#### NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL REPORTS



# **Report to General Manager**

Attachments:

Nil

SUBJECT: Response to Notice of Motion No. 4/18 - Identification of Crown Land for

**Playing Fields** 

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Council at its meeting on 28 May 2018 adopted a Notice of Motion regarding Identification of Crown Land for Playing Fields and resolved (Min. No. 169):

1. THAT, noting the North Sydney Council area has one of the lowest ratios of sporting fields to residents of all NSROC Councils, Council resolves that a report be prepared by Council's staff identifying all parcels of land in the North Sydney Council area that are either directly or indirectly owned or controlled by the Commonwealth and State Governments that are or could be made suitable for use for playing sport and that our Mayor and General Manager then seek to reach agreements with those Governments that permit such use.

This report addresses the Council resolution.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**1. THAT** the report in relation to Identification of Crown Land for Playing Fields be received.

#### LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

Direction: 1. Our Living Environment

Outcome: 1.4 Public open space and recreation facilities and services meet community

needs

#### **BACKGROUND**

This report has been prepared in response to a Notice of Motion No. 4/18 by Councillor Mutton Re: Identification of Crown Land for Playing Fields from the Council meeting held on 28 May 2018 whereby the Council resolved (Min. No. 169):

1. THAT, noting the North Sydney Council area has one of the lowest ratios of sporting fields to residents of all NSROC Councils, Council resolves that a report be prepared by Council's staff identifying all parcels of land in the North Sydney Council area that are either directly or indirectly owned or controlled by the Commonwealth and State Governments that are or could be made suitable for use for playing sport and that our Mayor and General Manager then seek to reach agreements with those Governments that permit such use.

# CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Community engagement is not required.

# SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

The sustainability implications are of a minor nature and did not warrant a detailed assessment.

### **DETAIL**

As background and to reinforce the assertion regarding North Sydney Council having one of the lowest ratios of sporting facilities to residents of all Northern Sydney Regional Organisations of Councils (NSROC), the statement is very true and in fact North Sydney Council has the lowest ratio of sporting fields to residents evidenced in the following table extracted from the "NSROC Regional Sportsgrounds Strategy Review 2018":

Area	Population	% of NSROC	Playing Area	Playing Field	% of NSROC	Pop/Playing Field Ha	Ha/1000 Pop
		Pop.	Count	Space (Ha)	Playing Space		
Hornsby	149,650	25%	44	59.5	25%	2,516	0.40
Hunters Hill	14,500	2%	10	6.5	3%	2,238	0.45
Ku-ring-gai	123,500	21%	63	63.6	27%	1,943	0.51
Lane Cove	37,350	6%	7	9.3	4%	4,016	0.25
North	72,150	12%	13	10.1	4%	7,179	0.14
Sydney							
Ryde	119,950	20%	73	61.9	26%	1,936	0.52
Willoughby	75,450	13%	19	28.5	12%	2,651	0.38
Total	592,550	100%	229	239.3	100%	2,476	0.40

The demand/supply ratio is at a crisis level for organised sport within North Sydney, whereby the current demand for sporting field facilities is greater than supply, particularly for winter season sports and evening use of facilities, resulting in community members unfortunately being turned away from participating in sports that require a sports field at the local level.

Demand for sporting fields within North Sydney continues to increase each year primarily due to:

- Increasing population;
- Increasing number of children/young adults living within North Sydney;
- Increasing health conscious community;
- Our largest community demographic 26.6% of population are between 25-34 years old (second largest cohort is the 35-49 age group, 25%); and
- There appears to be a significant growth in people playing sport as older athletes each year i.e. over 35-year-old competitions.

In reviewing what existing public open space may be available to develop additional sporting fields within North Sydney, the first step is to identify the existing Open Space supply and ownership details as listed below.

