

Appendix A: Land parcels covered by the Dee Why Valley and South Creek Plan of Management

Reserve Name	Address	Owner	Parcels			Use/ Purpose of Land	Facilities on Land	Land category	Land condition	Area-m ² (from GIS)
			Reg no	Lot no	DP no					
McIntosh 373	Corner of Willandra Road and McIntosh Road Beacon Hill	Warringah Council (Community Land)	51/20 52/17 52/18 51/61	41 11 10 201	813447 729342 729342 224610	Public Reserve	Gross pollutant traps Water quality device Informal walking tracks Natural areas	NAB NAWC	Poor	24,920
Towradgi 170	Towradgi St Narraweena	Warringah Council (Community Land)	51/22 51/15 51/13 51/28	2 2 43 11	705689 224610 219526 863113	Public Reserve	Informal walking tracks Park bench Playground sea-saw Natural areas Grassed areas	NAWC	Poor	23,337
Lidwina 370	Willandra Rd Cromer	Warringah Council (Community Land)	6654/12 51/24 6654/14 6654/13 6654/11 6654/17 6654/7 51/23	13 125 1 2 11 4 4 118	231181 826197 228033 228033 236598 246637 243662 826197	Public Reserve Drainage Reserve	Water catchment facilities Informal tracks Pedestrian bridge Natural areas Grassed areas	P NAWC	Poor	20,584
Birinta 169 167	Birinta St Narraweena 2099	Warringah Council (Community Land)	51/14A	792	1022481	Community Public Reserve	Natural Areas	NAWC	Poor	4,477
		Department of Lands (Crown land)	51/2D 51/ 2E	26	32387 32387	Public Recreation Reserve 90013 Gazetted 10.9.71. Reserve trust appointed 1.9.2000				

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			Reg no	Lot no	DP no					
Tyagarah 354	Tyagarah Place Cromer	Warringah Council (Community Land)	6654/8	101	599147	Public Reserve	Playground Informal tracks Large Concrete slab Sydney Water sewerage pipe Pedestrian bridge Picnic benches Drainage pits Natural Areas Grassed Areas	P NAWC	Poor	26,552
			6654/19	61	715434					
			6654/6	5	245276					
			6654/9	4	245276					
			6654/10	3	245276					
			6654/4A	14	238351					
			6654/4C	22	240085					
			6654/20	3	776378					
			6654/21	4	776378					
			6654/4B	7	241522					
			6654/3	11	262008					
			6654/16	1	29068					
			6654/5	2	607795					
			4162/27	20	1818					
			4162/28	21	1818					
			4162/29	3	792148					
			4162/30	4	792148					
			6654/15	8	8229604	Drainage Reserve				
Cromer Park 346	South Creek Rd, Cromer	Department of Lands (Crown Land)	48E/1	2773	39970	Public Recreation R 89291 Warringah Council Reserve Trustee	4 full sized sports fields ½ court synthetic practice 2 amenity buildings , with canteens and storage Grandstand Spectator seating and mounds Formal Car park areas Informal tracks Landscaping Lighting	SG	Fair	84,515

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			Reg no	Lot no	DP no					
South Creek 481	Sth Creek Rd, Wheeler Heights	Warringah Council (Community Land)	44H/3 44H/2 44H/4 49/3A 4162/9 4162/16	2 1 C 1 321 302	566390 222452 30802 225797 582306 599654	Public Recreation	Informal tracks	NAWC	Poor	101,684
St Mathews Farm 148	South Creek Rd Wheeler Heights	Department of Lands (Crown Land)	4162/1	2	48308	Public Recreation R58429 (Gazetted 04 Dec 1925) Reserve trust Gazetted to Warringah Council 22.8.1997	3 full size and 3 mini fields sports fields ½ basketball & netball court; 2 amenities building, with canteens, Field Lighting, Catchment facilities Formal car parking Bubbler Cricket Nets Natural areas Landscaping	SG NAWC	Fair	51,701
Dumic Place 158	South Creek Rd Wheeler Heights	Warringah Council (Community Land)	48E/8 48E/4 4166/3 48E/ 12 48E/ 13	52 55 14 54 2	776839 776839 241232 776839 1104741	Public Recreation	Grassed areas Natural areas Unformed roads and parking Old Market gardens sheds and paraphernalia	NAWC P	Poor	21,633
Dee Why Park 457	Pittwater Road, Dee Why	Warringah Council (Community Land)	54/2 47/3 54/33 54/32 48H/3A 47/3 48H/3C 48H/3B 48H/3D 48H/3E	1 67 1 2 27 67 8 13 B 20	178632 216544 220152 220152 31700 216544 219331 221811 537970 31231	Public Recreation	1 full size, 1 ¾ and 2 mini sportsground, Catchment facilities Dee Why Creek (½ concrete pipe) Playground Shared pathway Pedestrian bridge. Natural areas Amenities building Netball goal posts Lighting	SG NAWC P	Fair	59,553

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			Reg no	Lot no	DP no					
Multi Use Access Path 505	Fisher Road North, Cromer	Warringah Council (Community Land)	48H/2 48H/ 11	62 62	611195 869675	Public Recreation	Shared & secondary paths Catchment facilities Park benches Dee Why Creek (½ concrete pipe) Natural areas	P NAWC NAW	Poor	22,107
		Crown	48E/2	7	2443777					
		Department of Lands (Crown land)	48E/27	7	244377	Public Recreation R93913 Devolved to Councils C,C &M S.48 LGA 93				
South Creek Foreshore 506	1287 Toronto Ave, Cromer 2099	Department of Lands (Crown land)	49/7	1284	752038	Public Recreation and Access R35736 Devolved to Councils C,C &M S.48 LGA 93	Permissive occupancy with Cromer Golf Club. Golf course landscaping, weir and pumping station. Informal tracks	NAWC NAF	Poor	45,468
Wabash 504	Cleveland Avenue, Cromer	Warringah Council - 45 parcels	4102/13	25	1818	Public Reserve	Informal track Catchment facilities Playground Natural Areas	P NAWC	Poor	43,004
			4162/26B	26	1818					
			4162/26A	27	1818					
			4162/15	28	1818					
			4162/18A	29	1818					
			4162/18B	30	1818	Drainage				
			4162/18C	31	1818					
			4162/14C	32	1818					
			4162/12	33	1818					

			4162/11	34	1818					
			4162/25A	35	1818					
			4162/25B	36	1818					
			4162/26F	4	500331					
			4162/26E	10	1818					
			4162/26D	11	1818					
			4162/26C	12	1818					
			4162/18D	13	1818					
			4162/2	14	1818					
			4162/7	15	1818	Drainage				
			4162/6	16	1818	Drainage				
			4162/5A	17	1818	Drainage				
			4162/5B	18	1818	Drainage				
			4162/23	31	1818					
			4162/4A	33	1818					
			4162/4B	34	1818					
			4162/3	36	1818					
			4162/20A	15	1818					
			4162/20B	16	1818					
			4162/21	17	1818					
			4162/22	18	1818					
			4162/10A	35	1818	Drainage				
			4162/10B	36	1818					
			4162/24A	A	1818					
			4162/19C	31	1818					
			4162/19B	32	1818					
			4162/19A	33	1818					
			4162/17A	13	1818					
			4162/17B	14	1818					
			4162/19D	15	1818					
		Department of Environment and Planning	4162/32	32	1818					
			4162/31	35	1818					

Appendix B: Additional information for implementing the actions.

