

WARRINGAH COUNCIL



SPORTSGROUNDS

Plan of Management



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Executive summary

The accessibility and quality of open space and recreation areas in our community affect the way we live and play.

In this context, sportsgrounds play important roles in Warringah, including:

- Recreational opportunities, which contribute to the health and well being of the community;
- Public spaces, providing meeting places for people of all ages and places for community activities;
- Providing for future generations and accommodating the changing roles of sportsgrounds over time;
- Aesthetic appeal, providing green spaces as a relief from the urban environment, and a pleasant outlook for nearby residences and contributing to the identity of Warringah.

Council recognises the values of sportsgrounds and aims to ensure equitable access to sportsgrounds by all members of the community.

The Local Government Act 1993 requires that Councils prepare plans of management for all Community Land. "Generic" plans cover land with similar uses, issues and management objectives. This plan is a Generic Plan of Management for all Sportsgrounds located within the Warringah Local Government Area that are not otherwise covered by another Plan of Management.

Council manages a number of Crown Land reserves as sportsground under the Crown Lands Act 1989. For consistency purposes we have adopted the same management approach to all sportsgrounds regardless of whether they are located on Community or Crown land. The ownership of sportsgrounds is listed in Appendix 1.

The primary purpose of this Generic Plan is to provide the community, users and Council with a clear statement on the future use and management of Warringah's sportsgrounds to protect the values of sportsgrounds.

The management aims of this plan are based on the goals of Council's Strategic Plan Living Warringah. The relevant objectives are:

- Establish organisational priorities for the provision of assets and services through an Open Space and Recreation Plan which includes a hierarchy to guide provision of public open space and recreation facilities;
- Manage open space and recreation facilities to ensure appeal, safety and accessibility;
- Discourage alienation of public open space;
- Provide recreational facilities to meet the changing needs of the community;
- Ensure community involvement in planning of recreation facilities.

Council prepared the Sports in Warringah Strategy in 2004, after extensive consultation with the community and sporting clubs, and the recommendations of this strategy have been incorporated into this Sportsgrounds Plan of Management.

Council acknowledges that, under conditions where a generally dryer climate is expected combined with the established trend towards greater use of sportsgrounds, it will need to play a more strategic role in managing sportsgrounds. A number of actions in the Plan of Management are intended to provide both improved co-ordination with the Manly Warringah Pittwater Sporting Union and sporting groups in the allocation and management of grounds, and a more responsive role to link management actions to the conditions of the grounds. Council will prioritise capital works to promote the sustainability of the grounds, and to provide assets that address the broadest needs of sportsground users, and achieve the best possible overall outcome from the grounds.

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1 Background

The way we manage our physical environment and organise our lives affects our health in many subtle, varied and complex ways.

Over the last twenty-five years, contemporary lifestyles have changed dramatically, affecting what we eat and how much we move. Commentators have described the environment as ‘obesogenic’ - it encourages the over consumption of food and makes it easier for people to be sedentary, rather than physically active. Technological advances, urbanisation and the rise of the car dependent society drive these changes.

People are more likely to make healthy behaviour choices when these choices are easily available to them; and accessible and well-managed sportsgrounds and open spaces support healthy behaviours and can influence health and wellbeing.

Council’s Strategic Plan Living Warringah addresses these issues through the development of “living spaces” that incorporate the urban environment and the provision and management of open space. Sportsgrounds provide opportunities for organised sport and are an integral part of the urban-open space environment. This Plan recognises that the community sees sportsgrounds in a broad physical and social context and not just for organised sports, and provides for an ongoing role for the community in managing sportsgrounds.

The Plan also promotes a diversity of uses and recognises that improved access to sportsgrounds for all members of the community is important.

1.1 What is the scope of the Plan?

The Local Government Act 1993 requires that Councils prepare plans of management for all Community Land. “Generic” plans cover land with similar uses, issues and management objectives. This plan is a Generic Plan of Management for all Sportsgrounds located within the Warringah Local Government Area that are not otherwise covered by another Plan of Management.

The Local Government Act defines sportsgrounds as:

Land which is primarily used for sport and contains a sport specific field or court. It may also include landscaped areas and other amenities such as seats, grandstands etc.

Council owns or manages approximately 54 sportsgrounds, configuring approximately 127 sporting fields and over 70 netball and basketball courts.¹

Some sportsgrounds are covered by specific plans of management (eg. Brookvale Oval, and John Fisher Park) and are listed in this plan to identify their place in the sportsgrounds hierarchy and to establish consistent management principles between the specific and generic plans. The intention is that all grounds will be brought into a consistent management regime as specific plans of management are progressively revised. For completeness all sportsgrounds in Warringah Council, including those covered in other plans of management, are listed in Table 1 and in Appendices 2 and 3, and, and are also mapped in Figure 1. Lands covered by this Plan of Management are listed in Appendix 1.

The primary purpose of this Generic Plan is to provide the community, users, and Council with a clear statement on the future use and management of Warringah’s sportsgrounds to protect the values of sportsgrounds.

¹ The number of courts is based on the maximum configuration during the winter season and can vary depending on demand

Table 1 Sportsgrounds in Warringah Council

This list includes all sportsgrounds used by Warringah Council. For completeness the table includes sportsgrounds that are managed under other plans of management and school sportsgrounds, which are used by arrangement and are not covered by a plan of management.

Name	Location	UBD Ref	Plan of Management
Abbott Road Grounds	Opp Manly High School Curl Curl	177Q11	John Fisher Park
Adam Street Ground	Lalchere Avenue Nth Curl Curl	178E12	John Fisher Park
Allambie Heights Oval Playing Field	Allambie Road Allambie Hts	177C11	Sportsground
Aquatic Reserve Baseball Diamonds	Aquatic Drive Car Park Frenchs Forest	176P8	Manly Dam
Ararat Playing Field	Gratton Crescent Frenchs Forest	176M10	Sportsground
Beacon Hill Playing Fields	Willandra Road Beacon Hill	177H6	Sportsground
Belrose Playing Field (Bambara Oval)	Forestway Belrose	156H15	Sportsground
Beverly Job Playing Fields	McIntosh Road Narraweena	177P5	Sportsground
Brookvale Park (Oval)	Pine Avenue Brookvale	177N9	Brookvale Park
Collaroy Plateau Playing Fields	Blandford Street (Plateau Park) Collaroy Plateau	158D11	Sportsground
Condoover Playing Fields	Condoover Street Nth Balgowlah	197G4	Sportsground
County Road Reserve Playing Field	Forest Way Belrose	156H15	RTA land; included to indicate management intent
Cromer Park	South Creek Road Cromer	158A16	Dee Why and South Creek Valley
David Thomas Playing Fields	Sloane Crescent Manly Vale	197J1	District Park
Dee Why Playing Fields	Lismore Avenue Dee Why	178D3	Dee Why and South Creek Valley
Forestville Park	Currie Road Forestville	176K9	Sportsground
Frank Grey Playing Fields	Off Stirgess Ave Nth Curl Curl	178A12	John Fisher Park
Griffith Park Playing Field	Anzac Avenue Collaroy	158J15	Griffith Park
Harbord Park Playing Fields	Wyadra Avenue Harbord	178A14	Sportsground
Hews Parade Playing Fields	Hews Parade Belrose	156F13	Sportsground
J.J. Melbourne Hills Memorial Reserve	Kamber Road Terrey Hills	136J12	J.J Melbourne Hills
James Morgan Playing Field	Fisher Road	178A1	Sportsground

Name	Location	UBD Ref	Plan of Management
	North Cromer		
John Fisher Park 3,4 & 5	Abbott Road Nth Curl Curl	178D11	John Fisher Park
John Fisher Park Netball	Abbott Road. Nth Curl Curl	178C11	John Fisher Park
Killarney Heights Playing Fields	Melwood Avenue Killarney Hts	176F15	Sportsground
Lionel Watts Playing Field	Blackbutts Road Frenchs Forest	176E1	Sportsground
Macfarlane Playing Fields	Sir Thomas Mitchell Drive Davidson	155L16	Sportsground
Melwood (Forestville) Playing Fields	Melwood Avenue Forestville	176D12	Sportsground
Millers Reserve Playing Fields	Campbell Parade Manly Vale	197K1	District Park
Nolans Reserve	Pittwater Road Manly Vale	197N1	District Park
Passmore Playing Fields	Campbell Parade Manly Vale	197M2	District Park
Richard Healy Playing Field	McBrien Place Frenchs Forest	175Q4	Sportsground
Rueb Hudson Oval & Fay St Ground	Abbott Road Nth Curl Curl	178A11	John Fisher Park
St Mathews Farm	Grover Avenue Cromer	157P14	Dee Why and South Creek Valley
Stirgess Ave Playing Fields	Stirgess Avenue Nth Curl Curl	178C12	John Fisher Park
Terrey Hills Playing Fields	Yulong Road & Beltana Avenue Terrey Hills	136K6	Sportsground
Truman Road Playing Field	Toronto Avenue Cromer	157J12	Sportsground
Waldon Road Reserve	Waldon Road Belrose	156F5	Sportsground
Weldon Oval	Stirgess Avenue Nth Curl Curl	178B12	John Fisher Park
Wyatt Reserve	Contentin Road Belrose	156F9	Sportsground
School grounds used by agreement			
Beacon Hill High School	Tristram Road Beacon Hill	177G5	School, no Plan of Management
Belrose Public School	Ralston Avenue Belrose	156F11	School, no Plan of Management
Cromer High School Oval	Inman Road Cromer	158A15	School, no Plan of Management
Davidson High School	Pound Avenue Davidson	176B3	School, no Plan of Management
Forestville Public School	Melwood Avenue Forestville	176E10	School, no Plan of Management
Frenchs Forest Public School	Grace Avenue Frenchs Forrest	176J5	School, no Plan of Management

Name	Location	UBD Ref	Plan of Management
Forest High School	Frenchs Forest Road Frenchs Forrest	176L5	School, no Plan of Management
Freshwater High School	Harbord Road Harbord	177Q12	School, no Plan of Management
Terrey Hills Public School	Cooyong Road Terrey Hills	136H8	School, no Plan of Management



1.2 What is the statutory basis for this Plan of Management?

Local Government Act, 1993

The Local Government Act, 1993 (Section 36) requires that Council prepare plans of management for all community land.

Such a plan must identify:

- the category of the land;
- the objectives and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land (strategies);
- the means by which these strategies will be achieved; and
- the methods which will be used to assess whether the strategies are being achieved.

This Plan of Management is prepared as a generic plan, covering areas of land that are categorised as Sportsground.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a sportsground are:

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

Crown Lands Act, 1989

A number of sportsgrounds covered in this plan are located on land covered by the Crown Lands Act 1989 (CLA). For the purposes of the Act Council is a reserve trust manager.

The CLA does not require managers to prepare a plan of management, unlike the Local Government Act, although the Minister may direct a plan to be prepared. Where a reserve trust manager, with the Minister's consent, prepares a plan of management, Section 112 of the CLA requires the plan to specify or deal with the following matters:

- a) the condition of the reserve (including the condition of any buildings or other improvements on the reserve);
- b) the existing use of the reserve (including the existing use of any buildings or other improvements on the reserve);
- c) the nature and scale of the proposed additional purpose;
- d) the nature, scale and term of any lease, licence or other arrangement that is intended to be granted or entered into in relation to the additional purpose;
- e) any submissions made in relation to the draft plan as a result of the consultation process and public exhibition requirements under section 113.

This plan of management has been prepared to comply with the CLA for reserved Crown lands.

Lands to which the Crown Lands Act 1989 applies are not subject to the classification requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and appropriate uses are determined by the public purpose nominated for the land. Warringah Council has adopted the view that Crown lands will also be treated as though categorised to provide consistent management within a plan of management. A Crown reserve can have an additional purpose declared where there are competing interests, such as bushland (environment protection) and recreation (usually the primary purpose).

Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2000 (WLEP 2000)

Development in Public Open Space is limited by Clause 17, which requires all development to be consistent with the relevant Plan of Management. In the absence of a Plan of Management, only works that are exempt or are developed for the purpose of recreation facilities can be approved. For Crown Lands any development must be ancillary and supportive of the public purpose. The LEP requires that the Plan of Management, where it applies to Crown Lands, be adopted by the Minister.

