

# Neighbourhood Parks Plan of Management

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# 1. Introduction

This Neighbourhood Parks Generic Plan of Management was adopted by Strathfield Council on 2 December 2014 following public exhibition from 8 July 2014 to 20 August 2014.

The adoption of this Plan of Management replaces any previous plans.

### 1.1 Snapshot of Strathfield Local Government Area

Strathfield Local Government Area (LGA) is centrally located in Sydney's Inner West, approximately 10.5 kilometres from the Sydney CBD and half way between Parramatta and the Sydney CBD. The LGA includes the suburbs of Strathfield (postcode 2135), Strathfield South (2136), Homebush (2140), Homebush West (2140), part of Belfield (2191) and part of Greenacre (2190). Sydney Markets (postcode 2129) is also located within Strathfield LGA.

The Strathfield LGA has a total area of approximately 14.1 square kilometres, with 1.24 square kilometres or 9% of the total area being open space. It is well known for its transport connections, educational opportunities, and attractive streetscapes, parks and buildings.

Strathfield Council is particularly well known for its extensive green open spaces and high standards of recreational facilities, which enhance the liveability and amenity of the LGA. Open spaces range from regional sporting grounds to smaller neighbourhood parks and reserves. Significant parks include Strathfield, Airey and Mason Parks, and a number of interlinked parks that form part of the Cooks River Foreshore open space network. Strathfield also has numerous community facilities including meeting rooms, halls and community centres which are available for hire by groups and individuals for sporting, community, recreation, social and other purposes.

The local residential population of the Strathfield Local Government Area is increasing. In 2013, the estimated residential population was 38,358 residents. By 2021, the resident population is estimated at 45,650 people, representing a 1.3% per annum growth from 2011-2016 and 2.8% per annum growth from 2016-2021. With close to 50% of its population born overseas, Strathfield has a rich cultural diversity.

### **1.2 Community and recreational trends**

With an increasing population and greater diversity of needs, some of the challenges facing Strathfield Council include higher and competing demands for public open space and community facilities. Council is strongly focused on identifying and meeting the current and future needs of the Strathfield community in a sustainable manner.

Recent community engagement and analysis of social and recreational trends indicate increasing participation rates in formal and informal recreation, sporting and leisure activities such as organised team sports, walking, cycling, running, aerobic fitness, dog walking and increased demand for access to community facilities.

Priorities for Council are increasing the capacity of local community facilities, parks and sportsgrounds, development of new community and recreational facilities, and ensuring equity of access to land and facilities, to meet these changing needs.

### 1.3 What is a Plan of Management?

The *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) requires a Plan of Management to be prepared for all public land that is classified as 'community' land under that Act.

Plans of Management are developed by Council in consultation with the community. A Plan of Management describes the features of the community land and outlines how Council intends to manage, use or develop the land in the future, thereby providing a transparent and co-ordinated approach to public land management.

The Act requires that community land is categorised as either a natural area, park, sportsground, area of cultural significance, or general community use.

A Generic Plan of Management can be prepared for more than one parcel of land, generally where there is commonality of land uses or locations.

### 1.4 Strathfield Council Plans of Management

The following generic and specific Plans of Management are to apply at Strathfield Council.

Plans of Management	Intention	Inclusions
Neighbourhood Parks Plan of Management	To provide a generic plan of management for all neighbourhood parks located on community land.	Local parks, ornamental parks, pocket parks, minor or junior sportsgrounds, small parks or open spaces that form the Cooks River and Powells Creek corridors.
Significant Parks and Sportsgrounds Plan of Management	To provide a generic plan of management for all major parks and sportsgrounds located on community land.	Major parks, major sportsgrounds and ovals including tennis centres, golf courses and amenities ancillary to the primary use of land eg toilets, change rooms etc
Community Facilities Plan of Management	To provide a generic plan of management of all community facilities located on community land.	Community facilities such as libraries, community halls, childcare centres, sports facilities (excluding amenities buildings)
Specific Plans of Management	<ul> <li>To provide specific plans of management for either:</li> <li>community land that is categorised as natural areas eg bushland, wetland, escarpment etc</li> <li>major open space with specific requirements are not adequately covered by a generic plan</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Examples include (but not limited to):</li><li>Mason Park Wetlands</li><li>Coxs Creek Reserve</li></ul>

### 1.5 Purpose of this Neighbourhood Parks Plan of Management

The Local Government Act 1993 (the 'Act') requires all Council-owned land to be classified as either 'community' land or 'operational' land. Land classified as 'Community' land is be managed and used in accordance with an adopted Plan of Management.

This Neighbourhood Parks Plan of Management is a generic plan of management that consolidates and updates all previous Plans of Management relating to the many neighbourhood parks located in the Strathfield Local Government Area.

Neighbourhood Parks are 'local parks' in the Strathfield Local Government Area. Local parks include those parks that have ornamental form, small or pocket size, small parks containing junior sportsgrounds, access corridors, drainage reserves and the small parks and open spaces that abut the Cooks River and Powells Creek.

The purpose of this Plan of Management is to:

- contribute to the strategic goals and vision as set out in Strathfield 2025, Council's Community Strategic Plan
- ensure compliance with the Local Government Act 1993
- provide clarity in the future development, use and management of the community land that is considered to be a Neighbourhood Park.

### **1.6 Process of preparing this Plan of Management**

The process of preparing this Plan of Management, consultations with stakeholders, and documents produced at each stage, are shown in Figure 1.

#### Figure 1 Process of preparing this Plan of Management

Consultation	Stages	Outputs
	PREPARE DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT	Draft Plan of Management
		Report to Council
	↓	
	COUNCIL RESOLUTION	
	↓	
Notices placed in local newspapers	PUBLIC EXHIBITION	Written submissions to Council
All documents available for inspection at Council's Customer Service Centre and website.		
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Consultation	Stages	Outputs
	CONSIDER SUBMISSIONS	Report to Council
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	PREPARE FINAL PLAN OF MANAGEMENT	Neighbourhood Parks Plan of Management
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Strathfield Council Resolution	ADOPTION	
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IMPLEMENTATION		

### **1.7 Community Consultation**

Community consultation and input is important to ensure a Plan of Management meets the needs of the local community. It also encourages an appreciation of the Council's aims for management of public land.

This plan was created using information gained from extensive community consultation activities undertaken as part of the development and adoption of the Community Strategic Plan - Strathfield 2025 in 2011-2012. The Community Engagement involved household surveys, interviews, focus groups and large public meetings. In the broad household survey, involving nearly 2000 returned surveys, the community ranked parks and recreation in the top ten of services of highest importance in the Strathfield Local Government Area (including local and state services).

The community engagement found there is a high level of satisfaction with the performance of Strathfield's parks and reserves. The local community were supportive of increased access to parks, sportsgrounds and facilities as well as expanded recreation and community programs and facilities. The engagement should support for the view that parks and recreation help build social cohesion through activities, both formal and informal.

Before a Plan of Management can be adopted by Council, it must be placed on public exhibition for at least 28 days. The period in which written submissions can be received is not less than 42 days from the first day of public exhibition.

In addition, a public hearing must be held, in accordance with the requirements of Sections 40(A) and 47(G) of the Act if community land is intended to be either categorised or recategorised.

### **1.8** Contents of this Plan of Management

This Plan of Management is divided into the following sections, as outlined in Table 1.

#### Table 1 Structure of this Plan of Management

Section	What does it include?
1. Introduction	Background to the Plan of Management – what is a Plan of Management? Purpose of the Plan of Management, Process of preparation, Community consultation and Contents.
2. Land description and planning	Land covered by the Plan of Management
3. Legislative framework	State government planning legislation and local planning context.
4. Basis of management	Categories of community land
5. Land Uses	Permissible uses and developments, scale and intensity of use, use agreements, bookings and events.
6. Leases, licences and other estates	Authorisation of leases, licences and other estates; short term versus casual hire
7. Strategy and Action Plan	Objectives, performance targets, assessment of performance
8. Change and review of Plan of Management	Process of reviewing and updating the Plan of Management
Appendices	Attachment A contains a schedule of the community land, land categorisations and ownership of land covered by this Plan of Management.
	Attachment B provides more detailed information on each property.
	Attachment C includes maps.

Requirements of the *Local Government Act* for the contents of a Plan of Management, and where they can be found in this Plan, are listed in Table 2.

### Table 2 Contents of a Plan of Management for community land

Requirement of the Local Government Act	How this plan satisfies the Act
Categorisation of community land	Sections 3, 4 Appendix A
Core objectives for management of the land	Section 4
A description of the condition of the land, and of any buildings or other improvements on the land as at the date of adoption of the Plan of Management	Appendix B

Requirement of the Local Government Act	How this plan satisfies the Act
The purposes for which the land, and any such buildings or improvements, will be permitted to be used	Sections 5, 6
The purposes for which any further development of the land will be permitted, whether under lease or licence or otherwise	Sections 5, 6
A description of the scale and intensity of any such permitted use or development	Section 5
Authorisation of leases, licences or other estates over community land	Section 6
Performance targets	Section 7
A means for assessing achievement of objectives and performance targets	Section 7

# 2. Land Description and Planning

### 2.1 Land covered by this Plan of Management

This Plan of Management relates to Neighbourhood Parks in the Strathfield Local Government Area (LGA) that categorise land as Park, Sportsground, or General Community Use. Including these parks in a generic Plan of Management ensures consistent management which supports a cohesive approach to meeting the diverse needs of the community.

The community land covered by this Generic Plan of Management is identified in the schedule in Appendix A.

This Generic Plan of Management has not been prepared for formal endorsement in accordance with the *Crown Lands Act 1989*. It does not affect any plans of management prepared and adopted by the Minister under the *Crown Lands Act 1989*.

### 2.2 Crown Land in Strathfield LGA

A number of parks within the Strathfield LGA are Crown Land owned by the State of New South Wales, and are managed by Council on behalf of the State of New South Wales.

Council manages Crown Land assets in a similar manner to managing its community land. For alignment with operational management plans, Appendix A includes a selection of land owned by the Crown. This inclusion reflects the consistent approach taken by Council to managing public land.

### 2.3 Road Reserves

A number of parks in the Strathfield LGA are built on unformed road reserves, which are under the *Local Government Act 1993* are exempt from classifications such as community or operational land. Though they do not require a Plan of Management, parks located on road reserves are managed in a similar manner to other neighbourhood parks on community land.

### 2.4 Drainage Reserves

A drainage reserve under the *Local Government Act* may be classified as operational land and are managed in the same manner as other operational land in the Strathfield Local Government Area. Some areas of open space in Strathfield LGA have areas which for drainage purpose. Drainage areas are classified as 'General Community Use' if located on community land.

# 3. Legislative Framework

This section describes the legislative and policy framework applying to the land covered under this Plan of Management.

### 3.1 Local Government Act 1993

Community land must be managed according to the provisions of the *Local Government Act* 1993 and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.* 

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires all Council owned land to be classified as either Operational or Community land.

Operational land would ordinary comprise of land held as a temporary asset or as an investment, land which facilitates the carrying out by Council of its functions or land which may not be open to the general public, such as works depot or a Council garage.

Community land, however, is defined as land that must be kept for the use of the general community, and must not be sold. Community land is required to be managed in accordance with a Plan of Management, and any other laws regulating the use of the land.

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, the following requirements must be set out in the Plan of Management for community land:

- all community land must be categorised. The Plan must contain core objectives for management of the land.
- the Plan must include a description of the condition of the land, and of any buildings or other improvements on the land.
- the Plan must specify the purposes for which the land, and any such buildings or improvements, will be permitted to be used.
- the Plan must specify the purposes for which any further development of the land will be permitted, whether under lease or licence or otherwise.
- the Plan must describe the scale and intensity of any such permitted use or development.
- the Plan must include performance targets. The Plan must contain means for assessing achievement of objectives and performance targets.
- Council must exhibit the draft Plan for 28 days and give at least 42 days for the making of submissions.
- any amendments to a draft Plan must be publicly exhibited in the same way, until the Council can adopt the draft Plan without further amendment.
- Council may only grant a lease, licence or other estate over community land if it is expressly authorised in a Plan of Management

### 3.2 Crown Lands Act 1989

The objectives of the *Crown Land Act* and the principles of Crown land management can be accessed at www.legislation.nsw.gov.au.

Crown lands are managed by trusts established under the *Crown Lands Act 1989*. Strathfield Council has been appointed as trust manager for many of the Crown reserves in Strathfield LGA, and has the care, control and management of these areas.

### 3.3 Zoning and Planning Controls

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EPA Act) establishes the statutory planning framework for environmental and land use planning in NSW.

Strathfield Council has adopted Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012 for the entire Local Government Area. Generally, the LEP has Strathfield Local Government Area's open spaces within the RE1 Public Recreation zone. Some community buildings may be included within the surrounding zoning, emphasising their place and role in the local community.

Development or uses requiring a Development Application will be assessed under Section 79(c) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. In summary, the possible impacts of the proposal will be considered in the light of all relevant planning controls and Council policies.

### 3.4 Heritage

Strathfield Council has carried out a number of heritage studies, and recognises the heritage significance of items by their inclusion in its Local Environmental Plan. The use and development of heritage items is then managed through Development Control Plans and if required Conservation Management Plans.

The inclusion of heritage significant items within an LEP provides a strong framework to protect these assets. This Plan of Management is not only intended to be consistent with the LEP framework, but to also focus primarily on the nature and balance of use, management and care of the land as a whole.

### 3.5 Habitat and Threatened Species

Some natural features remain in the Strathfield Local Government Area, which are subject of separate Plans of Management for example, Cox's Creek Reserve and Mason Park Wetlands.

The land covered by this Neighbourhood Parks Plan of Management has not been identified as the habitat of any threatened species. However, there are some remnants of natural features in some of the land covered by this Plan of Management, and many open spaces serve an important ecological role.

Council intends to sympathetically retain these natural features, and in appropriate instances augment the key and supporting habitat areas.

### 3.6 Other Relevant Legislation and Policies

In addition to the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*, there are a number of other pieces of legislation and Government policies that are relevant to the ongoing development and management of community land categorised as Park, Sportsground or General Community Use. Legislation and policies with direct relevance to the subject sites are listed in Sections 3.6.1, 3.6.2 and 3.6.3.

### 3.6.1 Commonwealth legislation

The *Federal Telecommunications Act 1997* provides for telecommunication facilities being permitted on community land without authorisation in a Plan of Management.

