

# WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL

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# MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR COMMUNITY LANDS

# **OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this Management Plan is to ensure effective planning, control and operation of the community lands within the Shire, for the enjoyment and benefit of the community and as provided for under the terms of the New South Wales Local Government Act, 1993.

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#### **COMMUNITY LANDS**

# THE MANAGEMENT PLAN

## 1. <u>Introduction</u>

This management plan seeks to summarise the principle uses and activities and ensure adequate planning and management to predetermined goals and objectives for the Shire's Community Lands, in accordance with Community needs and the requirements of the Local Government Act.

The plan is generic in nature, covering all areas of community lands which are then further categorised in accordance with present and planned uses.

Community input has been provided for in the initial development of the plan and will be encouraged to continue in the future. The plan is not a static document and will be subject to ongoing review to encompass changes in community land areas, uses and other details that require amendment, with changes in strategy and direction.

This plan which details all areas of Community Land will provide the means to plan and monitor future needs and development for the benefit of the community, in the future.

#### 2. Requirements of the Act

The act states that the use and management of Community Land will be governed by the following:-

- The plan of Management applying to the land.
- Any law permitting the use of the land for a specified purpose or otherwise regulating its use.
- Division 2 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and other references and legislation as prescribed.

#### 3. The Process

The plan must be publicly advertised for 28 days and any submissions received will be considered prior to its adoption by Council

The plan can apply to one or more areas of land. This plan has been prepared to cover all Community Lands within the shire but the different areas have been categorised in accordance with their use, future objectives and means to maintain performance in relation to these. The categories adopted include:-

Sporting Grounds, Park Areas, General Community Use, Dedicated Community Use, Leased and Undeveloped.

For the plan to be effective, it will require continuing review to take account of changing needs, developments and all aspects of these lands, to ensure adequate and effective management.

Prior to adoption, Council must take account of any submissions received in respect of these Community Lands. Amendment to the plan is achieved by the adoption by Council of an amended plan, in accordance

with all the procedures as specified in the Act and outlined here.

A Plan of Management may be revoked by a plan of management adopted under the terms of Division 2 of the Act. A Plant of Management ceases to apply to Land if:-

- a) The land is reclassified as operational land
- b) In the case of land not owned by Council, the land ceases to be controlled by Council.

## 4. <u>Use and Disposal of Community Land</u>

Pending adoption of a plan of management for community land, the nature and use of land must not be changed. Following adoption, use of the land will be in accordance with the use as specified, and in accordance with the objectives of the plan.

The Council does not have the power or authority to sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of community land.

#### 5. Public Availability

A plan of management must be available for public inspection at the office of the Council during ordinary working hours. It must also be available for purchase from the office, if required.

# 6. <u>Listing of Community Lands, Categories, Functions and Goals</u>

The attached table 1 provides a listing and details of all community land within the Shire together with the various functions and goals for the future. These are further addressed in the details following the Table.

Where necessary, reference has been made to other sources of more detailed information, such as Council's Assets Register or specific reports such as those by E. Grimm on the Taylor and Memorial Parks and adopted by Council as the planned future development for these lands.

TABLE 1 WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL – LISTING OF COMMUNITY LANDS, CATEGORIES AND PROPOSAL GOALS

Property No	Name by which Land is known	<b>Location Details</b>	Map No/Conditions or Covenants	Category/and Description	Function	Improvements and Assets	Conditions and Goals for Future Operation*
8.81	Lawson Park	Young Road, Grenfell	Crown	General community use - sports and recreation.	Active and passive recreation/tourism .	Major sports fields, grandstand, irrigation, lighting, significant trees, support facilities -refer assets register.	<ul> <li>More effectively provide for community sporting and recreation needs.</li> <li>Improve facility maintenance, reduce complaints-costs.</li> <li>Upgrade and improve facilities.</li> </ul>
8.9.1	Taylor Park	Weddin Street, Grenfell	Crown	General community use - historic park and gardens.	Active and passive recreation.	Significant trees, gardens, irrigation, lighting, Historic Rotunda, support facilities-refer assets register, playground equipment.	Re-establish park facilities in accordance with.
8.9.2	Vaughn Park	Cnr Forbes & Melyra Streets, Grenfell	Crown	General community use - a community park.			Improve facility     maintenance,     reduce     complaints costs
8.10.1	Golf Course Recreation Reserve	Gooloogong Road Grenfell	Crown Reserve Leased	Sporting Ground – Golf and Tennis Club	Active and passive recreation.	Golf facilities, club houses, Tennis Courts, trees irrigation, gardens-refer assets register	<ul> <li>Continue to support club in its endeavour to improve facility, increase usage.</li> <li>Achieve funding support.</li> </ul>

