



St Leonards Park



PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

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ST LEONARDS PARK PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

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Introduction

Plans of Management provide clear guidelines for the effective short and long-term management of all land owned by Council or under Council's control. The St Leonards Park Plan of Management examines the broad range of issues associated with this significant park in a comprehensive and holistic manner. It identifies clear objectives for park management, maintenance, and future development, considering the Park's listing on the State Heritage Register as an item of state significance. The Plan of Management clarifies management policy and direction, both for Council staff and the community.

With its distinctive Victorian landscape character and its rich history, St Leonards Park is one of North Sydney's largest and best-loved parks. It is an attractive, high profile public recreation space that contrasts with the surrounding densely built-up urban areas and provides many and varied opportunities for recreation and relaxation. Its size and mix of organised sporting facilities and unstructured open space means that it appeals to both locals and the wider Sydney community. North Sydney Oval, the Bowling Club, the Music Shell and the War Memorial all attract specialist user groups, while the open lawn areas regularly host large-scale community events.

Land affected by this Plan of Management is Crown land owned by the NSW State Government. It is managed under the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

This Plan of Management draws on information contained in relevant planning documents and studies, including:

- *Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act)*
- *Crown Land Management Act 2016 (CLM Act)*
- *Native Title Act (Cwlth) 1993 (NT Act)*
- The North Sydney Community Strategic Plan 2018 – 2028
- Local Environmental Plan 2013, North Sydney Council
- Recreation Needs Study 2015
- St Leonards Park Landscape Masterplan 2017
- St Leonards Park Conservation Management Plan 2013
- North Sydney Integrated Cycling Strategy 2013
- St Leonards Park Pedestrian and Cycling Feasibility Study 2014

Council's generic Sportsgrounds and Playgrounds Plans of Management should also be referred to when reading this document, as management strategies for specific features of the Park including the Bon Andrews Oval, the netball courts and the children's playground are discussed in these documents.

A major review of the St Leonards Park Plan of Management will take place every 5 – 10 years to allow policy and planning issues to be revisited and updated. Implementation of the actions listed in the Plan will be reviewed regularly.

Note:

The Council-owned North Sydney Oval Complex, which includes the Oval itself as well as the surrounding grandstands, function centre and other associated infrastructure, is not included in this document. It is addressed in Council's North

Sydney Oval Plan of Management 2015. However, the impact of the Oval Complex on the rest of St Leonards Park is considered in this Plan.

Similarly, the area of the Park occupied by the bowling club, including the greens, the buildings and the car park, is not included in this document, being the subject of a perpetual lease from the Crown. In addition to offering bowling, the site currently operates as a function centre, and has food and bar services. The impact of the Bowling Club site on the rest of St Leonards Park is also considered in this Plan.

1.0 **Management Framework**

1.1 **Structure of the Plan of Management**

The St Leonards Park Plan of Management is divided into 5 parts.

- Part 1 examines what a Plan of Management is, outlines the scope of this Plan, the legislative framework that drives and guides it, its purpose and its core objectives. It explains the link between this Plan of Management and Council's land management goals and details the importance of community engagement. It also examines the issue of leases, licences, permits and other estates
- Part 2 provides a general description of the history of St Leonards Park, its physical makeup and existing site features.
- Part 3 identifies and examines the major planning issues essential to an understanding of the overall directions of the document and discusses current management practices.
- Part 4 sets out the core values and management objectives, determined by Council and the community through previous studies such as the Recreation Needs Study and the park Conservation Management Plan. These objectives have been used as the basis for formulation of the implementation plan.
- Part 5 is the implementation and performance component of the Plan of Management. A matrix sets out the objectives, proposed actions and performance indicators and anticipated timing for each issue and action. An indicative works program further details the staging of all discrete works and actions.
- Part 5 is the Appendices, including maps of the Park.

1.2 **Purpose of the Plan of Management**

This Plan of Management provides an overall framework for management of St Leonards Park in coming years. Specifically, it has been prepared to:

- Meet Council's obligations regarding public land management under the requirements of Section 36 of the *LG Act* and the *CLM Act*
- Ensure the requirements of the *NT Act* for the management of Crown land are addressed
- Enable Council to renegotiate or enter into leases, licences and other use agreements

The production of this Plan of Management is closely linked with Council's overall land management objectives, as set out in the North Sydney Community Strategic Plan 2018 – 2028. The following information, relevant to St Leonards Park, comes from this Plan.

Council's goal regarding public open space (encompassed in the Community Strategic Plan under Direction 1 – 'Our Living Environment') is:

1.4 Public open space and recreational facilities and services meet community needs'

The following objective is derived from this goal:

1.4.1 Maximise use of existing, and protect, enhance and expand public open space

1.3 Legislative Framework

The *LG Act* requires that Plans of Management must be prepared for Council-owned community land. Plans of Management for Crown land were previously adopted under the *Crown Lands Act 1989*; however, the new *CLM Act* requires Council's to prepare Plans of Management for Crown reserves as per the requirements of the *LG Act*.

St Leonards Park (excluding the North Sydney Oval Complex) is located on Crown land and is zoned RE1 Public Recreation under Council's Local Environmental Plan 2013. (Refer **Appendix 1**).

1.3.1 NSW Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act)

The *LG Act* provides the legislative framework for Council's day to day operations. It identifies a Council's responsibility to actively manage land and to involve the community in developing a strategy for management.

The *LG Act* requires all community lands to be covered by a Plan of Management that must identify:

- The category of the land
- Objectives and outcomes for the land
- How Council proposes to achieve objectives and outcomes
- The way by which Council proposes to assess its performance
- Expressly authorise any leases, licences or other estates

The nature and use of community land may not change without an adopted Plan of Management.

1.3.2 Crown Land Management Act 2016 (CLM Act)

The *CLM Act* assigns certain functions to Council managers. As a crown land manager, Council is authorised to classify and manage its dedicated or reserved Crown land as if it were public land within the meaning of the *LG Act*. Dedicated or reserved Crown land may only be used for the following purposes:

- The purposes for which it is dedicated or reserved, or
- Any purpose incidental or ancillary to a purpose for which it is dedicated or reserved, or
- Any purpose specified in a plan of management for the land, or
- Any other purposes authorised by an Act

Council, as Crown Land Manager, may issue leases and licences over Crown land in line with the *LG Act*, as per the assigned category and with consideration of the reserve purpose.

Generally, when managing dedicated or reserved Crown land, and for the purposes of this Plan of Management, Council:

- a) must manage the land as if it were community land under the *LG Act*, and
- b) has for that purpose all the functions that a local council has under that Act in relation to community land (including in relation to the leasing and licensing of community land).

Objectives of the CLM Act

The objectives of the *CLM Act* are to ensure that Crown land is managed for the benefit of the people of New South Wales, and in particular:

- To provide for the ownership, use and management of the Crown land of NSW, and
- To provide clarity concerning the law applicable to Crown land, and
- To require environmental, social, cultural heritage and economic considerations to be taken into account in decision-making about Crown land, and
- To provide for the consistent, efficient, fair and transparent management of Crown land for the benefit of the people of NSW, and
- To facilitate the use of Crown land by the Aboriginal people of NSW because of the spiritual, social, cultural and economic importance of land to Aboriginal people, and, where appropriate, to enable the co-management of dedicated or reserved Crown land, and
- To provide for the management of Crown land having regard to the principles of Crown land management.

Principles of Crown land management

- Observe environmental protection principles in relation to the management and administration of Crown land
- To conserve the natural resources of Crown land (including water, soil, flora, fauna and scenic quality) wherever possible
- Encourage public use and enjoyment of appropriate Crown land
- Encourage multiple use of Crown land, where appropriate
- Use and manage Crown land in such a way that both the land and its resources are sustained in perpetuity, where appropriate
- Occupy, use, sell, lease, licence or otherwise deal with Crown land in the best interests of the State, consistent with the above principles

The *CLM Act* provides a new regime for the management of Crown land, and Council is now responsible for compliance with native title legislation for the Crown land that it manages.

1.3.3 Native Title Act (Commonwealth) 1993 (NT Act)

Native title is the legal recognition of the individual or communal rights and interests which Aboriginal people have in land and water, where Aboriginal people have continued to exercise their rights and interests in accordance with traditional law and custom since before the British asserted sovereignty over Australia. Native title rights and interests are formally recognised under the *NT Act*.

On Crown land, native title rights and interests must be considered unless:

- Native title has been extinguished, or
- Native title has been surrendered, or
- Determined by a court to no longer exist

Council must manage Crown land in accordance with Part 8 of the *CLM Act* in relation to native title and ensure the requirements of the *NT Act* for the management of Crown land are addressed.

All activities on the land (R. 89592 - St Leonards Park) must address the issue of native title. Whilst a successful claim for native title will lead to official recognition of native title rights, native title rights are considered to pre-date such recognition. Native title can therefore be relevant to activities carried out on the land even if no native title claim has been made or registered.

The native title process must be considered for each activity on the land and a native title assessment must be undertaken. Almost all activities and public works carried out on the land will affect native title and require validation under the future act procedures in Division 3 of the *NT Act* by Council’s Native Title Manager.

The *NT Act* sets out procedures for notification and opportunity to comment which must be followed in certain circumstances (for example if the proposed activity/act is a ‘public work’ as defined in Section 253 of the Act).

1.4 Land Categorisation and Core Objectives

Section 3.21 of the *CLM Act* states that dedicated or reserved Crown land may be classified and managed as if it were public (community or operational) land within the meaning of the *LG Act*. Section 3.23(2) of the *CLM Act* requires Crown land to be categorised consistent with the *LG Act*.

St Leonards Park is located on Crown land, and is classified as community land, (i.e. land that must be kept for the use of the general community). The categories of ‘Park’ and ‘Sportsground’ have been approved for the reserve by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands.

Map 2 in **Appendix 3 – Maps** indicates the boundaries between those parts of the Park categorised as ‘park’ and those categorised as ‘sportsground’.

According to *LG Act*, land should be categorised as a ‘park’ 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.

Land Category	Core Objectives
Park (LGA 1993 Section 36G)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games, and • To provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and • To improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management

According to *LG Act*, land should be categorised as a ‘sportsground’ if:

The land is used or proposed to be used primarily for active recreation involving organised sports or the playing of outdoor games.

Land Category	Core Objectives
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Sportsground (LGA 1993 Section 36G)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games • To ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any impact on nearby residences
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1.5 Leases, Licences, Permits and Other Estates

A lease, license or permit is a contract between a land owner and another entity, granting that entity a right to occupy an area for a specific period. Leases, licenses and permits formalise the use of community land by groups such as sporting clubs, community groups and schools, or by commercial organisations and individuals providing facilities or services for public use.

A lease is typically required where exclusive use or control of all or part of a park or reserve is required. The terms and conditions of a lease should ensure that the lessee undertakes proper management of the facility such that it is maintained in a safe and visually pleasing condition, and that the interests of Council and the public are protected.

Licences allow multiple and non-exclusive use of an area. A licence may be required where intermittent or short-term use or control of all or part of a park is proposed. Several licences for different users can apply to the same area at the same time, provided there is no conflict of interest.

Under the *CLM Act*, Councils are authorised to manage Crown land as if it were community land within the meaning of the *LG Act*. This enables Councils to issue licences, leases, permits and other estates for Crown land reserves in the same way they do for any Council-owned public land, with consideration of the reserve purpose. Essentially, the process for issuing tenures will depend on the classification and categorisation of the land, as well as its applicable planning controls associated with the land zoning.

A lease, licence or permit on Crown land may impact native title rights and interests. Any lease, licence or permit issued on Crown land must be issued in accordance with the future act provisions of the *NT Act* and in accordance with Part 8 of the *CLM Act* unless native title is extinguished. For Crown land which is not *excluded land* this will require written advice from Council's Native Title Manager that it complies with any applicable provisions of the native title legislation. (Refer Section 1.3.3). The advice should also note that the land is not subject to a claim under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*.

This Plan of Management expressly authorises the issue of leases, licences, permits or other estates over the areas of St Leonards Park that comprise Crown reserve 89592 and that are categorised as either ‘Park’ or ‘Sportsground’, provided that:

- The purpose is consistent with the reserve purpose of the land
- The purpose is consistent with the community land classification and the core objectives for the category of the land (‘park’ or ‘sportsground’)
- The purpose is consistent with the zoning of the land under North Sydney LEP 2013 (RE1 – Public Recreation)
- The lease, licence, permit or other estate is for a permitted purpose listed in the *LG Act* or the Local Government Regulations 2005
- The issue of the lease, licence, permit or other estate and their respective provisions can be validated by the provisions of the *NT Act*
- The land is not subject to a claim under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*
- The lease, licence, permit or other estate is granted and notified in accordance with the provisions of the *LG Act* or the Local Government Regulations 2005
- The issue of the lease, licence, permit or other estate will not materially harm the use of the land for any of the purposes for which it was dedicated or reserved
- The purpose is consistent with the core values and management objectives listed in Section 4.1 of this Plan of Management
- Sub-leases are only allowable for the same purpose as the original lease in accordance with the requirements of Section 47C (1) (a) of the *LG Act*

Community land must not be leased or licenced for more than 21 years, or 30 years with the consent of the Minister for Local Government. Any lease or licence for more than 21 years must have prior public notice according to the requirements of Sections 47 and 47A of the *LG Act*, and if an objection is made to the tenure because of the notice, the Minister for Local Government’s consent is required.