# **Open Space Inventory – North Sydney Council**

No.	Name of Park	Location	Size (m²)	Ownership	Zoning	Hierarchy	Facilities
1	Ancrum Street Reserve	Ancrum Street, Waverton	727	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
2	Anderson Park	Kurraba Road, Neutral Bay	21,252	Crown	Public Open Space	District	Sportsground Park (Foreshore)
3	Anderson Street Road Closure	Anderson Street, Neutral Bay	141	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
4	Anzac Avenue Reserve	Anzac Avenue & Cammeray Avenue, Cammeray	4,032	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
5	Anzac Park	Anzac Avenue, Cammeray	12,394	Crown	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
6	Badangi Reserve	Wollstonecraft Bay, Wollstonecraft	69,443	NSC	Bushland	District	Bushland
7	Balls Head Reserve	Balls Head Drive, Waverton	92,317	Crown	Bushland	Regional	Bushland
8	Bank Reserve	Bank Street, Waverton	216	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
9	Barry Street Road Reserve	Barry Street, Neutral Bay	400	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Civic Space
10	Bay Road Reserve	Bay Road, Waverton	240	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
11	Bellevue Street Reserve	Cnr Bellevue & Pine Streets, Cammeray	100	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
12	Ben Boyd Road Park	Ben Boyd Road, Neutral Bay	450	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Foreshore)
13	Bernard Lane Road Closure	Bernard Lane, Crows Nest	160	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
14	Berry Island Reserve	End of Shirley Road, Wollstonecraft	43,196	Crown	Bushland Public Open Space	Regional	Bushland Park (Foreshore + Playground)
15	Beulah Street Reserve	Beulah Street, Kirribilli	297	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Foreshore)
16	Blues Point Reserve	End of Blues Point Road, McMahons Point	14,025	Crown	Public Open Space	Regional	Park (Foreshore + Playground)
17	Boatbuilders Walk	Munro Street, McMahons Point	1,978	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Foreshore)
18	Boulevarde Reserve	Cnr Miller Street & The Boulevarde, Cammeray	1,200	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)

No.	Name of Park	Location	Size (m²)	Ownership	Zoning	Hierarchy	Facilities
19	Boyle Street Road Closure	Boyle Street, Cremorne	700	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
20	Bradfield Park	Alfred Street South, Milsons Point	51,530	NSC/ RTA	Public Open Space	Regional	Park (Foreshore + Playground)
21	Brennan Park	King Street, Wollstonecraft	18,666	NSC	Public Open Space	District	Park (Playground)
22	Brightmore Reserve	Little Young Street, Cremorne	42,000	Crown	Bushland Public Open Space	District	Bushland Park (Playground)
23	Bromley Avenue Road Reserve	Bromley Avenue, Cremorne	1,000	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
24	Brothers Memorial Reserve	Fifth Avenue, Cremorne	2,470	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Playground)
25	Browns Lane Road Reserve	Browns Lane, Crows Nest	47	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
26	Bydown Street Road Reserve	Bydown Street, Neutral Bay	50	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
27	Cahill Playground	Sophia Street, Crows Nest	329	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Playground)
28	Cammeray Park	Ernest Street, Cammeray	153,481	Crown	Public Open Space	District	Sportsground
29	Captain Henry Waterhouse Reserve	Off Broughton Street, below Kirribilli Avenue, Kirribilli	2,067	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Foreshore)
30	Cheal Park	Watson Street, Neutral Bay	1,500	NSC	Public Open Space	District	Civic Space
31	Christie Street Reserve	Christie Street, Crows Nest	1,122	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
32	Clark Park	Lavender Street, Lavender Bay	5,084	Crown/ NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
33	Clark Road Island	Intersection of Clark & Kurraba Roads, Neutral Bay	332	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
34	Clifton Street Road Reserve	Clifton Street, Waverton	1,000	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
35	Colin Street Road Reserve	Cnr Colin & Pine Streets, Cammeray	300	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
36	Colindia Avenue Road Reserve	Between Colindia Avenue & Holdsworth Street, Neutral Bay	200	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)