### 3.6.2 State Government Legislation and Policies

- Companion Animals Act 1998
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992
- Disability Inclusion Act 2014
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Comm.)
- Heritage Act 1977
- Noxious Weeds Act 1993
- Pesticides Act 1999
- Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
- Rural Fires Act 1997
- State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs)
- Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995
- Waste Minimisation Act 1995
- Water Management Act 2000

### 3.6.3 Strathfield Council Planning Instruments and Policies

- Strathfield Council Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012
- Strathfield Council Consolidated Development Control Plan
- Strathfield Council 2025 Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Operational Plan
- Strathfield Council Asset Management Strategy
- Strathfield Council Asset Management Plans for Parks and Buildings
- Specific Public Land Plans of Management
- Strathfield Council Companion Animals Policy
- Strathfield Council Community Gardens Policy
- Strathfield Council Development Contributions Plan
- Strathfield Council Graffiti Management Policy
- Strathfield Council Heritage Studies and Inventory Sheets
- Strathfield Council Hire of Community Facilities Policy
- Strathfield Council Pesticide Use Notification Plan
- Strathfield Council Public Land Guidelines
- Strathfield Council CCTV on Public Land Policy
- Strathfield Council Open Space and Recreation Needs Study
- Strathfield Council Energy Management Plan and Water Efficiency Plan
- Strathfield Council Significant Tree Register

### 3.6.4 References

Department of Local Government (2000) Practice Note No.1 – Public Land Management

## 4. Basis of Management

### 4.1 Categorisation of Community Land

The management of community land is governed by the categorisation of the land, and the core objectives of the relevant category of community land. Council may then apply more specific management objectives to community land, but these must be compatible with the core objectives for the land.

Section 36(4) of the Act requires Community land to be categorised into one of five categories as set out in the Act, which are:

- Natural Area (to be further sub-categorised as Bushland, Wetland, Escarpment, Watercourse or Foreshore)
- Sportsground
- Park
- Area of Cultural Significance
- General Community Use

The categories reflect land use and/or the physical characteristics of the land. Categorisation enables Council to focus its attention on the dominant character of the land, and the operational management of the asset.

The categories relevant to the Community-classified land in Appendix A are:

- Park
- General Community Use
- Sportsgrounds

The majority of Neighbourhood Parks are categorised as "Parks". Those parks with buildings erected including library, halls or amenities are categorised as "General Community Use". It is not intended that neighbourhood parks have large scale structured sportsgrounds, however some larger neighbourhood Parks contain small-scale sportsgrounds eg junior cricket and therefore, these are categorised as "Sportsgrounds" in this plan.

The guidelines for categorisation of community land are set out in the *Local Government* (*General*) Regulation 2005. The core objectives for each category are set out in the *Local Government Act 1993*. The guidelines and core objectives for the Park, Sportsground and General Community Use categories are set out in Table 3.

# Table 3 Guidelines for and core objectives of community land categorised as Park,Sportsground or General Community Use

Category	Definitions	Core objectives
Park	Land which is, or proposed to be, improved by landscaping, gardens or the provision of non sporting equipment and facilities, and for uses which are mainly passive or active recreational, social, educational and	<ul> <li>encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities.</li> <li>provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the</li> </ul>

Category	Definitions	Core objectives
	cultural pursuits that not unduly intrude on the peaceful enjoyment of the land by others.	<ul> <li>casual playing of games.</li> <li>improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.</li> </ul>
General Community Use	Land that may be made available for use for any purpose for which community land may be used, whether by the public at large or by specific sections of the public.	<ul> <li>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:</li> <li>in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public.</li> <li>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).</li> </ul>

Council must manage community land in according to these core objectives. Any activities or uses of the land should be consistent with the core objectives for that category of land. Additional objectives which support the above core objectives are included in Section 7 Strategy and Action Plan.

### 4.2 Management of Community Land

Council intends to manage its community land to meet the objectives set out in Table 4.1 and section 7 of this Plan of Management. The types of uses, and development, which may take place are identified in Sections 5 and 6.

### 4.3 Community Vision

The community vision describes the community's aspirations for the future of the Strathfield Local Government Area by 2025:

"Strathfield is a well connected urban centre in Sydney's inner west with rich cultural diversity and a strong sense of community cohesion. The community is engaged with Council in guiding a sustainable future and opportunities for education, recreation, employment and overall wellbeing in Strathfield."

### 4.4 Key Strategic Directions

Strathfield 2025 is the community strategic plan for the Strathfield Local Government Area until 2025. The plan was developed following extensive community engagement and is divided into five key themes:

- Connectivity
- Community Wellbeing
- Prosperity and Opportunities
- Liveable Neighbourhoods
- Responsible Leadership

The plan is highly integrated across all Council functions, services and activities. The key goals of Strathfield 2025 which are relevant to this Plan of Management are:

Theme	Goal
Connectivity	Infrastructure and development is integrated, planned and sustainable
Community Wellbeing	Strathfield community is healthy, active and inclusive Strathfield is a harmonious community with a strong sense of community cohesion
Prosperity & Opportunities	Strathfield is a highly desirable place
Liveable Neighbourhoods	Strathfield's neighbourhoods are clean, attractive & well maintained Our natural environment is maintained and enhanced
Responsible Leadership	Strathfield community trusts Council and is informed, valued and heard Council is efficient, sustainable and delivers value for money services Council is ethically and responsibly managed

### 4.4.1 Parks and sportsgrounds

The strategic objectives which apply to parks and sportsgrounds on that land are set out in table 4.

Goal	Strategic Objectives
Infrastructure and development in integrated, planned and sustainable	That projected population growth is supported by planning for increased and embellished local infrastructure such as parks, sportsgrounds and community facilities.
Strathfield community is healthy, active and inclusive	Council parks and sportsgrounds provide and support a wide range of recreational and community activities which promotes Strathfield as a healthy, active and inclusive community. Parks and sportsgrounds are managed, monitored and upgraded to meet community needs. Council encourages and works with relevant parties including residents, clubs and organisations to deliver recreational programs and activities to improve health of the community. Parks and sportsgrounds are accessible to the public, which includes transport, use of park or sportsground as well as physical access by people of all abilities.
Strathfield is a harmonious community with a strong sense of community cohesion	Plan programs that meet the needs of people of all ages, cultures and abilities. Collaborate with relevant partners to deliver programs that support, build and strengthen community capacity and resilience. Provide equitable access to council facilities for community, cultural and recreational programs
Strathfield is a highly desirable place	Develop and promote a sense of place and civic pride in Strathfield. Celebrate and acknowledge civic and community achievements and promote appreciation and awareness of the Strathfield area, its history and sense of place. Collaborate with community stakeholders to develop and implement place promotion.
Parks are clean attractive and well maintained	Maintain clean and attractive parks, sportsgrounds and natural landscapes. Ensure parks, sportsgrounds and open spaces are properly maintained including litter and waste removal. Maintain tree canopy and biodiversity in Strathfield LGA.
Park natural environment is maintained and enhanced	Develop activities and programs that promote our natural environment. Protect and enhance Strathfield's biodiversity through education and partnerships with community. Provide plants of local species provenance from Strathfield's Native Nursery.
Council is ethically and responsibly managed	Council maintain and monitor asset management plans for parks and buildings to ensure that land and facilities in maintained to meet community standards and levels of service. Parks and facilities are sustainable and maintained in accordance with asset plans and ensure that adequate income is generated to maintain facilities to a service standard expected by the community. Provide safe work environments and minimise risk associated with Council activities.
Council is efficient, sustainable and delivers value for money services	Deliver high quality and efficient customer services. Promote efficient and effective business practices with community, customers and partnerships. Maintain and improve Council's financial sustainability and

### Table 4 Strategic objectives for land categorised as Parks and Sportsgrounds

Goal	Strategic Objectives
	management of assets including parks.

### 4.4.2 General Community Use

Land categorised as General Community Use may consist of areas with an operational function that have not been classified as operational land. Properties included within this category fall into two types:

- 1. walkways or access corridors and drainage reserves.
- 2. buildings that fully cover the land or have a substantial presence upon the balance of the land. The buildings may function as community centres or halls or specialised single purpose facilities providing a range of services from libraries to childcare.

Strategic objectives which apply to the Council's general community use land and built facilities on that land are set out in Table 5.

Goal	Strategic Objectives
Infrastructure and development in integrated, planned and sustainable	That projected population growth is supported by planning for increased and embellished local infrastructure such as parks, sportsgrounds and community facilities.
Strathfield community is healthy, active and inclusive	Council community facilities provide and support a wide range of recreational and community activities which promotes Strathfield as a healthy, active and inclusive community. Community facilities are managed, monitored and upgraded to meet community needs. Council encourages and works with relevant parties including residents, clubs and organisations to deliver recreational programs and activities to improve health of the community. Community facilities are accessible to the public and physical access by people of all abilities.
Strathfield is a harmonious community with a strong sense of community cohesion	Plan programs that meet the needs of people of all ages, cultures and abilities. Collaborate with relevant partners to deliver programs that support, build and strengthen community capacity and resilience. Provide equitable access to council facilities for community, cultural and recreational programs.
Strathfield is a highly desirable place	Develop and promote a sense of place and civic pride in Strathfield. Celebrate and acknowledge civic and community achievements and promote appreciation and awareness of the Strathfield area, its history and sense of place. Collaborate with community stakeholders to develop and implement place promotion.
Council is ethically and responsibly managed	Council maintain and monitor asset management plans for Council owned buildings to ensure that facilities are meet community standards and levels of service for current and future communities. Sustainable community facilities are maintained in accordance with asset plans and ensure that adequate income is generated to maintain facilities to a service standard expected by the community. Provide safe work environments and minimise risk associated with Council activities.

### Table 5 Strategic objectives for land categorised as General Community Use

Goal	Strategic Objectives
Council is efficient, sustainable and delivers value for money services	Deliver high quality and efficient customer services. Promote efficient and effective business practices with community, customers and partnerships. Maintain and improve Council's financial sustainability and management of assets including buildings.

### Role of General Community Use Land

General Community Use areas perform many functions relating to the enhancement of the health and wellbeing of the community. Outside of the provision of power easements, drainage reserves and access ways, the land may house buildings and structures such as community centres and halls that cater for formal and informal leisure and recreational activities, educational, cultural and social functions.

Open space areas associated with General Community Use land also offer the community a range of recreation opportunities. This provides individuals and communities with health related benefits achieved through physical activity such as physical, mental, social, cultural, economical and environmental benefits that lead to the overall health and wellbeing of the community.

### **Dual Purpose of General Community Use Land**

Council recognises that some General Community Use land throughout the Council area may serve a dual recreation and drainage function and this function must be monitored closely so as to maintain the recreational and drainage integrity of these assets.

## 5. Land Uses

### 5.1 **Permissible uses and developments**

The permissible types of uses which may occur on Neighbourhood Parks and the forms of development generally associated with those uses, are set out in Table 6.

The anticipated uses, and associated development, identified in Table 6 are intended to provide an overview or general guide. The expressions used are not intended to impose a strict, or defined meaning. For example, a reference to "cricket" is also intended to include the variations and modifications of that game.

Council anticipates that new sports may develop, and others increase in popularity. If this occurs, then some sections of community land may be adapted to allow that use, as it is a form of 'active recreation' enjoyed by members of the Council's community and it can be accommodated within the facility or sportsground in a cost effective and sustainable manner.

References such as 'field', or 'court', are not intended to preclude development of an appropriate surface for that sport, even if that surface is usually described in a slightly different way.

 Table 6 Permissible uses of land categorised as Park, Sportsground and General Community

 Use

Purpose/Use	Development
Freshwater Park, Pilgrim Park and Powells Creek open space (proposed) have or may develop courts or junior sportsgrounds that may be used for small-scale formal sports eg cricket	
Public meetings and addresses (speeches) may be held in Strathfield Square subject to conditions of use of Square.	
Events such as fairs and festivals may be held in Strathfield Square, subject to Council approvals.	
Events such as markets may be held in Edwards Park, subject to Council approval.	
Kiosks, cafes and refreshment areas are permissible in Strathfield Square.	
Wedding ceremonies may be held in Wallis Reserve, subject to Council approval.	
Parks along the Powell Creeks and Cooks River corridors (Bay to Bay path and cycle way) may permit mobile coffee carts and food vending, subject to Council approvals.	
Sportsgrounds	
Active and passive recreational and sporting activities consistent with the nature of the particular land and any relevant facilities, e.g.	Development for the purpose of conducting and facilitating organised sport (both amateur and professional)
- fields (cricket, football, rugby, soccer, track and	Sports or fitness training
field athletics, Australian rules, baseball, oztag, softball)	Promotion of organised and unstructured recreation activities
-marked court (basketball, volleyball, tennis and netball)	Provision of amenities to facilitate use and
Amenities eg change room, shower/toilet facilities	enjoyment of the community land including change rooms, toilets, storage, first aid areas
Kiosk/café uses	Café/kiosk facilities
Restricted access ancillary areas eg staff rooms, meeting rooms, equipment storage areas	Equipment sales/hire areas
Shade structures and storage ancillary to recreational uses	Meeting rooms/staff areas Sportsground lighting and irrigation
Small scale community events or gatherings, and public meetings	Casual, seasonal and licence agreements may be permitted for sportsgrounds in Neighbourhood Parks.
Easement, utilities and estates	

Purpose/Use	Development		
General Community Use			
Provides a location for, and supports, the gathering of groups for a range of general social, cultural or recreational purposes	Development for the purposes of social, community, cultural, recreational activities, including:		
Includes multi-purpose buildings eg community halls and centres	Landscaping and finishes, improving access, amenity and the visual character of the general community area		
<ul> <li>Uses may include:</li> <li>casual or informal recreational use</li> <li>meetings (including for social,</li> </ul>	Provision of buildings or other amenity areas to facilitate use and enjoyment by the community		
<ul><li>recreational, educational or cultural purposes)</li><li>functions</li></ul>	Development (particularly within buildings) for the purposes of addressing community needs (e.g. library facilities)		
<ul> <li>leisure or training classes</li> <li>educational centres, including libraries, information and resource centres</li> </ul>	Casual and seasonal uses may be permitted for Neighbourhood Parks.		
	Licence or lease arrangements for buildings in Neighbourhood Parks eg childcare facility, community hall etc refer to Community Facilities Plan of Management for permissibility.		

In some instances, physical assets may be located on land which falls into different categories. For example, community halls may be located on land categorised as Park, or on land categorised for General Community Use.

### 5.2 Future development and use of the community land

It is expected that future development and use of community land will need to:

### 1. Meet legislative requirements

The zoning tables in the Strathfield Council LEP specifies the range of uses and activities that may be permitted on the land. A number of uses are also set out in the Regulations to the *Local Government Act 1993*.

2. Be consistent with the guidelines and core objectives of the community land category.

Under the *Local Government Act* uses and development of community land must be consistent with the guidelines for categorisation and the core objectives of each category, and any other additional objectives the Council proposes to place on the community land categories (refer to Section 4).

3. Be consistent with relevant Council policies.

Relevant Council policies as at the date of adoption of this plan are set out in Section 3 (Legislative Framework). The goals and strategies outlined in these documents have been used to guide the outcomes of this Plan of Management.

Council's policies will continue to develop after the preparation of this Plan of Management. Management of Council's assets, and their development, will take into account the policy framework at the relevant time.

Substantial upgrades and proposed new development will take into account a range of factors, including:

- this Plan of Management and the core objectives for the land
- the planning controls for the land
- Council's adopted policies
- the characteristics of the land affected, including existing and future use patterns
- any landscape masterplan for the land.

Minor changes to community land are regularly made on a routine basis, such as garden beds are replanted, and damaged play equipment is replaced.

