



Proposed Community Land Categorisation Public Hearing Background Information



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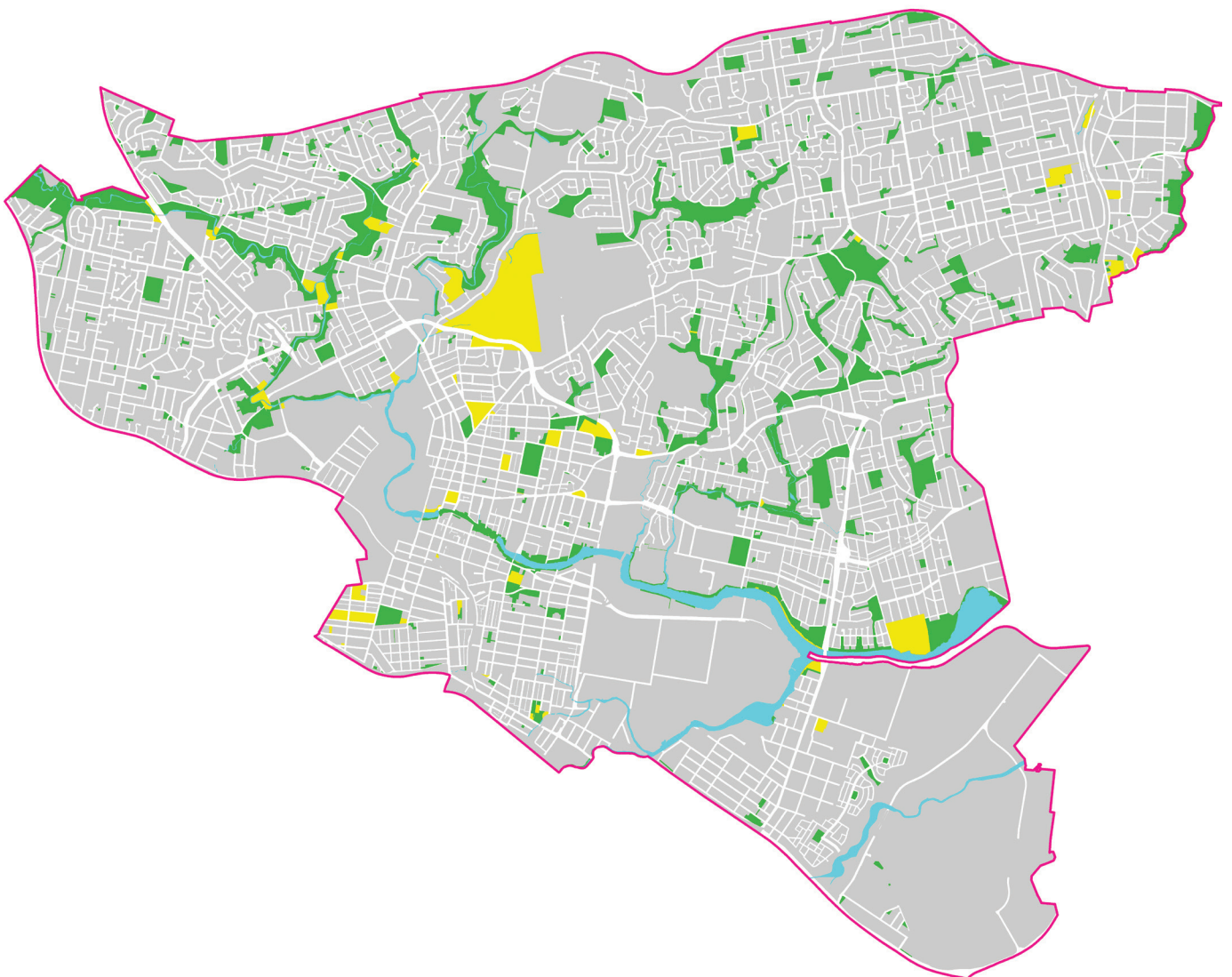




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Council Managed Community and Crown Land Network



Legend



Crown Land



Crown Waterway (Submerged Land)



Community Land



LGA Boundary



Introduction

1.1 Background

The City of Parramatta has prepared a Draft Community and Crown Land Plan of Management (CCLPoM) for both Council managed Community land and Crown reserves. The CCLPoM proposes changes to the land categorisation previously assigned under existing plans of management for a number of parks and reserves. It also proposes to categorise land not already included under a plan of management.