The actions within this Plan of Management have come through extensive research and consultation. In developing the actions a lot of extra information has been collected. Table 1 lists additional recommendations, suggestions or explanatory information which will further assist in the implementation of the action.

Action No	Action Topic	Additional Information or things to consider
1	Weeds	Any weed removal is to take into consideration the impact it may have on habitat. See Preliminary Fauna Study for Dee Why Valley and South Creek Space Corridor (May 2007) for further information regarding weed removal. This action also links closely to action 2 and 3.
7	Flooding	Any actions from this Plan which are affected by the adopted Floodplain Risk Management Plan are to be formally reviewed during the implementation process (section 5.5) and all decisions recorded against the Plan of Management.
19	Unleased dog area	<p>The implementation of the trial is to include a promotional campaign ensuring the community are aware of this action and their responsibilities. The relevant sporting associations are also to be informed as to the trial.</p> <p>The number of dogs using the area in the trial period is to be monitored.</p> <p>All necessary preparations are to be undertaken in time for the trial - including the placement of doggy bins and signage in the area.</p> <p>There have been many reports of antisocial behaviour in this area and this trial is to also monitor the impact the dog usage may have to this and taken into consideration when deciding if this area should remain a dog exercise area.</p> <p>All data collected through the trial period is to be considered and assessed prior to any decision being made on whether this location should remain an unleashed dog area on a permanent basis. Additional consultation is to be undertaken if seen as relevant to the long term success of this action</p>
21	Dumic Place	245 Fisher Road is to be incorporated into Dumic Place. Where possible the embellishment of the bus stop on Fisher Road is to be considered and if possible included in the redevelopment of this area.
23	Tracks/ Pathways	<p>The planning of any track is to consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Road crossings – which must be to RTA and Council guidelines – Amenities provision. – The type of track appropriate to the area and community – The material suitable for the surface – Accessibility – Gradients – The potential environmental impact – Flooding impact and potential – Run off and water absorption – Provision of rest and drink stops – Bike parking stations – Signage – Local community facilities in the vicinity – i.e. childcare centers, bus stops – Links with the regional track around Narrabeen Lagoon

		<p>– Links with to main networks noted in this Plan</p> <p>There are 2 documents which should be considered when planning for the tracks - the Warringah Bike Plan (1998) and the Dee Why Valley and South Creek Open Space Corridor cycle/ pedestrian pathway Feasibility Study Report (2000). It should be noted that there are some differences regarding the location of the tracks within this Plan compared to these documents.</p> <p>The following eight sections of track have been suggested. This overall action has been given a high priority; each section has also been prioritised as to when it should be constructed in relation to the other sections, with Priority 1 being the first section that should be completed.</p> <p>a) From Narrabeen Lagoon along South Creek Foreshore to extend to South Creek Reserve on the western side of the creek to Toronto Avenue (includes the section of track under the DA condition 2003/0856 track by Cromer Golf Club). Priority 2</p> <p>b) From Jamieson Park through the northern part of South Creek Reserve on the western side of the creek to Toronto Avenue. Priority 4</p> <p>c) From Toronto Ave to Wabash Reserve to St Mathews Farm and down Cleveland Ave to Caroola Road – including Toronto Avenue crossing. Priority 3</p> <p>d) From Caroola Road to Tyagarah Reserve, including links through to Pinta Avenue. Priority 5</p> <p>e) Tyagarah Reserve through to Lidwina Reserve - taking Action 28 into account. Priority 6</p> <p>f) From Lidwina Reserve through to Teresa Place and across bridge and down western side of Lidwina to Willandra Road. Priority 7</p> <p>g) Around St Matthews Farm from Wabash track and through to Dumic Place to join the Current Multi Use Access Path to Dee Why and linking with Cromer Park. Priority 1</p> <p>h) Widen and maintain existing shared tracks in Multi Use Access Path, Dumic Place Reserve, Lidwina Reserve and Dee Why Park to ensure meets appropriate standards. Ensure that all crossings are considered in any redevelopments, including the crossing from Dee Why Park across Pittwater Road. Priority 8</p>
25	Secondary Tracks	<p>This action notes the development of additional tracks to support the shared pathway system. They have not been specifically included in the formal system as shared tracks which are suitable for bikes and pedestrians but they may be developed as shared tracks should it be determined as being essential to the system.</p> <p>Secondary and informal tracks may be made of any surface suitable for the areas they are located in – see above information relating to action 23</p>
32	Parking at Dee Why	<p>The investigation is to consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Regular parking habits through out the area – Traffic and parking audit – Impact of rainfall on the area and resultant impact on parking potential

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Potential use of the Time and Tide Hotel and other local businesses or industries – The possibility of developing a car park on the Park – An analysis of the various locations suitable for a car park on Dee Why Park (if a car park is seen as an appropriate option to meet parking needs). – Environmental impact of an on ground car park – Identification of all issues related to an on ground parking facility and possible management solutions to address these issues. – Other relevant actions from this Plan <p>Extensive community consultation must be undertaken as part of the review.</p>
39	New buildings at St Mathews Farm	<p>The new south east building is to be developed to cater for all sports at St Mathews Farm and is to be a replacement and not an additional facility.</p> <p>All managerial and usage agreement details regarding the use of the building are to be addressed and finalised prior to the development approval.</p>
42	Additional level on the South East Amenities building St Mathews Farm	<p>This level has been authorised however the actual components of this development have not been determined.</p> <p>Prior to any approval of this building the management and use of this area is to be resolved.</p>
47	Junior Fields at Campbell Parade end of Dee Why Park	<p>The development and use of the Campbell Parade open space area as sportsfields is to be primarily used for junior sport during daylight hours and Saturday mornings.</p> <p>The regular use of these fields are to be managed, taking the following into consideration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Formal sporting allocations on the new fields should not proceed until the parking study is completed – Alternative or relief use of the new fields (should surface be suitable without drainage works) is possible however dual use is to be restricted until the parking study is completed – Liaison with relevant sporting groups regarding the use and management of these areas, including rubbish removal, parking and noise generation.

Table 1: Additional information for implementing the Dee Why Valley and South Creek Plan of Management actions.

Appendix C: Residents Survey

Dee Why Valley and South Creek Open Space Corridor Plan of Management Review

Residents Questionnaire

Introduction

Warringah Council is currently reviewing the Dee Why Valley and South Creek Open Space Corridor Plan of Management and would like to invite you to be involved in this process. Please complete the following questions to let us know how you currently use the reserves and what issues or ideas you have for the future improvement of this land.

The reserves we are covering in this plan include McIntosh, Towradgi, Birinta, Lidwina, Tyagarah, Wabash, St Mathews Farm, Cromer Park, South Creek Foreshore, Dumic Place, Dee Why Park and the land between Fisher Road North and Campbell Parade Dee Why known as the Multi Use Access Path. The boundary of each reserve is shown on the map accompanying this questionnaire.

Please feel free to attach any additional pages if you require extra writing space. Once completed either drop in or mail to "Dee Why Valley and South Creek Plan of Management" Strategy and Policy, Reply Paid 74140, Civic Centre 725 Pittwater Road Dee Why 2099 by the 15 December 2006.

Thank you in anticipation for your time and effort and please do not hesitate to contact Vicki Blaskett on 99422170 if you have any queries or further comments in regards to this project.

Demographic Information

Age: How old are you? Please tick the appropriate box

18 – 24 ☐ 25 – 34 ☐ 35 – 49 ☐ 50 – 59 ☐ 60 – 69 ☐ 70 – 84 ☐ 85+ ☐

Suburb you currently live in: _____

Property Relationship

1. Is your residence adjacent to or backs onto a reserve in this plan? Yes ☐ No ☐

If so which Reserve? _____
(Please use attached map for names of reserves)

What do you use the Reserves for?

