



North Sydney Oval



PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

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1.0 **Introduction**

1.1 **Management Context**

Plans of Management are important documents providing clear guidelines for the effective short and long-term management of all land owned by Council or under Council's control. This document complies with the Local Government Act 1993, and the Amendment (Community Land Management) Act 1998, and supersedes Council's North Sydney Oval Plan of Management 2007.

This Plan of Management examines the broad range of issues associated with North Sydney Oval and its operations in a comprehensive and holistic manner. The Plan draws on information contained in other significant planning documents and in previous in-house plans and studies, incorporating them into a useful document that functions as one of Council's primary management tools. Other relevant plans and studies include:

- Local Government Act 1993
- North Sydney Council Delivery Program
- Local Environmental Plan 2013, North Sydney Council
- North Sydney Oval Business Plan 2014
- Property Asset Management Plan 2011/2012
- Recreation Needs Study 2005
- North Sydney Oval Management Policy 1994
- St Leonards Park Conservation Management Plan 2013

This Plan of Management focuses on the grassed playing surface of North Sydney Oval together with the surrounding grandstands and other related infrastructure.

Retail premises space incorporated into the backs of grandstands along Miller Street, the Grandstand Kindergarten, the Parks Depot and a 2-level Function Centre located in the Mollie Dive Stand are also features of the North Sydney Oval Complex. These operational areas are referenced in this Plan of Management in order to take an holistic approach to management of the site, and to produce a more useful document. Similarly, the relationship between the North Sydney Oval Complex and the rest of St Leonards Park is addressed in this Plan.

Associated Council management documents include the significant area Plan of Management for St Leonards Park 2011. The Bon Andrews Oval is referenced in Council's generic Sportsgrounds Plan of Management 2010, while additional information about the playground can be found in Council's Playgrounds Plan of Management 2009.

1.2 **Structure of the Plan of Management**

The North Sydney Oval Plan of Management is divided into 6 parts.

Part 1 examines what a Plan of Management is, outlines the scope and purpose of the Plan, explains the linkage between this Plan of Management and Council's land management goals, and details the importance of community and stakeholder consultation in the planning process.

Part 2 indicates the location of North Sydney Oval, and provides a description and brief history of the facility.

Part 3 identifies and examines the major planning issues essential to an understanding of the overall directions of the Plan of Management. Current management policies and practices are also discussed.

Part 4 is the philosophical basis for the Plan of Management. It details the significance of North Sydney Oval and establishes the overall directions and objectives of management that guide policy development and formulation of the action 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 for each issue, and each action is given a priority rating. An indicative works program further details the staging of all works and actions.

Part 6 contains the appendices as well as other supporting material and background information which, though not essential to the basic understanding of the Plan, provide an important resource base for appreciating the value of North Sydney Oval.

1.3 Purpose of the Plan of Management

Public open space is an important component of the urban environment, providing opportunities for recreation and leisure. The North Sydney Oval Plan of Management provides an overall framework for management of this significant area for at least the next 5 years.

The production of this Plan of Management is closely linked to North Sydney Council's overall land management objectives, as set out in the North Sydney Council Delivery Program.

The Delivery Program describes the actions required to achieve the objectives outlined in the 2020 Vision. North Sydney Council's 2020 Vision is our most important strategic document; it sets a strategic direction for where the North Sydney community wants to be in the year 2020.

The following information, relevant to North Sydney Oval, has been taken from the North Sydney Council Delivery Program.

The following outcomes describe what Council needs to achieve with regard to management of the North Sydney Oval Complex. The outcomes are encompassed in the Delivery Program under: 'Direction 1 – Our Living Environment', 'Direction 2 – Our Built Environment and 'Direction 3 – Our Economic Vitality':

- 1.5 Public open space, recreation facilities and services that meet community needs
- 2.4 North Sydney's heritage is valued and preserved
- 3.3 North Sydney is a place that attracts events

The following strategies are derived from these outcomes:

- 1.5.1 Provide a range of recreational facilities and services for people of all ages and abilities
- 1.5.2 Improve equity of access to open space and recreation facilities
- 2.4.1 Protect and promote the heritage values of residential amenity including significant architecture, objects, places and landscapes
- 3.3.2 Attract major regional and sporting events

The North Sydney Oval Plan of Management examines the present day condition and characteristics of the Oval and its surrounds. It identifies clear objectives and establishes directions for planning, resource management and maintenance. It clarifies and establishes management policy and direction, both to Council staff and the general public. The Plan of Management provides a basis for assigning priorities in works programming and budgeting.

This Plan of Management will be reviewed regularly to assess implementation. A major review after approximately 5 years will allow policy and planning issues to be revisited and updated.

The land covered by this Plan of Management is zoned 'RE1 Public Recreation' under Council's Local Environmental Plan 2013. Refer **Appendix 1**.

1.4 Land Categorisation and Core Objectives

The grassed playing surface of North Sydney Oval is classified as community land, and is categorised as a sportsground. The Local Government Amendment (Community Land Management) 1998 provides the following guidelines for categorisation of land as a sportsground:

'Land should be categorised as a sportsground under section 36 (a) of the Act if the land is used or proposed to be used primarily for active recreation involving organised sports or the playing of outdoor games'.

The Amendment also provides core objectives for management of land categorised as a sportsground that are applicable to management of North Sydney Oval:

- (a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games, and*
- (b) to ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impacts on nearby residences'.*

1.5 Leases, Licences and Other Estates

The granting of a lease, licence or other estate formalises the use of community land by groups such as sporting clubs, commercial organisations or individuals who are providing facilities or services for public use. The term 'estate' is defined as an interest, charge, right, title, claim, demand, lien and encumbrance, whether by law or in equity.

A lease, licence or other estate is required where exclusive control of all or part of an area by a party is proposed or desirable in the interests of management of an area. Activities under a lease, licence or other estate must be compatible with any zoning or reservation,

provide benefits, services or facilities for users of the land, and be authorised under the Plan of Management. The terms and conditions of a lease, licence or other estate should ensure that the lessee/licensee 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.

The Local Government Act 1993, and the Local Government Amendment (Community Land Management) 1998, set out requirements for the granting of a lease, licence or other estate in respect of community land. It should be noted that while leases currently exist for operations occurring in various parts of the North Sydney Oval Complex including the offices, colonnade shops, kiosks, a kindergarten and a caretaker's residence, these areas are all classified as operational land, and thus are not covered by the leasing requirements specified in the Act. The grassed playing surface of North Sydney Oval however is classified as community land, and hence any lease, licence or other estate that seeks to include this area is covered by the requirements of the Local Government Act and the General Conditions that follow apply to it.

The North Sydney Oval Complex has 9 commercial tenants and a kindergarten located within it. In order to confirm the venue's status as a major sporting facility, major sporting teams are being sought to use the Oval both on a regular and on an occasional basis, for matches and training. Granting leases, licences and other estates to appropriate sporting organisations provides opportunities for the North Sydney community to attend high-quality sporting events.

Council is also keen to encourage alternative uses of North Sydney Oval that are compatible with the Oval's categorisation as a sportsground and which do not conflict with its primary function as a venue for major sporting fixtures. For example cultural events may attract a broad range of the community to the Oval. Council also offers inducements including reduced hire charges in an effort to make the Oval accessible to local junior sporting teams and school groups.

General Conditions

Council may only grant a lease, licence or other estate over the playing surface of North Sydney Oval if it is:

- for a purpose specified as a core objective for 'sportsgrounds' (refer section 1.4)
- for activities appropriate to the current and future needs of the community in relation to wide public purposes such as public recreation and cultural development
- for short term casual purposes as listed below:
 - o the playing of a musical instrument, or singing, for fee or reward
 - o engaging in a trade or business
 - o delivering a public address
 - o commercial photographic sessions
 - o picnics and private celebrations such as weddings and family gatherings
 - o filming for cinema or television

(Note: The use or occupation of the Oval playing surface for any of the above listed short term casual purposes is allowed only if the use or occupation does not involve the erection of any building or structure of a permanent nature.)

Subleasing of the playing surface of North Sydney Oval is only permitted for the same purpose as the original lease.

Leases, licences and other estates for periods not exceeding 5 years

In order for Council to grant a lease, licence or other estate in respect of the playing surface of North Sydney Oval for a period that does not exceed 5 years (including any period for which the lease, licence or other estate could be renewed by the exercise of an option), it must:

- give public notice of the proposal, and
- exhibit notice of the proposal on the land to which the proposal relates, and
- exhibit notice of the proposal to such persons as appear to it to own or occupy the land adjoining the community land, and
- give notice of the proposal to any other person, appearing to the Council to be the owner or occupier of land in the vicinity of the community land, if in the opinion of the Council the land the subject of the proposal is likely to form the primary focus of the person's enjoyment of community land.

A notice of the proposal must include:

- information sufficient to identify the community land concerned
- the purpose for which the land will be used under the proposed lease, licence or other estate
- the term of the proposed lease, licence or other estate (including particulars of any options for renewal)
- the name of the person to whom it is proposed to grant the lease, licence or other estate
- a statement that submissions in writing may be made to the Council concerning the proposal within a period, not less than 28 days, specified in the notice

Other requirements

- Any person may make a submission in writing to the Council during the period specified for the purpose in the notice
- Before granting the lease, licence or other estate, the Council must consider all submissions duly made to it
- On receipt by the Council of a written request from the Minister for Local Government, the proposal is to be referred to the Minister

Final approval of a lease, licence or other estate rests with Council, however, in unusual circumstances, the Minister for Local Government has the discretion to 'call-in' a proposed lease, licence or other estate and determine the matter in place of the Council.

Leases, licences and other estates for a period of 5 years or less for use of the grassed playing surface of the Oval for sporting or other cultural or recreational purposes are not required to be tendered.

Leases, licences and other estates for periods exceeding 5 years

Leases, licences and other estates for use or occupation of the grassed playing surface of North Sydney Oval for periods of over 5 years must be tendered unless for a non-profit organisation. The public notification and consultation procedure is as for leases, licences and other estates of 5 years or less. Council must submit leases, licences and other estates of over 5 years (including options to renew) to the Minister of for Local Government for his approval.

Leases, licences or other estates may not be granted for a period exceeding 21 years. (This includes any period for which the lease, licence or other estate could be renewed by the exercise of an option).

Uses of Community Land for which leases, licences and other estates are not required

Exemptions regarding the granting of lease, licence or other estate in respect of the playing surface of North Sydney Oval for terms of 5 years or less may be granted in the following cases:

- Use and occupation of the land for events such as:
 - (i) a public performance (that is, a theatrical, musical or other entertainment for the amusement of the public),
 - (ii) the playing of a musical instrument, or singing, for fee or reward,
 - (iii) engaging in a trade or business,
 - (iv) playing of any lawful game or sport,
 - (v) delivering a public address
 - (vi) conducting a commercial photographic session,
 - (vii) picnics and private celebrations such as weddings and family gatherings,
 - (viii) filming for cinema or television

However, the use or occupation of community land for the events listed above is exempt only if:

- (a) the use or occupation does not involve the erection of any building or structure of a permanent nature,
- (b) in the case of any use or occupation that occurs only once, it does not continue for more than 3 consecutive days, and
- (c) in the case of any use or occupation that occurs more than once, each occurrence is for no more than 3 consecutive days, not including Saturday and Sunday, and the period from the first occurrence until the last occurrence is not more than 12 months.

1.6 Community Consultation

Community consultation plays an important role in the production of Plans of Management. It provides Council with a sound understanding of relevant issues from people who are familiar with and use the facility. To a large degree, the direction for the future development of open space is based on the views expressed by the general public.

Public involvement and consultation 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 the North Sydney Oval Plan of Management.

Exhibition of the draft North Sydney Oval 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. In order to generate widespread community awareness of this draft Plan, a number of important steps have been taken.

- Regular notices in Council's corporate advertisement in the Mosman Daily
- Posting the draft document on Council's website for information and comment, and providing details of how to make a submission
- Emails and/or letters sent to known users and interest groups including major sports club users and all Precincts informing them about the new draft Plan
- Hard copies of the new draft Plan available from Council, free of charge, 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 for North Sydney Oval in the coming years.

To ensure submissions are as effective as possible:

- (1) List all points according to the section and page number in the plan.
- (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 addressed to:

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Comments regarding this or any other adopted Plan of Management may be submitted at any time. Each Plan of Management is reviewed regularly, and, at the time of the review new issues and actions can be incorporated and existing actions amended. Adopted Plans of Management are available on Council's website: www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au

2.0 **Description**

2.1 **Site Location and General Description**

North Sydney Oval is located in the south-western corner of St Leonards Park, at the intersection of Miller and Ridge Streets. St Leonards Park is an important piece of regional open space with a history dating back to 1838 when it was first identified and gazetted on the original North Sydney Town Plan. The 18 ha (40 acre) park was originally known as the 'Reserve' and was dissected by through-roads that were used until the 1870s. In 1879 when William Tunks became the first Mayor of the Borough of St Leonards, the roads through the Reserve were closed and the area was dedicated as a public recreation area. Public open space was high on Tunks' agenda and he had a great personal input into the physical design of St Leonards Park.

