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Active Recreation Generic Plan

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PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

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FOREWORD

The *Local Government Act 1993*, introduced a number of changes in the overall Management of Councils. These changes included the need for preparation of a Management Plan for the whole of Council's operations and a further component of the process was the requirement to classify all public land owned or managed by Council as either "Community Land" or "Operational Land".

Council has classified all the land in the area zoned "Open Space" (both existing and reserved) as "community land" and, as result, a formal Plan of Management for the land is required to be adopted by Council.

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act, Council has adopted a number of Plans of Management for Community Land. (Plans of Management have been adopted for: Active Recreation (this plan), Passive Recreation/Playgrounds, Jackett Reserve, Henley/Grant Parks, Open Space along the Cook's River Foreshore and Cheltenham Road Park Development.

This plan is a generic plan for all Active Recreation areas within the Council, the majority if which are dual open space areas (ie: any one park may be used for passive and active recreation purposes). A separate, generic plan of management has been prepared for those areas use for passive recreation and playground purposes.

This Plan includes details of locations and site details with objectives and performance measures relating to the use and maintenance of the facilities provided.

The most important points embodied in the Plan include:-

- An assurance that the current uses continue to meet the needs of the local community.
- Identification of the fact that there are no current proposals to alter existing uses or to carry out any major work of a capital nature.

The land contained within this plan includes Keith Smith Park, Croydon.

INTRODUCTION

2.1 Background

The Burwood Council area comprises seven (7) square kilometres and has a population of approximately 28,500.

The area of existing and proposed public and private open space in the Burwood Council area is currently approximately 44 hectares. This area is less than the recommended standard, which for the Burwood Council area is 80 hectares (or 2.83 hectares per 1,000 population).

The Council area is an older, fully developed urban/residential area and the opportunity to expand the current open space areas is severely restricted by availability and extremely high acquisition costs. The geographic location of Burwood, however, does enable its residents to take advantage of close-by regional facilities such as Homebush Bay (the Olympic venue) and Regional Open Space along the Parramatta River. These facilities are within ten minutes travelling time and provide a reasonable alternative for residents within the Burwood Council area.

It is recognised that the open space areas available within the Burwood Council area will be subject to reasonably intense use by the public due to the relatively high level of urbanisation in the area. This highlights the need for open space planning and ongoing maintenance to a high standard.

There are four major areas of open space within the Council area which are, as a whole, reasonably well located to service the community's needs. These four major areas are made up of Burwood Park and Blair Park/Cheltenham Road (future) North of the Railway Line and Henley/Grant Parks and Flockhart Park in the Southern part of the Council area. It must be recognised that the Council area is small (7 square kilometres) and, as such, these four major areas are considered well located to meet the needs of the community.

Service Plans in relation to "Recreation Planning" and "Parks & Gardens" have been included in Council's Management Plan for 1997/98 - 1999/2000 and copies of those Service Plans are appended to this document for reference purposes. The Service Plans incorporate action plans and performance targets which relate to the management of passive recreation areas generally and the use and maintenance of playground equipment. The Service Plans form part of this Plan of Management in so far as they relate to passive recreation and playground equipment.

There is no conflict between Council's Management Plan and this Plan of Management. It is considered that, with available resources, the Council will continue to meet the needs of the community with respect to the management of its passive recreation areas.

2.2 Writing a Submission

Submissions give members of the public an opportunity to express their opinions, provide information and suggest alternatives to Council's management strategies for Active Recreation.

To ensure submissions are as effective as possible:

1. List all points according to the section and page number in the Plan of Management.
2. Briefly describe each subject or issue you wish to discuss.
3. State which strategies you agree or disagree with and give reasons.
4. Suggest alternatives to deal with any issue with which you disagree.

Written submissions should be sent to:

The General Manager
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BURWOOD NSW 2134

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2.3 Council's Land Management Goals

- **Aim**

The Aim of this plan is to document standards and goals in relation to the overall management of Council's active recreation areas at Keith Smith Park in a way which satisfies the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993. It should be noted that this plan does not cover active recreation areas which have been included in other significant area plans of management (ie: Henley/Grant Park and Cook's River Foreshore Plan).

