



# Generic Plan of Management for Open Spaces

# within the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area

2008-2013



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Schedule 1 List of Lands included in this Plan

# 1. Introduction

# 1.1 Background

This Plan of Management is a Plan for a large number of lower profile open spaces in Wagga Wagga City Council area. These generic open spaces include Sports Grounds, Parks and General Use Lands (as categorised under the Local Government Act 1993). Any open spaces that are not subject to an individual Plan are hereafter called generic open spaces.

This Plan does not deal with the significant open spaces where specific Plans of Management exist or will be developed.

The Plan is an important part of the Planning framework for all open spaces in Wagga Wagga City Council. It is directed by the Local Government Act and the Wagga Wagga City Council Recreation and Open Space Strategy (2005).

This Plan is for lands only managed by Wagga Wagga City Council. Crown Lands are not included.

# 1.2 Purpose of the Plan

The purpose of this Plan is to provide direction to Council on the appropriate management of these open space areas. The Plan will also communicate intended management to the community and ensure that the requirements of the Local Government Act are implemented.

# 1.3 Relevant Lands

This Plan is relevant for all open space areas as listed in Schedule 1. It does not include areas for which there are or will be specific plans of management.

The Plan addresses three types of open space as listed in the Local Government Act:

- 1. Sports Ground
- 2. Park
- 3. General Community Use

There are two other open space categories listed under the Local Government Act (Culturally Significant Areas and Natural Areas) that are not relevant to this Plan. Some natural areas and culturally significant areas in Wagga Wagga will have individual Plans of Management.

#### Sports Grounds

Sports Grounds are open space areas used for organised sport. Sports Grounds have developed facilities and surfaces such as pavilions and turf. Some Sports Grounds have restricted access.

## Park

A Park is land reserved for the purpose of passive recreation, education, cultural or social activities.

# General Community Use

General Community Use land is designed to cater for the wide range of Council owned land which is best retained in community ownership, but does not fall specifically into the Park, Sports Ground, Natural Area or Area of Cultural Significance categories.

General Community Use areas may be used for any of the following functions:

- Centres for community activity such as childcare, health care, youth centres, senior citizens centres and scout/guide halls
- Cemeteries
- Public utility infrastructure
- Drainage such as detention basins
- Pathways/access ways
- Corridors for utility easements
- Carparks
- Any other function which does not specifically categorise the land as natural area, park, sports ground or an area of cultural significance.

## **1.4 Planning context**

#### **Relevant legislation**

Legislation that is relevant to this Plan includes:

- Local Government Act (1993)
- Rural Fires Act (1997)
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (1979)
- Public Works Act (1912)
- Threatened Conservation Species Act (1995)
- Native Vegetation Act (2003)
- Clean Waters Act (1970)
- Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan (Draft 2008)
- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (1999)
- State Environmental Planning policies

#### Local Government Act 1993

The Local Government Act directs that all non operational community lands require Plans of Management. The Local Government Act prescribes the following guidelines for the preparation of plans of management for community lands:

(1) A Council must prepare a draft plan of management for community land.

(2) A draft plan of management may apply to one or more areas of community land, except as provided by this Division.

(3) A plan of management for community land must identify the following:

(a) the category of the land,

(b) the objectives and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land,

(c) the means by which the Council proposes to achieve the plan's objectives and performance targets,

(d) the manner in which the Council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plan's objectives and performance targets, and may require the prior approval of the Council to the carrying out of any specified activity on the land.

The Act defines the categories of Community Land and their core objectives.

Section 36F of the Local Government Act describes the core objectives for Sports Grounds as:

(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 impact on nearby residences.

Section 36G of the Local Government Act describes the objectives for Parks as:

(a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities, and

(b) to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and

(c) to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.

Section 36I of the Local Government Act describes the objectives for General Community Use Lands as:

to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public.

# **1.5 Relevant Planning Policies**

The construction of all open space infrastructure that complies with the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan is exempt development.

