



# Neighbourhood Parks

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# **1. INTRODUCTION**

## **1.1 BACKGROUND**

The plan of management is an important document designed to provide clear guidelines for the effective management of land and facilities in the care and control of Council. Council has a statutory obligation to prepare plans of management for all of its community land.

### ***Benefits of this Management Plan***

The benefits of this Plan of Management aims to:

1. identify the key values and issues common to Neighbourhood Parks
2. establish directions for planning, resource management and maintenance of Neighbourhood Parks
3. establish Council policy on Neighbourhood Parks, both for Council staff and the community
4. provide the basis for the maintenance, programming and budgeting of works.

This Plan will be reviewed regularly. An annual review will assess implementation and performance and a review after five years will allow policy and planning issues to be updated.

Neighbourhood Parks are managed and maintained by the Manager Parks and Recreation, City Services and Presentation.

## **1.2 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT**

The Local Government Act 1993 provides councils with a specific approach to the classification and management of community land. The Act requires that all community land in the care and control of councils in New South Wales be categorised and be made the subject of a plan of management.

Under the provisions of the Act community land should be kept for the use of the general community, must not be sold, nor leased for more than 21 years and may only be leased or licensed for more than five years following a public notification process.

The Local Government Amendment Act 1998 commenced on 1 January 1999. This Plan has been amended to comply with the requirements of this Act. Updates to this Plan since its adoption in May 1998, are also shown.

This Plan of Management has been reviewed in accordance with the requirements of the Act as amended 1998. The community land covered by this plan is categorised as *'Park' in accordance with Section 36(3) and (4)*.

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“The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a park are:

- (a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities, and
- (b) to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes for the casual playing of games, and
- (c) to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management” (Excerpt of Local Government Act 1993 Sect 36G).

This Plan of Management has been reviewed in accordance with the requirements of the Act as amended 1998. The community land covered by this Plan is categorised as Park and these parks are grouped generically as Neighbourhood Parks in accordance with Section 36G. It should be noted that in the interests of consistency, Neighbourhood Parks that are Crown Land have been included in this Plan.

### **1.3 STRUCTURE OF THIS DOCUMENT**

#### ***Basis for Management***

This section reflects the values and long term policies of Council in relation to Neighbourhood Parks and has a currency of ten years.

#### ***Management Strategies and Implementation Plan***

This section contains the medium term strategies that Council will follow to achieve its long term policies and has a currency of five years. It contains the actions that Council will implement in managing the Neighbourhood Parks, the means of achievement, as well as the methods it will use to monitor achievement. It is accompanied by a Five Year Action Plan that will be updated annually as part of the preparation of the annual Budget and Management Plan for the whole Council by the Manager of Parks and Recreation.

### **1.4 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Community consultation is integral to the appropriate development and management of parks across Newcastle. It provides Council with a sound understanding of relevant local issues and the community values attached to Neighbourhood Parks. Community involvement and consultation also encourages an appreciation of Council’s land management aims, counters possible misunderstanding and can foster community stewardship of Neighbourhood Parks.

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Under the terms of Council's Consultation Policy and Guidelines (December 1998), the consultation level for this project was "LOCAL" as outlined below.

The community consultation process for Neighbourhood Parks has included preparation of a brochure, media releases, invitations and notices of workshops during the exhibition period, special notification of existing park committees and community notice boards. Consultation of staff by way of workshops was also programmed. During the exhibition of the draft of this document further comment was sought on the values and issues discussed below. All submissions relevant were considered. This Plan now incorporates the required legislative changes.

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## **2. BASIS FOR MANAGEMENT**

### **2.1 COUNCIL'S RECREATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT DIRECTIONS**

Council has developed a number of policies relevant to open space and recreation that provide the framework for planning and management of its parks.

- Newcastle Green Spaces Strategy 2000
- Linking Plan (NCC: 1996)
- Newcastle Recreation and Open Space Plan (Hassell: 1996)
- Social Strategy Plan (NCC: 1994)
- Access Policy (NCC: 1997)
- Community Consultation Policy and Guidelines (Draft 1998)
- Sun Protection Policy for Local Government (Australian Institute of Environmental Health 1992)

The Linking Plan (1996: p 18) states that Council's major directions for open space management will include:

- developing a Four Year Plan for the enhancement of open space which will establish Council's policy for the acquisition and disposal of open space based on criteria for quantity, quality and the distribution of community land and facilities
- appropriate service levels for management and maintenance of open space
- enhancing linkages between open space areas
- developing Adopt-a-Park guidelines
- encouraging community garden projects in appropriate areas.

Work has commenced in most of the above areas and the Adopt-a-Park Program is referred to as part of this Plan of Management.

A central element of the Newcastle Recreation and Open Space Plan (NCC: 1996) was the acknowledgment of the community's open space and recreation needs and its ability to input into the provision and management of open space and recreation opportunities. The impact of Newcastle's changing patterns of growth and location of population will require re-assessment of the existing resource to reflect both current and future needs.

### **2.2 CONTEXT AND ROLE OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS IN NEWCASTLE**

Council manages and maintains about 1200 ha in its open space system. The largest functional group or category is the 173 Neighbourhood Parks which have the following characteristics as they:

- *service the local area or neighbourhood*
- *are generally small in size (average size 1.5 hectares)*
- *have limited or no facilities (e.g. trees and grass)*
- *have informal or intermittent use*
- *are generally undeveloped or have limited development*
- *have a lower maintenance level than district or regional parks.*



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The location of these parks is shown at **Map 1**.

The total area of land covered by these 173 Neighbourhood Parks is about 260 ha. A preliminary analysis of the numbers of parks and their sizes shows that the majority, (72%) of Neighbourhood Parks is less than 1.0 ha in size. Further, a significant proportion of these (42%) is less than 0.2 ha. This factor can also have an impact on efficiency of maintenance resources. The size and usefulness of this group of parks has emerged as an issue and is discussed further in Section 2.4.

At 74 ha, Warabrook Reserve appears to be out of place in this category, however, because of its location, its major function is as a Neighbourhood Park for the residents of Warabrook. It may also have a complementary role in other categories.

The key role of these Neighbourhood Parks is informal recreation. Informal recreation includes picnics, barbecues, meeting of neighbours, after-school play, where space is available as a kick-around area, walking, cycling, sitting, watching, kite flying, jogging and as a visual/green break in the urban landscape. The amount of planting in these parks varies - some have only mown grass and some function as mini urban forests contributing to the habitat value of our open space.

In addition, one quarter of Neighbourhood Parks have playgrounds, which are often used by other organised groups such as schools, playgroups and childcare centres. (*Note: all playgrounds are covered by a separate plan of management.*)

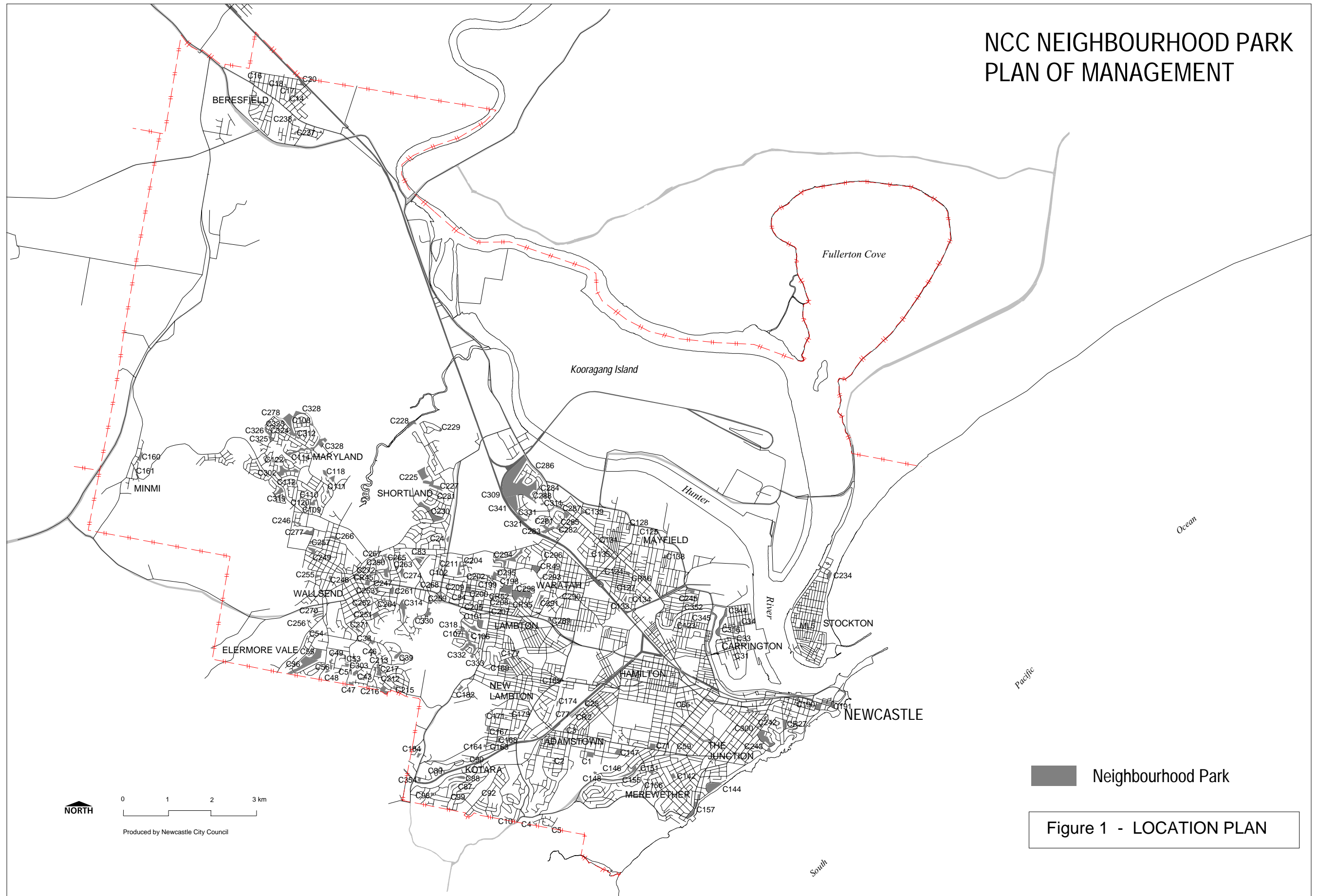
### **2.3 COMMUNITY VALUES RELATING TO NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS**

Council's awareness of the values of open space was derived from the responses of participants in the workshops held during the course of the preparation of Council's Recreation and Open Space Plan.

There is a wide range of reasons why people like Neighbourhood Parks. They are valued because they provide a place for socialising (particularly with neighbours), a contact point, communication, a place for contemplation, a "time-out" place, a place with nature and a place for exercise.

The key characteristic of Neighbourhood Parks means that the parks are accessible, easy to get to "*you don't have to cross busy roads, you can cycle there*" and they are perceived to be safe because they are generally visible.

# NCC NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK PLAN OF MANAGEMENT



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Neighbourhood Park

Figure 1 - LOCATION PLAN

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In summary, the community values Neighbourhood Parks because they provide:

- recreation opportunities
- environmental quality
- location and access
- social opportunities
- visual amenity.

## **2.4 PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT ISSUES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS**

For Neighbourhood Parks to retain these values and function successfully, the following issues must be examined and addressed. Clear direction in the Management Strategies and Action Plan in response to these issues will lay the basis for more effective management of Neighbourhood Parks and ensure that the values are retained.

### **1. *Size, Distribution and Linkages***

Many of these parks are small (less than 1 ha) and it is unclear what level of usage they receive. Very little survey data exists in relation to use (specific times, numbers, or activities) with much of the information being anecdotal or from random observation. In addition, as the plan of management process has progressed, it is apparent that a number of parcels of land may also have been incorrectly classified in 1993; eg inaccessible road reserves and drainage reserves. These anomalies will need to be corrected. More accurate information is needed to assess the parks' viability and to ensure the benefit of Neighbourhood Parks is being maintained. A separate plan of management for community land "General Community Use" has been prepared to incorporate these parcels. Assessment for re-classification of community land is being dealt with separately in accordance with Council's new Public Land Reclassification Policy.