This Plan identifies works that are appropriate for sportsgrounds.

The LEP, through Clause 10, also prohibits certain types of signs, and exempt development does not include signs visible from a public place. Schedule 4 of the LEP includes the provision that: "The following signs are prohibited by clause 10: signs which do not directly relate to the predominant land use, business or activity carried on, or proposed to be carried on, within the site or building on which the sign is to be placed, except public amenities such as street furniture, bus shelters and the like."

The State Environmental Planning Policy 64 (SEPP 64) controls the use of signs in certain situations.

All signs will be required to comply with this SEPP as well as any requirement under the Warringah Local Environmental Plan.

1.3 Who owns the land?

The lands covered by this Plan of Management are owned either by Warringah Council, as Community Land under the Local Government Act 1993, or by the State of NSW (Crown Land) under the Crown Lands Act 1989. Tenure and legal description details of the lands included in this plan are shown in Appendix 1.

1.4 How is the land Classified and Categorised?

All the Council-owned sportsgrounds in Warringah are Classified as Community Land under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993. In preparing a plan of management Council is also required to Categorise the land as one or more of the following under section 36(4) of the Act:

- a) a natural area;
- b) a sportsground;
- c) a park; or
- d) general community use.

In accordance with the above provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993, most of the community land covered by this plan is categorised Sportsground, as described above. Sportsgrounds often have adjacent areas of open space not used as sportsground and these have been categorised as Park, and in some cases more general functions require portions to be categorised as General Community Use. All categorised areas are mapped in Appendix 5 and those areas not categorised as sportsground are treated as in the relevant generic plans of management for parks and general community use. Natural areas are included in the relevant Bushland Plans of Management and contain specific actions to protect the natural values of those areas.

Crown Lands are not categorised under the Local Government Act but Council identifies appropriate uses in a similar way for management consistency. The Plan can identify specific characteristics of the sportsgrounds if that is required, e.g. pockets of bushland, and where required an additional purpose can be applied if the reserve purpose is not consistent with desired management outcomes.

Figure 1 Map of lands covered by Sportsground Plan of Management and other lands categorised as sportsground



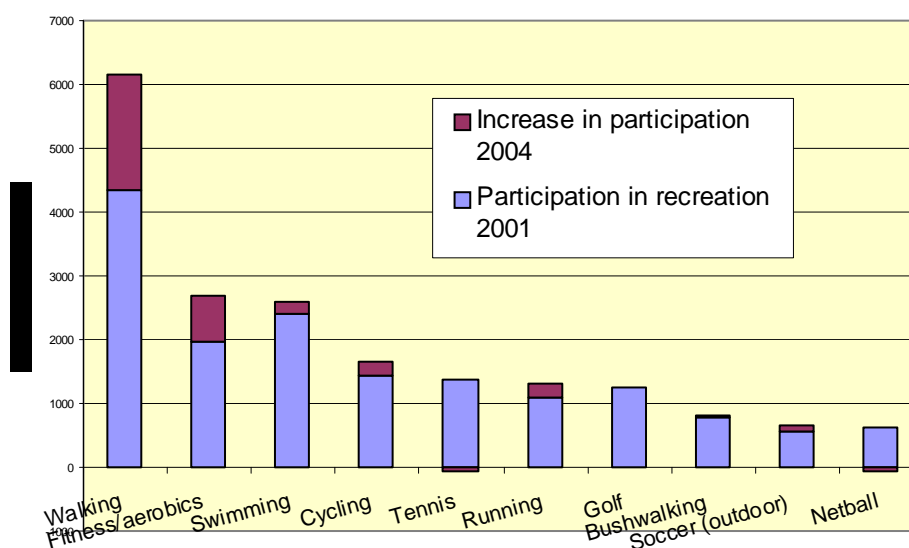
2 RECREATION DEMAND

2.1 Participation in Recreation Activities

Given the increasing concerns with general health and the rise in obesity in the Australian population the management of sportsgrounds needs to be seen in the context of recreation for the whole community. Data from the Exercise, Recreation and Sport Survey 2004 provides information, at a national level, on the most popular forms of recreation and participation rates.

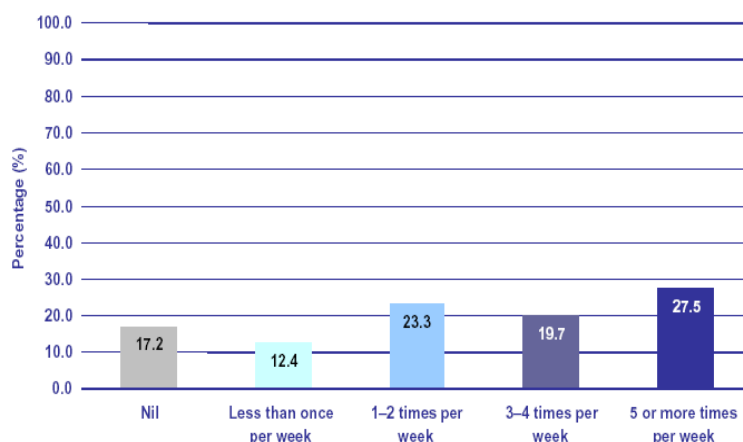
By far the highest participation sport is walking and with fitness/aerobics, cycling and running (2nd, 4th and 5th highest participation) could be promoted to achieve better health outcomes. These activities can be accommodated and promoted through use of open space, including sportsgrounds.

Figure 2.1 Change in participation in recreation 2001 - 2004



Less than half the people over fifteen years of age exercise three or more times per week, and higher participation rates could contribute to improved public health outcomes.

Figure 2.2 Frequency of participation in recreation (2004)

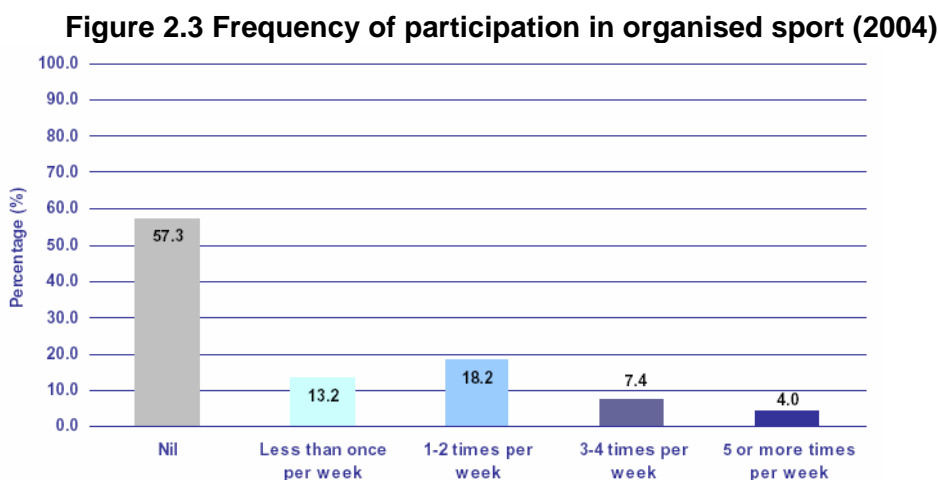


Base: All persons aged 15 years and over (n=13,662)

2.2 Participation in Organised Sport at a national level

During the 12 months prior to interview in 2004, an estimated 6.8 million persons aged 15 years and over participated in at least one activity that was organised by a club, association, fitness centre or other type of organisation. This represents a participation rate of 42.7%. It also represents over half (51.6%) of the 13.1 million persons who participated in a physical activity for exercise, recreation and sport.

In terms of frequency, 9 million persons (57.3%) did not participate in organised physical activities during 2004, while 2.1 million (13.2%) participated less than once a week, 2.9 million (18.2%) participated once or twice a week, 1.2 million (7.4%) participated three or four times and 625,300 (4.0%) participated five times or more.

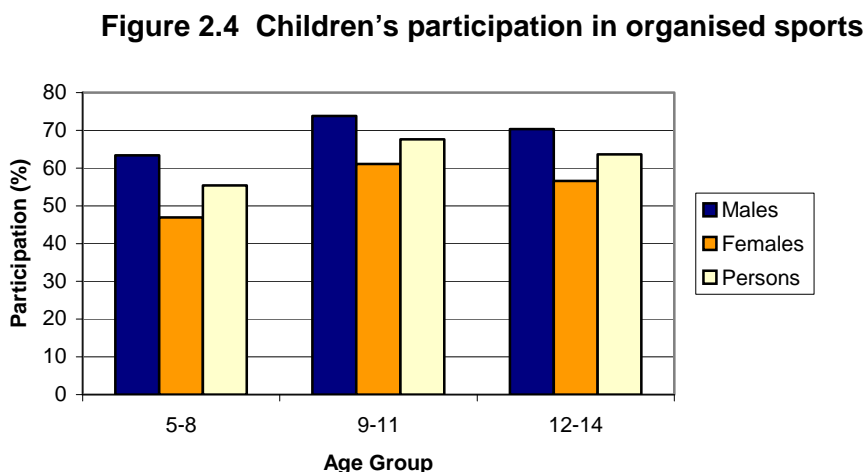


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It would appear that the majority of regular participants in organised sport play one competition game and attend one training session a week. Opportunities to increase participation in recreation through organised sports are now affected by the difficulty of providing more sportsgrounds and associated facilities. Council will continue to explore opportunities for new sportsgrounds while improving utilisation and management of the existing sportsgrounds.

2.3 Children's participation in Organised Sport at a national level

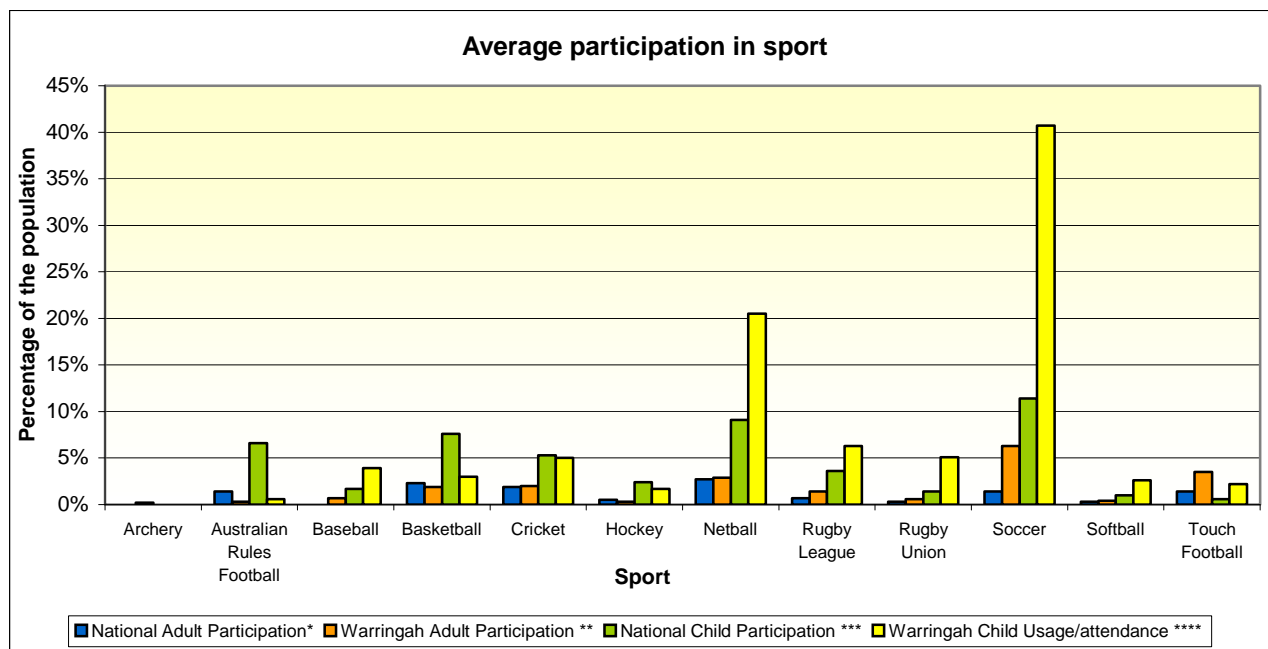
During the 12 months ending April 2003, 1.6 million or 61.6% of children aged 5-14 participated in sport outside of school hours that had been organised by a school, club or association. The sport participation rate for boys exceeded that for girls, both overall (68.6% compared with 54.2%), and within each age group category.