Licenses for short term casual use or occupation of land in St Leonards Park for a range of uses may be granted in accordance with Section 46(1)(b)(ii) for the purposes specified in Section 116 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005. All short-term casual uses and occupations are subject to Council’s standard conditions of hire, approval processes and booking fees, as well as to native title manager advice.

1.5.1 Prohibited use agreements

Notwithstanding anything else in this document, this Plan of Management does not authorise granting leases, licences, permits and other estates which permit uses that are:

- Prohibited by the zoning of the land, unless otherwise enabled through Council’s Local Environmental Plan 2013
- Not in accordance with the aims and objectives of this Plan of Management

1.6 Community Consultation

Community consultation plays an important role in the production of Plans of Management, providing Council with a sound understanding of issues from people who are familiar with and use the relevant parks and reserves. To a large degree, the views expressed by the community guide Council's management of the land.

Public engagement also generates an understanding of Council's land management aims, combats misinformation and misunderstanding, and fosters support for Council's programs and policies. The consent and co-operation of the users of open space facilitates management and lends weight to the status of this Plan of Management.

Since the adoption of the previous St Leonards Park Plan of Management in 2011, various relevant strategic documents have been prepared.

Recreation Needs Study 2015

Prepared with a high degree of community and stakeholder involvement, the Recreation Needs Study (RNS) provides information regarding recreation needs in St Leonards Park that was incorporated into the St Leonards Park Landscape Masterplan and has also been included in this document.

St Leonards Park Landscape Master Plan 2018

Also prepared with a very high level of community and stakeholder involvement, the low-intervention Landscape Master Plan (LMP) drew on information contained in the St Leonards Park Plan of Management 2011, the CMP and the RNS. Engagement activities included online and intercept surveys, drop-in sessions, workshops for staff and the community, as well as targeted stakeholder interviews.

Prior to general public exhibition of a new Crown land draft Plan of Management, Council is required to submit the draft Plan of Management to the appropriate representative of the owner of the land under section 39 of the *LG Act* (Currently the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands). The Department reviews the draft Plan of Management and advises Council of any properly required provisions to including in the Plan of Management. Council then amends the draft Plan of Management (if required), and places it on public exhibition (under section 38 of the *LG Act*).

Exhibition of the draft St Leonards Park Plan of Management for a 28-day period, followed by a 14-day period to receive submissions allows interested parties to comment on and have input into the final document. The following steps will generate widespread awareness of the draft Plan of Management:

- Posting the draft document on Council's website for information and comment, and providing details of how to make a submission
- Providing the opportunity to comment in accordance with sections 24JB(6) and 24KA(7) of the *NT Act*
- Notifying all Precincts, Council's Sport and Recreation Reference Group and other known stakeholders (including sports clubs, schools and commercial hirers) that a new draft Plan is on display, and inviting comments
- Providing hard copies of the draft document to stakeholders, upon request
- Making hard copies of the draft document available for viewing at Council's Customer Service Centre, upon request

Writing a Submission

Submissions give stakeholders an opportunity to express their opinions, provide information and suggest alternatives to Council's proposed management strategies.

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:

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Attention: Landscape Planner

Email: council@northsydney.nsw.gov.au

Comments regarding this or any other adopted Plan of Management may be submitted at any time. All Plans of Management are reviewed regularly, and at the time of the review new issues and actions can be incorporated and existing actions amended. All adopted Plans of Management are available on Council's website.

Implementation of this Plan of Management will require ongoing engagement between Council and relevant stakeholders in ensure the recommended actions continue to reflect the community's changing needs.

Note:

This Plan of Management requires that for any activity/action specified in it, a native title assessment and validation under the *NT Act* be carried out by Council's Native Title Manager prior to the commencement or approval of that activity. The need for notification of relevant organisations (including NTS Corp and the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council) will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. If required, it will be undertaken in accordance with the Native Title (Notices) Determination 2011 (No. 1).

2.0 **Park Characteristics and Resources**

2.1 **St Leonards Park – Crown Reserve Details**

Reserve Number	89592
Reserve Type	Reserve
Reserve Name	St Leonards Park (minus NS Oval & Bowling Club)
Gazetted Date	19/09/1975
Management Type	Council Crown Land Manager
Manager	North Sydney Council
Purpose	Public Recreation
Lots	Lots 1106-1107 DP 46990, Lot 7321 DP 1149783
Parish	Willoughby
LGA	North Sydney
Council	North Sydney
Suburb	North Sydney
Area	108,492

2.2 **Site Location and General Description**

St Leonards Park is bounded by Miller, Falcon and Ridge Streets and the Warringah Freeway. It contains North Sydney Oval, as well as organised sports facilities including Bon Andrews Oval, netball courts, cricket nets and a bowling club. Items of heritage significance include the Victorian park structure and path network, the Music Shell, the North Sydney War Memorial, Tunks Fountain, the WWI Field Gun and the gardenesque style of planting and historic alignments of trees.

The Park is positioned at a topographic high point of North Sydney, with spectacular views towards the Harbour and CBD skyline from the south-eastern corner. The Park sits to the north of the North Sydney CBD. It is surrounded by educational facilities, and students from a variety of schools use the Park daily for relaxation and informal sport and games.

The Park provides opportunities for both organised sport and for unstructured recreation. It features a children's playground, a shelter shed, seats, picnic tables, public amenities and BBQ facilities, open lawn areas as well as attractive planted avenues, specimen trees and features of special interest such as the fountain and War Memorial.

2.3 **Heritage Value and Conservation Status**

St Leonards Park is listed on the State Heritage Register as an item of state significance and has been identified '*as a rare and representative example of a largely intact Victorian era park designed in the gardenesque style with its original layout still appreciable*'. The listing also notes that '*it is also rare as a continuously used cricket ground and bowling club dating from 1867 and 1887 respectively. The post WWII music shell and Modern movement style Bowling Club are rare surviving examples of these types of structures.*'

A considerable number of artefacts and heritage-listed items are located throughout the Park. Items range in scale from the two large ovals and associated structures, through to small plaques commemorating local figures. It is the presence of these items that contributes to the heritage character that is evident today. The state heritage-listed North Sydney Sewer Vent (1899) was separated from the Park during the construction of the Warringah Freeway.

Items in the Park that are of heritage significance and are listed in Council’s LEP 2013 include Tunks Fountain (1885), North Sydney War Memorial (1926), the Music Shell and North Sydney Oval (1867) which includes the Duncan Thompson Stand, Ken Irvine Scoreboard and 3 entrance turnstiles (1928). Several bus shelters along Miller St are also listed (1920’s & 1970’s) The southern shelter is an original former tram shelter (1920’s) and the one on which all other bus shelters in the North Sydney Council area have been modelled.

Locally listed heritage buildings located on the Park boundaries include St Mary’s Catholic Church, North Sydney Boys High and Wenona Girls School Group. Conservation neighbourhoods including Crows Nest are close to the Park.

There has been a strong history of avenue plantings in St Leonards Park, with many of the first trees located along the pathways and boundaries. Many of these alignments have been maintained through succession planting, allowing much of the original intention and design of the Park to be still legible today. Specimen trees are evident throughout the Park and includes many unusual species. Several memorial trees are also present.

In 2013 a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) was prepared for the Park by Godden Mackay Logan Heritage Consultants. The CMP provides conservation policies and actions to guide the future conservation, management and interpretation of the heritage significance of St Leonards Park. The policies and actions listed in the CMP were incorporated into the preparation of the Landscape Master Plan 2018 (LMP).

2.4 Site History

It is not currently known if there was Aboriginal activity in the vicinity of St Leonards Park, however, we do know that there were two Aboriginal clans in the region when the First Fleet arrived in 1788 – the Cammeraygal and the Wallumedegal. These two clans were part of the larger Kuringgai Tribe.

Table 3, below, briefly describes significant milestones in the development of St Leonards Park. More detail can be found in both the CMP and the LMP.

Table 3 Development of St Leonards Park - Selected Milestones

1838	The township of St Leonards is laid out, and a 40-acre site 'The Reserve' is "reserved for Square and Public Recreation"
1867	The reserve is formally dedicated as a public park and the first cricket pitch is laid
1869	The second portion of the Park is set aside for public recreation, with St Leonards Council (later North Sydney Council) appointed as public trustee
1873	Locals raise funds to fence the park and to plant trees. Fig Tree Lane was probably planted now
1879	An Act of Parliament names the reserve "St Leonards Park". The first spectator's pavilion is built at North Sydney Oval
1885	A memorial fountain is erected in honour of Mayor William Tunks
1888	The bowling green opens
1897	The Jubilee Fountain is erected
1899	North Sydney Sewer Vent is constructed
1909	A low picket fence is built around North Sydney Oval
1920's	2 tram stops are built along the western Park edge, and 2 tennis courts are constructed in the north west area of the Park
1921	A WWI Field Gun is placed in the north-west corner of the Park
1926	The new North Sydney War Memorial is officially unveiled

1928	The Duncan Thompson Stand is opened at North Sydney Oval, and the Ken Irvine scoreboard and 3 small turnstile buildings are constructed
1930	The brick Cunningham Pavilion is constructed adjacent to Oval no. 2
1936	North Sydney Oval's picket fence is replaced by a brick wall (resulting in the removal of a double avenue of large Moreton Bay Figs along Miller St)
1930's	A low stone wall is constructed around the tennis courts, a children's playground is built west of the tennis court, and ornamental gardens are planted near the corner of Miller & Ridge Streets
1944	A stone shelter shed is constructed in the north-western quadrant
1948	The Music Shell, designed by Peddle Thorpe and Walker in the Art Moderne style, opens
1940's	WWII air raid trenches are dug in various park locations, and several low sandstone walls are built
1960's	Construction of the Warringah Freeway begins. Park improvements include the construction of public toilets and grass netball courts. The Bowling Club expands
1970's	Tunks Fountain is demolished by vandals
1980's	Suite of park improvements including new park furniture, light poles, paving and paint scheme. Entrance gates are installed on Fig Tree Lane, along with a picnic shelter at the netball courts. North Sydney Oval receives new grandstands and a renovation
1982	The Jubilee Fountain is relocated to Civic Park
1988	The Tunks Fountain is repaired
1994	St Leonards Park is listed by the National Trust as an item of heritage significance
1995	Oval No.2 is formally renamed 'Bon Andrews Oval'
1990's	Further park upgrades include the construction of cricket nets, stone bollards along the bowling club access road, and asphaltting the netball courts
2001	The Planet X Youth Centre opens in Music Shell and the children's playground is upgraded
2013	A Conservation Management Plan is prepared for the Park
2015	St Leonards Park is listed on the State Heritage Register
2018	St Leonards Park Landscape Masterplan is completed

2.5 Physical Characteristics

2.5.1 Topography

There is a natural ridgeline, running roughly north south in the eastern portion of St Leonards Park. Bon Andrews Oval and the Bowling Club are both located along this local high-point. The land to the west of the ridgeline gently slopes towards the Park's low point, adjacent to Falcon St in the north. This low point is marked by a drainage pit, which also corresponds to a tributary (now-underground) flowing into Willoughby Creek.

There is a considerable slope in the east of the Park (due to the natural landform and construction of the Warringah Freeway in the 1960's), with a sheer cut adjacent to Bon Andrew's Oval, and the land dropping away from the Park's highest points in the south-east at a steep grade. Due to the elevation in the east of the Park, there are expansive views towards Sydney Harbour and the city beyond.

2.5.2 Geology and Soils

St Leonards Park is situated in the Sydney Basin, a geological province characterised by sedimentary rocks. Triassic sediments laid down between 230 and 180 million years ago form the dominant rock type within the basin and include (in chronological order of deposition) the Narrabeen, Hawkesbury and Wianamatta groupings. Hawkesbury sandstone is the major rock type in St Leonards Park and is commonly found in massive units with the occasional thin layer of shale or siltstone. The sandstone bedrock can be clearly seen in the Warringah Freeway cutting.

Soils in St Leonards Park closely reflect the nature of the sandstone geology. The

topsoil is a brown silty sand, low in organic matter and deficient in nutrients due to leaching. The subsoil varies between clay, silty sand, sandy clay with ironstone accretions, and weathered sandstone. In many areas of the Park soil depth over bedrock is minimal, evidenced by retarded tree growth.

Development of St Leonards Park has caused extensive changes to the original soil profiles. Establishing ornamental gardens and lawn areas required soil modification and the importing of more arable soils. Grading of the sporting ovals entailed extensive modification of the existing soils. Topsoil removed from North Sydney Oval during its redevelopment was used to create mounds in the east of the Park. Soils are heavily compacted in some areas such as adjacent to the Music Shell, the netball courts and the freeway.