No.	Name of Park	Location	Size (m²)	Ownership	Zoning	Hierarchy	Facilities
37	Colindia Reserve	Peel Street, Kirribilli	350	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Foreshore)
38	Copes Lookout	Broughton Street, Kirribilli	510	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Foreshore)
39	Cremorne Garden Plaza	Military Road, Cremorne	550	NSC	Public Open Space	District	Civic Space
40	Cremorne Reserve	Milson Road, Cremorne Point	86,295	Crown	Bushland Public Open Space	Regional	Bushland Park (Foreshore + Playground)
41	Darby Gardens	Morden Street, Cammeray	200	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
42	David Earle Reserve	Commodore Crescent, Waverton	300	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
43	Doris Fitton Park	Arthur Street, North Sydney	731	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
44	Doris Street Reserve	Doris Street, North Sydney	500	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
45	Dowling Street Road Reserve	West Crescent Street, McMahons Point	400	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Foreshore)
46	Dr Mary Booth Lookout	Waruda Street, Kirribilli	2,674	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Foreshore)
47	East Avenue Road Reserve	Cnr East Avenue & Rowlison Parade, Cammeray	500	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
48	East Crescent Street Lookout	Cnr East Crescent & Warung Streets, McMahons Point	300	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
49	Echo Street Reserve	Cnr Echo & Carter Streets, Cammeray	600	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
50	Ellis Lookout	Cnr Cairo & Pine Streets, Cammeray	400	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
51	Ernest Place	Willoughby Road, Crows Nest	750	NSC	Public Open Space	District	Civic Space
52	Euroka Street Playground	Euroka Street, Waverton	2,118	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Playground)
53	Ex Coal Loader & Caltex Sites	Balls Head Road, Waverton	27,593	Crown	Public Open Space Bushland	Regional	Park (Foreshore) Bushland
54	Ex Platypus Site Open Space	Off High Street, North Sydney	4,000	Crown	Public Open Space	District	Park (Foreshore)
55	Folly Point Reserve	Cammeray Road, Cammeray	1,465	NSC	Bushland	Local	Bushland
56	Former BP Site	Larkin Street, Waverton	24,874	Crown	Public Open Space Bushland	Regional	Park (Foreshore) Bushland

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57	Forsyth Park	Montpelier Avenue, Neutral Bay	47,860	NSC	Public Open Space Public Recreation Bushland	District	Sportsground Park
58	Four Figs Park	Cnr Palmer & West Streets, Cammeray	400	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
59	Fred Hutley Reserve	Hamilton Avenue, Cammeray	7,500	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Playground)
60	Gannura Reserve	Cnr Bank Lane & Bank Street, Waverton	229	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
61	Glenferrie Avenue Road Reserve	Glenferrie Road, Cremorne	546	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
62	Gore Cove Reserve	Shirley Road, Wollstonecraft	20,964	Crown	Bushland	District	Bushland
63	Grasmere Children's Park	Young Street, Cremorne	1,900	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Playground)
64	Grasmere Reserve	Little Young Street, Cremorne	9,120	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Playground)
65	Green Park	Warwick Avenue, Cammeray	19,389	Crown	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Playground)
66	Guthrie Avenue Road Reserve	Guthrie Avenue, Cremorne	200	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
67	Hamilton Reserve	Vale Street, Cammeray	6,500	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
68	Harriette Street Road Closure	Harriette Street, Neutral Bay	300	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
69	Harry Howard Reserve	Newlands Lane, Wollstonecraft	8,330	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
70	Hayberry Street Road Closure	Hayberry Street, Crows Nest	300	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
71	Hayes Street Foreshore	Hayes Street, Neutral Bay	550	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Foreshore)
72	Henry Lawson Reserve	Henry Lawson Avenue, McMahons Point	4,500	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Foreshore)
73	Highview Avenue Pedestrian Link	Intersection Highview Avenue & Ben Boyd Road, Neutral Bay	110	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
74	Hodgson Lookout	End of Kurraba Road, Neutral Bay	2,920	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Playground)

