over a community green space. Additionally, with current sport levels it is impossible to obtain parking on weekends at the park, adding more fields/games would only make this issue worse. Moving the existing amenities block will be costly and is poor judgement in the use of rate payers' funds. Particularly as the funds being used to remove local access to green space in their downtime - weekends. The sporting fields are used by majority out of area users. I suggest the council rework the plan to allow adequate green space for locals to use. Any additional sporting field should be looked at for the shady and cold end of the park leaving the harbour side for locals to enjoy. Sport need not be played on the sunny end of primrose. If council does press on with this absurd use of rate payer funds it owns the local community a revision of the plans that allows everyone access to the park at all time, adequate dog exercise and public area at all time and ability to walk the full perimeter of the park</p>	2c
131.	Name and address withheld	I object absolutely to the reconfiguration of Primrose Park but will only declare my reasons after the Council guarantees my privacy due to fear of reprisal.	
132	Margaret Roesner 99 Young St Cremorne	Dear Councillors, I have just become aware of your planned changes. I am sorry I missed your deadline, but I feel very strongly against this idea. I have lived near the park for 57 years. During this time, I have walked our dogs in the park, had picnics with my children and grandchildren beside the water. How could you possibly close this beautiful vista off from families and visitors? The park is there for us all to share! Please consider removing the new sports ground to a different location either in Primrose Park or elsewhere!!!	2c
133	Deon Deetlefs 46 Benelong Rd Cremorne	<p>I do not support the field being constructed next to the water. Positioning a field so close to the water will certainly not be feasible. The ball will end up in the water, polluting our waterways. A fence to try and prevent the ball from ending up in the water will be an eye sore of mammoth proportions.</p> <p>Primrose Park has always been an off-lead area. This field will affect this use of amenity. Has the Council considered a jetty of sorts, so that people can launch kayaks, to more fully utilise Primrose Park.</p>	2c
134	Julie Mansfield	I strongly object to the proposed changes. The idea of a high netting obscuring the harbour view, the lack of provision of additional parking and the removal of open space are my major objections. My dog and I have used this facility for over a decade and I am concerned that the needs of local residents and others who use the park for non-organised sport have been completely disregarded with this plan.	2c
135	Vik & Sue Mateffy 153 Young Street Cremorne	<p>Thank you for the proposed sporting arrangement upgrade at Primrose Park, much of which I find very welcome. I have taken the liberty of annotating your advisory letter with some thoughts and concerns. In short, however, the ideal would be to separate the overlap of cricket pitches with the soccer/rugby fields, much as it is at present between fields 2 and 3 (central and western fields). As a former soccer player these long mounds of hard clay (or soft mush) are both a detriment to the game as well as a potential hazard to the players. Perhaps an access stair to the waterline is needed to retrieve stray balls kicked from the rugby field.</p> <p>Hopefully the bbq area is retained, or even expanded upon.</p> <p>The new change rooms/toilet facilities are also very welcome.</p>	2a/2d

Attachment 10.11.1

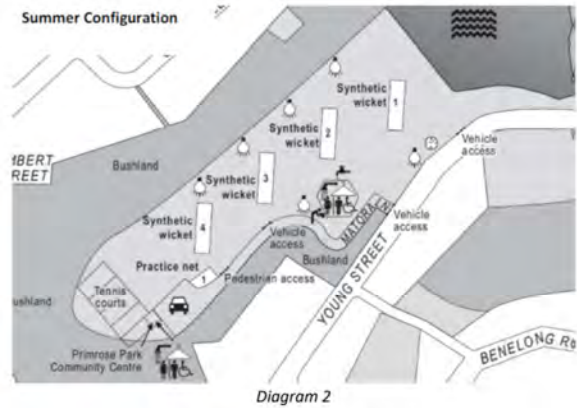
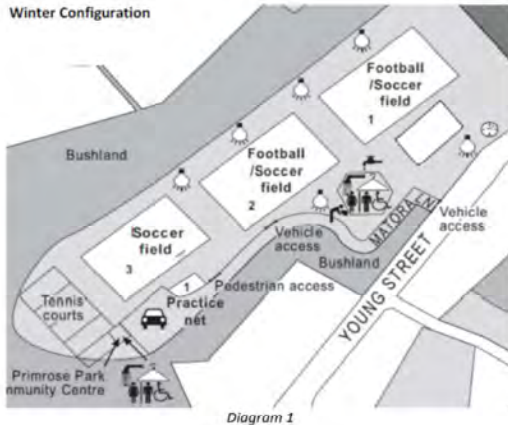
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		I also trust the park will remain a dog friendly venue for off-leash walking (while games are not in progress of course). Perhaps the new toilet block could include a dog-friendly bubbler as well as one for people. Finally, would you please include a proper pedestrian pathway from the Young St/Wonga Rd carpark down to the playing field. The current pedestrian access down that way is a very long uneven, steep slope and is quite awful to walk down. I'm sure this could be incorporated into the proposed retaining wall at that corner of the park. ¹	
136	Gill Barton	I am against the proposed Rugby Union and Soccer fields being located up close to the water's edge at Primrose Park, Cremorne. This is the prime spot for picnics and parties for everyone. It would be much more appropriate for these sports fields to be located on the southernmost section of the park, near the tennis courts.	2c
137	Marguerite Wetton Cammeray	I do not support the suggestion of the sports field increasing traffic in an already congested area that has just undergone massive pollution and inconvenience for the infrastructure projects. The tennis courts were replaced too, however, all the native bottle brushes were removed, leaving many lorikeets homeless and without feeding possibilities as exotic magnolia trees have taken their place. The players are also now exposed to our ferocious and dangerous sun without any green shade. Please take the time to consider practicalities and local consultation to avoid depriving the local communities and reducing bushland and animals.	2a/2c
138	Kathryn Summerhayes	I would like to say I don't support the Primrose Park reconfiguration. I would like the park to stay open space. I am sorry this is late but I have been away over Easter and school holidays.	2c
139	Jennifer Bragagnolo	No to the proposed changes to the park. It's there for all to use not just schools & sports codes.	2c
140	Karen Armstron	I am writing to express my deep concern about the proposed playing field at Primrose Park. I have lived and paid rates in North Sydney for over 30 years, and enjoyed the open space at Primrose Park. This is an area many families and people use, and it would restrict so many activities if it was fenced in and limited to a specific sporting activity. There has been no community consultation about this.	2c



