

# **PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR COMMUNITY LANDS**

(Part 2, Division 2 of the  
Local Government Act, 1993)

## **TOWN HALL PARK Manly**



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# 1. DESCRIPTION

## 1.1 Title, Area, Ownership

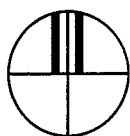
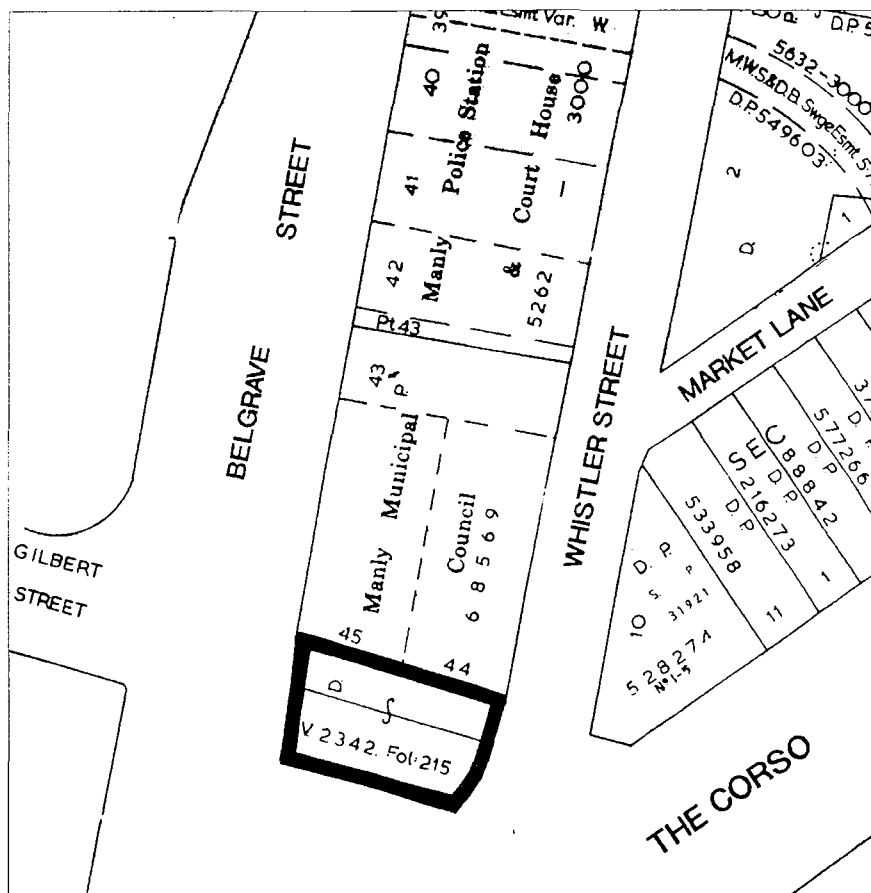
**Title:** Asset Management No. 161 Part of  
DP 68569

**Area:** 366.8m<sup>2</sup>

**Owner:** Manly Council

## 1.2 Landform, Vegetation, Use

This area known as Town Hall Park is situated immediately in front of Manly Municipal Council Chambers. The Park has a raised central area which is grassed and has a number of very large, mature Morton Bay Fig trees. The perimeter area is paved and forms an important element of the pedestrian



Not to scale

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system linking to the Corso, The Esplanade and ferry wharf. The Park is also important in terms of its transport role, as the taxi rank is located on its western perimeter. It also provides informal seating adjacent to the busier Corso.

### 1.3 Links to Other Areas and Adjacent Land

Town Hall Park provides an important element in linkages between Belgrave Street, Whistler Street, The Corso and The Esplanade. Adjacent land includes nearby retail development, Council offices and The Corso, and public roads.

### 1.4 Reserve History

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### 1.5 Available Plans

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### 1.6 Leases

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### 1.7 Council File References

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## 2. CONTEXT

### 2.1 Classification under the Local Government Act, 1993

The land is classified as Community Land and is categorised as Park.