2.5.3 Vegetation

Very little of the original vegetation exists at St Leonards Park, aside from a small remnant of Scribbly Gum (*Eucalyptus haemastoma*). Studies indicate that the indigenous vegetation would have been predominantly Blackbutt (*Eucalyptus pilularis*) - Sydney Blue Gum (*Eucalyptus saligna*) association on the west of the ridge merging into Smooth-Barked Apple (*Angophora costata*) and Scribbly Gum (*Eucalyptus haemastoma*) associations along the ridge and to the east.

Today, the Park is defined by the configuration of tree plantings. Some historic avenues have been lost, however, established avenues are still evident on the Park frontages and on the primary diagonal and axial pedestrian paths, meaning that much of the original Park design remains legible. Open lawn areas are characterised by informal groupings of established gums including Argyle Apples (*Eucalyptus cinerea*), Scribbly Gums (*Eucalyptus haemastoma*) and Turpentine (*Syncarpia glomulifera*).

The St Leonards Park CMP notes that the Park's internal avenues of Pines, Camphor Laurels and Figs were probably the first tree plantings in the Park. Council records indicate that a row of established Pines interspersed with palms were initially planted on the Park's northern boundary. These were subsequently removed in 1935 and replaced by a line of gums which are still present today.

Council records note that a double row of established Figs was removed from Miller Street in 1936. These were replaced with Brush box (*Lophostemon confertus*) which are still evident. It is likely that the Canary Island Date Palms (*Phoenix canariensis*) along the north of this boundary were planted around the same time as the Palms near the War Memorial. Several old, large Fig specimens remain on southern Park boundary and distinctive specimen trees such as Bunya Pines (*Araucaria bidwillii*) and Strangler Fig (*Ficus superba* var *henniana*) are local landmarks and mark key locations. There are also several memorial trees in the Park.

The eastern Park boundary has changed dramatically since the construction of the Warringah Freeway. Dense native specimens have been planted since the introduction of the freeway to offer a visual buffer to the busy arterial road.

2.6 Park Features

St Leonards Park contains a variety of built features and facilities. The most significant of these are discussed here.

2.6.1 *North Sydney Oval Complex*

Unlike the rest of St Leonards Park, the North Sydney Oval Complex is Council-owned. The playing field is 'community' land, while the remainder of the Complex is classified 'operational' land. The Oval is managed in accordance with Council's North Sydney Oval Plan of Management 2015 and the North Sydney Oval Business Plan 2014. While the Oval Complex is not part of this Plan of Management, it is considered in terms of its relationship to the rest of the Park.

North Sydney Oval is one of Sydney's premier sporting venues used for regular fixtures and various one-off sporting and cultural events. The Oval Complex also includes Council's Parks Depot, commercial/retail outlets facing Miller Street, a childcare centre and playground, and a function centre. These facilities generate considerable movement of vehicles in Fig Tree Avenue. While the original concept for the Oval was based on the idea of a village green; today the Complex relates poorly to the surrounding parkland.

2.6.2 *Bon Andrews Oval*

The Bon Andrews Oval is situated in the north-eastern section of the Park. It is a well-used sportsground which has retained its open character. It is surrounded by a low picket fence and large fig trees enhance the southern perimeter. Floodlights allow for evening training. Adjoining the Bon Andrews Oval is the Cunningham Pavilion, a brick building dating from the 1930s that houses changing rooms and toilets.

2.6.3 *Netball Courts*

Two unfenced netball courts are in the south-eastern corner of the Park, between the bowling club and Ridge Street. The previously grassed courts were upgraded to competition-standard hard courts in 1993. The courts are served by a small covered shelter of similar design to the modern buildings in the Oval Complex.

2.6.4 *North Sydney Leagues Bowling Club*

Located in the exposed south-eastern section of St Leonards Park, the Bowling Club Complex consists of three greens, a main clubhouse building containing a function centre, a smaller maintenance building and a car park that accommodates up to 50 cars. The Club was opened in 1888 as the North Sydney Bowling Club and the present clubhouse building opened in 1961.

In 1960, the area of the Park occupied by the bowling club was revoked from the Crown reserve, and special lease No. 1960/227 was granted to the North Sydney Bowling Club Ltd for a term in perpetuity. The lease is for the purpose of recreation, bowling greens, buildings, clubhouse, garage and car park.

The term and conditions of the lease are determined and administered by the appropriate representative of the owner of the land (currently NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment) under section 39 of the *LG Act*. The annual rental is payable directly to the Crown. The lessee is responsible for the running and maintenance of all facilities associated with the club in accordance with the lease conditions.

2.6.5 *Music Shell Entertainment Area*

The Art Moderne Music Shell is the major feature in the north-western section of St Leonards Park. Operational since 1948, this entertainment area has been used for activities such as music concerts, children's holiday programs, Planet X youth services, carols by candlelight and plays. The Music Shell was restored in 1993, and further

renovated and upgraded in 2002. The large grassed amphitheatre in front of the building provides informal seating for events and space for other park activities.

2.6.6 War Memorial and Tunks Fountain

The War Memorial and Tunks Fountain are major park features. Designed by Frank Thorp of Peddle, Thorp and Walker Architects, the War Memorial was officially unveiled in 1926. Although now somewhat dwarfed by the North Sydney skyline, the War Memorial still commands a prominent position at the top of Walker Street and is visible from many areas. It is used for commemorative ceremonies such as Anzac Day.

The ornate tiered Tunks Fountain is dedicated to the memory of William Tunks, Mayor of East St Leonards from 1867 to 1882. The fountain was erected in 1885 and was restored and rededicated in 1988. The previously strong visual connection between the War Memorial and the Tunks Fountain is interrupted by red-poled park lights, installed more recently in the middle of the pathway that links these features.

2.6.7 World War 1 Artillery Gun

The World War 1 Field Gun located in the north west corner of the Park was captured by Australian troops in France in 1918.

2.6.8 Children's Playground

Located near the centre of the Park, the children's playground is enclosed by a low, depression-era, masonry wall, and a stone and cement entry arch that bears the words 'play area'. The playground contains custom-designed play equipment designed with accessibility in mind. Ancillary features include a bubbler, picnic shelter, seats, tables and a BBQ.

2.6.9 Other Site Features

A stone shelter shed, built to give pensioners a place to play games, is located west of the Cunningham Pavilion. It retains its original concrete tables and timber seats. There are low sandstone walls at several locations in the Park, and several areas of sandstone curbing. The distinctive red light poles and cast iron bollards used throughout the Park were added in the 1980's. The light poles are situated in the centre of several of the Park's key paths, obstructing axial views and hindering circulation.

The public amenities near the Music Shell and children's playground is in relatively poor condition.

2.6.10 Formal Avenues

St Leonards Park has two key axial paths. The east-west path begins with Fig Tree Lane and loses formality as it runs towards Bon Andrews Oval. The north-south path, Tunks Avenue, remains the Park's key path with the formality of the War Memorial and Tunks Fountain to the south and the dense planting of *Ficus macrocarpa* var. *hillei* and other species towards Falcon Street. Several other formal avenues run diagonally to these key paths. Many of the older figs in the Park, including those in Fig Tree Lane, have been replanted in recent years to retain the Park's visual character.

2.6.11 Open Parkland

Much of St Leonards Park has a gardenesque character, with mature specimen trees located in open lawn areas. Some of these trees are either remnants of the area's original vegetation community or regrowth thereof. A few are living trees (eg *Eucalyptus haemastoma*), while others are tall, dead stumps, retained for their habitat value.

Ornamental species include paperbarks, brush box, camphor laurel, firewheel trees and palms. There are also rows of palms around the north-western corner and either side of Tunks Avenue, north of the War Memorial. The corner of Miller and Falcon Streets features planted beds of coloured foliage.

2.6.12 Other Park Spaces

In some areas of the Park such as the playground and the triangular palm grove, the configuration of buildings, paths and tree plantings has created a series of more enclosed garden spaces that have a distinct character and an attractive 'garden room' feel.

Other parts of the Park have an open woodland character. Species vary; in elevated north-east areas lighter canopied gums dominate, creating a visually open vista. In the lower lying north-west areas rainforest trees and pines create more intimate park spaces. Park areas to the south are visually defined by the North Sydney Oval wall that creates a boundary to this area of the Park.

The open lawns in the south east corner offer expansive harbour views.

3.0 **Planning Issues**

3.1 **Background**

The range of recreation opportunities that St Leonards Park offers, and its consequent popularity means that it is subject to many pressures. The following information examines some of the issues that affect the Park, and that the Park LMP and this Plan of Management seek to address.

3.2 **Landscape Character and Heritage**

The Park's landscape character has evolved in response to various physical, social and economic influences, and these variables continue to affect its development. By identifying and analysing these variables, those contributing to desirable landscape quality can be encouraged, and those which do not can be addressed. Current issues relating to the Park's landscape character include:

- Many items from the 1980's park upgrade are not sympathetic to the heritage character of the Park, the suite of park furniture is dated and seating is sparse. However, it should be noted that these are part of the Ted Mack/Feiko Bouman works across the hole of the Council area that formed the distinctive 'North Sydney' palette of architectural elements and colour scheme. If replaced, the new street furniture should not only respond to the Victorian character of the Park, but also complement the Mack/Bouman design palette
- Light poles located in the center of some pathways are visually intrusive
- Many Park elements are worn out and need to be repaired or replaced. The current setting of the Tunks Fountain does not reflect its historical significance
- Several landmark and avenue trees have been lost and not replaced, resulting in incomplete avenues and a reduction in landscape character
- Lawn maintenance is difficult in some areas due to a combination of intensive use by groups and dense canopy cover
- The Park lacks visual detail; there are few intimate spaces or landscape 'rooms', due to the general lack of low and medium height shrubs

3.3 **Access and Circulation**

Council encourages the use of public transport to reduce the impact of cars on the environment, and to reduce problems with traffic congestion and parking. Although St Leonards Park is a 15-minute uphill walk from North Sydney railway station, many buses link the Park with the railway station, the city and other parts of the North Shore.

Parking in the streets surrounding St Leonards Park is generally adequate; however, shortages can be experienced during major events. Parking in adjacent streets is restricted to metered spaces outside of clearway hours. Council's Ridge Street car park (diagonally opposite the Park) offers reduced rates for patrons attending major events and fixtures. The North Sydney Leagues Bowling Club provides members-only parking on-site for up to 50 cars.

Current issues relating to access and circulation include:

- Light posts in the centre of already narrow pathways obstruct movement
- Well-worn desire lines in various locations (for example along the Ridge Street

boundary) cause erosion and damage tree root systems

- Conflicts between commuter cyclists and pedestrians
- Conflict between vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists on Fig Tree Lane

3.4 Use

St Leonards Park is an important recreation resource. Premier sporting fixtures at North Sydney Oval and other large-scale special events held in the Park attract visitors from all over Sydney, and the Park is perennially popular with the local community including residents, school students and workers. Management strategies in this Plan consider the significance of the Park to all users and are flexible to provide for recreational needs to change over time.

Consultation for the LMP confirmed that St Leonards Park is well used and well loved. There was a high level of community and stakeholder support for maintaining the current balance of organised, active recreation facilities (i.e. the sports fields and courts) and unstructured areas for informal recreation. User surveys indicated that the main reasons people visit the Park are for walking, relaxation, children's play, dog walking and meeting friends. People most valued the Park for its green, open space and for its tranquillity – an oasis in the city.

The Park is regionally significant, and Council manages it for both locals and for visitors from further afield. Residents have a strong sense of ownership, and some events that provide for the wider community (with the attendant social benefits) can alienate locals if not managed carefully. Council employs best practice management techniques to ensure large events in St Leonards Park run smoothly and to minimise impacts on neighbours and other park users.

Park features such as the playground and the Music Shell attract specific user groups, and commuters (cyclists and joggers) regularly pass through the Park. The War Memorial is a focus for Anzac Day commemorations. Members of the local business community have lunch and play informal sports and ball games in the Park. Other areas of St Leonards Park are used for picnicking, reading, relaxing, dog walking and general socialising.

The Park's open lawns are popular with school and social groups for informal sport and games. Use of these areas by groups of under 60 people is on a first-come-first-served basis; no fees are charged, and no bookings are taken. Council staff working in St Leonards Park monitor those areas used regularly by groups, and areas may be temporarily closed for repair and restoration if wear and tear levels become significant.

Parts of the Park can be used for private functions and special events. Permission is granted at Council's discretion, with factors including the size of the proposed function, the area still available for general public use, the likely impact of the event on the Park and the likely impact on neighbours all being considered. Information on how to make a booking and other associated information is available on Council's website: '*Parks & Reserves Hire & Fees*'.

Use of parks in North Sydney by fitness trainers continues to increase, reflecting a nationwide trend. An '*Outdoor Fitness Code of Conduct*', available on Council's website, outlines common sense guidelines to ensure that fitness trainers and others involved in these activities do not have a significant negative impact on other park users and neighbours. If issues arise with fitness trainers or with any other park users, Council staff

communicate directly with the relevant group.

