

## **Management Plan for Apex Park**

### **1.0 Identification Details**

1.1 Name of land/reserve-----Apex Park, Hawthorndene

1.2 Location-----lots 337, 339 & 334, Watahuna Ave Hawthorndene

1.3 Certificates of title for lots

- Lot 337: 655/1545
- Part of lot 339: 1295/155
- Part of lot 334: 1295/155

1.4 Area

- Lot 337: 1.07 Hectares
- Lot 339: 2.73 Hectares
- Lot 334: 2.75 Hectares

1.5 Current Usage -----recreation, public tennis courts (east side of creek), clubrooms and tennis courts (west side of creek), cricket, school football, BMX track & playground facilities.

### **2.0 Owner**

- City of Mitcham

### **3.0 Purpose for Which the Land is held**

- Recreation
- Organised sport - including current and potential sports which might be suited to the facility.

### **4.0 Reason Why Management Plan is Required**

- Land occupied under a lease or licence.
- Land specifically modified for the benefit and enjoyment for the public.
- A natural watercourse (Minno Creek) flows through the park and requires management under the Patawalonga Water Catchment Management Plan.

### **5.0 Objectives for Management**

- To provide a public recreation facility to the local and wider community.
- To ensure equitable access to diverse recreation and sporting opportunities across the City.
- To safeguard the community by taking appropriate measures to control risk.
- To manage the community assets held on their behalf by Council.
- To include the ability to offer short term leases/licences/permits for short term one-off events or short term club use.
- To allow for future leases/licences of a similar nature should current lease/licence holders not renew their agreements.

## **6.0 Policies and Proposals for the Management of the Land**

- Consideration to be given to Council's policies which relate to the management of open space and community facilities - with particular reference to the Biodiversity policy and Water use and catchment protection policy.
- Consideration to be given the City of Mitcham's Development Plan and Open Space Strategy.
- Consideration to be given to By-Law No.3 - Local Government Land regarding the activities which can be undertaken on community land.
- Consideration to be given to By-Law No.6 - Dogs and a resolution of Council whereby the exercising of dogs may be restricted in some parks and reserves.
- Reference to be made to the general maintenance schedule for reserves and specifications for specific reserves where applicable.
  
- Proposals - see Schedule

## **7.0 Performance Targets**

- See Schedule

## **8.0 Performance Measures**

- See Schedule

## **9.0 Current Lease/Licence Details**

- 9.1 Hawthorndene Tennis Club currently holds a licence to use and occupy the tennis courts and clubrooms on the west side of the creek.
- 9.2 Sturt District Cricket Club Juniors currently holds a licence on behalf of local schools to use Hawthorndene Oval for primary school cricket.
- 9.3 There are two public tennis courts on the east side of the creek which area available every day of the year to the wider community.
- 9.4 Ramblers Cricket Club is currently negotiating a new licence to use Hawthorndene Oval.

Unless otherwise stated in the licences / agreements, this reserve is available for community use.

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## SCHEDULE

Management Issues	Proposals	Performance Targets	Performance Measures
<b>Landscape Character</b>	<p>Maintain area for club sport/recreational use in keeping with the character of the surrounding area.</p> <p>Litter</p> <p>Fences and park furniture (inc. gazebos).</p> <p>Lighting (where installed)</p> <p>Paths</p> <p>Graffiti</p>	<p>Maintain existing character of the neighbourhood while providing an amenity for the local community.</p> <p>Bins/grounds checked regularly.</p> <p>State of furniture checked on a regular basis.</p> <p>Regular checks to replace faulty/broken lights.</p> <p>Check and repair as required.</p> <p>Offensive graffiti to be removed in 24 hours. All highly visible graffiti to be removed from Council property.</p>	<p>Reduction in the level of complaints regarding misuse of grounds or maintenance of area.</p> <p>Area to be free of litter.</p> <p>Located in suitable areas and kept in good repair.</p> <p>Lights are operational.</p> <p>Safe to use and clear of obstructions.</p> <p>Highly visible park structures and surrounds to be graffiti free.</p>
<b>Clubrooms</b>	<p>Adhere to the building maintenance program each year and to have completed each stage within the allocated time frame.</p>	<p>Inspections of all clubrooms conducted once a year.</p> <p>All clubroom inspections are documented in an Audit Report.</p>	<p>Building complies with the annual audit by budgeting, programming, and completing the identified works.</p> <p>All building work complies with DDA Plan.</p>
<b>Playground Equipment</b>	<p>Provide a public recreation facility to the community.</p> <p>Create challenging and interesting opportunities that cater for development requirements of playground users.</p>	<p>Ensure all playgrounds are safe with regular inspections and maintenance of equipment.</p> <p>Minor repairs that are undertaken during this routine inspection are to be recorded on an appropriate inspection</p>	<p>Playground inspected every six weeks in accordance with safety inspection checklist.</p> <p>Soft fall area to be maintained at the required depth and in an appropriate condition.</p> <p>All soft areas will be clear</p>