2. Were you aware that these reserves were public open space available for use by the Community?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Some but not all ☐

3. Have you used or visited any of the following reserves in the last 12 months? If so which one/s:

McIntosh ☐ Towradgi ☐ Birinta ☐ Lidwina ☐ Tyagarah ☐ Wabash ☐
St Mathews Farm ☐ Cromer Park ☐ South Creek Foreshore ☐ Dumic ☐ Plac ☐
Dee Why Park ☐ Multi Use Pathway ☐ Have not visited any in the last 12 months ☐
Unsure, which Park visited ☐

4. Do you generally visit the reserves with other people? Yes ☐ No ☐ If so whom do you go with and approximately how many people go with you?

Family ☐ _____ Friends ☐ _____ Others ☐ _____ Who and how many? _____

5a. If you did visit the reserve over the last 12 months what did you visit it for?

Please note why you visited each reserve and use the numbers 1 to 4 to show ***approximately*** how often you used the reserve

1 - visited monthly or less 2 - visited fortnightly 3 - visited weekly 4 - visited daily

Activity	McIntosh	Towradgi	BBirinta	Lidwina	Tyagarah	Wabash	St Mathew Farm	Cromer Park	South Creek Foreshor	Dumic Place	Dee Why Park	Multi use Pathway
Walking to exercise												
Walking as means of transit												
Walking the dog/ pet												
Causal - non competitive Sporting activities i.e. – football, cricket												
Competitive sport												
Children's play ground												
Recreational activities – i.e. picnics, frisbee												
Bike riding for exercise or recreation												
Bike riding for transit												
Volunteer work on reserves i.e. bush regeneration												
Other, please note what:												

5b. If walking or riding for transit where were you most often going from and to:

From: _____ to: _____

From: _____ to: _____

From: _____ to: _____

What do you think about the Reserves?

6. How would you rate the following in regards to the reserves that you use?

Please rate using the following scale **1 - Poor 2 - Fair 3 - Good 4 - Excellent**

Activity	McIntosh	Towradgi	Birinta	Lidwina	Tyagarah	Wabash	St Mathew Farm	Cromer Park	South Creek Foreshore	Dumic Place	Dee Why Park	Multi use path
Visual appearance of the reserve												
Popularity and regular use of the reserve												
Access to the reserve – can you actually get to it?												
Safety and security, including lighting.												
Condition and provision of tracks and cycle ways within the reserve												
Playgrounds and children's space provision												
Seating and barbeque provision etc												
Pests and vermin control within the reserves												
Condition and maintenance of natural areas – including bushland and creeks												
Condition and maintenance of open spaces												
Condition and maintenance of sportsground and related amenities												
Floodlighting for sports grounds												
Signage												
Rubbish Removal												
Disabled and pram access												
Overall impression of the reserve												

7. What do you value most about the reserves that you visit?

8. Are there any reasons why you do not use or visit the reserves or any factors, which affect how often you use them?

9. Are there any other issues or concerns you have in regards to the reserves you visit or use?

Improvement and Suggestions

10. Do you have any ideas or suggestions to improve or further enhance the reserves or a specific reserve covered by the Plan of Management?

Please note that all suggestions and comments will be taken into consideration although no guarantee can be made as to their inclusion in the final Plan of Management.

11. Do you have any other comments in regards to any of the reserves that you would like to make?

Would you like to be further involved in the Plan of Management process and receive relevant documents in regards to the Dee Why Valley and South Creek Open Space Corridor Plan of Management? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please complete the following. This information is confidential and can only be used by Warringah Council for communicating to you regarding this project.

Personal Details

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Thank you for your time

Appendix D: Community Consultation Activities Results

Part 1. Residents Survey Results

Introduction

As part of the Dee Why Valley and South Creek Plan of Management review 7700 letters and surveys were sent to local residents. 233 surveys were received and the results tables are listed below.

Demographic and property Information

The following tables outline the results to the first 3 questions in relation to age, suburb and if the resident lives adjacent to a reserve.

Demographic Information

Age	Total	Percentage
18-24	1	0.43
25-34	22	9.44
35-49	93	39.91
50-59	43	18.45
60-69	42	18.03
70-84	30	12.88
85+	2	0.86
Total	233	100

Q1. Is your residence adjacent to or backs onto a reserve in this plan?

Park	Total	Percentage
Lidwina Place	12	5.15
Tyagarah	8	3.43
Dee Why Park	4	1.72
McIntosh	4	1.72
Wabash	4	1.72
South Creek Foreshore	3	1.29
Towradgi	3	1.29
St Matthew's Farm	2	0.86
Birinta	2	0.86
Wabash	2	0.86
Dumic Place	1	0.43
Willandra	1	0.43
Cromer Park	0	0.00
No - not adjacent	187	80.26
Total	233	100.00

Suburb you currently live in:

Suburb	Total	Percentage
Cromer	86	36.91
Dee Why	36	15.45
Collaroy	14	6.01
Beacon Hill	13	5.58
Narraweena	11	4.72
Cromer Heights	9	3.86
Wheeler Heights	7	3.00
Long Reef	1	0.43
North Balgowlah	1	0.43
Not answered	55	23.61
Total	233	100.00

Interesting Points:

- Only 20% of those who completed a survey live adjacent to a reserve.
- Compared to 2006 forecast this sample is significantly under represented in the 18 – 34 age groups and over represented in the 35 – 49.

Use of the Reserves

The following 4 questions related to what people did at the reserve and if they knew the reserves were public open spaces.

Q 2. Where you aware that these reserves were public open space available for use by the community?

1.2 Response	Total	Percentage
Yes	147	65.33
No	4	1.78
Some but not all	74	32.89
Total responses	225	100.00

Q3. Have you ever visited any of the following reserves in the last 12 months?

Reserve	Total	Percentage
Dee Why Park	163	69.96
Multi-use pathway	157	67.38
St. Matthews Farm	143	61.37
Cromer Park	109	46.78
South Creek Foreshore	94	40.34
Wabash	64	27.47
Tyagarah	50	21.46
McIntosh	40	17.17
Lidwina	34	14.59
Dumic Place	32	13.73
Towradgi	21	9.01
Birinta	10	4.29
Have not visited in last 12 months	6	2.58
Unsure which reserve visited	4	1.72
Total visits	927	100.00

4. Do you generally visit the reserves with other people?

1.3 Response	Total	Percentage
Yes	166	71.24
No	55	23.61
Didn't respond	12	5.15
Total responses	233	100.00
If yes, with whom?		
Family	153	65.67
Friends	64	27.47
How many?		
1 other person	23	9.87
2 people	30	12.88
3 people	33	14.16
4 people	23	9.87
More than 5 people	30	12.88

Interesting Points

- 33% unaware that the all reserves are public land.
- The two reserves with the shared formal pathway are the most popular

Q5a. If you did visit the reserve over the last 12 months, what did you visit for?