A public hearing is required under Section 40A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act) to categorise Community land not previously included in a plan of management or to change the existing categorisation. Under the LG Act the public hearing must be chaired by an independent facilitator. A public hearing is not required where there are:

- no changes to existing Community land categorisation
- sub-categorisation under Section 36(5)
- changes to Crown land initial categorisation

This background information guide sets out the legislative requirements for the categorisation and recategorisation of Community land. It identifies and provides further details for Community land to be categorised or recategorised under the draft CCLPoM and subject to a public hearing.

1.2 Public Exhibition, Public Hearing and Submissions

Public exhibition

Council is required to notify the community of the public exhibition of the draft Plan of Management and the public hearing in accordance with the requirements of Section 38 of the LG Act. The draft CCLPoM is on public exhibition from **3 July 2023 until 14 August 2023**. It can be viewed during this period as follows:

Online	In Person
Participate Parramatta website at https://participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/plan-of-management	PHIVE (Customer Service) at 5 Parramatta Square OR City of Parramatta Libraries (during opening hours)

Public hearing

The community is invited to attend the public hearing on the proposed recategorisation of Community land in accordance with the LG Act. Council will use an independent facilitator (ROSS Planning) to conduct the public hearing as per legislative requirements.

The public hearing will be held via an online meeting. Prior registration is required to attend the public hearing to receive the video link details.

Attendees are encouraged to submit any questions about the proposed CCLPoM when they register prior to the public hearing. Questions will also be accepted at the online meeting.

Registrations for the public hearing close at 12:00noon on 24 July 2023.

Date	Wednesday 26 July 2023
Time	6:00pm - 7:00pm
Register	https://participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/plan-of-management/event/community-and-crown-land-plan-of-management-public-hearing-agycu

Submissions

Submissions about the proposed recategorisation and CCLPoM may be made via the following methods:

- Participate Parramatta website at <https://participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/plan-of-management>
- Email to openspace@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au
- Mail to CCLPoM Submission, City of Parramatta, PO Box 32, Parramatta NSW 2124.

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Community and Crown Land

2.1 Public Land

Council is required to manage public land in accordance with the LG Act and Crown Land Management Act 2016 (CLM Act). These legislative requirements include the classification and categorisation of public land as illustrated in Figure 1.

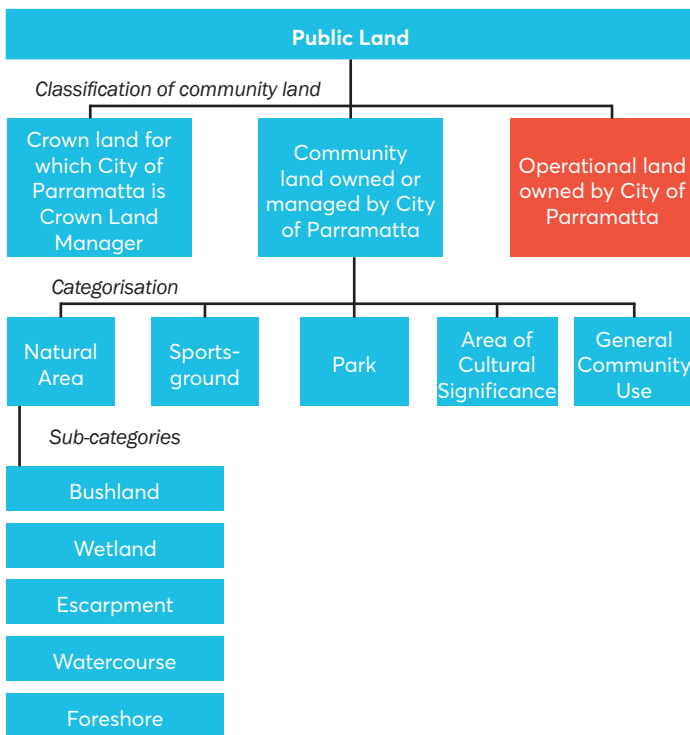


Fig. 1 Public land classification and categorisation

The LG Act requires that all public land owned by Council must be classified as “community” or “operational” land (Section 26). Community land must be categorised and managed in accordance with an adopted plan of management.

Community Land

Community land is that which is intended for access and use by the community for environmental, recreational, cultural, social and educational activities. It includes land under Council ownership as well as land owned by other government agencies under the care, control and management of Council.