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75	Holdsworth Road Reserve	Cnr Holdsworth Road & Holdsworth Street, Neutral Bay	400	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
76	Honda Road Reserve	Honda Road, Neutral Bay	110	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
77	Hopkins Park	Paul Street, Milsons Point	200	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
78	Hunts Lookout	Lower Spofforth Walk, Cremorne	930	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
79	Ilbery Park	Barry Street, Neutral Bay	1,970	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Playground)
80	John Street Open Space	Western end John Street, Waverton	150	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Foreshore)
81	Johnston Avenue Road Reserve	Johnston Avenue, Cammeray	400	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
82	Judith Ambler Reserve	Pine Street, Cammeray	2,600	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
83	Kenneth Bolton Lookout	Bent Street, Neutral Bay	750	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
84	Kesterton Park	High Street, North Sydney	4,020	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Foreshore + Playground)
85	King George Street Road Reserve	King George Street, Lavender Bay	500	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Foreshore)
86	King Street Road Reserve	King Street, Waverton	800	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
87	Kurraba Point Reserve	End of Kurraba Road, Neutral Bay	13,502	NSC	Public Open Space	District	Park (Foreshore)
88	Kurraba Wharf Reserve	Kurraba Road, Neutral Bay	700	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Foreshore)
89	Lady Gowrie Lookout	Kirribilli Avenue, Kirribilli	348	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Foreshore)
90	Lambert Street Gardens	Cnr Lambert Street & Cammeray Road, Cammeray	300	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
91	Langley Place	Langley Avenue, Cremorne	400	NSC	Public Open Space	District	Civic Space
92	Lavender Bay Foreshore	Along foreshore below Harbourview Crescent, Lavender Bay	3,220	Crown	Public Open Space	District	Park (Foreshore)
93	Lithgow Street Road Closure	Lithgow Street, Crows Nest	502	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
94	Little Young Street Road Closure	Intersection Little Young Street & Benelong Road, Cremorne	280	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)

No.	Name of Park	Location	Size (m²)	Ownership	Zoning	Hierarchy	Facilities
95	Lloyd Avenue Reserve	Lloyd Avenue, Cremorne	589	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
96	Lloyd Rees Lookout	Middle Street, McMahons Point	200	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
97	Lodge Road Island	Cnr Lodge & Wonga Roads, Cremorne	1,030	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
98	Lodge Road Playground	Cnr Lodge & Ellalong Roads, Cremorne	2,076	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Playground)
99	Lodge Road Road Reserve	Intersection Lodge & Ellalong Roads, Cremorne	400	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
100	Lord Street Road Reserve	Lord Street, Waverton	748	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
101	Lower Spofforth Walk Reserve	Intersection Spofforth Walk & Kareela Road, Cremorne Point	220	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
102	Manns Avenue Road Reserve	Manns Avenue, Neutral Bay	240	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
103	Margaret Street Road Reserve	Margaret Street, North Sydney	1,000	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
104	Mary French Reserve	Mil Mil Street, McMahons Point	312	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Playground)
105	Mater Gardens	Pacific Highway, Crows Nest	1,500	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
106	May Gibbs Place	Intersection Barry Street & Military Road, Neutral Bay	1,500	NSC	Public Open Space	District	Civic Space
107	McIntosh Lane Reserve	McIntosh Lane, Neutral Bay	393	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
108	Merlin Street Reserve	Merlin Street, Neutral Bay	1,054	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
109	Mil Mil Street Road Reserve	Mil Mil Street, McMahons Point	50	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
110	Miller Street Gardens	Cnr Miller & Pine Streets, Cammeray	1,300	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
111	Milson Park	McDougall Street, North Sydney	13,864	Crown	Public Open Space	District	Park (Foreshore + Playground)
112	Miss Gladys Carey Reserve	Between High Street & Bradly Avenue, Neutral Bay	1,244	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Foreshore)
113	Mitchell Street Park	Mitchell Street, McMahons Point	400	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
114	Mitchell Street Plaza	Mitchell Street, Crows Nest	1,000	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Civic Space