Activity	McIntosh	Towradgi	Birinta	Lidwina	Tyagarah	Wabash	St Matthews Farm	Cromer Park	St Creek Foreshore	Dumic Place	Dee Why Park	Multituse Access path	Total	%
Walking to exercise	23	12	4	26	32	43	77	51	68	22	102	101	561	30.61
Bike Riding – rec/ exercise	8	2	1	2	8	12	25	22	33	10	64	60	247	13.48
Walking dog/ pet	8	3	2	13	10	16	32	29	17	9	38	39	216	11.78
Walking as transit	5	2	1	10	7	14	17	13	15	7	32	33	156	8.51
Casual – non competitive sports	4	2	1	6	4	11	47	24	7	4	31	15	156	8.51
Competitive sport	3	5	1	1	1	4	49	38	4	1	19	8	134	7.31
Children's playground	34	2	2	2	18	13	11	9	4	2	34	14	115	6.27
Recreation activities	4	4	1	6	7	11	14	7	12	5	27	13	111	6.06
Bike riding - transit	3	2	1	2	2	4	10	6	6	6	21	22	85	4.65
Volunteer work	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	19	1.04
Other	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	4	6	1	3	7	33	1.80
												Total	1833	100%

Interesting Points

- How often people participated has not been captured as many people ticked a response rather than provided a number as requested. All ticks were counted as a “visited once a month or less” therefore affecting the accuracy of the results.
- In total the most popular activity was ‘walking to exercise’.

Q5b. If walking or riding for transit where were you most often going from and to?

	Total	Percentage		Total	Percentage
Cromer to Dee Why	46	40	Dee Why to other suburbs	5	4
Cromer to Cromer	21	18	Narraweena to other suburbs	8	7
Cromer to Narrabeen	8	7	Wheeler Heights to other suburbs	4	3
Cromer to other suburbs	7	6	Collaroy to other suburbs	3	3
Dee Why to Dee Why	7	6	Beacon Hill to other suburbs	2	2
Dee Why to Cromer	4	3		115	

What do you think about the Reserves?

This section asked the residents what they liked and did not like about the reserves and also what they valued most about them. Some of the results are questionable because there have been results giving a fair or above responses for features that are not actually present on the reserve – i.e. McIntosh Reserve was found to have excellent disabled and pram access which can not be true considering the topography of the one hard surfaced track in the area and all other tracks are non wheel friendly informal trails. Any questionable result due to the non-existence of the feature has been marked with a star*. The overall impression of the reserve was based on the last column of the question not from a calculation of the total comments from this question.

In some cases the same item has appeared in more than one column – this means that the exact same number of people noted the two different ratings and one did not score more than the other.

Q6. How would you rate the following in regards to the reserves that you use?

McIntosh

Overall Impression: Good 40 attendees (from Q3)

Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Disabled & Pram access Pests & vermin Seating & BBQs Playgrounds Tracks & cycle ways Safety & lighting	Rubbish Removal Signage Sportsgrounds* Open Space condition Natural Space condition Popularity Visual appearance	Disabled & Pram access* Floodlighting*	Access

Towradgi

Overall Impression: Good 21 attendees (from Q3)

Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Disabled & pram access Floodlighting Sportsgrounds Pests & vermin Seating & BBQs Playgrounds Tracks & cycle ways Safety & lighting Popularity	Signage Natural area condition	Rubbish removal Open area condition Access Visual appearance	

Birinta

Overall Impression: Fair 10 attendees (from Q3)

Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Disabled & pram access Rubbish removal Signage Sportsgrounds Open space condition Natural area condition Pests & vermin Seating & BBQs Playgrounds Tracks & cycle ways Safety & lighting Access Popularity	Sportsgrounds* Visual appearance	Disabled & pram access*	

Lidwina

Overall Impression: Fair to good 34 attendees (from Q3)

Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Disabled & pram access Rubbish removal Signage Floodlighting Sportsgrounds Open space condition Pests & vermin Seating & BBQs Playgrounds Tracks & cycle ways Safety & lighting	Open space condition	Access Popularity Visual appearance	

Tyagarah

Overall Impression: Fair 50 attendees (from Q3)

Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Disabled & pram access Rubbish removal Floodlighting Sportsgrounds Natural space condition Pests & vermin Seating & BBQs Safety & lighting	Signage Open space condition Playgrounds Tracks & cycle ways Visual appearance	Access Popularity	

Wabash

Overall Impression: Fair to good 64 attendees (from Q3)

Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Disabled & pram access Signage Floodlighting Sportsgrounds Pests & vermin Seating & BBQs Playgrounds Tracks & cycle ways Safety & lighting	Rubbish removal Sportsgrounds* Visual appearance Playgrounds Popularity	Open space condition Popularity	Access

St. Matthew's Farm

Overall Impression: **Good** 143 attendees (from Q3)

Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Seating & BBQs Playgrounds		Disabled & pram access Rubbish removal Signage Sportsgrounds Open space condition Natural area condition Pests & vermin Tracks & cycle ways Safety & lighting Popularity Visual appearance	Floodlighting Access

Cromer Park

Overall Impression: **Good** 109 attendees (from Q3)

Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Seating & BBQs Playgrounds		Disabled & pram access Rubbish removal Signage Floodlighting Sportsgrounds Open space condition Natural area condition Pests & vermin Tracks & cycle ways Safety & lighting Visual appearance	Access Popularity

South Creek Foreshore

Overall Impression: **Good** 94 attendees (from Q3)

Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Disabled & pram access Signage Floodlighting Seating & BBQs Playgrounds Safety & lighting	Rubbish removal Signage Sportsgrounds Tracks & cycle ways	Rubbish removal Sportsgrounds Open space condition Natural area condition Pests & vermin Access Popularity Visual appearance	

Dee Why Park

Overall Impression: **Good**

163 attendees (from Q3)

Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Seating & BBQs	Signage Floodlighting	Disabled & pram access Rubbish removal Visual appearance Sportsgrounds Open space condition Natural area condition Pests & vermin Playgrounds Tracks & cycle ways Safety & lighting	Access

Multi-use Path

Overall Impression: **Good**

157 attendees (from Q3)

Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Floodlighting Seating & BBQs Playgrounds Safety & lighting	Sportsgrounds Natural area condition	Disabled & pram access Rubbish removal Signage Visual appearance Sportsgrounds Open space condition Natural area condition Pests & vermin Tracks & cycle ways Popularity	Tracks & cycle ways Access

Interesting Points:

- Seating and barbeque provision etc was rated 'poor' in all reserves.
- This survey was not completed by the sports clubs who use the sports grounds and does not include their ratings of the facilities on the ground they use.

Q7. What do you value most about the reserves that you visit?

Values	Total	Percentage
Open Natural space	112	48.07
Flora & Fauna / Native landscape	49	21.03
Accessibility & availability	43	18.45
Use of walking & bike tracks	27	11.59
Safety & shade	25	10.73
Recreation, exercise & sporting opportunities	22	9.44
Buffer zone from noise & busy lives	19	8.15
Undeveloped, unregulated & friendly areas	12	5.15
Areas for children	11	4.72
Areas for dogs	11	4.72
Aesthetically pleasing	9	3.86
Diversity of use	5	2.15

Q8. Are there any reasons why you do not use or visit the reserves, or any factors, which affect how often you use them?

Response	Total	Percentage
Poor condition & maintenance	37	15.88
Inadequate lighting (sport & tracks)	27	11.59
Safety issues & concerns	23	9.87
Limited access to amenities (parking, toilets, seats etc.)	15	6.44
Existence of rubbish & illegal dumping	15	6.44
Lack of awareness	13	5.58
Inadequate play equipment / children's areas	13	5.58
Lack of adequate road crossings & bike paths	13	5.58
Lack of access	12	5.15
Existence of pests, vermin & dangerous animals	12	5.15
Anti-social behaviour	8	3.43
Limited dog areas & management	4	1.72
Excessive sport use	3	1.29
Existence of dog poo	3	1.29
Domination by single use groups / clubs	1	0.43
Inappropriate use of area: ie golf	1	0.43

Q9. Are there any other issues / concerns you have in regards to the reserves you visit / use?