Community land may only be leased or licensed for up to 21 years without the Minister’s consent, or up to 30 years with the Minister’s consent. It cannot be sold and its use is restricted in accordance with the LG Act.

Operational Land

Operational land is that which can be used for any purposes deemed fit by Council. The restrictive Community land provisions do not apply to its use. It may be leased for a longer period or can be sold. Operational land is not required to be categorised and is not subject to a plan of management.

Crown Land

Crown land is owned by the NSW Government and can be reserved or dedicated for a public purpose, such as public recreation or environmental protection. Council can be appointed by the Minister to manage Crown land.

From 1 July 2018 the CLM Act empowers local Councils appointed to manage dedicated or reserved Crown land as if it were Community land under the LG Act. This includes preparing a Plan of Management and categorisation of the land.

2.2 Land Categorisation

Land Categories

The LG Act requires that all land owned or managed by Council, which is classified as community land, be categorised according to its characteristics and intended use/s. The CLM Act also requires the categorisation of Crown reserves under the control of an appointed "Council Crown Land Manager".

Community land and Crown reserves may be categorised as one or more of the following under Section 36(4) of the LG Act:

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

Community land and Crown reserves that are categorised as a natural area are to be sub-categorised as one or more of the following under Section 36(5) of the LG Act:

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

Categorisation guidelines

Guidelines for the categorisation of community land and Crown reserves are outlined in Sections 102 to 111 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

The Office of Local Government's revised Practice Note on Public Land Management (Department of Local Government, 2000) provides recommendations for categorisation of Community land, as follows:

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

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



Table 1: Legislative guidelines and core objectives for land categorisation

Category	Guidelines (1) <i>Local Government (General Regulation) 2005</i>	Core objectives (2) <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>
Natural Areas	<p><i>Regulation 102</i></p> <p>Land whether or not in an undisturbed state, possesses a significant geological feature, geomorphological feature, landform, representative system or other natural feature or attribute that would be sufficient to further categorise the land as bushland, wetland, escarpment, watercourse or foreshore.</p>	<p><i>Section 36E:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ conserve biodiversity and maintain ecosystem function in respect of the land, or the feature or habitat in respect of which the land is categorised as a natural area ○ maintain the land, or that feature or habitat, in its natural state and setting ○ provide for the restoration and regeneration of the land ○ provide for community use of and access to the land in such a manner as will minimise and mitigate any disturbance caused by human intrusion ○ assist in and facilitate the implementation of any provisions restricting the use and management of the land that are set out in a recovery plan or threat abatement plan
Sportsground	<p><i>Regulation 103</i></p> <p>Land is used or proposed to be used primarily for active recreation involving organised sports or the playing of outdoor games.</p>	<p><i>Section 36F:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving active recreation involving organised sports and informal sporting activities and games ○ ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences
Park	<p><i>Regulation 104</i></p> <p>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 cultural pursuits that not unduly intrude on the peaceful enjoyment of the land by others.</p>	<p><i>Section 36G:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities ○ provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games ○ improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management

Category	Guidelines (1) <i>Local Government (General Regulation) 2005</i>	Core objectives (2) <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>
General Community Use	<p><i>Regulation 106</i></p> <p>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</p> <p>AND</p> <p>does not satisfy the guidelines for other categories.</p>	<p><i>Section 361:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and » 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).

Category	Guidelines (1) <i>Local Government (General Regulation) 2005</i>	Core objectives (2) <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>
<p>Natural Areas:</p> <p>Bushland</p>	<p><i>Regulation 107</i></p> <p>Land contains primarily native vegetation that is the natural vegetation or a remainder of the natural vegetation of the land, or although not the natural vegetation, is still representative of the structure or floristics of the natural vegetation in the locality. Such land includes:</p> <p>(a) bushland that is mostly undisturbed with a good mix of tree ages, and natural regeneration, where the understorey is comprised of native grasses and herbs or native shrubs, and that contains a range of habitats for native fauna (such as logs, shrubs, tree hollows and leaf litter), or</p> <p>(b) moderately disturbed bushland with some regeneration of trees and shrubs, where there may be a regrowth area with trees of even age, where native shrubs and grasses are present in the understorey even though there may be some weed invasion, or</p> <p>(c) highly disturbed bushland where the native understorey has been removed, where there may be significant weed invasion and where dead and dying trees are present, where there is no natural regeneration of trees or shrubs, but where the land is still capable of being rehabilitated.</p>	<p><i>Section 36J:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ensure the ongoing ecological viability of the land by protecting the ecological biodiversity and habitat values of the land, the flora and fauna of the land and other ecological values ○ protect the aesthetic, heritage, recreational, educational and scientific values of the land ○ manage the land in a manner that protects and enhances the values and quality of the land and facilitates public enjoyment of the land, and to implement measures to minimise or mitigate disturbance caused by human intrusion ○ restore degraded bushland ○ protect existing landforms such as natural drainage lines, watercourses and foreshores ○ retain bushland in parcels of a size and configuration that will enable the existing plant and animal communities to survive in the long term ○ protect bushland as a natural stabiliser of the soil surface

