

## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Overview

The preparation of this generic plan of management for community land is part of an ongoing process in developing a comprehensive management framework for Warringah Council's public open space. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, all land vested in a council (except a road or land to which the Crown Lands Act 1989 applies) must be classified as either community land or operational land.

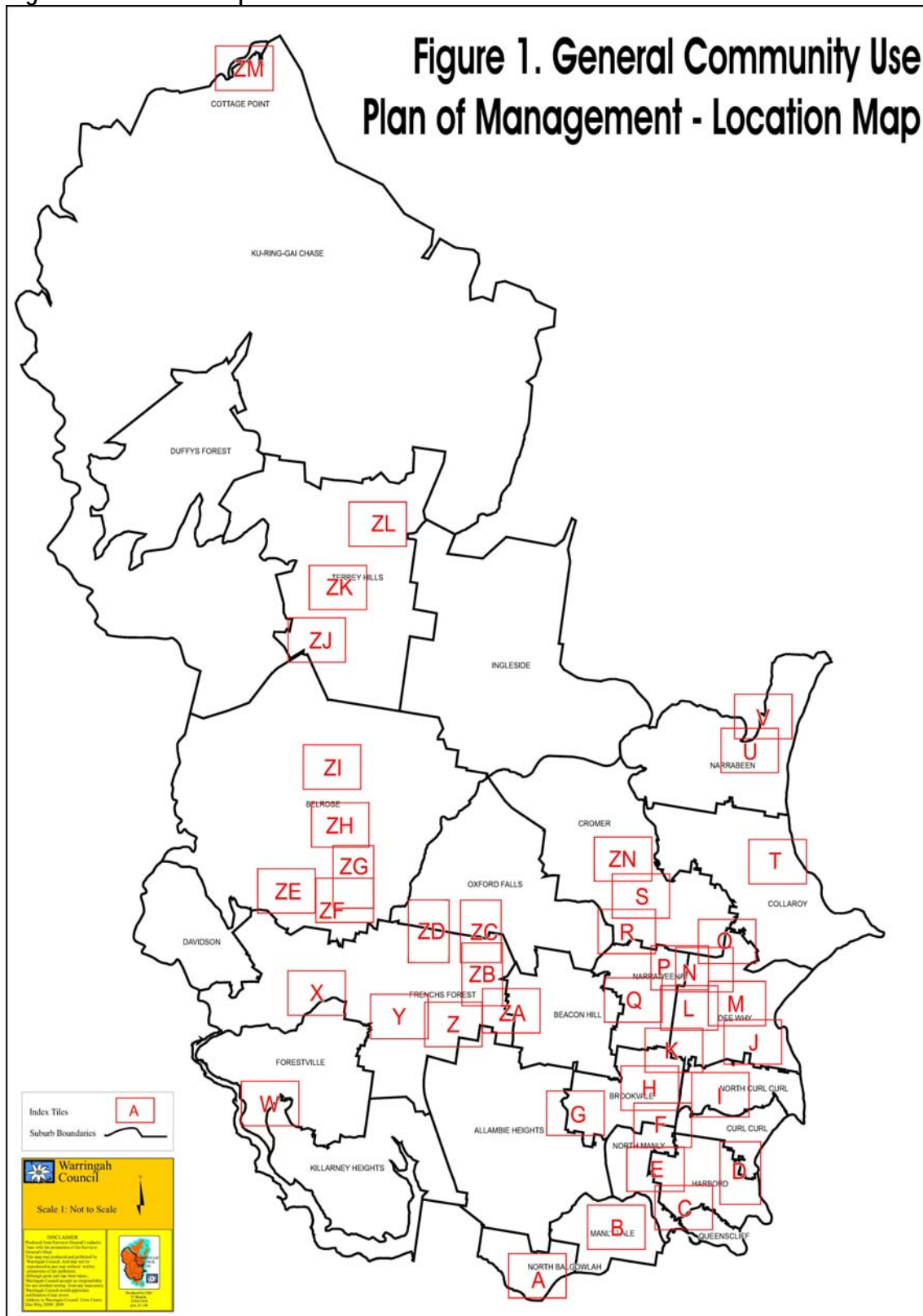
Plans of management must be prepared and adopted for all community land (i.e. public land vested in or under the control of Council and classified as community land). The use and management of community land must also be consistent with its designated categories and their respective core objectives. These categories include natural area (i.e. bushland, wetland, escarpment, watercourse and foreshore), sportsground, park, area of cultural significance and general community use. This plan of management focuses on land parcels categorised as general community use.