Response	Total	Percentage
Poor condition & maintenance	28	13.46
Management of weeds and feral animals / plants	22	10.58
Safety	21	10.10
Preserve environment & water	21	10.10
Pathways & Road crossings	13	6.25
Development and rezoning concerns	12	5.77
Quality & accessibility to amenities / services	11	5.29
Management of pets and areas	11	5.29
Drainage, flooding and creek condition	10	4.81
Lighting	9	4.33
Rubbish accumulation & collection	9	4.33
Overuse and condition of sportsgrounds	8	3.85
Lack of play equipment and children's areas	8	3.85
Accessibility	7	3.37
Council response and operations	4	1.92
Antisocial behaviour	4	1.92
Inappropriate use of reserves	4	1.92
Require signage	3	1.44
Management of insects and dangerous animals	3	1.44
TOTAL	208	100

Interesting Point

- This question included a wide variety of suggestions, the answers have been grouped to indicate the type of topics that were discussed.

Improvements and Suggestions:

The last two questions of the survey focused on the ideas and suggestions for the reserves and the Plan of Management.

Q 10 Do you have any ideas / suggestions to improve or further enhance the reserves or a specific reserve covered in the Plan of Management?

Response	Total	Percentage
Paths & road crossings	34	16.27
Amenities / services	25	11.96
Weeds	23	11.00
Playgrounds	18	8.61
Bush regeneration & environmental protection	17	8.13
Planning & development	14	6.70
Creeks & waterways	14	6.70
Maintenance	13	6.22
Management	13	6.22
Lighting	10	4.78
Dogs	8	3.83
Promotion / Increased Awareness	8	3.83
Rubbish	5	2.39
Sports fields / recreation	4	1.91
Signage	3	1.44
TOTAL	209	100.00

Q.11 Do you have any other comments in regards to any of the reserves that you would like to make?

Response	Total	Percentage
Management / council	28	40.58
Pathways	10	14.49
Maintenance	8	11.59
Environment / Nature	6	8.70
Safety & lighting	5	7.25
Amenities & Services	5	7.25
Dogs	4	5.80
Playgrounds	3	4.35
TOTAL	69	100.00

Interesting Point

- Question 9, 10 and 11 all had a wide variety of suggestions; they have been grouped in this document to indicate the type of topics they were covering.

Conclusion:

The data extracted from this survey has provided valuable information regarding how the reserves are used and valued within the community. This information has assisted in the identification of the major issues within the Dee Why Valley and South Creek Open Space Corridor Plan of Management area. There were also many valuable and practical suggestions, that have been used in the development of many of the actions within the "Issues and Discussions Paper" and Plan of Management.

Part 2. Community Workshop Summary

Community Workshop 30 Nov 06 - Questions and Responses

Activity One

On your table please discuss the following questions and record on the paper provided.

1. What do you value or like most about these reserves or land?
2. Do you feel these reserves are well known and used?
3. What do you think are the main issues in regards to these reserves or land areas?

If any comments refer to a particular reserve or group of reserves, please not the name of the reserve in brackets on your paper.

Responses

1. What do you value or like most about these reserves or land?

- Open space
- Habitat
- Flora and fauna
- Easy public access
- Link reserve to benefit wildlife
- Access to aquatic environment (i.e. Creeks)
- Connectivity for people
- Habitat connectivity for wildlife
- Increase of natural bush connections by replanting
- Health value of walking
- Recreation
- Aesthetic value of green space and natural bushlands
- Diversity of birds, using bushland beside playing fields and walkways
- Accessibility – car parks near playgrounds
- Safety fences around playgrounds
- Seating – not too much, could be suitable rocks
- Shade
- Sportsgrounds
- Space
- 243 Fisher Road, opens densely populated areas
- Play area for kids
- Animals, birds, plants and bugs
- Accessibility and maintenance
- Habitat / preservation
- Restoring and preserving natural creek corridors
- Sportsground management requires separate management plan.
- Corridor values
- Occasional playgrounds
- Footbridge
- Natural vegetation / planting
- Passive recreation (parks)
- Where possible 'access' / creek setback on both sides of South Creek

2. Do you feel these reserves are well known and used?

- Some are well known (sportsgrounds)
- Some almost unknown (access problems)
- Walking
- Rubbish dumps / garbage
- Exercise areas
- Sports
- Dog walking
- Sports fields – not evenly used
- Walking trail along corridor has potential for improvement (low impact foot track) with landscaping etc.
- Contrast between high intensity use of sports fields and low intensity use of park and corridor links
- Rehabilitation (eventually) of weedy areas
- Natural forest

3. What do you think are the main issues in regards to these reserves or land areas?

- Improved and signed access
- Create a walk from Dee Why to Cromer Golf Club to Narrabeen Lake (path – not concrete, crushed sandstone)
- Sportsground conditions are not good
- Create Wabash Ave. to a dog park – run free!
- Add more kids play area (stop kids being obese!)
- Dumic Reserve is a rubbish dump – please create it for sport.
- Clear weed infestations
- Remove large weed trees (ie. Coral and privet etc.)
- Implement basic bush regeneration
- Instigate corridors and safe movement for wildlife]
- Habitat improvement and enhancement
- Weed eradication
- Investigate use of crushed sandstone or similar for walking paths rather than concrete
- Danger of Pittwater Road crossing
- Re-route path on East of Pittwater Road through the bush to the pedestrian crossing.
- Inability to walk the length of South Creek because of weeds
- Why not include Wheeler Creek through to bushland in the valley
- Ask children to contribute ideas
- Wabash reserve would require a bridge to link it to St. Matthew's Farm Reserve.
- Signage for all parks
- Where they are e.g. Towradgi
- Only 1 with decent kids play equipment
- Create this land to be forever reserved (in perpetuity)
- Overgrown creek (we used to swim in it!)
- Lack of space for recreation / sport (obese people)
- Weeds – gone!
- Setback of development from creek to allow for riparian buffer and vegetation and habitat
- Lack of consultation with sporting clubs and sporting union by Warringah Council
- Improve visual appeal of natural waterway
- Link between Beacon Hill and Narrabeen Lake
- Link between Dee Why Lagoon and Narrabeen (include Upper South Creek & enhance buffer area, eventually)
- Shade
- Bird habitat

Activity 2 – Prioritisation of Issues (10 minutes)

The issues have now all been grouped into similar areas and posted onto the wall.

Using your three coloured stickers, choose the 3 most important issues to you and place your sticker onto the relevant sheet.

Note: Only one sticker can be placed per issue

These will then be calculated to identify which issues are seen as being of the highest priorities.

Responses

Issue	Number
Wildlife Corridor	13
Riparian Corridor	11
Walking access & tracks	6
Children's areas and playgrounds	4
Dog areas	3
Sportsground usage and condition	3
Weed infestation	3
Encroachments	2
Rubbish	2
Signage	1
Safety and security	0

Activity 3 – Identification of solutions and options to deal with the main issues

(20 minutes discussion and 10 minutes presentation)

Each table will be given a priority issue topic. Please answer the following questions on the paper provided.

1. Is this a general issue or does it relate to a specific reserve only? If so, which reserves?
2. What might be some possible ideas / solutions to address this issue?
3. In attempting to address this issue, what things need to be taken into consideration?
i.e. Impact on neighbours, financial resources, environmental impact etc.