CURRENT CONFIGURATION

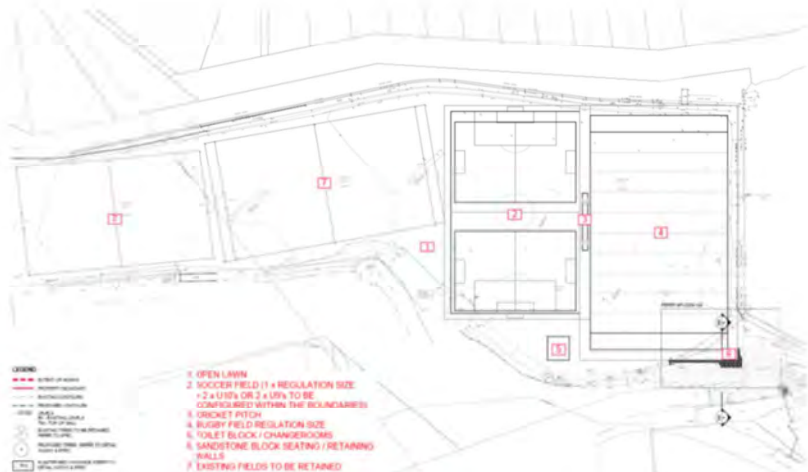
Winter - includes three playing fields running parallel to each other in an east-west direction (Diagram 1). The large turf area adjacent to Field 1 hosts a 60m x 40m soccer field used mainly on Saturdays during winter.

Summer - setup includes four synthetic cricket wickets, as shown in Diagram 2. The current position of the current proximity of the two cricket pitches within the vicinity of Field 1 makes it impossible to use the pitches at the same time.

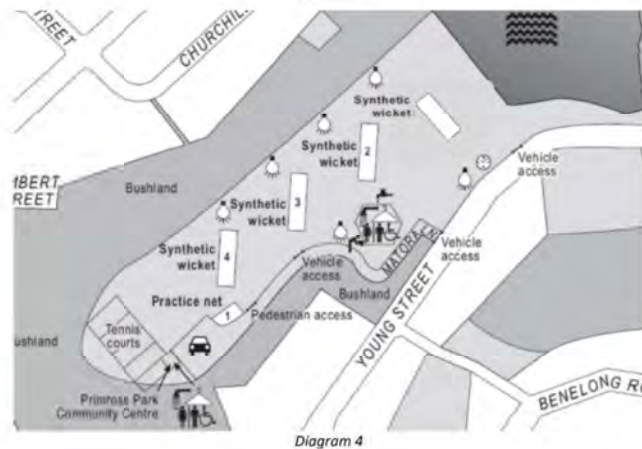


PROPOSED CONFIGURATION

Winter - Diagram 3 shows the proposed new Autumn/Winter sports field configuration and a location for the new amenities block.



Summer - proposal to remove current pitches 1 and 2 and create a new pitch in between the two new fields as shown in Diagram 4.



Refer to the Your Say North Sydney website to view the plans and full Council report.

- 4. General Business**
- 5. Closure**