North Sydney Oval is one of North Sydney's most historic and picturesque landmarks, with its distinctive architecture, picket fence and ancient, signature Morton Bay Fig casting a shadow over the northern end of the ground. The Oval is an important location for sporting endeavors, and a prime location for other large cultural and recreational events.

One of Sydney's premier sporting venues, North Sydney Oval is primarily used for soccer, football and cricket fixtures. It is also a venue for various one-off sporting and cultural special events. The high-standard playing surface is surrounded by five spectator stands. The Oval's capacity is 15,000 and the ground contains a number of grandstands which have seating for around 7,000 people. There is also a grass hill on the outer wing. 5 light towers provide the ground with a reasonable standard of lighting for night matches.

The Mollie Dive Function Centre is the corporate viewing area for the Oval and is hired out as part of the Oval when major matches are played. It serves as a function centre when there are no matches on the Oval, and is used for conferences, weddings, private parties and the like. Views from the venue take in North Sydney Oval on one side and St Leonards Park on the other. The Function Centre's availability is governed by the permanent hirer's upcoming sports draw. The Oval and the Function Centre work together for other activities including the annual outdoor Sunset Cinema program which runs over summer each year.

In addition to the playing field, the surrounding grandstands (including the Mollie Dive Function Centre) and other sporting infrastructure, the North Sydney Oval Complex includes Council's Parks Depot, a lettable retail area along Miller Street and a childcare centre with adjoining playground.

The row of leased retail spaces along Miller Street are managed as part of Council's commercial property portfolio, and are leased at market rents. The Child Care Centre is leased to and managed by an independent child care provider organisation; KU Australia. It is accessed from Figtree Lane. The Parks Depot was established near the north eastern corner of North Sydney Oval in the 1930s; it is also accessed via Fig Tree Lane. Council's outdoor parks and gardens staff operate from this depot, and associated vehicles and materials are also stored here.

Unlike the rest of St Leonards Park which is Crown land, under Council's care and control, the North Sydney Oval Complex is Council-owned. The playing field is 'community' land, while the remainder of the Complex is classified as 'operational' land.

MAP 1 – North Sydney Oval, St Leonards Park & Environs



Map 1 shows the location of the North Sydney Oval Complex within St Leonards Park. The Park is bounded by Miller Street to the west, Ridge Street to the south, Falcon Street to the north and by the Warringah Expressway to the east.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH 1 – North Sydney Oval, St Leonards Park & Environs



Aerial Photograph 1 shows St Leonards Park with the North Sydney Oval Complex in the bottom left corner. Other Park features including the Bowling Club, the Bon Andrews Oval, the Music Shell and the Netball Courts can also be seen.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH 2 – The North Sydney Oval Complex



Aerial Photograph 2 clearly shows the major features of the North Sydney Oval Complex; the playing field, the grandstands, turnstile buildings, the Parks Department Depot and the large Fig tree.

2.2 Significance of North Sydney Oval

North Sydney Oval has considerable historical, recreational, social and cultural significance. The entirety of St Leonards Park is included in the National Trust of Australia's register, and is protected under North Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2013. The North Sydney Council Heritage Study Review recognises the heritage significance of the Park as a whole, as well as that of North Sydney Oval with its associated grandstands, scoreboard and turnstile booths. Other significant heritage items in St Leonards Park include the War Memorial, Tunks Fountain and the Music Shell.

North Sydney Oval is an attractive, high profile sporting complex that provides opportunities for the local and wider community to take part in and/or to watch a variety of sports and other recreation activities. It attracts specialist user groups and hosts large-scale community events, and functions as a focal point for social integration and cultural activity.

It is important that the Oval continues to be managed to meet the recreation needs and expectations of current and potential future users. Continuing improvement and enhancement of all North Sydney parks and reserves is an ongoing commitment for North Sydney Council.

2.3 Heritage Value and Conservation Status

St Leonards Park is protected under the North Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2013, and a number of items are individually heritage listed. In 1994 the National Trust of Australia included the whole of St Leonards Park on its register.

North Sydney Council's Heritage Study Review, prepared by Godden Mackay, recognised the heritage significance of St Leonards Park as a whole as 'rare' on a regional level for its historic, aesthetic and social value. The Study also identified North Sydney Oval with its associated grandstands, scoreboard and turnstile booths as of heritage significance. The findings of the Study are summarised below, while more detailed information may be found in **Appendix 6 - State Heritage Inventory Sheets for the Oval Complex**.

North Sydney Oval Group

The most used and familiar facility in St Leonards Park and one of the oldest cricket grounds still in use in Australia. The North Sydney Oval is a fine example of a traditional cricket Oval with Edwardian features and buildings creating an ambience associated with the English cricketing tradition.

The Grandstand/Duncan Thompson Stand

This is the original main grandstand from the 1928 redevelopment of the Oval, and the main building which defines the design character of the other buildings. It is an interesting period example of Georgian revival architecture. The building and central tower are focal points of views of the Park and Oval.

The Duncan Thompson Stand is a two storey brick building with hipped and gabled corrugated-iron roof. The 'Oval' facade is formed as a tiered row of grandstand seating on a concrete foundation with timber and steel seats and roof carried on steel posts. A square tower projects centrally from the roof. The exterior facade comprises brick walls between smooth rendered pilasters with stucco mouldings at their upper ends. Each bay has a tall

semi-circular arched window with fanlight mullions in the arch. There are semi-circular bay windows with seven-facet hipped metal roofs to alternate bays on the ground floor.

The Bob Stand

This historic Sydney Cricket Ground grandstand was rescued from demolition and re-erected in a fitting context. It is a fine addition to the picturesque sportsground. The grandstand comprises an open-sided shelter roof over tiers of seating on a concrete base. It features interesting structural details and is good example of late-nineteenth century construction.

The Ken Irvine Scoreboard

The scoreboard is part of the traditional built environment of North Sydney Oval and a fine, simple building reflecting and enhancing the architecture of other buildings around the Oval. The scoreboard is a rectangular brick building with a hipped roof of corrugated-iron. The scoreboard is concealed by roller shutters when not in use.

North, South and West Turnstile Booths

These 3 turnstile buildings date from the 1928 development of the Oval and are part of the traditional built environment of the Oval. They are finely detailed, simple small buildings which remain functional today, and enhance the Edwardian character of the Oval.

The exterior facade of each booth has three entry openings with semicircular arches of bull-nosed bricks and a fourth, semi-circular arched ticket-window opening. The interior facades have four rectangular openings with a continuous rendered concrete lintel.

2.4 **Site History**

North Sydney Oval is one of the oldest cricket grounds in Australia. The first cricket pitch was laid on 6 December 1867 and the first structure, a simple spectator pavilion overlooking the cricket ground, was erected in 1879. In 1896 this pavilion was replaced by another which remained until the building now known as the Duncan Thompson Stand was erected in 1928.

North Sydney District Cricket Club (NSDCC) has had a long and storied history at North Sydney Oval commencing in 1894/95. The Oval has been the Club's home ground for over 120 years.

Although originally dedicated for cricket, by the turn of the century North Sydney Oval was also hosting football matches when the first North Shore Football Club relocated from a nearby paddock in West Street. The North Shore Pirates, as they were known, were captained by well-known Union player, Dr F Antill Pockley, and wore a uniform of black with white skull and crossbones. This Club became the nucleus of the first North Sydney Rugby Union Club under the new district system introduced in 1900.

Increasing use of the Oval by both cricket and football led to a need to expand and upgrade the facilities. In 1904 the original grandstand was replaced with a more substantial structure and in 1909 a low picket fence was erected to enclose the Oval. This fence was installed after agreement had been reached between North Sydney Council, NSW Rugby Football League and Osborne & Jerdan, a firm of opticians who conducted open-air picture shows on the Oval.

In 1924 Council set about designing a new pavilion for the cricket ground to replace the existing structure. First prize of £30 was awarded to Mr F G Leslie Allen of Martin Place for his elegant brick structure. At the time of its completion, the Duncan Thompson Stand was the largest suburban grandstand in the State. It incorporated seating for 772 spectators as well as dressing-rooms. The pavilion is named after Duncan Thompson, Australian representative footballer and captain of the North Sydney side during its only two Premiership years, 1921 and 1922. The official opening took place in 1928.

In 1936 the picket fence that enclosed the Oval was replaced by a high brick wall, necessitating the removal of a number of large Morton Bay Figs along Miller Street. These were removed despite strong local opposition; the figs remaining today are closely protected. The existing brick wall enclosing the Oval on the eastern side probably dates from this time also. In 1937 concrete terrace seating was installed along the western side of the Oval. In 1938 this seating area was extended in a southerly direction to accommodate approximately 1,200 spectators.

North Sydney Oval's first major renovation occurred in 1931. The pitch was described by Alderman Blue as being "like concrete", and he claimed that something must be done "if we don't want to have some of the players killed there". In response, the ground was ploughed and levelled, and the centre of the field was raised by two feet to eliminate the problem of water pooling on the pitch. By 1976 the North Sydney Oval was carrying seven full football matches from 3 different codes (Australian Rules, Rugby Union, Rugby League) on the weekend, and 8 training sessions during the week. The Oval gained a reputation for its uncomfortable concrete seating, and several proposals for redevelopment of the Oval were put forward during the 1960s and 70s. By 1980, redevelopment had become one of the major issues in the local Council elections.

Increased demand for recreation activities in St Leonards Park in the 1970s, especially football, put further pressure on the existing facilities. In 1983 construction began on a 'new look' North Sydney Oval, and the refurbishment of the Duncan Thompson Stand. The Mayor, Ted Mack, was behind this key initiative and architect Feiko Bouman was engaged to design the Oval's new facilities.

The project involved the construction of 3 new stands, a media tower and the reconstruction of the 'Bob' Stand. The design philosophy was to incorporate modern steelwork technology with a notion of historic comfort; the resultant structures offering a diversity of form within a coherent whole. Attention to detail was also a feature of the redevelopment; the original shelter sheds and scoreboard were upgraded to match the prevailing Federation style, while picket fences, unifying coloured brick paving and red bitumen were used to provide the finishing touches to the Oval surrounds.

In keeping with the Duncan Thompson Stand, each of the new stands was named after a famous Australian sportsperson: Bill O'Reilly, an Australian Test Cricketer, Charles Macartney, opening batsman for Australia during the 1920s, and Mollie Dive, Captain of the Australian Women's Cricket Side on three tours, State representative hockey player and seeded number 2 Squash player. It is believed this is the first time a grandstand has been named after a female sportsperson. The Bob Stand, however, gained its name during the depression. It was originally erected in 1895 as the Hill Stand at the SCG, the latter name referring to the admission price charged during the depression; 1 shilling. The 'Hill' Stand at North Sydney Oval was named in honour of former Test Cricketer, Doug Walters.

The renovation work carried out on the ground itself during this period involved installation of drainage and irrigation systems and re-laying of the pitch. This proved to be an outstanding success, and in 1991-92 North Sydney Oval won the Award for Ground of the Year.

Simultaneously, other areas of St Leonards Park were also revitalised. New park furniture including specially designed seats, light poles and bollards were installed, and new paving was laid. New entrance gates were created from Miller Street and Fig Tree Lane was named. This 'new look' was then adopted for the whole Council area to create a distinctive corporate identity. The colours of 'cantaloupe' and 'jumbunna orange' were carried through the community on redesigned civic amenities including street signs and bus shelters.

The redeveloped North Sydney Oval, officially opened in February 1987, broke new ground in the multi-functional aspects of its design. Zoning regulations were amended to allow for the range of activities now accommodated on the site. There is a kindergarten and two-level Function Centre in the Mollie Dive Members' Stand, and commercial and office spaces within the O'Reilly and Macartney Stands. Other history-making changes at North Sydney Oval have been the banning of tobacco advertising, and in 1992, the introduction of no-smoking zones within the ground. North Sydney Oval was the first outdoor sports venue to introduce the no-smoking zones.

1998 saw the introduction of soccer to North Sydney Oval as the ground became home to the Northern Spirit, participants in the National Soccer League competition. In recent years, the Oval has also hosted Australian Football League exhibition matches and Twenty20 Cricket matches. In 2003 North Sydney Oval hosted Sunset Cinema for the first time. Movies are projected onto a large inflatable screen, while patrons picnic informally on the Oval, or sit in the stands. Running from January to March each year, the program adds another cultural dimension to use of North Sydney Oval.