Feedback from the consultation process also indicated there is a perception that a number of the smaller parks are extremely restricted in use and of little benefit to the community. Where some suburbs are well supplied with Neighbourhood Parks and others have very few or they are often inaccessible, the issue of equity also arises. Suburbs such as Hamilton and Mayfield are under-supplied in comparison with Maryland, Wallsend and Waratah. This pattern is evident in the Neighbourhood Parks Plan of Management Map (refer Page 7) and appears to reflect the historical shifts in sub-division planning and development. The gaps and inequities that exist will need to be addressed as the city's demographic profile changes and the Newcastle Urban Strategy is implemented. This may require the purchase of land, land swaps or land sales where opportunities arise. The Newcastle Green Spaces Strategy sets the strategic direction for this, while Council's open space policy guidelines in Appendix F of Newcastle Recreation and Open Space Plan 1996 provides a basis for assessing suitable sizes.

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## **2. *Landscape Design***

The design of these parks should respond to the local use, local character and site conditions. It should be flexible and easy to maintain however, there is a need to avoid a sameness of design.

Many of the parks have been established for a long time and the original planting has passed its maturity and may require removal. Shade tree planting and appropriate replacement planting is an important issue. This is perceived to be a significant issue in the central and the eastern areas of the city, where parks are generally older. Planting indigenous species in Neighbourhood Parks can also play a key role in the implementation of the Newcastle Green Spaces Strategy and the Newcastle Stormwater Management Plan.

In Neighbourhood Parks, simple and inexpensive changes can often achieve a great deal, particularly where assistance is provided by the local committees or local residents.

In general, the guidelines in Newcastle's Recreation and Open Space Plan recommend: low maintenance design, simple signage, shade trees, no lighting, paths responding to desirelines, some seating, water and traffic calming devices if necessary. Maintenance techniques to reduce water usage, improve stormwater infiltration and biodiversity opportunities are becoming more important.

## **3. *Community Participation***

The role of the community in park management is changing. There is a keener interest by members of the community to have a say in what happens in their Neighbourhood Parks and they expect to be informed about changes. There is also an increasing number who are prepared to give of their time to volunteer activities such as maintenance or planting projects.

It is important that Council is in a position to respond to these needs and to involve those who are interested in participating in a way that enhances the benefit for all residents. In addition, the issue of reduced resources and higher maintenance costs means that without assistance from the community, often a very basic level of park is provided. It should be noted that the role of volunteers is to contribute to an activity or project beyond the basic level that is provided by Council, not to do work that is allocated to Council staff.

Council has established a volunteer bushcare program managed by the Community Greening Centre and has indicated in the Linking Plan (1996), its intention to pursue an Adopt-a-Park Program and support community gardens. Neighbourhood Parks provide an opportunity to develop these initiatives.

## **4. *Safety***

The safety of users is a high priority within parks. The existing design, management and maintenance of Neighbourhood Parks do not always reflect this. There are issues of conflicts between users, anti-social behaviour and

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vandalism, which need to be addressed. Vandalism appears to be a significant issue in the central parks zone.

When dwellings face reserves, residents have the benefits of views and attractive outlook. The role of informal supervision and surveillance is also improved. The landscape design of these parks is also important, as the use of clean-trunked trees would enable unobstructed views.

## **5. *Base Information***

There is a critical need for an up-to-date series of base maps both for design and asset management purposes. While the maps and plans for the larger parks have been prepared, the existing maps for Neighbourhood Parks have a variety of scales and degrees of completeness. Resources have not been provided in the past to ensure that park maps are updated. A corporate approach needs to be taken and the relevant technology used to integrate this work with other Council data such as assets and maintenance costs.

## **6. *Asset Management/Maintenance***

There is concern that the maintenance of Neighbourhood Parks is not undertaken on a consistent basis and that resources available to Council need to be better matched to the needs of Neighbourhood Parks. Draft service levels have been prepared as a basis for achieving this. The lack of adequate base information also adds to the difficulty of managing the parks in a more efficient way. A more responsible approach would incorporate an asset preservation program, capital works program, minor works program, park management system and link with routine maintenance/service levels to capture information. By identifying opportunities to apply the ecologically sustainable practices, the opportunities to address rising maintenance costs and improved amenity are enhanced.

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## 2.5 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS

Council's Strategic Directions Statement underpins the specific objectives for Neighbourhood Parks. Newcastle values its:

*community, quality of life, environment, economy and identity.*

In relation to Neighbourhood Parks, these values are supported by Council's commitments, which state that we will:

- work to enhance the quality of life for all citizens and recognise the importance of recreational opportunity, social interaction, communication and environmental amenity
- safeguard open spaces and natural places, and
- reinforce Newcastle's coherent, distinctive and robust landscape and urban character to reflect its cultural and natural resources.

Our corporate commitment as an organisation also states that we will:

- be an efficient and reliable organisation which is a successful provider of services, and
- develop a shared commitment among key stakeholders for the achievement of the common good, striking a balance between the interests of individuals or groups within the community.

Taking into account the Council's Strategic Direction and the management issues raised, the objectives for Neighbourhood Parks are:

### **1. Accessibility, Quality, Useability & Distribution of Neighbourhood Parks**

To maximise the opportunities for all residents to use Neighbourhood Parks, regardless of their age, gender, culture, ability or socio-economic status.

### **2. Asset Management**

- (a) To ensure community use and park activity, environmental sustainability requirements, census and recreation data informs planning, design and maintenance proposals.
- (b) To establish budget planning for Neighbourhood Parks which covers short, medium and long term objectives for open space.

### **3. User Amenity, Landscape Planning and Design**

To ensure that Neighbourhood Parks are user friendly in design and management and quality of experience and that they contribute to the local character, safety, amenity and convenience of the neighbourhood.

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**4. Community Role**

To improve the processes for community partnership and liaison with Council.

**5. Asset Maintenance**

To establish an efficient and effective standard of maintenance for Neighbourhood Parks which incorporates Environmentally Sustainable Development principles.

**6. Linkages**

To provide linked open spaces, which improve the opportunity for walking and cycling to schools, shops and services.

**7. Safety**

To improve the levels of risk management in Neighbourhood Parks to maximise their use.

**8. Access**

To provide for greater use of existing Neighbourhood Parks through improving access and the quality of experiences available.

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### **3. MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES**

Taking into account the core objectives from the Act and the particular objectives for Neighbourhood Parks, the key strategies are:

- A review of areas of shortfall – accessibility and supply including developing standards to apply to the acceptances or acquisition of open space
- Integration of Neighbourhood Parks with the budget process, and
- Pro-active strategies to encourage greater community participation in the management of Neighbourhood Parks.



## 4. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

This section links the identified issues and eight objectives for Neighbourhood Parks. The strategies determined by this document provide a framework for management and are consistent with the anticipated availability of resources and anticipated community needs and trends.

The actions have been prioritised and they will be subject to the availability of resources in the five years of the plan's duration. They will be reviewed quarterly and annually (and may require modification as the plan is implemented).

Responsibility for overall implementation of the Plan rests with the Manager Parks and Recreation, however, where specialist input is required this has been flagged, as resources will be required from these areas. This will be co-ordinated by the Manager Parks and Recreation.

Codes used in the Implementation Plan are as follows:

Group Responsibility	
D&E	Development & Environment
CS	City Strategy
CD	Community Development
CS&P	City Services & Presentation

Program	
AMP	Asset Management Program
CWP	Capital Works Program
RMP	Routine Maintenance Program
NB: Others	Specific programs identified in Plan

Cost Estimate	
Code	Meaning
NA	Not Applicable - no major capital works, generally within existing resources
\$?	Cost to be Determined - investigate scope of works to determine impact of funding
ER	Existing Role – being part of an existing job role or team role.

**N.B. Where work areas have been amended due to Council restructure, they have also been updated in this Plan.**

#### 4. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

##### Objective 1: Quality, Useability and Distribution of Neighbourhood Parks

*To maximise the opportunities for all residents to use Neighbourhood Parks, regardless of their age, gender, culture and ability*

Strategy	Action	Program & Responsibility	Cost Estimate	Priority	Performance Measure
1. Review existing distribution to identify gaps or shortfalls of supply.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare distribution map using existing information and census data for analysis.</li> <li>Undertake usage surveys to determine existing and possible future uses for land e.g. re-classifications, land swaps, land sales, and land acquisition.</li> </ul>	CS, CD and CS&P	N/A RP	Medium/High	Draft map prepared by February 2001. Link to Green Space Strategy & Newcastle Urban Strategy.
2. Establish clear standards/criteria for size and useability to assist the community and developers in planning e.g. subdivision infill.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using the guidelines for the Provision of Open Space Areas (Newcastle Recreation and Open Space Plan 1996) prepares criteria for use by City Strategy, Community Development and Development Assessment.</li> </ul>	CS&P	RP	Medium	Link to community survey feedback objective 4.2.
		CS and CD and D&E	N/A RP	Medium/High	Criteria agreed and in operation by December 2001. Staff in Development Assessment trained in use by June 2001. See also 2(b) Resourcing New Parks 1.0.

#### 4. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Objective 2: Asset Management						
<i>(a) Ensure community use and park activity, environmental sustainability requirements, census and recreation data informs planning, design and maintenance proposals</i>						
Strategy	Action	Program & Responsibility	Cost Estimate	Priority	Performance Measure	
1. Regularly monitor community use and park activity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate survey options and develop for incorporation of results into Annual Budget process.</li> </ul>	CS&P and CS	\$30,000 RP	High	Survey options developed by June 2001. Survey results available by June 2002.	
2. Develop maintenance practices, which respond to environmental sustainability needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop criteria and audit maintenance practices and report on alternatives.</li> </ul>	CS&P and CS	RMP APP	High	Report to Council June 2001. Recommendations adopted.	
3. Develop internal system links to ensure census and recreation data is made available on a regular basis for decision making purposes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify sources and assign responsibility for dissemination.</li> </ul>	CS and Corp S	N/A RP	High	Stakeholders identified by December 2000. System in place by February 2001.	

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##### Objective 2: Asset Management

*(b) To establish budget planning for Neighbourhood Parks which covers short, medium and long term objectives for open space*

Strategy	Action	Program & Responsibility	Cost Estimate	Priority	Performance Measure
<b>Resourcing New Parks</b>					
1. Develop criteria for minimum standards for new Neighbourhood Parks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply criteria on receipt of proposal/application in conjunction with relevant Council staff.</li> </ul>	CS&P and D&E	N/A	High	Criteria applied for all proposals by Council assessment staff.
2. Develop procedure from planning to maintenance stages with relevant officer input.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish preferred service levels for sites and identify resource requirement.</li> <li>Establish mechanism to link to annual budget process.</li> <li>Minimum specifications and handover procedure to be established prior to acceptance of land.</li> </ul>	CS&P	N/A RM \$?	High High	Service Levels completed by December 2000. Draft specifications and handover procedure trial in place by March 2001.
<b>Dedicated Works Budget</b>					
1. Integrate Neighbourhood Parks with five year capital works program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete survey of users/staff</li> <li>Develop program</li> <li>Complete priorities in relation to needs assessment priorities</li> <li>Include asset management advice</li> <li>Seek alternative funding opportunities to implement works</li> <li>Enlist community help/advisory committees</li> <li>Link Section 94 with capital works programs</li> </ul>	CS&P CS	RP CWP	High	Draft integration prepared for 2000/2001 Budget refined five year program finalised for 2001/2002 Budget.
2. Develop life cycle costings as a tool for budget submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appropriate funds identified and linked to new parks maintenance for inclusion in budget as a regular process.</li> <li>Select model projects/parks to work from first principles.</li> </ul>	CS&P and CP	\$250,000 AMP CWP	High	Include in Budget submission for 2002/2003. Budget proposals increase in accuracy each year.

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##### Objective 3: Landscape Planning and Design

*To ensure that Neighbourhood Parks are user friendly in design and management*

Strategy	Action	Program & Responsibility	Cost Estimate	Priority	Performance Measure
1. Provide landscape design, which is sympathetic to park setting and enhances the quality of the local environment. Ensure consideration of visual, heritage, safety, access and environmental issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop design process, which ensures community consultation in accordance with draft Policy and Guidelines and ensures consultation with planning and field staff.</li> <li>Works implementation program to be developed and co-ordinated to ensure co-operation between staff and community.</li> </ul>	CS&P and CS	N/A CWP	High	Process in place by December 2000.
2. Establish relationship between design and service level outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design budgets to include establishment and maintenance costs. See also Objective 1 – Assets Management and Objective 2 –Resourcing New Parks.</li> </ul>	CS&P and CS	CWP N/A	High	Costing included in budget submissions.