The Park's popularity can cause problems; intensive use can lead to wear and tear and damage to the root systems of landmark and avenue trees. Conflicts between fast-travelling commuter cyclists using the Park as a thoroughfare and pedestrians and recreational cyclists can also be an issue. The Park's playground is popular with young children but has little to offer older visitors. Conversely, some Park edges currently receive little use due to traffic noise and fumes.

3.4.1 *Dogs in Parks and Reserves*

With numerous parks where dogs can be exercised off-leash, North Sydney is a dog friendly area. However, there are some restrictions. Under the 'Companion Animals Act 1998 (Section 14)', dogs are prohibited in the following public places:

- In or within 10m of any children's play areas;
- Food preparation and/or consumption areas (unless it is a public thoroughfare such as a road, footpath or pathway);
- Recreation areas where dogs are declared prohibited;
- Public bathing areas where dogs are declared prohibited;
- School grounds (unless with the permission of the person controlling the grounds);
- Child care centers (unless with the permission of the person controlling the center);
- Shopping areas where dogs are prohibited (unless secured in a vehicle, with the permission of the person controlling the place or going to or from a vet or pet shop);
- Wildlife Protection Areas

As per North Sydney's 'Local Companion Animal Management Plan', all Council parks and public reserves are off-leash areas except for:

- St Leonard's Park Oval (No. 1 and 2)
- All playing fields whilst organised sporting events are in progress
- All bushland areas
- Cremorne Reserve, Clark Park and Ancrum Street Park
- The Coal Loader Centre for Sustainability

All dogs in public places must be under the control of a competent person. Council is required by the State Government to enforce the laws concerning dogs, and Rangers may issue on-the-spot fines for infringements of the regulations listed above.

More information about dogs in North Sydney is available in Council's free booklet, 'Dog Control in North Sydney' available from Council's Customer Service Centre.

3.4.2 *Organised Sport in St Leonards Park*

Note: *The following information does not apply to North Sydney Oval which has its own Plan of Management, nor to the bowling club which is the subject of a perpetual lease directly from the Crown. These exclusions are clearly shown in **Appendix 3**.*

St Leonards Park's ovals, courts and cricket wicket and nets cater for local and regional users. Council carefully regulates use of these facilities by hirers, as factors such as rising participation in sport and a growing community awareness of the benefits of a healthy

lifestyle place ever-increasing demand on them.

Good management of the organised sports facilities ensures that they cater for an appropriate range of activities, that conflicts over availability are kept to a minimum, that non-sporting users still have some access to them and that they are appropriately maintained. Management strategies aim to maximise use of Council's sportsgrounds within acceptable limits.

Council manages the seasonal use of sportsgrounds with an allocation and booking system that divides the year into summer and winter seasons. Field and courts allocation considers traditional patterns of use, demand from the community and the need to provide opportunities for new sports and for minority sports and groups. The system aims to maintain the turf playing fields in good condition throughout the playing seasons.

A Council-facilitated meeting for potential sportsfield hirers is held before the start of each season if potential problems, such as booking clashes, are identified. The meeting aims to find mutually acceptable solutions.

Fees are charged for the use of sportsgrounds for organised sporting activities, and bookings must be made to secure exclusive use. The income generated assists with maintenance of the sportsgrounds.

Developing and managing high quality sports facilities is expensive. Funding for long term improvements to playing fields and supporting infrastructure such as amenities blocks currently comes from a variety of sources including Section 94 contributions and general capital reserves. Council keenly explores other opportunities, such as grants, to maximise funding for sports development, as the level of funding available is not adequate to meet the needs and expectations of the sporting community.

More information about sportsground management in North Sydney can be found in Council's Sportsgrounds Plan of Management.

3.4.3 Use of Sportsgrounds for Other Activities

Council manages its open space network for the use and enjoyment of all sectors of the community. While the primary use of sportsgrounds is to cater for organised sports, at other times (when the fields are not booked) they may be used by the general community for informal sports and games and for activities such as dog-walking. Sportsgrounds require a high level of maintenance, and it is important that casual users do not damage the playing surfaces. Use of sportsfields which are designated 'closed' is prohibited, and Council Rangers patrol to ensure and enforce compliance.

3.5 Drainage

Council's stormwater drainage system enters St Leonards Park at Carlow Street in the west, and heads in a north-easterly direction under the Park, exiting opposite Bardsley Gardens. All the stormwater runoff generated within the Park drains to the north-western corner where it connects with Council's main stormwater drainage system. Constraints in the stormwater pipe capacity in the Park mean that during storm events stormwater can pond just north of the Music Shell, the Park's low point, causing the basement level of the building to flood.

3.6 Built Structures and Park Furniture

Park buildings including the Music Shell and the Cunningham Pavilion are sympathetic to

the heritage character of the Park, and the colour scheme used on other structures and park furniture creates visual cohesion. Any new structures should complement the established character and be consistent with the recommendations of the CMP and the LMP.

The LMP identifies various issues with built structures and park furniture, and provides recommendations to address them:

- The high concrete/brick wall surrounding the Oval Complex forms a physical and visual barrier to the rest of the Park, limiting views and access particularly from Ridge/ Miller Street intersection, and detracting from the Park's visual appeal
The LMP recommends moving the adjacent pathway away from the wall and planting out the area between the pathway and the wall
- Dilapidated public amenities
The LMP recommends upgrading the public amenities and potentially moving them to a more useful location
- Park furniture does not reflect the Park's heritage, is in poor condition and is outdated in style
The LMP recommends upgrading park furniture including seating, lighting, bollards and drinking fountains, to better reflect the Park's heritage and to provide a more coordinated appearance

Public art can add interest, enjoyment and new layers of meaning to a place, and Council pursues opportunities where appropriate. A Public Art Guide and Walking Map available on Council's website provides information about various pieces of public art located around North Sydney. Public art projects range from items commissioned for specific projects to existing artworks which may be suitably placed in one of Council's parks.

3.7 **Park Planning**

3.7.1 *Relevant Past Plans and Studies*

The previous Plan of Management for St Leonards Park (2011) acknowledged the Park's local, metropolitan and regional significance, and identified the need to prepare a Landscape Master Plan to guide the enhancement of this important public open space.

The St Leonards Park CMP 2013 assessed the Park's significance and provided objective baseline data to inform the future LMP. It ensures that as the Park is developed to become more attractive and to better cater for the community's recreation needs, the heritage significance is simultaneously conserved. The CMP provides a framework for the ongoing care and management of the heritage of St Leonards Park, and guides decisions about its conservation, use and development into the future.

In 2015, following completion of the CMP, St Leonards Park was listed on the State Heritage Register. As a heritage item under the *NSW Heritage Act*, the Park is protected from future unsympathetic and inappropriate development (Heritage Council of NSW approval is required for major changes).

The impending construction of the Western Harbour Tunnel and Northern Beaches Link will have a direct impact on the eastern side of St Leonards Park, both during construction and when complete. Council will continue to liaise with the State government to ensure the best possible outcome for this significant open space and its users.

The North Sydney Recreation Needs Study 2015 (RNS) identified the importance of St Leonards park as a passive open space and heritage site. The RNS also highlighted:

- The importance of adhering to the St Leonards Park CMP
- The potential for the Park to be overused for active recreation. (while noting that Council takes measures to protect areas experiencing overuse)
- Opportunities for perimeter path exercise circuits that people can use for jogging and walking
- Opportunities to illuminate key areas and routes for recreational walking
- Opportunities to provide more diverse social/family recreation space (for example tables, seating and play spaces for children of different ages)
- The possible redesign of the eastern side of the Park to provide a shared trail

3.7.2 *Improvement Works*

The following projects, listed in the St Leonards Park PoM 2011, have been completed:

- Bike racks installed at 4 key locations - 2012
- Conservation Management Plan prepared for the Park - 2013
- Replacement of the synthetic cricket wicket - 2013
- Mass planting of natives at the north end of the Park (beside the freeway) - 2013
- Restoration of the War Memorial - 2014
- New flood lighting installed at the Bon Andrews Oval - 2014
- Resurfacing of the netball courts - 2015
- Major refurbishment of the Cunningham Pavilion - 2016
- Restoration of the World War I Artillery Gun - 2017
- Landscape Master Plan prepared for the Park – 2018
- Cricket practice nets extended – 2020
- Miller Street Forecourt/Fig Tree Lane Upgrading Works - 2020
- Ongoing management of trees in Fig Tree Lane as per arborist’s report

3.8 **Landscape Master Plan 2018 (LMP)**

The LMP provides guidance and direction for future upgrading of St Leonards Park, recognising the Park’s importance as a heritage asset, sporting destination and open space. Specifically, the LMP aims to:

- Improve and enhance the park landscape
- Improve and enhance recreation opportunities for a range of park users while retaining the existing balance between active and passive spaces
- Ensure the Park is accessible and appealing to all members of the community
- Resolve existing circulation and access issues for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles

3.8.1 *Consultation*

Community consultation was undertaken throughout the development of the draft LMP, and the views expressed by the community and other stakeholders informed the process and the outcome.

Stage 1 consultation gathered information to understand how St Leonards Park is used and valued, to inform ideas for improvement. Over 450 surveys (intercept and on-line) were completed, staff workshops were conducted and 32 interviews with known stakeholders (including State government agencies, schools, sporting groups and other community groups) were undertaken.

Stage 2 consultation gathered community and stakeholder opinions on a set of draft 'Guiding Principles' and a set of draft 'Park Improvement Ideas' that would drive the LMP. It consisted of 5 park and market 'pop-in' stalls (over 200 participants), a stakeholder workshop and online surveys (139 responses received).

Development of the final LMP was in accordance with the endorsed Guiding Principles:

- 1 – A Park for All
- 2 – An Historic Park
- 3 – An Accessible Park
- 4 – A Generous, Comfortable Park

3.8.2 Key Improvements

The LMP nominated park-wide improvements including detailed proposals to enhance the park structure and elements and improve access. Key improvements and the rationale for them are described below.

1 - Tunks Avenue / War Memorial Commemorative Walk

This was developed to:

- Reinforce the historic park layout and restore Tunks Avenue as the primary memorial space
- Frame and reinforce views of the War Memorial
- Reinstate the visual prominence of the Field Gun

2 - Restoration of Tunks Fountain and Surrounds

This was developed to:

- Restore the historic Tunks Fountain and reinforce its visual prominence
- Create more attractive Fountain surrounds and reinforce War Memorial views

3 - New and Improved Pedestrian Pathways

This was developed to:

- Improve safety for pedestrians
- Improve the park interface to North Sydney Oval boundary wall
- Reduce informal tracks and degraded lawn areas

4 - Improved Park Spaces

This was developed to:

- Improve amenity for park users
- Define active and passive park spaces
- Provide a garden edge to noisy and busy roads

5 - A separated Cycleway on the Eastern Edge of the Park

This was developed to:

- Redirect the many commuter cyclists who currently use the diagonal path to connect from Falcon Street to the CBD and minimise conflict with pedestrians

6 - An Expanded Playground and New Toilet

This was developed to:

- Provide a wider range of play opportunities, particularly for older children
- Protect and enhance the existing (young children's) playground

- Upgrade associated amenities including toilets, seats, picnic tables and BBQs

The LMP also developed detailed recommendations for park lighting, furniture, planting and paving. Lighting is to be upgraded throughout the Park, to improve safety as well as to highlight and celebrate significant features. Paths are to be widened, furniture is to be upgraded and a greater diversity of seating opportunities with BBQ's, drinking fountains and picnic tables is to be provided.

3.8.3 Staging Plan

5 Stages, based on community priorities, were identified to help guide implementation of the LMP:

Stage 1 – North Sydney Oval Curtilage, Pathway & Music Shell Flooding

- North Sydney Oval curtilage: carry out upgrading works
- Ridge Street footpath: install pathway / paving
- Music Shell: address flooding issues

Stage 1B – Cycleway and Pathway

- Cycleway: install (commuter) cycleway and expand freeway buffer gardens to east (Note that these works are indefinitely delayed due to the construction of the Western Harbour Tunnel and Northern Beaches Link)
- Diagonal Pathway: realign southern portion of pathway, upgrade paving and lighting, and install gardens between southern portion of pathway and NSO wall

Stage 2 – Memorials, Pathways, Lighting & Garden Upgrades

- Central avenue (Tunks Way): widen and upgrade paving, lighting and seating. Crown lifting / removal of some trees to improve sight lines
- Memorial upgrades: relocate Field Gun and upgrade surrounds. Upgrade War Memorial surrounds including seating, palm planting, reflection pool. Upgrade Tunks fountain surrounds including widening path and gardens, installing seating
- Fig Tree Lane: upgrade paving and lighting (stage 1 – west of gates)
- Bowling Club Access road: remove bollards, install edging and upgrade paving
- Perimeter gardens: upgrade gardens on Falcon, Miller and Ridge Street frontages

Stage 3 – Playground & Palm Grove

- Palm Grove: install table seating, upgrade gardens
- Existing Playground: upgrade
- New, expanded playground: expand playground, including surface treatments, play equipment catering to older children, seating, tables and BBQs

Stage 4 – Pathways

- Pathways: upgrade remaining pathways and associated lighting

Note:

This Staging Plan will guide implementation; however, variations are likely, due to:

- The impending construction of the Western Harbour Tunnel and Northern Beaches Link will have a direct impact on the eastern side of the Park, and works proposed for this area will be delayed
- Whether any grant funding can be secured (it is appropriate that implementation of any project receiving grant funding 'leapfrog' over other scheduled projects)

- The annual amount of capital funding available for implementing the LMP

The LMP, together with supporting documentation, is available on Council's website.