### 1.2 Study Area

This is a 'generic' rather than a 'significant area' plan of management (e.g. Jamieson Park, Griffith Park or Berry Reserve). The plan of management process investigated a total of 182 different public land parcels in the local government area (refer to *Figure 1: Location Map*). These parcels tend to be relatively small in size, contiguous or fragmented and have a primary functional role such as public drainage reserves, pathways/ steps and road buffers/ nature strips.

Most of this public land has been classified as community land with the exception of three Crown reserve parcels (refer to 2.3 *Crown Reserves, Public Purpose and Categorisation*). While many of the land parcels in this generic plan of management have been categorised as general community use, a number of parcels have not yet been categorised. Community buildings and car parks, categorised as general community use, are not included in this plan of management. These items will be addressed in a forthcoming plan of management. The exception is the Terrey Hills Rural Fire Service building and curtilage (Frank Beckman Reserve), which is included in this plan of management to authorise development.

Figure 1 – Location Map



### 1.3 Aims And Objectives

This generic plan of management aims to provide a clear, concise and practical framework for the sustainable management of the identified community land and Crown land parcels. The plan of management aims to be performance oriented in order to contribute towards Council achieving its strategic goals, vision, mission and strategic outcomes as identified in the *warringah PLAN 2004-2007*.

While preparation of the plan of management has ensured an environment of consultation with the local community and key stakeholders, it is important to recognise that the approach has remained values-based rather than simply issues-driven in the management outcomes. This approach focuses on the longer-term objectives of sustainable management for all of the land parcels.

The key objectives for this plan of management are as follows: -

- To ensure compliance with legislative requirements under the Local Government Act 1993;
- To provide a consistent approach to community land management;
- To review and update existing records in Council's Land Register; and
- To determine appropriate strategies for the community land reviewed under this plan of management.

The following steps have guided the preparation of this plan of management:

- Identify land parcels and ownership/ land tenure details;
- Assess key values associated with the land, existing uses, facilities and improvements and their condition;
- Identify and assess key issues affecting this community land;
- Address future permitted uses and development (including intensity and scale) and existing and future leases/ licences;
- Review existing classification of community land, including road reserve parcels classified as community land;
- Review existing categorisation of community land parcels;
- Review land management options, including reclassification and recategorisation of community land;
- Establish management strategies based on a balanced, sustainable approach to catchment management, environmental quality, public access and the recreational and social needs of the wider community;
- Develop performance targets to assess and monitor management objectives; and
- Assign directions and priorities (spanning the next 5-years).

## 1.4 Relevant Legislation And Policies

This plan of management has been prepared in accordance with the provisions contained in relevant legislation and policy guidelines, including but not limited to the following: -

- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation 1999
- Crown Lands Act 1989
- Roads Act 1993
- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999
- Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995
- Fisheries Management Act 1994
- National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974
- NSW Heritage Act 1977
- Noxious Weeds Act 1993
- Rural Fires Act 1997
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992
- SEPP 19: Bushland in Urban Areas
- warringah PLAN 2004-2007
- Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2000

## 1.5 Warringah's Strategic Planning

Warringah Council has adopted a co-ordinated approach to planning in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*. A number of linked strategic documents have been developed under the guidance of *warringah PLAN 2004-2007*. This Plan confirms Council's ongoing commitment to protecting Warringah's identity, its high quality of life and enhancement of natural environmental, aesthetic, cultural, heritage and recreational values.

## 1.6 List Of Abbreviations Used In This Document

LEP	Warringah Local Environmental Plan (2000)
LGA	Local Government Area (Warringah Council)
POM	Plan of management
TSC Act	Threatened Species Conservation Act (1995)
WLR	Warringah Land Register

For abbreviations relating to Council's Policy and Services Units, refer to 5.1 Action Plan - Responsibilities of Warringah Council's Policy and Services Units (including abbreviations used in the Action Plan).