Wagga Wagga City Council has developed a range of other planning initiatives which influence this Plan. These include:

- Recreation and Open Space Strategy (2005)
- Wagga Wagga Natural Resources Management Plan (Draft 2007)
- Council's Strategic Plan 2008-2018
- Wagga Wagga City Council's Annual Management Plan
- Wagga Wagga Community Social Plan 2009 2013 (Draft 2008)
- Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan (Draft 2008)
- Strategic Plan for Recreation in Wagga Wagga (1998)
- Wagga Wagga Bikeway Plan (1998)
- Strategic Plan for Management of Public Land in the City of Wagga Wagga (1995)

There are also a number of relevant Council policies including:

Council Run Community Events Community Services Access and Equity Youth Noxious Weeds Stormwater Leasing and Licensing Signs for Parks, Gardens and Public Reserves Cultural Policies Tree Management Risk Management Occupational Health & Safety Events Support

#### The Recreation and Open Space Strategy (2005)

The Recreation and Open Space Strategy (2005) (ROSS) provides the planning framework for this Plan. It focuses on the policies to promote and manage sport and recreation at a strategic level. This Plan focuses more on land use considerations and actions.

The ROSS has the following vision for open spaces in Wagga Wagga:

"Wagga Wagga City Council shall contribute to residents achieving a high level of physical and mental well being by ensuring there are equitable and accessible opportunities for residents of all ages, cultures and abilities to participate in and enjoy a diverse range of open space settings, and sporting and recreational pursuits." The ROSS has the following goals:

- 1. Provide a diversity of open space settings and recreational facilities and opportunities
- 2. Provide well used and relevant open space settings and recreation facilities
- 3. Consolidate recreation and sports facilities provision and use
- 4. Encourage and support community involvement in sustainable open space and club management and development
- 5. Maximise opportunities for economic development through recreation and leisure
- 6. Facilitate diverse recreation program development
- 7. Provide effective management, support and resources

This Plan is focussed on implementation of goals 1-3. These goals have a land management focus rather than an organisational management role.

The ROSS also documents an open space planning hierarchy based on the usage, size, quality and catchment area of open spaces.

Sports Grounds are classified into

- State/National
- Regional
- District
- Local

Parks are categorised into

- Regional Park
- District Park
- Local Park
- Ornamental/Utility Park
- Undeveloped

General Community Use Lands were not further categorised.

## **1.6 Community Consultation**

Effective community consultation and community input is essential to ensure that a Plan of Management meets the needs of the local community and has the support of the local community at the implementation stage.

This Plan has been developed with appropriate community consultation. The consultation process involved interviews with key stakeholders, public workshops and public exhibition. Three public workshops were conducted during July 2007. Key stakeholders were contacted and consulted individually. Responses were also received through the Council's website.

Community survey results undertaken as part of the ROSS have also been taken into account, as has the knowledge gained from Council's regular contact with the community regarding land management matters.

# 2. Values of Generic Open Spaces

The generic open space areas have a number of values of importance to the community which need to be considered in the development of management approaches.

# 2.1 Social values

Open space areas provide an important social benefit. Parks assist with promotion of exercise (improving community health) and passive recreation and the general wellbeing of the community. General Community Use areas may be used for a range of social and community based resources such as community and neighbourhood centres, scout halls and clubs. These areas play a very strong role in the development and maintenance of healthy communities and are highly valued by the wider community.

Wagga Wagga has a strong interest in sport although its sports participation rate is lower than the NSW average (ROSS 2005). Sport provides health benefits in addition to improving the wellbeing of the community. Sports Grounds may be used for other social and recreation activities such as skate parks, playgrounds, dog exercise and events.

# 2.2 Recreation values

Open space areas provide desirable settings suitable for informal recreation such as walking, bike riding, swimming, fitness activities, dog exercise and play. Open spaces can also provide important pedestrian linkages.

# 2.3 Natural and cultural values

Many open space areas have some natural values with some areas having retained natural vegetation. Many areas are being replanted with native species.

Most remaining natural bushland areas have increasing biodiversity value due to the loss of natural landscapes across the South West Slopes.

The Wagga Wagga area has a strong indigenous connection. Aboriginal communities used all of the natural woodland and riverine areas of the district (Wagga Wagga Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Report 2005). There are numerous Aboriginal archeological sites throughout the area.

There are also historic heritage values in these lands that require protection or interpretation.

# 2.4 Operational values

General Community Use Land may perform functions which are essential for the provision of basic community services. Land may be used for the provision of municipal functions such as drainage, water conservation, power, stormwater management and road reserves. Water conservation measures such as water recycling are likely to be used more in the future in open spaces. These functions are essential for the maintenance of health and safety in the community.

# 2.5 Educational values

Open space areas also provide an opportunity for education particularly through interpretative signage. There are few open spaces listed in Schedule 1 that have interpretation. Other major parks in Wagga Wagga (which are not addressed in this Plan) do have interpretation.

Local schools, TAFE and universities regularly use the open spaces of Wagga Wagga for educational purposes.