Children aged 9-11 were those most likely to participate in sport. Their participation rate of 67.6% exceeded the rates for both 12-14 year olds (63.6%) and 5-8 year olds (55.4%).

2.4 Participation in Organised Sport in Warringah

The most recent data available for Warringah, taken from Sports in Warringah, is that participation in sports such as netball, rugby, rugby union, touch football and soccer are higher in Warringah than for Australia as a whole. Soccer, in particular, has grown rapidly as a sport in recent years with resulting increases in demand for venues.



Rapid growth in participation, and an increasing population, when the availability of new sportsgrounds is constrained both by land availability and cost has had impacts on sportsground condition.

Council's goal is to integrate the sportsgrounds with a broader vision of open space and recreation opportunities, including multiple-purpose trails linking residential areas with the open spaces. This will increase recreation opportunities for the broader community and encourage healthy modes of travel to sportsgrounds for those playing organised sports.

3 STRATEGIC DIRECTION

3.1 Living Warringah

Council's guiding document is its strategic plan, Living Warringah. Warringah Council developed the goals in Living Warringah based on input from working groups, including community members and independent experts, for each key program area, and input from public meetings. Council has sought to ensure that the strategic goals for sportsground management, in this Plan of Management, reflect the concerns of the broader community. These over riding goals, as detailed in Living Warringah, are to:

- Establish organisational priorities for the provision of assets and services through an Open Space and Recreation Plan which includes a hierarchy to guide provision of public open space and recreation facilities;
- Manage open space and recreation facilities to ensure appeal, safety and accessibility;
- Discourage alienation of public open space;
- Provide recreational facilities to meet the changing needs of the community;
- Ensure community involvement in planning of recreation facilities.

Council's Recreation Strategy and Sports in Warringah Strategy (2004) provide an overview of recreation provision and this Plan of Management uses the Living Warringah goals to categorise the actions to be undertaken.

3.2 Sports in Warringah Strategy

The Sports in Warringah Strategy, published in 2004, was based on organised sports and included an intensive audit of sportsgrounds and consultation with the community and stakeholders. Council undertook a number of consultation meetings, with both sports participants and the general community, to identify more specific issues of concern.

The key recommendations of Sports in Warringah Strategy can be summarised as:

- Conduct an audit of existing use of sportsgrounds in line with allocation by the Manly Warringah Pittwater Sporting Union to ensure facilities are being used to their full allocation.
- Assess the carrying capacity of the sportsgrounds based on the sports played and facilities provided. Ensure allocation is in accordance with the carrying capacity of each field.
- Review the current sportsground categories (i.e. regional, sub-regional and local) and amend to more adequately reflect usage and demand.
- Prepare guidelines to formalise the appropriate level and type of development for each sportsground category, i.e. regional, sub-regional or local.
- Review the current ground configuration to ensure the maximum numbers of sports are catered for and that allocation caters for a variety of sports.
- Conduct an audit of existing built facilities and develop a program for improving facilities at outdoor sportsgrounds in Warringah.
- Establish a regional committee for the strategic management of sports, this committee could provide a forum for discussion and communication of ideas and resolution of common issues.
- Continue to support the Manly Warringah Pittwater Sporting Union and their role in sportsground allocation.
- Review the current fees and charges for use and hire of Warringah's sporting fields, including use by members of the Manly Warringah Pittwater Sporting Union.

- Actively pursue the development of new sporting facilities.

Sportsground Plan of Management Issues and Options – Discussion Paper

During 2006 Council released a Discussion Paper to seek further input into the Sportsgrounds Plan of Management. A number of submissions were received from individuals and clubs, and Council staff met with the representatives of the Manly Warringah Pittwater Sporting Union to pursue issues of concern to sporting clubs.



4 What are the community values of Sportsgrounds?

The accessibility and quality of open space and recreation opportunities are vital elements of our social and physical environment.

The following values for sportsgrounds have been identified through formal community consultation mechanisms. Although no attempt was made to list these in any priority order, the first three values were cited most frequently in the community workshops.

4.1 Recreation

Sportsgrounds are highly valued for the wide range of recreational opportunities that they provide for the community. They are valued as areas that can be used for physical activity and exercise that contributes to the health and well being of the community.

4.2 Social

Sportsgrounds play a major role in the provision of public spaces for social interaction, as meeting places for people of all ages, and as places for community activities. They are valued for the availability and accessibility of sportsgrounds to all members of the community.

Organised sports can contribute to both social and life skills through involvement with others and the need for co-operative action to achieve collective outcomes. The benefits of health and fitness can transfer to other activities, particularly for educational outcomes for children and young adults.

Most recreation at the local and regional level is dependent on the work of volunteers and the creation of a community of interest. While there is ongoing evidence of antisocial behaviour among some sportspeople and spectators the general outcomes are positive and Council will continue to support sports and recreation.

4.3 Future Generations

The provision and open accessibility to sportsgrounds for future generations is regarded as being of paramount importance. The changing roles of sportsgrounds for broader community recreation, as well as increasing participation and rapid growth in participation of some sports, is recognised and needs to be accommodated.

4.4 Aesthetic/Visual

The sportsgrounds are valued for their aesthetic appeal, providing green space as a relief from the urban environment and a pleasant outlook for nearby residences and a sense of space.

4.5 Cultural/Intrinsic

Sportsgrounds are valued for their cultural and historical significance, the role that they play in community life and the contribution that they make to the identity of the community and sense of place.

5 Management Issues

The following issues for sportsgrounds in Warringah have been identified by users, and are grouped into major headings. The issues are listed in no specific priority order.

Council's management of sportsgrounds

Council has, in recent years, relied on the Manly Warringah Pittwater Sporting Union to provide advice on field allocations. This system worked well until the combination of dry seasons and increased levels of participation led to fields being overused and difficulties of providing adequate maintenance and facilities. Councils needs to improve data collection and to provide an integrated management response, including funding, for both capital works and maintenance, and facilitating user levels appropriate to field conditions and assets.

The Manly Warringah Pittwater Sporting Union collects about \$130,000 each year for capital works on behalf of the combined Councils. These funds have been allocated equally to the three councils and over the last six years Warringah Council's share has contributed to amenities at Cromer Park and Abbott Road, and for proposed improvements at David Thomas Reserve.

Maintenance of sportsgrounds

Council's Project Services teams provide maintenance of the grounds (based on category) determined by agreed levels of service, with additional support by arrangements with clubs. Cleaning of toilets depends on contracts and individual agreements with clubs. Improved reporting of problems will improve response times.

Council spends over a million dollars annually to maintain sportsgrounds.

Drainage and irrigation

Improving irrigation and drainage is a recognised priority. In some cases irrigation and drainage can conflict with other rehabilitation techniques requiring ongoing review of new methods. Some fill sites, due to the nature and distribution on material, make installation of drainage and irrigation difficult and expensive.

Facilities maintenance and design standards

Council recognises that all grounds require a base level of facilities and services. Where grounds are used more intensively higher levels of facilities will be appropriate and Council has used the Sportsgrounds hierarchy to provide an indication of the levels of facilities to be provided.

All buildings should support Warringah's Sustainable Energy and Local Greenhouse Strategy and comply with sustainable building requirements; community values will be taken into account in establishing priorities and direction.

Subsidence and poor field condition

A number of Council sportsgrounds are constructed on former landfill sites, resulting in ongoing problems of subsidence and soil quality. In addition residual fill materials can make the installation of services, especially irrigation, very difficult and costly. Council collects the Sportsfields Subsidence and Rectification Levy to help address these issues. The lack of sportsgrounds can inhibit upgrades because of problems of relocating teams displaced from the grounds under repair. Many sportsgrounds suffering from subsidence are in the floodplain and there are additional requirements for development consent to prevent flooding of other properties as a result of remediation works.

Wet weather management

Wet fields can be a risk for players and can be damaged more easily. Council advises of closures which must be complied with, however clubs have a final responsibility at all times to assess the condition of grounds as being suitable for play.

Associated facilities (Community & Ancillary)

Sportsgrounds provide a vital part of the provision of open space and recreation, both informal and organised. In addition reserves can be a focus of broader community activities and functions, and community facilities.

Availability and allocation of sportsgrounds

The allocation of grounds has become more critical as participation in individual sports changes, new sports become popular, and older players are returning to sport, as part of the growing appreciation of recreation as a key component of health and well being. The lack of lighting has also meant an unequal distribution of use for training and a priority will be to provide/upgrade lights to the relevant standard at appropriate grounds.

The overall impact has seen a number of grounds overused, particularly in high use areas, with increasing costs to return fields to a suitable condition for play.

Managing the different users and the way sportsgrounds are managed

Sporting clubs are not the only users of grounds and approval for other uses needs to take into account the overall condition and level of use of the grounds, and the potential for damage. Many users are unapproved and informal use can also damage the grounds.

Many schools use sportsgrounds and these uses also need to be co-ordinated with other allocations to prevent over use of some fields.

Impacts on local residents

Increasing participation in sports has resulted in increased impacts to neighbours from increased numbers of players, greater use of fields, and the provision of facilities, especially lighting, to promote the best use of available grounds.

Dog exercising on sportsgrounds

Council promotes responsible use of appropriate open space for dog exercising and has allowed unleashed dogs on sportsgrounds in appropriate circumstances. Council takes into account issues such as child safety, the amenity of other sportsgrounds users, the presence of adjacent wildlife protection areas, and off site issues such as major roads. Council will continue to consider using sportsgrounds for dog exercising on a case-by-case basis.

Information signs and the need for improved communication

Council has recognised that improved signage is required to provide information to users. There are concerns that there is the potential for visual clutter from poor and excessive signage, especially for advertising. Council will adopt a minimalist approach, consistent with providing the necessary information at each location.

Leases and licenses for fields and buildings to formalise management and responsibilities

Council generally prefers seasonal licences/use agreements as leases provide exclusive access and prevents the greater enjoyment of the fields by the community. Clubs often seek greater security of tenure because of tradition and past commitments to the fields and buildings but restrictive tenures can make it difficult to manage fields for the best outcomes for the community.

Sportsgrounds as open space

Sportsgrounds and bushland are often the largest parts of Council's open space and these reserves need to be integrated fully into the open space system. Council endeavours to ensure that grounds are not alienated from general use and will only support non-exclusive seasonal licences over fields.

Special events, reserve hire and non sporting uses

Sportsgrounds should be used for other community activities and functions but these uses need to be considered in the context of potential conflicts with allocated sports, the existing levels of use, and damage to grounds.

Consulting the community

Council recognises the broader community interest in sportsgrounds and has provided for appropriate community representation on committees and will advertise developments at sportsgrounds by advertising and site signage.

Opportunities for improved future provision

Council will review appropriate standards for playing fields and investigate new/improved means of managing sportsgrounds. Examples include new playing surfaces and irrigation methods, better lighting controls, and well as opportunities for new field layouts. Council will continue to investigate opportunities to acquire new lands for sportsgrounds and the development of specialised training areas to reduce the impact on sportsgrounds.



6 BASIS FOR MANAGEMENT

This Sportsgrounds Plan of Management will:

- Satisfy the requirements of all relevant legislation
- Give effect to all relevant Council policies
- Give effect to the on-ground management strategies in the Living Spaces Chapter of Living Warringah as they relate to recreation provision and management of open space.
- In conjunction with other plans of management, provide a consistent approach to management of open spaces in the Warringah local government area.

Council's performance in achieving this over the long term will be measured through assessment of:

- User satisfaction, and
- Physical condition and usability of the grounds.

User assessment will be based on satisfaction levels and the degree to which the community perceives the values of sportsgrounds are impacted upon or changed over an extended period of time. These will be measured through both formal and informal community feedback mechanisms including Council's Community Survey process.

Physical assessment will also have regard for annual operational costs, damage and repair to playing surfaces and facilities, and levels of use.