### 5.3 Scale and intensity of land use

The scale and intensity of uses and development associated with parks and sportsgrounds in Strathfield is generally dependent on:

- the nature of the approved uses and developments
- approved development applications and any conditions
- an approved masterplan
- the physical constraints of the land
- the carrying capacity of the land
- relevant government legislation
- permissible times of use
- proximity of neighbours

The scale and intensity of use of parks and sportsgrounds should be monitored by:

- regular inspection of the physical impacts on the park or sportsground
- reports to Council regarding any conflicts between park and sportsground users
- reports to Council from adjoining neighbours.

It is expected that large scale and intense use of Neighbourhood Parks will not be compatible with the objectives of this Plan of Management.

### 5.4 Crown land

Crown land is generally reserved for a public purpose, and uses on the reserve must be compatible with or ancillary to that public purpose. The Minister's consent is usually required for a lease or licence of community land (refer to Section 102 of the *Crown Lands Act, 1989*).

### 5.5 Uses and agreements

Council may from time to time enter into a licence or lease arrangements or permit casual, seasonal or regular bookings in order to encourage the use of the land and/or buildings appropriately and effectively.

Council is responsible for bookings of community land and facilities. Generally, Council seeks to encourage a broad and appropriate range of uses of community lands and facilities within the Strathfield area.

A range of policies address specific types of use in greater detail. Applicants should check Council's website (www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au) for up-to-date information.

Enquiries concerning use including hire of community land may be made via Council's Customer Service Centre at 65 Homebush Road Strathfield, by phone 02 9748 9999 or email: <u>council@strathfield.nsw.gov.au</u>.

### 6. Leases, Licences and Other Estates

### 6.1 What are leases, licences and other estates?

Leases, licences and other estates formalise the use of community land.

A **lease** will be typically required where exclusive use or control of all or part of community land is desirable for effective management. A lease may also be required for reasons such as the scale of investment in facilities, or the necessity for security measures. Strathfield Council generally uses licence agreements.

**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 community land is proposed. A number of licences for different uses can apply to the same area at the same time, provided there is no conflict of interest between the uses. Strathfield Council are encouraging seasonal non-exclusive licences for sporting facilities to maximise community use.

**Other estates** may be granted over community land for purposes such as provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Council's policy is to adopt the procedures and policies prepared for use agreements on community land to operational land, particularly in cases where the use/facility is considered to have a community objective or purpose.

Short term licences, seasonal and casual hire bookings may be used to allow Council to program different uses at different times, allowing the best overall use. Council may use short term licences or bookings to manage the types of uses set out in Table 7 in particular.

### 6.2 Authorisation of leases, licences or other estates over community land

The Act requires that any lease or licence of community land must be authorised by a Plan of Management. The lease or licence must be for purposes consistent with the categorisation and zoning of the land.

The maximum period for leases or licences on community land permitted under the Act is 21 years. If a lease or licence is anticipated, then public notice should be given in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

Where a lease arrangement has been entered into with Council for community land, subleasing the land may only occur with specific permission of Council and in accordance with the requirements of Section 47C of the Act, Clause 119 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* and conditions set out in agreements.

This Plan of Management authorises existing leases and licence agreements until the end of their current term. The leased or licensed areas may be renewed or changed in future. The leased or licensed areas may be reconfigured in the future to reflect changes in community needs.

This Plan of Management authorises Council to grant leases, licences or any other estates for community land covered in this Plan of Management for purposes and uses which are identified or consistent with those in Table 4 and Tables 5 and 6. Some examples of longer term arrangements are outlined in the following Table 7. Shorter arrangements (for example, a short term licence associated with a particular event, or recurring for a few hours each season) are set out in Table 8.

Calculations for fees and charges for leases and licences will be based on independent market rental valuations that are based on comparisons to similar services and facilities with similar locations, building and land conditions. As a minimum standard, the financial return from licence fees should offset asset maintenance, renewal and any operational costs. Council may also apply subsidies to not for profit organisations where there are demonstrated community benefits or financial hardship. Subsidies will not be applied to commercial or residential leases.

Type of Arrangement Authorised	Land and Facilities covered	Purposes for which long term leasing/licensing will be granted
Licence or lease	Community land and buildings	<ul> <li>Any lease or licence proposal will be individually assessed and considered, including the community benefit, compatibility with this Plan of Management and Council's goals and objectives in its Strategic Plan and Delivery Program, capacity of the land and facility to support the proposed activity and consideration of outcomes of community consultation.</li> <li>Sympathetic, compatible uses may include: <ul> <li>child care or vacation care</li> <li>meetings and gatherings</li> <li>educational purposes, including libraries, education classes, workshops</li> <li>cultural purposes, including concerts, dramatic productions, and galleries</li> <li>recreational purposes, including fitness classes; dance classes, and games</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### Table 7 Leases, Licences and other Estates

Type of Arrangement Authorised	Land and Facilities covered	Purposes for which long term leasing/licensing will be granted
		<ul> <li>sporting uses developed/operated by a private operator</li> <li>kiosk, café and refreshment purposes</li> </ul>
	Park/ Sportsground	<ul> <li>Any lease or licence proposal will be individually assessed and considered, including the community benefit, compatibility with this Plan of Management and Council's goals and objectives in its Strategic Plan and Delivery Program and the capacity of the park or sportsground to support the activity and consideration of outcomes of community consultation.</li> <li>Sympathetic, compatible uses including: <ul> <li>outdoor café/kiosk seating and tables</li> <li>management of sportsground, court or similar facilities</li> <li>any licence proposal will be assessed and considered, having regard to the community benefit, compatibility with this Plan of Management and the capacity of the area to support the activity</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Other Estates	Community land and buildings	This Plan of Management allows Council to grant 'an estate' over community land for the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities in accordance with the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> . Estates may also be granted across community land for the provision of pipes, conduits, or other connections under the surface of the ground for the connection of premises adjoining the community land to a facility of the Council or other public utility provider that is situated on community land.

The grant of a lease or licence is an important step in using community land, but there may be other requirements relevant to any proposed use. For example, the refurbishment of a kiosk may also require development consent under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.* Any interested person should check carefully to make sure they are aware of all relevant requirements.

### 6.3 Short Term Uses

Agreements for use of community land may be granted for events of short duration which may be anything from a few hours to a few days. These short term arrangements should be for the types of uses identified in Table 8 and consistent with permissible uses in Section 5.1.

### Table 8 Seasonal, regular and casual use agreements

Community land category	Purposes for which short term uses may be granted
Park	<ul> <li>community events and festivals</li> <li>playing a musical instrument, or singing for fee or reward</li> <li>picnics and private celebrations such as family gatherings</li> <li>filming and photography session</li> <li>public performances</li> <li>engaging in an appropriate trade or business</li> <li>small scale sporting activities</li> </ul>
General Community Use	<ul> <li>meetings, seminars and presentations, including educational programs</li> <li>small scale events (including weddings, community gatherings)</li> </ul>
Sportsgrounds	<ul> <li>small scale sporting fixtures and events</li> <li>sports and fitness training and classes</li> <li>filming or photography of sporting fixtures or events</li> <li>uses reasonably associated with the promotion or enhancement of sporting groups, fixtures and events</li> </ul>

The functions and events conducted at each particular location may vary significantly, in light of the facilities available in that location. For example, kitchens are available in some (not all) community buildings.

In assessing community land categorised as Park as a venue for any proposed event, the Council applies the following minimum criteria:

- minor in scale
- the proposed event must comply with terms and conditions for event approval eg WorkCover regulations, insurance, waste management etc
- the event should not result in physical damage to the park or sportsground
- where appropriate, the event should be made available to all sections of the community
- the event should not result in a significant adverse impact on adjoining residents
- organisers of the site should be responsible for cleaning up the site and repairing any damage that may occur.

Fees for short-term casual bookings will be charged in accordance with Council's adopted Fees and Charges at the time.

# 7. Strategy and Action Plan

### 7.1 Strategy and Action Plan

Section 36 of the Act requires that a Plan of Management for community land must provide details concerning:

- the means by which the Council proposes to achieve the plan's objectives and performance targets
- the manner in which the Council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plan's objectives and performance targets.

Table 9 below sets out these requirements.

### **Table 9 Performance Targets**

Objectives and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land s.36 (b)	Means by which Council proposes to achieve the plan's objectives and performance targets s.36 (c)	Manner in which Council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plan's objectives and performance targets s.36 (d)
Natural Environment		
To maintain and enhance the health of park ecology, including flora and fauna. Maintain, protect and improve health of identified significant trees and surrounding street trees, and improve soil health.	Implement a native planting program using locally sourced indigenous plantings from Strathfield Native Nursery. Manage trees, gardens and natural areas to maintain and improve the quality of the environment. Habitat provision and protection for native flora, and fauna particularly threatened species.	Measurement and monitoring of native vegetation and habitat.
Environmentally Sustainable Principles		
Management of parks, sportsgrounds and general community land and buildings to ensure best environmental management practises and principles having regard to environmental sustainable design, resource use and maintenance.	<ul> <li>Energy efficiency</li> <li>Water savings</li> <li>Waste reduction</li> <li>Natural heating and cooling</li> <li>Sense of place and local identity</li> </ul>	Measure and monitor via plans and strategies such as Energy and Water plans. Monitor usage and trends via quarterly and annual consumption and billing. Monitor and minimise water and energy use in parks,

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Safety and Risk Management		
Provide safe park, sportsgrounds and general community use properties and recreation facilities.	<ul> <li>Park, sportsground and general community use land improvements to be designed and maintained in accordance with CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) principles including:</li> <li>Passive surveillance</li> <li>Good sight lines</li> <li>Territorial reinforcement and space management</li> <li>Lighting.</li> <li>Review lighting and security for both day and night time use. Coordination with local police to identify and act on safety issues.</li> <li>Recreation facilities and equipment will be installed and maintained in accordance with relevant Australian standards.</li> </ul>	Works to be in accordance with relevant Australian Standards. Monitor and action incident and accident reports. Land and properties will be regularly inspected
Amenity and Character		
Ensure Council's park, sportsground and general community use properties contribute to the amenity and character of the Strathfield LGA. Promote parks, sportsgrounds and community use properties as desirable places for recreation, community celebration and commemoration.	<ul> <li>Provide parks and facilities and pathways (eg Bay to Bay) as attractive destinations.</li> <li>Maintain and enhance parks, sportsgrounds and general community use property.</li> <li>Promote parks, sportsgrounds and facilities in local media and website.</li> </ul>	Community engagement including consultation with residents and users of parks and facilities to determine level of use and any community concerns. Maintain records of public comments in relation to park, sportsground or general community use property.
Uses and Recreation		
Enhance opportunities for a	Maintain a range of organised	Monitor local use of parks and

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Objectives and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land s.36 (b) balanced organised and unstructured recreational use of parks, sportsgrounds and general community land. Optimise public access to all areas of parks, sportsgrounds, and general community use land.	Means by which Council proposes to achieve the plan's objectives and performance targets s.36 (c) and informal/unstructured opportunities in parks and sportsgrounds. Provide improved facilities for event usage so that these functions may be accommodated without adversely affecting the values and character of individual parks and sportsgrounds. Provide amenities to increase use and enjoyment of parks and sportsgrounds including	Manner in which Council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plan's objectives and performance targets s.36 (d) sportsgrounds by bookings, surveys and observation.
	<ul> <li>sportsgrounds including toilets, change rooms and kiosk/café facilities.</li> <li>Undertake audit of facilities to identify compliance with disability standards.</li> <li>Enforce dog management provisions as per requirements of Council's Companion Animal Policy.</li> </ul>	
Community Facilities		
Community Facilities Provide sustainable community facilities for a range of community, social and other compatible activities.	<ul> <li>Provide community facilities which are multi-purpose and flexible to a range of appropriate uses.</li> <li>Ensure community facilities are universally accessible.</li> <li>Ensure community facilities support community needs and population growth.</li> <li>Ensure that community facilities are safe and of high quality.</li> <li>Facilities provided and managed in consultation and</li> </ul>	Monitor usage of community facilities as measured by bookings. Community satisfaction surveys. Facility inspections and audits. Compliance with relevant policies or terms and conditions of use.

Objectives and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land s.36 (b)	Means by which Council proposes to achieve the plan's objectives and performance targets s.36 (c) partnership with user groups and the community. Ensure community facilities meet sustainable building requirements and/or are progressively upgraded to incorporate best practice energy and water efficiencies.	Manner in which Council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plan's objectives and performance targets s.36 (d)
Landscape Character		
Maintain and improve landscape character and visual quality of park, sportsground or general community use property.	Manage replacement planting strategies for each park, sportsground or general community use property to ensure improvement to the current character. Maintain consistency in selection and design of park and sportsground furniture, paving, fencing that is appropriate to the setting and the sport or activity type. Implement & maintain co- ordinated signage strategy for parks, sportsgrounds and community facilities.	Increased appreciation of the property as measured by comments received by Council. Community consultation including surveys regarding levels of use.
Built Form		
Buildings that contribute to park, sportsground and general community use amenity, facilitate a range of uses and have regard for environmental sustainable design, resource use and maintenance.	Building and structure design specifications to consider park, sportsground and general community use character, expected use and environmental sustainability features.	Buildings provide positive contribution to park, sportsground and general community use amenity and use. Increased park, sportsground and general community use land bookings and use. Positive comments by park, sportsground and general community use user groups.

Objectives and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land s.36 (b)	Means by which Council proposes to achieve the plan's objectives and performance targets s.36 (c)	Manner in which Council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plan's objectives and performance targets s.36 (d)	
Sporting Amenities			
Provide high quality sporting facilities to accommodate informal and formal sports. Maintain condition and useability of sportsgrounds and 'sustainable capacity'.	Open space planning to consider sporting facility provision across the local government area to ascertain needs, shortfalls and embellishment to increase capacity. Capital works program to plan for improvements and upgrades of existing facilities. Sportsgrounds are usable and maintained in accordance with ground sustainable capacity.	Completed capital works upgrades of sporting facilities. Community feedback. Monitor usage and maintenance of sportsground.	
Historical and Heritage Significance			
Appreciation and interpretation of the heritage significance of the site and structures eg memorials in terms of both natural and cultural components.	Undertake, when required, heritage and cultural assessment studies to identify cultural and heritage values for retention and interpretation. Incorporate historical information on property signage to enhance understanding and appreciation of the site and the history it represents.	Retention and interpretation of heritage and cultural values provides increased appreciation of the property and its history as measured by user surveys.	
Asset Management – land and building management			
Provide effective and efficient management of parks, sportsgrounds and ancillary amenities.	Schedule regular inspections and condition assessments.	Measured against Service Standard KPIs. Audits. Complaints management	
Effective and efficient management of all buildings within parks, sportsgrounds and	Schedule regular inspections and condition assessments.	Measured against Service Standard KPIs.	