# 3. Existing Supply of Open Space

The total supply of open space in Wagga Wagga is well above the benchmark of 4Ha/1000 people (ROSS 2005). This provides a management and resourcing challenge for Council given the low rate base population to open space area ratio. Schedule 1 lists the Sports Grounds, Parks and General Community Lands included in this Plan of Management.

A telephone survey was conducted about use of open space areas in 2004 as part of the ROSS. This survey highlighted that:

- 1. There is general satisfaction with the amount, range and access to sport and recreation open space areas
- 2. Walking and picnicking are the main types of activities undertaken in the open spaces

There is generally limited information on the levels of use of the full range of open spaces in Wagga Wagga.

# 4. Management Issues

The following management issues have been identified after review of sites and discussions with council staff, user groups and the general community. These issues are addressed in the management strategies (Section 5).

# 4.1 Changing community demand

The traditional planning approach assumes a relatively fixed population demand for sport and recreation. However modern society can have rapid changes in sport and recreation demand due to changes in technology, changing demographics, sport and recreation and trends. This rate of change in community demand is a challenge for planning especially for sport and recreation facilities and open spaces.

Across Australia trends such as the following are impacting on community demand:

- 1. An expectation of high standards of safe facilities, quality programming, customer service and management;
- 2. Participation in a far broader array of activities (eg. not tied to one sport or activity but a mix of activities to suit the lifestyle) and the ability to participate in activities of choice, at times and locations which are convenient to the individual lifestyle;
- 3. The desire for recreation facilities which can be used all year (eg. indoor aquatic facilities, multi-purpose indoor centres);
- 4. Higher levels of recreational participation across all age groups
- 5. Some sports such as touch football are requiring increasing standards of facilities such as lighting.

# 4.2 Provision of facilities

Facilities provided in most categories of open space are of a variable quality and often of different style and design from other areas. Many areas also have unsuitable or no facilities.

There are no clear standards guiding consistent development of facilities. Many areas have facilities that are not being utilised, are not maintained or have been vandalised. Many facilities are also close to the end of their life cycle and require replacement.

Most playground facilities are similar and provide for the younger demographic. There are few playgrounds or facilities for the older youth demographic within parks. There are also few facilities for the adult demographic such as fitness equipment.

# 4.3 Poor visual amenity

Some open space areas have undesirable visual impacts that do not blend into the surrounding landscape or urban environment. For example there are many bare earth areas and areas with visually obtrusive and old facilities.

# 4.4 Turf management/water use

There are significant challenges in managing open spaces with turf in Wagga Wagga including:

- high year round demand for use of many sports grounds
- heavy soils prone to waterlogging
- dryland salinity impacts
- flooding risks
- low rainfall summers
- poor irrigation and drainage infrastructure
- recent drought conditions

Many sports grounds are in poor and declining condition due to the above issues and the major capital costs to upgrade turfed open spaces (such as drainage, irrigation and returfing).

Many open space areas are not irrigated causing senescence and degradation of grass areas, especially during drought. The areas that do have irrigation often contain old irrigation systems that have high maintenance requirements and are nearing the end of their life cycle.

## 4.5 Impacts on natural values

Many open space areas in Wagga Wagga have natural values especially General Community Use Lands, Parks and Bushland Reserves. These areas provide an important role in enhancing and protecting the significant flora and fauna in Wagga Wagga.

These natural values in many cases are being degraded by a range of factors including illegal access, domestic rubbish dumping, spread of weeds, fire, clearing of vegetation, salinity and lack of recruitment of undergrowth species. Drought is also impacting on the survival of native vegetation in open space areas.

# 4.6 Maintenance

The maintenance of open space areas is a challenge given the large number in Wagga Wagga. With the Parks hierarchy in place some areas receive more maintenance than others. Maintenance includes mowing, watering and management of plants, weed removal, irrigation, building/equipment repairs, painting, rubbish collection, fire management and addressing acts of vandalism etc.

Maintenance of Sports Grounds is also increasingly difficult as a result of the overlap between winter and summer sports.

# 4.7 Hydrology and salinity

Wagga Wagga has hydrological issues which impact on open space areas, including drainage management and salinity. The Wagga Wagga area requires large areas of land (General Community Use Lands) to manage runoff and flood events. Flood management infrastructure includes retention basins and drains. The design and management of the drainage areas affects natural values, recreation values and visual amenity.

Ideally the drainage areas should be managed to achieve multiple benefits of drainage as well as improving the natural, recreation and visual amenity.