7 What is the management goal?

The Goal below is taken directly from Council's adopted Strategic Plan Living Warringah. Supporting Strategies, also from Living Warringah, provide further detail in relation to the objectives and performance targets for this Plan of Management. Means of achieving these Strategies are discussed in the following pages as well as in the more detailed Action Plan.

7.1 Living Spaces Goal 1

To provide a diverse range of high quality open space and recreation facilities to meet the needs of the community.

Success is a range of open space and recreation facilities that are well managed, of a standard appropriate to the level of use of the facility and used by a broad section of the community.

The Living Warringah Strategies which support this Goal, and which are relevant to Sportsgrounds, are outlined in the following Sections.

8 What are the management actions?

8.1 Establish organisational priorities for the provision of assets and services through a Sportsground hierarchy (Living Warringah Strategy LS1.1)

To plan for a hierarchy of quality, multi-use sportsgrounds and associated facilities to cater for all groups in the community (Management Actions 1-4)

Council has developed a planning strategy based on a hierarchy of sportsgrounds. Management priorities will be achieved by correlating the hierarchy of sportsgrounds and facilities with allocations for use, and management commitments to promote sustainability.

This approach recognises the differing requirements for sportsgrounds, in accordance with the standards of play and the extent of community use, and allows appropriate future planning and resource allocation. It should be noted that levels of use do not necessarily correlate with the levels in the hierarchy: this is primarily because the higher field categories also require higher quality playing surfaces, which can often only be achieved by (relatively) lower levels of use.

All sportsgrounds are placed into one of five categories:

- Regional A or B, or
- Sub Regional, or
- Local A or B.

The hierarchy, based on current service standards, is shown in Table 2.

An ongoing review of use and sportsground conditions will allow responsive management approaches to prevent degradation of sportsgrounds.

Council will review the hierarchy of its sportsgrounds, as part of the regular review of the strategies/actions in this Plan of Management, to reflect changes in community use and/or demand, subject to Council's ability to develop and maintain the sportsgrounds as required. Each category has a corresponding level of service required and recategorisation has financial and resource implications across all grounds.

1 Regional Sportsgrounds:

Regional sportsgrounds are specialised sites with higher-level facilities for competitive sports at national, state and/or regional level. They are usually associated with particular sporting clubs and require a high standard of maintenance. Warringah currently has two Regional sportsgrounds, including Brookvale Park (the only Regional A) and Cromer Park (the only Regional B).

2 Sub-Regional Sportsgrounds:

Sub-Regional sportsgrounds are extensively utilised sites with club facilities for year round Sub-regional, district, and local competitions requiring a significant level of maintenance. They are usually associated with particular sporting clubs and may have additional community facilities such as playgrounds and BBQ's. There is potential for both Regional and Sub-Regional fields to be utilised for the location of Community Centres and/or used for a range of other non-sporting activities. These larger facilities should be developed on the basis of established need both locally and regionally, with the sporting clubs allocated a share of the use of the facility. For example community centres are located now at, or adjacent to, Lionel Watts and Collaroy Plateau sportsgrounds.

Warringah currently has eleven Sub-Regional sportsgrounds and examples include St Matthews Farm, Lionel Watts Playing fields, and the Aquatic Drive Baseball Field.

3 Local Sportsgrounds:

Local sportsgrounds are sites with facilities predominantly for local or social competitions and other sporting events and are used for non-structured recreation. With the increasing demands for open space these grounds are subject to increasing use and now require increasing levels of maintenance.

Local A are the standard playing field suitable for competition and training (with lighting to the relevant Australian Standard). These fields can have amenities, changing rooms, a kiosk, and storage areas.

Local B fields are usually smaller and have fewer opportunities for development, and are often little more than a local park. Parking is often limited and the fields are not accessible from major, or collector, roads. For this reason the Local B fields are used to support weekend competition and daytime training to reduce impacts on residents and keep maintenance costs at an affordable level.

Warringah currently has twenty-two (22) Local A sportsgrounds, and six (6) Local B sportsgrounds (supplemented by the use of 9 school sportsgrounds).

A full list of sportsgrounds including hierarchy, and allocated sports, is provided in Appendix 2

Infrastructure development and assets

Council will provide, or contribute to, the facilities appropriate to each level of playing field, on a priority basis, taking into account the needs of the site and medium and long-term management of the assets.

Council has a formalised Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) process, which identifies and prioritises projects on the basis of community needs and social and environmental benefits. Proposals consistent with a plan of management are given a higher priority.

All assets on council-managed land should be multi-use to:

- Ensure the best use of community assets, and
- Contribute to long-term funding for asset replacement.

The traditional approach of providing assets without adequate ongoing funding has resulted in poor quality assets with both user and financial costs passed on to the next generation.

At a sportsground complex where there are a number of fields, and a single development could serve a number of functions, then higher level facilities could be appropriate in recognition of the greater use and opportunities for improved services to the community from co-location rather than a number of smaller facilities. In these circumstances a single larger building could provide improved social and club amenities, usable by other community groups at appropriate times, supported by smaller sports amenities buildings appropriate for the individual field. The CAPEX process will allow these potentially non-complying proposals to be assessed and ranked on the basis of community and environmental benefit.

Table 2 Sportsgrounds Hierarchy

Facilities	Regional Sportsground A	Regional Sportsground B	Sub-regional Sportsground	Local Sportsground A	Local Sportsground B
Example	Brookvale Oval, Brookvale	Cromer Park, Cromer	Lionel Watts Reserve, Frenchs Forest	Millers Reserve, Manly Vale	Condoover Street, Nth. Balgowlah
User Community	Use at regional, state & national level	Use at state and regional level	Use at sub-regional and district level, high level of participation and competition	Use at district, local and junior level	Use at local and junior level
Types of Use	Training and competition. Night competition by agreement. Dedicated sporting or event use, with appropriate community access as applicable	Training and competition. Night competition by agreement. Dedicated sporting event use, with appropriate community access as applicable	Training and daylight competition. Night competition by agreement. ¹ Shared use with general community when not in use by sport	Training and daylight competition. ¹ Night competition by agreement. Shared use with general community	Daylight competition and training. Shared use with general community (except school grounds)
Spectator Facilities	Undercover or formalised seating eg. Grandstand	Some undercover or formalised seating	Covered seating optional with spectator mounds	Informal spectator seating areas or sideline viewing	Sideline viewing only
Other Facilities	Change rooms, toilets, kiosks, officials room, meeting room, function rooms, scoreboard, fencing, ticket box	Change rooms, toilets, officials room, meeting room, kiosk, amenity fencing	Change rooms, toilets, kiosk, storage areas	Change rooms, toilets, kiosk, storage areas	Toilets
Transport & Access	Formal parking, arterial road support with public transport option	Formal parking, sub arterial or collector road support	Designated car park, Collector road support	Usually on street and off street parking. Collector and local road support	Parking on street, Local road support
Grounds Maintenance	High level with partnership agreement or operator maintained	High level with club partnership agreement	Moderate level with seasonal club partnership agreement	Low level with seasonal club partnership agreement	Low level with seasonal club partnership agreement
Park furniture & Signage	Pavilion, Barbeques, Picnic table, bench seats, State park signage, electronic scoreboard	Picnic table, bench seats, Regional park signage, Manual scoreboard	Picnic table, barbeque, bench seats, standard routed timber sign	Bench seats, standard routed timber signage	Bench seats, standard routed timber signage
Floodlights	To relevant Australian Standard (Television/Video). ²	To relevant Australian Standard. ²	To relevant Australian Standard. ²	To relevant Australian Standard. ²	Street security lighting only

1. All proposals for night competition must be site-specific and address matters including but not limited to net impact on field usage/maintenance, infrastructure requirements, cost recovery, impact on surrounding residents and expected sporting/community benefits. Preference will be given to sub-regional and regional sportsgrounds for night competition.
2. The relevant Australian Standard refers to the lighting requirements in terms of each code. The specifications are outlined in AS 2560.1 and associated documents and (at 2007) identify: for all football codes, ball and physical training as 50 lux, club competition and match practice 100 lux; netball and basketball 100 lux ; softball and baseball infield 200-250 lux and outfield 75 -150 lux. Refer to the relevant documents for details of layout and illumination requirement.

8.2 Manage open space and recreation facilities to ensure appeal, safety and accessibility (Management Actions 6-46) (Living Warringah Strategy LS 1.2)

To provide safe quality sportsgrounds maintained at levels appropriate to their usage, acceptable to their main users, and within Council's budget abilities, the Council will:

- Provide safe quality sportsgrounds maintained at levels appropriate to their usage, acceptable to their main users, and within Council's budget abilities. (Management Actions 6-11)
- Audit and review allocations and uses of sportsgrounds for both organised and casual use. (Management Actions 12,13)
- Monitor ground quality and sustainability to provide advice on allocations (Management Action 14)
- Reduce impacts on local residents (Management Actions 15-17)
- Improve risk management of sportsgrounds and works at fields (Management Actions 18-20)
- Improve management of dogs and other animals to promote shared use and minimise impacts on other users (Management Actions 21-24):
- Improve linkages to other open space and promote safe access other than by car where possible (Management Actions 25,26).
- Improve financial management of assets (Management Actions 27,28)
- Continue to manage playing surfaces to maximise sustainable utilisation (Management Actions 29-32)
- Improve wet weather management and the responses by clubs to prevent degradation of grounds after heavy and/or prolonged rainfall (Management Actions 33-37)
- Review asset creation to promote safe, equitable, and sustainable use of the sportsgrounds (Management Actions 38,39)
- Improve the appearance of sportsgrounds and provide shade trees for sun safety and visual amenity (Management Action 40)
- Provide safe parking that prevents vehicle access to the sportsfields (Management Action 41).
- Ensure a consistent approach to signage to ensure compliance with requirements and to provide an informative and attractive presentation for visitors (Management Actions 42-46)

8.3 Encourage multiuse of open space and facilities and ensure any leases of licences are of a term and conditions that achieve a positive outcome for the community (Management Actions 47-54) (Living Warringah Strategy LS 1.5)

A key form of alienation is the allocation of open space to the exclusive use of a particular group (or groups). This can only be achieved through leases and licences, which are strongly regulated in the Local Government Act 1993. Council will:

- Ensure Warringah's sportsgrounds are accessible to all members of the community for a range of sporting and non structured uses (Management Actions 47)
- Manage licences and other user agreements to ensure appropriate allocation of public spaces (Management Actions 48,49)
- Ensure all Crown Lands leases etc. properly issued and all financial dealings properly audited (Management Action 50)

- Implement consistent and efficient reserve hiring processes (Management Actions 51-53)
- Manage special events, reserve hire and non-sporting use to prevent conflicts with other users and damage to fields and assets. (Management Action 54)

8.4 Provide recreational facilities to meet the changing needs of the community (Management Actions 54-58) (Living Warringah Strategy LS 1.6)

Council will apply an adaptive management approach to the management of these lands to ensure both management and provision of assets is co-ordinated to achieve sustainable outcomes. To this end Council will:

- Develop new facilities in accord with overall strategic and site management goals (Management Actions 54-55)
- Seek additional funding for new facilities (Management Action 56)
- Survey the community periodically to check on participation and user satisfaction (Management Actions 57, 58)

8.5 Ensure community involvement in planning of recreation facilities (Management Actions 59-61) (Living Warringah Strategy LS 1.8)

- Ensure appropriate provision of facilities by consulting with the community (Management Action 59)
- Ensure compatible use arrangements of facilities (Management Action 60).
- Ensure community representation on the strategic regional advisory committee (Management Action 61).

8.6 Implementation & Review

On adoption of the final Sportsground Plan of Management, the following process of implementation and review should be undertaken.

Implementation

- Strategies/Mean of Achievement to be included within appropriate Council Operational Plans.
- Strategies/Mean of Achievement to be reflected annually within Council operational budgets.
- Directions and actions to be developed through Council's Asset Management Program.
- Directions and actions to be reflected in Council's Capital Works Funding Program.
- Service Areas/Units to implement actions according to resources and allowance in budgeting process.

Review

- Council will monitor the status of implementation of the Strategies/Mean of Achievement.
- Council's Strategy and Policy Unit will co-ordinate an annual review of the Plan's Strategies/Mean of Achievement in consultation with staff across Council. This will involve a review of actions and priorities having regard to changing needs, directions and the availability of resources.