#### 4. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

##### Objective 4: Community Role

##### *To improve the structure for community partnership and liaison with Council*

Strategy	Action	Program & Responsibility	Cost Estimate	Priority	Performance Measure
1. Assess community needs for Neighbourhood Parks via survey, public meetings etc.	Conduct visitor, household and community surveys, observations, use existing data and site inspections.	CS&P	\$40,000	High	Survey designed and programmed by October 2001.
2. Clearly promote Council aims and objectives for Neighbourhood Parks to minimise conflict between local community and Council.	With each project in Neighbourhood Parks, develop a communication strategy detailing aims, objectives, roles and responsibilities of staff and stakeholders especially OH&S issues.	CS&P	N/A	High	Strategies developed and implemented for each project.
3. Seek community input to Neighbourhood Parks so that maintenance budget is not increased by capital initiatives.	Develop Adopt-a-Park guidelines. Incorporate into project management.	CS&P	N/A	High	Guidelines developed by November 2000. In place by January 2001.
4. Encourage participation in scheme under Council supervision and guidance (collaborative effect).	Continue commitment with increased funding for community greening projects.	CS&P	\$10,000	Medium	Budget submission ongoing.
5. Continue participation in Neighbourhood Parks Committees activities.	Keep record of staff involvement.	CS&P	N/A	Medium	Staff records monitored and committee feedback positive.

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**Objective 5: Asset Maintenance**

*To establish an efficient and effective standard of maintenance for Neighbourhood Parks*

<b>Strategy</b>		<b>Action</b>	<b>Program &amp; Responsibility</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>
<i>Management System</i>						
1. Maintain accurate information on specific maintenance costs through MMS and Activity Based Costing System.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiate MMS system through parks, undertake training for relevant staff, install software and gather information.</li> </ul>	Corp S and CS	?	Medium	Complete by June 2000. Report progress monthly basis September 2000.	
2. Match maintenance to changing recreational trends/demographics.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish regular survey data on a range of levels Local staff – annual basis Census data Local community.</li> </ul> <p>See also Objective 2 Asset Management information.</p>	CS&P	\$? RP	Medium	Responsibility assigned and survey outcomes considered for each annual budget submission.	

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**Objective 6: Linkages**

*To provide linked open spaces which improve the opportunity for walking and cycling between Neighbourhood Parks*

Strategy	Action	Program & Responsibility	Cost Estimate	Priority	Performance Measure
1. Identify possible linkage and priorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop options and costings for the linkage proposals as part of the Newcastle Green Spaces Strategy.</li> <li>• Review priorities as a result of costing information and report to Council.</li> </ul>	CS&P	\$?	Medium	January 2002



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**Objective 7: Safety**

*To improve the quality of risk management in Neighbourhood Parks to maximise their use*

Strategy	Action	Program & Responsibility	Cost Estimate	Priority	Performance Measure
<p>1. In consultation with users and park committees undertake safety audits on regular basis.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish audit process linked to regular maintenance schedules. (Process to cover such issues as steep sites, erosion, land stability, surveillance, tree management and landscape.)</li> <li>Create map and capital works programs with priorities for these works and where possible use routine maintenance budgets.</li> <li>Ensure adequate input to parkland selection during planning and development process (address surveillance as well as physiography and vegetation).</li> </ul>	<p>CS&amp;P</p> <p>CS&amp;P and CS</p>	<p>N/A RM</p> <p>RMEP</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Audit process as part of service level development:</p> <p>users and park committees provide positive feedback.</p> <p>Ensure link to Objective 2.2 and Objective 3.1.</p>

#### 4. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

##### Objective 8: Access

*To provide for greater use of existing Neighbourhood Parks through improving access and the quality of experiences available*

Strategy	Action	Program & Responsibility	Cost Estimate	Priority	Performance Measure
1. Identify barriers to access within/to parks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In conjunction with Council's community worker for people with a disability, apply disability access plan in priority order.</li> <li>Improve accessibility by identifying and addressing distribution gaps (See also Objective 1).</li> </ul>	CD and CS&P	\$?	Low to Medium	30% of Neighbourhood Parks reviewed by June 2001.
2. Assess the safety and methods of existing access by service staff.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop protocols for access by staff and controls for unauthorised access to minimise conflict with park users and damage to park grounds.</li> </ul>	CD and CS&P	N/A RM \$?	Medium	Protocols in place by December 2001 and published by June 2002.

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## 4.1 LANDSCAPE CONCEPT PLANS 2000

### Pacific Park – Key Issues for Pacific Park

#### *Vegetation*

1. Tree die back is occurring in the park especially trees exposed to south easterly winds.
2. Loss of ground cover and unrestricted pedestrian access is also degrading ground covers especially Telford/Scott Street corner and south easterly corner (Ocean Street).
3. Heavy pedestrian traffic near the bus stop in Scott Street is causing bare patches to appear in the turf and soil erosion is occurring.
4. Weed removal required especially asparagus fern in the Telford/Scott Street corner, self seeding palms along Ocean Street.
5. Poor planting at the park entry at the end of Hunter Street.

#### *Park Facilities*

1. Seating needs to be replaced due to corrosion and damage by skateboarders. Need to rationalise seating in Pacific Street.
2. Garbage bin enclosures required to screen wheeled bins
3. Future use of raised dais? Is a shelter structure required?
4. Possible need to provide power outlets for events eg markets.

#### *Fountain*

1. Maintenance requirements for the fountain could be high. Investigate the feasibility/impact of future maintenance/upgrading.
2. Existing fountain control boxes are ugly and inappropriate for the site.

#### *Paving*

1. A number of trip hazards and subsidence areas have developed in the brick paving in a number of locations in the park.
2. Past repairs to the brick paving have been carried out in coloured concrete, which is unsympathetic to the existing paving material.

#### *Pedestrian Area Telford St*

1. Erosion of sandstone retaining wall is occurring.
2. Possible planting required near pedestrian tunnel.
3. Need for tree planting to define the edge of the park and provide shade to encourage pedestrian use.

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## **Landscape Issues for Pacific Park**

- Ensure that the design of new structures/works in the park is sympathetic with the original design intent for Pacific Park. Refer to original design concept prepared by Landscape Architect, Bruce McKenzie (documents available from Newcastle City Council Plan Room). As well as subsequent reports and advices received (documents available from Landscape Architects and Parks & Recreation Sections). New structures in the park may include a new park shelter, directional/interpretive signage, poster pillar, fountain pump enclosures and garbage bin enclosures.
- Ensure that community safety concerns are considered before works are implemented.
- Encourage uses in the park that increase visitation but limit unwanted aspects like excessive noise or undesirable behaviour.
- Carry out a general audit of existing paving, fountain and park furniture to identify safety issues and maintenance requirements. Following the audit carry out the necessary repairs to rectify the identified problems.
- Review the design of the Hunter Street entry to the park. Consider the possible creation of a shared zone at the intersection of Hunter and Pacific Streets and review the existing entry planting design to enhance pedestrian safety, provide a visual focus and transition from the city to the park and to the beach.
- Develop and implement a program to re-establish native salt tolerant plant species throughout the park especially in the southeastern corner and along the Telford Street frontage. Ongoing park management practices for vegetation should include establishment of low growing ground cover species in planting areas, weed removal, limited or no use of herbicides and maintenance of a thick mulch layer in all planted areas.

Refer also to Landscape Concept Plan – Pacific Park on the following page for further details.

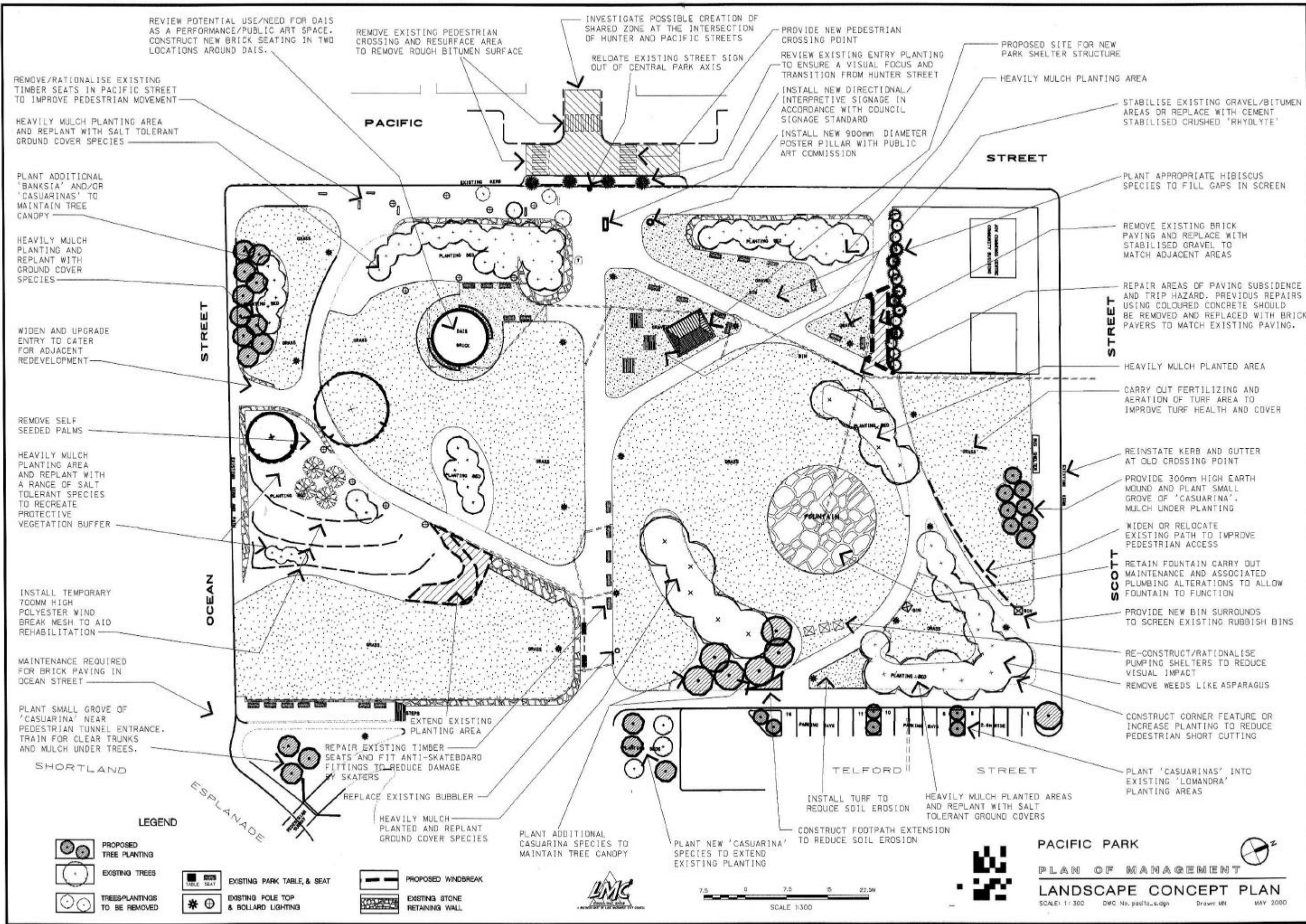
## **Dixon Park**

Refer to Dixon Park Landscape Concept Plan on page 26 of this Plan of Management.

## **4.2 LOCALITY PLAN- BUNN STREET RESERVE WALLSEND**

In 2002 Council amended the Neighbourhood Parks Plan of Management to locate the new Wallsend District Library in Bunn Street Reserve.

The Bunn Street Reserve Locality Plan is located at page 27 of this Plan of Management.



REVIEW POTENTIAL USE/NEED FOR DAIS AS A PERFORMANCE/PUBLIC ART SPACE. CONSTRUCT NEW BRICK SEATING IN TWO LOCATIONS AROUND DAIS.