- **Category**

All parcels of land included in this Generic Plan of Management Plan of Management for Active Recreation are categorised as PARK.

- **Goals**

To provide a quality system of active recreation areas which are available to all members of the Community.

To encourage the community to partake in recreational activities by providing facilities that are well maintained and pleasant to use.

To provide a network of sporting fields, recreation areas and open space in a cost effective manner.

To provide adequately maintained, safe and functional areas for the community to enjoy.

MANAGEMENT/PLANNING ISSUES

For site location and a short description of the land included in this plan, please refer to the Schedule of Land attached as Annexure "A".

Major issues for the Active Recreation areas included in this plan, are as follows:

- Site maintenance, landscaping, fencing, etc.
- Details of active recreation and associated facilities
- Budget Provisions

The following schedules specify Council's objectives in relation to passive recreation, the means of achieving the objectives, and the manner in which its performance can be assessed in relation to the objectives.

3.1 Site maintenance landscaping, fencing etc.

OBJECTIVE	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
<p>To provide efficient maintenance practices and ensure an aesthetically pleasing and functional open space to meet the requirements of each particular locality.</p>	<p>Budget provisions to enable "on going" maintenance schedule and enhancement where appropriate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Periodic survey of users and adjacent residents. • Minimum public representations related to site maintenance, landscaping etc. • Monitoring of facilities and playground equipment by Council staff.
<p>To ensure that Council meets the needs of the Community while maintaining the integrity of the Open Space in the area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration of all use arrangements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring any public submissions. • Periodic survey of local community to assess future needs. • Compliance with legislative requirements related to lease or other uses of open space.

3.2 Management Statements

1. There are no proposals to carry out any major capital works with the available budget funds being spend on routine maintenance and replacement or removal of any equipment not conforming to the required standards.
2. This plan of management recognises the current lease of the tennis court complex and associated dwelling at Keith Smith Park. The use provides the community with an active recreation facility.
3. The Plan highlights the existing tenancy of the dwelling at No 41 Brighton Street, and provides an opportunity for community representations on the future use or demolition of the dwelling for incorporation of the land into the Keith Smith Park complex.
4. The Plan recognises the Council's obligation to purchase No. 37A Brighton Street, when available. Consideration will then be given to the future use of the property/expansion of the park area.

ANNEXURE "A"

KEITH SMITH PARK - CROYDON PARK

Zoning - Open Space 6 (a) Recreation Existing in the Burwood Planning Scheme prescribed on 6 April 1979.

Location/Description

35 Brighton Street, Croydon	Lot 1 DP 581 887
Rear 37A Brighton Street, Croydon	Lot 2 DP 629 656
41 Brighton Street, Croydon	Lot 15/16 AND 13
43 Brighton Street, Croydon	Lot DP 204 747

Area Approximately 9289 m²

Category: Park

Owned by Council/Other Ownership: Owned by Council. Note No: 37A Brighton Street yet to be acquired (See below).

Uses within Park:-

- Northern Section adjacent to No 33 Brighton Street, is an established park containing:
- No 41 Brighton Street contains a leased dwelling with the existing tenant in occupation for approximately 21 years.
- No 43 Brighton Street - This comprises a dwelling and garage fronting Brighton Street with 4 tennis courts at the rear. The courts each have separate brick shelter sheds and one includes brick amenities to service the complex. The dwelling and Tennis Complex is subject to a lease entered 1 March 1994 and to terminate on 28 February 2004.
- The land was originally purchased for open space purposes and at this stage it is proposed that the leased dwelling at No 43 will continue operation as a Tennis Court complex.
- The dwelling at No 41 Brighton Street is likely to be demolished in the long term for use in association with the established Park to the north.
- No 37A Brighton Street, Croydon - This property is part of the Open Space Reservation and contains a privately owned dwelling. The Reservation obligates Council to purchase the property, following notice from the property owner.