9 Action Tables

Priority. The strategies and time frames established in this plan provide a framework for management consistent with anticipated availability of resources and anticipated community trends. The priority ratings outlined are subject to the availability of necessary staff and funds, and may require modification if special circumstances arise. Codes used to define priorities are as follows:

H (High)

M (Medium)

L (Low)

O (Ongoing) The strategy/action is implemented on an ongoing basis for the life of this Plan

RPD = Recreational Planning and Development

CEL= Coasts Estuaries and Lagoons

Compliance = Compliance Services

MWPSU = Manly Warringah Pittwater Sporting Union

SP= Strategic Planning Branch

Property = Property Branch

SHOROC = Shore Regional Organisation of Councils

Strategy and Policy = Strategy and Policy Branch

Authorised works

This Plan authorises the construction of all works associated with the provision of sporting facilities and the best management of grounds. This includes irrigation, drainage, lighting, and buildings and ancillary structures provided to support recreation and appropriate community activities.

In general, the relevant categorisation of the ground in the Sportsground Hierarchy will determine the facilities provided, however applications for higher levels of facilities can be considered where there are clear community benefits. Such applications will be considered in Council's CAPEX review process, which requires an assessment of the costs and benefits of the proposal, which is then ranked in priority compared to other capital projects.

Areas categorised as Park will be managed in accordance with Council's Playground Strategy and Parks Plan of Management.

Performance target	Means of achievement (Management Actions)	Means of assessment (of the actions)	Priority	Resources estimation	Who will do it?
9.1 Establish organisational priorities for the provision of assets and services.					
A hierarchy of quality, multi-use sportsgrounds and associated facilities to cater for all groups in the community.	1. Facility development and uses are consistent with the sportsground category. All buildings will be designed to incorporate water and energy savings measures and support Crime Prevention through environmental design. Buildings and grounds will include Public Art where appropriate, in line with Council's Cultural Plan and Art in Public Places Policy.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities.	O	Staff Resources As required	RPD
	2. Investigate means to increase the number, capacity and area of sportsgrounds available for competition and/or training (lighting/field layout/synthetic surfaces/new fields/etc.) Specifically seek transfer of management/ownership of the land known as County Road to Council to ensure long-term availability for sports. Investigate inclusion of unformed section of Truman Avenue into Truman Reserve.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities. Improved sportsground condition	H/O	Staff Resources As required	SP RPD
	3. Where major proposed developments may have a potential regional impact, neighbouring Councils (Manly, Mosman, Pittwater, Willoughby and Ku-Ring-Gai) should be consulted to discuss possible involvement and planning input from a regional perspective.	Consultation with neighbouring Council's occurs every time sportsground developments may have a significant regional impact.	O	Staff Resources As required	RPD/ SHOROC
	4. Develop clear maintenance specifications, identifying appropriate performance standards and requirements for all sportsgrounds in Warringah. Investigate control of invasive grasses to improve playing surface sustainability.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities.	O/H	Staff Resources As required	RPD
Improved drainage and irrigation:	5. Develop a prioritised list of sportsgrounds that identifies the fields most likely to benefit from drainage and irrigation improvements. Ensure runoff from grounds does not impact on other open space/bushland.	Priority list developed within 12 months and included in Council's annual capital expenditure program.	H	Staff Resources As required	RPD

Performance target (Strategies)	Means of achievement (Management Actions)	Means of assessment (of the actions)	Priority	Resources estimation	Who will do it?
9.2 Manage open space and recreation facilities to ensure appeal, safety and accessibility.					
To provide safe quality sportsgrounds maintained at levels appropriate to their usage, acceptable to their main users, and within Council's budget abilities.	6. Regular (annual) review of maintenance performance and cleaning standards to ensure they are relevant and meeting community needs. Update as required.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities.	O/H.	Staff Resources As required	RPD
	7. Removal of illegal structures on a priority basis.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities.	O/H	Staff Resources As required	RPD/ Compliance
	8. Provide or upgrade lighting to all fields in accordance with the sportsground hierarchy to ensure safety and best use of fields. Incorporate improved lighting controls to control use and allocate costs. Investigate bundling and undergrounding of overhead cables to improve safety and amenity when installing or upgrading field lighting.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities.	O	Staff Resources As required	RPD
	9. Investigate and implement, on a priority basis, alternative sources of irrigation water including stormwater capture, sewer mining, and groundwater where the resource is sustainable	Improved condition of sportsgrounds.	O/H	Staff Resources As required	RPD CEL
	10. Investigate the use of a sportsfields rating system to improve safety and reduce maintenance costs. The system could provide reliable, regular information on grounds condition to manage impacts on the grounds and assess the effectiveness of alternative management practices such as synthetic surfaces, modified training protocols, and field layouts.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities. Improved condition of sportsgrounds.	O/M	Staff Resources As required	RPD

Performance target (Strategies)	Means of achievement (Management Actions)	Means of assessment (of the actions)	Priority	Resources estimation	Who will do it?
9.2 Manage open space and recreation facilities to ensure appeal, safety and accessibility.					
	<p>11. Establish a sportsground advisory committee, which will consolidate existing committees, including community members, to overview allocations/use /management/ safety to ensure sustainability of sportsgrounds. The role of the committee could address broader recreation issues and include, but not be limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advise on the implementation of the SHOROC Sportsfields Improvement Fund. ○ Incorporate other functions such as the Sportsfield Rectification Committee to provide holistic advice to Council ○ Provide a forum for communication and information sharing between the Manly Warringah Pittwater Sporting Union & Manly, Warringah and Pittwater Councils to facilitate appropriate planning and provision of sporting facilities, and review of financial and management information and advise on allocations to best meet the needs of users. ○ Review and promote the future provision of sportsgrounds in the region. ○ Promote a SHOROC-wide sports safety programme ○ Facilitate communication between active and passive recreational users of sportsgrounds. 	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities	H	Staff Resources As required	RPD
Audit and review allocations and uses of sportsgrounds for both organised and casual uses	<p>12. Allocations to be based on projected user numbers for each time allocation and take into account age of players. Council will undertake regular audits of use, as required, to compare actual use to allocation to ensure compliance and to correlate use levels to maintenance and field condition.</p>	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities.	O	Staff Resources As required	RPD

Performance target (Strategies)	Means of achievement (Management Actions)	Means of assessment (of the actions)	Priority	Resources estimation	Who will do it?
9.2 Manage open space and recreation facilities to ensure appeal, safety and accessibility.					
	13. Review the Sporting Union's charter and Council's ground allocation policies and consider introducing clear grievance/appeals procedures. Ensure allocations are made on fair, justifiable and equitable criteria and achieve the aim of optimising utilisation of all grounds.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities.	H	Staff Resources As required)	SHOROC MWPSU RPD
Monitor ground condition to provide advice on allocations	14. Establish procedures for regular reporting on ground condition by individual clubs through their associations and the MWPSU.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities	H	Staff Resources As required	RPD
Reduce impact on local residents	15. Develop and implement a "good neighbour" code of conduct for users, to address noise, litter, parking, smoking and management of functions. Appropriate condition will be included in user agreements with sporting clubs and other users. Prepare signs for each facility and an information brochure for users.	Number of complaints to Council	H	Staff Resources As required	RPD
	16. Investigate vandalism and security at sportsgrounds and develop a series of strategies in attempt to reduce antisocial behaviour and crime.	Number of complaints to Council	H/O	Staff Resources As required	RPD
	17. Future development and upgrading of sportsgrounds is to consider, plan for, and minimise any possible negative impacts on local residents (See Action 58).	Number of complaints to Council.	O	Ad Hoc	RPD
Improved risk management_	18. Council will work with clubs and their insurers to establish appropriate operational procedures for volunteer workers, possibly including induction, training and documentation.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities.	H/O	Staff Resources As required	HR
	19. Ongoing compliance with Council's OH&S system and procedures.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities. Number of complaints received.	O	Staff Resources As required	RPD

Performance target (Strategies)	Means of achievement (Management Actions)	Means of assessment (of the actions)	Priority	Resources estimation	Who will do it?
9.2 Manage open space and recreation facilities to ensure appeal, safety and accessibility.					
Improve management of dogs and other animals to promote shared use and minimise impacts on other users:	20. Sportsgrounds and reserves are to be correctly signposted to ensure the general public is aware of the restrictions relating to dogs at each sporting and recreation venue.	Number of complaints received regarding dogs in sportsgrounds acting contrary to notices. Compare changes (in numbers of complaints) over time.	O	Staff Resources As required	Compliance RPD
	21. Regular and prompt attention by Council Rangers to matters relating to dogs acting contrary to notices at sporting and recreation venues.	As above.	O	Staff Resources As required	Compliance
	22. Continue emphasis on community education in relation to disposal of dog faeces. Provide additional poop and scoop facilities as required in areas used heavily for dog exercising.	Number of complaints received regarding dogs on sportsgrounds & reserves. Compare changes over time.	O	Staff Resources As required	Environmental Education
	23. Investigate the possibility of developing additional unleashed dog exercise areas in public reserves on a case-by-case basis.	Review completed within 12 months of adopting this Plan.	M	Staff Resources As required	Environmental Education RPD
Improve linkages to other open space and promote safe access other than by car where possible.	24. Investigate opportunities to improve walking and cycle linkages between existing open space areas, schools, residential areas and shopping precincts. (In accordance with Living Warringah recommendations)	Number of potential pedestrian and bicycle linkages identified.	H	Staff Resources As required	SP RPD Traffic
	25. Increase the accessibility of sportsgrounds to disabled users, and parents with strollers and prams where appropriate through suitably graded paths, ramps, dedicated parking, and relevant building codes for amenities.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities.	M/L	Staff Resources As required	RPD
Improved financial management of assets	26. Review fees and charges for non-MWPSU sportsgrounds users and investigate the level of support for the possible introduction of a "Facilities Contribution Fee" to assist in funding of capital works.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities. Improved condition of sportsgrounds.	H	Staff Resources As required	SHOROC RPD

Performance target (Strategies)	Means of achievement (Management Actions)	Means of assessment (of the actions)	Priority	Resources estimation	Who will do it?
9.2 Manage open space and recreation facilities to ensure appeal, safety and accessibility.					
Continue to manage playing surface to maximise sustainable utilisation	27. Investigate opportunities for greater sportsground space utilisation and rationalisation (field layout) to increase capacity and safety.	Prioritised list of sportsgrounds that would benefit from altered field configuration to increase capacity and safety.	O	Staff Resources As required	RPD
	28. Continue rectification of 'small' areas of subsidence through normal reserves maintenance procedures, particularly where such subsidence constitutes a safety risk.	Number of subsidence rectification works completed annually. Compare changes over time.	O	Staff Resources As required	RPD
	29. Restrict use of subsidence-affected sportsfields to activities/sports that pose nil or minimal safety risk due to uneven surface levels in conjunction with user groups.	% and number of claims against Council for injury due to subsidence.	O	Staff Resources As required	RPD Property
	30. Continue to implement subsidence rectification works on a priority listing.	Improved conditions of sportsgrounds affected by subsidence.	H/O	Staff Resources As required	RPD (Regional Advisory Committee)
Improve wet weather management and the responses by clubs to prevent degradation of grounds after heavy and/or prolonged rainfall:	31. Review existing wet weather management policies and update if necessary. Develop Operational Management Standard.	Improved condition of sportsgrounds.	O	Staff Resources As required	RPD
	32. Ensure effective and efficient procedures are in place to minimise loss of playing time whilst maximising notice to the public in the event of ground closure.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities.	O	Staff Resources As required	RPD
	33. Investigate opportunities to increase effectiveness of current public communication arrangements in relation to wet weather ground management information.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities.	H/O	Staff Resources As required	RPD
	34. Ensure compliance with ground closure notices due to wet weather through prompt enforcement by Council rangers, the reserves maintenance service provider and promoting cooperation from local clubs and ground users.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities.	O	Staff Resources As required	Compliance RPD