REMOVE EXISTING PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AND RESURFACE AREA TO REMOVE ROUGH BITUMEN SURFACE

INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE CREATION OF SHARED ZONE AT THE INTERSECTION OF HUNTER AND PACIFIC STREETS

PROVIDE NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSING POINT

PROPOSED SITE FOR NEW PARK SHELTER STRUCTURE

REMOVE/RATIONALISE EXISTING TIMBER SEATS IN PACIFIC STREET TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT

HEAVILY MULCH PLANTING AREA AND REPLANT WITH SALT TOLERANT GROUND COVER SPECIES

PLANT ADDITIONAL 'BANKSIA' AND/OR 'CASUARINAS' TO MAINTAIN TREE CANOPY

HEAVILY MULCH PLANTING AND REPLANT WITH GROUND COVER SPECIES

WIDEN AND UPGRADE ENTRY TO CATER FOR ADJACENT REDEVELOPMENT

REMOVE SELF SEEDED PALMS

HEAVILY MULCH PLANTING AREA AND REPLANT WITH A RANGE OF SALT TOLERANT SPECIES TO RECREATE PROTECTIVE VEGETATION BUFFER

INSTALL TEMPORARY 700MM HIGH POLYESTER WIND BREAK MESH TO AID REHABILITATION

MAINTENANCE REQUIRED FOR BRICK PAVING IN OCEAN STREET

PLANT SMALL GROVE OF 'CASUARINA' NEAR PEDESTRIAN TUNNEL ENTRANCE. TRAIN FOR CLEAR TRUNKS AND MULCH UNDER TREES.

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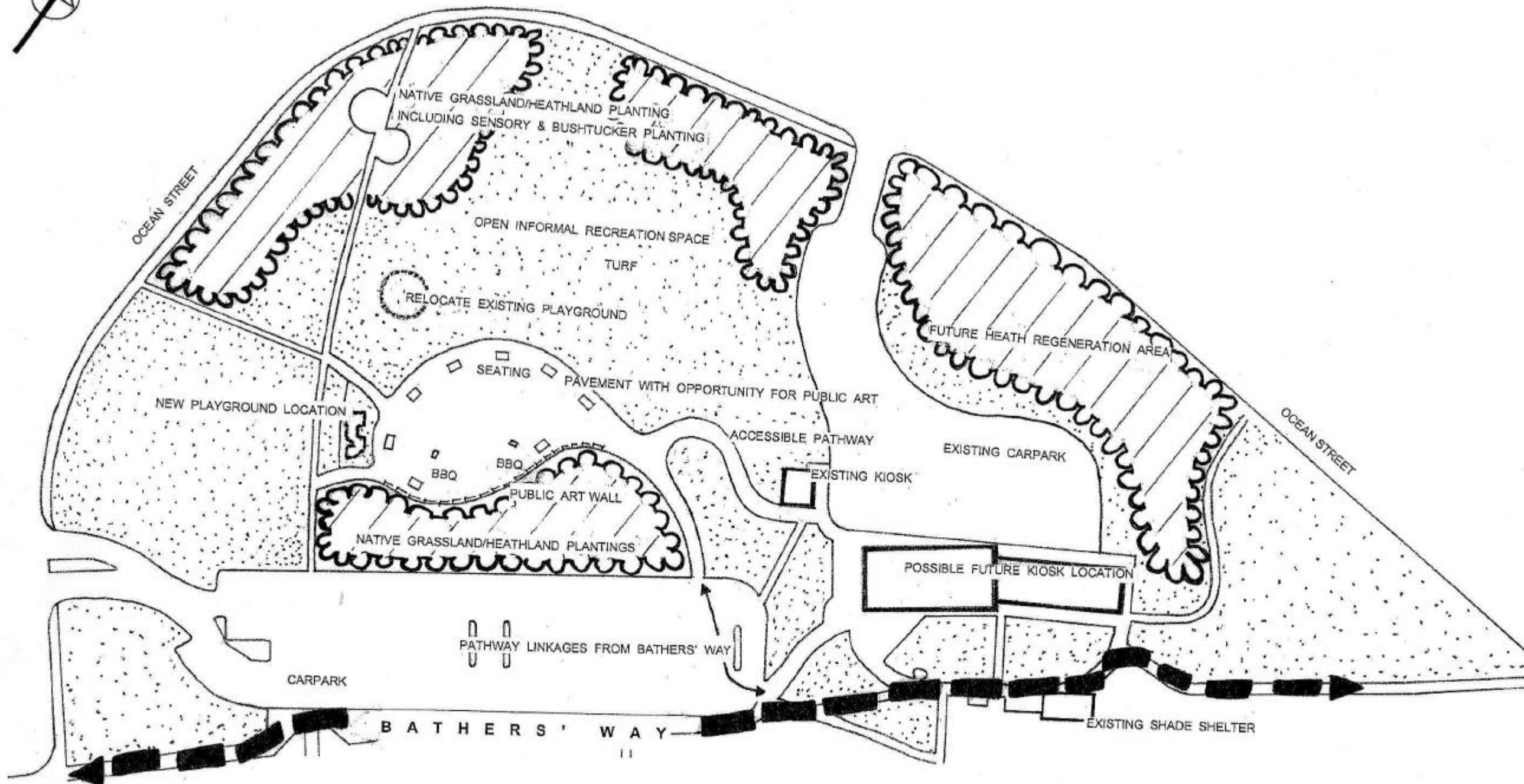
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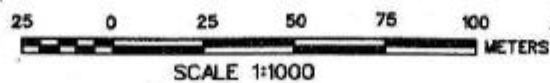
- PROPOSED TREE PLANTING
- EXISTING TREES
- TREES/PLANTINGS TO BE REMOVED
- EXISTING PARK TABLE, & SEAT
- EXISTING POLE TOP & BOLLARD LIGHTING
- PROPOSED WINDBREAK
- EXISTING STONE RETAINING WALL



PACIFIC PARK  
 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT  
 LANDSCAPE CONCEPT PLAN  
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DIXON PARK BEACH



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DIXON PARK

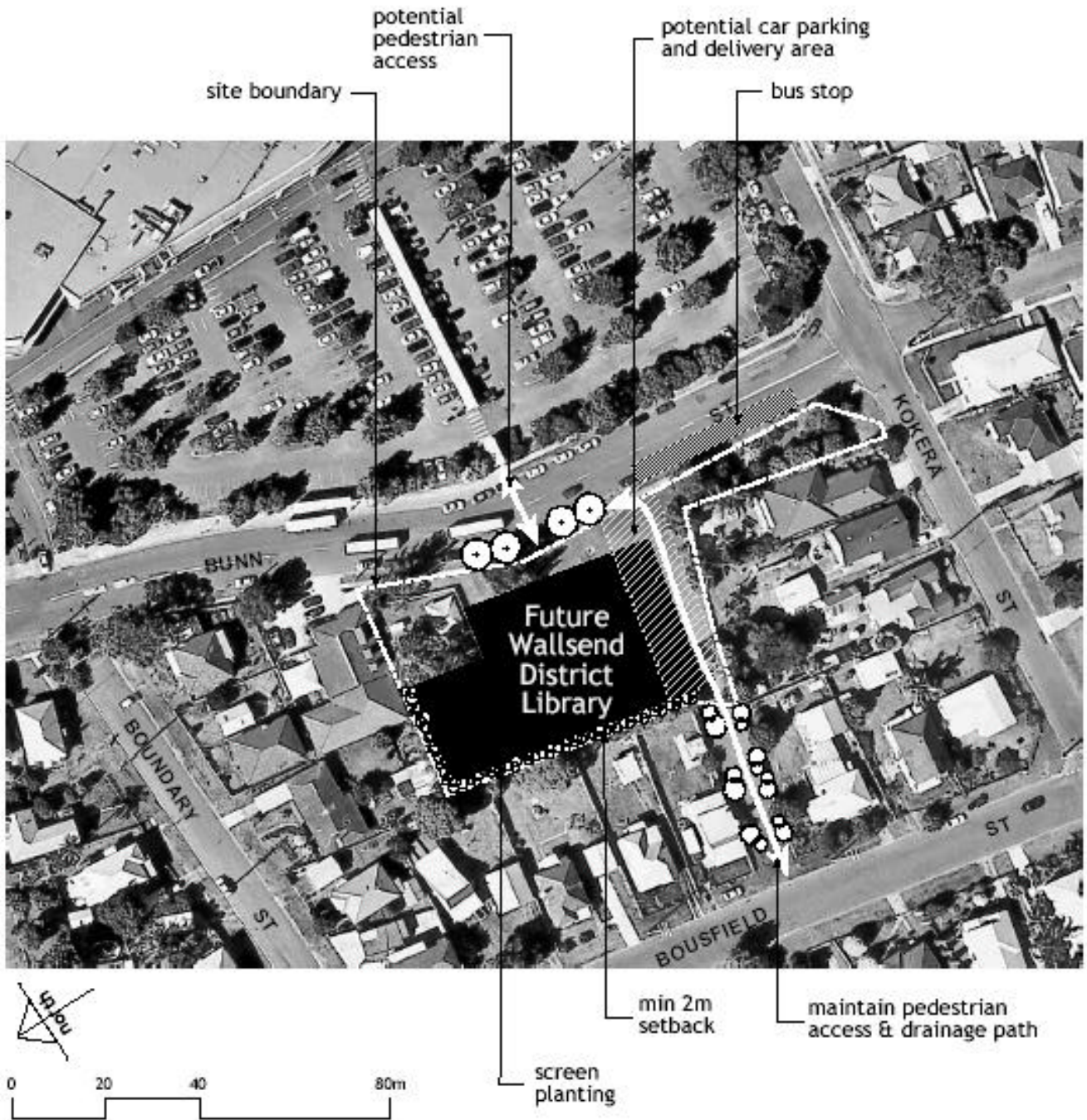
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PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

LANDSCAPE CONCEPT PLAN

# LOCALITY PLAN

## Bunn Street Reserve Wallsend



### 4.3 FIVE YEAR ACTION PLAN - NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS

For ease of overview, these actions are summarised from the detail in the implementation plan.

MAJOR ACTIONS	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	status
<b>1. QUALITY USAGE &amp; DISTRIBUTION</b>						
• Review distribution	■	■				
• Establish standards	■	■				
<b>2. ASSET MANAGEMENT INFORMATION</b>						
• Monitor park use regularly	■	■				
• Develop ESD maintenance practices	■	■	■			
• Make census and rec data available	■	■				
<b>3. RESOURCING NEW PARKS</b>						
• Develop minimum standards			■	■		
• Develop design and service level links			■	■		
<b>4. DEDICATED WORKS BUDGET</b>						
• Five Year works program integration	■	■	■			
• Develop life cycle costings	■	■				
<b>5. LANDSCAPE DESIGN</b>						
• Establish agreed design process	■					
• Link design, service level outcomes & maintenance specifications	■					
<b>6. COMMUNITY ROLE</b>						
• Needs assessment	■					
• Advertise & promote role of Neighbourhood Parks	■					
• Adopt-a-park	■					
• Link to community greening projects	■	■	■	■	■	
• Record public participation	■	■	■	■	■	
<b>7. ASSET MAINTENANCE</b>						
• Maintain accurate info on maintenance costs	■	■	■			
• Match asset maintenance to recreation & demographic changes	■	■	■	■	■	
<b>8. LINKAGES</b>						
• Identify linkage priorities	■	■	■			
<b>9. SAFETY</b>						
• Undertake regular safety audits in consultation with park committees and users	■	■	■	■	■	
<b>10. ACCESS</b>						
• Identify access barriers to park users and prepare program to improve access	■	■	■	■		
• Prepare controls to manage staff access & unauthorised access	■	■	■			



## SCHEDULE OF LAND: NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS

Legend: C:	Community Land
CR:	Crown Land
ML:	Miscellaneous Properties Leased to NCC