No.	Name of Park	Location	Size (m²)	Ownership	Zoning	Hierarchy	Facilities
115	Moodie Lane Reserve	Moodie Lane, Cammeray	366	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
116	Mortlock Reserve	Vernon Street, Cammeray	3,500	NSC	Bushland	Local	Bushland
117	Morton Lane Road Reserve	Morton Lane, Wollstonecraft	400	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
118	Mount Street Plaza	Mount Street, North Sydney	1,300	NSC	Public Open Space	District	Civic Space
119	Neutral Bay Foreshore	Below Wallaringa Avenue & Wycombe Road, Neutral Bay	240	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Foreshore)
120	Neutral Street Road Reserve	Cnr Neutral Street & Kurraba Road, North Sydney	200	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
121	North Avenue Road Reserve	North Avenue, Cammeray	600	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
122	North Sydney Civic Centre	Miller Street, North Sydney	3,500	NSC	Public Open Space	District	Civic Space Park (Playground)
123	Nottingham Street Reserve	Nottingham Street, McMahons Point	310	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
124	O'Briens Gardens	Cnr Webb & Victoria Streets, McMahons Point	380	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
125	Olympic Park	Olympic Drive, Milsons Point	500	Crown	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Foreshore)
126	Oyster Cove Reserve	Horace Street, Waverton	3,000	NSC	Bushland	District	Bushland
127	Paling Street Road Closure	Cnr Paling & Gerard Streets, Cremorne	441	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
128	Phillips Street Playground	Phillips Street, Neutral Bay	400	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Playground)
129	Pine Street/Arkland Street Reserve	Pine Street, Cammeray	1,673	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
130	Primrose Park	Young Street, Cremorne	114,122	Crown	Public Open Space Bushland	District	Sportsground Bushland Park (Foreshore)
131	Prior Avenue Reserve	Prior Avenue, Cremorne	1,750	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Playground)
132	Prospect Avenue Road Reserve	Prospect Avenue, Cremorne	210	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)

No.	Name of Park	Location	Size (m²)	Ownership	Zoning	Hierarchy	Facilities
133	Quibaree Park	Lavender Crescent, Lavender Bay	2,030	NSC	Public Open Space	District	Park (Foreshore)
134	Reserve Street Road Reserve	Reserve Street, Neutral Bay	300	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
135	Richmond/Tobruk Pedestrian Link	Between Richmond & Tobruk Avenues, Cremorne	1,500	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
136	Ridge Street Road Closure	Eastern end of Ridge Street, North Sydney	300	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
137	Riley Street Road Closure	Riley Street, Waverton	280	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
138	River Road Pedestrian Link	Links River Road to Milner Crescent, Wollstonecraft	180	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
139	Robertson Lane Road Closure	Robertson Lane, Kirribilli	150	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
140	Rose Avenue Reserve	Rose Avenue, Neutral Bay	1,042	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
141	Ryries Parade Road Closure	Ryries Parade, Cremorne	230	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
142	Samora Avenue Road Closure	Samora Avenue, Cremorne	250	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
143	Sawmillers Reserve	French Street, McMahons Point	14,415	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Foreshore)
144	Shirley Road Pedestrian Link	Links Shirley Road to Belmont Avenue, Wollstonecraft	328	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
145	Sinclair Street Pedestrian Link	Links Sinclair Street to Hazelbank Road, Wollstonecraft	500	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
146	Sinclair Street Rose Garden	Sinclair Street, Wollstonecraft	50	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
147	Sirius Street Playground	Cnr Milson Road & Sirius Street, Cremorne Point	1,061	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Playground)
148	Smoothey Park	Milray Avenue, Wollstonecraft	22,773	NSC	Bushland Public Open Space	District	Bushland
148	Spains Wharf Lookout	Spains Wharf Road, Neutral Bay	293	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Foreshore)