Objectives and performance	Means by which Council	Manner in which Council	
targets of the plan with respect to the land s.36 (b)	proposes to achieve the plan's objectives and	proposes to assess its performance with respect to	
	performance targets s.36 (c)	the plan's objectives and performance targets s.36 (d)	
public land.	Inclusion of maintenance standards in licence, lease or	Audits.	
	hire agreements.	Complaints management	
		Monitoring of agreements	
Provide clean, well maintained parks, sportsgrounds and general community use	Maintenance programs carried out in accordance with maintenance specifications.	Comments or complaints received by Council.	
properties.	Repair vandalism or graffiti	Regularly review graffiti register to guide future directions.	
Reduce the occurrence of vandalism and graffiti, and	within 48 hours where possible.		
repair promptly.	Provide waste bins to cater for public use.		
Reduce the amount of littering and encourage recycling.	Regular waste and recycling collection to minimise litter overflow.		
	Remove litter overflow regularly.		
Asset Management Plans for parks and buildings.	'Whole of life cost' approach to management. Sustainable funding models.	Asset management systems collect, measure and monitor asset planning for parks and buildings.	
		Operational plans and budgets	
		integrate asset management planning.	
Access and Circulation			
Provide safe and improved access to the parks, sportsgrounds and general community use properties for pedestrians and cyclists. Provide access to and within parks for people with disabilities.	Park, sportsground and general community use property upgrades, refurbishments and/or improvement works to consider and include improvements to public access and ensure appropriate connections with surrounding developments.	Increased local use of parks, sportsgrounds and general community use properties measured by survey and observation.	
	Proposed ramps, stairs and pathways to comply with		

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	relevant Council policies and plans and BCA requirements consistent with Australian Standards.	
Traffic and Parking		
Ensure traffic and parking requirements provide a safe environment for park, sportsgrounds and general community use property users and do not impact on the amenity of the properties.	Ensure that the use of vehicles, when permitted in parks, sportsgrounds and general community use property are regulated and agreements are monitored that allow third party vehicle access. Installation of signage preventing vehicles from entering unauthorised areas. Where vehicles are permitted, provide clearly demarked vehicle movement areas and encourage safe driver behaviour. Provide access for emergency or service.	Reduced pedestrian, cyclist and vehicle conflicts. Improved public safety. Agreements involving traffic access to parks
Use agreements		
That use arrangements facilitate wide community access to parks, sportsgrounds and general community use land. That use agreements return sufficient income for financial sustainability of assets and expenses.	Licence, leases and short term use agreements meet the requirements of the <i>Local</i> <i>Government Act 1993</i> and the <i>Crown Lands Act 1989.</i>	Licences, leases and short term use agreements are monitored in accordance with terms and conditions of agreement.

# 8. Change and Review of Plan of Management

This Plan of Management will require regular review in order to align with community values and changing community needs, and to reflect changes in Council priorities. The performance of this Plan of Management will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure the park, sportsground and general community use land and buildings are well maintained and provide a safe environment for public enjoyment.

Strategic reviews of this Plan of Management will be required where there is significant change to legislation or at five (5) year intervals.

Council intends to continue to acquire land for the benefit of the community. Land may also come into Council's ownership by dedication of land for open space. The Appendices to this Plan of Management may be updated from time to time, reflecting significant changes to the condition of the community land, or to reflect new acquisitions or dedications of land.

# Appendix A - Schedule of Community classified land

This schedule includes Crown Land and Road Reserves which under the *Local Government Act 1993* are not included as 'public land' and therefore are not classified as community or operational. In this schedule, Crown Land is included in cases where a park is partly Crown Land. Road Reserves are included on the schedule as they are similar in appearance and features to other neighbourhood parks and are maintained in a similar manner to those located on community land.

+ signifies parks and open space in the Powell's Creek Corridor

++ signifies parks and open space in the Cooks River Corridor

Name	Address	Land Categorisation	Classification of Land	Owner
1 Loftus Crescent	1 Loftus Crescent, Homebush	Park	Community	Council
29 Loftus Crescent	29 Loftus Crescent, Homebush	Park	Community	Council
30 Loftus Crescent	30 Loftus Crescent, Homebush	Park	Community	Council
+ Allen Street Reserve	Allen Street, Homebush	Park	Community	Council
+ "Arnotts Reserve" (future park)	Parramatta Road, Homebush	Park	Community	Council
Austin Park	Courallie Ave, Homebush	Park	Community	Council
Bill Boyce Reserve	Pomeroy Street, Homebush	Park	Community	Council
Boden Reserve	Pemberton Street, Strathfield	Park	Community	Council
Centenary Playground	Alviston Street, Strathfield	Park	Community	Council
++ Chain of Ponds Reserve	Cave Road, Strathfield	Park	Community	Council
Coronation Reserve	Coronation Parade, Strathfield South	Park	Not classified (road reserve)	Council
Cosgrove Reserve	Pemberton Street,	Park	Community	Council

Name	Address	Land Categorisation	Classification of Land	Owner
	Strathfield			
Davey Square Reserve	Beresford Rd, Strathfield	Park	Community	Council
Davey Square Memorial	Beresford Rd, Strathfield	Park	Community	Council
Dean Reserve	Dean Street, Strathfield South	Park	Community & Crown (part)	Council State Government
Drew Street Playground	Drew Street, Greenacre	Park	Not classified (road reserve)	Council
Edwards Park	High Street, Strathfield	Park General Community Use	Community	Council
Fitzgerald Park	Broughton Road, Abbotsford Road & Rochester Street, Homebush	Park	Community	Council
++ Fitzgerald Reserve	Fitzgerald Crescent, Strathfield	Park	Community & Crown (part)	Council State Government
Florence Reserve	Florence Street, Strathfield	Park	Not classified (road reserve)	Council
Ford Park	James Street, Maria Street & Water Street, Strathfield South	Park	Community	Council
Frank Zions Reserve	Mitchell Road, Strathfield	Park	Community & Part not classified (road reserve)	Council
++ Freshwater Park	Ada Ave, Strathfield	Park Sportsground	Community	Council
Henley Reserve	Henley Rd, Homebush West	Park	Community	Council
Humphries Reserve	Homebush Rd, Strathfield	Park	Not classified (Sydney Water)	State Government
Inveresk Park	Beresford Rd,	Park	Community	Council

Name	Address	Land Categorisation	Classification of Land	Owner
	Strathfield			
+ Ismay Reserve	Ismay Ave, Homebush	Park	Community	Council
Kessell Square	Shortland Ave, Strathfield	Park	Community	Council
Laker Reserve	Elva Street, Strathfield	Park	Community	Council
Lowes Gardens	Arthur Street, Strathfield	Park	Community & Part not classified (road reserve)	Council
++ Madeline Street Open Space	Madeline Street, Strathfield South	Park	Not classified (road reserve)	Council
++ Maria Reserve	Maria Street, Strathfield South	Park	Community & Part not classified (road reserve)	Council Sydney Water
Marlene Reserve	Marlene Crescent, Chullora	Park	Community	Council
Melville Reserve	Hampstead Rd, Homebush West	Park General Community Use	Community	Council
Mount Royal Reserve	Barker Road, Strathfield	Park	Not classified (road reserve)	Council
Nichol Parade Open Space	Nichol Parade, Strathfield	Park	Community	Council
++ Palmer Reserve	Palmer Avenue, Strathfield	Park	Community	Council
Pemberton Reserve	Pemberton Street, Strathfield	Park	Community & Part not classified (road reserve)	Council
Pilgrim Park	Arthur Street, Strathfield	Park Sportsground	Community	Council
+ Pomeroy Reserve	Pomeroy Street, Homebush	Park General Community Use Sportsground	Community	Council

Name	Address	Land Categorisation	Classification of Land	Owner
++Prentice Reserve	Prentice Lane, Strathfield	Park	Community & Part not classified (road reserve)	Council
Shortland Garden	Mackenzie Street, Homebush	Park	Not classified (road reserve)	Council
Slater Reserve	Bridge Rd, Strathfield	Park	Community	Council
++ St Annes Reserve	Therry Street, Strathfield South	Park	Community & Part not classified (Sydney Water)	Council Sydney Water
Strathfield Square	Churchill Avenue, Strathfield	Park	Community (part) & Operational (part)	Council
Sutherland Gardens	Kessell Avenue, Homebush	Park	Community	Council
Tavistock Reserve	Eastbourne Road, Homebush West	Park	Community	Council
Thew Reserve	Augusta Street, Strathfield	Park General Community Use	Community	Council
Todman Reserve	Oxford & Barker Road Strathfield	Park	Not classified (road reserve)	Council
Wallis Reserve	Wallis Avenue, Strathfield	Park	Community	Council
Wentworth Reserve	Wentworth Road, Homebush	Park	Community & part not classified (road reserve)	Council

## Appendix B – Neighbourhood Parks inventory

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Zoning

Name	Identifies the commonly known name of the land
Address	Describes the location of the land
Description of land and structures	Describes the condition and features of the park, sportsground or community general use, this can include:
	<ul> <li>Open space</li> <li>Gardens</li> <li>Children's Playground</li> <li>Shelter/seating</li> <li>BBQs</li> <li>Courts eg netball/basketball</li> <li>Turf/Concrete Wickets</li> <li>Amenities eg change rooms, toilets and similar facilities</li> <li>Memorials</li> <li>Playing fields</li> <li>Shared pathways</li> </ul>

As set out in Strathfield Council Local Environmental Plan 2012

Name	Address	Description of land and structures	Zoning (LEP 2012)
1 Loftus Crescent	1 Loftus Crescent, Homebush	This site is currently occupied by a 1930s residential flat building, though the land has been acquired by Council as future open space. This is a proposed future park.	R4 High Density Residential
29 Loftus Crescent	29 Loftus Crescent, Homebush	This site is currently occupied by a 1920s house, though the land has been acquired by Council as future open space. This is a proposed future park.	RE1 Public Recreation
30 Loftus Crescent	30 Loftus Crescent, Homebush	This site is currently occupied by a 1920s house, though the land has been acquired by Council as future open space. This is a proposed future park.	RE1 Public Recreation
Allen Street Reserve	Allen Street, Homebush	<ul> <li>Allen Street Reserve is a well maintained and established park in good condition.</li> <li>The reserve contains: <ul> <li>Off leash area</li> <li>Dog play equipment</li> <li>Seating</li> <li>Powells Creek Cycleway</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation
Arnotts Reserve	15 Parramatta Road, Homebush	Land was transferred from State Government to Council in 2014 and is designated as a future park. This land forms an important park and pedestrian link for the Powells Creek Foreshore Corridor Open Space Corridor	RE1 Public Recreation
Austin Park	Courallie Avenue, Homebush	Austin Park is a well maintained and established park in good condition. The reserve contains: <ul> <li>Children's playground</li> <li>Open Space for informal recreation</li> <li>Seating</li> <li>Shelter</li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation

Name	Address	Description of land and structures	Zoning (LEP 2012)
Bill Boyce Reserve (former Pomeroy Reserve)	Pomeroy Street, Homebush	<ul> <li>Bill Boyce Reserve is a well maintained and established park in good condition.</li> <li>The reserve contains: <ul> <li>Open Space for informal recreation</li> <li>Seating</li> <li>Shelter</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation
Boden Reserve	Pemberton Street, Strathfield	<ul> <li>Boden Reserve is a well maintained and established park in good condition. The reserve contains:</li> <li>Children's playground</li> <li>Open Space for informal recreation</li> <li>Seating</li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation
Centenary Playground	17 Alviston Street, Strathfield	Centenary Playground is a well maintained and established park in good condition. The reserve contains: Children's playground Open Space for informal recreation Seating	RE1 Public Recreation
Chain Of Ponds Reserve	Cave Road, Strathfield	Chain Of Ponds Reserve is a well maintained and established park in good condition. The reserve contains: • Open Space for informal recreation • Seating • Shelter • Bay-to-Bay cycle/pathway	RE1 Public Recreation
Coronation Reserve	Coronation Parade, Strathfield South	<ul> <li>Coronation Reserve is a well maintained and established park in good condition.</li> <li>The reserve contains: <ul> <li>Children's Playground</li> <li>Open Space for informal recreation</li> <li>Historic tram shelter</li> <li>Coronation Arch (historic item)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation

Name	Address	Description of land and structures	Zoning (LEP 2012)
Cosgrove Reserve	Pemberton Street, Strathfield	Cosgrove Reserve is a well maintained and established park in good condition. The reserve contains: Pergola Open Space for informal recreation Seating	RE1 Public Recreation
Davey Square Reserve	Beresford Road, Strathfield	<ul> <li>Davey Square is a well maintained and established park in good condition. The reserve contains:</li> <li>Ornamental garden</li> <li>Open Space for informal recreation</li> <li>Seating</li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation
Davey Square Memorial	Beresford Road, Strathfield	This land contains the Homebush War Memorial. The War Memorial site is heritage listed on Council's Local Environmental Plan (LEP).	RE1 Public Recreation
Dean Reserve	Dean Street, Strathfield South	<ul> <li>Dean Reserve is a well maintained and established park in good condition. The reserve contains:</li> <li>BMX track, climbing equipment and 'Flying Fox' play equipment</li> <li>Open Space for informal recreation</li> <li>Seating</li> <li>Amenities</li> <li>Bay to Bay cycleway/pathway</li> <li>Carpark</li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation
Drew Street Playground	39 Sylvanus Street & Drew Street, Greenacre	Drew Street Playground is a well maintained and established park in good condition. The park contains: Children's playground Open Space for informal recreation Seating Shelter	RE1 Public Recreation

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Edwards Park	64 High Street, Strathfield	<ul> <li>Edwards Park is a well maintained and established park in good condition.</li> <li>Edwards Park is heritage listed on Council's LEP. The park contains: <ul> <li>Library (refer to Community Facilities Plan of Management).</li> <li>Children's playground</li> <li>Open Space for informal recreation</li> <li>Seating</li> <li>Shelter</li> <li>BBQs</li> <li>Rotary Grove Garden</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation
Fitzgerald Park	Broughton Road, Homebush	<ul> <li>Fitzgerald Park is a well maintained and established park in good condition. The park contains:</li> <li>Children's playground</li> <li>Open Space for informal recreation</li> <li>Seating</li> <li>Shelter</li> <li>Netball grass courts</li> <li>BBQ</li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation
Fitzgerald Reserve	Fitzgerald Crescent Strathfield	Open Space for informal recreation	RE1 Public Recreation
Florence Reserve	Florence Street, Strathfield	Open Space for informal recreation (Note: this is a road reserve)	RE1 Public Recreation
Ford Park	James Street Strathfield South	<ul> <li>Ford Park is a well maintained and established park in good condition. The park contains:</li> <li>Children's playground</li> <li>Open Space for informal recreation</li> <li>Seating</li> <li>Shelters</li> <li>BBQ</li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation

Name	Address	Description of land and structures	Zoning (LEP 2012)
Frank Zions Reserve	Mitchell Road,	<ul> <li>Cricket practice nets</li> <li>Amenities</li> <li>Memorials (drinking fountain)</li> <li>Bay to Bay cycle/pathway</li> <li>Frank Zions Reserve is a well maintained and established park in good condition.</li> </ul>	RE1 Public
	Strathfield	The park contains: Children's playground Open Space for informal recreation Seating Shelter Bay-to-Bay cycle/pathway	Recreation
Freshwater Park	Ada Avenue, Strathfield	<ul> <li>Freshwater Park is a well maintained and established park in good condition. The park contains: <ul> <li>Children's playground</li> <li>Open Space for informal recreation</li> <li>Seating</li> <li>Shelter</li> <li>BBQ</li> <li>Sportsground (junior) with cricket wicket</li> <li>Bay-to-Bay cycle/pathway</li> </ul> </li> <li>Freshwater Park is divided into two distinct uses: a smaller neighbourhood park and land licenced to a golf course. This latter use is set out in the Significant Parks and Sportsgrounds Plan of Management.</li> <li>Yarrowee Wetland is located in Freshwater Park. The wetland was constructed by Council in 2010 and acts as a natural filtering system for water entering the Cooks River from a small local catchment.</li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation

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Henley Reserve	21 Henley Road, Homebush West	<ul> <li>Henley Reserve is a well maintained and established park in good condition. The park contains:</li> <li>Children's playground</li> <li>Open Space for informal recreation</li> <li>Seating</li> <li>Shelter</li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation
Humphries Reserve	Homebush Road, Strathfield	Humphries Reserve is owned by Sydney Water and its primary purpose is for drainage. The site is maintained in reasonable condition and provides open space provision.	RE1 Public Recreation
Inveresk Park	Beresford Road, Strathfield	<ul> <li>Inveresk Park is a well maintained and established park in good condition.</li> <li>Inveresk Park is heritage listed on Council's LEP. The park contains: <ul> <li>Children's Playground</li> <li>Seating</li> <li>Regeneration Area</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation
Ismay Reserve	Ismay Avenue, Homebush	Ismay Reserve is well maintained open space and contains open space for informal recreation and the proposed Powells Creek shared pathway.	RE1 Public Recreation
Kessell Square	Fraser Street, Strathfield	<ul> <li>Kessell Square is a well maintained and established park in good condition. The park contains:</li> <li>Open Space for informal recreation</li> <li>Seating</li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation
Laker Reserve	2 Elva Street, Strathfield	Laker Reserve has two distinct areas separated by a stormwater chanel. The Reserve is well maintained with one side a passive informal park and the other side a community garden with seating, BBQ, storage facilities and shelter.	RE1 Public Recreation
Lowes Garden	Arthur Street, Strathfield	Lowes Garden is a well maintained and established park in good condition. The park contains: <ul> <li>Open Space for informal recreation</li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation

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Madeline Street Open Space	Madeline Street, Strathfield South	Madeline Street Open Space is a designated future local park. Its intended use is for informal recreation	RE1 Public Recreation
Maria Reserve	Maria Street, Belfield	<ul> <li>Maria Reserve is a well maintained and established park in good condition. The park contains:</li> <li>Open Space for informal recreation</li> <li>Children's playground</li> <li>Revegetation works &amp; remnant vegetation</li> <li>Main bushcare site</li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation
Marlene Reserve	Marlene Crescent, Greenacre	Marlene Reserve is a well maintained and established park in good condition. The park contains: Children's playground Open Space for informal recreation Seating	RE1 Public Recreation
Melville Reserve	Hampstead Road Homebush West	<ul> <li>Melville Reserve is a well maintained and established park in good condition.</li> <li>Melville Reserve contains items of heritage significance (WWI gate, bridge and fountain) which are listed on Council's LEP. The park contains: <ul> <li>Children's playground</li> <li>Open Space for informal recreation</li> <li>Seating</li> <li>Shelter</li> <li>Melville Reserve Community Hall (refer to Community Facilities Plan of Management).</li> <li>Kurralee Children's Centre (refer to Community Facilities Plan of Management).</li> <li>Bay to Bay cycleway/pathway</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation

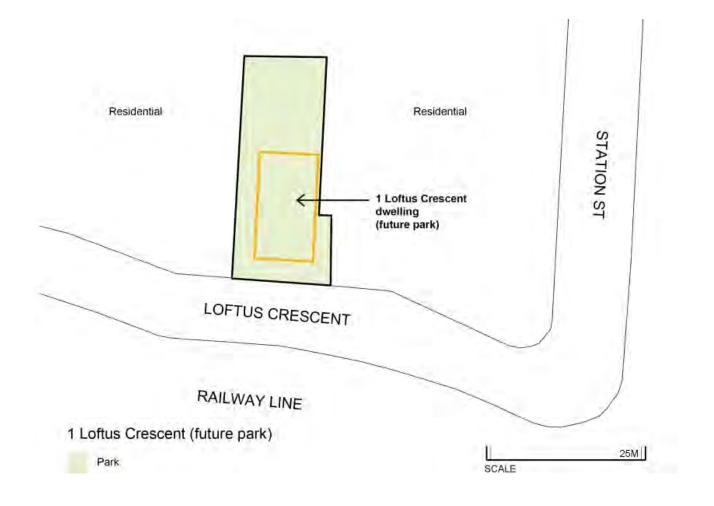
Name	Address	Description of land and structures	Zoning (LEP 2012)
Mount Royal Reserve (former Curnow Reserve)	Barker Road, Strathfield	Mount Royal Reserve is a well maintained and established park in good condition. The park contains: • Open Space for informal recreation	No zoning
Nichol Parade Open Space	Nichol Parade, Strathfield	Open space for informal recreation	RE1 Public Recreation
Palmer Reserve	Palmer Avenue, Strathfield	Open Space for informal recreation	RE1 Public Recreation
Pemberton Reserve	Pemberton Street, Strathfield	Open Space for informal recreation	RE1 Public Recreation
Pilgrim Park	Arthur Street, Homebush	<ul> <li>Pilgrim Park is a well maintained and established park in good condition. The park contains:         <ul> <li>Children's playground</li> <li>Open Space for informal recreation</li> <li>Seating</li> <li>Shelter</li> <li>Sportsground (junior) with cricket wicket</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation
Pomeroy Reserve	Pomeroy Street, Homebush	<ul> <li>Pomeroy Reserve is a well maintained and established park in good condition and forms part of the Powells Creek Open Space corridor. The park contains:         <ul> <li>Open Space for informal recreation</li> <li>Pomeroy Street Community Buildings (refer to Community Facilities Plan of Management).</li> <li>Future cycleway</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation
Prentice Reserve	Prentice Lane, Strathfield	Open Space for informal recreation	RE1 Public Recreation

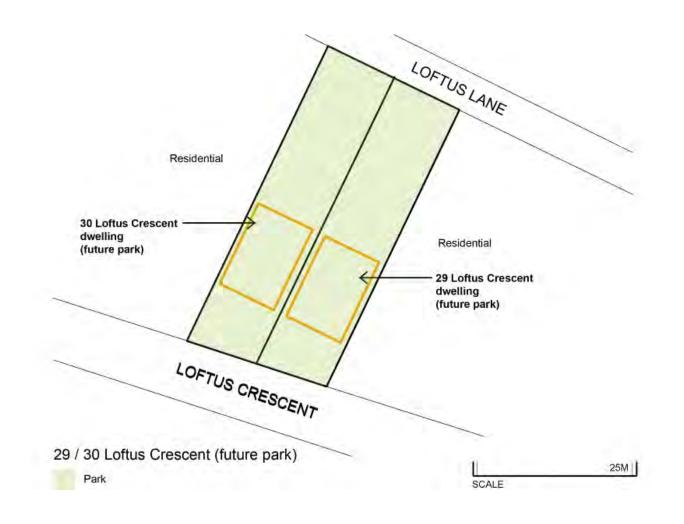
Name	Address	Description of land and structures	Zoning (LEP 2012)
Slater Reserve	Mackenzie Street, Homebush	<ul> <li>Slater Reserve is a well maintained and established reserve in good condition.</li> <li>The park contains:</li> <li>Open Space for informal recreation</li> <li>Seating</li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation
St Annes Reserve	Therry Street, Strathfield South	St Annes Reserve is a well maintained and established park in good condition.         The park contains:         • Open Space for informal recreation         • Children's playground         • Seating         • Shelter         • Bay to Bay cycleway/pathway	RE1 Public Recreation
Strathfield Square	Churchill Avenue, Strathfield	<ul> <li>Strathfield Square is a well maintained and established public area in good condition. The square contains: <ul> <li>Kiosk</li> <li>Open Space for informal recreation</li> <li>Public meeting area</li> <li>Public transport hub eg buses, taxis, trains</li> <li>Water Fountain</li> <li>Trees (note most of the site is hard paved)</li> <li>Seating</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	B3 Commercial Core
Sutherland Garden	Kessell Avenue, Homebush	<ul> <li>Sutherland Garden is a well maintained and established park in good condition, which is attached to the larger Airey Park at Kessell Avenue. The park contains:</li> <li>Open Space for informal recreation</li> <li>Cycleway/pathway</li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation
Tavistock Reserve	Tavistock Road, Homebush West	Tavistock Reserve is a well maintained and established park in good condition.         The park contains:         • Open Space for informal recreation	RE1 Public Recreation

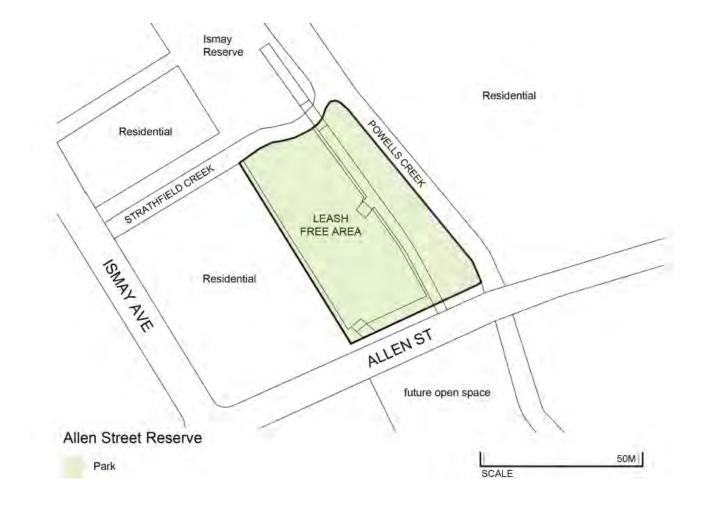
Name	Address	Description of land and structures	Zoning (LEP 2012)
		<ul> <li>Seating</li> <li>Junior cycle tracks</li> <li>Children's playground</li> </ul>	
Thew Reserve	40-44 Augusta Street, Strathfield	<ul> <li>Thew Reserve is a well maintained and established park in good condition. The reserve contains:</li> <li>Open Space for informal recreation</li> <li>Dutton Centre Community Facility (refer to Community Facilities Plan of Management).</li> <li>Bay-to-Bay cycle/pathway at rear of park</li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation
Todman Reserve	Barker Road, Strathfield	<ul> <li>Todman Reserve is a well maintained and established reserve in good condition.</li> <li>The reserve contains: <ul> <li>Open Space for informal recreation</li> <li>Trees and garden beds</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation
Wallis Reserve	Wallis Avenue, Strathfield	<ul> <li>Wallis Reserve is a well maintained and established reserve in good condition.</li> <li>Wallis Reserve is heritage listed on Strathfield Council's LEP. The park contains: <ul> <li>Pergola</li> <li>Historic sundial</li> <li>Ornamental gardens</li> <li>Open Space for informal recreation</li> <li>Seating</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation
Wentworth Reserve	Wentworth Road, Homebush	<ul> <li>Wentworth Reserve is a well maintained and established reserve in good condition. The park contains:</li> <li>Children's playground</li> <li>Open Space for informal recreation</li> <li>Seating</li> </ul>	RE1 Public Recreation

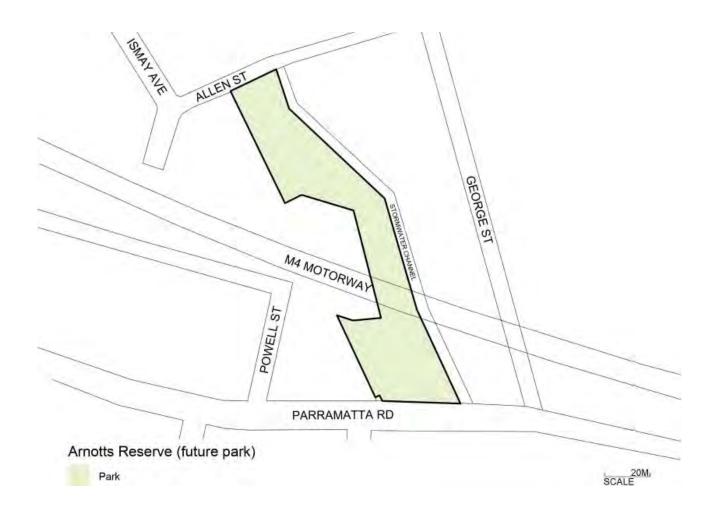
## Appendix C – Maps Neighbourhood Parks

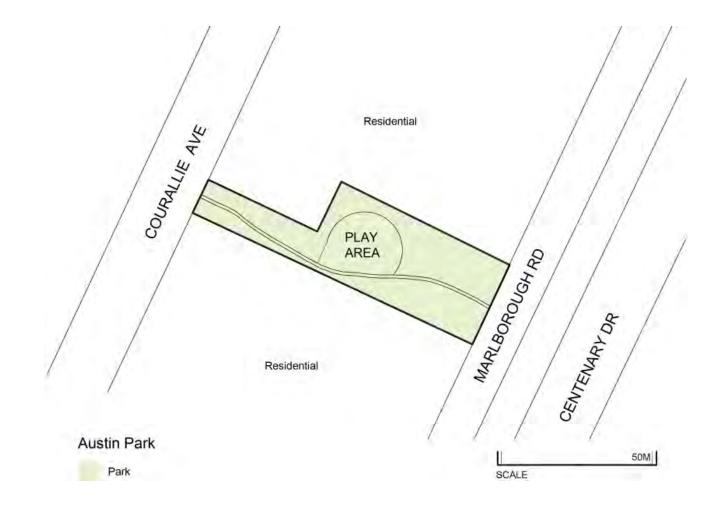
Maps of Strathfield LGA's Neighbourhood Parks display the community land categories, layout features, locations and adjoining land uses.