Performance target (Strategies)	Means of achievement (Management Actions)	Means of assessment (of the actions)	Priority	Resources estimation	Who will do it?
9.2 Manage open space and recreation facilities to ensure appeal, safety and accessibility.					
	35. Investigate lighting management to prevent lights being operated without authorisation and where fields are closed	Lighting controls operational.	H	Staff Resources As required	RPD
Review asset creation to promote safe, equitable, and sustainable use of the sportsgrounds	36. Council will develop sportsground facilities according to the sportsground hierarchy, dependent on priorities and available funding from all sources.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities.	O	Staff Resources As required	RPD
	37. Additional non-sports development should be for a purpose that promotes or is complimentary to its major function as a sporting and active recreation area, in accordance with the sportsground category, and the enjoyment of the land as a public park and for public recreation. This can include BBQs, shade structures, seating, skate facilities, playgrounds, and bike circuits, as appropriate.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities.	O	Staff Resources As required	RPD CAPEX
Improved appearance of sportsgrounds and shade for sun safety and visual amenity	38. Promote tree planting and appropriate low-key fencing to develop a consistent identity for sportsgrounds and to provide shelter for spectators.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities.	O	Staff Resources As required	RPD
Parking management that provides safety and protection of sportsfields.	39. Restrict public vehicle access to sportsgrounds to designated parking areas and improve the provision of transit areas for the safe movement of players and supporters.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities. Improved condition of sportsgrounds.	O	Staff Resources As required	RPD
Ensure a consistent approach to signage and the provision of information to visitors, and develop	40. Prevent excessive signage and ensure any signs comply with requirements of State planning policies and Council's Local Environmental Plan.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities.	H/O	Staff Resources As required	SP

Performance target (Strategies)	Means of achievement (Management Actions)	Means of assessment (of the actions)	Priority	Resources estimation	Who will do it?
9.2 Manage open space and recreation facilities to ensure appeal, safety and accessibility.					
improved advice on grounds and assets on Council's Web page	41. Provide clear, consistent signage at all sportsgrounds (and other open space areas), to promote use and enjoyment of the grounds and facilities, for a. identification b. permitted uses c. management information. Review current signage at all sportsgrounds and where appropriate replace with signage that is consistent with standards.	Signage review completed within 2 years and implemented on a priority basis as resources permit.	M	Staff Resources As required	RPD
	42. Review the existing provision of directional signage to sportsgrounds. Aim to provide directional signage to all Regional and Sub-Regional sportsgrounds at strategic transit locations/intersections in the relevant surrounding areas.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities.	L	Staff Resources As required	RPD
	43. Develop Web-based information to promote sportsgrounds and to provide consistent information on assets and availability.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities.	H	Staff Resources As required	RPD Communications

Performance target	Means of achievement (Management Actions)	Means of assessment (of the actions)	Priority	Resources estimation	Who will do it?
9.3 Encourage multiuse of open space and facilities and ensure any licences or user agreements are of a term and conditions that achieve a positive outcome for the community					
To ensure Warringah's sportsgrounds are accessible to all members of the community for a range of sporting and non structured uses	44. Maximise opportunities for multiple use of sportsgrounds through effective layout and ground configuration. Encourage and facilitate multiple uses of grounds and associated facilities where such use is compatible.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities. Improved condition of sportsgrounds.	O	Staff Resources As required	RPD
Manage licences and other user agreements to prevent inappropriate allocation of public spaces.	45. Ensure each user group has a valid and current agreement. Ensure each agreement is appropriate to the hierarchy of the ground, and takes into account the costs for the operation of the field. User agreements can include fees/financial contributions as a condition of use.	Number of users without valid and current agreements	H	Staff Resources As required	RPD
	46. This Plan authorises the renewal of existing agreements. Any new agreements must not apply to sporting fields or provide exclusive use of a building outside the time the field is allocated.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities and support for additional purposes.	O	Staff Resources As required	RPD Property
	47. All user agreements inspected for compliance with conditions and all financial dealings reported and audited where appropriate.	Improved condition of sportsgrounds.	H/O	Staff Resources As required	RPD
All Crown Land leases or temporary permits properly issued and all financial dealings properly audited.	48. This Plan expressly authorises the issue of licences, or temporary permits for any Crown Land, which is subject of this Plan, provided such licence or other estate is consistent with the reserve purpose.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities and support for additional purposes.	O	Staff Resources As required	RPD
Consistent and efficient reserve hiring processes.	49. Consider developing a "one stop shop" for inquiries by sporting users and bi-annual (seasonal) sports fora to improve communication and liaison between Council and users.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities and support for additional purposes.	H	Staff Resources As required	RPD

Performance target	Means of achievement (Management Actions)	Means of assessment (of the actions)	Priority	Resources estimation	Who will do it?
9.3 Encourage multiuse of open space and facilities and ensure any licences or user agreements are of a term and conditions that achieve a positive outcome for the community					
	50. Administer any of the aforementioned temporary licenses or permits in terms of the Council's: a. Reserves Booking Team Charter and Policy, as amended from time to time. b. The Community & Facilities Management and Subsidies Policy, 1997	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities and support for additional purposes	O	Staff Resources As required	
Manage special events, reserve hire and non-sporting use to prevent conflicts with other users and damage to fields and assets.	51. Support non-structured (passive) recreational activities that do not conflict with organised sporting activities or adversely effect ground condition, to take place on sportsgrounds, including community or Council organised special events, festivals or activities. Approvals for othe 52. r uses need to take into account levels of use under allocations to sporting clubs.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities and support for additional purposes.	O	Staff Resources As required	RPD

Performance target	Means of achievement (Management Actions)	Means of assessment (of the actions)	Priority	Resources estimation	Who will do it?
9.4 Provide recreational facilities to meet the changing needs of the community					
Develop new facilities in accord with overall strategic and site management goals.	53. Develop a master plan for each reserve to guide development, including shade, BBQs, landscaping and other recreational opportunities. All proposals based on an evaluation of opportunities and infrastructure requirements.	Location of new facilities does not adversely impact on sportsground layout/use. Community satisfaction with recreation facilities.	O	Staff Resources As required	RPD
	54. The development of new sportsgrounds is to be in areas, and for purposes, consistent with Council's Recreation Strategy Plan recommendations. This Strategy is to be reviewed in 2007-2008.	Review of Council's Recreation Strategy Plan completed. Community satisfaction with recreation facilities.	M O	Ad hoc	Strategy and Policy
Seek additional funding for new facilities	55. Investigate alternative (external) funding opportunities to contribute to capital facility developments and reserve improvements. Encourage cooperative arrangements for multi-purpose developments where appropriate.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities.	O	Staff Resources As required	RPD
Periodically survey the community to check on participation and user satisfaction	56. Include relevant questions in community surveys, and other relevant consultation methods, when opportunities arise.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities	O	Staff Resources As required	Strategy and Policy/ RPD
	57. Investigate the possibility of developing partnerships with local businesses and facilities regarding weekend parking opportunities for sportsground users	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities	O	Ad hoc	RPD

Performance target	Means of achievement (Management Actions)	Means of assessment (of the actions)	Priority	Resources estimation	Who will do it?
9.5 Ensure community involvement in planning of recreation facilities.					
Ensure appropriate provision of facilities by consulting with the community:	58. Council's asset and development assessment process to include appropriate measures for community consultation with local residents and key stakeholders (internal and external) prior to any significant sportsground development to ensure their involvement and to minimise potential negative impacts.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities.	O	Staff Resources As required	PAS
Ensure compatible use arrangements of facilities.	59. All proposed leases/licences for longer than one year will be advertised in a local paper and on notice boards at grounds. All leases over five years and most leases on Community Land over one year must be advertised by statute.	Community satisfaction with recreation facilities.	O/H	Staff Resources As required	Property
Ensure community representation on the strategic regional advisory committee	60. All positions on sportsgrounds committees will be advertised and filled in accordance with Council's Policy Gov PL226 Advisory & Management Committees of the Council – Appointment of Organisation and Community Members.	Community representation on committees.	O/H	Staff Resources As required	RPD

10 Leases, licences and other estates

In accordance with Section 46A of the Local Government Act 1993 a plan of management is to specify in relation to Community Land any purpose for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted. This section of the Plan of Management describes the leases, licences and other estates permitted on the land covered by this Plan, i.e. Community Land and Crown Land.

Although such authorisations are not a requirement of the Crown Lands Act 1989, the authorisations have been provided to ensure a consistent approach to the management of the lands covered by this plan. For Crown Lands a licence/lease (CLA S.102) or a temporary licence (CLA S.108) must apply.

The Local Government Act requires Council to consider what activities may require granting of a lease, licence or other estate during the life span of a plan of management. The authorisation allows for the consideration, and granting if appropriate, of the prescribed activity. The following Section provides information regarding existing lease and licences, restrictions to commercial activities and authorisations of leases, licences and other estates considered appropriate for the land covered by this Plan.

Council policy supports a multi-use approach to community assets and prefers user agreements that allow for a broad range of uses of facilities.

All user agreements will comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Crown Lands Act 1989, and relevant regulations.

For sportsgrounds allocated for club use each season clubs will be required to enter into a user agreement, generally a seasonal licence, when the field is allocated prior to each playing season. The seasonal user agreements will include conditions that specify:

- A multi-user approach is supported by Council;
- Heads of agreement, including responsibilities for maintenance, outgoings, usage, and changes to buildings;
- Facilities cannot be sublet to, or used by, other groups or individuals without prior written approval;
- A code of practice to minimise impacts on neighbouring properties and residents.

In addition to the general requirements of the Local Government Act 1993:

- All licences for commercial activities are to be in keeping with the public recreation purpose of the land, must not unreasonably alienate the land, have a component of community benefit and/or demonstrate a clear nexus between the activity and the sportsground;
- All licences or permits must comply with all relevant Council policies and other relevant legislation;
- All licenses of facilities/areas covered by this Plan should encourage broad community use and access to facilities/areas where possible at all reasonable times;
- Alcohol can only be served for a function that directly supports the licence holder, and is not sublet for a secondary benefit, and only under the terms of a valid function licence at venues and times suitable for the purpose.

Safer by Design principles will be taken into account for permits and user agreements.

For Crown Land the Crown Lands Regulation 2006 prescribes uses for temporary licences under Clause 31:

(1) For the purposes of section 108 (1) of the Act, in addition to grazing, the purposes for which a temporary licence may be granted are as follows:

- (a) access through a reserve,
- (b) advertising,
- (c) camping using a tent, caravan or otherwise,
- (d) catering,
- (e) emergency occupation,
- (f) entertainments,
- (g) equestrian events,
- (h) exhibitions,
- (i) filming (within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1993),
- (j) functions,
- (k) hiring of equipment,
- (l) holiday accommodation,
- (m) markets,
- (n) meetings,
- (o) military exercises,
- (p) mooring of boats to wharves or other structures,
- (q) sales,
- (r) shows,
- (s) sporting and organised recreational activities,
- (t) stabling of horses,
- (u) storage.

This is a general list of activities that can have a temporary licence and the Plan limits licensed activities on the lands covered by the Plan to those compatible with the use of a reserve as a sportsground. The Plan provides that Frenchs Forest Showground, which was reserved for “public recreation and showground”, has a broader range of activities consistent with the reserve purpose.

Purpose of Lease, Licence or other Estate	Additional Conditions of leases, licences or other estates.
<p>For the purposes of the Local Government Act 1993 this Plan of Management expressly authorises the granting of a licence or other estate for the purpose of recreational, community or educational activities, where those activities do not conflict with organised sporting groups allocated use of the sportsground. All commercial leases or subleases must be tendered. This authorisation includes activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kiosks • Educational programs • Sporting carnivals/contests • Cultural festivals/events • Triathlons/fun runs • Sports safety classes • School events • Hiring of recreational equipment • Sports related services from which there is significant public benefit (eg recreation/health programs) • Sports training/coaching • Scientific research/data collection • Mobile food & beverage vendors • Markets • Other not for profit activities consistent with the Sportsground category, and any such uses which are generally associated with the use of the land and are in keeping with Council's Community Facilities Management and Subsidies Policy. <p>Frenchs Forest Showground can also have temporary licences for the purpose of a showground where appropriate.</p>	<p>Additional conditions for licences for repeat bookings and commercial purposes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All bookings need to be referred to Assets for assessment of the impact of the activity on the condition of the fields • Any use of the fields will be subject to wet weather closure by Council as required by conditions.

