

MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR CATEGORY THREE RESERVES

All category three reserves are characterised by the following criteria:

- They are smaller neighbourhood parks
- They have minimal community use but are of high amenity value and importance due to their close proximity to urban development
- The reserves offer a limited range of recreational activities
- They usually have non irrigated turf areas with no manicured grasses

This management plan applies to the following areas:

- **Martlesham Crescent 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

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 public open space to suit the needs of the local community.
- To provide recreation/amenity areas suitable for present and future community use.
- To safeguard the community by taking appropriate measures to control risk.
- To effectively manage assets held by Council on behalf of the community.

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.
- 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
Landscape Character and Heritage Value	Maintain area for recreation/amenity use 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 conservation management plans and heritage objectives.	Compliance with conservation management plans.
	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 appropriate locations, 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.
	Signage	Checked and maintained on a regular basis.	Signs are legible and in good repair.
	Foot Bridges	Checked on a regular basis and repaired / replaced as required.	Bridges are safe for community use and comply with regulations.
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 opportunities that cater for development	Minor repairs that are undertaken during this	Soft fall area to be maintained at the required depth and in

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	<p>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>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, 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>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	<p>Provide a suitable automatic irrigation service (where applicable) that makes best possible use of resources while providing acceptable standards of turf.</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, 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>Efficient use of water while delivering a quality grass surface.</p> <p>All watering carried out according to relevant prescribed water restrictions.</p>

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		Turf maintained to best level within relevant water restrictions.	
Rose / Garden beds (where applicable)	Maintain existing gardens for the enjoyment of the community.	<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	Provide BBQs where there has been extensive consultation and agreement with the community.	Maintained in a condition suitable for local community use.	<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 any faults reported.</p> <p>All electric BBQs to be checked on a regular basis.</p>
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>

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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 regarding dogs from other park users.
Tree Maintenance	Remove dead trees and limbs. Plant new trees.	Trees to be in good health and safe for park users. Shade trees of appropriate species for the area to be planted. Creek lines to be planted with appropriate species.	Dead trees are removed where dangerous and dead limbs of trees are removed where they pose a threat. Reserves and creeklines are enhanced by healthy, safe and appropriate tree species.
Creeklines (where applicable)	Maintain and enhance the natural character of the creekline. Improve water quality.	Creeklines to be clearly identified. Clearing of exotic vegetation from creek line environments is a long term goal. Replant with appropriate plant species. Drains /trash racks on watercourses and wetlands to be checked regularly for build up of debris. Manage creekline in accordance with legislation requirements and endeavour to manage creeklines in accordance with the Patawalonga Water Catchment Management Plan.	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. Water management techniques employed to minimise erosion from stormwater. Any work undertaken should not impact on the stability of the creek bank system. Development to comply with current EPA legislation.

MARTLESHAM CRESCENT RESERVE

1. Identification details

1.1	Name of reserve	Martlesham Crescent Reserve	
1.2	Location	Lots 340 & 341 Martlesham Crescent, Colonel Light Gardens	
1.3	Certificate of Title	5520/213	Lot 340
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1.4	Area (hectares)	0.03	0.03
1.5	Current usage	Amenity	
1.6	Owner	City of Mitcham	