Dryland salinity has increasing impacts on the Wagga Wagga urban and open space areas.

## 4.8 Regulation

Illegal acts such as vehicle access to restricted areas and rubbish dumping need to be regulated with regular inspections and education and possible prosecution. There are limited resources to enforce Council regulations with regard to open space management.

# 5. Management Strategies

This section of the Plan provides principles, strategies and actions to address the issues within the context of the existing planning framework.

# **5.1 Principles**

Management of open spaces in Wagga Wagga will be consistent with the following principles articulated in the ROSS (2005).

#### Balance with diversity

To achieve a balanced and diverse provision of quality open space with capacity to accommodate leisure opportunities responsive to the needs of residents and within financial resources of Council.

#### Choice

To ensure that residents and visitors can participate in a variety of open space activities of their choice.

#### Equity

To ensure that the open space needs of all sectors of the future community are treated fairly and equitably.

To recognise and give special consideration to those sectors of the community who have special needs (eg. older adults, people who have visual, mobility or intellectual impairments and people from culturally diverse backgrounds).

#### Distribution

To provide open space areas based on an assessment of the existing supply which ensures all residents will have reasonable access to an appropriate range of areas.

#### Access

To provide safe and convenient access to open space areas and ensure that all areas are accessible to people with mobility problems.

#### Safety and Liability

To give consideration to public safety in the design and location of all open space areas and facilities as per Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED Principles).

#### Innovation

To encourage park planners to explore innovative ways to address open space related issues and opportunities in the most cost effective manner.

#### Quality

To ensure that all Council funded open space areas and facilities are attractively designed and located and comply with Australian Standards.

#### Integration

To ensure that the provision of open space opportunities is in accordance with an appropriate planning framework and is integrated with other local and regional open space plans.

#### Sustainable Use

To ensure that the type and level of open space activity proposed is compatible with the sustained use and management of the values of the area.

#### Private Sector Involvement

To encourage private sector involvement in the funding, provision and management of open space areas and facilities, services and programs where it is effective and efficient to do so.

# 5.2 Management Objectives

The following specific land management objectives have been developed for the generic community lands. These objectives assist to achieve some of the goals in the ROSS (2005) and other Wagga Wagga City Council policies on natural resource management and planning. These objectives are also linked to the issues identified in Section 4.

Strategic Land Management Issue	Planning Links	Objective	
Community use	ROSS	To balance community use of open spaces between the sport and recreation needs consistent with suitability of the land and activity.	
Provision	ROSS	To maintain the open space network consistent with community needs as identified through the ROSS.	
Facilities	LPG	To manage and maintain facilities so that they will enhance the recreation or sporting experience in a safe and environmentally sustainable way.	
Water conservation	ROSS	To manage open spaces to minimise water consumption through use of recycled water and improved turf management strategies.	
Visual amenity	LPG	To design and develop open spaces in a way that will enhance the visual amenity.	
Natural and cultural values	NRM	To protect and improve the natural and cultural values of open space.	
Organisational Management	Vision 21	To effectively plan, manage and evaluate open spaces.	

Table 1. Summary of generic open space objectives and links to existing planning

LPG – Landscape Planning Guidelines (Draft 2007)

ROSS – Recreation and Open Space Strategy (2005)

NRM – Wagga Wagga Natural Resource Management Plan (Draft)

# 5.3 Management Strategies

# 5.3.1 Community use

# Objective

To balance community use of open spaces between the sport and recreation needs consistent with suitability of the land and activity

#### Policies and Strategies

- CU1 Generic open spaces will be primarily used for sport or informal recreation that includes play, walking, dog exercise, picnicking and cycling.
- CU2 Permitted uses of General Community Use open spaces includes:
  - Centres for community activity such as childcare, health care, youth centres, senior citizens' centres and scout/guide halls
  - Cemeteries
  - Public utility infrastructure
  - Water management
  - o Salinity/catchment management
  - Pathways/access
  - Corridors for utility easements
  - Carparks
- CU3 All generic sports grounds that are not subject to a lease or licence agreement will allow and promote easy access for community use, except for permitted events.
- CU4 Community events in open spaces are permissible subject to approval of the Council and there being no impact on the natural values of the area, no significant impact on adjoining neighbours and no permanent built structures.
- CU5 Any application for a lease or licence will be the subject of formal notification and community consultation, as outlined in the Local Government Act.
- CU6 Permits may be granted for short term, or casual use of open spaces for a nominal fee. In accordance with the Local Government Act regulations, permits will be granted for the following activities:
  a) the playing of a musical instrument, or singing for a fee or reward
  b) engaging in a trade or business
  c) the playing of a lawful game or sport
  d) delivering of a public address
  e) commercial photographic sessions
  f) picnics and private celebrations such as weddings and family gatherings
  g) filming for cinema or television
- CU7 Motorised vehicles are not permitted for use in the generic open spaces except for management or operational purposes.
- CU8 Generic open spaces will provide pathways that link other open space areas wherever possible.
- CU9 There will be a range of opportunities for special needs access to the generic open spaces.