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8.10.131	Caragabal Golf Club	Mid Western Highway, Caragabal (Res 77143)	Crown Reserve Leased	Sporting Ground – Golf, Bowling Greens and Tennis Club	Active and passive recreation.	Golf/tennis facilities, bowling greens, playground equipment, club uses support facilities.	<ul> <li>Continue to support club in its endeavour to improve facility, increase usage.</li> <li>Achieve funding support.</li> </ul>
8.9.3	Rotary Park	Cnr Forbes and South Streets, Grenfell	Freehold	General community use community park.	Passive recreation	Significant trees, irrigation support facilities-refer assets register. Playground equipment.	Improve facility maintenance, reduce complaints and cost.
8.10.2	Company Dam	Parish of Brundah, Grenfell	Freehold	Dedicated community use.	Active and passive recreation.	Water storage, support facilities.	<ul> <li>Monitor Dam         Safety         Management Plan.     </li> <li>Improve water quality.</li> </ul>
8.7.1	Grenfell Swimming Pool	Forbes Street Grenfell	Crown	Dedicated community- use sports and recreation.	Active and passive recreation.	Swimming Pool, club and support facilities, gardens, irrigation, lighting-refer assets register.	<ul> <li>Improve facility maintenance, reduce complaints, costs.</li> <li>Upgrade and improve facilities.</li> </ul>
5.91	Grenfell Cemetery	Main Road No. 239 Grenfell	Crown	Dedicated Community Use.	Passive/memorial	Fencing, access trees, gardens, Lawn Cemetery	<ul> <li>Improve facility maintenance, reduce complaints, costs.</li> <li>Upgrade and improve facilities.</li> </ul>

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15.9.5	Caragabal Cemetery	Mid Western Highway, Caragabal	Crown Dedication	Dedicated Community Use	Passive/memorial	Fencing access, facilities.	<ul> <li>Improve facility maintenance, reduce complaints, costs.</li> <li>Upgrade and improve facilities.</li> </ul>
8.8.231	Greenethorpe Recreation Reserve 59697	Village of Greenethorpe, Parish of Cudgymaguntry	Crown	Dedicated community use.	General community use sports and recreation	Sports fields, show and support facilities and structures – refer assets register.	<ul> <li>Improve facility maintenance, reduce complaints, costs.</li> <li>Upgrade and improve facilities, increase usage.</li> </ul>
	Caragabal Water Supply and Recreation Reserve 67687	Mid Western Highway, Parish of Pullabooka	Crown leased	Dedicated community use.	Water storage active and passive recreation.	Non portable water storage for Caragabal.	Minimal maintenance.
	Caragabal Recreation Reserve 78521	Mid Western Highway, Parish of Pullabooka	Crown	General community use park land	Active and passive recreation	Support structures and facilities, play facilities.	<ul> <li>Improve facility maintenance, reduce complaints, costs.</li> <li>Upgrade and improve facilities.</li> </ul>
8.9.241	Iandra Recreation Reserve 91163	Parish of Bungalong Tyagong Creek	Crown	Vacant land undeveloped.	Open space.	Nil	Maintenance area.
	Edward Square	Main Road Greenethorpe, parish of Cudgymaguntry	Road reserve	General community use.	Passive recreation	Support structures and facilities, play facilities.	Improve facility maintenance, reduce complaints, costs.

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	Caragabal Reserve	Parish of Caragabal	Crown	Undeveloped/vacant land	Open space	Playing field, support facilities	<ul><li>Maintain area.</li><li>Determine future use.</li></ul>
8.9.321	Eurabba Hall Reserve	Parish of Eurabba	Crown	Undeveloped/vacant land	Open space (Caldwell's Public Watering Place)	Nil	<ul><li>Maintain area.</li><li>Determine future use.</li></ul>
5.9.3	Bimbi Cemetery	MR 398 Bimbi	Crown dedication	Dedicated community use.	Passive/memorial.	Fencing access, facilities.	<ul> <li>Improve facility maintenance, reduce complaints, costs.</li> <li>Upgrade and improve facilities.</li> </ul>
8.9.121	Maudry Reserve	Parish of Maudry	Crown	Vacant land undeveloped.	Open space.	Nil	<ul><li>Maintain area.</li><li>Determine future use.</li></ul>
8.8.301	Bimbi Reserve	Parish of Bimbi	Crown leased	Leased vacant land undeveloped.	Open space.	Nil	<ul><li>Maintain area.</li><li>Determine future use.</li></ul>
8.9.211	Brundah Springs Reserve	Mid Western Highway, Parish of Bungalong	Crown	Vacant land undeveloped.	Open Space.	Nil	<ul><li>Maintain area.</li><li>Determine future use.</li></ul>
8.9.201	Bumbaldry Recreation Reserve	Parish of Bumbaldry	Crown	Dedicated Lands Undeveloped.	Open Space.	Nil	<ul><li>Maintain area.</li><li>Determine future use.</li></ul>
8.9.201	Bumbaldry Recreation Reserve	Parish of Bumbaldry	Crown	Vacant land undeveloped.	Open Space.	Nil	<ul><li>Maintain area.</li><li>Determine future use.</li></ul>
8.9.202	Bumbaldry Reserve	Parish of Bumbaldry	Crown	Vacant land undeveloped.	Open Space.	Nil	Maintain area.