3.0 **Planning Issues**

3.1 **Background**

North Sydney Oval is subject to pressure from a variety of sources. Aging infrastructure, identified heritage significance, occasional high intensity use, access issues, the need to maintain facilities to a high standard to attract first class sporting events, the need to generate revenue and the need to accommodate a variety of uses are just some of the challenges facing the Oval's managers.

3.2 **Access and Circulation**

Council encourages people to use public transport to reduce the impact of cars on the environment, and to reduce problems with traffic congestion and parking. The Oval is a 10-15 minute uphill walk from North Sydney railway station, however many buses link the Oval with the railway station, the City and other parts of the North Shore. A shuttle bus service runs up the hill from the railway station when major fixtures are held at the Oval.

Parking in the streets near North Sydney Oval can be difficult during major events; with parking in adjacent streets restricted to metered spaces outside of clearway hours. However Council's nearby Ridge Street car park offers reduced rates for patrons attending major events and fixtures.

During large sporting events pedestrian flow levels are high. This causes congestion, particularly on some of the smaller pathways and at constriction points such as Oval entries and in Fig Tree Lane. Vehicle speed limits are imposed in the Lane to minimise potential conflicts between commuters (pedestrian and cyclists), pedestrians accessing the Childcare Centre and other areas of St Leonards Park, and Council staff accessing the Parks Depot in a variety of vehicle types. Bike racks have recently been installed in several locations throughout St Leonards Park.

Within the Oval Complex itself, accessibility levels for users with mobility impairments vary. Several issues that require addressing have already been identified; including the need for standard handrails and luminance contrast stair nosings. An Accessibility Audit for the whole Oval Complex is required; this should include a works program and priorities for implementation.

3.3 **Use of the Oval Complex**

North Sydney Oval is the most high-profile organised sports facility in St Leonards Park. Together North Sydney Oval, the Bon Andrews Oval, the 2 netball courts and the Bowling Club comprise a valuable recreational resource for both local users and the wider sporting community. The primary role of the North Sydney Oval Complex is to accommodate the players of first-class organised sport and the spectators who come to watch them, and to supply the necessary infrastructure to support both these groups.

In summer the Oval is regularly used for cricket (Sydney Grade Competition), as well as for one-day cricket matches, and for Sunset Cinema. During winter the Oval hosts regular Rugby League and Rugby Union matches. Training sessions are held at the Oval year round.

Due to the competitive operating environment (there are a growing number of other Sydney venues vying to attract potential clients), Council is also pursuing alternative commercial and other first class sporting events. North Sydney Oval has hosted international sports teams touring Australia, as well as cricket and soccer training, rugby clinics and fan days, corporate sports days and training for AFL referees. Regular non-sporting events include film shoots for advertising agencies and corporate events.

More detail regarding the complex issues facing Council in its attempts to attract major sporting tenants to the Oval, including a list of required capital works, is contained in the North Sydney Oval Business Plan 2014.

North Sydney Oval is of regional significance, and Council has a responsibility to manage it as such. However the local community retains a strong sense of connection and ownership of the Oval (particularly in its context as part of St Leonards Park), and events held at the Oval can alienate local residents if not managed carefully. Council employs best practice management techniques to ensure sporting and other large scale events held at the Oval run smoothly, and that any potential impacts on local residents and on users of other parts of St Leonards Park are minimised. Careful consideration is given to managing large groups of people arriving at and departing from the Oval simultaneously, and other potential impacts including noise, litter, traffic and parking are also prudently managed.

3.3.1 Sunset Cinema

From its inception in 2003 Sunset Cinema at North Sydney Oval has grown to become a popular annual North Sydney event. On summer evenings from January through into March, the Oval hosts movies on a large inflatable screen. Cinema patrons can sit on the grass, hire low chairs or sit in the stands. Food may be purchased on site or patrons may bring their own picnic supplies. Alcohol may be purchased at the venue.

The Outdoor Cinema is the subject of an annual Licence Agreement between North Sydney Council and the cinema operators who use the Oval along with several associated facilities (including the electronic turnstile system, power, public amenities, lighting and corporate facilities) for the purpose of an outdoor cinema. The licence sets out the terms and conditions for use of the Oval and associated facilities. The conditions cover issues such as the period of the licence, hours of operation, days of operation, restrictions on amplification of sound, provisions for wet weather and additional screenings, and ensuring patrons leave the venue in a timely manner.

3.3.2 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.

North Sydney's Local Companion Animals Management Plan imposes some additional restrictions. All Council parks and public reserves are off-leash areas with the exception of:

- St Leonards Park (ovals no. 1 & 2);
- All playing fields whilst organised sporting events are in progress;
- All bushland areas;
- Cremorne Reserve, Clark Park, Ancrum Street Park and the Coal Loader Parklands.

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 Council Rangers may issue on-the-spot fines for infringements including those listed above.

3.4 **Development and Upgrading**

There is a continuing imperative to improve the North Sydney Oval Complex if Council is to satisfy the needs of existing users groups and to promote the Complex as a functional and attractive venue with the necessary supporting infrastructure to attract new users and first-class sporting events.

Significant financial resources are required to develop, manage and maintain high quality sporting facilities and the associated infrastructure. Funding for long term improvements to playing fields and improvements to supporting infrastructure such as seating, and player facilities and amenities currently comes from a variety of sources including Section 94 contributions and general capital reserves. In addition to seeking appropriate sponsors and permanent tenants, Council keenly explores other opportunities (such as grants and sponsorship) that could fund the major works required to ensure the North Sydney Oval Complex remains a competitive and viable alternative for major sporting fixtures now and in the future.

It is important that Council also looks to widen the potential market; to look beyond traditional sporting events, and to attract alternative recreational and cultural organisations to the facility. Successfully balancing the dual objectives of managing the Oval Complex as a commercial first-class sports venue and as a facility for community use is a delicate operation, requiring constant refinement. While the first objective will always take priority, the Oval accommodates the local community (schools and local sporting groups) on special occasions at reduced rates, and the Function Centre hosts community events when not booked by fee-paying users.

Over the last 15 years, improvements including upgrading the player changing rooms, turnstile entrances, the public address system and venue signage have been made. While these improvements have gone some way to better meeting stakeholder needs, there is still much further to go.

3.4.1 Improvement Works

The completion of tasks identified in the previous Plan of Management for the Oval has improved the condition and operation of the Oval Complex. Following are some of the projects that have been undertaken since 2007.

- Minor refurbishment of the Mollie Dive Function Centre (2008-9)
- North Sydney Stormwater Reuse Project
2007 saw the completion of the St Leonards Park section of the North Sydney Stormwater Reuse Project. Reused stormwater is pumped from a storage dam in Cammeray Park to St Leonards Park, providing irrigation for North Sydney Oval and other areas of the Park including the Bon Andrews Oval, the open lawn areas and the North Sydney Bowling Club. This stormwater reuse system has eliminated the need for St Leonards Park to have a separate water storage facility and extraction system.
- Installation of bike racks in 4 key locations in St Leonards Park (2011):
 - Adjacent to North Sydney Oval
 - Adjacent to the Bon Andrews Oval
 - Adjacent to the cricket nets
 - Adjacent to the netball courts
- Development of a Business Plan for the North Sydney Oval & Function Centre (2012).
- Refurbishment of corporate spectator and other facilities in the Mollie Dive Stand. (2013). Work included installation of new parquet flooring, new carpeting, painting, purchase of new chairs and bar stools and upgrading of the PA system.

Several other improvement works identified in the previous Plan of Management for North Sydney Oval have not yet commenced. This is due to the current lack of a major sponsor or a permanent tenant at the Oval (and the associated lack of a significant new source of revenue). These works are listed in section 3.4.3 of this Plan. They are all still important; undertaking them will provide significant benefits to both Council and users.

3.4.2 North Sydney Oval Business Plan

Council's primary aim is to promote and manage North Sydney Oval as a first-class venue for major sporting events; however this is a highly competitive area, with a growing number of venues competing for the same events.

In 2014 Council prepared the North Sydney Oval Business Plan. The Business Plan looks at ways in which Council can improve infrastructure and facilities at the Oval so that they meet the requirements of the major sporting codes. The Business Plan includes a list of required capital works; these are detailed in section 3.4.3 'Future Planned Improvement Works'.

3.4.3 Future Planned Improvement Works

There is an acknowledged need to improve the condition and quality of many of the facilities at the Oval. Improving existing facilities and providing new facilities to meet the requirements of the major sporting codes (as well as existing sporting users) would significantly assist in attracting new high-profile sporting codes and clubs to the ground,

and help cement the Oval's reputation as a first-class venue, going forward.

Note: It is important that all future development at North Sydney Oval respects the heritage significance of the Oval Complex and is sympathetic to the existing architectural style.

Projects scheduled to be undertaken within the life of this Plan of Management:

- Implement the works identified in the 'North Sydney Oval Business Plan' to attract more first class sporting teams and fixtures, and to generate more revenue:
 - Invest in a 'drop-in' cricket wicket
 - Upgrade sportsfield lighting
 - Rebuild bar, kiosk and merchandising outlets
 - Install a Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) system
 - Renovate the existing commercial kitchen on Level 1 of the Mollie Dive Function Centre
 - Construct change rooms for players and officials, a medical room, a doping room, press conference space and corporate offices
 - Refurbish corporate facilities in the Duncan Thompson Stand
 - Undertake refurbishment and improvements to the media tower
 - Carry out improvements to the public announcement (PA) system
 - Install an outdoor video screen
 - Install new grandstand seating
- Investigate options to improve traffic flow in and out of the Parks Depot
- Prepare a Conservation Management Plan for the Oval Complex
- Prepare a 'whole of Oval' Asset Preventative Maintenance and Management Plan

The timeframe for all the above-listed works is set out in Section 5.2: Indicative Works Program.

3.5 Relationship with the Adjacent Residential Community

North Sydney Oval has been a major sporting venue since 1867. The close proximity of the Oval to residential areas has meant that staging events at North Sydney Oval has always had some impact on the neighbouring residential community. The ability to manage and mitigate these impacts is a significant component of successfully managing the Oval Complex.

Potential impacts on the adjacent residential community include parking and traffic congestion, noise pollution, light spill/glare and littering. The processes and procedures outlined in the Matrix section of this document have been designed to limit the detrimental effects of these impacts.

An Alcohol Free Zone operates outside the Oval Complex, in the adjacent parkland area (excepting the Bowling Club), to curb anti-social behaviour. Notices in St Leonards Park prohibit the consumption of alcohol between 8.00pm and 6.00am, 7 days a week.

It should be kept in mind that staging sporting and cultural events at North Sydney Oval and in the adjacent areas of St Leonards Park provides significant social and economic benefits for the local community.

3.6 **Management and Maintenance**

The North Sydney Oval Complex is owned by North Sydney Council. This Plan of Management provides guidelines for the future use, development, management and maintenance of the Complex. The Oval is a unique sporting facility, and its management differs significantly from that of other sportsgrounds in North Sydney.

Management strategies in this Plan focus on attracting and staging events ranging from first-class sporting fixtures to other sporting, recreational, cultural and community events, ensuring the established heritage character of the Oval Complex is retained and enhanced, maintaining the Complex in a clean and attractive condition, and generating revenue to fund current operations and future development.

3.6.1 Financial Management

Council's financial management goal is to make the North Sydney Oval Complex financially viable; whereby ongoing maintenance and depreciation costs are offset by Oval revenue.

Council derives income from a number of sources including from subscriptions, hire charges for the stands and ground, advertising rights in the stands and grounds, catering rights, training facilities and associated activities. A liquor licence allows Council to generate income within the Oval Complex.

Hiring out the 2 floors of function centre space in the Mollie Dive Stand also generates income for Council. When not being used by permanent sports hirers on match days as corporate spectator facilities, the Function Centre hosts events ranging from private wedding receptions to community functions such as Council's annual Volunteers Day presentation.

Council also derives income by leasing commercial office space and shops incorporated into the O'Reilly, Macartney and Duncan Thompson Stands, and by leasing space under the Mollie Dive Stand for a kindergarten.

3.6.2 Maintenance

This Plan of Management establishes a clear direction for the ongoing maintenance of the Oval Complex; while recognising that both community priorities and staffing levels and budgets for maintenance may change over time. As far as possible, maintenance work is tailored to the specific needs of the various identified items of heritage significance.

The playing surface of the Oval is maintained to a standard appropriate to accommodate first class fixtures, and other structures in the Oval Complex are maintained as effectively as possible, given the existing financial constraints. The need to undertake specific maintenance projects in all grandstands (to ensure safety and extend the life of the facility), has been identified, as has the need to prepare a comprehensive 'whole-of-Oval' Asset Preventative Maintenance and Management Plan. The need to undertake an Accessibility

Audit for the Oval Complex has also been identified. These projects are detailed further in the Matrix section of this document.