Appendix 1: Lands covered by this Plan of Management

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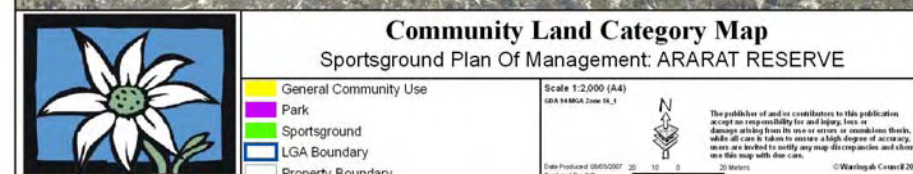
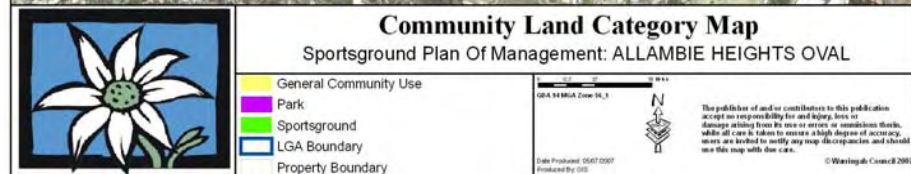
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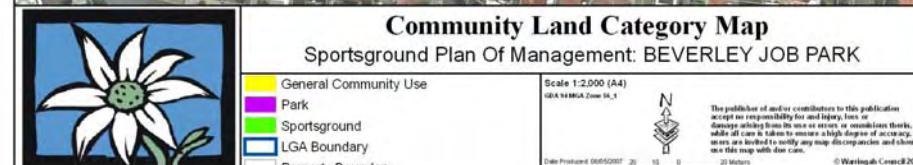
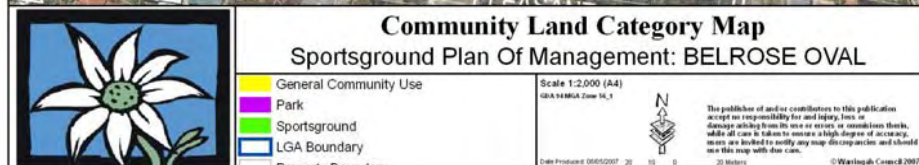
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Reserve	Street	Suburb	WLR	Lot	Section	DP	Category	Owner	Area (m ²)
Allambie Heights Oval	Allambie Road	Allambie Heights	60/1 (Part)				Sportsground	Crown	1163
			60/8 (Part)	2701		752038	Sportsground	Crown	4325
			60/9 (Part)	20620		752038	Sportsground	Crown	20620
Ararat Reserve	Bantry Bay Road	Frenchs Forest	59/9 (Part)	5	150	257403	Sportsground	Crown	26120
Bambara (Belrose) Oval	Bambara Road	Belrose	89/1 (Part)	1237		752038	Sportsground	Crown	19804
Beacon Hill Oval (Willandra Reserve)	Willandra Road	Beacon Hill	52/1A (Part)	1682		752038	Sportsground GCU	Crown	77901
Beverly Job Park	MacIntosh Road	Narraweena	53/2	PT1871		752038	Sportsground Park	Crown	41227
Collaroy Plateau Park	Blandford Street	Collaroy Plateau	42/43	1		858065	Sportsground	WC	1853
			42/44	2		858065	Sportsground	WC	1026
	Aubreen Street		42/45 (Part)	3		858065	Sportsground Park	WC	18030
Condoover Reserve Oval	Condoover Street	North Balgowlah	76/7 (Part)	1		433773	Sportsground	WC	38779
			76/8A (Part)	A		409669	Sportsground	WC	

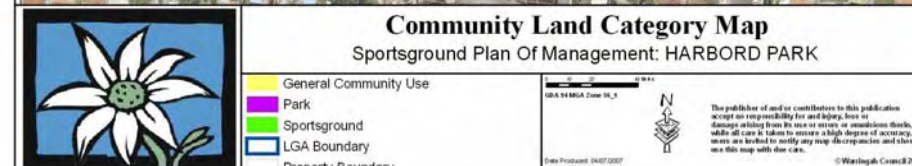
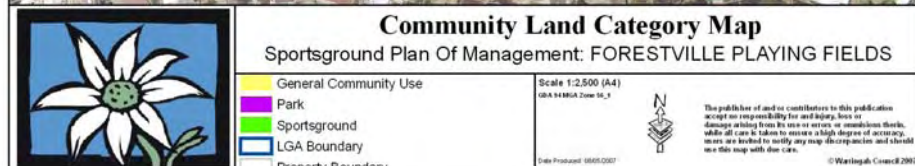
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Forestville (Melwood) Playing Fields	Melwood Avenue	Forestville	96/1A (Part)	2666		752038	Sportsground Park	Crown	110150
			96/1B (Part)	2590		752038	Sportsground Park, GCU	Crown	110150
Forestville Park	Currie Road	Forestville	59/7 (Part)	1615		752038	Sportsground GCU	Crown	321300
Frenchs Forest Showground	Blackbutts Road	Frenchs Forest	94/3	1234		752038	GCU	Crown	40468
Harbord Park	Robert Street	Harbord	67I/1	72		12072	Sportsground GCU	WC	27911
Hews Reserve	Hews Parade	Belrose	6558/6	1662		752038	Sportsground Park	WC	24281
James Morgan Reserve	Fisher Road North	Cromer	48E/3 (Part)	7054		752038	Sportsground	Crown	9535
			48E/3B (Part)	678		752038	Sportsground	Crown	16491
Killarney Heights Oval	Starkey Street	Killarney Heights	104/19	852		231925	Sportsground Park	WC	14397
			104/4	2416		752038	Sportsground Park	Crown (Vested)	13430
Lionel Watts	Blackbutts Road	Frenchs Forest	94/2 (Part)	2		595183	Sportsground	WC	70710
Macfarlane Reserve	Sir Thomas Mitchell Drive	Davidson	6461/3 (Part)	2757		249600	Sportsground	Crown	15570
Richard Healy	McBrien Place	Frenchs Forest	87/15	126		263608	Sportsground Park	Crown	7340
Terrey Hills Oval	Yulong Avenue	Terrey Hills	6863/2 (Part)	419		752017	Sportsground Park GCU	Crown	54701
			6863/4 (Part)	424		752017	Sportsground Park GCU	Crown	1758
Truman Reserve	Truman Avenue	Cromer	5131 (Part)	1		529290	Sportsground Park	WC	9776
Waldon Road Reserve	Waldon Road	Belrose	101/3				Sportsground	Crown	24280

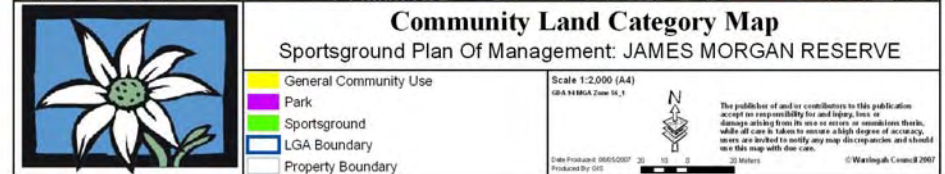
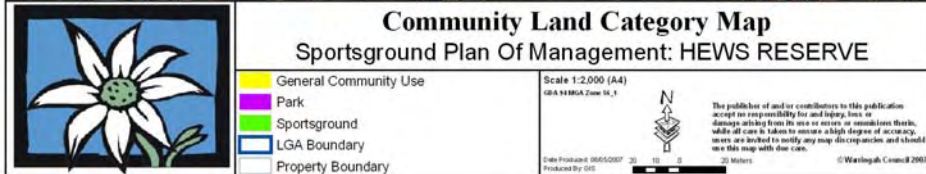
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Wingara Reserve (part)	Glen Street	Belrose	6556/2 (Part)	2		230881	Sportsground	WC	9345
	Wingara Grove	Belrose	6556/3 (Part)	2		230642	Sportsground	WC	6589
Wyatt Reserve	Wyatt Avenue	Belrose	6631/1 (Part)	1631		752038	Sportsground Park	WC	22637













Community Land Category Map

Sportsground Plan Of Management: KILLARNEY HEIGHTS OVAL

- General Community Use
- Park
- Sportsground
- LGA Boundary

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Sportsground Plan Of Management: LIONEL WATTS OVAL & FRENCHS FOREST SHOWGROUND

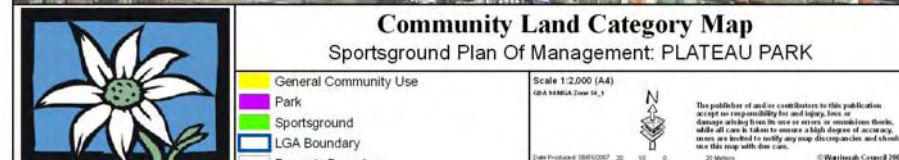
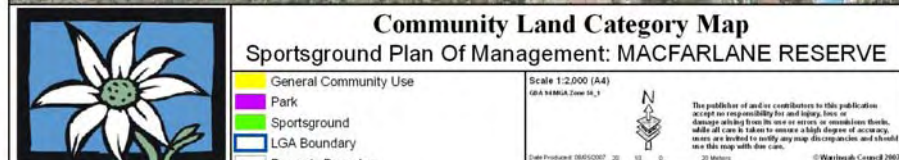
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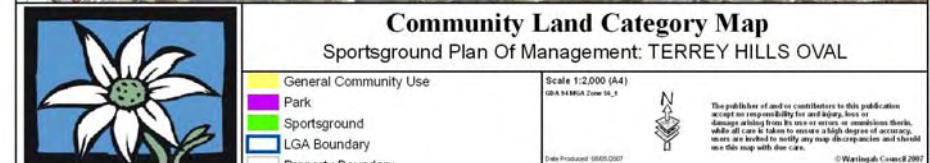
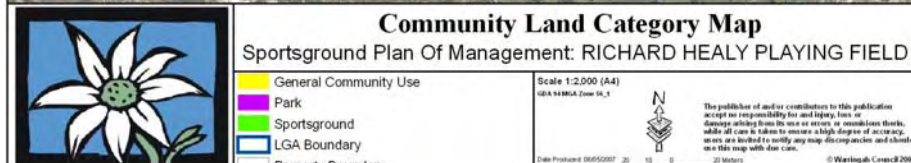
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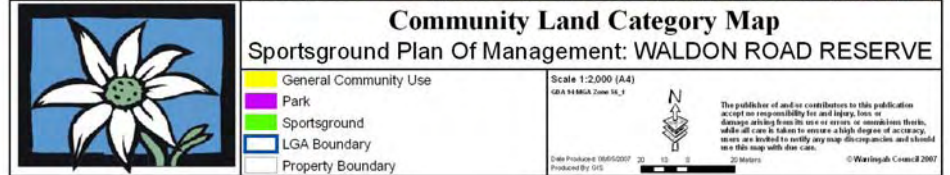
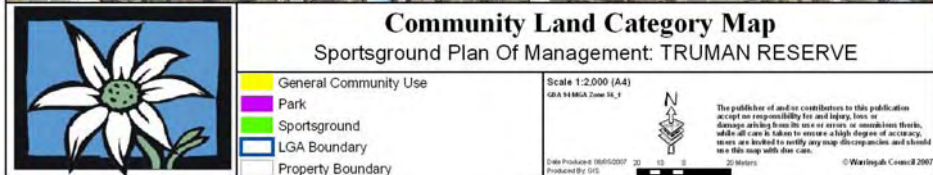