No.	Name of Park	Location	Size (m²)	Ownership	Zoning	Hierarchy	Facilities
150	Spruson Street Road Reserve	Spruson Street, Neutral Bay	700	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
151	St Leonards Park	Cnr Miller & Falcon Streets, North Sydney	144,955	Crown	Public Recreation	Regional	Sportsground Park (Playground)
152	St Peters Park	Cnr Blues Point Road & Blue Street, McMahons Point	1,226	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
153	St Thomas Rest Park	West Street, Cammeray	19,262	NSC	Public Open Space	District	Park (Playground)
154	Stanton Lookout	Kirribilli Avenue, Kirribilli	660	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
155	Sugar Works Reserve	Horace Street, Waverton	1,407	NSC	Bushland	Local	Bushland
156	Tiley Street Road Closure	Tiley Street, Cammeray	1,633	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
157	Tobruk Avenue Lookout	Cnr Tobruk & Samora Avenues, Cremorne	1,274	NSC	Bushland	Local	Bushland
158	Toongarah Road Reserve	Toongarah Road, Waverton	220	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
159	Tunks Park	Brothers Avenue, Cammeray	132,700	Crown	Public Open Space Bushland	District	Sportsground Park (Foreshore + Playground) Bushland
160	Tye Park	Ancrum Street, Waverton	330	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
161	Victoria Street Playground	Victoria Street, McMahons Point	385	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Playground)
162	Victoria/Mitchell Street Junction	Cnr Victoria & Mitchell Streets, McMahons Point	437	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
163	Walker Street Road Reserve	Lavender Street, Lavender Bay	2,087	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
164	Walumetta Park	Gas Works Road, Wollstonecraft	4,767	NSC	Bushland	Local	Bushland
165	Warringa Park	Cnr Kurraba Road & Rawson Street, Neutral Bay	3,941	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Playground)
166	Warringa Road Road Closure	Warringa Road, Cammeray	520	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)

No.	Name of Park	Location	Size (m <sup>2</sup> )	Ownership	Zoning	Hierarchy	Facilities
167	Watersleigh Park	Waters Road, Cremorne	700	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
168	Watt Park	Lavender Crescent, Lavender Bay	10,500	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Playground)
169	Waverton Park	Woolcott Avenue, Waverton	40,392	Crown	Public Open Space Bushland	District	Sportsground Park (Foreshore + Playground) Bushland
170	Weaver Park	Cnr Murdoch Street & Cranbrook Avenue, Cremorne	1,356	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
171	Weringa Avenue Road Reserve	Cnr Weringa Avenue & Stratford Street, Cammeray	487	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
172	West Crescent Street Road Reserve	West Crescent Street, McMahons Point	70	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
173	Westleigh Lane Road Closure	Westleigh Lane, Neutral Bay	50	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
174	Westleigh Street Road Closure	Westleigh Street, Neutral Bay	220	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
175	Whatmore Lane Reserve	Whatmore Lane, Waverton	100	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
176	Will Ashton Lookout	Larkin Street, Waverton	1,232	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
177	Willow Tree Park	Nook Avenue, North Sydney	2,800	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
178	Wilson Street Road Closure	Wilson Street, Cammeray	2,500	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
179	Winnie Street Laneway Reserve	Rear of Parraween Street, Cremorne	538	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
180	Winslow Lane Road Closure	Winslow Lane, Kirribilli	80	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
181	Winslow Street Road Closure	Cnr Winslow & McDougall Streets, Kirribilli	860	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
182	Wonga Road Reserve	Wonga Road, Cremorne	10,217	NSC	Bushland	Local	Bushland
183	Woolcott Street Open Space	Woolcott Street, Waverton	140	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)