Category	Guidelines (1) <i>Local Government (General Regulation) 2005</i>	Core objectives (2) <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>
Natural Areas: Wetland	<i>Regulation 108</i> Land includes marshes, mangroves, backwaters, billabongs, swamps, sedgelands, wet meadows or wet heathlands that form a waterbody that is inundated cyclically, intermittently or permanently with fresh, brackish or salt water, whether slow moving or stationary.	<i>Section 36K:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ protect the biodiversity and ecological values of wetlands, particularly their hydrological environment (including water quality and water flow), flora, fauna and habitat value ○ restore and regenerate degraded wetlands ○ facilitate community education in relation to wetlands, and community use of wetlands, without compromising the ecological values of wetlands
Natural Areas: Escarpment	<i>Regulation 109</i> Land that includes such features as a long cliff-like ridge or rock, and significant or unusual geological, geomorphological or scenic qualities	<i>Section 36L:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ protect any important geological, geomorphological or scenic features of the escarpment ○ facilitate safe community use and enjoyment of the escarpment
Natural Area: Watercourse	<i>Regulation 110</i> Land includes any stream of water, perennial or intermittent, in a natural or artificial channel, and associated riparian land or vegetation	<i>Section 36M:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ manage watercourses so as to protect the biodiversity and ecological values of the instream environment, particularly in relation to water quality and water flows ○ manage watercourses so as to protect the riparian environment, particularly in relation to riparian vegetation and habitats and bank stability ○ restore degraded watercourses ○ promote community education, and community access to and use of the watercourse, without compromising the other core objectives of the category
Natural Area: Foreshore	<i>Regulation 111</i> Land situated on the water's edge forming a transition zone between the aquatic and terrestrial environment	<i>Section 36N:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ maintain the foreshore as a transition area between the aquatic and the terrestrial environment ○ protect and enhance all functions associated with the foreshore's role as a transition area ○ facilitate the ecologically sustainable use of the foreshore, and to mitigate impact on the foreshore by community use



Proposed Land Categorisation

The below table lists the Community land subject to proposed recatgorisation under the CCLPoM that is subject to a public hearing under the LG Act. This table includes the current and proposed land categories as well as the associated justification. Council has provided mapping for each of the sites listed in Table 2 on the Participate Parramatta project page at <https://participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/plan-of-management>.

Table 2: Community land and current and proposed land categorisation

NAME	CURRENT CATEGORY/S	PROPOSED CATEGORY/S	REASON(S)
Adderton Road Reserve	-	Park	Omission
AE2 Park	-	Park	Land Acquisition
Alan Street Reserve	-	General Community Use	Omission
Albert Street Reserve	-	Park	Land Acquisition
Alfred Street Reserve	-	Park	Land Acquisition
Backhousia Reserve	Natural Area	Natural Area Park	Large Mown & Landscaped Areas
Baludarri Wetland	Natural Area	Natural Area Park	Large Mown & Landscaped Areas
Barnett Park	Park	Park Natural Area	Creek Riparian Corridor (W1 Land Zoning)
Beaconsfield Street Reserve	Park	Park Natural Area	Creek Channel
Belmore St East Reserve	Natural Area	General Community Use	Access Road Only (Aboriginal Land Claim)
Blankers Koen Park	-	Park	Land Acquisition
Burnside Gollan Reserve	Park	Park Natural Area	Creek Riparian Corridor (W1 Land Zoning)
Buruwang Park	-	Park	Land Acquisition
Caber Park	Park Sportsground	Park Sportsground	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Tennis Courts)
Caroline Chisholm Park	Park Sportsground	Park Sportsground	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Tennis Courts)
CBD Foreshore Reserve	Park General Community Use	Park General Community Use Natural Area	River Channel (W2 Land Zoning) Road Alignment (George Khatter Lane)