3.6.3 Conservation Management Plan

Engaging appropriately qualified heritage consultants to prepare a Conservation Management Plan for the Oval Complex will not only ensure a consistent approach to the management of items of heritage significance in the future, but will ensure the cultural significance of the Complex is maintained, enhanced and interpreted as part of its ongoing use and development. It will also enable the preparation of more appropriate cyclical maintenance programs for buildings and structures, consistent with their heritage significance.

4.0 **Basis for Management**

4.1 **Philosophical Basis for the Plan of Management**

The North Sydney Oval Plan of Management guides the future use, development, management and maintenance of this regionally-significant facility. Management seeks to maximise the potential of the Oval; ensuring that it is appropriately maintained, that it continues to attract and cater suitably for sporting and cultural activities, that all uses of the Oval are appropriate, that revenue is generated, that conflicts between users and the surrounding community are minimised, and that any future development is compatible with the facility's established character and heritage significance.

The Plan of Management provides both short and long term policy. It has the flexibility to respond to the changing needs of users and the community, and to incorporate future requirements and changing needs as they arise.

4.2 **Core Values and Management Objectives**

4.2.1 Values of North Sydney Oval

The following core values describe the most significant and important qualities of North Sydney Oval. These values must be considered when future management objectives, strategies and actions are formulated to ensure their protection.

Social and Recreational

- The Oval's primary function is to accommodate first-class sports requiring a marked playing field, including cricket and football;
- Major sporting fixtures and other significant cultural events held at the Oval attract people from all over Sydney;
- The Oval has regional significance for its ability to accommodate large scale, outdoor public events;
- The Oval is available for community events and activities such as school sports carnivals when not being used for first-class sport or other revenue-generating events;
- The Oval facilitates social interaction and is a meeting place for the community;
- The Function Centre operates in conjunction with the Oval for sporting tenants, or independently when hosting gatherings such as corporate functions, wedding receptions and community events;
- Sport, recreation and open space have important social and environmental benefits which contribute to health, liveability and the character of the North Sydney area.

Economic

- The need to generate revenue and to make the Oval Complex financially viable governs the way in which the Oval Complex is managed;
- Hiring out the Oval and Function Centre (either together or separately) generates revenue for Council;
- Leasing commercial office space and shops incorporated into the O'Reilly, Macartney

and Duncan Thompson Stands at market rates generates revenue for Council;

- Leasing outdoor and indoor space beneath the Mollie Dive Stand as a kindergarten generates revenue for Council;
- A liquor licence allows Council to sell alcohol within the Oval Complex, generating revenue for Council.

Cultural Heritage and Aesthetics

- North Sydney Oval is one of the oldest sporting fields in Australia;
- The distinctive Federation and Federation-style architecture and historic picket fence make the Oval Complex not only one of North Sydney's most historic landmarks, but also one of its most picturesque;
- The signature Morton Bay fig is located at the northern end of the ground;
- The Oval is valued by the community for its attractive visual amenity and green character;
- The Oval is home to many long-established sporting clubs and associations. People come to the Oval regularly to continue the tradition of watching or participating in sporting competitions, coaching, school carnivals etc.

Environmental

- The North Sydney Stormwater Reuse project provides North Sydney Oval (as well as many areas of St Leonards Park including the Bon Andrews Oval, the Bowling Club and open lawn areas) with reused stormwater suitable for irrigation. This has eliminated the need for a separate water storage facility and extraction system in St Leonards Park.

4.2.2 Management Objectives

Based on legislative goals, community needs and expectations, and the values and assets of North Sydney Oval, the following broad management objectives have been identified:

- To promote and manage the Oval as a venue for first-class sporting events;
- To ensure that the Oval provides first-class facilities and the necessary infrastructure to meet the requirements of the major sporting codes (including corporate facilities, radio/TV broadcast and press conference facilities, lighting, food, drink and merchandising outlets etc).
- To ensure all uses of the Oval are appropriate and accord with the Oval's zoning as 'RE1 Public Recreation' in the North Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2013;
- To accommodate a range of recreational activities commensurate with the Oval's capacity as a significant sporting venue;
- To implement the North Sydney Oval Business Plan 2014;
- To negotiate with a diverse range of sporting, recreational and cultural organisations to actively encourage and promote the staging of a range of events at the Oval;
- To use the Oval for night fixtures to ensure competitiveness with other major venues;
- To promote and manage North Sydney Oval and the Function Centre to maximise use,

community benefit and generate revenue;

- To promote the Function Centre as a venue for non-sporting events (as far as is compatible with the use of the Stand as spectator facilities for major sporting events);
- To derive income from the Oval and the Function Centre from:
 - Subscriptions
 - Hire charges for the stands and ground
 - Temporary advertising rights in the stands and ground
 - Alcohol sales
 - Catering rights
 - Training facilities and associated activities, etc
- To recognise, conserve, manage and maintain items of identified historical and heritage significance within the Oval Complex in an appropriate manner;
- To accommodate the community, schools and local sporting groups on special occasions (as far as is compatible with priority availability for major sporting events), with reduced charges possibly applying to these groups;
- To cater for users with mobility impairments where practical within the physical constraints of the Oval Complex;
- To manage large-scale events at the Oval using best-practice techniques to minimise potential negative impacts on surrounding residents and other users of St Leonards Park.
- To ensure that the relationship between the Oval Complex and the rest of St Leonards Park is considered when making significant decisions about either facility;
- To ensure this Plan of Management is flexible and able to evolve with changing community needs and attitudes.

5.0 **Policy, Implementation and Performance**

The policies established in this document provide the framework for management consistent with anticipated availability of resources and anticipated community trends. The priority ratings outlined on the following pages are subject to the availability of necessary staff and funds, and may require modification if special circumstances arise.

Codes used to define priorities in the following matrix:

ST	(Short Term)	-	Action completed within 2 years
MT	(Medium Term)	-	Action completed within 2-4 years
LT	(Long Term)	-	Action commenced after 4 years *
O	(Ongoing)	-	Action is carried out on a regular basis for the life of this Plan of Management
C	(Commenced)	-	Action has commenced
CP	(Completed)	-	Action has been carried out

* Note:
The North Sydney Oval Plan of Management is designed to be relevant for at least 5 years. As defined by this document, long-term projects are those that are scheduled for commencement but not completion within 5 years.

5.1 MATRIX

ACCESS

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Access	To control vehicular access to the North Sydney Oval Complex.	Prohibit and prevent general vehicular access to Complex.		O	No unauthorised vehicles in the Oval Complex.	
		Allow service and emergency vehicles and essential vehicles associated with regular sporting fixtures and special events to enter the Complex.	All access to the Complex to be supervised by Council staff to minimise disturbance and ensure safety.	O	Ease of entry for service and emergency vehicles.	
		Maintain access for North Sydney Council vehicles to the Parks depot.	The depot is adjacent to the Oval Complex. Vehicular access is via Fig Tree Lane which is also a well-used pedestrian route. Vehicle speed in the Lane is limited to 5 kph for safety.	O	Access for Council vehicles to Parks depot maintained.	
	To encourage people to walk, cycle or use public transport to get to the Oval.	Organise shuttle buses between North Sydney railway station and the Oval when major fixtures take place.	The Oval is a 15 minute walk uphill from the railway station.	O	Shuttle buses operate as needed.	
		Provide information to the community and visitors about alternative ways to get to the Oval (other than by car).	Information on Council's website includes 'Walk North Sydney' maps and brochures and the Northern Sydney Cycling Map. Numerous buses service the Oval, and bike racks were installed in key locations in St Leonards Park in 2011.	O	Number of complaints regarding lack of parking spaces.	North Sydney Council 2020 Vision.

NORTH SYDNEY OVAL COMPLEX - OPERATIONS

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Venue Management	To promote and manage North Sydney Oval in the first instance as a first-class venue for major sporting events.	Pursue major sporting events for North Sydney Oval through direct negotiations with the major football codes, cricket and other relevant sporting organisations.	Give priority to accommodating major sporting events.	O	Minimum of 6 first class fixtures accommodated each year.	North Sydney Oval Business Plan 2014.
		Manage and develop the facility to accommodate the needs of major sporting codes and major sporting events.	Where feasible, within budgetary constraints.	O	Level of client satisfaction	North Sydney Oval Business Plan 2014.
	To maximise use of the North Sydney Oval Complex.	Implement the actions identified in the 'North Sydney Oval Business Plan'.	For details of individual projects refer Issue: Facilities and Infrastructure. Carrying out these actions will increase the client base which will in turn increase the level of use of the Oval Complex.	ST - O	Number and type of new clients. Annual increase in overall use levels.	North Sydney Oval Business Plan 2014.

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
	To market the Oval Complex appropriately to maximise use of the Complex and to generate increased levels of revenue.	Promote the distinct and unique characteristics of North Sydney Oval to potential clients in any and all marketing campaigns.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advertising-clean ground with no permanent advertising - Proximity to transport and city - Picturesque ground - Excellent night lighting (once new work is complete) - Long, proud history - Experienced management team - Flexibility to cater for a diverse range of events 	O	Positive expenditure/income ratio achieved for the complete venue.	
		Widen the potential market by pursuing alternative commercial or first class sporting events for North Sydney Oval.	<p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative cricket - Club Rugby Grand Finals - Outdoor concerts - Corporate sports days - Commercial film shoots - Weekly training facility for AFL referees - Hosting international sports teams touring Australia 	O	Increase in number of events/functions per annum.	North Sydney Oval Business Plan 2014.

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
		Implement pro-active and cost effective marketing strategies, to ensure awareness of North Sydney Oval and Function Centre and promote increased occupancy.		O	Increase in number of events/ functions per annum.	
		Market the Oval as a facility suitable for night fixtures.	Facility will provide lighting to television standards (after scheduled improvements occur) which ensures competitiveness with other major venues.	O	Increase in number of night sporting fixtures held per annum.	
	To manage the Oval Complex in an efficient, effective and accountable manner.	Liaise with sporting clubs and other hirers to monitor the sporting requirements of the community.		O	User satisfaction as determined by feedback.	
		Review the Oval Complex's financial position regularly.	Financial position of Oval Complex is reported to Council.	O	Quarterly reviews and reporting undertaken.	
		Review fees charged to commercial tenants when leases and licences are renewed.	Consider any changes to market rates.	O	Tenants are paying the market rate.	
		Generate income from the Oval Complex.	Potential income sources include; subscriptions, hire charges for the stands and grounds, advertising rights in the stands and grounds, alcohol sales, catering rights, training facilities and associated activities.	O	Amount of income generated per annum. Income from North Sydney Oval meets or exceeds stated budget estimates.	Council's Fees and Charges Schedule.