No	Park Name	Area (ha)	Land Register No	Lot and DP	Location	Ownership	Secondary POM Category
1	Aldyth Street East Side Park	0.523	C163	Lot 97 DP 19869	Aldyth Street NEW LAMBTON 2305	NCC	Playground
2	Aldyth Street West Side Park	0.315	C164	Lot 96 DP 19869	Aldyth Street NEW LAMBTON 2305	NCC	Playground
3	Alexandra Park	0.684	C124	Part Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15 & 16 Sec B DP 5151	Newcastle Street MAYFIELD 2304	NCC	Playground
4	Alister Street Reserve	4.06	C225	Lot 28 DP 253998	Alister Street SHORTLAND 2307	NCC	
5	Allowah Street Playground	1.911	CR49	Part Lots 360, Lot 361, 362 DP 755247 Lots 3200, 3201 DP 720667, Crown Reserve 89675	Allowah Street WARATAH WEST 2298	Dept of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources	
6	Allowah Street Reserve	5.141	C289	Lot 220 DP 218736 Lot 39 DP 216171	Allowah Street WARATAH WEST 2298	NCC	
7	Alnwick Road Park	0.05	C199	Lot 85 DP 22290	Alnwick Road NORTH LAMBTON 2299	NCC	
8	Alnwick Road Reserve	1.6	C295	Lot 222 DP 218736	Bernice Crescent WARATAH WEST 2298	NCC	
9	Angala Close Reserve	0.32	C108	Lot 3030 DP 811356	Angala Close MARYLAND 2287	NCC	
10	Angus Avenue Park	0.263	C296	Lot 177 DP 21085	Angus Avenue WARATAH WEST 2298	NCC	
11	Anna Place Reserve	0.833	C246	Lot 129 DP 806709 Lot 330 DP 833961	Anna Place WALLSEND 2287	NCC	
12	Apex Park	0.156	C14	Lots 255 & 256 Sec B DP 12628	Lawson Avenue BERESFIELD 2322	NCC	Playground
13	Arcadia Park	-	CR 27	Part Land in DP 54152 + closed road	Ordance Street THE HILL 2300	Council are Trustee	
14	Aries Way Reserve	7.726	C36	Lot 3 DP 594908 Lot 89 DP 258370	Aries Way ELERMORE VALE 2287	NCC	
15	Armstrong Park	1.966	C101	Lot 203 DP 36398	Armstrong Street LAMBTON 2299	NCC	Playground

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No	Park Name	Area (ha)	Land Register No	Lot and DP	Location	Ownership	Secondary POM Category
16	Arthur Park	0.263	C25	Lot 1807 DP 755247	Brunker Road BROADMEADOW 2292	NCC	
17	Arthur Street Reserve	0.268	C200	Lot 52 DP 21408	Arthur Street NORTH LAMBTON 2299	NCC	
18	Avon Street Drainage Reserve	0.163	C125	Lot 59 Sec B DP 16844	Avon Street MAYFIELD 2304	NCC	
19	Balarang Street Reserve	1.22	C325	Lot 5 DP 863117, Lot 12 DP 730116, Lot 1109 DP 850381	Balarang Road MARYLAND 2287	-	
20	Beauford Avenue Reserve	0.478	C109	Lot 9 DP 260804	Beauford Avenue MARYLAND 2287	NCC	Playground
21	Bell Street Reserve	0.413	C161	Lot 145 DP 840897	Bell Street MINMI 2287	NCC	
22	Bernborough Avenue Park	0.277	C111	Lot 105 DP 253833	Bernborough Avenue MARYLAND 2287	NCC	Playground
23	Berwick Crescent Reserve	0.329	C112	Lot 191 DP 260715 + Lot 386 DP 263933	Berwick Crescent MARYLAND 2287	NCC	
24	Bill Curry Park	0.208	C165	Lot 46 DP 5401	Russell Road NEW LAMBTON 2305	NCC	
25	Bindowan Crescent Reserve	2.536	C114	Lot 209 DP 707597, Lot 1093 DP 713055 Lot 2 DP 847632	Bindowan Crescent MARYLAND 2287	NCC	
26	Birchgrove Drive Reserve	4.72	C314, C330	Lot 51 DP 845009, Lot 9051 DP 872329	Birchgrove Drive WALLSEND 2287	NCC	
27	Birmingham Lookout	0.558	C24	Lot 61 DP 231369	Moore Street BIRMINGHAM GARDENS 2287	NCC	
28	Blamey Avenue Park	0.745	C167	Part Lot 33 DP 9039 & Lot 60 DP 19183	Blamey Avenue NEW LAMBTON 2305	NCC	Playground
29	Booth Park	0.343	C247	Lot 4, 88 DP 35225	Bent Street WALLSEND 2287	NCC	
30	Breen Park	0.253	ML5	Lot 2 DP 919526	Dunbar Street STOCKTON 2295	Hunter Water Corporation Limited	

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No	Park Name	Area (ha)	Land Register No	Lot and DP	Location	Ownership	Secondary POM Category
31	Bromley Park	0.555	C87	Lot 90 Sec B DP 13333	Joslin Street KOTARA 2289	NCC	
32	Bunn Street Reserve	0.363	C248	Lot 105 DP 813129	Bunn Street WALLSEND 2287	NCC	Lease
33	Callistemon Close Reserve	0.045	C281	Lot 252 DP 719631	Callistemon Close WARABROOK 2304	NCC	
34	Cambronne Parade Reserve	0.486	C38	Lot 324 DP 248204, Lot 415 DP 258508	Cambronne Parade ELERMORE VALE 2287	NCC	
35	Cameron Park	0.771	C289	Lot 2547, Part Lot 2548, Pt Lot 500 & Pt Lot 501 DP 755247	Christo Road WARATAH 2298	NCC	
36	Campbell Park	0.846	C142	Lot 76 Sec 6 DP 192689 Lot 95 DP 32284	Caldwell Street MEREWETHER 2291	NCC	
37	Carrington Street Reserve	1.439	C249	Lot 59 DP 221157	Carrington Street WALLSEND 2287	NCC	
38	Casuarina Circuit Reserve	4.242	C282 C287	Lot 68 DP 264659, Lot 31 DP 807361, Lot 79 DP 264659	Casuarina Circuit WARABROOK 2304	NCC	
39	Cedrella Crescent Reserve	2.14	C283	Lot 340 DP 732251, Lot 281 DP 719631, Lot 237 DP 700272	Cedrella Crescent WARABROOK 2304	NCC	
40	Ceres Close Reserve	1.405	C39	Lot 253 DP 739442, Lot 428 DP 789096, Lot 63 DP 713019	Ceres Close ELERMORE VALE 2287	NCC	
41	Coe Park	0.202	C31	Lots 8 & 11 Sec 23, DP 755247	Dennison & Wilson Streets CARRINGTON 2294	NCC	
42	Coldstream Crescent Reserve	0.4	C212	Lot 24 DP 242203	Coldstream Crescent RANKIN PARK 2287	NCC	
43	Collier Street Park	1.81	C250	Lot 1 DP 24382	Collier Street WALLSEND 2287	NCC	
44	Compton Street Park	0.257	C202	Lot 84 DP 22290	Compton Street NORTH LAMBTON 2299	NCC	

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No	Park Name	Area (ha)	Land Register No	Lot and DP	Location	Ownership	Secondary POM Category
45	Coolamin Road Reserve	0.044	C290	Lot 516 DP 755247	Coolamin Road WARATAH 2298	NCC	
46	Coral Sea Avenue Reserve	3.703	C227	Lot 45 DP 218633 + Lot 12 DP 246123	Coral Sea Avenue SHORTLAND 2307	NCC	
47	Corlette Street Reserve	0.172	C300	Part DP 978941	Corlette Street COOKS HILL 2300	NCC	
48	Corona Street Park	0.072	C127	Lot 4 DP 534318	Corona Street MAYFIELD 2303	NCC	
49	Coronation Park	0.294	C168	Lot 48 DP 20269	Fay Avenue NEW LAMBTON 2305	NCC	Playground
50	Cowie & Usk Street Reserve	0.318	C128	Lots 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17 Sec A DP 168444	Cowie Street MAYFIELD 2303	NCC	Playground
51	Cranbrook Parade Reserve	0.165	C213	Lot 14 DP 25513	Cranbrook Parade RANKIN PARK 2287	NCC	Playground
52	Cressington Way Reserve	0.973	C251	Lot 106 DP 238161	Cressington Way WALLSEND 2287	NCC	
53	Croudace Park	0.277	-	Lot 2 DP 225692	Croudace Street NEW LAMBTON 2305	NCC	
54	Dangar Street Reserve	0.373	C252	Lot 65 DP 29899	Close Street, WALLSEND 2287	NCC	
55	Darling Street Reserve	0.211	C069	Lot 55 DP 20093	Darling Street HAMILTON SOUTH 2303	NCC	
56	Delray Court Reserve	0.99	C116	Lot 8 DP 805266	Delray Court MARYLAND 2287	NCC	
57	Dianne Street Reserve	0.925	C043	Lot 85 DP 800322	Dianne Street ELERMORE VALE 2287	NCC	
58	Dixon Park	4.654	C144	Lot 3 DP 227107 + Part	Ocean Street MEREWETHER 2291	NCC	Playground
59	Faul Street Reserve	0.221	C4	Lot 14 DP 203250 + Lots 2 & 3 DP 589266	Faul Street ADAMSTOWN 2289	NCC	

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No	Park Name	Area (ha)	Land Register No	Lot and DP	Location	Ownership	Secondary POM Category
60	Faulkner Crescent Reserve	0.196	C204	Lot 39 DP 825947	Faulkner Crescent NORTH LAMBTON 2299	NCC	
61	Fernleigh Loop Reserve	0.055	C5	Lot 57 DP 255476	Faul Street ADAMSTOWN 2289	NCC	
62	Fiona John Park	0.154	C237	Lot 14 DP 253991	Beverley Close TARRO 2322	NCC	Playground
63	First Avenue Reserve	0.24	C205	Lot 53 DP 21408	First Avenue NORTH LAMBTON 2299	NCC	
64	Fletcher Street Reserve	0.132	C2	Lot B DP 164888	Fletcher Street ADAMSTOWN 2289	NCC	Playground
65	Garfield Street Reserve	0.06	C253	Lot 78 DP 35225	Garfield Street WALLESEND 2287	NCC	
66	Glover Park	1.614	C88	Lot 91 Sec B DP 13333	Park Avenue KOTARA 2289	NCC	
67	Golf Course Reserve	0.009	C146	Lot 1 DP 555163	Henry Street MEREWETHER 2291	NCC	
68	Grahame Park	0.405	C34	Lots 9 & 10 Sec 43 DP 755247	Robertson Street CARRINGTON 2294	NCC	Playground
69	Gregory Parade Reserve	0.164	C89	Lot 20 DP 21402	Gregory Parade KOTARA 2289	NCC	Playground
70	Gregson Avenue Reserve	0.347	C139	Lot 40 DP 96010	Gregson Avenue MAYFIELD WEST 2304	NCC	Playground
71	Grinsell Street Reserve	0.143	C90	Lot 103 Sec A DP 13333	Grinsell Street KOTARA 2289	NCC	
72	Gross Street Reserve	1.031	C245	Lot 1 DP 529203, Lots 13-18 Sec O DP 1794, Lot 21 DP 853092, Lot B DP 333288 + A/333288	George Street TIGHES HILL 2297	NCC	Playground
73	Gunambi Street Reserve	0.503	C255	Lot 91 DP 13403	Gunambi Street WALLESEND 2287	NCC	

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No	Park Name	Area (ha)	Land Register No	Lot and DP	Location	Ownership	Secondary POM Category
74	Gundaroo Circuit Reserve	0.303	C278	Lot 1110 DP 850381	Gundaroo Circuit MARYLAND 2287	NCC	
75	Gunsynd Close Reserve	1.018	C118	Lot 39 DP 259329	Gunsynd Close MARYLAND 2287	NCC	
76	Gwydir Park	0.572	C169	Lot 1138 DP 755247	Gwydir Road NEW LAMBTON 2305	NCC	Playground
77	Hanley Street Reserve	0.161	C256	Lot 11 DP 31809	Hanley Street WALLSEND 2287	NCC	Playground
78	Henderson Park	1.062	C147	Part Land in DP 109967	Lockyer Street MEREWETHER 2291	NCC	Playground
79	Henry Park	1.661	C71	Lot 124 DP 37402	Beaumont Street HAMILTON SOUTH 2303	NCC	Playground
80	Henry Street Reserve	0.4	C148	Lot 11 DP 237615	Henry Street MEREWETHER 2291	NCC	
81	Hill Street Park	0.112	C207	Lot 12 DP 23208	Hill Street NORTH LAMBTON 2299	NCC	
82	Hillview Playground	0.245	CR52 C208	Lots 14-15 DP 257371	Morehead Street NORTH LAMBTON 2299	NCC	Playground
83	Hogue Park	0.114	C123	Lots 8, 9, 22-24 Sec G DP 1295	Hogue Street MARYVILLE 2293	NCC	Playground
84	Hollingsford Reserve	0.08	C316	Lot 31 DP 858125	Hollingford Crescent CARRINGTON 2294	NCC	
85	Hollywood Parade Park	0.653	C184	Lot 91 DP 23385	Hollywood Parade NEW LAMBTON HEIGHTS 2305	NCC	Playground
86	Hope Street Park	0.172	C257	Lot 63 DP 221157	Hope Street WALLSEND 2287	NCC	
87	Hutcheson Avenue Reserve	0.243	C215	Lot 301 DP 503114 + Lot 36 DP 271288	Hutcheson Avenue RANKIN PARK 2287	NCC	
88	Illoura Street Reserve	0.062	C259	Lot 41 DP 13663	Victory Parade WALLSEND 2287	NCC	