Table 1 Responses: Walking Tracks And Access

1. **Is this a general issue or does it relate to a specific reserve only? If so, which reserves?**
 - Preferred track Narrabeen to Dee Why
 - Possible share cycle / walkway
2. **What might be some possible ideas / solutions to address this issue?**
 - Follow through with land acquisitions
 - Possible cycle pathway from Dee Why Park to St. Matthews Farm Reserve.
3. **In attempting to address this issue, what things need to be taken into consideration?**
 - Low impact minimal tracks
 - Not overdone

Table 2 Responses: Riparian and Creek Conditions

- 1. Is this a general issue or does it relate to a specific reserve only? If so, which reserves?**
 - A general issue for most reserves.
 - 2. What might be some possible ideas / solutions to address this issue?**
 - Data needed on current situation for all creeks.
 - Refer to Warringah Creek Study
 - Re-instate more natural landscapes e.g. for the concrete culvert in Dee Why Park for Dee Why Creek
 - Use reeds for natural filtration
 - Ensure no further building and / or other structures on riparian zones
 - Maximise natural bushland
 - Control sediment and nutrient inputs
 - 3. In attempting to address this issue, what things need to be taken into consideration?**
 - Impact of changes on flooding needs to be addressed
 - Use appropriate locally sourced native plants for regeneration
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Table 3 Responses: Children's Areas, Playgrounds & Dog Areas

- 1. Is this a general issue or does it relate to a specific reserve only? If so, which reserves?**
 - General issue
 - Not enough areas for kids / sport groups / dogs
 - 2. What might be some possible ideas / solutions to address this issue?**
 - Potential areas:
 - e.g. bottom of Redman Road (waterfall)
 - Create play area at Wabash with dog park
 - Cleaned out
 - Some fenced areas near main roads
 - Playground equipment with soft fall landing surface
 - Shade cloth if no natural shade present
 - Natural play areas
 - Dog park
 - Seating
 - 3. In attempting to address this issue, what things need to be taken into consideration?**
 - Neighbours
 - Obese children and dogs
 - Ride bicycles the whole way
 - Financial – dog area nil – just a sign!
 - Kids – clean it up
 - Active with parents / younger people – get them involved (not just oldies)
 - Consistent maintenance
 - Less vocal community members
 - Dumic Place could be small sport field (mini soccer)
 - Pocket parks with native vegetation
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Table 4 Answers:

- 1. Is this a general issue or does it relate to a specific reserve only? If so, which reserves?**
 - General issue; some areas in industrial area need cleaning up.
 - Some areas have dense weed infestation e.g. lantana, blackberries etc.
 - 2. What might be some possible ideas / solutions to address this issue?**
 - Some areas have diesel pollutants and would need Council / EPA help to clean up. (on edge of industrial area, runs into creek, needs investment)
 - Rehabilitation work – needs co-ordination
 - Labour intensive – recruit volunteers and trainees (bush regeneration) and clubs and schools e.g. in planting
 - Learning opportunities – retired people (grey power), wildlife, birds
 - 3. In attempting to address this issue, what things need to be taken into consideration?**
 - Views (neighbours)
 - Sponsorship (e.g. industry, council)
 - Control of feral animals (safe havens)
 - Road crossings for animals
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Part 3. Open Day Responses

Open Day Comments

Introduction

Council staff were available for people to come in and talk about Dee Why Valley and South Creek Open Space corridor. This proved popular and most time slots were booked.

Number of visitors: 15

Dates held: 5 and 6th December 2007

Results/ Comments

- Dunic Place: concerned about access, condition and future.
- South Creek in very poor condition, used to be able to canoe in it.
- Need more tracks but need to protect creek.
- Concerned about sportsgrounds maintenance and lighting
- Request for 100 lux lighting at all grounds – as feel that training includes practice games etc.
- Dee Why Park
 - Lack of parking areas
 - Balls in Creek at Dee Why Park
 - Dee Why Park Club House:
 - Can it be developed into a community centre?
 - Club prepared to share
 - Limited space
 - Lighting:
 - Want more on Field 2
 - DA about to go in
 - Need 100 lux for more lights on No 1 –2 (fully lit for competitions)
 - Vandalism:
 - Fri/Sat/Sun drinking sessions
 - To clubhouse
 - Graffiti, burnt tables, bottles, burnt bins
 - Lighting? 'Alcohol free zone'?
 - Oval
 - Turf is in poor condition

- Advertising on fence on Dee Why – is this possible?
- Priorities
 1. Turf – natural progression
 2. Storage
 3. Lights
 4. Parking
 5. Balls in water / vandalism
- Junior soccer require more pitches
- Any chance of an All weather pitch
- Cricket nets to alleviate cricket use of fields
- South Creek Foreshore
 - Purpose of weir?
 - Flooding on proposed track areas – so that pushes people onto the golf course, so system is in place when flooding occurs. Therefore could track go to other side?
 - Vandalism: at night – jumping into bunkers, spades – flag stocks in creek.
 - No signage for access
 - There is jungle at 481?
 - Club will meet Obligation to develop the track
 - Dogs – not always on leads
 - Bikes on bunkers hate afternoon
 - Walkers – local (mainly)
- Concern about the low numbers of community involved in this process
- Weed infestation out of control
- Do we need a flora and fauna study?
- Education in regards to domestic animals required – any chance of school involvement?
- Encroachments & enforcement
- Giant Owls have been seen in the area
- St Matthews Farm
 - Club house
 - No water in males toilet
 - Poor condition
 - Too small for all clubs and members
 - Request for Community Club House
 - Location not determined
 - Request for leases of ground
 - Baseball nets – permanent or temporary
 - Committee for Ground???
 - Unhappy with ground allocations here
- Willandra Road at back of Bolta Place
 - Condition very poor
 - Considerable wildlife – bandicoots
 - Weed infestation
 - Losing fences and banks unstable
 - Kookaburra breeding, possums, water dragons, pythons in creek, honey eaters – frogs in creek, blue tongues, skinks
- Reports of red bellied black snakes and echidnas
- Concern that Council may sell some of the open space in the area.
- Cromer Park
 - Request for bbq area , fences on 2/3/4 fields (similar to Cromer high), redevelopment of amenities building, landscape lighting, Lightning on fields 2, 3 and 4, seating on mound between 2 or 3 / 4 and expansion of canteen.
 - Lack of facilities to cater for ladies soccer.
 - Increase car parking required
 - Why Council said no to lease on field 2
- Increased security required at all Reserves

Part 4. Youth Consultation

Youth Consultation Results

Introduction

In an attempt to collect information about children's usage and opinions of their local parks the Cromer Community Centre Vacation Care and Northern Beaches OOSH Vacation Care were visited in January 2007. A group session of approximately 30 minutes was ran at each centre. In total 27 children between the ages of 8 to 12 were asked a series of questions regarding local parks.

The sessions were very positive and constructive as the children enjoyed being asked about what think about the parks.