CU10 Licenses are required for all significant community owned assets that are on Council land.

#### Actions

- CU11 Review all open spaces with the objective of increasing the range of recreation opportunities especially for the youth, special needs and fitness community demographic.
- CU12 Increase the opportunities for dog leash free use of open spaces.

#### 5.3.2 Provision

#### Objective

To maintain the open space network consistent with community needs as identified through the ROSS (2005).

#### Policies and Strategies

- P1 The provision of open spaces will be consolidated by upgrading existing open space areas before developing new areas (except where there are new urban developments)
- P2 Council will ensure that the existing open spaces are not alienated from their intended purpose by ensuring that any leases or licences for use of open spaces are granted consistent with the core objectives for the open space, and in accordance with the purposes listed in the Local Government Act.
- P3 Generic open spaces will not be expanded or developed in a way which changes the values of the open space unless directed by a specific plan of management approved by Council.
- P4 Where demand for use of a generic open space is limited or has limited value it may be closed or reduced in size. This will require a development plan which is made available for public comment. Council will consider community comments on any closure or reduction in size of generic open space areas.
- P5 Open spaces in new urban areas will be designed as per the Wagga Wagga Landscape Planning Guidelines (in publication).

#### Actions

P6 Review number, size and distribution of existing open spaces.

#### 5.3.3 Facilities

#### Objective

To manage and maintain facilities so that they will enhance the recreation or sporting experience in a safe and environmentally sustainable way

#### Policies and Strategies

F1 Facilities should be shared where possible to reduce management costs and increase participation opportunities.

- F2 Facilities will be designed where possible to be adaptable to changing community needs.
- F3 Facilities built in open space areas shall be resourced for maintenance for its full life.
- F4 Monuments will be restricted in open spaces subject to assessment for their suitability based on environmental impact, landscape impact and consistency with purpose of the open space.
- F5 Playgrounds will be provided in parks according to the Parks Hierarchy.
- F6 The following low-key recreation facilities are permitted in generic open spaces: tables, benches, barbecues, toilets, shelters, rubbish bins, playgrounds, interpretative signage and pathways.
- F7 No new buildings will be permitted in generic open spaces except for operational purposes or as directed by an individual plan of management or agreed by Council.
- F8 Rubbish bins could be removed from selected open spaces as a trial to encourage a reduction of litter in parks and reduce maintenance costs.

#### Actions

- F9 Any facilities on generic open spaces will be reviewed against the Wagga Wagga Landscape Planning Guidelines (in publication) and impacts on the surrounding landscape or urban environment.
- F10 Develop a strategy for the management and ongoing development of playgrounds/playspaces. This strategy should include:
  - a categorisation and rationalisation of playgrounds into Regional, District, and Neighbourhood
  - provision based on demand and health and lifestyle benefits
  - provision for minority groups such as special needs people
  - identification of options for youth such as teenage play equipment, basketball half courts, bmx tracks, low cost skating areas, tennis rebound walls and promote unstructured recreation sites
  - ways which allow compatible use especially for the older demographic
  - ways of providing different and more innovative (eg. interactive) playground/playspace designs

This complements strategic objective 1, Action 13 of ROSS

- F11 All non operational buildings in the generic open space areas will be reviewed to establish their level of use and purpose. Buildings will be considered for removal when they are not being utilised or they exist in conflict with the purpose of the open space.
- F12 Develop a Signage Strategy for all open space areas. It will aim to ensure that:
  - there are appropriate levels of signage
  - signage and interpretation is implemented with a consistent design style
  - management and safety messages are presented with consistent clear messages

- signage design engages target audiences and is durable
- F13 Installation of park signage for all open spaces which identifies the name of the space and appropriate regulatory information.
- F14 Assess condition of all open space assets and record in database. Continue inspecting playgrounds on a monthly basis and commence twice-yearly inspections of all other assets.

