

MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR CATEGORY TWO RESERVES

All Category Two reserves are characterised by the following criteria:

- They are strategically important for local open space.
- They have high local community use - and there are correspondingly high community expectations about their maintenance.
- They have irrigated and/or manicured turf.
- They provide for a range of passive recreational activities.

This management plan applies to the following reserves:

- **Doncaster Avenue Reserve**
- **Kent Reserve**
- **Light Place Reserve**
- **Ludgate Circus Reserve**
- **Oxford Circus Reserve**
- **Tidworth Reserve**

1. Identification Details

The details of all the reserves are found in Appendix A.

2. Owner

City of Mitcham

3. Purpose for which the land is held

- Recreation
- Access

4. Reason why Management Plan is required

- Land specifically modified for the benefit and enjoyment of the public.

5. Objectives for Management of the Land

- To provide a public recreation facility to suit the needs of the local community.
- To provide recreational areas suitable for present and future use.
- To safeguard the community by taking appropriate measures to control risk.
- To manage community assets held on their behalf by Council.

6. Policies and Proposals for Management of the Land

- Consideration to be given to the policies which relate to the management of open space and community facilities.
- Consideration to be given to the City of Mitcham's Development Plan and Open Space Strategy.
- Consideration to be given to the heritage of the area. In particular, reference is made to the Colonel Light Gardens Conservation Management Plan and the Historic (Conservation) Zone – Mitcham Village, where applicable.
- 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 Dog Bylaw No.6, and a resolution of Council whereby the exercising of dogs is restricted in some parks and reserves.
- Reference to be made to the general maintenance schedule for reserves and specifications for specific reserves where applicable.
- Where Crown Land is under Native Title Claim, the plans will be reviewed once the matter has been resolved and the outcomes are known.

- Proposals - see schedule

7. Performance Targets

- See schedule

8. Performance Measures

- See schedule

Date amended: October 2023

SCHEDULE

| Management Issues | Proposals | Performance Targets | Performance Measures |
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| Landscape Character and Heritage Value | Maintain area in keeping with the character of the surrounding area. | Maintain existing character of the neighbourhood while providing an amenity for the local community. | Reduction in the level of complaints regarding misuse of grounds or maintenance of area. |
| | Heritage | Reflect the values of the CLG Conservation Management Plan. | Compliance with the CLG Conservation Management Plan. |
| | Litter | Bins/grounds checked regularly. | Area to be free of litter. |
| | Fences and park furniture (inc. gazebos). | State of furniture checked on a regular basis. | Located in suitable areas and kept in good repair. |
| | Lighting (where installed) | Regular checks to replace faulty/broken lights. | Lights are operational. |
| | Paths | Check and repair as required. | Paths are in an appropriate location, safe to use and clear of obstructions. |
| | Graffiti | Offensive graffiti to be removed in 24 hours. All highly visible graffiti to be removed from Council property. | Highly visible park structures and surrounds to be graffiti free. |
| | Foot Bridges | Checked on a regular basis and repaired or replaced as required. | Safe for community use and comply with regulations. |
| | Signage | Checked and maintained on a regular basis. | Signage is legible and in good repair. |
| Playground Equipment | Provide a public recreation facility to the community. | Ensure all playgrounds are safe with regular inspections and maintenance of equipment. | Playground inspected every six weeks in accordance with safety inspection checklist. |
| | Create challenging and interesting | | Soft fall area to be |

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| | <p>opportunities that cater for development requirements of playground users.</p> <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>Minor repairs that are undertaken during this routine inspection are to be recorded on an appropriate inspection 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, as well as 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>maintained at the required depth and in an appropriate condition.</p> <p>All soft areas will be clear of foreign objects (such as broken glass).</p> <p>All playgrounds shall be audited every ten years in respect to condition, safety, maintenance standards & longevity.</p> |
| Irrigation | Provide a suitable automatic irrigation service (where applicable) that makes best possible use of resources while providing | Automatic systems should be programmed to match the needs of a particular area in relation to soil types, grass type, use of | <p>Efficient use of water while delivering a quality grass surface.</p> <p>All watering carried out according to relevant prescribed water</p> |

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| | <p>acceptable standards of turf.</p> <p>Provide for manual watering in all other instances where current water restrictions allow.</p> | <p>area, climatic conditions and Government restrictions.</p> <p>Minor repairs to be undertaken as soon as possible.</p> <p>Major repairs to be included in scheduled works.</p> <p>Turf maintained to best level within relevant water restrictions.</p> | <p>restrictions.</p> |
| Rose / Garden beds (where applicable) | <p>Maintain existing gardens for the enjoyment of the community.</p> | <p>Pruned over the winter months in accordance with good and proven horticultural practice.</p> <p>Garden beds mulched and fertilized yearly.</p> <p>Garden beds to be checked for weeds approx. every 4 weeks.</p> <p>Garden bed borders to be trimmed during regular turf maintenance program.</p> | <p>Maintained to provide a pleasing aesthetic appeal to the area.</p> <p>Reassessed from time to time regarding appropriateness of their location.</p> |
| Barbecue Facilities | <p>Provide BBQs where there has been extensive consultation and agreement with the community.</p> | <p>Maintained in a condition suitable for local community use.</p> | <p>BBQs to be cleaned regularly.</p> <p>Fat tins replaced/cleaned weekly.</p> <p>Regular checks on plates to ensure they are in good working order and faults reported.</p> <p>All electric BBQs to be checked on a regular basis.</p> |

