

MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR CATEGORY FOUR RESERVES

All category four reserves are characterised by the following criteria:

- They have limited public access
- They are largely undeveloped areas
- There is little or no irrigation of the reserves
- Some of the reserves are small areas with minimal recreational potential, but with amenity value and community benefits

This management plan applies to the following areas:

- **Portland Place Laneway**
- **Salisbury Crescent Reserve**
- **Tidworth Crescent Reserves (Lots 167 and 148)**

1. Identification Details

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

1. Owner

City of Mitcham

3. Purpose for which the land is held

- Recreation
- Open space

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 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.

- Reference to be made to Bush for Life sites were appropriate.
- Where Crown Land is under Native Title Claim, the plans will be reviewed once the matter has been resolved and the outcomes 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
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.
Irrigation	Provide a suitable automatic irrigation service (where applicable) 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.	Efficient use of water while delivering a quality grass surface. All watering carried out according to relevant prescribed water restrictions.

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	Provide for manual watering in all other instances where current water restrictions allow.	Minor repairs to be undertaken as soon as possible. Major repairs to be included in scheduled works. Turf maintained to best level within relevant water restrictions.	
Rose / Garden beds (where applicable)	Maintain existing gardens for the enjoyment of the community.	Pruned over the winter months in accordance with good and proven horticultural practice. Garden beds mulched and fertilized yearly. Garden beds to be checked for weeds approx. every 4 weeks. Garden bed borders to be trimmed during regular turf maintenance program.	Maintained to provide a pleasing aesthetic appeal to the area. Reassessed from time to time regarding appropriateness of their location.
Skate Park / BMX track (where applicable)	Provide a skate park/ BMX track where there has been extensive consultation with the community over location, hours of use and age of users. Maintain a facility that is suitable for use by skate boarders and bike riders.	Site checked and cleared of sand, stones etc on weekly basis. Routine inspection undertaken six weekly. Major repairs or maintenance required is to be recorded on an inspection sheet and handed to the coordinator for appropriate action.	Area free of cans, bottles, paper and foreign matter. Signs clear and easy to read ie. no graffiti or damage. Facility checked for cracks and structural damage.
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.

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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 tree species.</p>
Native Vegetation	<p>Endeavour to maintain and enhance any significant stands of native vegetation.</p>	<p>Sound management practices employed whereby areas of good native vegetation are protected and enhanced by both Council and volunteer groups.</p> <p>Where native vegetation is of poorer quality, efforts are required to improve and enhance its viability.</p>	<p>Managed and maintained according to biodiversity principles and expectations - with the removal of woody weeds and provision of fire breaks to ensure a good balance of Grey Box and woodland plant associations.</p>
Creeklines (where applicable)	<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>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>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 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>

PORTLAND PLACE LANEWAY

1. Identification details

1.1	Name of reserve	Portland Place laneway
1.2	Location	Lot 665, Portland Place, Colonel Light Gardens
1.3	Certificate of Title	5169/141
1.4	Area (hectares)	0.03
1.5	Current usage	Access
1.6	Owner	City of Mitcham

SALISBURY CRESCENT RESERVE

1. Identification details

1.1	Name of reserve	Salisbury Crescent Reserve
1.2	Location	Lot 57, Wattlebury Road, Colonel Light Gardens
1.3	Certificate of Title	5169/140
1.4	Area (hectares)	0.46
1.5	Current usage	Recreation / Laneway access
1.6	Owner	City of Mitcham

TIDWORTH CRESCENT RESERVES

1. Identification details

1.1	Name of reserve	Tidworth Crescent Reserves
1.2	Location	Lot 148 Grange Road, CLG Lot 167 Tidworth Crescent, CLG
1.3	Certificate of Title	5169/141
1.4	Area (hectares)	0.52 Lot 148 0.52 Lot 167
1.5	Current usage	Recreation
1.6	Owner	City of Mitcham