

## 4. BASIS FOR MANAGEMENT

### 4.1 Objectives

This section of the plan of management addresses the following objectives: -

- To identify public infrastructure and the values attached to these land parcels by the community, why they are valued and the importance of each of these values;
- To determine the contribution and role of these land parcels within the context of Warringah's broader regional open space system;
- To establish a mechanism for reviewing values in relation to specific issues/ threats and develop opportunities for appropriate management; and
- To provide a vision for integrated management of these land parcels.

### 4.2 Community Values

The consultation process defined a strong sense of community interest in these public land parcels with the desire to ensure the protection and management of their values. Community values focus on the natural/ cultural or landscape setting, public access/ recreational values, environmental quality and biodiversity/ faunal corridors. The following list (although not ranked in any order) is a summary of these community values:

- Accessible open space
- Pathways/ pedestrian linkages
- Visual amenity/ scenic quality
- Bushland/ natural areas
- Wildlife corridor
- Opportunities for children to play
- Walking and relaxation
- Walking the dog
- Peace and quiet
- Privacy (to adjoining residents)
- Drainage infrastructure
- Buffer protection (eg. bushfire, road noise, pollution)
- Private use

### 4.3 Determining Key Values

As outlined in earlier sections, this plan of management takes a values-based approach to planning and management of these community land parcels. This approach allows the key values, role and purpose to be identified and assessed so that these community assets may be protected and enhanced. "Values" can be simply described as the things which make a place important. Community values and the issues affecting these values have been identified through the community consultation process (refer to *4.2 Community Values* and section *3.3 Community Issues*).

*Table 1: Values & Issues* assesses the key values for the same parcels of land identified in *Table A1: Land Description, Appendix II*. Table 1 is divided into four main sections as follows: -

**Property Description (column 1)**

*Map reference*

Each parcel of land has a unique map reference, eg A1. The letter represents the map whilst the number represents the individual parcel of land. Refer to *Figure 1: Location Map* for general location of the land parcel and *Appendix I: Locality Maps* for a detailed map.

*WLR No.*

This is a unique number used to identify this parcel of land in the Warringah Land Register.

*Location*

The street name and suburb are provided for each land parcel.

*Desc. Code*

The parcels investigated during the development of this plan of management have a wide variety of characteristics and associated values and issues. Parcels have been identified according to these characteristics in order to provide consistent decision-making and ongoing management for similar situations. Background discussion has been provided throughout Chapter 2 of this plan of management to provide a rationale for Council's management recommendations. The following description codes have been used to identify relevant parcels:

- **B** - Roadside buffers (refer to 2.2 *Community land and community land categories*)
- **D** - Drainage reserves (refer to 2.2 *Community land and community land categories*)
- **MR** - Miscellaneous reclassifications (refer to 2.1 *Classification of public land*)
- **OP** - Referrals to other plans (refer to 2.2 *Community land and community land categories*)
- **P** - Public access including pathways, steps and small reserves (refer to 2.2 *Community land and community land categories*)
- **R** - Road reserves for reclassification (refer to 2.1 *Classification of public land*)

**Key Values (column 2)**

A set of key values has been developed through further site investigation and analysis of the resource base. These key values are divided into eight generic categories as follows: -

- Drainage / Water Quality;
- Utilities / Service Access;
- Public Access / Linkages;
- Scenic / Visual Buffer;
- Streetscape Amenity;
- Open Space / Recreation;
- Natural Heritage / Biodiversity;
- Threatened Species.

A significance ranking has been assigned to each land parcel (as applicable), based on either a local (LOW), regional (Sydney metropolitan) (MEDIUM) or state basis (HIGH). Depending on the specific parcel of land, some or possibly most of the values may not be applicable whereas in other locations all of the values may be relevant.

For example, a number of land parcels retain remnant native vegetation/ ecological communities of regional and state significance. Some land parcels have significance in terms of broader view corridors and scenic protection, particularly along developed ridge-top land within bushland areas. Public access, recreational, social and cultural values tend to be of local significance for these land parcels.

***Key to Level of Significance of Key Values:***



HIGH (STATE)



MEDIUM (REGIONAL)



LOW (LOCAL)



NOT APPLICABLE

Land parcels which are assigned a HIGH (STATE) or MEDIUM (REGIONAL) ranking in terms of natural heritage/ biodiversity and/ or containing threatened species are to be referred for further consideration under the Bushland Plans of Management.

***Issues (column 3)***

This is a summary of issues identified during community consultation and investigations. These issues affect and impact upon key values in various ways. This assessment process forms the basis for developing management strategies (refer to *5.0 Management Strategies: 5.1 Action Plan*).

***Action Ref. (column 4)***

The Action Reference Number refers to a specific item number for action in *5.0 Management Strategies: 5.1 Action Plan*. For example, land parcels which are to be referred for further consideration under the Bushland Plans of Management have the Action Reference Number – MB1.