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| Skate Park / BMX track (where applicable) | <p>Provide a skate park/ BMX track where there has been extensive consultation with the community over location, hours of use and age of users.</p> <p>Maintain a facility that is suitable for use by skate boarders and bike riders.</p> | <p>Site checked and cleared of sand, stones etc on weekly basis.</p> <p>Routine inspection undertaken six weekly.</p> <p>Major repairs or maintenance required is to be recorded on an inspection sheet and handed to the coordinator for appropriate action.</p> | <p>Area free of cans, bottles, paper and foreign matter.</p> <p>Signs clear and easy to read ie. no graffiti or damage.</p> <p>Facility checked for cracks and structural damage.</p> |
| Public Toilets (where applicable) | <p>Available during normal daylight hours.</p> <p>Locked over night where extreme vandalism has been recorded.</p> | <p>Cleaned on weekdays only, with the exception of public holidays and weekends.</p> | <p>Cleaning includes sweeping and disposing of rubbish, the use of appropriate disinfectant and water to clean all surfaces. Graffiti free and usable.</p> <p>Filling of toilet roll holders.</p> |
| Exercising of dogs | <p>Allow for recreation areas to be set aside for both dog owners and/or other members of the public.</p> | <p>Compliance with all restrictions on the exercising of dogs.</p> | <p>Reduce the number of complaints from other park users.</p> |
| Tree Maintenance | <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> |
| Creeklines (where applicable) | <p>Maintain and enhance the natural character of the creekline.</p> | <p>Creeklines to be clearly identified.</p> <p>Clearing of exotic vegetation from creek</p> | <p>Water ways retained and managed so as to reflect water quality and storm water best practice in accordance with the</p> |

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| | <p>Improve water quality.</p> | <p>line environments is a long term goal.</p> <p>Replant with appropriate plant species.</p> <p>Drains /trash racks on watercourses and wetlands to be checked regularly for build up of debris.</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>Patawalonga Water Catchment Management Plan.</p> <p>Water management techniques employed to minimise erosion from stormwater.</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> |
| Kindergarten | <p>Adhere to the building maintenance program each year and to have completed each stage within the allocated time frame.</p> <p>Expired kindergarten leases are not being renewed. It is proposed that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Education Department pays market value rental instead of the current peppercorn or The Education Department rationalises its kindergartens, with Council then able to sell off any surplus facilities. | <p>Inspections of all facilities conducted once a year.</p> <p>All facility 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> |

DONCASTER AVENUE RESERVE

1. Identification details

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| 1.1 | Name of reserve | Doncaster Avenue Reserve |
| 1.2 | Location | Lot 478, Doncaster Avenue, Colonel Light Gardens |
| 1.3 | Certificate of Title | 5542/521 |
| 1.4 | Area (hectares) | 0.11 |
| 1.5 | Current usage | Recreation |
| 1.6 | Owner | City of Mitcham |

KENT RESERVE

1. Identification details

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| 1.1 | Name of reserve | Kent Reserve | |
| 1.2 | Location | Lots 231-234, Kent Road, Colonel Light Gardens | |
| 1.3 | Certificate of Title | 5137/135 | |
| 1.4 | Area (hectares) | 0.09 | Lot 231 |
| | | 0.10 | Lot 232 |
| | | 0.13 | Lot 233 |
| | | 0.07 | Lot 234 |
| 1.5 | Current usage | Recreation | |
| 1.6 | Owner | City of Mitcham | |

LIGHT PLACE RESERVE

1. Identification details

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| 1.1 | Name of reserve | Light Place Reserve |
| 1.2 | Location | Lot 342, Light Place, Colonel Light Gardens (West) |
| 1.3 | Certificate of Title | 5520/209 |
| 1.4 | Area (hectares) | 0.34 |
| 1.5 | Current usage | Recreation |
| 1.6 | Owner | City of Mitcham |

LUDGATE CIRCUS RESERVE

1. Identification details

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| 1.1 | Name of reserve | Ludgate Circus Reserve |
| 1.2 | Location | Lots 690 – 691, Ludgate Circus, Colonel Light Gardens |
| 1.3 | Certificate of Title | 5169/141 |
| 1.4 | Area (hectares) | 0.12 Lot 690 0.29 Lot 691 |
| 1.5 | Current usage | Recreation |

OXFORD CIRCUS RESERVE

1. Identification details

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| 1.1 | Name of reserve | Oxford Circus Reserve |
| 1.2 | Location | Lots 201-202, Oxford Circus, Colonel Light Gardens |
| 1.3 | Certificate of Title | 5137/135 |
| 1.4 | Area (hectares) | 0.31 Lot 201 0.16 Lot 202 |
| 1.5 | Current usage | Recreation |
| 1.6 | Owner | City of Mitcham |

TIDWORTH CRESCENT RESERVE

1. Identification details

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| 1.1 | Name of reserve | Tidworth Crescent Reserve | |
| 1.2 | Location | Lot 53, Grange Road, Colonel Light Gdns Lot 54, Tidworth Cres, Colonel Light Gdns | |
| 1.3 | Certificate of Title | 5169/140 | |
| 1.4 | Area (hectares) | 0.21 | Lot 53 |
| | | 0.14 | Lot 54 |
| 1.5 | Current usage | Recreation | |
| 1.6 | Owner | City of Mitcham | |