NAME	CURRENT CATEGORY/S	PROPOSED CATEGORY/S	REASON(S)
Church Street Reserve	Park	Park	Land Acquisition
Coopers Creek Reserve	Park	Park Natural Area	Creek Channel (W1 Land Zoning)
Cowells Lane Reserve	Park General Community Use Natural Area	Park General Community Use Natural Area	Large Mown & Landscaped Areas Creek Riparian Corridor (W1 Land Zoning)
Cowper Street Reserve	-	Park	Land Acquisition
Cox Park	Sportsground Park Natural Area General Community Use	Sportsground Park Natural Area General Community Use	Bowling Club Lease Area Minor Boundary Adjustment (Sports fields)
Cumberland Park	-	Park	Land Acquisition
Dan Mahoney Reserve	Park	Park Natural Area	Creek Riparian Corridor (W1 Land Zoning)
Darling Mills Creek Reserve	Natural Area	Natural Area Park	Large Mown & Landscaped Areas
Deakin Park	Park	Park Natural Area	Creek Channel
Dence Park	Park Sportsground General Community Use Natural Area	Park General Community Use Natural Area	Aquatic Centre Upgrade (Masterplan) Creek Riparian Corridor (W1 Land Zoning)
Dixon Park	Natural Area	Natural Area Park	Large Mown & Landscaped Areas
Don Moore Reserve	Park Sportsground	Park Sportsground	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Netball Courts)
Duncan Park	Sportsground Natural Area	Sportsground Natural Area Park	Large Mown & Landscaped Areas Minor Boundary Adjustment (Croquet Green)
Dundas Park	Sportsground Natural Area General Community Use	Sportsground Natural Area General Community Use Park	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Creek Riparian Corridor) Passive Recreation Areas (Water Playground / Kickabout)
Dunrossil Park	Park Sportsground	Park Sportsground General Community Use	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Tennis Courts) Road Alignment
Edwards And Lamorna Avenue Reserve	Park Natural Area	Park Natural Area	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Large Mown Area)

NAME	CURRENT CATEGORY/S	PROPOSED CATEGORY/S	REASON(S)
Elizabeth Farm Reserve	Park	Park Natural Area	Creek Channel (W1 Land Zoning)
Eric Mobbs Memorial Park	Park	Park Natural Area	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Bushland)
Eric Primrose Reserve	Park Sportsground General Community Use	Park Sportsground General Community Use Natural Area	Creek Channel Sydney Water Pumping Station Minor Boundary Adjustment (Ferry Terminal Parking & Sporting Fields)
Experiment Farm Reserve	Park	Park Natural Area	Creek Channel (W1 Land Zoning)
Eyles Reserve	Park Natural Area	Park	Anomaly (No Creek)
F.S. Garside Park	Park Sportsground General Community Use	Park Sportsground	Community Building Demolished (Masterplan) Minor Boundary Adjustment (Sporting Field)
Finch Reserve	Park	Park Natural Area	Creek Riparian Corridor (W1 Land Zoning)
Fred Robertson Park	Park Natural Area	Park Natural Area	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Large Mown Area)
Fred Spurway Park	Park Natural Area	Park Natural Area	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Creek Riparian Corridor)
Galaringi	Natural Area	Natural Area General Community Use	Public Utilities Infrastructure Compound
Gallery Gardens	Park Sportsground Natural Area	Park Sportsground Natural Area	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Tennis Courts) Creek Riparian Corridor (W1 Land Zoning)
George Harley Park	Natural Area	Park	Mown & Landscaped Parkland
George Kendall Riverside Park	Sportsground Park Natural Area	Sportsground Park Natural Area General Community Use	Boundary Adjustments (Masterplan) Meeting Room
Gibbons Reserve	Park	Park Natural Area	Creek Channel (W1 Land Zoning)
Giffard Street Reserve	-	Park	Land Acquisition
Greens Avenue Reserve	Natural Area	Natural Area Park	Large Mown & Landscaped Areas
Hazlewood Rose Park	Park Natural Area	Park Natural Area General Community Use	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Bushland) Multi-use Hardstand Area
Homelands Reserve	Park Sportsground	Park Sportsground	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Sporting Field)