### 2.2 Other Legislation

- Manly Local Environmental Plan 1988
- Zoning: Open Space
- Civic buildings Belgrave Street and Town Hall Park are items of environmental heritage.

### 2.3 Reports and Studies

- Town Centre Study 1995
- Draft Consultant's Report on The Corso 1996.

### 3. STATEMENT OF FUNCTION AND VALUE

#### 3.1 Values and Function of the Land

The Town Hall Park is primarily of local and district significance in terms of its natural and visual functions within the Manly Centre. Similarly its significance in terms of social and recreational values is primarily of local and district significance. The area is occupied by a number of very large established fig trees and its character is primarily an urban park. It is also of local and district significance in terms of its future generational and heritage values.

VALUE AND FUNCTION	SIGNIFICANCE						
	Local	District	Regional	Metropolitan	State	National	International
Natural	■	■					
Visual	■	■					
Social	■	■					
Recreational	■	■					
Cultural							
Educational							
Future Generational	■	■					
Heritage	■	■					

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## 4. MANAGEMENT

### 4.1 Means of Achieving Objectives

The draft plan of management for community land is based on 15 objectives. Those applicable to Town Hall Park are indicated on the following tables starting on page 5.

### 4.2 Issues for the Master plan

#### **Issues, Concerns, Opportunities**

1. Development of a Master plan for Town Hall Park should be consistent with proposals for the Corso upgrade and the Town Centre Study recommendations.  
**Response:** Identify the above projects in the context of the preparation of the Master plan.
2. Identification of a role as a civic space with relation to the Town Hall.  
**Response:** Address this issue within the preparation of the Master plan.

**3****OBJECTIVE****Integrate local drainage needs into park design and bushland management.****MEANS OF ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVE**

1. The preparation of the Master plan should include consultation on neighbourhood drainage requirements and design proposals where appropriate.
2. Utilize contemporary skills in the design of multi-function drainage areas eg. sediment detention basins.
3. Ensure all drainage designs address: bushland maintenance; erosion; siltation and pollution controls; flooding issues; penetration for water table improvement and compatibility with recreational and aesthetic interests.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

1. Drainage issues included in the preparation of the Master plan.
2. The drainage designs reflect current knowledge on drainage issues.
3. Drainage issues are addressed in park design and bushland management; and reviewed in relevant reviews of environmental factors.

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## OBJECTIVE

To include heritage conservation and cultural identity matters when designing and maintaining our reserves.

### MEANS OF ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVE

1. All actions proposed in the Master plan should comply with the statutory heritage provisions of Manly Local Environmental Plan 1988 and Sydney Regional Environmental Plan No. 23 -Sydney and Middle Harbours.
2. Make all persons working in the reserves aware of the particular heritage, conservation and cultural value of the reserve as identified in various studies and listings.
3. Works in cultural reserves should maintain the particular identified character of the reserve unless there is community agreement for an alternative approach. Application of the principles of the Burra Charter are relevant here.
4. The Master plan should adhere to the principles and standards in the Manly Identity Programme in respect to furniture, signage, colour, etc.
5. Aboriginal heritage sites should be recorded in relevant Master plans, where appropriate.

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Compliance with statutory provisions achieved.
2. The Master plan includes information on heritage, conservation and cultural matters. These are disseminated to workers.
3. Designs should be consistent with particular identified character of each reserve.
4. The Manly Identity Programme principles and standards are adhered to.
5. Aboriginal heritage sites are included in the Master plan, where appropriate.

**5****OBJECTIVE**

To allocate extra effort to our high profile areas: Manly Cove, the Ocean Beach, Clontarf and Little Manly.

**MEANS OF ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVE**

1. Commit resources to ensure a high standard of contemporary design to create stimulating and robust spaces.
2. Commit resources to ensure a high level of maintenance, hygiene and rubbish collection.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

1. Design exercises undertaken for each high profile area without an existing design.
2. Acceptable level of maintenance, hygiene and rubbish collection achieved.