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No.	Name of Park	Location	Size (m²)	Ownership	Zoning	Hierarchy	Facilities
184	Wrixton Park	Willoughby Street, Kirribilli	207	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Foreshore)
185	Wyagdon/Alfred Street North Reserve	Cnr Wyagdon Street & Alfred Street North, Neutral Bay	2,870	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
186	Wyagdon Street Reserve	Wyagdon Street, Neutral Bay	889	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
187	Wyong Road Open Space	Wyong Road, Cremorne	1,000	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)
188	Young Street/Earle Street Island	Cnr Young & Earle Streets, Cremorne	350	NSC	Public Open Space	Local	Park (Neighbourhood)

Converting existing public open space into sporting fields is a possible solution to assist in overcoming our sporting field supply issue however it is generally a very difficult proposition that would receive considerable opposition from our community. All public open space currently available for a wide range of recreational uses is also a very limited resource in North Sydney.

The following statistics sourced from "Office of Local Government 2017/18 data" provides a comparison of the amount of open space generally available for recreation within local government areas, population densities and resident population per hectare of open space provided across the North Sydney Regional Councils and the City of Sydney Council:

Council	Open Space hectares	Residential population density per capita/km2	Residential population per hectare of open space
Hornsby	1,181.5	32.7	126.2
Hunters Hill	102.6	2587.2	143.73
Kur-ing-ai	1,459.7	1457.2	85.3
Lane Cove	212	3689.7	182.7
Mosman	177.4	3513.1	172.3
North Sydney	131	6955.4	557.5
Ryde	764	3074	162.9
Willoughby	361.6	3557	220.4
City of Sydney	426.1	8723.8	546.6

Recently Council undertook an audit of Transport for NSW managed land within the North Sydney area to consider if any of these parcels of land that are currently not used for open space might be available for acquisition or adaption to increase general open space provision in North Sydney as shown in the map below:



Whilst there have been initial discussions between Council and Transport for NSW Officers and opportunities do exist to increase open space provision through these negotiations, there appears to be little opportunity to acquire parcels of land that would be suitable for sporting fields.

Additionally ongoing discussions are also continuing with Property NSW who are responsible for the old Quarantine Station at Waverton and whilst the acquisition process is progressing and the land if acquired will be very valuable to our foreshore park network, the land size and topography preclude sporting fields as a potential use.

As North Sydney has no realistic current opportunities available to increase the number of sports fields within the North Sydney area, our existing options to meet current and future demands are essentially looking towards increasing the existing sports fields' capacity in order that existing fields can accommodate the growing demand.

#### What Council is currently doing to manage the demand/supply issue?

- We currently prioritise organised sports' use of sports fields according to Council's policy *Sporting Facilities Booking Policy 2013*, whereby priority is provided to local schools and sporting clubs followed by non-local clubs and commercial hirers.
- We currently impose a limit on our grass fields of a maximum 32 hours of high impact organised sport per week (general industry standard is 25 hours), so fields that are flood lit are currently overused in the winter season that results in a poor playing surface condition towards the end of the season.

- Over the past decade Council has established lighting on most sports fields that meets the required Australian Standards to maximise these fields effective evening use for organised sport.
- We have improved and continue to improve our capacity to manage the overuse of natural turf fields through improved greenkeeping practices and turf renovation processes.
- We have installed a synthetic turf sports field surface at Cammeray Park that fundamentally doubled its capacity from the pre-existing natural turf surface (32 hours per week) to accommodate approximately 70 hours of organised sport per week.
- We are continuing to negotiate opportunities with schools within North Sydney to make their sports field facilities and sports courts available to the broader North Sydney community outside of the schools' use.
- We continue to look for opportunities to alter existing natural turf sports fields to make them more resilient, usable and sustainable for increased usage to meet the demand.
- We are working with our neighboring Councils through NSROC to continue to undertake recreational planning on a regional basis.