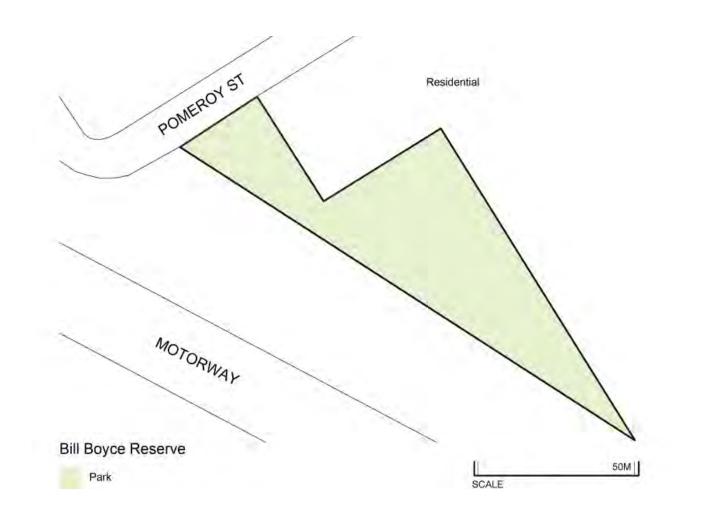


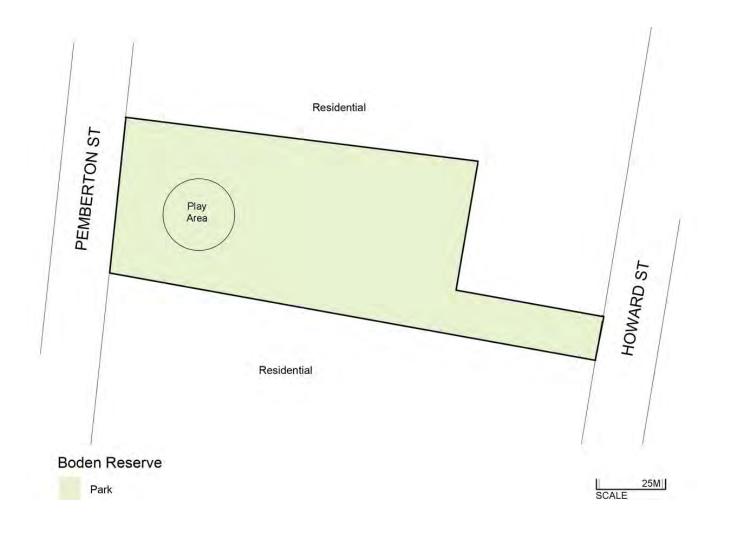


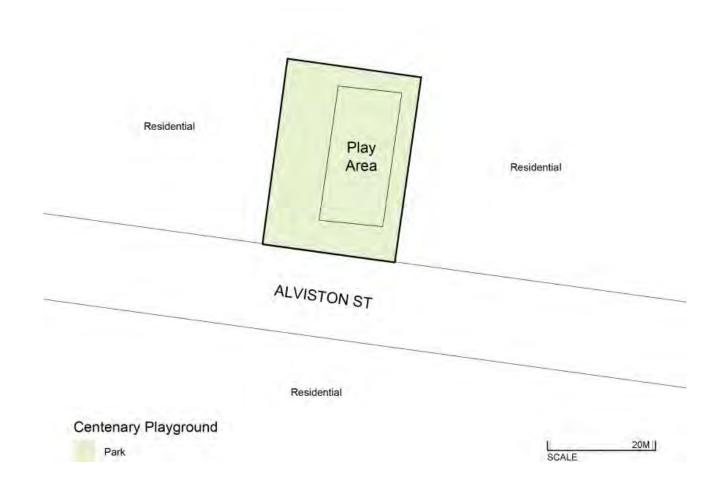


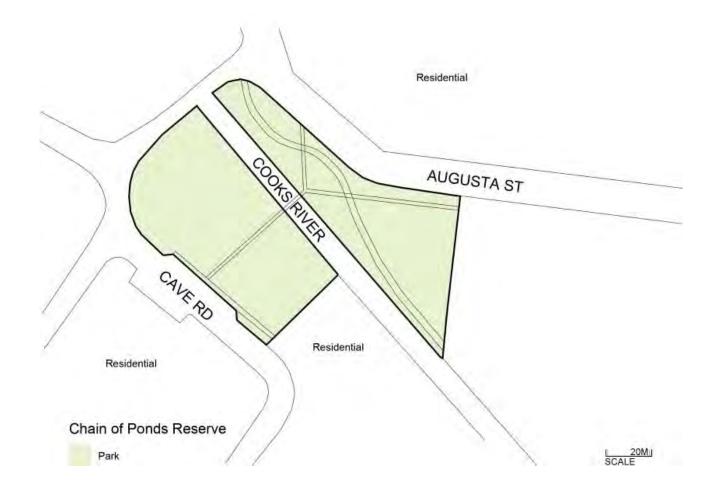


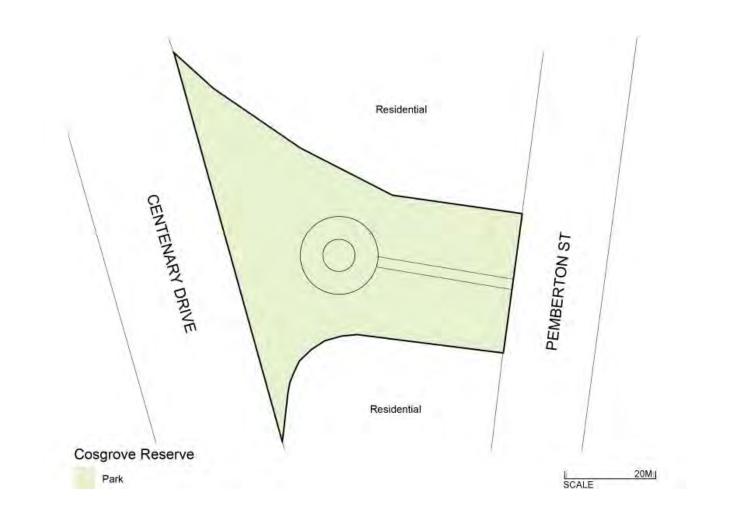


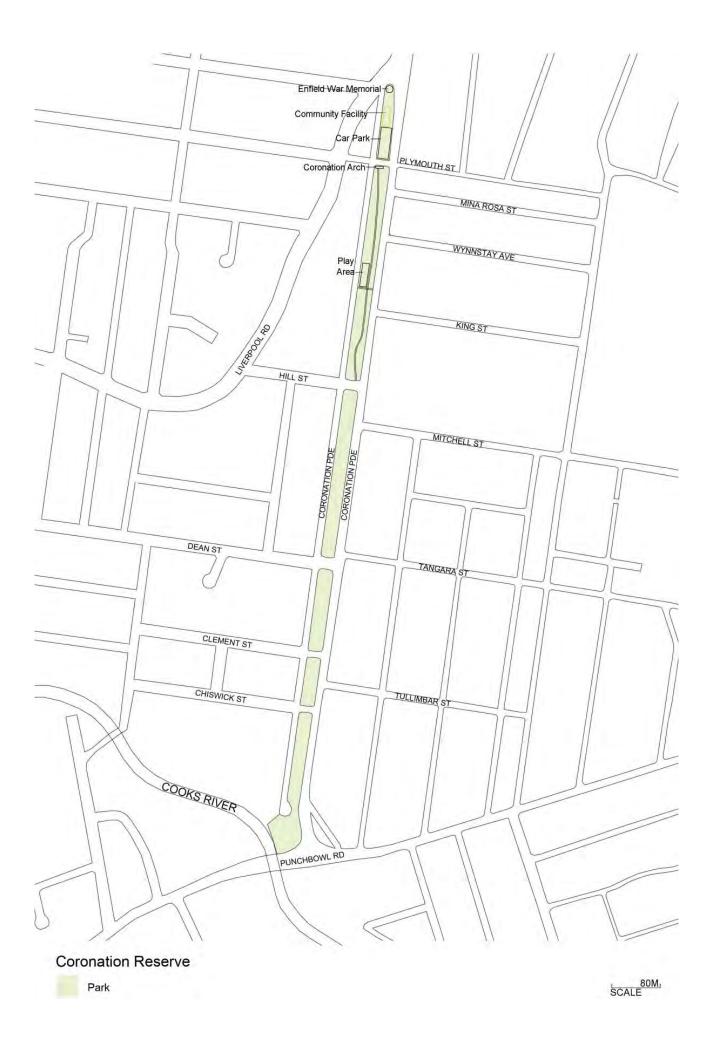


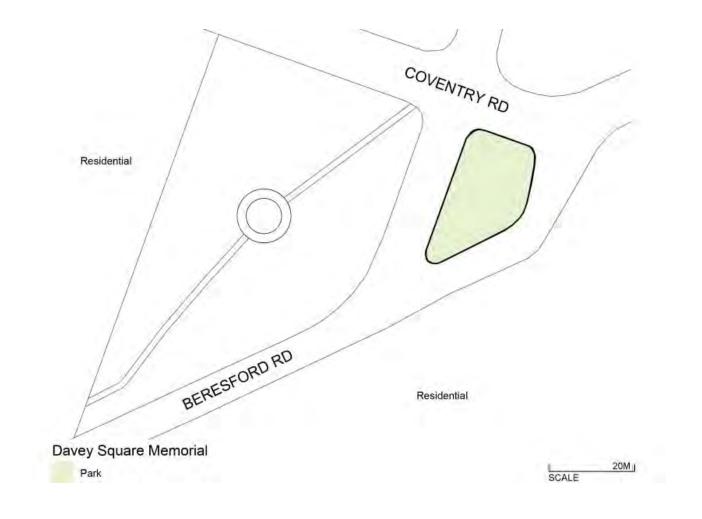


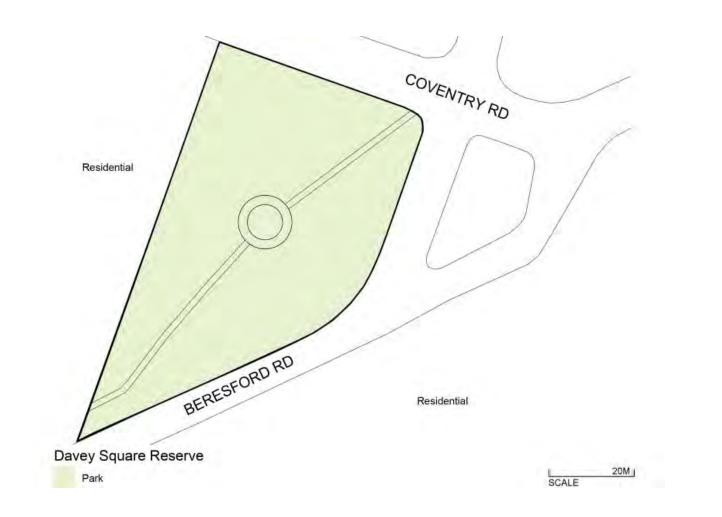


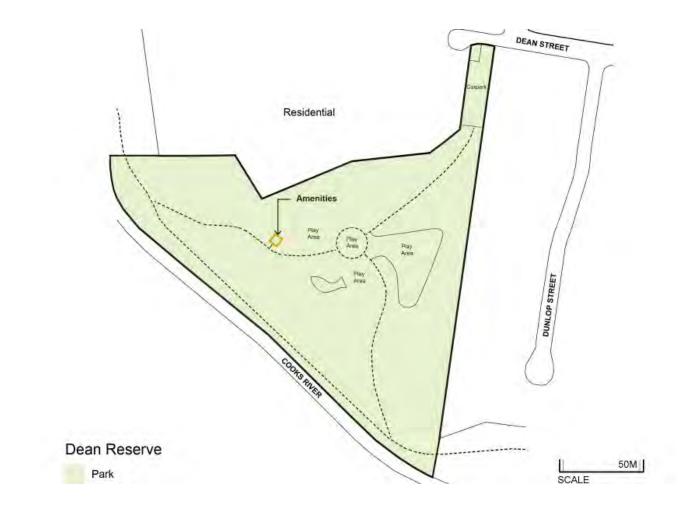


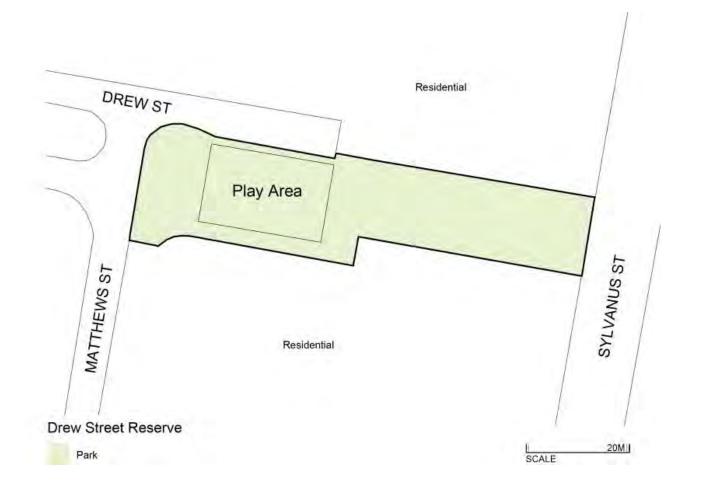


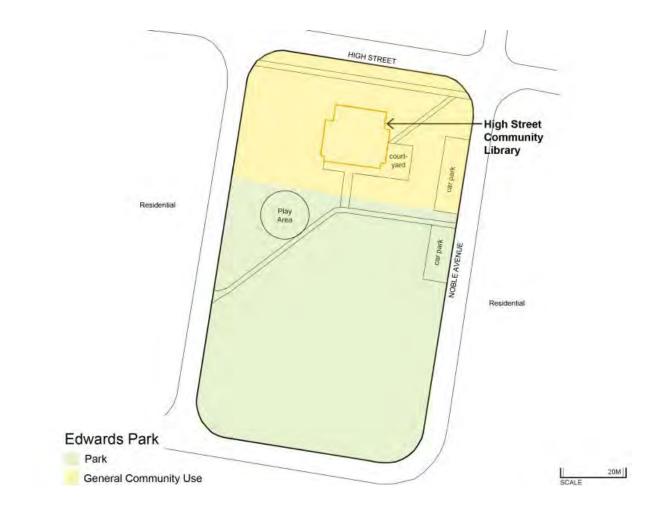




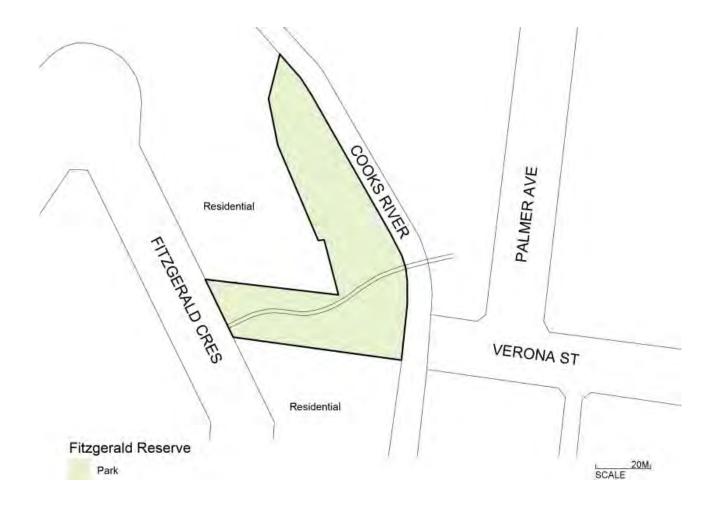


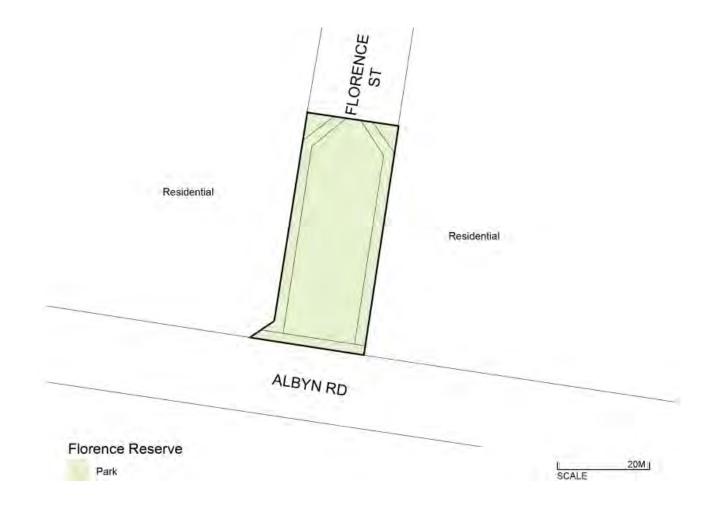


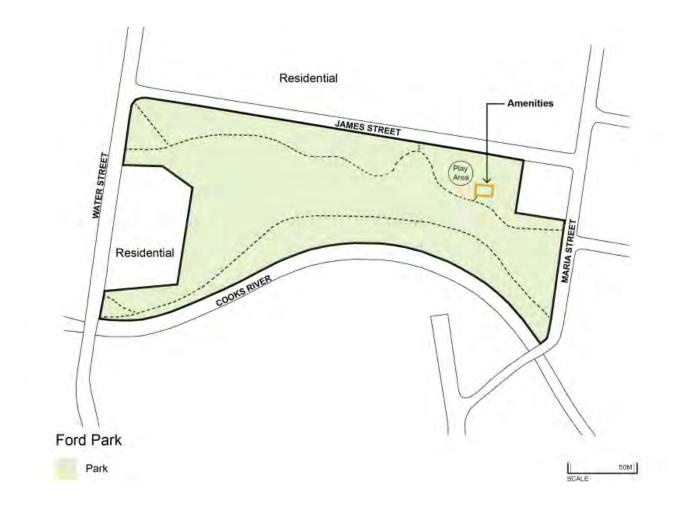