Results

- Cromer Community Centre – 9 to 12 yrs old, total of 15 children
- St. Kevin's – 8 to 12 yrs, total of 12 children

Questions and responses

What suburb do you live in?	Who goes to school at Cromer Public?	Who lives next to a park in this area?	Who has been to a park recently?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cromer (8)• Dee Why (8)• Collaroy (3)• Narrabeen (2)• Narraweena(2)• Newport (2)• Curl Curl (1)• Manly Vale (1)	10	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• St. Matthews Farm - 4 Cross Country run and 4 played sports• Multi-use Path - 6

Why do you think parks are important?	What do you like best about the parks?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parks are good when have nothing to do• Schools can hold events in• People and families and friends can be together• Parties• Space and freedom• Other people can go to them• Need them as we are reliant on cars• Provide playgrounds• Provide space for sports• People need to exercise• Have trees - which are important because:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Air quality reasons○ Shade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slides• Swings• Fun places to go to• Flying foxes• See-Saws• Places to ride bikes• Playing with friends• Space to play (with my go-kart)• Fresh environment• Diversity of parks (they're all different)• Climbing• Parties• Informality• Picnics

o Homes for animals	
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What don't you like about these Parks?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can fall off equipment • Bugs • The creek is polluted/in poor condition – animals and plants die • They can be muddy • Dog poo is very common • Rubbish is present; especially broken glass • Graffiti and damage • Not many swings • Slides are too straight and boring • Not enough bins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No monkey bars • Lack of maintenance • Should be more equipment to play on • There are no football posts; only soccer goals • Creeks are too dirty • There are dangerous creek and road crossings • Not enough tracks <p>However, most children expressed that they felt comfortable and safe within Warringah's parks</p>

What changes or improvements might you like to see at the parks? How could we make them better	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More play equipment • Less graffiti • A pizza hut adjacent to the parks • Roving ice cream truck • Ban spray cans in parks • Motorbike park • More climbing frames • Signs with 'graffiti free zone' • Skate ramps • Roller-skate and bike ramps • Netball and basketball hoops • Disabled access ramps • Less pollution • More soccer goals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More football stadiums • More swimming pools • More garbage trucks and bins • More security cameras • More sights • More waterfalls • Better education about the parks • Small pools to wade through • Bike paths with curves that are fun to ride along • Waterslides • Rock pools • A zoo • Rollercoaster

Why do you think our parks are sometimes vandalised or damaged by other people?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They think it is fun • They are not good at writing • They want their name on the wall • Perhaps they have ADD? • They're not smart • They're not individuals • Boredom • They're angry at their wives • The full moon makes them do it

Conclusion

The information collected was very valuable in the development of the proposed actions in the Issues and Discussion Paper for the Dee Why Valley and South Creek Open Space Corridor Plan of Management.

Appendix E: Legislation and Statutory Requirements

1. Local Government Act (1993) - Management of Community Land

What are the principles of community land management?

All land owned by Council must be managed in accordance with the *Local Government Act* 1993, including the *Community Land Management Amendment Act* 1998. The Act requires that councils must classify public land as “operational” or “community” and that plans of management must be prepared for Community Land. The ways in which Community Land can be used and managed are strictly governed in accordance with an adopted plan of management and any law permitting the use of the land for a specified purpose or otherwise regulating the use of the land.

Under legislative requirements of the *Local Government Act* 1993, section 36 (a) – (n), councils must prepare and adopt plans of management for all Community Land. A Plan may apply to one or more areas of Community Land, providing all the Act’s requirements are fulfilled.

The Act states that the Plan must identify the following:

- The category of the land
- The objectives and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land
- The means by which Council proposes to achieve the plan’s objectives and performance targets
- The manner in which Council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plan’s objectives and performance targets
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As this is a Specific Area Plan of Management it must also:

- Include a description of the condition of the land, and of any buildings or other improvements on the land, as at the date of adoption of the plan of management
- Include a description of the use of the land and any such buildings or improvements as at the date of adoption of the plan
- Specify the purposes for which the land, and any such buildings or improvements, will be permitted to be used
- Specify the purposes for which any further development of the land will be permitted, whether under lease or licence or otherwise
- Describe the scale and intensity of any such permitted use or development

Categorisation of community land

The Local Government Act requires that all Community Land be categorised. A description of each category and the core objectives that relate to each category are as follows: All current and intended uses of the land must comply with the core objectives.

A combination of categories may be used for one parcel of land. Accordingly, this Plan of Management has identified the following categories for Dee Why Valley and South Creek Open Space Corridor.

- General Community Use
- Park
- Sportsground
- Cultural Significance
- Natural Area

- Natural Area: Bushland
- Natural area: Wetland
- Natural area: Watercourse

The definitions of each of the categories relevant to this Plan of Management are provided below as described in the Local Government (General) Regulation 1999:

(a) General Community Use

Land should be categorised as general community use if the land:

- May be made available for use for any purpose for which Community Land may be used, whether by the public at large or by specific sections of the public
- Is not required to be categorised as a natural area, or does not satisfy the guidelines for categorisation as a sportsground, a park or an area of cultural significance

(b) Park

Land that is, or is proposed to be, improved by landscaping, gardens or the provision of non-sporting equipment and facilities for use mainly for recreational, social, educational and cultural pursuits that do not unduly intrude on the peaceful enjoyment of the land by others.

(c) Sportsground

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

(d) An Area of Cultural Significance

Land described as an area of Aboriginal, aesthetic, archaeological, historical, technical or research, or social significance.

(e) Natural Area

Land which, whether or not in an undisturbed state, possesses a significant geological feature, geomorphological feature, landform, representative system or other natural feature or attribute that would be sufficient to further categorise the land as bushland, wetland, escarpment, watercourse or foreshore. Community Land that has been declared critical habitat or which is directly affected by a recovery plan or threat abatement plan under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 or the Fisheries Management Act 1994 must be categorised as a natural area.

- **Natural Area: Bushland**

Land that contains primarily native vegetation and that vegetation is:

- The natural vegetation or a remainder of the natural vegetation of that land
- Is still representative of the structure and/or floristics of the natural vegetation in the locality
- **Natural area: Wetland**

Land that includes marshes, mangroves, backwaters, billabongs, swamps, sedgelands, wet meadows or wet heathlands that form a waterbody that is inundated cyclically, intermittently or permanently with fresh, brackish or salt water, whether slow moving or stationary.

- **Natural area: Watercourse**

Land described as:

- Any perennial or intermittent stream, flowing in a natural, artificially improved or re-diverted channel
- Associated riparian land or vegetation, including land which is protected under the relevant legislation

- **Natural Area: Foreshore**

Land that is situated on the water's edge and forms a transition zone between the aquatic and terrestrial environment.

- **Natural Area: Escarpment**

Land that includes features such as a long cliff-like ridge or rock and includes significant or unusual geological, geomorphological or scenic qualities.

Core Objectives of Community Land

(f) 36E Core objectives for management of Community Land categorised as a natural area

- To conserve biodiversity and maintain ecosystem function in respect of the land, or the feature or habitat in respect of which the land is categorised as a natural area
- To maintain the land, or that feature or habitat, in its natural state and setting
- To provide for the restoration and regeneration of the land
- To provide for community use of and access to the land in such a manner as will minimise and mitigate any disturbance caused by human intrusion
- To assist in and facilitate the implementation of any provisions restricting the use and management of the land that are set out in a recovery plan or threat abatement plan prepared under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 or the Fisheries Management Act 1994

(g) 36F Core objectives for management of Community Land categorised as a sportsground

- To encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games
- To ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences

(h) 36G Core objectives for management of Community Land categorised as a park

- To encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities
- To provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games
- To improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management

(i) 36H Core objectives for management of Community Land categorised as an area of cultural significance

- The core objectives for management of Community Land categorised as an area of cultural significance are to retain and enhance the cultural significance of the area (namely its Aboriginal, aesthetic, archaeological, historical, technical or research or social significance) for past, present or future generations by the active use of conservation methods.