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	<p>Provide equipment specifically designed for toddlers, early childhood, junior and senior groups.</p> <p>Provide some active play structures suitable for use by the wider community.</p>	<p>sheet.</p> <p>Major repairs or maintenance required is to be recorded on the inspection sheet and handed to the coordinator for appropriate action.</p> <p>Soft fall areas are to be included in the six weekly check and appropriate action taken to keep them clear of weeds, litter, broken glass and other sharp objects.</p> <p>Install new equipment in accordance with Council's replacement program.</p> <p>Any parts replaced will be with genuine parts (which adhere to Australian Standards) from an appropriate manufacturer.</p> <p>Up to date inventory of all playground facilities maintained.</p>	<p>of foreign objects (such as broken glass).</p> <p>All playgrounds shall be audited every ten years in respect to condition, safety, maintenance standards &amp; longevity.</p>
<b>Oval</b>	<p>Provide to a suitable level for general community use.</p>	<p>Aeration or verti drain treatment to be used in areas of high soil compaction and poor drainage.</p> <p>Appropriate fertilizers to be applied to areas of high use and at recommended rates for that particular soil type.</p>	<p>Quality of turf suitable for local community use.</p>
<b>Irrigation Systems</b>	<p>Provide a suitable automatic irrigation service that makes best possible use of resources while providing acceptable</p>	<p>Automatic systems should be programmed to match the needs of a particular area in relation to soil types, grass type, use of area,</p>	<p>Efficient use of water while delivering a quality grass surface.</p> <p>All watering carried out</p>

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	standards of turf.	climatic conditions and Government restrictions. Minor repairs to be undertaken as soon as practical. Major repairs to be included in scheduled works. Turf maintained to best level within relevant water restrictions.	according to relevant prescribed water restrictions.
<b>Tennis Courts (2 community courts)</b>	Ensure tennis courts are suitably maintained for community use.	Courts to be repainted every 5 years. Resurfaced over a 20 year cycle. Surface checked every 5 years.	Safe for public use.
<b>Tennis Courts (licensed to club)</b>	Ensure that the club maintains courts to the agreed and acceptable standard as specified in the licence agreement.	As per licence agreement.	Licence agreement complied with.
<b>Public Toilets</b>	Available during normal daylight hours.  Locked overnight where extreme vandalism has occurred.	Cleaned on weekdays only, with the exception of public holidays and weekends.	Cleaning includes sweeping and disposing of rubbish, the use of appropriate disinfectant and water to clean all surfaces. Graffiti free and usable.  Filling of toilet roll holders.
<b>Exercising of Dogs</b>	Allow for recreation areas to be set aside for both dog owners and/or other members of the public.	Compliance with all restrictions on the exercising of dogs.	Reduce the number of complaints from other park users.
<b>BMX Track</b>	Maintain a facility which is suitable for use by the designated age	Maintain in accordance with the BMX management plan.	Compliance with conditions of management plan for BMX track.

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<b>Tree Maintenance</b>	<p>Remove dead trees and limbs.</p> <p>Plant new trees.</p>	<p>Trees to be in good health and safe for park users.</p> <p>Shade trees of appropriate species for the area to be planted.</p> <p>Creek lines to be planted with appropriate species.</p>	<p>Dead trees are removed where dangerous and dead limbs of trees are removed where they pose a threat.</p> <p>Reserves and creeklines are enhanced by healthy, safe and appropriate species.</p>
<b>Creeklines</b>	<p>Maintain and enhance the natural character of the creekline.</p> <p>Improve water quality.</p>	<p>Creeklines to be clearly identified.</p> <p>Clearing of exotic vegetation from creek line environments is a long term goal.</p> <p>Replant with appropriate plant species.</p> <p>Manage creekline in accordance with legislation requirements and endeavour to manage creeklines in accordance with the Patawalonga Water Catchment Management Plan.</p>	<p>Water ways retained and managed so as to reflect water quality and storm water best practice in accordance with the Patawalonga Water Catchment Management Plan.</p> <p>Water management techniques employed to minimise erosion.</p> <p>Any work undertaken should not impact on the stability of the creek bank system.</p> <p>Development to comply with current EPA legislation.</p>