3.8.4 Implementation

The following works are currently underway in St Leonards Park, based on the Landscape Masterplan.

Miller Street Forecourt/Fig Tree Lane

This work, drawn from Stage 1 of the Staging Plan, is well underway. It includes paving and other infrastructure on the Park's Miller Street frontage, adjoining Fig Tree Lane. This area is one of the major Park entrances. Also included is the upgrading of the footpath area bordering Ridge Street.

Tunks Way

Detailed design plans are currently being prepared to facilitate Stage 2 works (based on work outlined in Priority 2 of the Staging Plan). These will include relocation of the memorial Field Gun and widening and upgrading the central park avenue (Tunks Way) running from Falcon Street to the cenotaph. It is anticipated construction will commence in late 2020.

More details regarding implementation of works can be found in Section 5.1 – Matrix.

4.0 **Basis for Management**

The St Leonards Park Plan of Management guides the future use, development and management of this important urban park. Careful management ensures that the Park is appropriately maintained, that it continues to cater for a range of activities, that conflicts between user groups are kept to a minimum and that future development is appropriate, sympathetic to the established landscape character and accords with the Park's CMP.

The Plan of Management is flexible to respond to the changing needs of the community and to incorporate future requirements as they arise.

4.1 **Core Values and Management Objectives**

4.1.1 Core Values

The following core values summarise the qualities that make St Leonards Park important to the community. They must be considered when future management objectives, strategies and actions are developed, to ensure their protection.

Heritage, Character & Aesthetics

- St Leonards Park is one of North Sydney's oldest and most significant parks. It is North Sydney's premier public open space and outdoor concert venue, and houses some of the north shore's most important sporting fields
- The Park is listed on the State Heritage Register and contains items of European heritage significance that contribute to North Sydney's cultural identity and history
- The Park is valued for its open space, its visual amenity and green character, which contrasts with the surrounding urban environment and provides a pleasant outlook
- The Park is valued for its contribution to North Sydney's identity and sense of place
- The south eastern area of the Park affords significant views of Sydney Harbour and the city, there are also significant internal views, such as along Tunks Avenue

Environmental

- The Park's size and proximity to high density housing and major transport corridors means it plays an important environmental role; reducing atmospheric contaminants, urban heat island effects and storm water run-off, and storing carbon
- Underground tanks in the Park irrigate North Sydney and Bon Andrews Ovals. They are part of the North Sydney Stormwater Reuse Project
- Selected dead trees have been retained to provide habitat and nesting spaces for birds and other animals

Social/Recreational

- The Park is a regionally significant recreation resource. Major sporting fixtures and other large-scale, cultural events attract people from all over Sydney
- The Park's sportsfields and courts are the home for many long-established clubs and associations. People come for competitions, coaching, school carnivals and for other social community activities and events. Belonging to a sporting group engenders a sense of belonging to a community
- The Park is popular with workers and school children who use the ovals, courts and the open lawn areas for informal sports and games and more passive forms of recreation at lunchtime and in the evenings

- The Park caters for the unstructured recreational needs of the community, including picnickers, dog walkers, joggers and people relaxing and socialising
- The Park facilitates social interaction; as the population increases, the value of the Park as a community meeting place also increases

Health

- Sports fields and courts provide opportunities for physical activity, contributing to general health and well-being. Participation develops physical, social and life skills as communication and co-operation are needed to achieve collective outcomes
- Access to public open space supports community mental health and well-being

4.1.2 Management Objectives

The following broad management objectives are based on:

- legislative requirements
- the values and assets of St Leonards Park
- identified community needs and expectations
- To manage St Leonards Park in accordance with the North Sydney Community Strategic Plan 2018-2028, the *LG Act*, the *CLM Act* and the *NT Act*;
- To ensure all uses of the Park are appropriate; that they comply with the purpose of the land reservation (public recreation), and accord with its zoning under LEP 2013 (RE1 Public Recreation), and with its categorisation under the *LG Act*;
- To upgrade the existing recreational environment and the aesthetics of St Leonards Park as per the LMP 2018, and consistent with the CMP 2013, recognising the Park's importance as a heritage asset, sporting destination and open space resource;
- To take a regional approach to managing North Sydney's organised sports facilities;
- To allow use of the Park by groups, and for appropriate special events;
- To manage large-scale events in the Park using best-practice techniques to minimise potential negative impacts on neighbours and other park users;
- To minimise conflict between different user groups;
- To ensure that Park management is environmentally, socially and economically sustainable, and that any new work considers sustainable principles;
- To maintain the Park to a standard commensurate with its high public profile;
- To manage stormwater in accordance with Total Catchment Management principles;
- To encourage community involvement in the Park's management;
- To provide for public safety;
- To manage the Music Shell in accordance with Council's Community, Cultural and Recreational Facilities Policy and the Planet X Plan of Management.
- To ensure this Plan of Management is flexible and able to evolve with changing community needs and attitudes.

These objectives have been used in the subsequent management issues to guide policy development and formulation of the action plan.

5.0 **Policy, Implementation and Performance**

The policies established in this document provide a management framework that is consistent with the anticipated availability of resources and anticipated community trends. The priority ratings outlined on the following pages may be modified if special circumstances arise.

Codes used to define priorities in the ‘Priority’ section of the Matrix:

1	(Priority 1) – Action completed within 2 years	O	(Ongoing) – Action will occur throughout the life of the PoM
2	(Priority 2) – Action completed in 2 – 4 years	C	(Commenced) – Action has started
3	(Priority 3) – Action completed after 4 years		

Codes used to define abbreviations in the ‘Reference’ section of the Matrix:

LMP St Leonards Park Landscape Master Plan 2018*

CMP St Leonards Park Conservation Management Plan 2013*

GP1 LMP Guiding Principle 1: A Park for All

GP2 LMP Guiding Principle 2: An Historic Park

GP3 LMP Guiding Principle 3: An Accessible Park

GP4 LMP Guiding Principle 4: A Generous, Comfortable Park

PII1 LMP Park Improvement Idea 1: Heighten the significance of Tunks Avenue and the War Memorial

PII2 LMP Park Improvement Idea 2: Restore Tunks Fountain and Surrounds

PII3 LMP Park Improvement Idea 3 - Provide new and improved pedestrian pathways

PII4 LMP Park Improvement Idea 4: Refine and Improve park spaces

PII5 LMP Park Improvement Idea 5: Provide a separated cycleway on the eastern edge

PII6 LMP Park Improvement Idea 6: Provide expanded playground and facilities

5.1 **Matrix**

Note: Council’s Sportsgrounds, Playgrounds and North Sydney Oval Plans of Management all provide more information about Council’s management of these facilities in St Leonards Park. They are available on Council’s website.

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND HERITAGE

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Landscape Master Plan (LMP)	Refine and upgrade park spaces to improve amenity for all park users in accordance with the LMP	Install new park benches along primary paths	Suggested locations are shown in the LMP	1	Park benches installed along primary paths including Tunks Way	LMP: GP4, PII4 NSC website
		Install new drinking fountains at the playground, along the diagonal path, and adjacent to the netball courts near Ridge Street		1&2	New drinking fountains installed in the Park	LMP: GP4, PII4
		Expand and refurbish gardens: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Along park edges (Falcon, Miller and Ridge Street frontages) Under existing trees, and At other key locations shown in the LMP 	These gardens will provide a soft edge to noisy roads, improve visual amenity and increase the Park's passive recreation opportunities by providing defined areas for quiet reflection	1&2	Various garden areas expanded and refurbished	LMP: GP4, PII4
		Provide a more diverse range of flowering plants throughout the Park	Consider seasonal colour and texture. New groundcovers and shrubs help create landscape rooms while retaining sight lines	0	Increase in diversity of flowering plants in the Park	LMP: GP4, PII4
		Provide additional picnic tables in the Palm Grove and southern gardens (beside the southern lawn)	Suggested locations are shown in the LMP	2	Additional seating installed in the Park	LMP: GP4, PII4
		Provide additional seating throughout the Park, including overlooking the playground and near the fountain	Suggested locations are shown in the LMP	2	Additional seating installed in the Park	LMP: GP4, PII4
		Provide additional shade tolerant plantings in the Palm Grove		2	Additional shade tolerant plantings undertaken	LMP: GP4, PII4

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
		Expand freeway buffer gardens on the eastern Park edge	Carry out work in conjunction with new, separated cycleway. Note: although originally prioritised as '1B', this project will be delayed due to Western Harbour Tunnel/Northern Beaches link project	3	New buffer planting installed	LMP: GP4
		Maintain views and the open amenity in the south eastern 'Harbour View' lawn area		0	Views maintained	LMP: GP1
		Upgrade paving and other infrastructure on the Park's Miller Street frontage, bordering the North Sydney Oval complex	This area, adjoining Fig Tree Lane, is one of the major Park entrances	1	Paving and other infrastructure upgraded	LMP: GP3
	To maintain a balance between 'active' and 'passive' park spaces	Use planting to provide a clear definition between various spaces throughout the Park	The LMP illustrates how and where this can be achieved	0	Better definition of spaces in the Park	LMP: GP1, GP2
		Carry out minor regrading to create a flatter ground surface adjacent to netball courts	There is an opportunity for this informal space to be used occasionally for sport, whilst maintaining its primary use as an area for unstructured recreation	2	Minor regrading complete	LMP: GP1, PII4
		Carry out minor regrading to create flatter surface adjacent to junior practice wicket	There is an opportunity to make this informal space useable for occasional sport, with minimal impact on the look and function of this part of the Park	2	Minor regrading complete	LMP: GP1, PII4

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Landscape & Vegetation	To use planting to complement and enhance the Park's character	Select, plant and establish suitable species of trees, shrubs and ground covers	Consider objectives of the LMP, including character of existing plantings, aesthetic appeal of the proposed planting and impact on views	O	Objectives of planting achieved. All new plantings are consistent with the LMP	LMP
	To manage existing vegetation using best-practice horticultural techniques	Carry out regular ongoing maintenance work to conserve appropriate existing vegetation in good health	Refer Issue 'Maintenance'	O	Vegetation is maintained in a healthy condition	
		Control any activities that may harm existing trees	Potentially harmful activities may include tree climbing and digging around roots	O	Trees maintained in a healthy condition	
		Improve management and maintenance of open lawn areas to improve their condition	Some open lawn areas regularly become degraded due to high levels of use	O	Improved condition of open lawn areas	LMP: GP1
	To retain and celebrate the strong historical layout of the Park's trees	Inspect all avenue and other significant specimen trees in the Park regularly	Inspections to be carried out by a qualified arborist	O	All significant trees maintained in a healthy condition	
		Manage avenue and other significant trees proactively and maintain all significant trees in the best possible condition	Over-mature, diseased, dying or damaged trees are removed and replaced as required. Staged removal minimises the visual impact on the Park	O	Significant trees managed proactively	LMP: GP1, GP2
	To control biosecurity and environmental weeds in the Park	Undertake weed removal programs when and where necessary	Weed removal is a standard component of Council's maintenance operations	O	Weed levels in the Park remain low	
		Implement the Biosecurity Act consistently and effectively		O	Biosecurity Act implemented by staff	<i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i>

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Tunks Avenue / War Memorial Commemorative Walk	To enhance the significance of Tunks Avenue as an historic, commemorative walk, linking landmarks, as per the LMP	Plant a single line of figs along Tunks Avenue south, from Fig Tree Lane to Tunks Fountain to frame and reinforce views along Tunks Avenue to the War Memorial	Planting these trees will help re-establish Tunks Ave as the primary memorial space. The presence of underground water storage tanks will prevent the planting of canopy trees in some areas; so only partial restoration will be possible	1	New figs planted, and significance of Tunks Avenue enhanced	LMP: GP2, PII1
		Crown lift figs bordering Tunks Avenue and remove selected other trees	This will enhance views and improve sight lines along Tunks Avenue	1	Crown lifting work carried out	LMP: GP2, PII1
		Plant new palms along the southern portion of Tunks Avenue		1	New palms planted	LMP: GP2, PII1
		Install new park benches along the Avenue	See also Issue: 'Landscape Master Plan'	1	New park benches installed	LMP: PII1
		Widen the existing pathway and install appropriate edging	The LMP recommends providing a new, wider asphalt concrete path	1	Pathway widened, and edging installed	LMP: GP2, PII1
		Install accent lighting along the Avenue	This work will help re-establish the significance of the Avenue	1	New accent lighting installed	LMP: GP2, PII1
		Improve the aesthetics and functionality of the North Sydney War Memorial surrounds	Interpretive features integrated into the reflection pool could include text, imagery and lighting	2	Significance of War Memorial is enhanced	LMP: GP2, PII1
	Relocate the Field Gun to the northern end of Tunks Avenue to 'anchor' it and install accent lighting	In its current location, the Field Gun is partially obscured from the street and lacks visual prominence	1	Significance of Field Gun is enhanced	LMP: GP2, PII1	
To restore the historic Tunks Fountain and its surrounds, as per the LMP	Restore the Tunks Fountain and provide a new elevated base	This will emphasise the significance of the fountain	2	Tunks Fountain restored, and significance enhanced	LMP: GP2, PII2	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
		Create a more attractive surrounds for the Fountain by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Situating it within a new garden bed and installing new seating and accent lighting Providing seasonal colour in the surrounding gardens 	This will amplify the Fountain's visual prominence by day and by night, and provide new opportunities for visitors to sit, overlook and enjoy the Fountain	1	Amenity and aesthetics of Tunks Fountain is increased	LMP: GP2, PII2
		Reorient the diagonal pathway to intersect at the Fountain	This will increase the Fountain's visual prominence. Refer also 'Access and Circulation'	1	Visual prominence of Fountain increased	LMP:GP2, PII2