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
		Maintain the North Sydney Oval Complex to a high standard within budget limitations.		O	Maintenance of the venue is at a sufficient standard to attract major sporting events	
	To provide a high level of customer service.	Maintain a customer-oriented focus.	Respond to public suggestions, attend to enquiries, and provide information to the community, existing and potential users as required.	O	User satisfaction as gauged from feedback.	
	To increase the diversity and quantity of events held at the Oval Complex.	Negotiate with a greater range of recreational and cultural organisations and promote the staging of a range of events.	Successfully balancing the dual objectives of managing the Oval Complex as a commercial first class venue operation and as a facility for community use is a delicate operation, requiring constant refinement.	O	Diversity of use. 5% increase in number of functions each year.	
		Accommodate schools and local sporting groups on special occasions (as far as is compatible with major sporting events) with reduced charges for these groups where feasible.	Offer a range of fees for use that are affordable for school, community and sporting groups.	O	Increase in the Oval's annual level of occupancy by community, school and local sporting clubs.	
		Pursue opportunities to hold cultural events at North Sydney Oval in addition to sporting events.	'Sunset Cinema' is a successful example of this type of activity.	O	Increase in diversity and quality of non-sporting activities accommodated	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
	To ensure that the management of the Oval Complex is as sustainable as possible in environmental, social and economic terms.	Consider sustainability issues and the principles of environmental sustainability with every strategic management and operational decision for the Complex.		O	Evidence of good, sustainable decision-making being implemented.	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
North Sydney Oval Function Centre	To maximise use of and revenue derived from the North Sydney Oval Function Centre.	Continue to market the Function Centre to increase client base.	An increase in level of use will correspondingly increase revenue. The Mollie Dive Stand and the Function Centre are used as corporate spectator facilities during major sporting events.	O	Increase in the Function Centre's annual level of occupancy by fee-paying users.	
		Manage the Function Centre effectively, efficiently and with a high standard of professionalism to meet proscribed objectives.		O	Level of user satisfaction as gauged from feedback.	
	To maximise community benefit from use of the Function Centre.	Promote the Function Centre for community use (as far as is compatible with the use of the Stand as spectator facilities for major sporting events).	Priority is given to full fee-paying users. At other times community groups may use the Function Centre for meetings and other public events.	O	Number and variety of community functions held per annum.	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Leases, Licences and Other Estates	To provide opportunities for the North Sydney community to attend high-quality events at North Sydney Oval.	Grant leases, licences and other estates to major sporting organisations that will regularly use the Oval and attract spectators to the facility.	Refer also Issue 'Venue Management'.	O	High-profile sporting teams regularly use venue. Increase in the Oval's annual level of occupancy.	Local Government Act 1993.
		Grant leases, licences and other estates for periods of up to 21 years to attract major sporting organisations and encourage stability of tenants.	Leases, licences and other estates for periods greater than 5 years must be tendered.	O	Long-term tenant/tenants secured.	Local Government Act 1993.
	To confirm North Sydney Oval's status as a major sporting facility.	Grant leases, licences and other estates to attract high-profile sporting organisations both on a regular and an occasional basis.	Refer also Issue 'Venue Management'. Occasional or one-off use may not require a lease or licence - refer section 1.5 'Use of Community land for which a lease, licence or other estate is not required'. Proposed uses must comply with core management objectives for the Oval - refer section 1.4.	O	High-profile sporting teams regularly use venue. Increase in the number of one-off or occasional sporting events held per year.	Local Government Act 1993.
		Use revenue raised by granting leases, licences and other estates to assist with ongoing maintenance and upgrading of the North Sydney Oval Complex.		O	Revenue raised from leases, licences and other estates contributes to maintenance and upgrading of venue.	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
	To facilitate use of North Sydney Oval for a diverse range of cultural and recreational activities and events.	Grant leases, licences and other estates to cultural and recreational organisations for use of North Sydney Oval as a venue for appropriate events.	Priority is given to major sporting users. Occasional use of the venue may not require a lease, licence or other estate – refer section 1.5 ‘Use of community land for which leases, licences and other estates are not required’. Proposed uses must comply with Core Objectives – refer section 1.4.	O	Cultural and recreational activities held at North Sydney Oval.	Local Government Act 1993.
	To provide opportunities for local sporting organisations to use North Sydney Oval.	Allow local sporting organisations to use North Sydney Oval.	Priority is given to major sporting users. Occasional use of the venue may not require a lease, licence or other estate – refer section 1.5 ‘Use of community land for which leases, licences and other estates are not required’.	O	Local sports clubs use the Oval.	Local Government Act 1993.

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Commercial Tenancies	To manage the leasing of commercial premises to achieve a high rate of return and retention of appropriate tenants.	Market and manage facilities to ensure occupancy rates and rental returns are maximised.	All commercial premises are on Council-owned land which is classified as 'operational', and thus are not bound by the leasing requirements of the Local Government Act.	O	Tenancy agreements yield a commercial return that is reported to Council regularly. 100% occupancy rate maintained.	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Grandstand Child Care Centre	To maximise use of the child care facility to benefit the community, ensuring equitable access in terms of social, physical and financial availability.	Manage facility in accordance with appropriate child care standards.	KU Grandstand Pre-school. Pre-schools are governed by State government legislation and are licensed by the NSW Department of Family & Community Services.	O	Appropriates child care standards enforced.	
		Review performance annually against criteria of equitable access and maximum use.		O	Fee scales assessed annually to be within an affordable range. Facility operates at capacity.	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Advertising	To generate revenue by permitting advertising at North Sydney Oval in accordance with existing Council policies.	Allow appropriate advertising to occur at the Oval Complex.	Examples of appropriate forms of advertising include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A-frames on the ground - Banners on the fence - Corporate identification on reserved boxes and seating 	O	Amount of revenue generated from advertising per annum. All advertising occurs within guidelines.	
		Prohibit fixed advertising on any part of the ground or playing surface.		O	Advertising occurs within guidelines.	North Sydney Oval Management Policy 1994.
		Prohibit cigarette advertising in any part of the Oval Complex.		O	Council's advertising policy adhered to.	North Sydney Oval Management Policy 1994.

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Alcohol	To allow the sale of alcohol within the Oval Complex in a controlled and responsible manner.	Allow alcohol to be purchased from outlets in the grounds and stands designated and controlled by Council.	Council holds a liquor licence to dispense alcohol from 4 locations within the Oval Complex.	O	Alcohol available for purchase at designated outlets.	
		Prevent alcohol from being brought into the ground by patrons.	All hirers are required to comply, and to prohibit spectators from bringing liquor to ground.	O	No unauthorised alcohol within the North Sydney Oval Complex.	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Catering	To ensure the Oval is supplied with appropriate catering services.	Review catering lease options for kiosks regularly.	A high standard of catering services is required for the Oval Complex.	O	Market rates are achieved.	
		Review returns from catering services annually.	Annual revenue returns to Council should be at an optimal level.	O	Returns reviewed annually.	

BUILT STRUCTURES

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Facilities and Infrastructure	To ensure that the Oval provides first-class facilities and the necessary infrastructure to meet the requirements of the major sporting codes.	Purchase and install a 'drop-in' cricket wicket on a seasonal basis.	A portable pitch provides a wicket for cricket and the opportunity for its removal reduces the risk of injury to players of other codes. It will give the Oval greater flexibility throughout the year to host first class sporting codes that will not play over a cricket wicket. This is consistent with Council's aim to invigorate the North Sydney CBD.	ST	'Drop-in' cricket wicket purchased and installed as required.	North Sydney Oval Business Plan 2014.
		Install a CCTV system at the Oval.		ST	CCTV system installed.	North Sydney Oval Business Plan 2014.
		Refurbish and improve the existing media towers at the Oval.		MT	Media towers refurbished.	North Sydney Oval Business Plan 2014.
		Install an outdoor video screen.		MT/LT	Outdoor video screen installed.	North Sydney Oval Business Plan 2014.
		Make improvements to the public announcement (PA) system.		MT	PA system improved.	North Sydney Oval Business Plan 2014.

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Lighting	To improve the standard of lighting at the Oval to meet the required standards for televising night sporting matches.	Upgrade lighting.	Lighting will be upgraded to a level that meets the requirements of all major sporting codes that use the Oval.	ST	Lighting upgraded to required standards.	North Sydney Oval Business Plan 2014.

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Food, Drink and Merchandising Outlets	To provide bar, kiosk and merchandising outlets that support the use of the Oval for major events and that generate revenue for Council.	Design and construct bar, kiosk and merchandising outlets at the Oval.	Work is subject to development approval being obtained.	ST	Appropriate new ancillary facilities constructed.	North Sydney Oval Business Plan 2014.

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Spectator Facilities	To improve spectator facilities for the general public at North Sydney Oval.	Provide new grandstand seating for spectators at the Oval.		LT	New grandstand seating provided.	North Sydney Oval Business Plan 2014.

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Facilities for Sporting Groups	To ensure that the Oval provides first-class facilities that meet the requirements of major sporting codes.	Provide new change rooms for players and officials, a medical room, a doping room, a press conference space and corporate offices.	Providing the first-class facilities required by the major sporting codes will increase North Sydney Oval's appeal as a potential venue.	ST-MT	New facilities provided.	North Sydney Oval Business Plan 2014.

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Corporate Spectator Facilities – Duncan Thompson Stand	To upgrade the existing corporate spectator facilities to ensure public safety, to meet the needs of existing and potential users, and to generate revenue for Council.	Refurbish the corporate facilities in the Duncan Thompson Stand.	A comprehensive refurbishment would not only significantly increase the Stand's functionality and aesthetic appearance, but would make it a bigger drawcard for corporate tenants. Work is subject to development approval being obtained.	MT	Development Approval granted and new work carried out.	North Sydney Oval Business Plan 2014.

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Corporate Spectator Facilities – Function Centre: Mollie Dive Stand	To provide corporate spectator facilities that meet the needs of existing and potential users and that generate revenue for Council.	Renovate the existing commercial kitchen on Level 2 of the Mollie Dive Function Centre.	This project has the highest priority of all work required to this Stand.	ST-MT	Commercial kitchen renovation complete.	North Sydney Oval Business Plan 2014.
		Carry out the following additional works in the Mollie Dive Stand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replace glass in all windows with safety glass - Improve Level 2 kitchen - Replace Level 1 carpet - Refurbish Level 1 bar - Install nosings on all stairwells. 		LT	Additional improvement works carried out.	

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 Oval Complex and St Leonards Park.	Limit Depot access to Council vehicles, delivery vehicles and vehicles associated with the operation of major fixtures and events at North Sydney Oval.	Access to the depot is via Fig Tree Lane which has a 5 kph limit. The Lane is regularly used by pedestrians.	O	No unauthorised vehicles access the Depot.	
		Investigate options to improve traffic flow in and out of the Depot.	For example it may be possible to improve safety and traffic flow by designing separate entry and exit points.	ST	Investigations carried out and recommendations produced.	
		Prohibit all vehicles from parking in the Depot access road.	This reduces congestion and minimises the risk of conflict with pedestrians. Lane may be used by delivery vehicles as a drop-off zone only under Council supervision.	O	All delivery and other authorised vehicles adhere to access road conditions of use.	
		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.	
		Ensure that the appearance of all Depot structures is sympathetic to the appearance of other major Oval and Park structures.	Continued growth of young trees reinstated in the fig avenue in Fig Tree Lane is helping to create a screen.	O	Depot structures have minimal visual impact on the rest of the Oval Complex and Park.	
		Maintain the Depot in a clean and tidy condition and ensure all hazardous materials are secured.	Fuels, pesticides and fertilisers are locked up in a designated shed.	O	Condition of Depot.	

MANAGING THE IMPACTS OF MAJOR EVENTS

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Parking and Traffic	To minimise potential impacts on the local community by managing and controlling traffic generated by major fixtures and events taking place at the Oval Complex.	Patrol streets affected by increased traffic generation to prevent illegal parking when major fixtures and other large-scale events are taking place.	Patrols are carried out by Council Rangers in conjunction with NSW Police.	O	Decrease in number of complaints and number of vehicles parked illegally.	
		Continue to operate resident-only vehicular access schemes in known problem areas for major fixtures and events.		O	Effectiveness gauged from resident feedback.	
		Continue to operate a shuttle bus service between the Oval and North Sydney Railway Station for major fixtures and events.	Shuttle bus operation is promoted for major fixtures and events.	O	Shuttle bus runs as required. Reduction in the number of parking spaces required on major event days.	
		Continue to provide parking at a reduced rate in nearby Ridge Street Car Park when major fixtures or events take place at the Oval.	Encouraging patrons to use this Council-owned facility reduces pressure on surrounding residential streets.	O	Parking at reduced rates is provided when required.	
	To manage traffic and parking issues associated with the childcare centre in Fig Tree Lane to ensure public safety.	Liaise with Council's Traffic Department and the childcare centre as necessary, and provide information and education for parents and staff on suitable parking sites and existing parking restrictions.	The childcare centre is a located on the ground floor of the Mollie Dive Stand, adjoining Fig Tree Lane.	O	Liaison occurs as required. Reduction in complaints regarding inappropriate parking.	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Noise	To manage and control noise at the source to ensure noise levels in adjoining residential areas do not exceed acceptable levels.	Ensure the public address system is monitored to maintain minimal audible sound levels in adjoining residential areas to reduce noise spill.	Council actively works to ensure that the Oval is a 'good neighbour'.	O	Decrease in annual number of complaints received about noise.	Protection of the Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2008.
		Manage amplification from other (non-sporting) events at the Oval to ensure compliance with relevant NSW government regulations.	Noise levels of events at the Oval are monitored and measured to ensure compliance.	O	Decrease in annual number of complaints received about noise.	Protection of the Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2008.
		Restrict specific uses of the facility that are likely to result in undue noise pollution.	Noise levels for proposed events are measured to ensure compliance.	O	Decrease in annual number of complaints received about noise.	Protection of the Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2008.

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Litter	To minimise potential impacts on the local community of litter generated by major sporting fixtures and other large-scale events.	Schedule street cleaning programs to commence as soon as practical on completion of events.	Cost of street cleaning is incorporated into venue hire charges.	O	Street cleaning programs completed within 24 hours of a major event concluding.	
		Undertake litter removal from the Oval Complex as soon as practical on completion of events.	Cost of venue cleaning incorporated into venue hire charges.	O	Litter removed from site within 48 hours of a major event concluding.	
		Continue to encourage caterers working at the Oval Complex to provide goods with minimal and environmentally responsible packaging.	Requirements for minimal packaging are contained in tender documents for catering contracts.	O	Reduction in quantity of litter removed from site and adjacent streets.	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Vandalism	To reduce the incidence of vandalism in surrounding streets during and after major fixtures and events.	Patrol surrounding streets during and shortly after major fixtures to deter acts of vandalism.	Patrols carried out by Council Rangers in conjunction with NSW Police.	O	Reduction in number of incidents occurring per major event.	
		Maintain a record of vandalism incidents reported within the local community on the day of major fixtures held at North Sydney Oval.	Instances of vandalism should be reported to Council as soon as noticed.	O	Reduction in number of incidents reported annually.	
		Any reported vandalism (including graffiti) is attended to as quickly as practicable.	Removing graffiti quickly sends the message that Council facilities are well maintained and cared for.	O	Speed of graffiti removal and other repair work.	

MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Heritage	To take a consistent approach to the maintenance and management of buildings and other items of heritage significance within the Oval Complex to ensure their conservation.	Undertake maintenance of buildings and other items of heritage significance to the highest standard possible, in line with existing architectural and heritage conservation values and within budget constraints.	Items of heritage significance are identified in Section 2.3 of this Plan. All construction work is consistent with the principles of the Burra Charter and Council's Heritage controls. All maintenance work is carried out in accordance with the North Sydney Building Maintenance Plan.	O	Condition of buildings and other items of heritage significance.	North Sydney Building Maintenance Plan. Burra Charter. Local Environmental Plan 2013. NSC.
		Prepare a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for the North Sydney Oval Complex.	The Oval Complex has recognised heritage significance; several items are listed in Council's LEP.	LT	Conservation Management Plan prepared.	Local Environmental Plan 2013. NSC. North Sydney Oval Business Plan 2014.
	To ensure that any new work complements the existing character of the Oval Complex, and does not have an adverse impact on its heritage significance.	Assess all development applications for appropriateness in heritage terms.	Assessment to be carried out by a qualified Conservation Planner.	O	Assessment completed by Conservation Planner. No negative impacts on heritage significance or integrity of Oval.	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Maintenance	To maintain the North Sydney Oval Complex to an appropriate standard to respond to the needs and expectations of users and the general community, and commensurate with Council resources.	Carry out regular maintenance work to ensure the Oval playing surface is of a high standard, suitable for first-class sporting events.	Maintenance levels must be of a sufficient standard to attract and accommodate first-class sporting events. Regimes for the Oval Complex take into account the extra maintenance that major events generate.	O	Condition of the Oval playing surface.	
		Undertake relevant investigations and prepare a 'Whole of Oval' Asset Preventative Maintenance and Management Plan.	Outcomes will feed into the forthcoming Conservation Management Plan.	ST - MT	Investigations carried out and Plan prepared.	
		Carry out regular inspections to assess the condition of buildings and other infrastructure.		O	Maintenance cycles completed on schedule.	
		Undertake cyclical maintenance and emergency repairs as required.		O	Condition of Oval Complex.	
		Review procedures and products regularly to ensure Council engages in best-practice maintenance operations.	Council aims to ensure provision of a high-quality and safe facility.	O	Regular reviews carried out.	
		Ensure appropriate funds are allocated and cost data is monitored and recorded in order to deal with building maintenance problems effectively.		O	Cost data recorded and monitored.	
		Use revenue generated from use of the Oval Complex to offset maintenance and improvement costs.		O	Positive expenditure/ income ratio achieved.	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Safety and Risk Management	To ensure effective procedures are in place to provide for public safety.	Ensure emergency and evacuation procedures are in place, and that relevant groups are aware of them.	Relevant groups include all staff, Police, State Emergency Services and clients.	O	New staff and clients aware of procedures.	
		Ensure all emergency equipment is available and in a safe and working condition.	For example fire extinguishers.	O	Regular monitoring.	
		Carry out Occupational Health & Safety risk assessments annually for all aspects of operations at the Complex.		O	Appropriate risk assessments carried out annually.	
		Maintain a safe working environment for all staff working in the Complex.		O	Minimal time lost due to injuries or incidents.	
		Provide qualified First Aid personnel at major fixtures.	St John's Ambulance Brigade employed to attend major fixtures.	O	Qualified personnel available at major fixtures.	
	To identify, measure and manage potential hazards in a timely manner to minimise Council exposure to criticism, compensation claims and litigation.	Carry out an Accessibility Audit for the Oval Complex, and implement the Audit's recommendations.	Outstanding issues including luminance contrast stair nosings, standard handrails and safe access for maintenance have been identified and require addressing.	MT-LT	Accessibility Audit carried out. Timeframe is dependant upon sourcing funds.	
		Continue to carry out an inspection program to identify all potential hazards.	Refer Issue 'Maintenance'. The ongoing building maintenance inspections also function as risk assessment inspections.	O	Inspection program regularly carried out.	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
		Carry out maintenance and risk mitigation as required.		O	Required measures carried out.	
		Undertake staff training as required to update and increase staff knowledge on strategies to eliminate hazards.		O	Training undertaken as required.	
		Maintain North Sydney Oval and associated infrastructure and facilities and carry out risk mitigation as required.		O	Reduction in number of safety incidents and claims against Council.	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
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	Cost-effectiveness of management systems.	North Sydney Oval Business Plan 2014.
		Respond to public suggestions, attend to public enquiries promptly and provide information to the community as required.		O	Level of community and user satisfaction gauged from feedback.	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Community Involvement	To provide opportunities for stakeholders to be involved in the development, implementation and monitoring of the North Sydney Oval Plan of Management.	Actively seek stakeholder input by widely publicising the draft Plan of Management.	Major stakeholders including permanent and regular hirers and surrounding Precincts are notified when the draft Plan is on public exhibition and are invited to comment. Regular advertisements in the Mosman Daily inform the general community that the Plan is available on Council's website or at Council Chambers.	O	Public exhibition of draft Plan of Management widely publicised.	www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au
		Encourage stakeholders to provide written submissions to Council that can be incorporated into the Plan of Management.	Details of how to make a submission are contained in section 1.6 of this Plan. Submissions may be made at any time, and will be considered when the Plan is reviewed. All submissions are considered by Council prior to adopting the final Plan.	O	Review of Plan of Management considers all submissions received from stakeholders.	
		Ensure that both the draft and the final Plan of Management are easily accessible to the community and stakeholders.	All adopted Plans of Management are on Council's website in the 'Policies and Plans' area. Hard copies of the document are available from Council on request.	O	Plan of Management is available on Council's website. A limited number of hard copies are also available.	

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
	To provide opportunities for stakeholders and the general public to become involved in new developments at the North Sydney Oval Complex.	Consult with stakeholders prior to and during the development of new proposals for the Oval Complex and consider comments.	Stakeholders include the local community as well as permanent and regular hirers and surrounding Precincts.	O	Community and user satisfaction with the consultation process as gauged from feedback.	
		Lodge Development Applications where required for building and other significant works occurring at the Oval Complex and seek public comment.	Community consultation is an important part of the Development Application process.	O	Development Applications lodged for appropriate new works.	Local Environmental Plan 2013 NSC.

Issue	Objective	Action	Comments	Priority	Performance Indicators	References
Monitoring of Management Systems	To review and update the North Sydney Oval Plan of Management regularly in order to preserve, maintain and enhance the values and character of the Oval Complex.	Review North Sydney Oval Plan of Management regularly.	Review implementation and performance regularly. Review and update policy and planning issues after 5 years.	O	Achievement of objectives within the stated time frame. Relevance of North Sydney Oval Plan of Management.	

5.2 INDICATIVE WORKS PROGRAM

Note: Works listed in the following table are proposed new projects only. Actions designated as ‘Ongoing’ in the Matrix section of this Plan are not included here.

WORKS/ACTION	SHORT TERM						MEDIUM TERM						LONG TERM						
	July 2015 – June 2016			July 2016 – June 2017			July 2017 – June 2018			July 2018 – June 2019			July 2019 – June 2020						
Develop and implement strategies to reduce event costs to the advantage of both clients and Council.																			
Upgrade the existing temporary alcohol-selling facilities to permanent facilities.																			
Purchase a ‘drop-in’ cricket wicket on a seasonal basis.																			
Install a CCTV system at the Oval.																			
Refurbish and improve the existing media towers at the Oval.																			
Install an outdoor video screen.																			
Make improvements to the public announcement (PA) system.																			
Upgrade sportsground lighting.																			
Design and construct bar, kiosk and merchandising outlets at the Oval.																			
Provide new grandstand seating for spectators at the Oval.																			
Provide new change rooms for players and officials, a medical room, a doping room, a press conference space and corporate offices.																			

WORKS/ACTION	SHORT TERM								MEDIUM TERM								LONG TERM			
	July 2015 – June 2016				July 2016 – June 2017				July 2017 – June 2018				July 2018 – June 2019				July 2019 – June 2020			
Refurbish the corporate facilities in the Duncan Thompson Stand.									—————											
Renovate the existing commercial kitchen on Level 2 of the Mollie Dive Function Centre.					—————															
Carry out the following additional works in the Mollie Dive Stand: Install safety glass in all windows Improve Level 2 kitchen Replace Level 1 carpet Refurbish Level 1 bar Install nosings on all stairwells																	—————			
Identify funding source and obtain funding for additional toilet facilities.																	—————→			
Seek development approval for additional toilet facilities.																	—————→			
Investigate options to improve traffic flow in and out of the Depot.	—————																			
Prepare a Conservation Management Plan for the North Sydney Oval Complex.																	—————→			
Undertake relevant investigations and prepare a 'whole of Oval' Asset Preventative Maintenance and Management Plan (with associated costings).	—————																			
Undertake maintenance of grandstands (based on Plan prepared as a result of the action above).					—————															

WORKS/ACTION	SHORT TERM						MEDIUM TERM						LONG TERM					
	July 2015 – June 2016			July 2016 – June 2017			July 2017 – June 2018			July 2018 – June 2019			July 2019 – June 2020					
Carry out an Accessibility Audit for the Oval Complex, and implement the Audit's recommendations.																		
Review North Sydney Oval Plan of Management.																		●

6.0 **Appendices and Supporting Material**

6.1 **Appendix 1 – Zoning of North Sydney Oval**

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 Sports 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 they 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 the 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 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.



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NORTH SYDNEY OVAL

The No 1 'North Sydney Oval', within St Leonards Park, has been used for organised sport since the 1870s. The Park itself was set aside as a 'reserve' for public recreation from as early as 1838, although it was not gazetted until 1891. The first pavilion on the southwestern side probably dates to 1879. It was subsequently demolished and replaced by another on the same site in 1896. A local Rugby Union football club called 'The Pirates' evolved into the first North Sydney Rugby Club within the district system in 1900. No 1 Oval was the venue for their matches but it is likely 'The Pirates' had been playing on the site for several years before that time.

Crowds increased so that, by 1912, the need for a new pavilion was being considered. However, it was until after World War One that Council called for a competition for a sporting pavilion to seat at least 1000 people. The architect Mr F G Allen won in 1924. The total cost of the pavilion was substantial at around £11,000 but it resulted in 'the largest suburban Grand-Stand in the State' with a maximum crowd capacity of 1,250. The building was opened in 1929 by the Premier, Mr Bavin, and Mayor Primrose. The increased use put pressure on the ground's curators and in 1931 the cricket pitch was compared to 'concrete'. Work was done to improve this in following years.

The Oval, itself, had been enclosed by a timber fence in 1909. This was later replaced by a high brick wall that resulted in the loss of some of the original Moreton Bay Fig Trees, much to the dismay of many local residents. One survivor inside the perimeter is protected by Council's management plan for the Oval and St Leonards Park and is also heritage listed. This also includes the avenue of Figs outside the Oval grounds.

During the 1920/30s refurbishment the scoreboard, kiosk, gates and turnstiles and toilet facilities were constructed. Concrete terraced seating on the western side of the Oval was extended to the south in the late 1930s and the capacity of the ground increased to around 19,000. At this time players were given direct access between the dressing room and the Oval to 'protect [them] from unruly spectators whilst entering and leaving the playing area... at various times after an exciting match players have been struck or interfered with by spectators'.

Clubs and Teams

The North Sydney District Rugby League Club, later known as the Bears, was formed in 1908 and dominated the Premierships in the early 1920s. Duncan Thompson (for whom the grandstand is named) played with the 1920 team and along with Cec Blinkhorn, Harold Horder and Herman Peters.

Many famous cricketers have played at North Sydney Oval and for the North Sydney Club. Bill O'Reilly, Charles Macartney, Mollie Dive (Captain of the Australian Women's Cricket Team in the 1930s) and Doug Walters are commemorated in the names of some stands. Don Bradman lived at McMahons Point during the Bodyline Series in 1932 and also played for the North Sydney District Cricket Club. In January 1988, Bradman and 23 other 'living legends' met at North Sydney Oval as guests of honour at the Bicentennial Test Ball. The group included Harold Larwood, Bill O'Reilly and Richie Benaud.

While cricket and Rugby League dominated use of the grounds through the 20th century, Rugby Union, Australian Rules Football, soccer, lacrosse, cycling and athletics have also been represented.

A 1930 proposal for a dirt track for motor cycle races at No 1 Oval was, however, refused 'after careful consideration'.