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No	Park Name	Area (ha)	Land Register No	Lot And DP	Location	Ownership	Secondary POM Category
89	Ingall Park	0.261	C138	Lot 10 DP 203341	Butler Street MAYFIELD EAST 2304	NCC	
90	Ironbark Creek Reserve	1.252	C228	Lot 107 DP 593379	Marsden Street SHORTLAND 2307	NCC	
91	Jacana Way Reserve	0.752	C329	Lot 13 DP 868162	Jacana Way MARYLAND 2087	NCC	
92	James Park	1.119	C261	Lot 28 DP 35225	Diana Street WALLESEND 2287	NCC	Playground
93	Jean Street Park	0.182	C171	Lot 33 DP 19501	Jean Street NEW LAMBTON 2305	NCC	
94	Jefferson Park	3.122	C157 CR18	Part Lot 4 DP 564016, Lot 3 DP 564016, Part Lot 12 Sec 8 DP 111243, Part Lot 14 Sec 8 DP 111243, Part Lot 15 Sec 8 DP 111243, Part Lot 15A Sec 8 DP 111243 Part Lot 16A Sec 8 DP 111243, Part Lot 6 DP 564018, Lot 1 DP 152424, Part Lot 1 DP 152423, Part MS 2544 MD, Part Lot 2	Watkins Street MEREWETHER 2291	NCC	
95	Jenny Close Reserve	0.692	C46	Lot 1 DP 844719, Lot 25 DP 801564	Jenny Close ELERMORE VALE 2287	NCC	
96	Jirra Way Reserve	0.32	C312	Lot 2117 DP 807968	Jirra Way MARYLAND 2287	NCC	
97	Jubilee Park	0.134	C33	Lot 1 DP 65272	Victoria Street CARRINGTON 2294	NCC	
98	Justin Parade Reserve	0.64	C47	Lot 24 DP 739662	Justin Parade ELERMORE VALE 2287	NCC	
99	Kariwarra Street Reserve	0.503	C326	Lot 101 DP 832197	Balarang Road MARYLAND 2287	NCC	Playground
100	Kerry Avenue Reserve	0.012	C48	Lot 25 DP 260024	Kerry Avenue ELERMORE VALE 2287	NCC	

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No	Park Name	Area (ha)	Land Register No	Lot and DP	Location	Ownership	Secondary POM Category
101	Kilpanie Road Reserve	0.458	C333	Lot 1060 DP 836214	Kilpanie Road LAMBTON 2299	NCC	
102	Kimbarra Close Reserve	0.472	O112	Lot 8 DP 234085	Kimbarra Close KOTARA 2289	NCC	
103	Leo Park	0.197	C16	Lots 1-3 Sec B DP 12628	Beresford Avenue BERESFIELD 2322	NCC	
104	Lions Park Beresfield	0.065	C17	Lot 250 Sec B DP 12628	Beresford Avenue BERESFIELD 2322	NCC	
105	Lookout Road Park South	0.875	C182	Lot 40 DP 19631	Lookout Road NEW LAMBTON HEIGHTS 2305	NCC	
106	Lyall Reserve	0.18	C229	Lot 171 DP 206758	Long Crescent SHORTLAND 2307	NCC	Playground
107	Mackie Avenue Reserve	0.979	C174	Lot 28 DP 8570, Lot 321 DP 705716	Mackie Avenue NEW LAMBTON 2305	NCC	Playground
108	Maclure Reserve	1.729	C83	Lots 20+ 22 DP 230341	Mayo Street JESMOND 2299	NCC	
109	Max Street Reserve	0.219	C49	Lot 40 DP 242562	Max Street ELERMORE VALE 2287	NCC	
110	McCauley Park	0.319	C238	Lot 26 DP 220700	Anderson Drive TARRO 2322	NCC	Playground
111	McInnes Reserve	0.969	C160	Lot 20 Sec C DP 30399	McInnes Street MINIMI 2287	NCC	
112	McIvenie Playground	0.106	C263	Lot 152 DP 35087	Douglas Street WALLSEND 2287	NCC	Playground
113	McLeod Street Reserve	0.178	C264	Lot 65 DP 214838	McLeod Street WALLSEND 2287	NCC	Playground
114	McQuirk Park	1.169	C265	Lot 154 DP 35087	Peters Avenue WALLSEND 2287	NCC	Playground
115	Melaleuca Place Reserve	0.066	C285	Lot 95 DP 264659	Melaleuca Place WARABROOK 2304	NCC	



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No	Park Name	Area (ha)	Land Register No	Lot and DP	Location	Ownership	Secondary POM Category
116	Michael Street Reserve	0.33	C84	Lot 51 DP 568578	Michael Street JESMOND 2299	NCC	
117	Miller Park	0.407	C266	Lot 9 DP 544155 + Lots 1, 2 & 10 Sec M DP 111245	Macquarie Street WALLSEND 2287	NCC	
118	Milne Park	0.228	C231	Lot 25 DP 27228 Lot 46 DP 218633	Milne Street SHORTLAND 2307	NCC	Playground
119	Milton Street Reserve (Kyrie Park)	0.352	C20	Lots 377- 380 Sec A DP12628	Milton & Addison Streets BERESFIELD 2322	NCC	
120	Monastery Park	0.156	C131	Lot 21 DP 235405	Liguori Court MAYFIELD 2304	NCC	
121	Morgan Street Reserve	0.63	C151	Lot 96 DP 39230	Morgan Street MEREWETHER 2291	NCC	Playground
122	Morpeth Road Reserve	6.221	C298	Portion 428, 43 & 43 Lot 13	Morpeth Road WARATAH WEST 2298	NCC	Playground
123	Mosbri Crescent Park	0.106	C242	Lot 20 DP 216346	Mosbri Crescent THE HILL 2300	NCC	
124	Murabarnbah Park	1.912	C216	Lot 47 DP 239947, Lot 3021 DP 503114	Rosedale Crescent RANKIN PARK 2287	NCC	Playground
125	Naranghi Circuit Reserve	0.845	C323	Multiple Lot	Naranghi Circuit MARYLAND 2287	NCC	
126	Neals Park	0.35	C267	Lot 34 DP 16456	Stapleton Street WALLSEND 2287	NCC	
127	Nesca Park	5.895	C243	Lot 2 & 4 DP 222421 Lot 1 DP 152697, Lot 1 DP 35833, Lot 18 DP 507033, Lot 18 DP 978941	Nesca Parade THE HILL 2300	NCC	Playground
128	Nile Street Reserve	0.046	CR16	Pt Lots 1+ 2, DP 2619+	Nile & Villers Street MAYFIELD 2304	NCC	
129	Northcott Park	5.2	C230	Lots 1+ 2 DP 22523 + Lot 1 DP 52111	Cobby Street SHORTLAND 2307	NCC	Playground
130	North Stockton Beach Reserve	1.013	C234		Barrie Crescent STOCKTON 2307	NCC	
131	Oak Close Reserve	1.878	C319	Lot 132 DP 858388, Lot 377 DP 868047	Oak Close FLETCHER 2287	NCC	Playground

## SCHEDULE OF LAND: NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS

No	Park Name	Area (ha)	Land Register No	Lot and DP	Location	Ownership	Secondary POM Category
133	Old Cemetery Park	1.268	CR45	Lot 1 DP 167895, CR A570016	Newcastle Road WALLSEND 2287	NCC	
134	Pacific Park	1.274	C190	Lots 1-6, 12, 14-20 DP 2056, Lots 6A&12A DP 3732, Lots 1-5 DP 17499, Lots 1 & 2 DP 595010, Lot 1 DP 253151, Lot 1 DP 431331, Lot 1 DP 358359, Lot 1 DP 91985, 1/349424	Pacific Street NEWCASTLE 2300	NCC	
135	Parnell Place	0.295	C191	Land in N137- 844R	Scott Street NEWCASTLE EAST 2300	NCC	Playground
136	Pilkington Street Reserve	1.237	C209	Lots 7-10 Sec N DP 1580, Part 9,10,11,12, Sec E DP 40	Fifth Street NORTH LAMBTON 2299	NCC	Playground
137	Pride Avenue Reserve	3.585	-	Lot 1059 DP 836214, Lot 373 DP 872339	Pride Avenue LAMBTON 2299	NCC	
138	Purdue Park	0.609	C133	Pt Lot 2 DP 18240, Lot A DP 369189	Scholley Street MAYFIELD 2304	NCC	Playground
139	Regent Street Park	0.272	C177	Lot 1289 DP 755247	Regent Street NEW LAMBTON 2305	NCC	Playground
140	Reserve off Cardiff Road	0.928	C51	Lot 43 DP 711005, Lot 12 DP 632927	Cardiff Road ELERMORE VALE 2287	NCC	
141	Reserve off Jarvis Close	0.859	C52	Lot 136 DP 554458	Jarvis Close ELERMORE VALE 2287	NCC	
142	Robinson Avenue Reserve	0.141	C318	Lot 87 DP 845224	Robinson Avenue LAMBTON 2299	NCC	
143	Robinson Place Reserve	0.227	C59	Lot 107 DP 95313	Glebe Road MEREWETHER 2291	NCC	
144	Rodway Parade Reserve	0.38	C98	Lot 103 DP 29153 + Lot 141 DP 30720	Rodway Parade KOTARA 2289	NCC	
145	Rosamond Street Reserve	1.724	C302	Lot 135 DP 841044	Rosamond Street MARYLAND 2287	NCC	
146	Rosann Close Reserve	0.052	C179	Lot 1 DP 242636	Rosann Close NEW LAMBTON 2305	NCC	
147	Rosegum Road Reserve	1.409	C331	Lot 25 DP 861234	Rosegum Road WARABROOK 2304	NCC	

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No	Park Name	Area (ha)	Land Register No	Lot and DP	Location	Ownership	Secondary POM Category
148	Rudd Park	4.24	C101	Lot 206 DP 36398 Armstrong Park	Armstrong Street LAMBTON 2299	NCC	
149	Rundle Avenue Reserve	0.942	C270	Lot 22 DP 733180	Rundle Avenue WALLSEND 2287	NCC	
150	Rushton Park	0.456	C271	Lot 69 DP 23642	Rushton Street WALLSEND 2287	NCC	Playground
151	Scenic Drive Park	0.056	C154	Lot 33 DP 38649 + 21/774388	Scenic Drive MEREWETHER 2291	NCC	
152	Schroder Avenue Reserve	1.082	C291	Lot 61 DP 19516 Lot 29 DP 19884	Schroder Avenue WARATAH 2298	NCC	Playground
153	Sheisea Park	0.298	C272	Lots 14 & 15 DP 15779	Maitland Street WALLSEND 2287	NCC	Playground
154	Sheridan Avenue Playground	0.141	C10	Lot 61 DP 27397	Sheridan Avenue ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS 2289	NCC	Playground
155	Silsoe Street Reserve	0.108	C134	Lot 472 DP 95385	Silsoe Street MAYFIELD 2304	NCC	Playground
156	Springfield Avenue Reserve	0.205	C099	Lot 68A & Lot 71 DP 28893	Springfield Street KOTARA 2289	NCC	Playground
157	Stewart Park	0.202	C54	Lot 11 DP 23203	Croudace Road ELERMORE VALE 2287	NCC	
158	Streeton Place Reserve	0.566	C107	Lot 6 DP 840351	Streeton Place LAMBTON 2299	NCC	
159	Sunset Boulevard Reserve	2.045	C211	Lot 110 DP 31082	Sunset Boulevard NORTH LAMBTON 2299	NCC	
160	Tarro Childrens Recreation area	0.181	C240	Lot 22 DP 513106	Northern Avenue TARRO	-	
161	Taurus Street Reserve	4.036	C55	Lot 297 DP258620 + Lot 8713 DP 617910	Taurus Street ELERMORE VALE 2287	NCC	
162	Teralba Road Reserve	0.168	C3	Lots 1625 & 1634 DP 755247	Teralba Road ADAMSTOWN 2289	NCC	
163	Tumpoaba Reserve	4.572	C328	Lot 3 DP 839872	Maryland Drive MARYLAND 2287	NCC	

