

MITCHAM COMMUNITY COURT AND SOLDIER MEMORIAL GARDENS AND ENVIRONS MANAGEMENT PLAN

1.0 Identification Details

- 1.1 Name of Land/reserve-----Mitcham Community Court
- 1.2 Location
Lot 23 Frimley Grove, Hawthorn
Lot 301, 152 Belair Road, Hawthorn
Lots 228 & 229, 154 Belair Road, Hawthorn
- 1.3 Certificates of title
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| 5410/536 | Lot 23 |
| 5419/108 | Lot 301 |
| 5843/260 | Lot 228 |
| 5843/019 | Lot 229 |
- 1.4 Area (hectares)-----2.53 hectares
- 1.5 Current Usage
- Library
 - Kindergarten
 - Over 50s clubrooms
 - Meals on Wheels kitchen
 - Bowling Club
 - Memorial gardens
 - Sensory garden
 - Heritage barn
 - Carols by the Creek

2.0 Owner

- City of Mitcham

3.0 Purpose for Which the Land is Held

- Passive and active recreation
- Community facilities
- Historical significance
- Community and social development
- Cultural purposes

4.0 Reasons Why Management Plan is Required

- Land specifically modified for the benefit and enjoyment of the public
- Land occupied under a lease or licence

5.0 Objectives for Management of the Land

- To provide public facilities to the local and wider community for recreation, community activities and services, training, personal development etc.
- To ensure equitable access to diverse recreation and social opportunities across the City.

- To encourage multiple use of Council facilities.
- To include the ability to offer short term leases/licences/permits for short term one-off events or short term use.
- To allow for future leases/licences of a similar nature should current lease/licence holders not renew their agreements.
- To improve access for disadvantaged groups to recreational and community facilities in order that all members of the community are able to participate in a range of activities.
- To develop a sense of belonging
- To build a sense of place/sense of community.
- To develop community wellbeing and increase community health.
- To facilitate an active community.
- To increase community participation.
- To provide an economic return to council commensurate with the use of the facility.
- To manage facilities in an environmentally sensitive manner where appropriate.
- To preserve a heritage facility for the local and wider community.
- To safeguard the community by taking appropriate measures to control risk.
- To manage community assets held on their behalf by Council.

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, and including the Non Smoking Policy.
- Consideration to be given the City of Mitcham's Development Plan and Open Space Strategy.
- Consideration to be given to the existing heritage of the area.
- Consideration to be given to By-Law No.3 - Local Government Land regarding the activities which can be undertaken on community land.
- Reference to be made to the general maintenance schedule for community facilities.
- Consideration to be given to Council's OHS&W policies and procedures during the conduct of events.
- Consideration to be given to Council's Community Focal Point Framework Discussion Paper.
- Consideration to be given to the Mitcham Town Centre Urban Design Framework, including the Belair Road streetscaping.
- Consideration to be given to the strategic planning document 'Building Tomorrow's Mitcham Today'.
- Proposals - see Schedule

7.0 Performance Targets

- See Schedule

8.0 Performance Measures

- See Schedule

9.0 Current Lease/Licence details

- 9.1 Meals on Wheels holds a lease over the kitchen building.

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SCHEDULE

Management Issues	Proposals	Performance Targets	Performance Measures
Buildings (including library, Mitcham Over 50s, Community Court etc)	<p>Adhere to the building maintenance program each year and have completed each stage within the allocated time frame.</p> <p>Usage</p> <p>Rationalisation</p> <p>Heritage</p>	<p>Inspections of all facilities conducted once a year.</p> <p>All facility inspections are documented in an Audit report.</p> <p>Optimise the use of community facilities by investigating the potential for increased utilisation of facilities through rearrangement of users and co-location.</p> <p>Council to investigate opportunities for rationalisation of its community facilities.</p> <p>Buildings maintained to enhance their heritage listing.</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> <p>Community facilities are effectively managed and used to their potential.</p> <p>Council to adopt strategy for rationalisation.</p> <p>Historical integrity of the buildings preserved.</p>
Surrounding Landscape Character	<p>Maintain facility for general community use in keeping with the character of the surrounding area.</p> <p>Litter</p> <p>Fences and park furniture (including gazebo)</p> <p>Lighting</p> <p>Graffiti</p> <p>Paths</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>Offensive graffiti to be removed in 24 hours. All highly visible graffiti to be removed from Council property.</p> <p>Check and repair as required.</p>	<p>Reduction in the level of complaints regarding misuse of facilities or maintenance of facilities.</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>Highly visible park structures and surrounds to be graffiti free.</p> <p>Safe to use and free of obstructions.</p>

	Foot Bridge	Checked on a regular basis and repaired as required.	Safe for community use.
	Memorial arches	Kept in good repair in consultation with Mitcham RSL and Mitcham AFA.	Mitcham RSL and Mitcham AFA are satisfied with the general condition of the arches.
Event Management	Council organised events	The conduct of events complies with Council's OHS&W policies and guidelines.	Events are conducted in a safe manner.
Car Parking	Provide off road car parking for community use. Provide adequate parking for the Community Bus when bringing patrons to the library. Provide adequate parking for the Home Library Service vehicle.	Car park is safe, accessible and maintained in a good condition. A safe parking space is provided which is convenient for bus patrons. A safe parking space is provided which is convenient for library service volunteers.	Car park is clearly defined for community use, is free of pot holes and is easily accessible. Safe and adequate parking facilities are provided for the Community Bus. Safe and adequate parking facilities are provided for the Home Library Service.
Public Toilets	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.
Exercising of Dogs	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.
Irrigation Systems	Provide a suitable automatic irrigation service that makes best possible use of resources while providing acceptable standards of turf.	Automatic systems should be programmed to match the needs of a particular area in relation to soil types, grass type, use of area, climatic conditions and Government restrictions. Minor repairs to be undertaken as soon as	Efficient use of water while delivering a quality grass surface. All watering carried out according to relevant prescribed water restrictions.

		<p>practical.</p> <p>Major repairs to be included in scheduled works.</p> <p>Turf maintained to best level within relevant water restrictions.</p>	
Creeklines	<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>