- Those conservation methods may include any or all of the following methods:
 - The continuous protective care and maintenance of the physical material of the land or of the context and setting of the area of cultural significance
 - The restoration of the land, that is, the returning of the existing physical material of the land to a known earlier state by removing accretions or by reassembling existing components without the introduction of new material
 - The reconstruction of the land, that is, the returning of the land as nearly as possible to a known earlier state
 - The adaptive reuse of the land, that is, the enhancement or reinforcement of the cultural significance of the land by the introduction of sympathetic alterations or additions to allow compatible uses (that is, uses that involve no changes to the cultural significance of the physical material of the area, or uses that involve changes that are substantially reversible or changes that require a minimum impact)
 - The preservation of the land, that is, the maintenance of the physical material of the land in its existing state and the retardation of deterioration of the land

(j) 36I Core objectives for management of Community Land categorised as general community use

The core objectives for management of Community Land categorised as general community use are 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:

- In relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public
- In relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities)

(k) 36J Core objectives for management of Community Land categorised as bushland

- To ensure the ongoing ecological viability of the land by protecting the ecological biodiversity and habitat values of the land, the flora and fauna (including invertebrates, fungi and micro-organisms) of the land and other ecological values of the land
- To protect the aesthetic, heritage, recreational, educational and scientific values of the land
- To promote the management of the land in a manner that protects and enhances the values and quality of the land and facilitates public enjoyment of the land, and to implement measures directed to minimising or mitigating any disturbance caused by human intrusion
- To restore degraded bushland
- To protect existing landforms such as natural drainage lines, watercourses and foreshores
- To retain bushland in parcels of a size and configuration that will enable the existing plant and animal communities to survive in the long term
- To protect bushland as a natural stabiliser of the soil surface

(l) 36K Core objectives for management of Community Land categorised as wetland

- To protect the biodiversity and ecological values of wetlands, with particular reference to their hydrological environment (including water quality and water flow), and to the flora, fauna and habitat values of the wetlands
- To restore and regenerate degraded wetlands
- To facilitate community education in relation to wetlands, and the community use of wetlands, without compromising the ecological values of wetlands

(m) 36L Core objectives for management of Community Land categorised as an escarpment

- To protect any important geological, geomorphological or scenic features of the escarpment
- To facilitate safe community use and enjoyment of the escarpment

(n) 36M Core objectives for management of Community Land categorised as a watercourse

- To manage watercourses so as to protect the biodiversity and ecological values of the in-stream environment, particularly in relation to water quality and water flows
- To manage watercourses so as to protect the riparian environment, particularly in relation to riparian vegetation and habitats and bank stability
- To restore degraded watercourses
- To promote community education, and community access to and use of the watercourse, without compromising the other core objectives of the category

(o) 36N Core objectives for management of Community Land categorised as foreshore

- To maintain the foreshore as a transition area between the aquatic and the terrestrial environment, and to protect and enhance all functions associated with the foreshore's role as a transition area
- To facilitate the ecologically sustainable use of the foreshore, and to mitigate impact on the foreshore by community use

What dealings can a Council have in Community Land?

Council has no power to sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of Community Land, except for the purpose of enabling that land to become, or to be added to, a Crown Reserve or land reserved or dedicated under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974

Council may grant a lease or licence on Community Land, but only in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993. A Council may grant any other estate in Community Land to the extent permitted by the Local Government Act 1993

2. Management of Crown Land – Crown Land Act 1989

Requirements of the *Crown Lands Act, 1989*

The Crown Lands Act, 1989 is the principle Act in NSW controlling the management and use of Crown Land. Plans of Management are instruments prepared under the Act to implement the objectives of the Act. The requirements of the Act in relation to the preparation of plans of management are set out in this section.

Objects of the Act

Section 10 of the Crown Lands Act, 1989 sets out the objects of the Act as follows:

The objects of this Act are to ensure that Crown land is managed for the benefit of the people of New South Wales and in particular to provide for:

1. a proper assessment of Crown land,
2. the management of Crown land having regard to the principles of Crown land management contained in this Act,
3. the proper development and conservation of Crown land having regard to those principles,
4. the regulation of the conditions under which Crown land is permitted to be occupied, used, sold, leased, licensed or otherwise dealt with,
5. the reservation or dedication of Crown land for public purposes and the management and use of the reserved or dedicated land, and
6. the collection, recording and dissemination of information in relation to Crown land.

What is “Public Purpose”?

It is an essential requirement in preparing a plan of management that the public purpose of the Reserve is identified and used as a basis for planning and management. It is a further requirement that all land uses must either support or be ancillary to the Reserve’s public purpose. The *Crown Lands Act 1989* provides for the reservation and dedication of Crown land for public purposes including:

- Access
- Accommodation
- Caravan Park
- Community Purposes
- Environmental Protection
- Government Purposes
- Heritage Purposes
- Public Recreation
- Public Recreation and Coastal Environmental Protection
- Rural Services
- Showground
- Travelling Stock
- Urban Services
- Water

The schedule of Public Purposes continues to be revised and amended and includes a number of other items.

Principles of Crown Reserve management

Section 11 of the *Crown Lands Act 1989* provides a set of principles for Crown land management as follows.

- Environmental protection principles be observed in relation to the management and administration of Crown land
- The natural resources of Crown land (including water, soil, flora, fauna and scenic quality) be conserved wherever possible.
- Public use and enjoyment of appropriate Crown land be encouraged.
- Where appropriate, multiple use of Crown land be encouraged.
- Where appropriate, Crown land should be used and managed in such a way that both the land and its resources are sustained in perpetuity.
- Crown land be occupied, used, sold, leased, licensed or otherwise dealt with in the best interests of the State consistent with the above principles.

Furthermore, when preparing a plan of management for Crown land, the trust manager must comply with the following requirements of the *Crown Lands Act 1989*:

- direction of the Minister or request by Trust for plan of management preparation;
- drafts circulated for comment
- exhibition of draft Plan
- draft Plan exhibition notices provided

With the following outcomes:

- the Minister shall consider timely comment
- Ministerial adoption of the Plan
- Trust must follow the Plan and
- all operations must be in accordance with it

Leasing and licenses

Section 102 of the Act establishes requirements for the sale, lease or licensing of Crown land. Land can not be sold, leased or a licence issued without the approval of the Minister. Section 102A provides that the Trustee may lease or issue a licence for reserved land where the Minister has approved the Trustee to do so.

Section 108 also enables licenses to be issued for temporary purposes.

Proceeds from Crown land

Section 106 of the Act requires that proceeds from the sale, lease or licensing of reserves must be used either as directed by the Minister, or for the management of the reserve by the Trustee.

Requirements for Plans of Management

Section 112 enables Plans of Management to be prepared for Crown reserves either by the Minister or by the reserve trust. Section 113 establishes requirements for referrals, public display and submissions. The Dee Why Valley and South Creek Open Space Corridor Plan of Management has been prepared in draft by Council in accordance with the requirements of sections 112 and 113.

Section 114 provides for the adoption of a Plan of Management by Council. Once a Plan of Management is adopted, no operations may be undertaken on or in relation to the reserve unless they are in accordance with the plan.

Reporting

Section 122 establishes requirements for reserve trusts to report to the Minister, as required by the Regulations.

Crown Lands Policies

The Department of Lands has indicated that the following policies and draft policies should be considered in the review of the Plan of Management:

- Policy Position: Food and Beverage Outlets on Crown Reserves (Crown Lands Circular No. 2001/03);
- Draft Policy Position: Clubs on Crown Reserves (September 1996).