



CITY OF
MITCHAM

COMMUNITY LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

FOR

Apex Park

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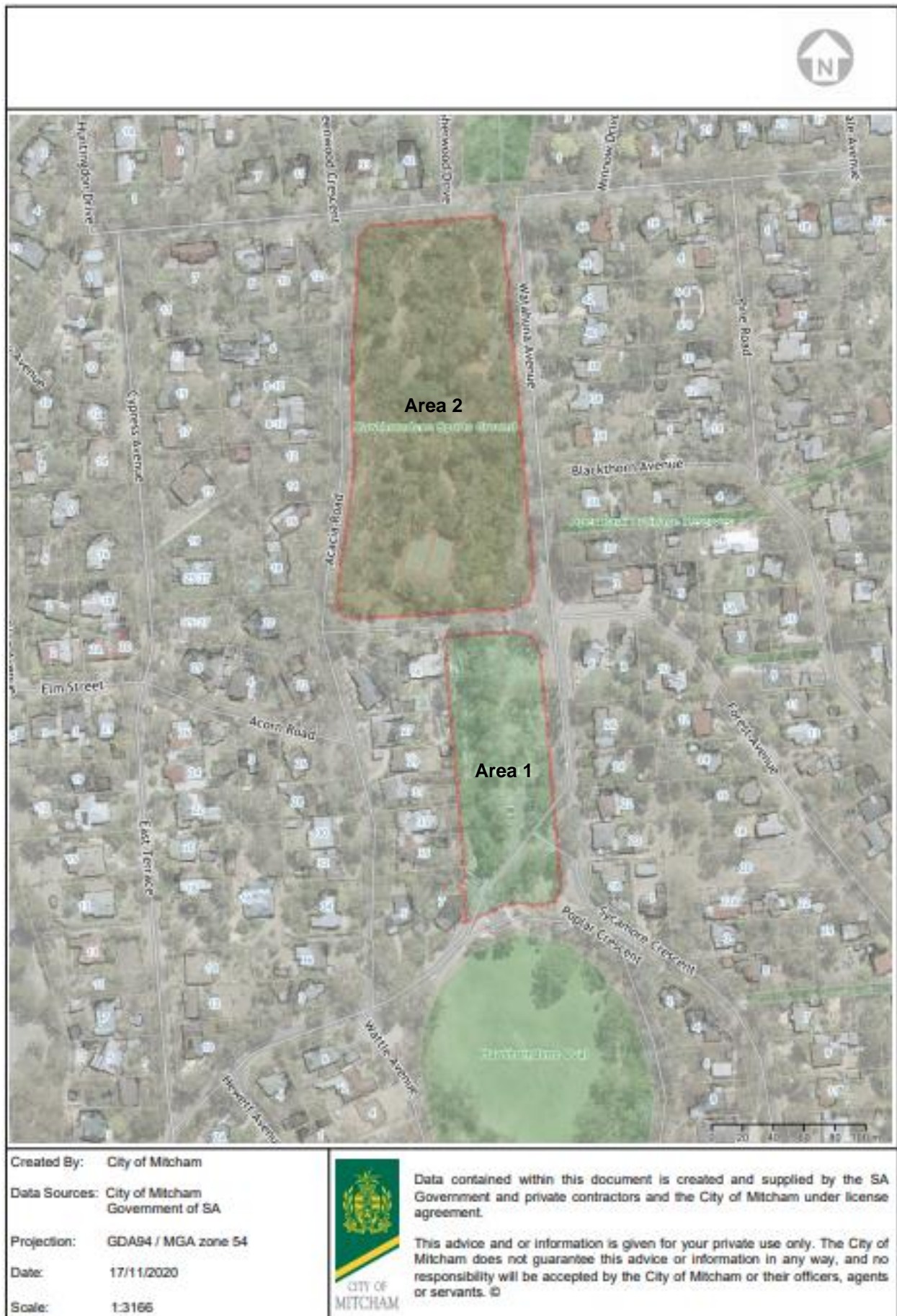
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1. Identification Details		
1.1	Name of Land/ Reserve	Apex Park
1.2	Location	Watahuna Avenue, Hawthorndene
1.3	Certificates of Title for Section/ Lots	<p>Area 1</p> <p>Allotment 2 of Deposited Plan 121882 CT 6230/753</p> <hr/> <p>Area 2 (also known as Hawthorndene Sports Ground)</p> <p>Allotment 334 of Deposited Plan 3385 CT 6111/665</p>
1.4	Area	<p>Area 1</p> <p>1.08 hectares</p> <hr/> <p>Area 2 (also known as Hawthorndene Sports Ground)</p> <p>2.54 hectares</p>
1.5	Owner	City of Mitcham
1.6	Trust/ Dedication/ Restriction	Nil
1.7	Owners Requirements	No requirements



2. Purpose for which the land is held

- Areas 1 and 2 - Community, sport, and recreation purposes

3. Reason why Management Plan is Required

- Portion of the land is, or is to be, occupied under a lease or licence.
- Portion of the land has been, or is to be, specifically modified or adapted for the benefit or enjoyment of the community.

Existing improvements include electric barbecue, toilets, BMX track for experienced riders (12 years and over), 4 tennis courts, small clubroom building, disabled access to toilets, BBQ, picnic area, rubber toddler bike track, drinking fountain, orienteering course, seating, shelter and junior and youth playground

4. Objectives for the Management of the Land

The objectives for the management of the land fall in to two areas, Areas 1 and 2. Area 2 responds to the additional biodiversity assets pertaining to this specific parcel of Apex Park.