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No	Park Name	Area (ha)	Land Register No	Lot and DP	Location	Ownership	Secondary POM Category
164	Underbank Close Reserve	0.124	C122	Lot 136 DP 841022, Lot 555 DP 853148, CR P570033	Underbank Close MARYLAND 2287	NCC	
165	Vera Wilson Park	0.195	C18	Lot 1283 DP 833970	Beresford Avenue BERESFIELD 2322	NCC	
166	Warabrook Wetlands Reserve	74.138	C284 C286 C288 C309	Lot 49 DP 845614	Maitland Road WARABROOK 2304	NCC	
167	Webb Park	0.371	C135	Lots 1-3 DP 185977	Hanbury Street MAYFIELD 2304	NCC	
168	West End Park	1.699	C77	Lot 2325 DP 755247	Glebe Road & Corrumbung Road ADAMSTOWN 2289	NCC	
169	West Park Reserve	2.211	C155	Lot 1 DP 153975, Lot 3 DP 2134816	City Road MEREWETHER 2291	NCC	
170	Whitegates Reserve	1.005	C274	Lot B DP 35164 + Lot 19 DP 20506	Davis Avenue WALLSEND 2287	NCC	
171	Willow Close Reserve	2.051	C56	Lot 15 DP 258936, Lot 41 DP 711005, Lot 6 DP 842408	Willow Close ELERMORE VALE 2287	NCC	
172	Woodward Street Reserve	0.183	C156	Lot 95 DP 39320	Woodward Street MEREWETHER 2291	NCC	Playground
173	Wrightson Reserve	0.541	C293	Lot 374 DP 755247	Edith Street WARATAH 2298	NCC	

**APPROPRIATE PURPOSES FOR GRANTING OF LEASES, LICENCES AND OTHER ESTATES IN NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS**

**1. This Plan expressly authorises the leases in Neighbourhood Parks that are listed in the Schedule at APPENDIX 3.**

All leases must comply with the core objectives for management of community land categorised as a park, ie

- a) “to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities, and
- b) to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes for the casual playing of games, and
- c) to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management” (s36G).

**2. Licences**

For the purposes of Section 46(1)(b)(iii) of the Act, the use or occupation of community land for events is prescribed as a purpose in respect of which a council may grant a licence in respect of community land on a short term casual basis and are visited at Section 46 (1)(b)(iii) Local Government Act.

**Easements**

This Plan of Management expressly authorises the provision of an easement or easements for the purposes of drainage from surrounding properties to a proposed council drainage facility on the land known as Gunambi Street Reserve, identified as community land Register No. C255.

## SCHEDULE OF LEASES BY PARK NAME – NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS

Count	Park Name	Land Reg No	Lessee	Purpose of Lease
	<b>COMMUNITY</b>			
1	Bunn Street Reserve	C126	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Merindah Child Care Centre</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of a child care facility and playground in association with the centre.</li> </ul>
2	Campbell Park	C142	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Merewether Bowling Club</li> <li>KU Children's services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of bowling activities</li> <li>For child care facilities</li> </ul>
3	Dixon Park	C144	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dixon Park Surf Lifesaving Club Inc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of operating surf life saving club and associated social and community activities</li> </ul>
4	Glover Park	C88	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girl Guides Association of NSW</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of girl guide activities.</li> </ul>
5	Henry Park	C71	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newcastle Community Playgroup Centre</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purposes of children's play activities.</li> </ul>
6			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girl Guide Association</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of girl guide activities</li> </ul>
7	Nesca Park	C243	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newcastle Petanque</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of playing Petanque &amp; associated activities</li> </ul>
8	North Stockton Beach Reserve (Barrie Cres.)	C234	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B&amp;R Bragg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of childcare activities</li> </ul>
9	Northcott Park	C230	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MG Car Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purposes of activities associated with the MG Car Club</li> </ul>
10	Rushton Park	C271	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scout Association of Australia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of scouting activities</li> </ul>
11	South Wallsend Park	C303	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South Wallsend Tennis Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of playing tennis and associated activities</li> </ul>

**SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Neighbourhood Park POM Staff Workshop	25 August 1998
Public Exhibition & Drop-In	Nov/Dec 1998
Public Exhibition	March 1999
Plan of Management Review	1999
Public Exhibition	June/July 2000
Report to Council	October 2000
Public Exhibition	October/November 2000
Report to Council	December 2000

**LEASH FREE AREAS****TIMED LEASH OFF – LEASH AREA**

The following maps show off leash areas and are time restricted. They are also subject to the following conditions:

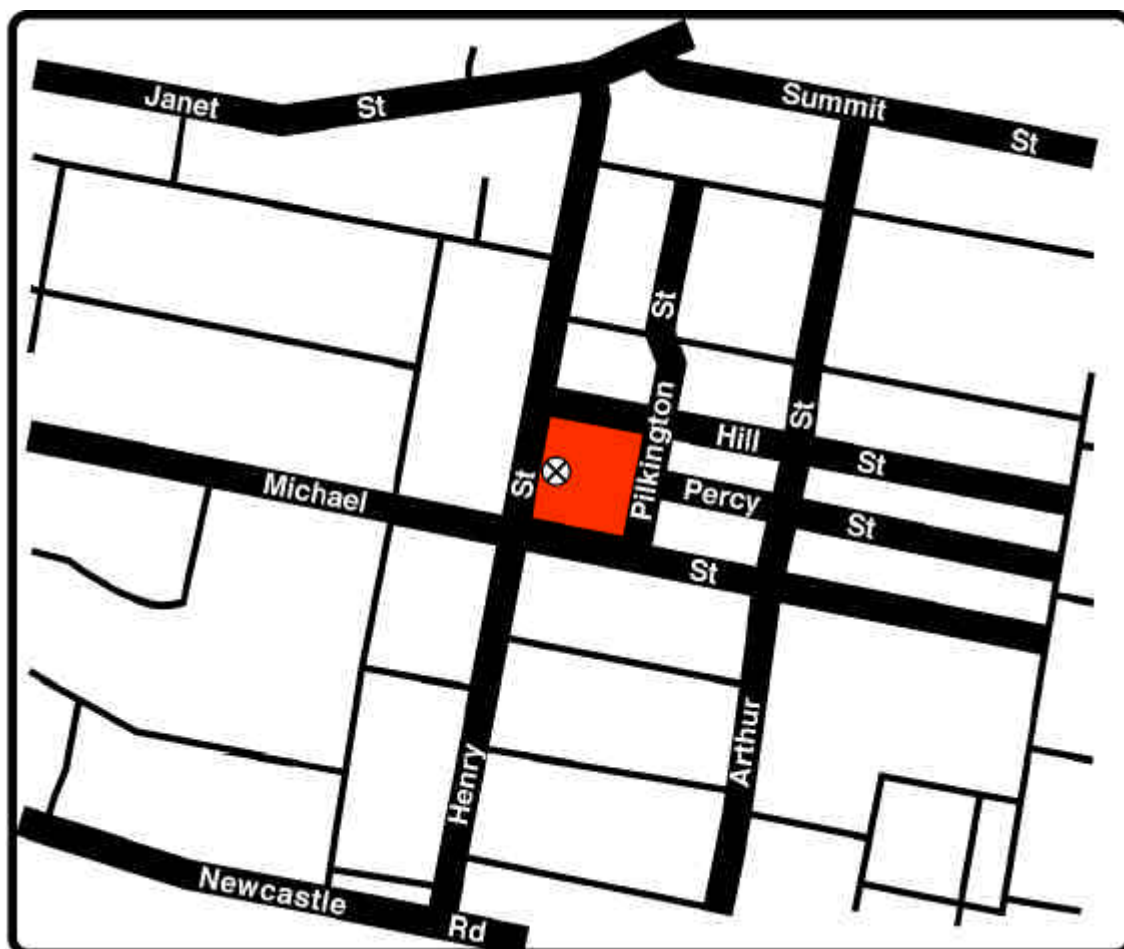
1. Dogs are permitted off leash between sunrise and 9 am and between 5 pm and sunset only.
2. Off leash activities will be permitted only on designated areas approved by Council.
3. All dogs using the areas are to be accompanied and supervised by a competent person.
4. All dogs using the areas must be able to be controlled without a leash eg return to handler on command.
5. Dogs declared dangerous dogs by Council, aggressive and restricted breeds eg Pitbull Terriers as indicated under the Companion Animals Act 1998 are not permitted to use any designated off leash areas.
6. Dog owners/handlers **MUST** remove all dog faeces that may be deposited by the dog under their control.
7. The owner is liable if the dog attacks a person or animal.
8. Dogs **MUST NOT** be encouraged to attack.



LEASH FREE AREAS

TIMED OFF – LEASH AREA

Michael St Reserve  
LAMBTON



Gregory's (21<sup>st</sup> Ed) Map Reference : Map 18

Shaded Permitted off leash area

X - Location of dog waste bin

**LEASH FREE AREAS**

**OPEN ACCESS OFF LEASH AREAS**

Dogs may exercise in the following designated off-leash areas subject to the following conditions:

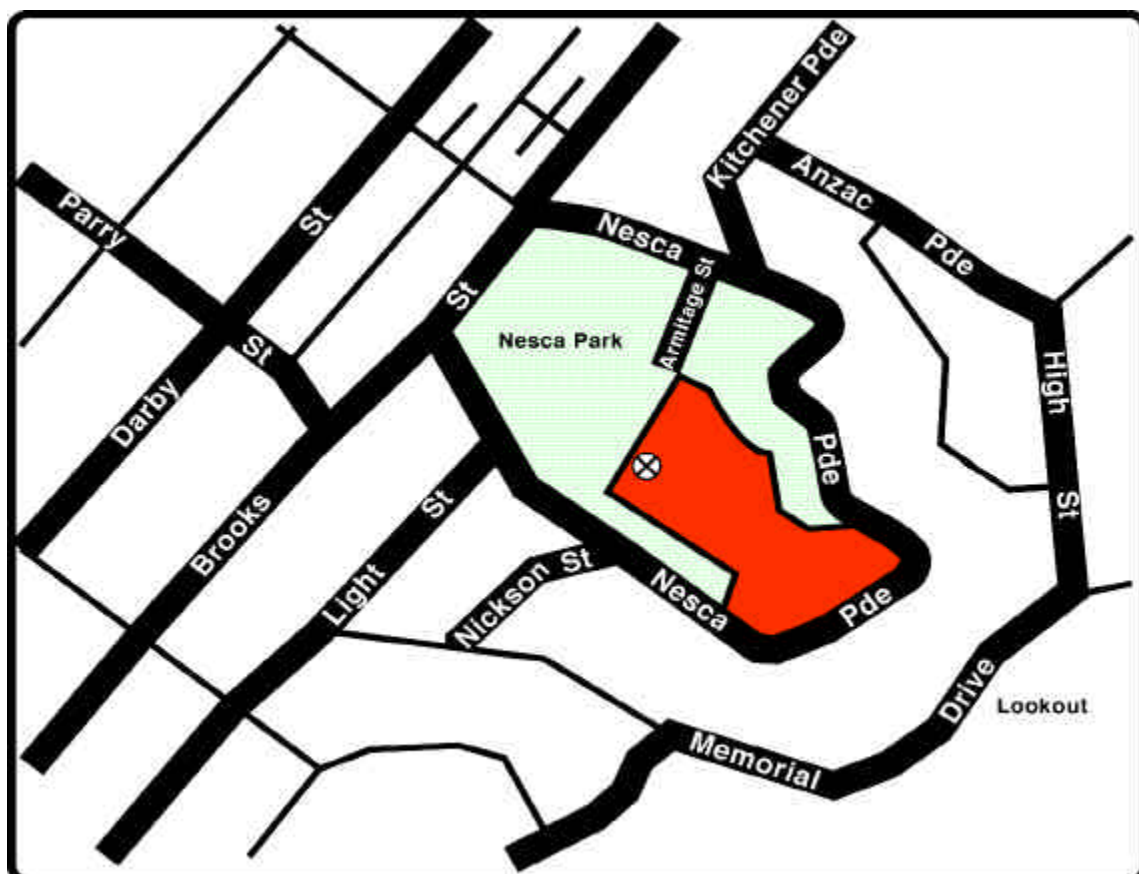
1. Off-leash activities will permitted only in designated areas approved by Council.
2. All dogs using the areas are to be accompanied and supervised by a competent person.
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4. Dogs declared dangerous dogs by Council, aggressive and restricted breeds eg Pitbull Terrier as indicated under the Companion Animals Act 1998 are not permitted to use any designated off leash areas.
5. Dog owners/handlers **MUST** remove all dog faeces that may be deposited by the dog under their control.
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**THESE AREAS ARE PATROLLED BY COUNCIL RANGERS AND PENALTIES FOR NON COMPLIANCE APPLY.**