Redevelopment in the 1980s

There were few improvements after the 1930s. When Ted Mack became Mayor in 1980 he quickly turned his attention to the urgent need for the refurbishment of the Oval. A community consultation process with all of the users of the Oval and the Park was established in 1982. It was decided to develop the site as an income-producing property for North Sydney Council. Architect Feiko Bouman was contracted to design the 'new look' Oval. He aimed to retain the 'village green' atmosphere of the space but incorporated new steel technology with a historic flavour. Bouman's design for the Oval was also innovative in that the new stand, named in honour of Mollie Dive, incorporated a childcare center on the ground level, a function centre. The stands fronting Miller Street were fitted out with shop fronts and office space. In tandem with this new construction, the project involved the relocation the Bob Stand from the Sydney Cricket Ground [SCG]. That pavilion had been marked for demolition in the early 1980s as part of the SCG refurbishment. Ted Mack, who had watched test cricket from the Stand since 1946, negotiated its removal to North Sydney. The relocation was funded by Council and the North Sydney Leagues Club with additional grants from State and Federal Governments. The Bob Stand was dismantled by Miller Milston & Ferris (Engineers) Pty Ltd. Each element of the Stand was tagged and marked for re-erection in North Sydney. Feiko Bouman added roof turrets to the original roof structure to give it a 'Victorian' look. The Oval was reopened in 1987.

Within the Oval

Duncan Thompson Stand: Named for a cricketer who played with North Sydney and was in the team that won the City Cup in 1920. This is the 1929 pavilion also known as the grand stand which opened to much fanfare and acclaim for its modernity and facilities at that time.

Bill O'Reilly Stand: Named in honour of the Test cricketer and sporting journalist. This stand was designed to accommodate shop fronts and a colonnade along Miller Street.

The Macartney Stand: Charlie Macartney was a local cricketer who played for Australia in the late 1920s. This stand was designed with added height to ensure crowds could see over the existing ramped seating in front of it. The spaces inside and fronting Miller Street were let as office space and housed the Billy Blue School until 2005.

Doug Walters Hill (previously known as 'the hill'): Named after former test cricket, Doug Walters who also played for the local team.

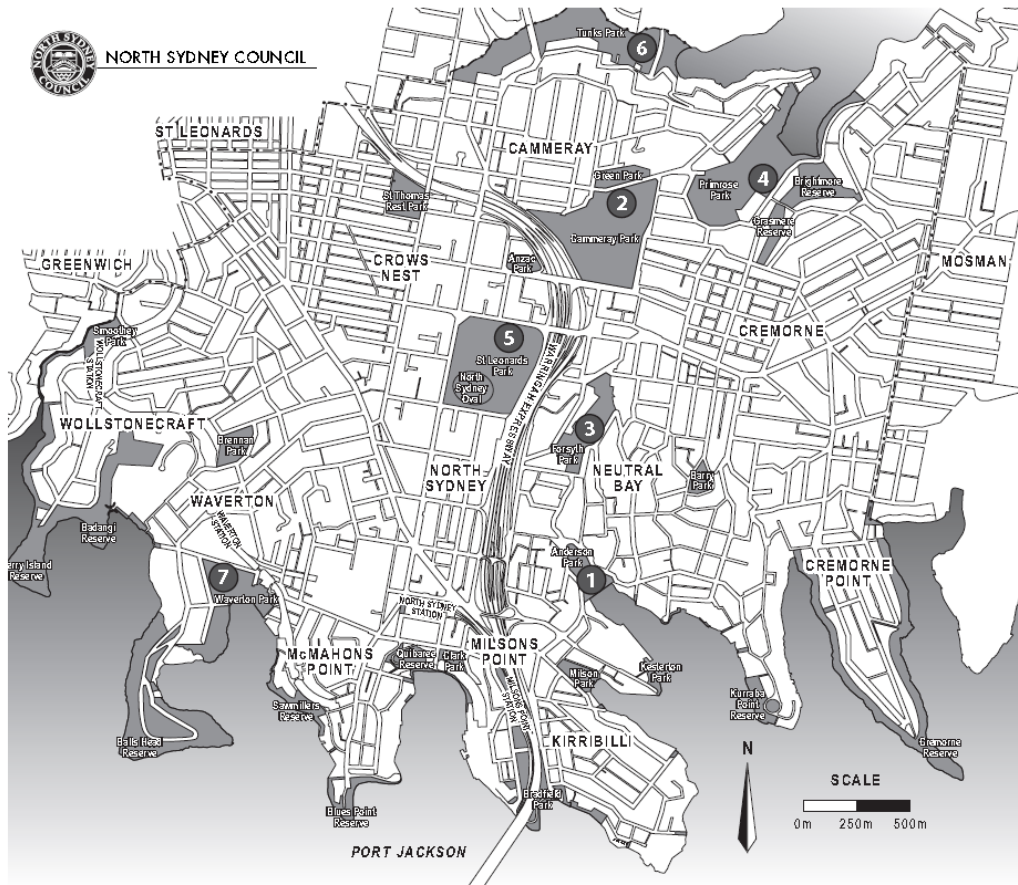
The Bob Stand: Dismantled and transported to North Sydney Oval in 1983, the name is derived from the cost of the entrance to the SCG during the Depression.

Mollie Dive Stand: As well as Captaining of the Australian Women's Cricket Team, Mollie Dive also played hockey, squash and golf. This stand was the showpiece of the 1980s redevelopment project and features a function centre and a kindergarten on the ground floor fronting Fig Tree Lane.



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6.4 Appendix 4 – Sports fields in North Sydney

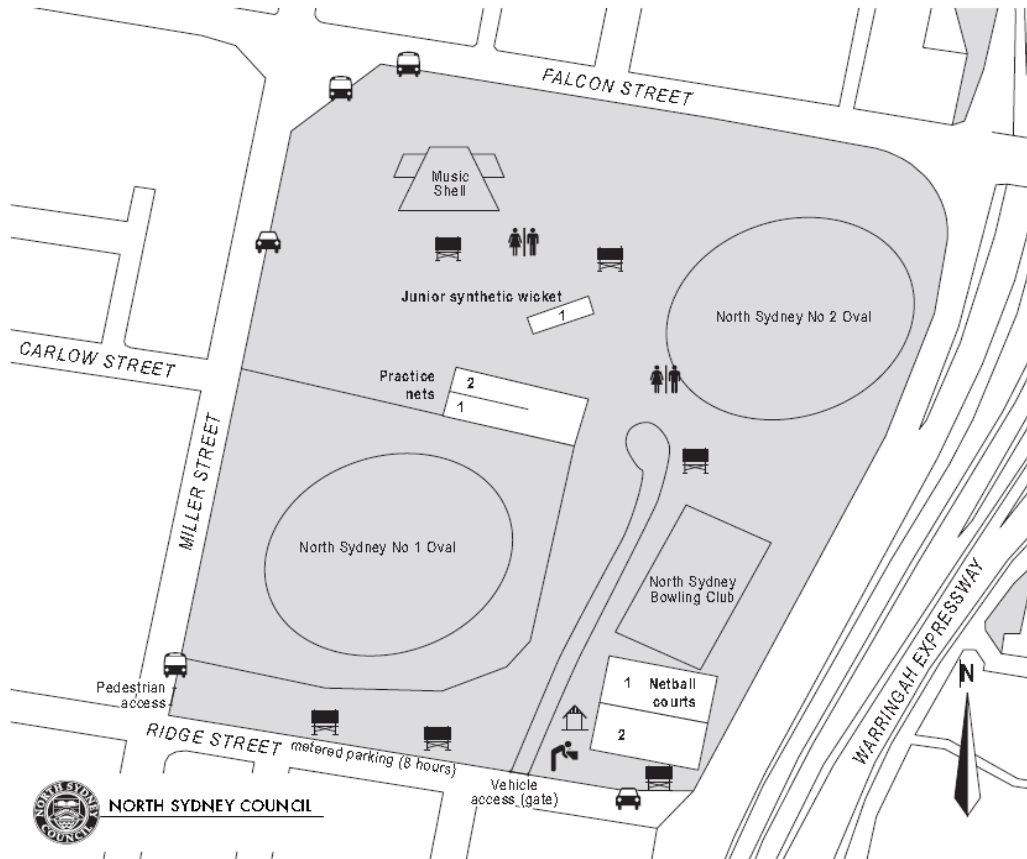


SPORTS FIELDS

- 1 ANDERSON PARK**
Clark Rd, Neutral Bay
- 2 CAMMERAY PARK**
Cammeray Rd, Cammeray
- 3 FORSYTH PARK**
Montpelier St, Neutral Bay
- 4 PRIMROSE PARK**
Young St, Cremorne
- 5 ST LEONARDS PARK**
Cnr Miller and Falcon Sts, North Sydney
- 6 TUNKS PARK**
Brothers Ave, Cammeray
- 7 WAVERTON PARK**
Woolcott St, Waverton

For rates/reservations etc. phone Council's Customer Service Centre on 9936 8200.

6.5 Appendix 5 – Layout of Major Facilities in St Leonards Park



ST LEONARDS PARK

All Year Round

Address
cnr Miller & Falcon Streets,
North Sydney, NSW, 2060

Vehicle access
Ridge Street

Wet weather/maintenance
information update line
Ph: (02) 9936 8200

After hours or in the case of an
emergency
Ph: (02) 9936 8100

LEGEND

- toilets
- seating
- carpark
- bus stop
- bubbler
- gazebo

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6.6 Appendix 6 - State Heritage Inventory Sheets for the Oval Complex

► Grandstand, The / Duncan Thompson Stand

Item details

Name of item:	Grandstand, The / Duncan Thompson Stand
Other name/s:	The Grandstand/Duncan Thompson Stand
Type of item:	Built
Group/Collection:	Recreation and Entertainment
Category:	Grandstand
Primary address:	, North Sydney, NSW 2060
Local govt. area:	North Sydney

All addresses

Street Address	Suburb/town	LGA	Parish	County	Type
	North Sydney	North Sydney			Primary Address

Statement of significance:

Original main grandstand from 1928 development of oval. The main building which defines the design character of the other buildings. Interesting period example of Georgian revival architecture. Building and central tower are focal points of views of park and oval. See also under North Sydney Oval Group NSHS0914.

Note: There are incomplete details for a number of items listed in NSW. The Heritage Branch intends to develop or upgrade statements of significance and other information for these items as resources become available.

Description

Physical description: Two storey brick building with hipped and gabled corrugated-iron roof. The 'oval' facade is formed as a tiered row of grandstand seating on a concrete foundation with timber and steel seats and roof carried on steel posts. A square tower projects centrally from the roof, having expressed corner pilasters and a low hipped bell-cast roof and tall central finial post. The exterior facade comprises brick walls between smooth rendered pilasters with stucco mouldings at their upper ends. Each bay has a tall semi-circular arched window with fanlight mullions in the arch. There are semi-circular bay windows with seven-facet hipped metal roofs to alternate bays on the ground floor. This building was designed in the Inter-War Romanesque style.


History

Historical notes: Opened in 1928 by Mayor H.L. Primrose, in early 1980's.

Historic themes

Australian theme (abbrev)	New South Wales theme	Local theme
8. Culture-Developing cultural institutions and ways of life	Creative endeavour-Activities associated with the production and performance of literary, artistic, architectural and other imaginative, interpretive or inventive works; and/or associated with the production and expression of cultural phenomena; and/or environments that have inspired such creative activities.	(none)-
8. Culture-Developing cultural institutions and ways of life	Leisure-Activities associated with recreation and relaxation	(none)-

Assessment of significance

SHR Criteria f) [Rarity]	This item is assessed as historically rare locally. This item is assessed as aesthetically rare locally. This item is assessed as socially rare locally.
SHR Criteria g) [Representativeness]	This item is assessed as aesthetically representative regionally.
Integrity/Intactness:	Sympathetic
Assessment criteria:	Items are assessed against the  State Heritage Register (SHR) Criteria to determine the level of significance. Refer to the Listings below for the level of statutory protection.

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Study details

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References, internet links & images

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Ken Irvine Scoreboard, The

Item details

Name of item:	Ken Irvine Scoreboard, The
Other name/s:	The Ken Irvine Scoreboard
Type of item:	Built
Primary address:	, North Sydney, NSW 2060
Local govt. area:	North Sydney

All addresses

Street Address	Suburb/town	LGA	Parish	County	Type
	North Sydney	North Sydney			Primary Address

Statement of significance:

Part of the traditional built environment of North Sydney Oval and a fine, simple building reflecting and enhancing the architecture of other buildings around the oval. See also under North Sydney Oval Group NSHS0914.

Note: There are incomplete details for a number of items listed in NSW. The Heritage Branch intends to develop or upgrade statements of significance and other information for these items as resources become available.