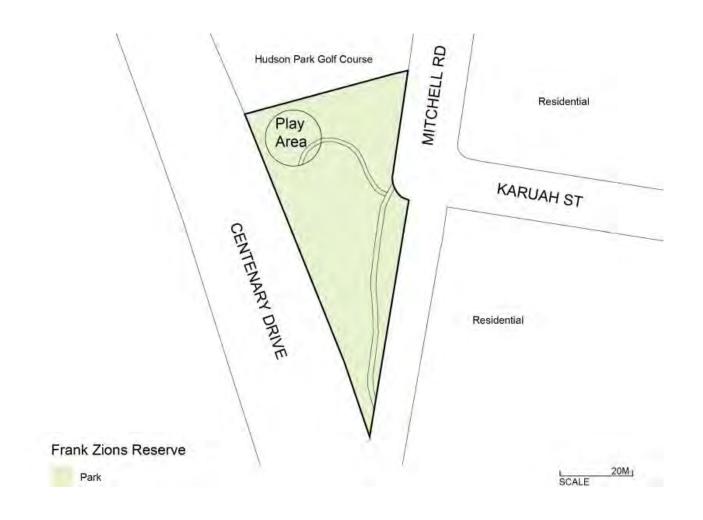


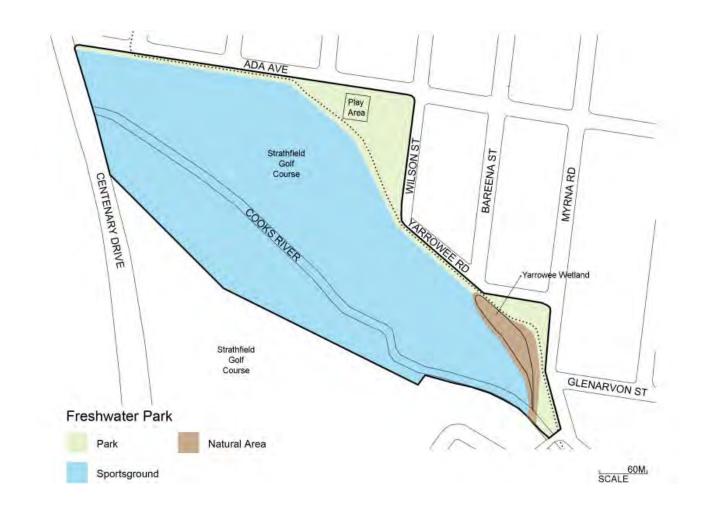


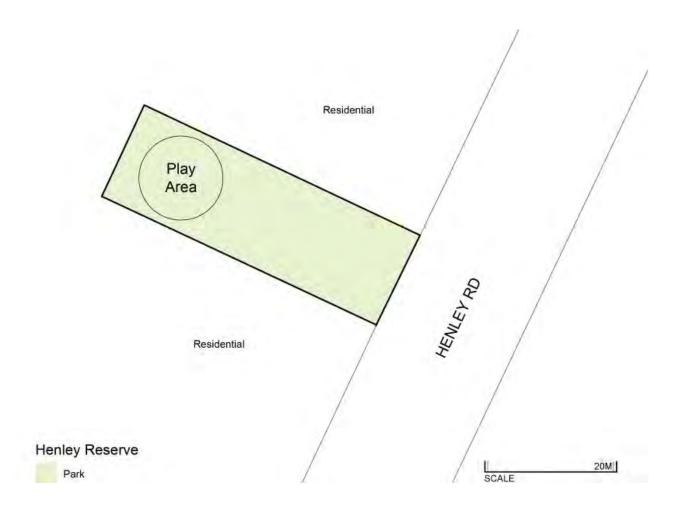


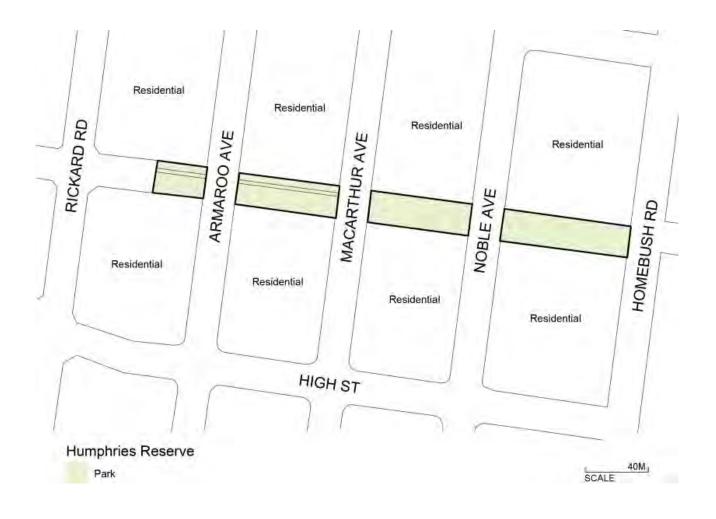


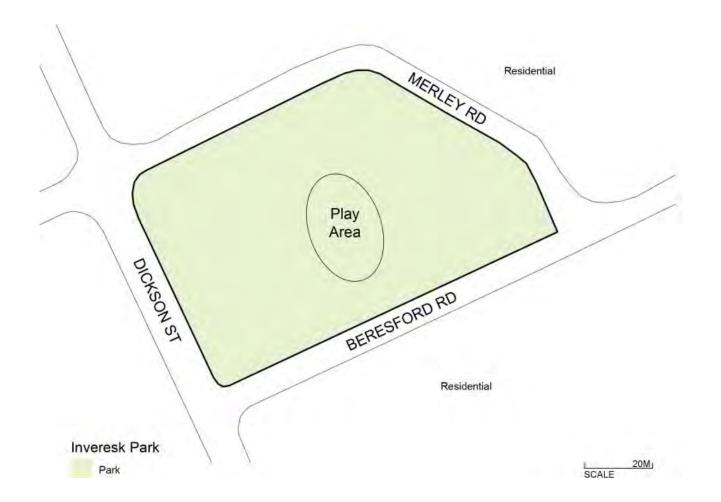


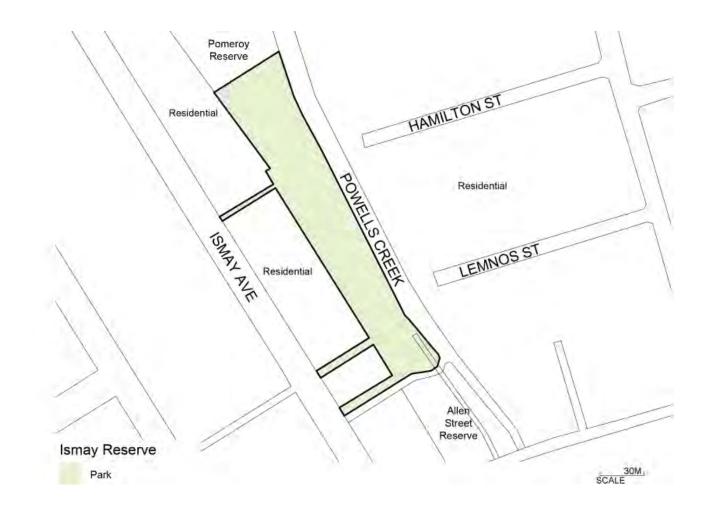




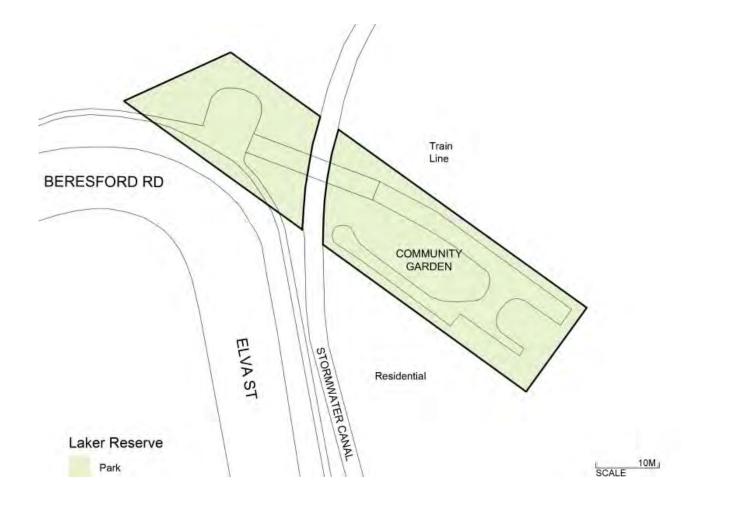


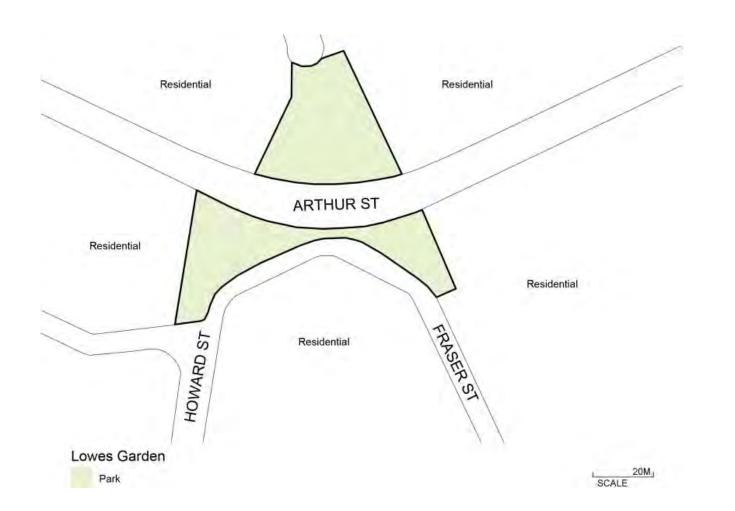


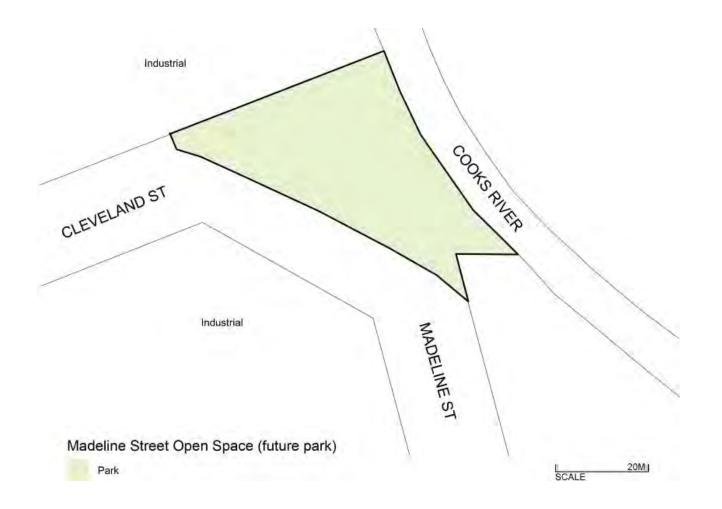


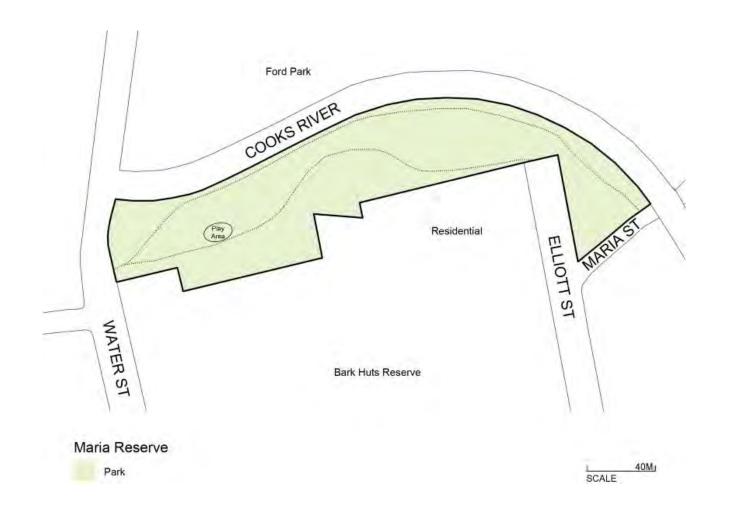


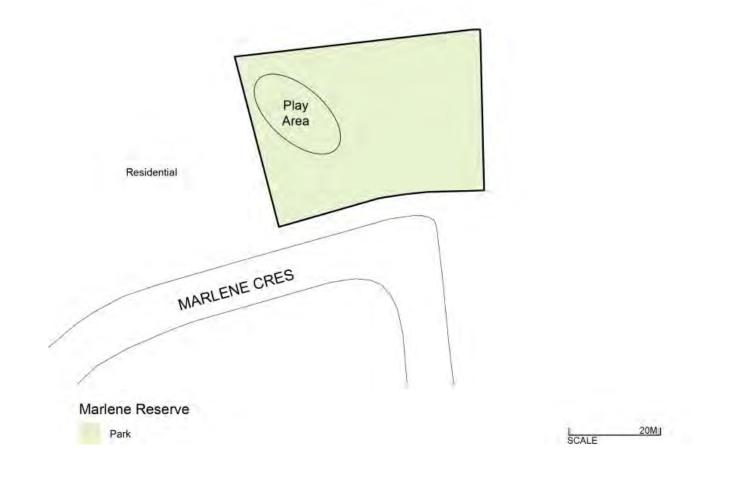




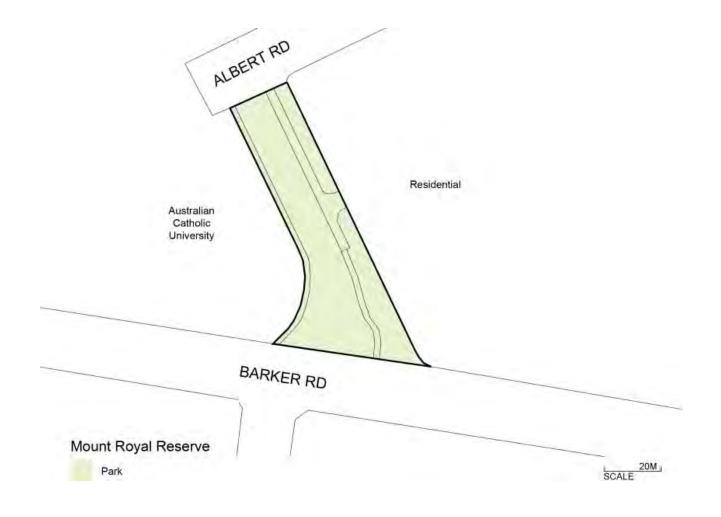


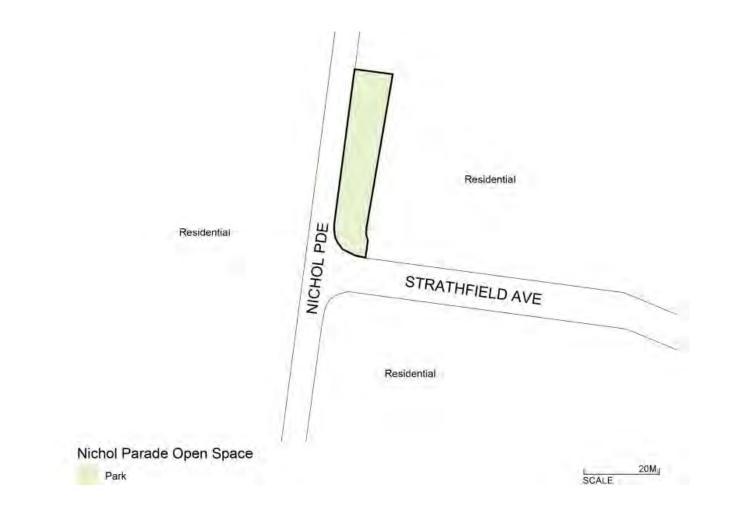