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							• Determine future use.
	Memorial Park	Camp Street, Grenfell	Closed road	General community use – a community Memorial Park.	Passive/memorial tourism.	Significant trees, gardens, paving, memorials lighting.	Maintain area.
8.9.131	Marsden Recreation Reserve 43079	Newell Highway, Parish of Berrigan	Crown	Undeveloped/vacant land.	Open space.	Nil	<ul><li>Maintain area.</li><li>Determine future use.</li></ul>
8.9.132	Marsden Recreation Reserve 65674	Newell Highway, Parish of Berrigan	Crown	Undeveloped/vacant land.	Open space.	Nil	<ul><li>Maintain area.</li><li>Determine future use.</li></ul>
8.9.112	Eualdrie Recreation Reserve 47357	Parish Eualdrie	Crown	Undeveloped/vacant land.	Open space.	Nil	<ul><li>Maintain area.</li><li>Determine future use.</li></ul>
8.9.221	Warraderry Recreation Reserve 49254	Parish of Warraderry	Crown	Undeveloped/vacant land.	Open space.	Nil	<ul><li>Maintain area.</li><li>Determine future use.</li></ul>
8.8.331	Quandialla Recreation Reserve	Parish of Euroka, Talbot Street, Quandialla	Crown	Dedicated community use.	General community use – active and passive recreation.	Playing fields, support facilities.	<ul><li>Maintain area.</li><li>Determine future use.</li></ul>
8.9.332	Quandialla Water Reserve	Bimbi – Quandialla Parish of Euroka	Crown	Water storage.	Water Storage.	Earth dam.	<ul><li>Maintain area.</li><li>Determine future use.</li></ul>
8.9.141	Sandy Creek Reserve	Parish of Wheoga	Crown	Undeveloped/vacant land.	Open space.	Nil	<ul><li>Maintain area.</li><li>Determine future use.</li></ul>

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8.9.351	Berendebba Reserve		Crown	Undeveloped/vacant land.	Open space.	Nil	<ul><li>Maintain area.</li><li>Determine future use.</li></ul>
8.9.11	Eualdrie Reserve	Mid Western Highway/Forbes Road	Crown	Undeveloped/vacant land.	Open space.	Nil	<ul><li>Maintain area.</li><li>Determine future use.</li></ul>
8.9.331	Blamey Park	Cnr First and Second Streets Quandialla	Crown	General community use community park.	General community use – active and passive recreation.	Landscaping, play and support facilities and structures, toilets.	<ul> <li>Improve facility maintenance, reduce complaints, costs.</li> <li>Upgrade and improve facility, increase usage.</li> </ul>

<sup>\*</sup> subject to funding

## 7. Additional details for significant areas

#### **Lawson Park**

#### Category and Description:

- General Community Use; Sport and Recreational Park.
- It consists of a main recreational oval including a grandstand and two playing fields, and is bordered by the Henry Lawson Birthplace Memorial Site. Lot 7019 in DP 1103354 has been added to the facility (leased Crown Land). Lot 133 in DP 1081488 has also been dedicated as public reserve (owned by Shire).

#### **Functions:**

- 1. Lawson Park is primarily used for a diversity of sport and organized gatherings and therefore must cater for large volumes of people and vehicles at one given time.
- 2. The park is a stopover point for travellers, tourists and locals (including visitors to the adjacent Henry Lawson Birthplace monument) and therefore must cater for their need through adequate park furniture and facilities.
- 3. As a historic and characteristic landmark of Grenfell, its present character as a simple country town sports oval must be maintained.

#### **Taylor Park**

#### **Category and Description:**

- General Community Use; A Park.
- Considered a historic park within Grenfell (designated as Taylor Park in 1925) it includes a bandstand (1931), playground equipment, swings, barbecue facilities and passive seating areas, and a memorial dedicated to Grenfell's pioneers.