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Conservation & Recognition of Heritage Items	To protect and conserve all identified heritage items	Manage and maintain St Leonards Park in accordance with the CMP and the LMP	The Park is listed on the NSW State Heritage Register. Consult with appropriate organisations on the management of heritage items and fulfil requirements of the Heritage Act	O	Co-ordinated and effective management of heritage items	CMP, LMP <i>Heritage Act 1977</i>
	To recognise, conserve and interpret the cultural and natural heritage of St Leonards Park	Explore opportunities to highlight the Park's history and install innovative and thoughtful interpretive material in the Park	The LMP explores various methods for presenting information. Any signage should be low-key and visually unobtrusive	O	Installation of interesting interpretive material in the Park	LMP: GP2

ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Access to the Park	To control vehicular access to St Leonards Park	Prohibit and prevent general vehicular access		O	General vehicular access to the Park prevented	
		Allow service and emergency vehicles and essential vehicles associated with special events to enter the Park	All access by vehicles associated with special events to be supervised by Council staff to minimise disturbance and ensure safety	O	Ease of entry for service and emergency vehicles	
		Maintain access to the bowling club car park	The car park is for the use of bowling club patrons only	O	Access to bowling club car park maintained	
		Upgrade the access road to the bowling club as per the LMP	Upgrading this roadway will improve circulation systems and safety (by slowing drivers), and improve overall park amenity	1	Access road upgraded as per the LMP	LMP: PII3
		Maintain access for North Sydney Council vehicles to the Parks depot	Vehicular access is via Fig Tree Lane which is also a well-used pedestrian route	O	Access to Depot maintained for Council vehicles	
		Upgrade Fig Tree Lane as per the LMP	Work includes new surfacing, raised thresholds, new kerb and gutters, new lighting and more. Carrying out this work will improve circulation systems as well as safety and park amenity	1	Fig Tree Lane is upgraded as per the LMP	LMP: PII3
		Install controlled vehicle security access in Fig Tree Lane	This work will improve safety	1	Unauthorised access prevented	
	To encourage residents and visitors to walk, cycle or use public transport to get to the Park	Increase public awareness of alternative ways to get to the Park (other than by car)	Relevant information available on Council's website includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Walk North Sydney' maps and brochures 'Northern Sydney Cycling Map' Numerous buses service the Park	O	Decrease in complaints regarding lack of parking spaces	NSC website

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
	To manage parking associated with the childcare centre in Fig Tree Lane to minimise impacts on residents	Liaise with Council's Traffic Department and the childcare centre as necessary and inform and educate parents and staff on existing parking restrictions and suitable parking sites	The childcare centre is a part of the Oval Complex	O	Liaison occurs when required. Reduction in complaints regarding inappropriate parking	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Circulation in the Park	To upgrade Park paths to improve circulation, safety and amenity, as per the LMP	Upgrade Park paths by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resurfacing identified paths Widening key paths Relocating lamp posts away from the centres of paths 	These works will improve circulation, reduce conflicts between commuter cyclists and pedestrians and improve general amenity	2 & 3	Pathway improvements completed on time and to budget	LMP: GP1, GP3
		All new pathway works to consider needs of people with impaired mobility	Many areas of the Park are relatively flat, and most of the existing pathway system is accessible to all	O	Improved level of access for all	Australian Standard 1428
		Upgrade paving and other infrastructure on the Miller Street frontage, near Fig Tree Lane, adjacent to the Oval complex		1	Work completed on time and to budget	LMP: PII3
	To discourage commuter cyclists from using the Park's diagonal path	Install a separated, commuter cycleway on the eastern edge of the Park, connecting Falcon Street to Ridge Street	The LMP locates the cycleway on the lower edge of the slope to protect harbour views and the well-loved open lawns above. This project will be delayed due to Western Harbour Tunnel /Northern Beaches link project	3	New, separated cycleway installed	LMP: GP3, PII5

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
	To reduce informal tracks in the Park	Install a new asphalt pedestrian path along the Ridge Street boundary	New gardens will be planted in association with the new path. Root systems of the existing trees along Ridge Street must be protected	1	New pathway installed along Ridge Street	LMP: PII3
	To improve the interface between the Park and the exterior wall of North Sydney Oval, as per the LMP	Realign the existing diagonal path south of the Fountain and install path lighting	Moving the path away from the wall will improve circulation and allow gardens to be planted to soften the Oval wall	1	Diagonal path realigned	LMP: GP3, PII3
		Install gardens between the southern portion of the diagonal pathway and the Oval wall	These will improve visual amenity	1	New gardens installed	LMP: GP3, PII3
		Install bench seats and other park furniture such as picnic and chess tables in the gardens adjacent to the Oval wall	These will provide gathering points for park visitors	1	New benches and other park furniture installed	LMP: GP3, PII3

PARK USE

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Use of St Leonards Park	To provide a range of recreational opportunities to meet the needs of a variety of users, within the carrying capacity of the Park	Ensure all activities occurring in the Park are appropriate and are consistent with Council's management goals and objectives	St Leonards Park is a large, urban park that caters for the recreational needs of the local and wider community	O	Reduction in complaints received regarding inappropriate use of the Park	
		Ensure all activities occurring in the Park are consistent with the relevant zoning	St Leonards Park is zoned 'Public Recreation'	O	Reduction in complaints received regarding inappropriate use of the Park	Appendix 1 – Zoning of St Leonards Park LEP 2013 NSC
		Ensure all activities occurring in the Park are consistent with the classification and categorisation of the Park	The Park is classified as 'community' land and is categorised 'park' and 'sportsground'	O	Reduction in complaints received regarding inappropriate use of the Park	<i>CLM Act</i> <i>LG Act</i>
		Ensure all use of the Park is consistent with the LMP	The LMP was developed with significant input from residents and other stakeholders and accurately reflects the community's needs	O	Reduction in complaints received regarding inappropriate use of the Park	LMP
		Maintain the current balance between active and passive recreational opportunities and facilities in the Park	LMP consultation revealed a very high level of satisfaction with the current balance of organised sport facilities (ovals and sports courts) and open parkland areas suitable for informal recreation	O	Current balance maintained	LMP

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Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Use of Open Parkland Areas	To encourage use of the Park's open areas for appropriate activities	Permit groups (including schools) to use the open parkland areas for social gatherings and informal sports and games	There is no charge for social gatherings of less than 60 people. Space is available on a first-come-first-served basis. No bookings are taken, and no structures may be erected	O	Condition of open parkland	Appendix 2 - Definitions
		Temporarily prohibit public use of open parkland areas suffering from excessive wear and tear		O	Condition of open parkland	
		Permit groups to hire sections of the Park for appropriate private functions and special events	Bookings are taken, and fees are charged for the use of Park areas for private functions by groups of 60 or more, and for special events (these are open to the public). Permission for functions is at Council's discretion, considering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size of proposed event • Area of Park still available for general public use • Likely impact on neighbours and the Park 	O	Condition of open parkland	Annual Parks & Reserves Hire & Fees NSC
		Patrol the Park to ensure compliance with the above actions	Patrols are carried out by Council Rangers	O	Regular Ranger patrols carried out	
		Enforce Council's Fitness Training Code of Conduct as required	The Code provides fitness trainers with common sense guidelines to ensure their activities have minimal impact on the Park, on other users and on neighbours	O	Rangers carry out patrols in the Park and respond to complaints	Outdoor Fitness Training Code of Conduct NSC
		Liaise directly with individuals or groups if complaints are received regarding use of the Park	All parks users should be courteous and considerate toward other users	O	Reduction in the annual number of complaints received	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
	To acknowledge and promote the Park as a focal point for the community, and a venue for outdoor events	Promote the Park as a suitable venue for a variety of large-scale community activities and events	Large urban parks such as St Leonards Park have an important role to play in the social life of the local and wider community	O	Ongoing promotional activities undertaken	
		Encourage wider use of areas of the Park that are suitable for specialist activities	For example, the Music Shell stage and the associated amphitheatre are available for functions and activities	O	Diverse range of activities and events occurring in the Park	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
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Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Use of Sports Fields & Courts for Organised Sport	To manage the Park's sports fields and courts for organised sport	Permit use of the Park's designated sports facilities for organised sport	These facilities include the Bon Andrews Oval, the netball courts and the cricket nets. (Management of the North Sydney Oval complex is addressed in Council's North Sydney Oval PoM)	O	Appropriate use of sportsgrounds	Appendix 2 - Definitions. Sportsgrounds Plan of Management 2017
		Facilitate the hire of organised sports facilities to appropriate user groups for organised sport	Sports clubs, schools and others use the facilities for seasonal training and competition. Bookings secure exclusive use of a nominated sports field or court, and terms and conditions issued with each booking govern use	O	All sports facilities are hired to appropriate user groups	Sportsgrounds Hire & Fees NSC
		Charge fees for sporting clubs, schools and commercial hirers using the sportsfields and courts for organised sport	Use by community groups and schools is encouraged and fees are less for these users. Fees are reviewed annually	O	Revenue raised assists with sportsground maintenance	Sportsgrounds Hire & Fees NSC
		Continue to implement an efficient and equitable system of ground allocation with clear procedures	Pre-season hirers' meetings are held when potential bookings clashes are identified to give all parties a chance to discuss and resolve issues	O	Pre-season hirers' meetings occur as needed	
		Restrict the number of hours per week that the Bon Andrews Oval is used for organised sport	Restrictions are required to maintain the quality of the grassed playing surface	O	Condition of sportsground	
		Ensure pre-season use of the Bon Andrews Oval does not unduly damage it	No use of studs for pre-season games	O	Condition of sportsground	
		Close the Bon Andrews Oval during and after rain if play is likely to cause significant damage	Fines may be issued to users of a sportsfield that has been designated 'closed'	O	Condition of sportsground	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Use of Sports Fields & Courts for Other Activities	To manage the Park's sports facilities to accommodate other appropriate activities	Allow other recreational activities that will not cause significant damage to the sports facilities to take place	Sports facilities can cater for informal sport and games and fitness training when not being used for organised sport. No use of closed fields	O	Condition of sports fields and courts	Appendix 2 – Definitions
		Liaise directly with individuals or groups if complaints are received regarding their use of sports fields and courts	The primary purpose of sports fields and courts is to provide specialist organised sports facilities for fee-paying users, and other users must consider this	O	Reduction in the annual number of complaints	
		Allow appropriate cultural activities and events to take place on the sportsfields	Permission is at Council's discretion, and fees may be charged to offset additional maintenance required to return the fields to playing condition	O	Range of appropriate non-sporting activities accommodated	Annual Parks & Reserves Hire & Fees NSC

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Dogs in the Park	To accommodate dogs in the Park	Allow dog-walking in the Park in accordance with the Companion Animals Act	Dogs are not permitted within 10 metres of children's play equipment	O	Reduction in the annual number of complaints	<i>Companion Animals Act 1998 (S14)</i>
		Allow dog walking on the Park's sportsfields and courts in accordance with the North Sydney Local Companion Animals Management Plan	Dogs must be on a leash whilst organised sport is in progress at the netball courts, and always on the Bon Andrews and North Sydney Ovals	O	Reduction in the annual number of complaints	NS Local Companion Animals Management Plan 2004
		Patrol the Park to ensure compliance with above actions	Patrols are carried out by Council Rangers	O	Regular Ranger patrols carried out	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Music Shell	To manage the Music Shell to maximise community benefit while retaining its heritage significance	Promote the Music Shell to raise public awareness of the facility and to encourage use	Council's Community and Library Services Division carry out promotion	O	Level of Music Shell use	Community, Cultural and Recreational Facilities Policy NSC 2018
		Allow use of the Music Shell for community events	The Music Shell's stage and the associated grassed amphitheatre are available for hire. Relevant Council staff assess suitability of proposed events	O	Music Shell is used for appropriate community events	Community, Cultural and Recreational Facilities Policy NSC 2018

