

Management Plan for Reade Park

1.0 Identification Details

1.1	Name of land/reserve	Reade Park Reserve
1.2	Location	Lots 270 - 272 Flinders Avenue, Colonel Light Gardens
1.3	Certificates of Title	5169/141
1.4	Area	1.56 hectares
1.5	Current Usage	Recreation, tennis, croquet, lawn bowls

2.0 Owner

- City of Mitcham

3.0 Purpose for Which the Land is Held

- Public recreation facility for the residents of Colonel Light Gardens and the wider community to accommodate a range of passive and active pursuits.
- Organised sport and sports training facilities.
- Multi-purpose community building(s).

4.0 Reasons Why the Management Plan is Required

- Land specifically modified for the benefit and enjoyment of the public.
- The land is subject to a licence.
- The land is subject to a lease.

5.0 Objectives for the Management of the Land

- To acknowledge the significance of Reade Park as an element in the planning of the Garden Suburb of Colonel Light Gardens, which is a designated State Heritage Area.
- To provide and maintain a high quality and accessible public recreation facility for the local and wider community without generating undue disturbance to nearby residents.
- To safeguard the community by taking appropriate measures to control risk.
- To seek equitable access to a space designed with all user groups in mind.
- To include the ability to offer short term leases/licences/permits for one-off events or other short-term uses.
- To allow for future leases/licences of a similar nature should current leases/licences not be renewed or renegotiated to Council's satisfaction, however in doing so consideration

is to be given to Conservation Management Plan objectives and policies that seek a reduction over time in the amount of space at Reade Park dedicated to formal club use.

- To promote sustainable environmental management within the Park.
- To ensure the Management Plan is flexible and able to evolve with changing community attitudes and environmental challenges.
- New buildings and structures should be designed in a scale and appearance to complement the predominantly single storey residential character of development in the locality.

6.0 Policies and Proposals for the Management of the Land

- Consideration to be given to the heritage / history of Reade Park in the context of the State Heritage Area of Colonel Light Gardens. In particular, reference is made to the Colonel Light Gardens Conservation Management Plan and Technical Data Sheets Manual.
- Consideration to be given to Colonel Light Gardens Conservation Management Plan objectives and policies that call for a reduction over time in the amount of space at Reade Park that is dedicated to formal club use.
- Consideration to be given to negotiations with existing leaseholder(s) to facilitate some free and unrestricted community access to the hard-court tennis courts during daylight hours and in particular during general community use peak periods (i.e. evenings and/or weekends). Negotiations should include provision for the erection of signage by Council to indicate hours of availability (note: new signage is subject to Development Plan Consent requirements)
- Consideration to be given to the use of multi-purpose community buildings to ensure that the type and level of usage does not generate undue disturbance to nearby residents.
- Consideration to be given to the use of sustainable environmental management techniques to maintain the landscape at Reade Park now and into the future. One topical issue is the ongoing use of water resources to maintain areas of grassed playing surfaces and open space, which despite the clear social benefits is likely to become an ever-increasing economic burden on Council and leaseholders.
- Consideration to be given to Council's policies which relate to the management of open space and community facilities.
- 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.5 - Dogs and any current resolution of Council whereby controls have been introduced in relation to the exercising of dogs at Reade Park.
- Proposals - see Schedule

7.0 Performance Targets

- See Schedule

8.0 Performance Measures

- See Schedule

9.0 Current Lease/Licence Details

- 9.1 Colonel Light Gardens Bowling Club currently holds a lease/licence to utilise two (2) bowling greens and a clubroom.
- 9.2 Colonel Light Gardens Uniting Church Tennis Club currently holds a lease/licence to utilise three (3) hard-court tennis courts.
- 9.3 Reade Park Croquet Club currently holds a lease/licence to utilise one (1) croquet lawn and a clubroom.
- 9.4 Reade Park Lawn Tennis Club currently holds a lease/licence to utilise fourteen (14) lawn tennis courts and a clubroom.

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SCHEDULE

Management Issues	Proposals	Performance Targets	Performance Measures
Landscape Character and Heritage Value	Maintain Reade Park in keeping with the character of the surrounding area	Maintain existing character of the neighbourhood while providing an amenity for the local and wider community	Minimise complaints regarding misuse of grounds or maintenance of area.
	Heritage	Reflect the values of the Colonel Light Gardens Conservation Management Plan.	Observance of relevant objectives and policy guidance in the Colonel Light Gardens 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.
		Where practicable, any new boundary fencing along Flinders Avenue frontage to Reade Park to be constructed using more traditional material such as crimped or 'emu' woven wire.	Observance of relevant objectives and policy guidance in the Colonel Light Gardens Conservation Management Plan.
	Lighting (where installed)	Regular checks to replace faulty/broken lights.	Lights are operational.
	Paths	Check and repair as required.	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.
Clubrooms	Adhere to the building maintenance program each year and to have completed each stage	Inspections of all clubrooms conducted once a year.	Buildings comply with the annual audit by budgeting, programming, and

	within the allocated time frame.		completing the identified works.
		All clubroom inspections are documented in an Audit Report.	All building work complies with DDA Plan.
Tennis Court(s)	Ensure that the clubs fully maintain the courts to the agreed and accepted standards as specified in the licence / lease agreement.	As per the licence / lease agreements.	Compliance with licence / lease conditions.
Bowling Green(s)	Ensure that the club fully maintains the bowling green(s) to the agreed and accepted standards as specified in the licence / lease agreement.	As per the licence / lease agreement.	Compliance with licence / lease conditions.
Croquet Lawn(s)	Ensure that the club fully maintains the croquet lawn(s) to the agreed and accepted standards as specified in the licence / lease agreement.	As per the licence / lease agreement.	Compliance with licence / lease conditions.
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.	Minimise the number of complaints from other park users.