LEASH FREE AREAS

OPEN ACCESS OFF LEASH AREAS - MAPS

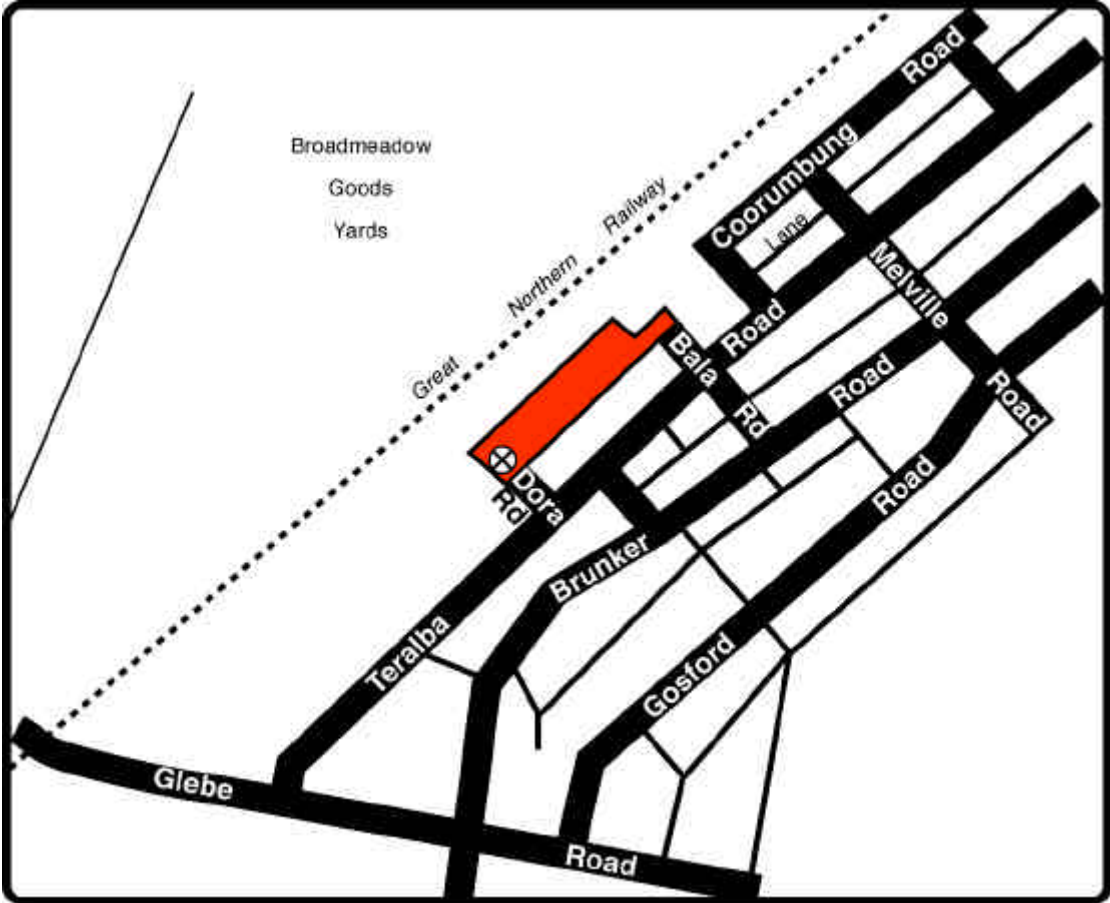
Nesca Park  
NEWCASTLE



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Shaded Area Permitted off leash area  
X - Location of dog waste bin

LEASH FREE AREAS

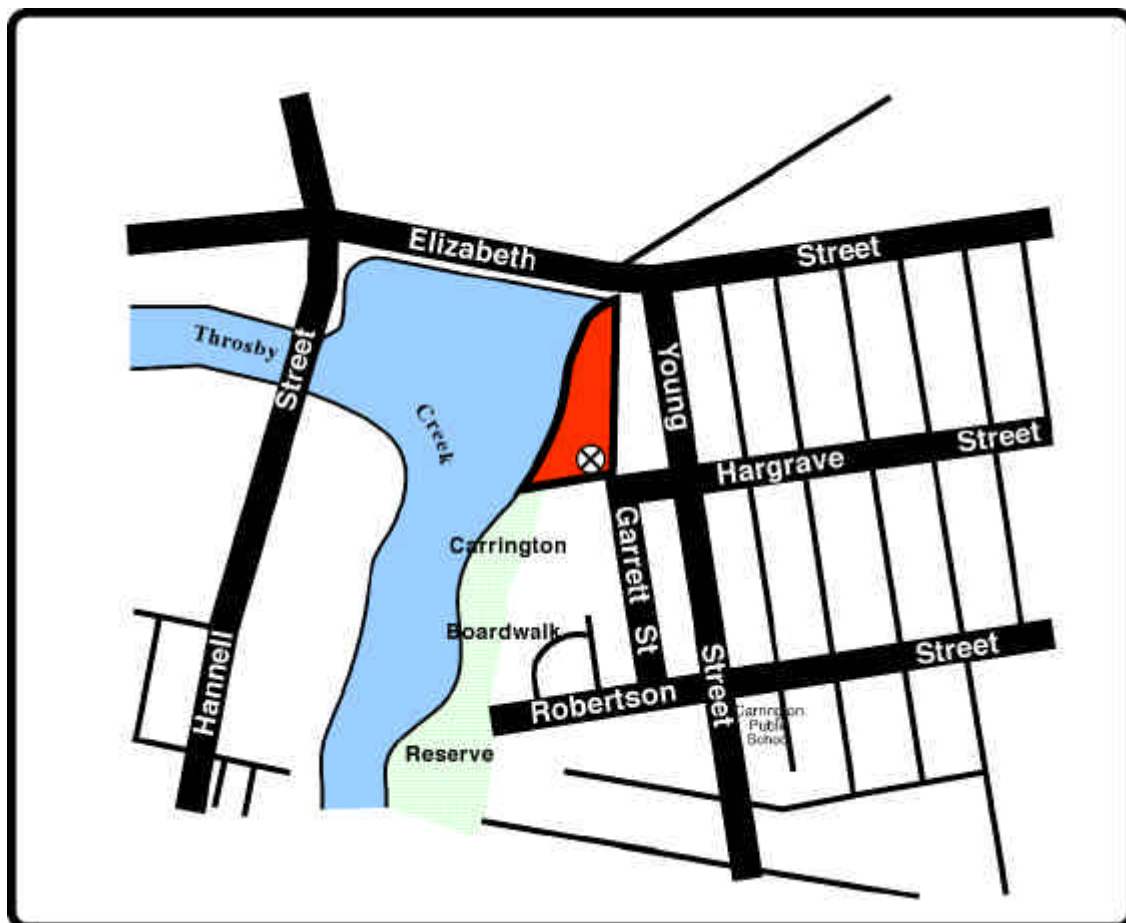
West Park  
ADAMSTOWN



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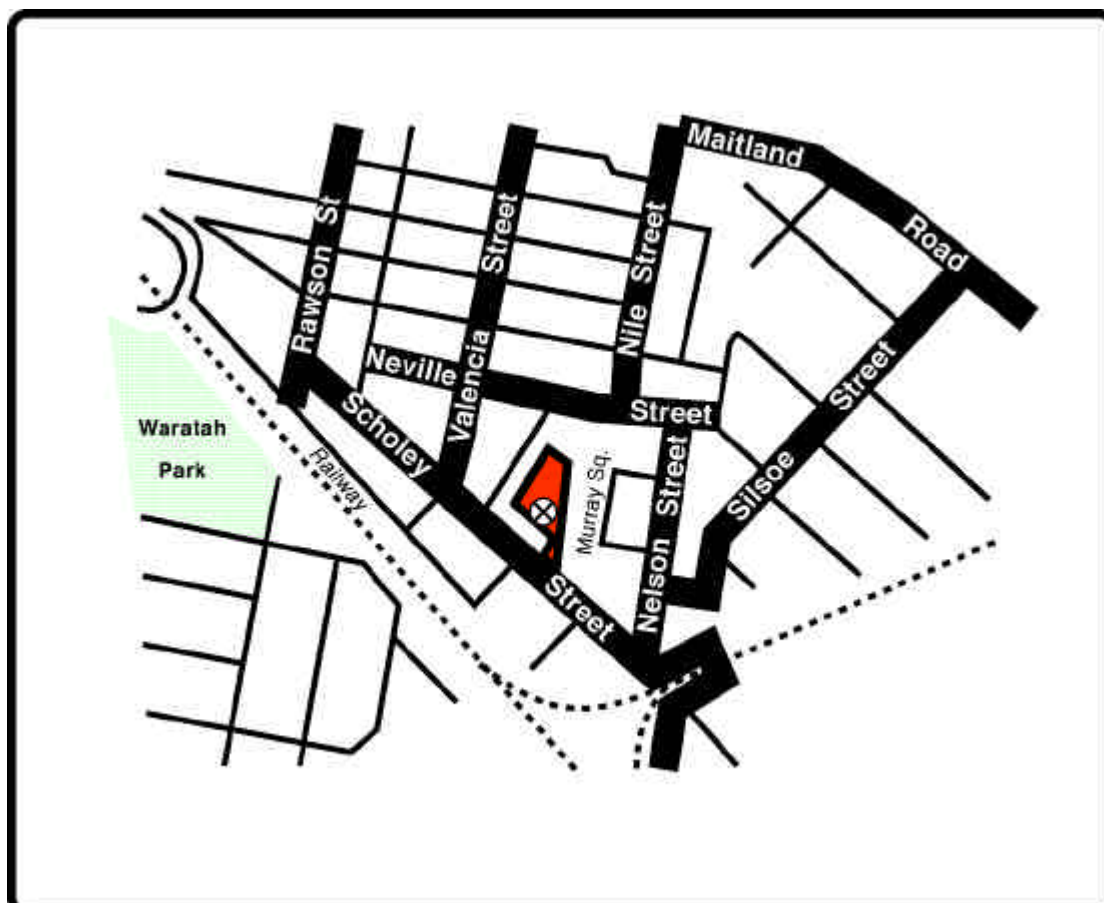
Honeysuckle (off Garrett St)  
CARRINGTON



Gregory's Map (21<sup>st</sup> Ed) Reference : Map 19 & 20  
 Shaded Area Permitted off leash area  
 X - Location of dog waste bin

LEASH FREE AREAS

Purdue Park (off Scholey St)  
MAYFIELD



**Gregory's Map (21<sup>st</sup> Ed) Reference : Map 19**  
 Shaded Area Permitted off leash area  
 X - Location of dog waste bin

**GUIDELINES FOR CATEGORISATION OF LAND AS A PARK**

Land should be categorised as a park under Section 36(4) of the Act if the land is, or is proposed to be, improved by landscaping, gardens or the provision of non-sporting equipment and facilities, for use mainly for passive or active recreational, social, educational and cultural pursuits that do not unduly intrude on the peaceful enjoyment of the land by others.