BUILT STRUCTURES & PARK FURNITURE

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Built Structures, Park Furniture & Other Park Facilities	To upgrade the public amenities in St Leonards Park, as per the LMP	Design and construct new public amenities to replace the existing aged facility near the playground	This will occur when the new play space is constructed. The LMP includes concept design ideas and inspiration for the new amenities block	3	New amenities block constructed	LMP: GP4, PII6
	To upgrade park furniture and other facilities to meet the identified needs of users, as per the LMP	Select park furniture and paving to complement and enhance the heritage character of the Park	Consider accessibility for all, as well as Council's Public Domain Style Manual and Design Codes. Also consider the Park's Victorian character and the previous Mack/Bouman design palette	O	Character of new park furniture reflects the Park's heritage	LMP: GP2, PII4. Public Domain Style Manual & Design Codes 2019 NSC
		Provide new park furniture to improve the amenity of the Park	Park furniture includes picnic tables, benches, drinking fountains, BBQ facilities etc	O	New park furniture installed in appropriate locations	LMP: GP4, PII4
		Investigate replacing the existing wire fence around the northern and eastern sides of the Bowling Club greens	Liaise with Bowling Club	3	Investigations carried out; recommendations made	LMP
		Provide new Park lighting, as per the LMP	Lighting works will generally be carried out in association with pathway works	1,2 & 3	New lighting reflects the Park's heritage character	LMP: GP4, PII4
	To provide other structures and facilities to meet Park user needs	Install a fitness station with outdoor exercise equipment in the Park	The LMP recommends a location between the netball courts and the Bowling Club access road	2	Fitness station installed	LMP: GP4, PII4
	To encourage appropriate public art projects in St Leonards Park	Pursue appropriate opportunities to place public art in St Leonards Park as they arise		O	Increase in the amount of public art in the Park	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Play Spaces	To provide a diverse range of play opportunities in the Park, as per the LMP	Expand the Park's play space and provide more challenging activities for older children	The need to expand the play space was first identified in the previous PoM for the Park. Access for all will also be considered	3	New play space constructed	LMP: GP4, GP1, PII6 St Leonards Park PoM 2011
		Provide a new, custom-designed play space that encourages a variety of activities (climbing, swinging, hiding, jumping, balancing and sliding) in a landscaped setting	The LMP includes a schematic design for a play space based on interconnected 'bird's nest' cubby houses	3	New play space constructed	LMP: GP1, PII6
		Provide new ancillary facilities in the expanded playground	These include drinking fountains, picnic tables, seats and BBQs	3	New play space constructed	LMP: GP1, PII6
		Install gardens with flowering plants, and provide nature play as part of the expanded play space	The new play space will have a nature/landscape character	3	New gardens installed as part of new play space	LMP: GP1, PII6
	To retain and enhance the existing playground	Upgrade the existing playground to better cater for younger children, ensuring it is safe, functional and attractive	The well-loved sand play and music room themes will be retained, and additional play items will be provided within the existing walled space	3	Existing playground upgraded	LMP: GP1, PII6
		Manage and maintain play equipment and surrounds as per Council's Playgrounds Plan of Management		O	Playground managed as per Playgrounds Plan of Management	Playgrounds Plan of Management 2016 NSC

MANAGEMENT

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Native Title Obligations	To ensure Council meets its obligations under the <i>CLM Act</i> and the <i>NT Act</i> regarding the management of Crown land	Carry out a native title assessment and validation under the <i>NT Act</i> as part of the terms of authorisation for the commencement of any building, development or infrastructure activity (act) on areas of the Park included in R. 89592	Assessment is carried out by Council's Native Title Manager	O	Native title assessment and validation carried out prior to commencement of all relevant activities	<i>Native Title (Cwlth) Act 1993</i> <i>Crown Land Management Act 2016</i>
		Carry out appropriate notification and 'opportunity to comment' procedures if the proposed act (above) is a 'public work' as defined in Section 253 of the <i>NT Act</i>	Council will notify NTS Corp and the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council of the proposed act and provide the opportunity to comment (at least 30 days)	O	Appropriate notification and opportunity to comment provided as required	<i>Native Title (Cwlth) Act 1993</i>

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Management & Administration	To provide efficient, open and responsive administration and management	Implement efficient and effective systems designed to make the best possible use of financial, human and natural resources		O	Ongoing cost-effectiveness of Council's management systems	
		Respond to public suggestions, attend to enquiries promptly and provide information to the community as required		O	Level of community satisfaction	
	To manage the Park's sports facilities in an efficient, effective and accountable manner	Manage the organised sports facilities as per Council's Sportsgrounds Plan of Management		O	Sports facilities managed and maintained as per Sportsgrounds PoM	Sportsgrounds Plan of Management 2017 NSC
		Liaise with sporting clubs and other hirers to monitor the sporting requirements of the community		O	Satisfaction of user groups as determined by feedback	
	To consider region-wide issues in the management of the sports facilities in St Leonards Park	Implement the recommendations of the Regional Sportsgrounds Strategy as they relate to the Park's sportsfields and courts	The Strategy was developed by the Northern Sydney Region of Council's (NSROC) in 2017	O	Strategy recommendations considered and implemented, where feasible	Regional Sportsground Strategy Review – Final Report 2017

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Leases, Licences, Permits & Other Estates	To facilitate the use of St Leonards Park for a range of appropriate recreational, sporting and cultural activities	Grant leases, licences, permits and other estates to recreational, sporting and cultural organisations and other groups to formalise use of parts of the Park for appropriate activities	A Native title assessment and validation under the <i>NT Act</i> must be undertaken by Council's Native Title Manager prior to the preparation, exhibition and adoption of any leases, licences, permits or other estates in the areas of the Park included in R. 89592 and categorised as Park or Sportsground. Other applicable legislative and other planning controls governing leases, licences, permits and other estates are described in Section 1.5 of this Plan	O	Any leases or licences are prepared, exhibited and adopted in accordance with the provisions of the <i>LG Act</i> and the <i>CLM Act</i> . Native Title Manger advice is received for all proposed leases and licences	<i>Local Government Act 1993</i> <i>Crown Land Management Act 2016</i> <i>Native Title (Cwlth) Act 1993</i> North Sydney LEP 2013

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Maintenance	To maintain the Park to meet the needs and expectations of users and the community, commensurate with Council resources	Carry out regular maintenance to a high standard as befits the Park's status as a regional recreation resource and ensuring provision of a safe and attractive park	Park maintenance regimes consider that the periodic special events require extra maintenance	O	Maintenance program implemented on time and within budget. Condition of the Park	
		Undertake emergency repairs as required	Council staff are pro-active; identifying problem areas and responding to public requests	O	Expenditure/revenue ratio achieved	
		Monitor the cost of maintenance work so that adequate resources can be allocated, and future problems prevented		O	Cost data recorded and monitored	
	To ensure the playground is functional, safe and attractive	Manage and maintain the playground as per Council's Playgrounds PoM		O	Playground maintained as per Playgrounds PoM	Playgrounds Plan of Management 2016 NSC
		Inspect the playground daily to ensure all equipment and ancillary facilities are in good condition	The playground is occasionally subject to vandalism due to its 'hidden' location in the centre of the Park	O	Playground inspected daily, and damage attended to in a timely manner	
	To maintain all sports fields and courts in a safe, usable and attractive condition	Maintain the Bon Andrews Oval and the cricket nets and netball courts as per the Sportsgrounds PoM		O	Maintenance as per Sportsgrounds PoM	Sportsgrounds Plan of Management 2017 NSC

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
	To maintain Park amenities and facilities as per Council's Amenities Condition Report & Maintenance Plan (ACRMP)	Carry out minor repair works to the amenities block near the playground prior to construction of the new facility	Minor repair works only will be undertaken as a new amenities block will be constructed in future, as per the LMP. The ACRMP has a 10-year lifespan	O/2	Work carried out as per the ACRMP	LMP: GP4, PII6 ACRMP 2018 NSC
		Maintain the Bon Andrews Pavilion as per the ACRMP	Work includes maintaining epoxy coating to floors, external painting, minor repairs, replacing quad gutters to the brick section of the building, internal painting and replacing change room floor	O	Work carried out as per the ACRMP	ACRMP 2018 NSC
		Maintain the netball courts as per the ACRMP	Courts require resurfacing every 8 years, commencing in 2025	O	Work carried out as per the ACRMP	ACRMP 2018 NSC
		Maintain the stone shelter as per the ACRMP	External and internal painting and minor repairs are required every 10 years, commencing in 2022	O	Work carried out as per the ACRMP	ACRMP 2018 NSC

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Safety and Risk Management	To minimise Council exposure to complaints, compensation claims and litigation	Continue to carry out an inspection program to identify and eliminate potential hazards in a timely manner	The regular maintenance inspections also function as risk assessment inspections	O	Inspection program regularly carried out	
	To minimise vandalism in the Park	Patrol the Park regularly	Council Rangers carry out patrols	O	Decrease in annual number of incidents reported	
		Remove graffiti as soon as practicable	Removing graffiti quickly sends the message that Council facilities are well-cared for	O	Speed of graffiti removal	Graffiti Management Policy 2018 NSC
		Repair vandalised park furniture and play equipment as soon as practicable or remove if damaged beyond repair	Park users are encouraged to alert Council to any vandalism as soon as it is noticed	O	Speed of repair work or removal	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Parks Department Depot	To ensure the Parks Depot operates effectively and with minimal impact on the rest of the Park	Limit Depot access to Council vehicles, delivery vehicles and vehicles associated with major fixtures at North Sydney Oval	Access to the Depot is via Fig Tree Lane, a private road that is also used by pedestrians and cyclists	O	No access to Depot by unauthorised vehicles or visitors	
		Close gates outside Depot operating hours to prevent unauthorised access	Gates are open between 6.30 am - 3.45 pm, Monday – Friday only	O	No access to Depot outside operating hours	
		Prohibit vehicles from parking in Fig Tree Lane	Lane may be used by delivery vehicles as a drop-off zone only, under Council supervision	O	Adherence by delivery vehicles with conditions of use of access road	
		Install controlled vehicle security access in Fig Tree Lane	This safety measure will be implemented as part of Priority 1 LMP works	1	Unauthorised access prevented	LMP
		Ensure that the appearance of all Depot structures is sympathetic to other Park and Oval structures		O	Depot structures have minimal visual impact on the rest of the Park	
		Maintain Depot in a clean, tidy and safe condition and ensure all hazardous materials are secured	Fuels, pesticides and fertilisers are locked up in a designated shed	O	Depot maintained in a tidy and safe condition	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Stakeholder Involvement	To provide opportunities for public involvement in the development and implementation of this Plan of Management	Actively seek public input by widely publicising the draft PoM	In addition to general public notification, known stakeholder groups and individuals are notified directly and invited to comment when the draft Plan is on public exhibition	O	Public exhibition of draft Plan of Management widely publicised	
		Carry out consultation as required by the <i>NT Act</i>	Refer Issue 'Native Title Obligations'	O	Obligations under the <i>NT Act</i> fulfilled	<i>Native Title (Cwlth) Act 1993</i>
		Encourage stakeholders to provide written submissions to Council regarding the draft PoM	Council considers all submissions and appropriate information and comments are incorporated into the final PoM	O	Review of draft PoM appropriately considers all public submissions	
		Ensure that both the draft and the final PoM are easily accessible to the community and stakeholders	All adopted PoM's are available on Council's website	O	Plan of Management available on Council's website	
		Carry out future development in the Park as per the LMP	The LMP was prepared with a very high level of community and stakeholder involvement and was generally very well received and well supported. (Refer Section 3.8 of this Plan)	O	Future work is consistent with the LMP	LMP

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Drainage	To address drainage and flooding issues near the Music Shell	Undertake localised path reconstruction and other work as needed to mitigate drainage and flooding issues at the Music Shell	The entrance to the interior of the Music Shell is located at the Park's low-point	1	Music Shell flooding problems resolved	LMP

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Monitoring of Management Systems	To review and update the St Leonards Park Plan of Management regularly	Review the PoM regularly, and comprehensively update the Plan after 5-10 years to conserve, maintain and enhance the values and character of the Park		O	Plan objectives and actions implemented. Relevance of Plan of Management	

5.2 Implementing the Indicative Works Program

Council's Plans of Management identify clear objectives and directions for planning, resource management and maintenance of public open space. They inform the community about upcoming projects and works; clarifying what will be happening, explaining why, and assigning priorities.

However, the Plans of Management also need to be flexible enough to respond to new opportunities and to changed circumstances and community needs. While significant shifts in policy or planning issues during the life of a Plan of Management are unlikely, it is conceivable that specific works or the order in which works are undertaken may vary.

New Opportunities

Whenever possible, Council makes application for grant funding from relevant state and federal organisations. Grant funding generally targets specific types of work (for example upgrading a playground or restoring a historical monuments). If successful, Council may need to bring forward the project to comply with the grant conditions.

Changed Circumstances and Community Needs

There may also be instances where specific projects need to be rescheduled. The impending construction of the Western Harbour Tunnel & Northern Beaches Line will directly impact the eastern side of the Park and works planned for this area (such as construction of the commuter cycleway) will be delayed.