#### 5.3.4 Water Conservation

#### Objective

To manage open spaces to minimise water consumption through use of recycled water and improved turf management strategies

Policies and Strategies

- WC1 Council will use recycled water for open space areas where feasible.
- WC2 Water conservation measures will be applied to all open space areas.
- WC3 Water use will be directed to priority open spaces where there is an increased community demand or usage and water is an essential part of the recreation or sporting experience.

#### Actions

- WC4 Review irrigation and water use in all open spaces. The review will address:
  - · Existing water use compared with the service provided
  - Opportunities to reallocate water to higher priority open spaces
  - New water infrastructure that will increase water conservation
  - Water recycling
  - Possible reductions in the number of areas that will use water
  - New water sources such as sewer mining and stormwater reuse

#### 5.3.5 Visual Amenity

#### Objective

To design and develop open spaces in a way that will enhance the visual amenity

#### Policies and Strategies

- VA1 Visual amenity of the generic open spaces is to be maintained through the provision of landscape elements including grassed surfaces and tree planting consistent with the Wagga Wagga Landscape Planning Guidelines (in publication).
- VA2 Tree management shall be in accordance with the Wagga Wagga Tree Management Policy (2004).
- VA3 Any structures or facilities planned for generic open spaces will be assessed for visual impact on the landscape.

#### Actions

VA4 Complete the Wagga Wagga Landscape Planning Guidelines and review existing open spaces against them.

#### 5.3.6 Natural and cultural values

#### *Objective* To protect and improve the natural and cultural values of open space

Policies and Strategies

- NC1 All native species will be protected consistent with the NPWS Act (1975), the Threatened Species Conservation Act (1995) and the Wagga Wagga Tree Management Policy (2004).
- NC2 The generic open spaces which have natural values will be managed to encourage natural regeneration.
- NC3 Management of these lands should be undertaken consistent with the following Plans:
  - The Wagga Wagga Natural Resource Management Plan (in publication)
  - The Native Vegetation and Threatened Species of the City of Wagga Wagga (2005)
  - any Catchment Management Plans adopted by the Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority.
- NC4 All natural waterways will be protected by maintaining natural flows and reinstating natural riparian environments where possible.
- NC5 There will be no grazing or access to generic open spaces by domestic stock, except for environmental purposes.
- NC6 Best practice fire management should be used to provide asset protection and promote survival and diversity of native species.
- NC7 Any appropriate development in these lands may occur on existing disturbed land or land with limited natural values.
- NC8 Native species of local provenance will be used in any revegetation.
- NC9 The weeds management program will continue to be implemented consistent with Council's Weeds Management Policy.
- NC10 Indigenous values will be interpreted where appropriate.
- NC11 Cultural history will be identified and protected or interpreted in generic open spaces.

#### Actions

NC12 Soil erosion sites in open spaces should be identified, prioritised for action and repaired.

# 5.3.7 Organisational Management

#### Objective

To effectively plan, manage and evaluate open spaces

#### Policies and Strategies

- O1 Management of reserves will be based on:
  - 1. available resources
  - 2. environmental sustainability
  - 3. water conservation
  - 4. risk management
  - 5. operations of lands
  - 6. equity of access
  - 7. customer satisfaction surveys
  - 8. best practice management techniques
- O2 Council will contact sporting user groups seasonally for feedback.
- O3 Open spaces will be managed to minimise risk of injury consistent with Australian Standards and Council's Risk Management Policy.

#### Actions

- O4 A risk assessment system will be maintained consistent with Council's Risk Management Policy for all open spaces.
- O5 Consideration should be given to undertake community surveys every two years to measure community demand and satisfaction. The results of these surveys will be analysed and applied to improving management.
- O6 This Plan of Management will be reviewed and amended every 5 years.

# 6. Implementation Plan

The following actions will be undertaken according to their timeframe (Table 2). These actions will be used as a basis for future budget consideration and provide the specific direction for operational works plans. Policies and Strategies are not listed.