**7****OBJECTIVE**

**To manage all open space land in a flexible manner and as neighbourhood space (in addition to other uses) to provide for the local community.**

**MEANS OF ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVE**

1. Liaise with the local neighbourhood when assessing future facilities for reserves to determine needs which may include play areas, dog areas, toilets, picnic and barbeque area and space for ball games.
2. Include identified needs in the Master plan.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

1. Liaison with local groups undertaken during the planning process.
- 2.1 Identified needs if assessed for compatibility, demand and availability of resources.
- 2.2 Appropriate facilities included in the Master plan.

## 12 OBJECTIVE

To encourage local participation in design, development and management.

### MEANS OF ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVE

1. Continue liaison with local Precinct Committees and other groups prior to undertaking works in reserves other than day to day maintenance.
2. Continue where appropriate to hold on site gatherings with neighbours and other relevant groups or individuals as part of any exercise to plan the future form and use of a reserve.
3. Continue with joint Council and community maintenance and improvement teams like the C-Scheme for particular reserves and projects.
4. Consider inviting neighbourhood groups or individuals to be directly involved in ongoing planning and management of reserves.
5. Publish guides and educational pamphlets to Council's reserves and the activities available therein, possible topics being harbourside access, botanic gardens walk, circuit linear park and North Head Walk.

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Evidence of liaison undertaken to the satisfaction of local groups without undue delay and inefficiency for Council programmes.
2. On-site meetings held where appropriate.
3. Joint Council and community works teams continued and expanded.
4. Confirm efforts to invite neighbourhood groups or individuals to directly participate in on-going planning and maintenance of reserves.
5. Guides and educational pamphlets published providing information on Council's reserves.

**13****OBJECTIVE**

Provide for user health, safety and enjoyment.

**MEANS OF ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVE**

1. Determine any necessary control on undesirable activities.
2. Determine any necessary control on dogs within reserves. Dog toilet areas provided if necessary.
- 3.1 Production of competent designs for reserves prior to major works being undertaken.
- 3.2 Inclusion of local neighbourhood and user groups in future design and management of reserves.
4. Regular assessment of maintenance needs to ensure minimum public safety risk from the facilities.
5. Consider the provision of additional activities where permitted and consistent with other objectives in order to increase recreational opportunities.
6. Make facilities and access to reserves generally suitable for those with mobility impairments.
7. Ensure that leases and licences include adequate provisions to minimise public risk as well as insurance cover.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

1. Undesirable activities controlled.
- 2.1 Park users not threatened by dogs.
- 2.2 No scattered dog excrement within reserves.
- 3.1 Greater public use of reserves and reduced vandalism.
- 3.2 Local community needs are being met when consideration is given to this objective.
4. Minimum accidents from use of facilities.
5. Additional activities provided after consideration.
6. Facilities and access to reserves generally suitable for those with mobility impairments.
7. Leases and licences include adequate provision to minimise public risk as well as insurance cover.

## 14 OBJECTIVE

Retain opportunities to use open space for special events or projects and for future activities or structures if need becomes apparent.

### MEANS OF ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVE

1. Conduct new studies from time to time to ascertain demand for facilities.
2. Consider the results of such studies, and any requests which may be received using the processes of Manly LEP 1988 as a guide and in conjunction with other objectives of this Plan.
3. Consider the making or renewal of leases, licences or any other estate or permit, as appropriate.
4. At each lease, licence or permit renewal consider the need to continue the activity.
5. Comply with other statutory processes under the Local Government Act 1993 and the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, in particular.

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Review indicates that needs are properly assessed as may become known.
2. That opportunities remain available to meet future needs within the Council area.
3. Periodic assessment of whether community recreation needs are met by current lease arrangements.
4. Confirmation that consideration is given of the need to continue the particular land use activity at the time of lease, licence or permit renewal.
5. Statutory requirements complied with.

