

The background of the document is a photograph of a natural landscape. The top half shows a dense canopy of green trees against a bright sky. The bottom half shows a shallow stream with water flowing over rocks, bordered by green grass and reeds.

COMMUNITY LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Active Recreation Reserves

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Acknowledgement

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Kurna people, the traditional custodians of the land where the City of Mitcham is located, whose ancestral lands we live and gather on. We recognise their continuing spiritual, physical and emotional connection to land, waters, and culture. We pay our respect to them and their culture, and to their Elders past, present and emerging. The City of Mitcham extends that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who live and gather on this land.

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1. IDENTIFICATION DETAILS

Active Recreation Reserves subject to this Management Plan are located at various sites within the City of Mitcham. An Active Recreation Reserve provides the community with opportunities for active recreation (such as balls sports, running or cycling) and is characterised by large, grassed areas with perimeter trees. This Management Plan applies to the following pieces of land.

Branson Reserve

Kentucky Reserve

Christine Avenue Reserve

Knofel Park

Frank Smith Park

Ritz Boulevard Reserve

Hannaford Reserve

Shepherds Court Reserve

Harvey Hayes Reserve

St Marys Reserve

Jones Reserve

Wetland Reserve – Craighburn Farm

The above pieces of land are referred to collectively in this Management Plan as ‘the Land’.

The details of the Land including the name, location, specific certificate of title reference, tenure of the Land and details of any trusts, reservations, dedications or other restrictions affecting the Land are specifically identified in **Appendix 1**.

2. PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE LAND IS HELD

The Land is held by the Council for active 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.

4. OBJECTIVES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF LAND

The objectives for the management of the Land are set out below and replicated in Schedule 1 of this plan which also includes the performance targets and measures.

- To maintain the Land as a public green space within the City of Mitcham for use by the community for active recreation.
- To provide community recreation and green spaces that are safe for community use and suitable for the purpose for which they are provided.
- To include biodiversity assets and flora and fauna elements in the landscape on the Land.

5. POLICIES FOR MANAGEMENT OF LAND

The following policies have some direct or indirect application to the Land and 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

- Mitcham 2030
- 4 Year Delivery Plan
- City of Mitcham Disability Access and Inclusion Plan
- Spatial Vision
- City of Mitcham Tree Strategy
- City of Mitcham Open Space Strategy
- Emergency Management Plan
- Mitcham Open Space Asset Management Plan

Policies

General Council policies applicable to management of the Land.

- Anti-Graffiti Policy
- Asset Management Policy
- Commemoration Naming Policy
- Directional Signs Policy
- Emergency Management Policy
- Enforcement and Compliance Policy
- Fences Between Private and Council Property Policy
- Open Space Acquisition, Development and Disposal Policy
- Public Consultation Policy
- Reserve Reinstatements Policy
- Reserves Extension Policy
- Reserves -Special Use of Reserves and Sporting Facilities by Various Groups Policy
- Road and Public Place Naming Policy
- Tree Policy
- Unauthorised Use of Council Land Policy
- Water use and Catchment Protection Policy

6. PROPOSALS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE LAND

- 6.1 It is proposed (subject to available funding and all relevant Council and statutory approvals and authorisations) that:
- There is an upgrade (as required) of the existing assets (pathways, fencing, structures, and signage) in line with Council's asset renewal program to allow the land to continue to be used for active recreation by the community.
 - There is an upgrade (as required) of the existing community assets to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 as appropriate.
 - There is the installation of artworks commissioned under the Public Art Grants program in a manner not inconsistent with the purpose or objectives for the use of the land.
 - New assets and amenities (if required) including but not limited to pathways, fencing, signage and assets are installed to encourage increased use by the community.
 - That Council engage with the Kurna people as the traditional owners of the land before any significant excavation works or major changes are undertaken to ensure works are respectful of local Kurna heritage and culture.

7. PERFORMANCE TARGETS

For performance targets for the Land please see [schedule 1](#).

8. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

For performance measures for the Land please see [schedule 1](#).

9. LEASES, LICENCES AND PERMITS

9.1 Leases and Licenses consistent with Community Land Management Plan

The granting of exclusive and non-exclusive leases and licenses 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 enable use of the Land for recreation purposes by community groups and organisations.

- To allow for the provision of essential infrastructure related to electricity, gas, water, internet and telecommunications services.
- To enable occupation of the Land by adjoining residents where a proven and established long term use can be established.

9.2 Permits/Special Uses Licenses

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*:

- To enable temporary use of the Land for specific functions, activities, and fundraising, educational and community awareness events that support cultural diversity and general community well-being.
- Commercial traders to sell goods from temporary facilities on a short term basis.
- Access over the Land to allow access or an activity of a 'short term' nature.

9.3 Current tenure details

For current tenure details for each site please see [Appendix 1](#)

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

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10. Schedule 1 – Active Recreation Reserves

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.

Objectives	Performance Targets	How Performance will be Measured
To maintain the Land as a public green space within the City of Mitcham for use by the community for active recreation.	Landscaped areas, pathways, signage and associated infrastructure are maintained in accordance with relevant maintenance schedules.	An annual review of completed work orders against the proposed maintenance schedule will be undertaken to check maintenance is completed.
	There is a balance of formal occupation and use under leases or licences with informal community use in accordance with relevant Council policies	An annual review of any issued leases and licences to assess compliance with relevant Council policies will be undertaken.
To provide community recreation and green spaces that are safe for community use and suitable for the purpose for which they are provided.	New landscaped areas, pathways, signage and associated infrastructure are provided in consideration of the surrounding green space.	Review of completed new capital works will be undertaken to check impact on green space and usability of the Land.
	Renew/upgrade assets, services and infrastructure as outlined in Council's Asset Management Plans.	An annual review of completed asset renewals against the proposed capital works program will be undertaken.
	Provide a safe environment for visitors and users of the Land.	An audit of Council's customer feedback platforms will be undertaken annually to identify number of security incidents/graffiti reported.
To include biodiversity assets and flora and fauna elements in the landscape on the Land.	The Land is maintained in accordance with any relevant Council policies and plans relating to biodiversity assets	A review of activities will be undertaken to assess impact on biodiversity assets on the Land and compliance with relevant Council policies and plans relating to biodiversity assets.

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