#### Functions:

- 1. Taylor Park is considered a characteristic and historical landmark within Grenfell, and is often used for services and ceremonies such as those conducted on Australia Day.
- 2. It provides passive recreation areas for locals and visitors, and is often used as a rest spot for passing traffic. It is also valued for its playground recreation area.
- 3. It is considered to be of utmost importance to convey:
  - A. The historic character of the park.
  - B. The parks sense of place, that is, a country town park.

#### Improvements and Assets:

Elena Grimm, Council's consultant Landscape Architect, prepared a Master plan for Taylor Park which was presented to the Parks and Gardens Committee in June 1995. The plans were passed by Council after recommendation from the Parks and Garden Committee. The construction of the park is almost complete, with the arboretum to be completed.

The Masterplan is inspired by elements from a 1950's plan, restoring former rose gardens and implementing new rose gardens together with extensive new tree plantings.

#### Vaughn Park

#### **Category and Description:**

- General Community Use, a Park.
- Presently consists of playground equipment and seating provided and installed by the Lions Club, Grenfell. A skate park has also been constructed on the land. It is located on the Gooloogong Road and is bordered by the Grenfell Swimming Pool.

#### Functions:

Vaughn Park is valuable as:-

- 1. An attractive sense of entry for the Grenfell Swimming Pool.
- 2. A stopover point for travellers, tourists and locals and needs to cater for their requirements through adequate facilities.
- 3. It represents the spirit of community involvement in developing the park.
- 4. It contributes to a lush sense of entry along the Gooloogong Road.
- 5. It provides playground facilities for children and a modern skate park.

#### **Rotary Park**

#### **Category and Description:**

- General Community Use; A Park.
- A simple country town park of trees and turf, seats and playground equipment provided for the community by the Rotary Club of Grenfell.

#### Functions:

Rotary Park represents the spirit of community involvement in a small country town.

It provides facilities for passive recreation and playground recreational facilities primarily for local residents of Grenfell.

#### **Memorial Park**

## **Category and Description:**

- General Community Use; A Park.
- 1996 constructed park containing 3 RSL monuments (The Boer War Monument, the WWI Monument and the WW2, Korean and Vietnam Monument).
- a park formed from the closure of a section of Burrangong Street, Grenfell.

#### **Functions:**

#### Memorial Park must:-

- 1. Demonstrate the gratitude of the citizens of Grenfell to the armed forces; those who sacrificed and endangered their lives for the greater good of their country.
- 2. Meet the needs of the RSL for services such as those on Anzac Day and Remembrance Day.
- 3. Enframe the War Memorial monuments through the use of trees in order to soften the surrounding landscape of built form.
- 4. Give privacy to residential buildings (Armstrong Court, and the former Bell's Bakery).
- 5. Serve as the gateway to the Main Street of Grenfell, creating a "lush oasis" to be viewed upon entry and from the length of Burrangong Street.
- 6. Be a stopover point for travellers, tourists and locals, and must cater for their needs through adequate park furniture.
- 7. Serve as a thoroughfare for pedestrians from the main Street to other locations within the town.
- 8. Provide a strong opportunity to link the design and materials throughout the centre of Grenfell.

#### **8.** Future Directions For Community Lands

- 1. Assess and document existing facilities and shrub and tree species within all community lands for the removal and/or future replacement of existing species as necessary.
- 2. Assess present levels of use and whether current facilities/assets are adequate.
- 3. The deterioration of facilities (assets) will need to be addressed with finances allocated for their removal and/or replacement as required.
- 4. Maximise all design opportunities where applicable with design plans for future alteration and/or maintenance of park character to provide a series of public parks which are an asset to the local community.
- 5. Assess potential linkages between existing parks, possibly incorporating natural and cultural features within the town such as historic, vacant and/or redundant built form and sites, and natural features (eg creeks), through the development of a Town Masterplan. From this Masterplan it is suggested a strategy for the staging of works be produced. Existing and proposed concrete footpaths and marked cycleways will form part of this linkage.

#### 9. Review and Amendment

• This policy shall be reviewed by September 2017 and thereafter at four (4) yearly intervals, to ensure it meets all statutory requirements and the needs of Council.

#### 10. Adoption

• This policy commences as from the date of adoption by Council, being 21 June 2013 and replaces any previous policy.

#### 11. <u>History</u>

Version	Details
8.1.1	Adopted 19 March 2009
16.7.1	Adopted 21 June 2013
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