NAME	CURRENT CATEGORY/S	PROPOSED CATEGORY/S	REASON(S)
Hospital Farm Reserve	Natural Area	Natural Area Park	Large Mown & Landscaped Areas
Hume Park	Park	Park Natural Area	Creek Channel
Inala Place Reserve	-	Park	Omission
Iona Creek Reserve	Natural Area	Natural Area Park	Large Mown & Landscaped Areas
James Hoskin Reserve	Park Natural Area	Park Natural Area	Creek Riparian Corridor (W1 Land Zoning)
James Ruse Reserve	Park	Park Natural Area	Creek Channel (W1 Land Zoning)
John Wearn Reserve	Park	Park General Community Use	Childcare Centre
Jubilee Park (Part)	-	Park	Land Acquisition
Ken Newman Park	Park Natural Area	Park Natural Area	Large Mown & Landscaped Areas Creek Riparian Corridor (W1 Land Zoning)
Kestrel Park	-	Park	Land Acquisition
Little Eagle Green	-	Park	Land Acquisition
Lloyds Avenue Reserve	Park	Park General Community Use	Public Carpark & Road (Coleman Avenue)
Lochinvar Parade Reserve	General Community Use	Park	Mown & Landscaped Parkland
Loftus Square	Park	Park General Community Use	Public Road (Willoughby Street)
Maid Marion Reserve	-	Park	Omission
Maple Tree Road Reserve	-	Park	Land Acquisition
Marri Badoo Reserve	Natural Area	Natural Area Park	Large Mown & Landscaped Areas
McCoy Park	Park Sportsground Natural Area	Park Sportsground Natural Area	Large Mown & Landscaped Area Creek Channels and Riparian Corridor (W1 Land Zoning)
Midson Road Bushland (Part)	-	Natural Area	Land Acquisition
Milson Park	Natural Area	Natural Area Park	Large Mown & Landscaped Areas (Masterplan)

NAME	CURRENT CATEGORY/S	PROPOSED CATEGORY/S	REASON(S)
Mobbs Lane Reserve	Park Natural Area	Park Natural Area	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Large Mown & Landscaped Areas)
Model Farms Reserve	Park Natural Area	Park Natural Area	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Large Mown & Landscaped Area)
Moxham Park	Natural Area	Natural Area Park	Large Mown & Landscaped Area
Murray Farm Reserve	Sportsground	Sportsground Park	Large Mown & Landscaped Areas
Navy Park	Natural Area	Natural Area Park	Large Mown & Landscaped Area
Noller Park	Park	Park Natural Area	Creek Channel (W1 Land Zoning)
North Rocks Park	Park Natural Area	Park Natural Area General Community Use Sportsground	Community & Childcare Centres Minor Boundary Adjustments (Masterplan)
Northmead Reserve	Sportsground	Sportsground Park General Community Use Natural Area	Scout Hall Endangered Ecological Community (Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest) Passive Recreation Area (Playground / Kickabout)
Oakes Reserve	Natural Area	Natural Area Park	Large Mown & Landscaped Areas
Oakes Road Reserve (Part)	-	Park	Omission
O'Connell Street Reserve	Park	Park Natural Area	River Riparian Corridor
Ollie Webb Reserve	Sportsground	Sportsground Park Natural Area	Creek Channel (W1 Land Zoning) Passive Recreation Areas (Water Playground / Kickabout)
Osprey Park	-	Park	Land Acquisition
Palestine Park	Park Natural Area	Park Natural Area	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Large Mown & Landscaped Areas)
Panaview Crescent Reserve	General Community Use	Park	Landscaped Parkland
Panora Avenue Reserve	General Community Use	Park	Landscaped Parkland
Parabianga Reserve	Natural Area	Natural Area Park	Large Mown & Landscaped Area
Peggy Womersley Reserve	Park Sportsground	Park Sportsground	Minor Boundary Adjustment (New Amenities)