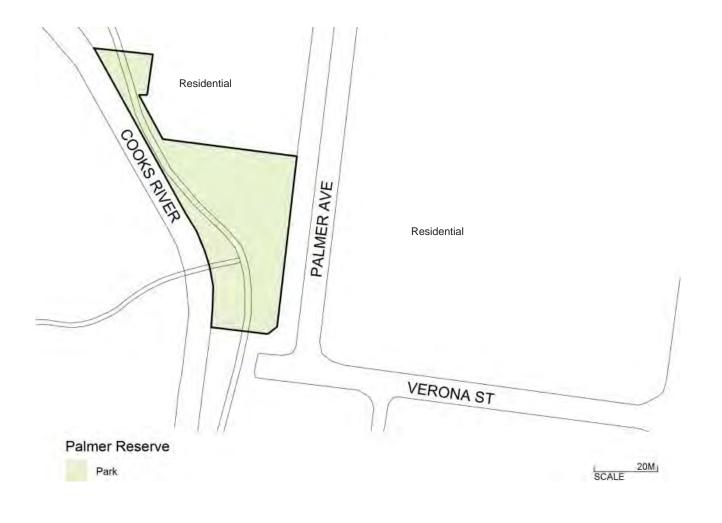


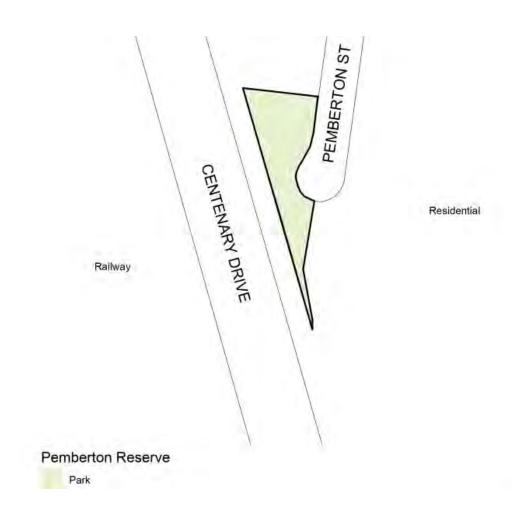






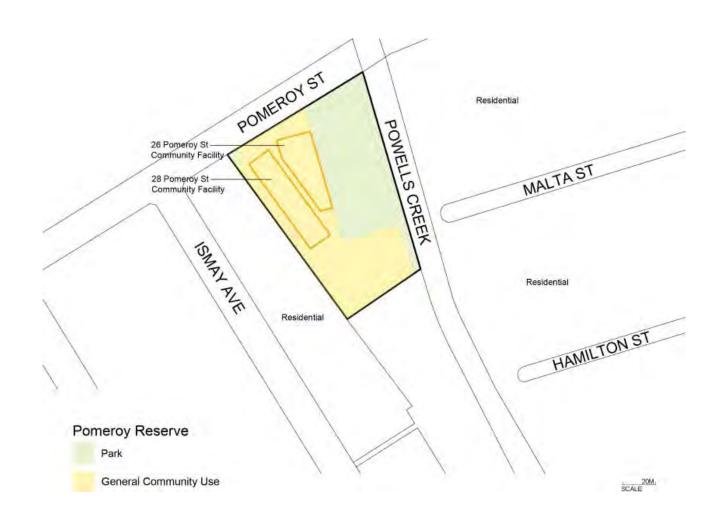


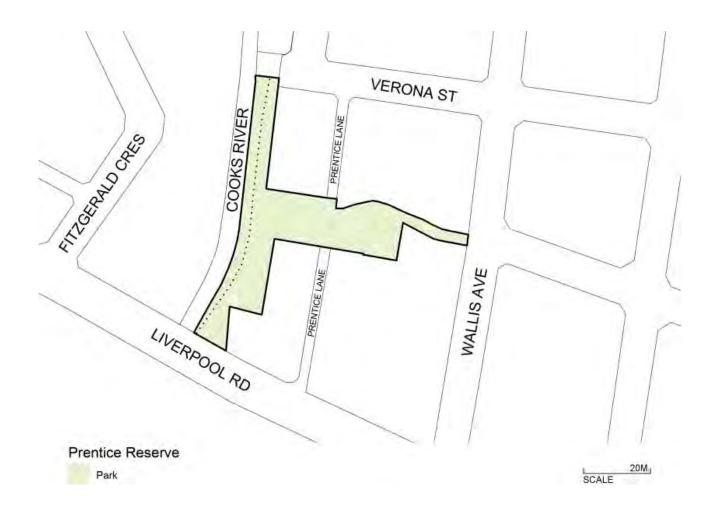


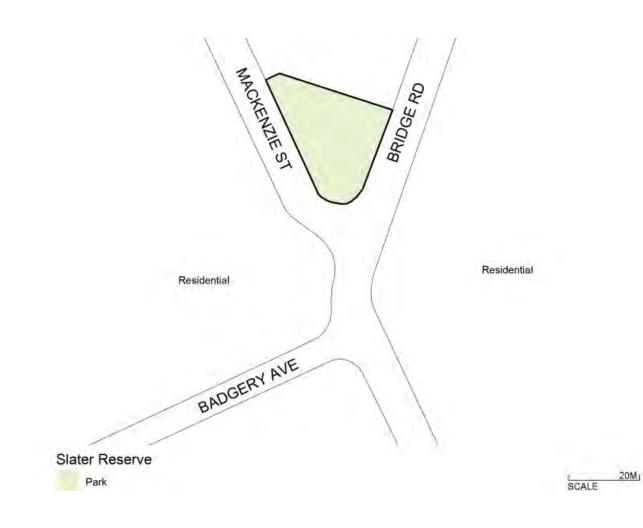


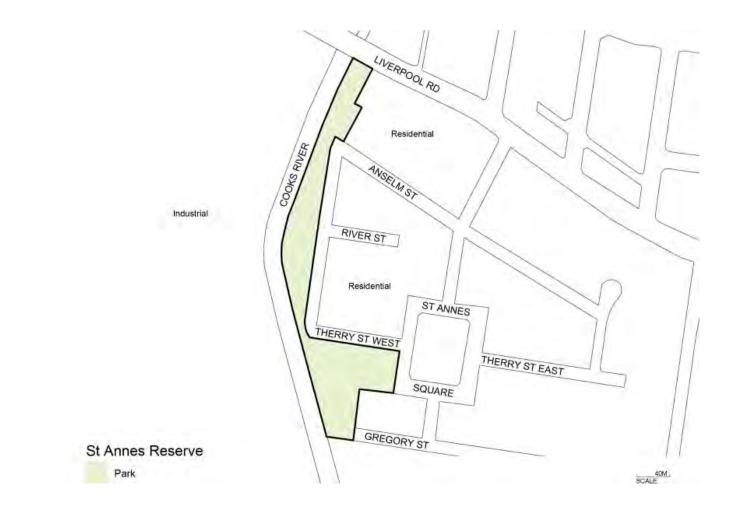
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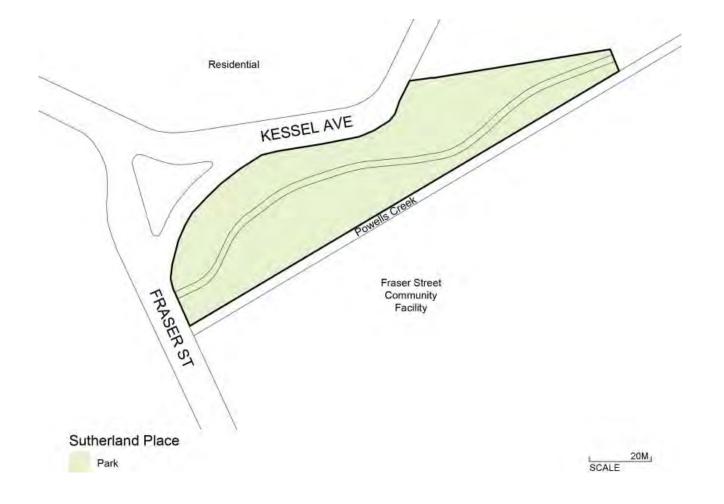


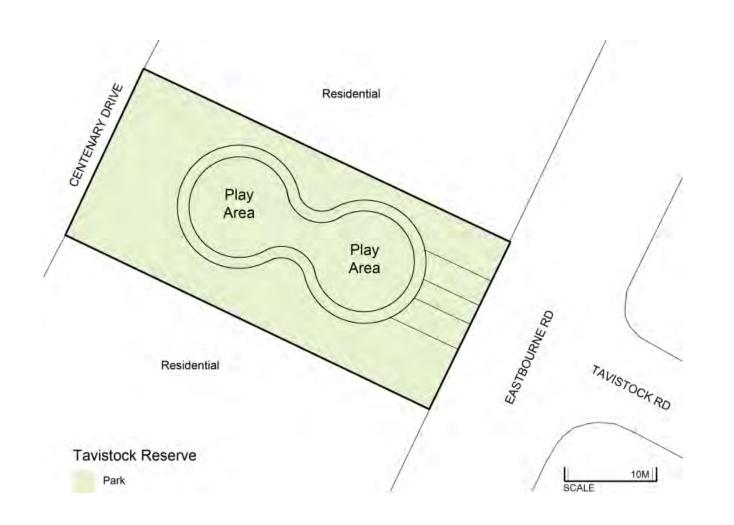


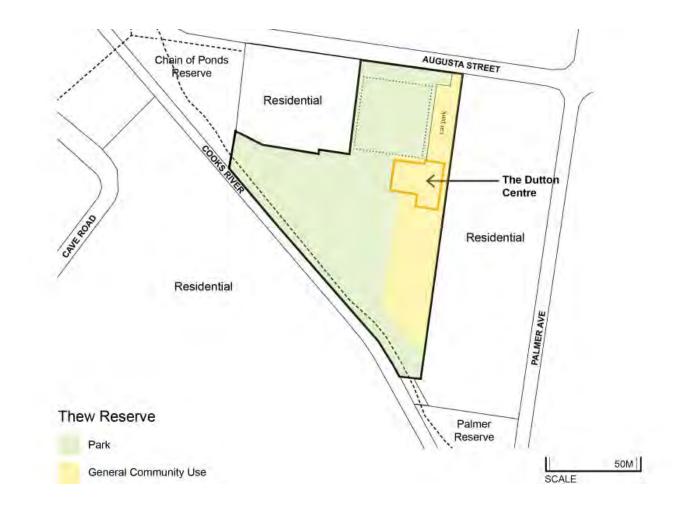




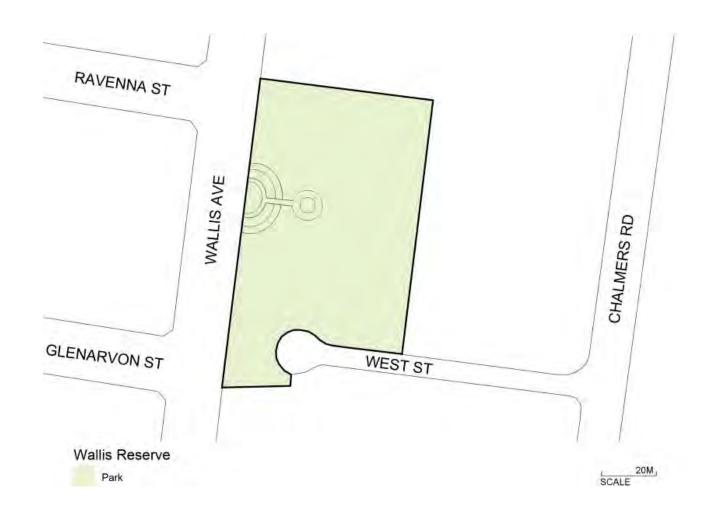


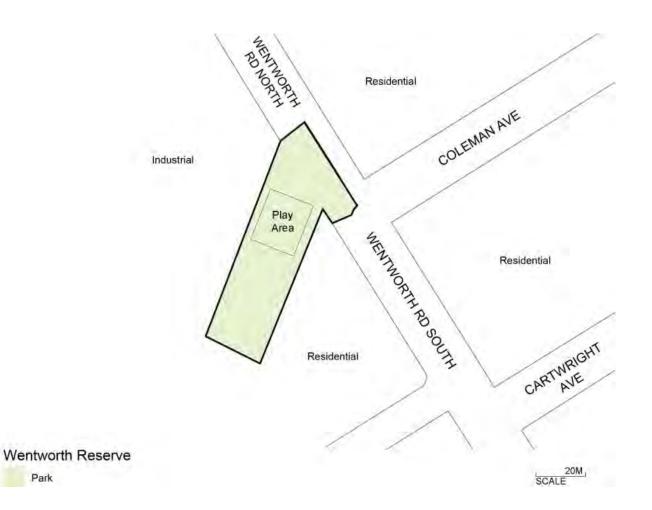












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