Description

Physical description: A rectangular brick building with hipped roof of corrugated-iron with, low-pitch awning at eaves level continuous with roof. Scoreboard concealed when not in use by three roller shutters. This building was designed in the Inter-War Georgian Revival style.

Historic themes

Australian theme (abbrev)	New South Wales theme	Local theme
8. Culture-Developing cultural institutions and ways of life	Creative endeavour-Activities associated with the production and performance of literary, artistic, architectural and other imaginative, interpretive or inventive works; and/or associated with the production and expression of cultural phenomena; and/or environments that have inspired such creative activities.	(none)-
8. Culture-Developing cultural institutions and ways of life	Leisure-Activities associated with recreation and relaxation	(none)-

Assessment of significance

SHR Criteria f) [Rarity]	This item is assessed as historically rare locally. This item is assessed as aesthetically rare locally. This item is assessed as socially rare locally.
SHR Criteria g) [Representativeness]	This item is assessed as historically representative locally. This item is assessed as aesthetically representative regionally.
Integrity/Intactness:	–
Assessment criteria:	Items are assessed against the  State Heritage Register (SHR) Criteria to determine the level of significance. Refer to the Listings below for the level of statutory protection.

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Study details

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North Sydney Heritage Study Review	1993	0917	Tony Brassil, Robert Irving, Chris Pratten, Conybeare Morrison	TB July 1992	Yes

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▶ West Turnstile Booth

Item details

Name of item:	West Turnstile Booth
Type of item:	Built
Primary address:	, North Sydney, NSW 2060
Local govt. area:	North Sydney

All addresses

Street Address	Suburb/town	LGA	Parish	County	Type
	North Sydney	North Sydney			Primary Address

Statement of significance:

One of three turnstile buildings, dating from the 1928 development of the Oval. Part of the traditional built environment of the Oval. A finely detailed simple small building which remains functional and enhances the Edwardian character of the Oval. See also under North Sydney Oval Group NSHS0914.

Note: There are incomplete details for a number of items listed in NSW. The Heritage Branch intends to develop or upgrade statements of significance and other information for these items as resources become available.

Description

Physical description: Small rectangular brick building with corrugated-iron hipped gable roof. Exterior facade has three entry openings with semi circular arches of bull-nosed bricks and a fourth, semi-circular arched ticket-window opening. Interior facade has four rectangular openings with continuous rendered concrete lintel. This building was designed in the Inter-War Georgian Revival. Inter-War Romanesque style.

History

Historical notes: Built in 1928 as part of the development of North Sydney Oval.

Historic themes

Australian theme (abbrev)	New South Wales theme	Local theme
8. Culture-Developing cultural institutions and ways of life	Creative endeavour-Activities associated with the production and performance of literary, artistic, architectural and other imaginative, interpretive or inventive works; and/or associated with the production and expression of cultural phenomena; and/or environments that have inspired such creative activities.	(none)-
8. Culture-Developing cultural institutions and ways of life	Leisure-Activities associated with recreation and relaxation	(none)-

Assessment of significance

SHR Criteria f) [Rarity] This item is assessed as historically rare locally. This item is assessed as aesthetically rare locally. This item is assessed as socially rare locally.

Integrity/Intactness: –

Assessment criteria: Items are assessed against the  [State Heritage Register \(SHR\) Criteria](#) to determine the level of significance. Refer to the Listings below for the level of statutory protection.

Study details

Title	Year	Number	Author	Inspected by	Guidelines used
North Sydney Heritage Study Review	1993	0920	Tony Brassil, Robert Irving, Chris Pratten, Conybeare Morrison	TB July 1992	Yes

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▶ North Sydney Oval Group

Item details

Name of item:	North Sydney Oval Group
Other name/s:	Part of St. Leonards Park Group
Type of item:	Built
Group/Collection:	Recreation and Entertainment
Category:	Other - Recreation & Entertainment
Primary address:	, North Sydney, NSW 2060
Local govt. area:	North Sydney

All addresses

Street Address	Suburb/town	LGA	Parish	County	Type
	North Sydney	North Sydney			Primary Address

Statement of significance:

The most used and familiar facility in St. Leonards Park and one of the oldest cricket grounds still in use in Australia. Fine example of a traditional Cricket Oval, with Edwardian features and buildings creating an ambience associated with the English cricketing tradition. Contains some interesting buildings, the Grandstand, Scoreboard and three Turnstile buildings all dating from 1928 and the Bob Stand (1895) relocated from the Sydney Cricket Ground. (See also under St. Leonards Park Group).

Note: There are incomplete details for a number of items listed in NSW. The Heritage Branch intends to develop or upgrade statements of significance and other information for these items as resources become available.

Description

Physical description:	A traditional cricket/football oval enclosed by picket fence and ringed by substantial grandstands, with a high brick barrier wall or steel gates linking the spaces between stands. Main Grandstand (The Duncan Thomson Stand) dates from 1928, as do the three small turnstile booths. The 'Ken Irvine Scoreboard' is from a similar period. The Bob Stand occupies the eastern side. New grandstands on north, south and western sides designed to reflect Edwardian roofscapes of earlier buildings, and this theme is repeated for smaller structures such as kiosk and observation towers.
Further information:	Includes: * The Grandstand/Duncan Thompson Stand * The Bob Stand * The Ken Irvin Scoreboard * Turnstile Buildings (3)

History

Historical notes:	Park identified in 1836 in Town Plan of St. Leonards. Oval originally dedicated as Cricket Ground in 1867, in continuous use since. Major development, opened 1928, saw enclosure of oval by brick walls, grandstands and turnstile booths erected. Redeveloped in early 1980's with new grandstands erected, with original main grandstand and turnstile booths retained. The Bob Stand transferred from Sydney Cricket Ground and main structural elements reused in 1984.
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Historic themes

Australian theme (abbrev)	New South Wales theme	Local theme
8. Culture-Developing cultural institutions and ways of life	Creative endeavour-Activities associated with the production and performance of literary, artistic, architectural and other imaginative, interpretive or inventive works; and/or associated with the production and expression of cultural phenomena; and/or environments that have inspired such creative activities.	(none)-
8. Culture-Developing cultural institutions and ways of life	Leisure-Activities associated with recreation and relaxation	(none)-

Assessment of significance

SHR Criteria f) [Rarity] This item is assessed as historically rare regionally. This item is assessed as aesthetically rare regionally. This item is assessed as socially rare regionally.

Integrity/Intactness: –

Assessment criteria: Items are assessed against the  [State Heritage Register \(SHR\) Criteria](#) to determine the level of significance. Refer to the Listings below for the level of statutory protection.

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▶ North Turnstile Booth

Item details

Name of item:	North Turnstile Booth
Type of item:	Built
Primary address:	, North Sydney, NSW 2060
Local govt. area:	North Sydney

All addresses

Street Address	Suburb/town	LGA	Parish	County	Type
	North Sydney	North Sydney			Primary Address

Statement of significance:

One of three turnstile buildings dating from the 1928 development of the Oval. Part of the traditional built environment of the Oval. A finely detailed simple small building which remains functional and enhances the Edwardian character of the Oval. See also under North Sydney Oval Group NSHS0914.

Note: There are incomplete details for a number of items listed in NSW. The Heritage Branch intends to develop or upgrade statements of significance and other information for these items as resources become available.

Description

Physical description: Small rectangular brick building with corrugated-iron hipped roof. Exterior facade has three entry openings with semi circular arches of bull-nosed bricks and a fourth, semi-circular arched ticket-window opening. Interior facade has four rectangular openings with continuous rendered concrete lintel. This building was designed in the Inter-War Georgian Revival. Inter-War Romanesque style.

History

Historical notes: Built in 1928 as part of the development of North Sydney Oval.

Historic themes

Australian theme (abbrev)	New South Wales theme	Local theme
8. Culture-Developing cultural institutions and ways of life	Creative endeavour-Activities associated with the production and performance of literary, artistic, architectural and other imaginative, interpretive or inventive works; and/or associated with the production and expression of cultural phenomena; and/or environments that have inspired such creative activities.	(none)-
8. Culture-Developing cultural institutions and ways of life	Leisure-Activities associated with recreation and relaxation	(none)-

Assessment of significance

SHR Criteria f) [Rarity] This item is assessed as historically rare locally. This item is assessed as aesthetically rare locally. This item is assessed as socially rare locally.

Integrity/Intactness: –

Assessment criteria: Items are assessed against the  [State Heritage Register \(SHR\) Criteria](#) to determine the level of significance. Refer to the Listings below for the level of statutory protection.

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Study details

Title	Year	Number	Author	Inspected by	Guidelines used
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References, internet links & images

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▶ South Turnstile Booth

Item details

Name of item:	South Turnstile Booth
Type of item:	Built
Primary address:	, North Sydney, NSW 2060
Local govt. area:	North Sydney

All addresses

Street Address	Suburb/town	LGA	Parish	County	Type
	North Sydney	North Sydney			Primary Address

Statement of significance:

One of three turnstile buildings dating from the 1928 development of the Oval. Part of the traditional built environment of the Oval. A finely detailed simple small building which remains functional and enhances the Edwardian character of the Oval. See also under North Sydney Oval Group NSHS0914.

Note: There are incomplete details for a number of items listed in NSW. The Heritage Branch intends to develop or upgrade statements of significance and other information for these items as resources become available.

Description

Physical description: Small rectangular brick building with corrugated-iron hipped roof. Exterior facade has three entry openings with semi circular arches of bull-nosed bricks and a fourth, semi-circular arched ticket-window opening. Interior facade has four rectangular openings with continuous rendered concrete lintel. This building was designed in the Inter-War Georgian Revival. Inter-War Romanesque style.

History

Historical notes: Built in 1928 as part of the development of North Sydney Oval.

Historic themes

Australian theme (abbrev)	New South Wales theme	Local theme
8. Culture-Developing cultural institutions and ways of life	Creative endeavour-Activities associated with the production and performance of literary, artistic, architectural and other imaginative, interpretive or inventive works; and/or associated with the production and expression of cultural phenomena; and/or environments that have inspired such creative activities.	(none)-
8. Culture-Developing cultural institutions and ways of life	Leisure-Activities associated with recreation and relaxation	(none)-

Assessment of significance

SHR Criteria f) [Rarity] This item is assessed as historically rare locally. This item is assessed as aesthetically rare locally. This item is assessed as socially rare locally.

Integrity/Intactness: –

Assessment criteria: Items are assessed against the  [State Heritage Register \(SHR\) Criteria](#) to determine the level of significance. Refer to the Listings below for the level of statutory protection.

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Study details

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▶ Bob Stand, The

Item details

Name of item:	Bob Stand, The
Other name/s:	The Bob Stand
Type of item:	Built
Group/Collection:	Recreation and Entertainment
Category:	Grandstand
Primary address:	, North Sydney, NSW 2060
Local govt. area:	North Sydney

All addresses

Street Address	Suburb/town	LGA	Parish	County	Type
	North Sydney	North Sydney			Primary Address

Statement of significance:

Historic Sydney Cricket Ground grandstand rescued from demolition and re-erected in a fitting context. Interesting structural details and good example of late-nineteenth century construction. Fine addition to picturesque sportsground. See also under North Sydney Oval Group NSHS0914.

Note: There are incomplete details for a number of items listed in NSW. The Heritage Branch intends to develop or upgrade statements of significance and other information for these items as resources become available.

Description

Physical description: The grandstand comprises an open-sided shelter roof over tiers of seating on a concrete base. The corrugated-iron hipped gable roof is carried on hollow cast-iron columns, the central cavity formerly used as drains from roof gutters. Roof trusses of curved and straight iron of angle and T section, using steel tension tie-rods between posts.


History

Historical notes: The Bob Stand was first erected in 1895 at the Sydney Cricket Ground and used continuously until early 1980's. Deconstructed and main structural elements re-erected on concrete foundation with new corrugated-iron roofing in 1984 at North Sydney.

Historic themes

Australian theme (abbrev)	New South Wales theme	Local theme
8. Culture-Developing cultural institutions and ways of life	Creative endeavour-Activities associated with the production and performance of literary, artistic, architectural and other imaginative, interpretive or inventive works; and/or associated with the production and expression of cultural phenomena; and/or environments that have inspired such creative activities.	(none)-
8. Culture-Developing cultural institutions and ways of life	Leisure-Activities associated with recreation and relaxation	(none)-

Assessment of significance

SHR Criteria f) [Rarity]	This item is assessed as historically rare regionally.
SHR Criteria g) [Representativeness]	This item is assessed as aesthetically representative regionally. This item is assessed as socially representative regionally.
Integrity/Intactness:	Sympathetic
Assessment criteria:	Items are assessed against the  State Heritage Register (SHR) Criteria to determine the level of significance. Refer to the Listings below for the level of statutory protection.

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Study details

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