NAME	CURRENT CATEGORY/S	PROPOSED CATEGORY/S	REASON(S)
Pierre De Coubertin Park	-	Park	Land Acquisition
Ponds Creek Reserve North	Natural Area General Community Use	Natural Area Park	Scout Hall Demolished Large Mown & Landscaped Area
Prior Street Reserve	General Community Use	Park	Mown & Landscaped Parkland
Putt Putt Park	-	Park	Land Acquisition
Rangihou Reserve (Part)	-	Park	Land Acquisition
Rapanea Community Forest	Natural Area	Natural Area Park	Large Mown & Landscaped Area
Reid Park	Park	Park Natural Area	River Riparian Corridor
River Park	Park Natural Area	Park Natural Area	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Creek Riparian Corridors)
Robin Hood Park	Natural Area Park	Natural Area Park	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Large Mown & Landscaped Area)
Robin Thomas Reserve	Park Sportsground General Community Use	Park Sportsground General Community Use	Cottage Demolition (Masterplan) Light Rail Corridor Minor Boundary Adjustment (Sporting Fields)
Rock Farm Reserve	Natural Area	Natural Area Park	Large Mown & Landscaped Area
Rotary Park	Park General Community Use	Park General Community Use	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Guide Hall)
Russell Walker Reserve	Park	Park Natural Area	Creek Riparian Corridor
Rydalmere Park	Sportsground Park General Community Use	Sportsground Park General Community Use	Minor Boundary Adjustments (Masterplan)
Shale Street Reserve	-	Park	Land Acquisition
Shannons Paddock	Park	Park Natural Area General Community Use	Creek Channel (W1 Land Zoning) Public Road (Darcy Road)
Simpson Reserve	Park General Community Use	Park General Community Use	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Telecommunications Facility)
Sir Thomas Mitchell Reserve	Park Sportsground Natural Area	Park Sportsground	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Large Mown Area) Exotic Vegetation

NAME	CURRENT CATEGORY/S	PROPOSED CATEGORY/S	REASON(S)
Skenes Avenue Reserve	Natural Area	Natural Area Park	Large Mown & Landscaped Areas
Somerville Park	Park Natural Area General Community Use Sportsground	Park Natural Area Sportsground	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Large Mown Area) Passive Recreation Area (Playground / Kickabout)
Sophia Crescent Reserve	General Community Use	Park	Landscaped Parkland
Sturt Park	Park Natural Area	Park Natural Area	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Creek Riparian Corridor)
Sue Savage Park	Park Natural Area	Park Natural Area	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Creek Channel)
Swann Reserve	Park	Park Natural Area	Creek Channel (W1 Land Zoning)
Thallon Street Reserve East	-	Park	Land Acquisition
Thallon Street Reserve West	-	Park	Land Acquisition
Third Settlement Reserve	Park Natural Area Sportsground General Community Use	Park Natural Area Sportsground General Community Use	Minor Boundary Adjustments (Courts / Large Mown Areas / Scout & Guide Halls)
Timbergetters Reserve	Park Natural Area Sportsground	Park Natural Area Sportsground	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Tennis Courts)
Upjohn Park	Park Sportsground Natural Area	Park Sportsground Natural Area	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Large Mown & Landscaped Areas)
West Epping Park	Sportsground General Community Use	Sportsground General Community Use Park	Minor Boundary Adjustments (Sporting Fields) Passive Recreation Areas (Playground / Courts / Kickabout)
William Wade Park	Park Natural Area	Park Natural Area	Minor Boundary Adjustment (Creek Riparian Corridor)
Yanung Reserve	Natural Area General Community Use	Natural Area General Community Use Park	Large Mown & Landscaped Areas

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Legislative Requirements

4.1 Plans of Management

Council must prepare a Plan of Management for all Community land under the LG Act and for Crown reserves for which it is the Crown Land Manager under the CLM Act. Community land and Crown reserves are required to be used and managed according to the Plan of Management and applicable core objectives for the categorisation assigned to the land.

The LG Act requires that a plan of management must identify:

- the category for the land
- objectives and performance targets for management of the land
- the means (actions) by which Council proposes to achieve the objectives and performance targets
- measures by which council proposes to assess its performance.

It must also 'expressly authorise' the purposes for which Council can lease, licence or grant other estates over Community land.

4.2 Public Hearings

Public hearing meeting

A public hearing is required under Section 40A of the LG Act if the proposed Plan of Management is either categorising (that is, a Plan has not been previously been adopted by Council, or has not categorised community land), or re-categorising (changing the adopted category) the Community land covered by the Plan of Management.

Public hearings are not required for recategorisation of Crown land or changes to sub-categories under Section 36(5).

Note: Public hearings regarding categorisation or re-categorisation of community land are not related to reclassification. Reclassification is when public land is re-classified as operational land.

Conduct of public hearings

An independent chairperson is required to conduct the public hearing. They must provide a report to Council with recommendations on the proposed categorisation and recategorisation following the public hearing.

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

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

Process after the public hearing

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

The public hearing report will be presented to Council for their information when considering the recategorisation of Community land as part of the process of adopting a draft plan of management.



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