4.1 Areas 1 and 2

- To maintain Apex Park as public recreation facility within the suburb of Hawthorndene with a mix and range of formal and informal uses.
- To provide accessible community sporting and recreation facilities that are safe for community use and suitable for the purpose for which they are provided.

4.2 Area 2

- To recognise biodiversity assets as an important element of the landscape of Apex Park

5. Policies for the Management of the Land

The following policies have some direct or indirect application to Apex Park are relevant as at the date of this CLMP. Council policies undergo regular review, and may be amended, superseded or replaced.

5.1 General Council

City of Mitcham: Management Plans and Strategies

- Strategic Management Plan
- Spatial Vision
- Living Well Health and Wellbeing Plan
- Tree Strategy
- Open Space Strategy
- Sports Facility Strategy
- Transport Asset Management Plan
- Mitcham Open Space Asset Management Plan
- Stormwater Asset Management Plan
- Waste Management Strategy

Policies

General council policies applicable to management of all community, sporting and recreational facilities in the Council area.

- Biodiversity Policy
- Leasing and Licensing of Council's Sports Facilities
- Tree Policy
- Anti-graffiti policy

6. Proposals for the Management of the Land

6.1 Apex Park (Whole of)

It is specifically proposed (subject to available funding and all relevant Council and other statutory approvals and authorisations) that:

- There is an upgrade of the existing community facilities, buildings, structures, signage and assets to meet relevant environmental and design standards and needs.
- There is an upgrade of the existing community facilities, buildings, structures, signage and assets to comply with the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* as appropriate.

7. Performance Targets

- See Schedule 1

8. Performance Measures

- See Schedule 1

9. Leases and Licenses

9.1 Leases and Licences consistent with this Community Land Management Plan

Within Apex Park (whole of) the granting of exclusive and non-exclusive leases and licences for one or more of the following purposes (in no particular order) is consistent with this Community Land Management Plan and is authorised for the purposes of section 202(3) of the *Local Government Act, 1999*:

- To support community sport.
- To provide meeting spaces and facilities for community groups and organisations.
- To support ongoing occupation, use, management and upkeep of buildings and other community assets.
- To enable temporary use of buildings and or land for specific functions, activities and events.
- To allow for the provision of essential infrastructure for the provision of electricity, gas, water, internet and telecommunications services.
- To allow for business uses of the land that are consistent with or ancillary to the above purposes.

9.2 Permits/ Special Uses Licences

The granting of permits for one or more of the following purposes (in no particular order) is consistent with this Community Land Management Plan and is authorised for the purposes of section 202(3) of the *Local Government Act, 1999*:

- Commercial traders to sell goods from temporary facilities.
- Access over Apex Park to allow access or an activity of a 'short term' nature.
- Fundraising, educational and community awareness events that support cultural diversity and general community well-being.

9.3 Current tenure details

- Coromandel Valley Tennis Club occupies a portion of Apex Park comprising the tennis courts pursuant to an occupancy arrangement with Council.

Other than where rights of occupation are granted in leases and licenses, Apex Park is available for community use at other times.

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10. Schedule 1 – Apex Park

Other than where indicated above the sequence of objectives, proposals, and policies within this plan does not infer a hierarchy or order of priority. The target is the goal or standard to be aimed for or reached; whereas the measure is how the Council proposes to determine whether the target/objective has been reached.

Areas 1 and 2

Objectives	Performance Targets	How Performance will be Measured
To maintain Apex Park as public recreation facility within the suburb of Hawthorndene with a mix and range of formal and informal uses	A balance of passive and active (i.e. informal and formal) recreation uses is provided for to maintain access for all user groups	Review results of audit of usage hours associated with formal recreation uses prior to issuing/renewing any leases and licenses to sporting clubs to assess extent of formal uses
To provide accessible community sporting and recreation facilities that are safe for community use and suitable for the purpose for which they are provided.	Provide a safe environment for visitors and users of the park.	Review results of audit of Council's customer feedback platforms annually to identify number and nature of security incidents/graffiti reported.
	Renew/upgrade landscaped areas, building assets, recreational facilities and associated infrastructure as outlined in Council's Asset Management Plans.	Review results of annual review of completed asset renewals and compare against the proposed capital works program for that year.
	To optimise shared use of the land & facilities (including but not limited to facilities such as electric barbecue, toilets, BMX track for experienced riders (12 years and over), 4 tennis courts, disabled access to toilets, BBQ, picnic area, rubber toddler bike track, drinking fountain, orienteering course, seating, shelter and junior and youth playground	Review results of audit of Council's customer feedback platforms, and community group memberships to assess public satisfaction and community use of buildings and recreational facilities.

	New development within Apex Park should complement and protect the natural environment. New development should be sustainable and resilient to the impact of climate change through the use of Sustainable Environmental Management techniques and focused on a reduction in operating costs/consumption relating to energy, water, and waste.	Review any development proposals to assess extent of sustainable and “climate ready” features and compliance with applicable Council policies related to trees, biodiversity, and management of woodlands.
	Land and facilities held under leases and licenses are developed, occupied and/or maintained in accordance with the terms of the lease or licence.	Review results of inspections of the land undertaken, maintenance records and reports/complaints by the community in relation to the occupation of the land leased or licensed to ascertain compliance with terms of the lease or licence.
	Issue of short-term permits/special use licenses for events in an orderly manner that is consistent with applicable Council By-laws.	Review of temporary permits against relevant Council By-laws.

Area 2

Objectives	Performance Targets	How Performance will be Measured
To recognise biodiversity assets as an important element of the landscape of Apex Park.	Area 2 Apex Park is maintained in accordance with any relevant Council policies and plans relating to biodiversity assets	Review any activities impacting biodiversity assets at Area Apex Park against the relevant Council policies and plans relating to biodiversity assets.