The process of reviewing and revising Council's Plans of Management is cyclical, and, in some instances, other significant studies completed 'between Plans' may identify actions and works that can appropriately jump ahead of existing Plan of Management actions. This is particularly so when the study in question (for example a Recreation Needs Study) has been prepared with a very high level of community engagement and involvement. If the fast-tracked action is consistent with the core values and stated management objectives expressed in the relevant Plan of Management, this is justified.

5.3 INDICATIVE WORKS PROGRAM

WORKS/ACTION	2020 – 2022	2022 - 2024	2024 onwards
	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Upgrade paving and associated infrastructure on the Park’s Miller St frontage, beside the North Sydney Oval complex			
Install controlled vehicle security access in Fig Tree Lane			
Plant a single line of figs from Fig Tree Lane to Tunks Fountain			
Crown lift figs along Tunks Avenue, and remove selected other trees			
Plant new palms along the southern portion of Tunks Avenue			
Widen Tunks Avenue, install accent lighting and edging			
Construct footpath along the Ridge Street park edge			
Undertake localised path reconstruction and other work to mitigate drainage and flooding issues at the Music Shell			
Install new park benches along primary park paths (eg Tunks Ave)			
Relocate Field Gun to the northern end of Tunks Ave and install accent lighting			
Expand and refurbish gardens along park edges (Falcon, Miller and Ridge Street frontages, under existing trees, and at other key locations specified in the LMP			
Upgrade the access road to the bowling club			
Realign the existing diagonal path south of Tunks Fountain, upgrade its surface and install path lighting			
Install gardens between the southern portion of the diagonal pathway and North Sydney Oval wall			
Install bench seats, picnic tables, chess tables etc in the new gardens between the Oval wall and the relocated diagonal path			
Improve the War Memorial surrounds to enhance the significance and improve the useability of the area			
Upgrade Tunks Fountain by constructing a new elevated base, planting new gardens, installing seats and accent lighting			
Upgrade Fig Tree Lane by installing new lighting, new road surfacing and raised thresholds at the entry points, removing bollards and replacing kerb and gutters			
Carry out minor regrading to create a flatter ground surface east of netball courts			
Carry out minor regrading to create flatter ground surface adjacent to junior practice wicket			
Install picnic tables in the Palm Grove and southern gardens (adjacent to the southern lawn)			
Plant additional shade tolerant species in the Palm Grove			

WORKS/ACTION	2020 – 2022	2022 - 2024	2024 onwards
	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Install new drinking fountains on the diagonal path, near the netball courts and at the playground			
Install a fitness station in the Park			
Upgrade other park paths and relocate lamp posts away from the middle of remaining paths			
Design and construct new public amenities			
Expand the existing playground west, and cater for older children in a new nature-based garden play space			
Upgrade the existing walled play space (this area will cater to younger children)			
Provide new play equipment and ancillary facilities including seating, picnic tables, drinking fountains and BBQs in the new play space			
Install a separated, commuter cycleway on the eastern Park edge, linking Falcon Street to Ridge Street			
Expand freeway buffer gardens on the eastern Park edge (in conjunction with new cycleway)			
Investigate replacing the existing wire fence around Bowling Club			
Carry out a major review of this Plan of Management			

6.0 **Appendices and Supporting Material**

6.1 **Appendix 1 - Zoning of St Leonards Park**

Zone RE1 Public Recreation

1. Objectives of the Zone

The particular objectives of this zone are to:

- To enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes.
- To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses.
- To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.
- To ensure sufficient public recreation areas are available for the benefit and use of residents of, and visitors to, North Sydney.

2. Permitted without consent

Environmental protection works.

3. Permitted with consent

Building identification signs; Business identification signs; Community facilities; Environmental facilities; Information and education facilities; Kiosks; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (outdoor); Roads; Water recreation structures.

4. Prohibited

Any development not specified in item 2 or 3.

Source: North Sydney Local Environmental Plan, 2013.

6.2 Appendix 2 - Definitions

Organised Sport

Organised sport refers to sporting activities that require use of a marked playing surface provided and maintained by Council. Typically, organised sport is played by clubs, schools, commercial hirers and the like who have an organised administration and/or who are participating in formal competitions.

Fees are charged for exclusive use of marked playing surfaces by the groups listed above, and bookings must be made through Council's Customer Services Department.

No activities are to occur on sportsfields that are designated as 'closed'.

Informal Sport and Games

Informal sports and games are those that do not require use of a marked or designated playing surface. They may be played in Council's parks and reserves (including sportsgrounds when these are not being used for organised sport) free of charge, on a first come first served basis, as long as they comply with the requirements of the relevant Council Plan of Management, and do not significantly compromise the amenity of other park users.

In order to ensure the sportsfields continue to cater for needs of organised, fee-paying sporting groups, Council's sportsground maintenance activities take precedence over use of the sportsfields for informal sports and games. In addition, informal users must ensure they do not unduly damage the designated playing surfaces.

No activities are to occur on sportsfields that are designated as 'closed'.

Sportsground

Sportsgrounds are areas of land used primarily for active recreation involving organised sports. Sportsgrounds include the playing surface as well as related ancillary facilities including infrastructure (flood lights, goal posts, nets etc), amenities buildings (clubhouses, toilets, change rooms and storage areas), and other amenities (seating, shade, shelter, barbecues and picnic facilities).

Sportsfield/ Playing Field

The actual marked, or designated playing surface used for playing organised sport. While most playing surfaces in North Sydney are turf, other surfaces can include asphalt, acrylic/hard court and synthetic grass.

Sportsfields in North Sydney include ovals and other grassed playing fields, tennis courts, croquet courts, netball courts and the like.

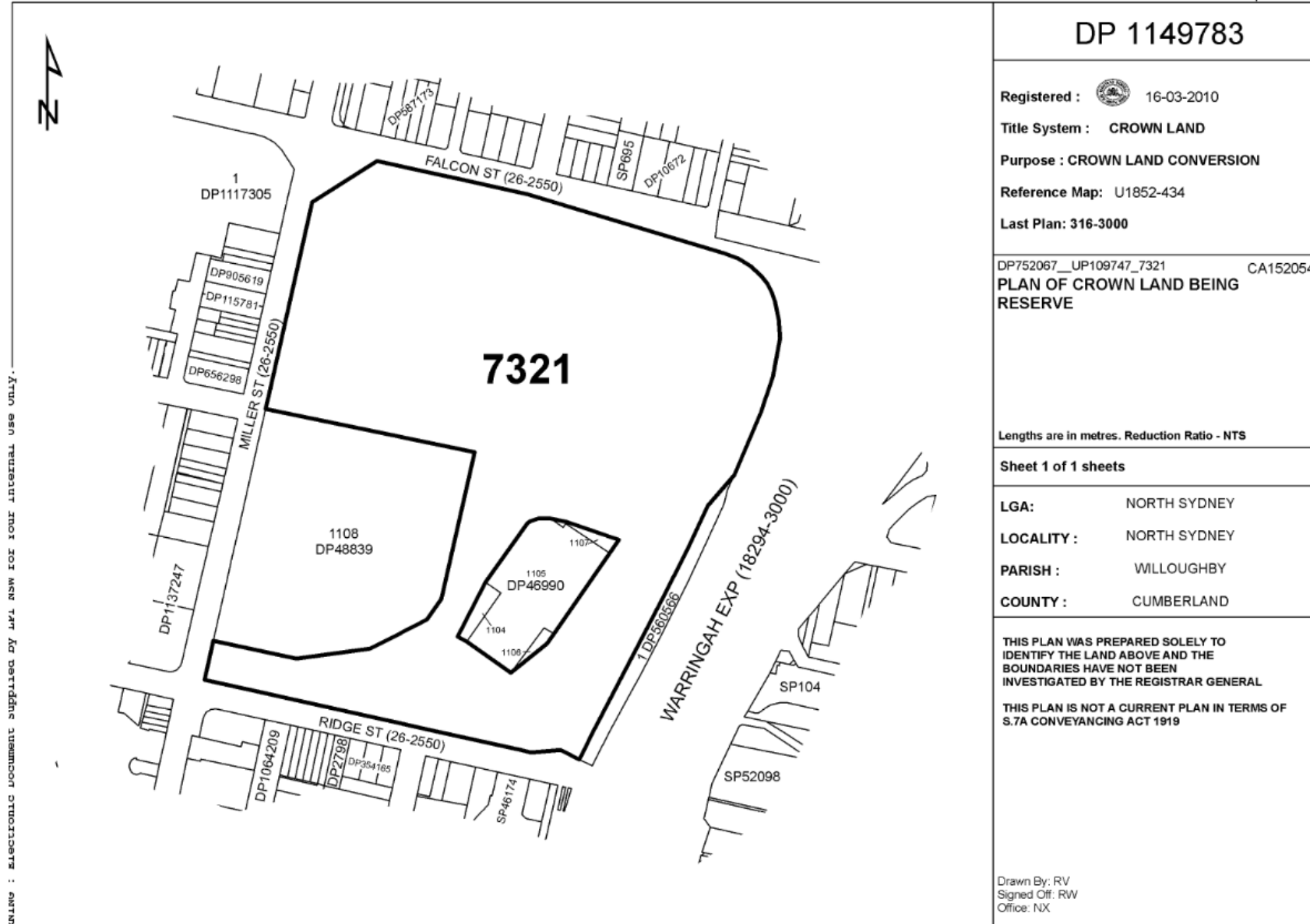
6.3 Appendix 3 - Maps

Map 1 – Aerial Photograph of St Leonards Park, including cadastral information




Map 2 – St Leonards Park - Lot and DP Information

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DP 1149783

Registered :  16-03-2010
 Title System : CROWN LAND
 Purpose : CROWN LAND CONVERSION
 Reference Map: U1852-434
 Last Plan: 316-3000

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PLAN OF CROWN LAND BEING RESERVE

Lengths are in metres. Reduction Ratio - NTS

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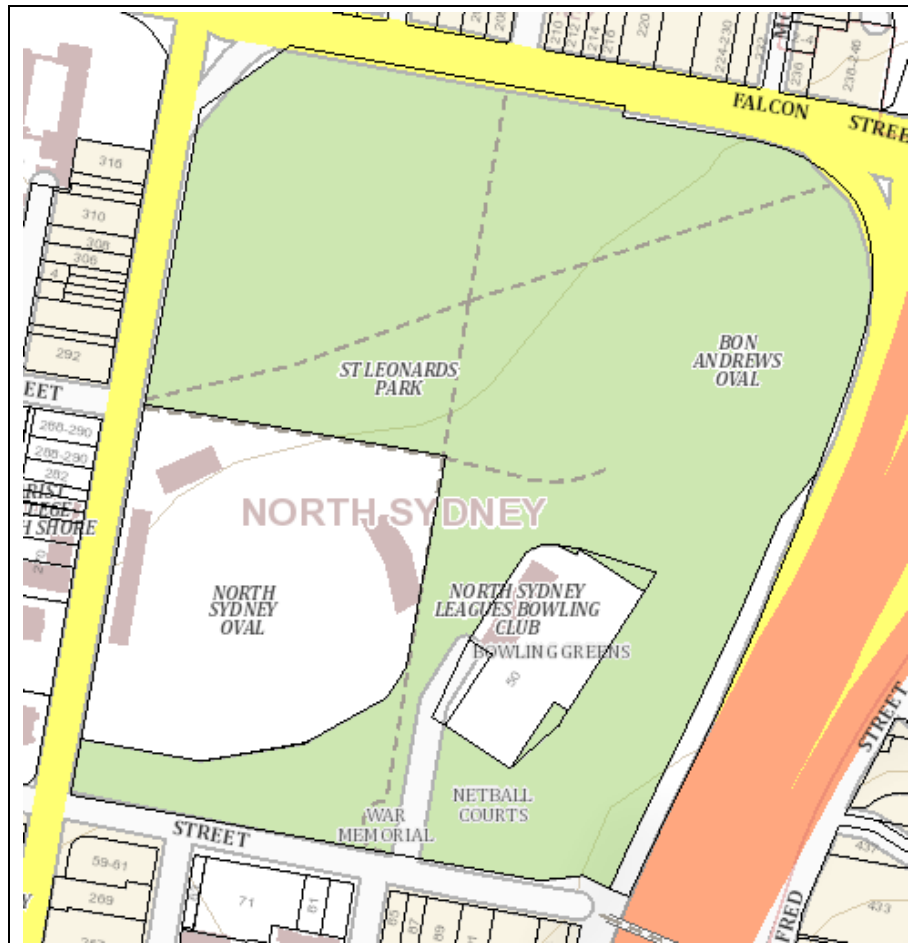
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 LOCALITY : NORTH SYDNEY
 PARISH : WILLOUGHBY
 COUNTY : CUMBERLAND

THIS PLAN WAS PREPARED SOLELY TO IDENTIFY THE LAND ABOVE AND THE BOUNDARIES HAVE NOT BEEN INVESTIGATED BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL

THIS PLAN IS NOT A CURRENT PLAN IN TERMS OF S.7A CONVEYANCING ACT 1919

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Map 3 - Reserve no. 89592 (St Leonards Park) and Approved Category Boundaries



Extent of Reserve (Source: Crown Lands Portal Maps)



Category Boundaries



Park



Sportsground