Table 2. Management Actions

Management Actions	Activity	Timeframe
Management Actions	2	Timename
Complete the Wagga Wagga Landscape Planning Guidelines and review existing open spaces against them.	<b>No.</b> VA4	2008
Assess condition of all open space assets and record in database. Continue inspecting playgrounds on a monthly basis and commence twice-yearly inspections of all other assets.	F14	2008
<ul> <li>Develop a strategy for the management and ongoing development of playgrounds/playspaces. This strategy should include: <ul> <li>a categorisation and rationalisation of playgrounds into Regional, District, and Neighbourhood</li> <li>provision based on demand and health and lifestyle benefits</li> <li>provision for minority groups such as special needs people</li> <li>identification of options for youth such as teenage play equipment, basketball half courts, low cost skating areas, bmx tracks, tennis rebound walls and promote unstructured recreation sites</li> <li>ways which allow compatible use especially for the older demographic</li> <li>ways of providing different and more innovative (eg. interactive) playground/playspace designs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	F10	2008
<ul> <li>Develop a Signage Strategy for all open space areas. It will aim to ensure that:</li> <li>there are appropriate levels of signage</li> <li>signage and interpretation is implemented with a consistent design style</li> <li>management and safety messages are presented with consistent clear messages</li> <li>signage design engages target audiences and is durable</li> </ul>	F12	2009
All non operational buildings in the generic open space areas will be reviewed to establish their level of use and purpose. Buildings will be considered for removal when they are not being utilised or they exist in conflict with the purpose of the open space.	F11	2009
Increase the opportunities for dog leash free use of open spaces.	CU12	2009
Consideration should be given to undertake community surveys every two years to measure community demand and satisfaction. The results of these surveys will be analysed and applied to improving management.	O5	2010
Review irrigation and water use in all open spaces. The review will address:	WC4	2010

Management Actions	Activity No.	Timeframe
<ul> <li>Existing water use compared with the service provided</li> <li>Opportunities to reallocate water to higher priority open spaces</li> <li>New water infrastructure that will increase water conservation</li> <li>Water recycling</li> <li>Possible reductions in the number of areas that will use water</li> <li>New water sources such as sewer mining and stormwater reuse</li> </ul>		
This Plan of Management will be reviewed and amended every 5 years.	06	2013
Review all open spaces with the objective of increasing the range of recreation opportunities especially for the youth, special needs and fitness community demographic.	CU11	Ongoing
Review number, size and distribution of existing open spaces.	P6	Ongoing
A risk assessment system will be maintained consistent with Council's Risk Management Policy for all open spaces.	04	Ongoing
Soil erosion sites in open spaces should be identified, prioritised for action and repaired.	NC12	Ongoing
Any facilities on generic open spaces will be reviewed against the Wagga Wagga Landscape Planning Guidelines and impacts on the surrounding landscape or urban environment.	F9	Ongoing
Installation of park signage for all open spaces which identifies the name of the space and appropriate regulatory information.	F13	Ongoing

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# Schedule 1. List of Lands included in this Plan

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122		802300	Balleroo Easement	Balleroo Cre
51		1086115	Bedevale Street Park	Bourkelands
15		1027710	Best Reserve	Veale Stree
1		201983	Best Reserve	Ashmont Av
57		1075293	Birri Place Detention Basin	Birri Place
4		615365	Bolton Park	Tarcutta Str
1		810146	Bomen High Way Verge	Olympic Hig
76		583354	Bomen Hill	Bomen Hill
2		805848	Boorooma Street Road Verge	Boorooma S
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51		261008	Boorooma Street Sound Mound	Boorooma S
20		259910	Boorooma Street Sound Mound	Boorooma S
9		877964	Boree Avenue Park	Boree Aven
49		777051	Bourkelands Buffer	Red Hill Roa
87		788612	Bourkelands Buffer	Bourke Stre
141		800848	Bourkelands Buffer	Bourke Stre
10		1017384	Bourkelands Buffer	Bourke Stre
15		1050718	Bourkelands Buffer	Bourke Stre
176		805114	Bourkelands Buffer Zone	Red Hill Roa
36		836460	Bourkelands Detention Basin	Berembee F
23		1062973	Bourkelands Ridge Line	Brooklyn Dr
746		1099783	Bourkelands Ridge Line	Darling Place
31		1068279	Bourkelands Soundmounds	Mangoplah
26		825788	Brunskill Road Park	Vincent Roa
2		614739	Brunskill Road Park	Vincent Roa
53		226858	Bulolo Street Buffer	Bulolo Stree
25		258658	Bulolo Street Buffer	Bulolo Stree
12		255109	Bulolo Street Buffer	Bulolo Stree
14		255299	Bulolo Street Buffer	Bulolo Stree
50		818881	Canola Place Retention Basin	Canola Plac
116		818881	Canola Place Walkway	Canola Plac
1		336225	Cassidy Parade	Cassidy Par
333		1009142	Civic Centre	Baylis Stree
2		229422	Community Garden Site	Shaw Street
34		236166	Cooinbil Crescent Open Space	Cooinbil Cre
223		801638	Cooramin Street Closed Road	Gunn Drive
21		1070915	Cooramin Street Closed Road	Gunn Drive
24		876585	Coventry Place Drainage Easement	Coventry Pla
32		1052620	Coventry Place Drainage Easement	Coventry Pla
31		1052620	Coventry Place Drainage Easement	Coventry Pla
19		717255	Dalman Parkway Easement	Dalman Par
82		774503	Darri Street Drainage Reserve	Darri Street
21		775582	Darri Street Drainage Reserve	Darri Street
1		866911	Dennis Crescent Walkway	Dennis Cres
84		258867	Dove Street Open Space	Dove Street
2		834396	Dove Street Walkway	Dove Street
20		1043582	Elizabeth Avenue Buffer	Elizabeth Av
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2	233441	Portion of O'Reilly Street	O'Rielly Stre
20	832989	Red Hill Road Soundmound	Red Hill Roa
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35	811757	Riverina Gums Retention Basin	Dalman Park
91	258789	Rocky Hill	Churchill Ave
1	1023565	Rocky Hill	Simkin Creso
1	413300	Rudd Street Footpath	Rudd Street
1	627261	Ryan Street Drain	Ryan Street
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31	735155	Springvale Drive Drainage Reserve	Springvale D
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6	707425	Springvale Easement	Springvale D
9	260092	Springvale Easement	Aspen Road
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167		825281	Best Family Graves Park	Truscott Drive	Park
199		842236	Best Reserve	Ashmont Avenue	Park
1		1009269	Best Reserve	Mackay Place	Park
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27		735694	Bulolo Street Park	Bulolo Street & Kokoda Street	Park
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16		209543	Colong Place Park	Colong Place	Park
2		627163	Cox Park	Kincaid Street	Park
147		255715	Crisp Drive Park	Crisp Drive	Park
133		255183	Croker Park	Jasmin Crescent	Park
174		249893	Eastlakes Drive Reserve	Eastlakes Drive	Park
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4		668307	Eileen Clear Park	106 Murray Street	Park
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178		235331	Emblen Park	Bruce Street	Park
46		226635	Fife Gardens	Boronia Street	Park
8		878296	Fletcher Place Park	Fletcher Place	Park
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2		534024	Graham Park	Montgomery Street & Freyberg	Park
58		849033	Gunn Drive Park	Gunn Drive	Park
1		875316	Hampden Bridge Approach	Fitzmaurice Street	Park
87		12441	Hardy Avenue Park	Hardy Avenue & Emblen Avenue	Park
26		18981	Hopwood Park	Sunshine Avenue	Park
16		793693	Horsley Street Park	Horsley Street	Park
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49		775377	Lakehaven Drive Foreshore	Lakehaven Drive	Park
27		224900	Lakeside Drive Foreshore	Lakeside Drive	Park
26		250849	Lonergan Place Park	Lonergan Place	Park
61		260995	Maher Street Reserve	Maher Street	Park
10		1000852	McKeown Street Open Space	McKeown Street	Park
224		801638	Menneke Park	Puglsey Avenue	Park
273		253309	Nathan Park	Adams Street & Connorton Street	Park
65		26885	Nilma Park	Ceduna Street & Nilma Avenue	Park

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441	751422	Part Wilks Park	Hampden Avenue	Park
20	22260	PCYC Bike Training Track	Spring Street	Park
235	775924	Ray Beddoe Park	Dalkeith Avenue	Park
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5	663060	Surveyor Townsend Park	64 Travers Street	Park
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68	813432	Undurra Drive Park	Undurra Drive	Park
20	252773	Vestey Street Park	Vestey Street	Park
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85	258867	Wren Street Park	Wren Street	Park
87	258867	Anderson Oval	Fernleigh Road & Glenfield Road	Sports Ground
1	387959	Ashmont Oval	Bardia Street	Sports Ground
130	235376	Ashmont Oval	Lae Avenue	Sports Ground
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В	21074	Duke of Kent Oval	Shaw Street	Sports Ground
18	236180	French Fields	Walteela Avenue	Sports Ground
166	26885	French Fields	Mathoura Avenue	Sports Ground
14	35297	Gissing Oval	Blamey Street	Sports Ground
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11	1004168	Glenfield Park Oval	Woomera Place	Sports Ground
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206	751422	McPherson Oval	William Street & Frederick Street	Sports Ground
3	553047	Norman Duck Oval	Benedict Avenue & Kapooka Rod	Sports Ground
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