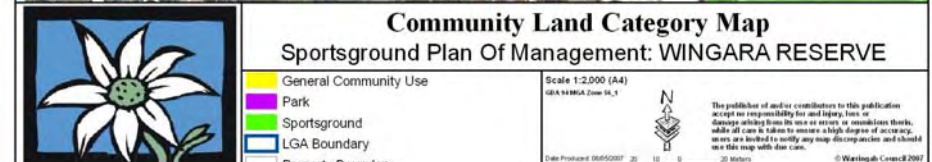
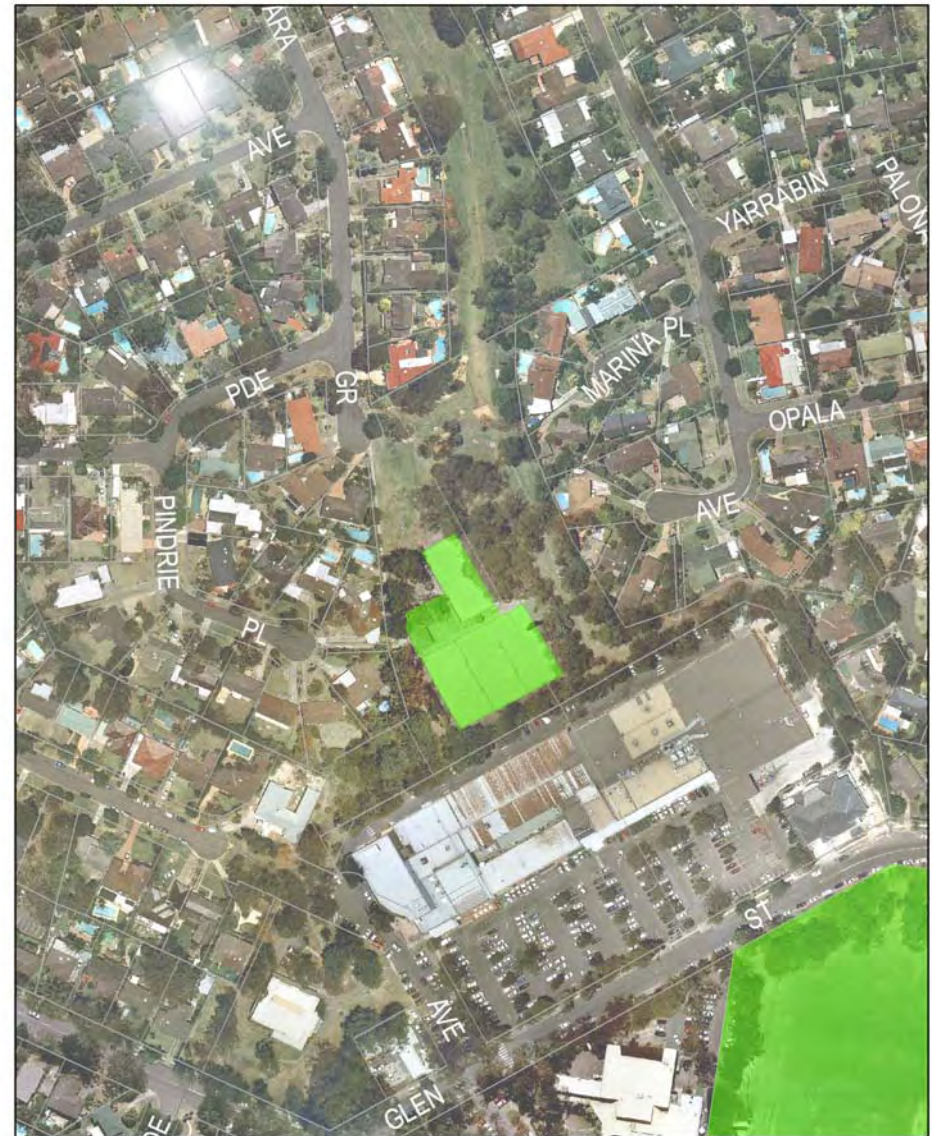
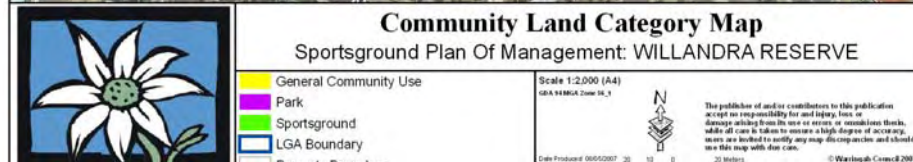
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APPENDIX 2 List of Sportsgrounds by hierarchy:

This list includes all sportsgrounds used by Warringah Council. Sportsgrounds that are managed under other plans of management are included for completeness, as are school sportsgrounds used for competition and a not covered by a plan of management.

Note: where a complex is categorised, all of the fields within the complex will not be treated as being of that level of significance.

Name	Location	Suburb	UBD Ref	Major Sports	Hierarchy	Plan of Management
Brookvale Park (Oval)	Pine Avenue	Brookvale	177N9	Rugby League	Regional A	Brookvale Park
Cromer Park (#1)	South Creek Road	Cromer	158A16	Soccer	Regional B	Dee Why and South Creek Valley
St Mathews Farm	Grover Avenue	Cromer	157P14	Soccer League Touch F/ball Baseball	Subregional	Dee Why and South Creek Valley
Melwood (Forestville) Playing Fields	Melwood Avenue	Forestville	176D12	Soccer Rugby Union Cricket Softball	Subregional	Sportsground
Forestville Park	Currie Road	Forestville	176K9	Rugby League	Subregional	Forestville Park
Aquatic Reserve Baseball Diamond No 1	Aquatic Drive Car Park	Frenchs Forest	176P8	Baseball	Subregional	Manly Dam
Lionel Watts Playing Field	Blackbutts Road	Frenchs Forest	176E1	Soccer League AFL Cricket Netball Softball Little Athletics	Subregional	Sportsground
Nolans 1 & 2	Pittwater Road	Manly Vale	197N1	Rugby League Touch F/ball Cricket	Subregional	District Park
Weldon Oval	Stirgess Avenue	Nth Curl Curl	178B12	Cricket Softball Little Athletics AFL	Subregional	John Fisher Park
Allambie Heights Oval Playing Field	Allambie Road	Allambie Hts	177C11	Soccer Cricket Softball Tennis	Local A	Sportsground

Name	Location	Suburb	UBD Ref	Major Sports	Hierarchy	Plan of Management
Beacon Hill Playing Fields	Willandra Road	Beacon Hill	177H6	Soccer Rugby League Cricket Baseball Little Athletics	Local A	Sportsground
Belrose Playing Field (Bambara Oval)	Forestway	Belrose	156H15	Soccer Rugby League	Local A	Sportsground
Hews Parade Playing Fields	Hews Parade	Belrose	156F13	Soccer Cricket Baseball Softball	Local A	Sportsground
Wyatt Reserve	Contentin Road	Belrose	156F9	Soccer Tennis Cricket Softball	Local A	Sportsground
Waldon Road Reserve	Waldon Road	Belrose	156F5	Rugby Union	Local A	Sportsground
Griffith Park Playing Field	Anzac Avenue	Collaroy	158J15	Union Hockey Cricket	Local A	Griffith Park
Collaroy Plateau Playing Fields	Blandford Street (Plateau Park)	Collaroy Plateau	158D11	Cricket Soccer	Local A	Sportsground
James Morgan Playing Field	Fisher Road North	Cromer	178A1	Rugby Union Touch F/ball Baseball Softball	Local A	Sportsground
Cromer Park (Playing Fields 2, 3, 4)	South Creek Road	Cromer	158A16	Soccer Touch	Local A	Dee Why and South Creek Valley
Macfarlane Playing Fields	Sir Thomas Mitchell Drive	Davidson	155L16	Soccer Baseball	Local A	Sportsground
Dee Why Playing Fields	Lismore Avenue	Dee Why	178D3	Soccer Cricket Softball	Local A	Dee Why and South Creek Valley
Ararat Playing Field	Gratton Crescent	Frenchs Forest	176M10	Soccer Baseball	Local A	Sportsground
Harbord Park Playing Fields	Wyadra Avenue	Harbord	178A14	Rugby League Soccer Cricket	Local A	Sportsground
Millers Reserve Playing Fields	Campbell Parade	Manly Vale	197K1	Cricket Soccer	Local A	District Park

Name	Location	Suburb	UBD Ref	Major Sports	Hierarchy	Plan of Management
Passmore Playing Fields	Campbell Parade	Manly Vale	197M2	Soccer Touch Cricket	Local A	District Park
David Thomas Playing Fields	Sloane Crescent	Manly Vale	197J1	Cricket Soccer Touch	Local A	District Park
Beverly Job Playing Fields	McIntosh Road	Narraweena	177P5	Rugby League Cricket Soccer Baseball Softball Tennis	Local A	Sportsground
Abbott Road Grounds	Opp Manly High School	Curl Curl	177Q11	Softball Baseball	Local A	John Fisher Park
Abbott Road Grounds 3-5	Opp Manly High School	Curl Curl	177Q11	Soccer Cricket Baseball	Local A	John Fisher Park
Rueb Hudson Oval & Fay St Ground	Abbott Road	Nth Curl Curl	178A11	Rugby Union Softball	Local A	John Fisher Park
Frank Grey Playing Fields	Off Stirgess Ave	Nth Curl Curl	178A12	Cricket Hockey	Local A	John Fisher Park
John Fisher Park 3,4 & 5	Abbott Road	Nth Curl Curl	178D11	Soccer Baseball Cricket	Local A	John Fisher Park
John Fisher Park Netball N.C.C.S.C.	Abbott Road.	Nth Curl Curl	178C11	Netball	Local A	John Fisher Park
J.J. Melbourne Hills Memorial Reserve	Kamber Road	Terrey Hills	136J12	Equestrian	Local A	J.J Melbourne Hills
Terrey Hills Playing Fields	Yulong Road & Beltana Avenue	Terrey Hills	136K6	Rugby Union Touch F/ball Soccer Cricket	Local A	Sportsground
County Road Reserve Playing Field	Forest Way	Belrose	156H15	Soccer Baseball	Local B	RTA land: No PoM; included to indicate management intent
Truman Road Playing Field	Toronto Avenue	Cromer	157J12	Soccer	Local B	Sportsground
Richard Healy Playing Field	McBrien Place	Frenchs Forest	175Q4	Soccer	Local B	Sportsground
Killarney Heights Playing Fields	Melwood Avenue	Killarney Hts	176F15	Cricket	Local B	Sportsground
Condoover Playing Fields	Condoover Street	Nth Balgowlah	197G4	Soccer	Local B	Sportsground
Adam Street Ground	Lalchere Avenue	Nth Curl Curl	178E12	Soccer Touch F/ball Baseball	Local B	John Fisher Park

Name	Location	Suburb	UBD Ref	Major Sports	Hierarchy	Plan of Management
Stirgess Ave Playing Fields	Stirgess Avenue	Nth Curl Curl	178C12	Netball	Local B	John Fisher Park
The following school grounds are allocated by the Manly Warringah Pittwater Sporting Union and are maintained by Council under an arrangement with individual schools. This list may change over time and are included to show how these grounds are managed.						
Beacon Hill High School	Tristram Road	Beacon Hill	177G5	Soccer	Local B	School, no Plan of Management
Belrose Public School	Ralston Avenue	Belrose	156F11	Soccer	Local B	School, no Plan of Management
Cromer High School Oval	Inman Road	Cromer	158A15	Touch F/ball Archery	Local B	School, no Plan of Management
Davidson High School	Pound Avenue	Davidson	176B3	Soccer Softball	Local B	School, no Plan of Management
Forestville Public School	Melwood Avenue	Forestville	176E10	Soccer Cricket	Local B	School, no Plan of Management
Frenchs Forest Public School	Grace Avenue	Frenchs Forrest	176J5	Soccer Cricket	Local B	School, no Plan of Management
Forest High School	Frenchs Forest Road	Frenchs Forrest	176L5	Soccer Baseball	Local B	School, no Plan of Management
Freshwater High School	Harbord Road	Harbord	177Q12	Hockey Baseball Softball	Local B	School, no Plan of Management
Terrey Hills Public School	Cooyong Road	Terrey Hills	136H8	Soccer Cricket	Local B	School, no Plan of Management

Appendix 3 Sportsgrounds in Warringah Council and Facilities

Sports Ground Site	Playing Area m2	Field	Toilet Block	Change rooms	Kiosk	Meeting rooms	Lights	Cricket Wicket	Hard court	Cricket Practice Net
Abbott Road Grounds	22500		Yes	Shared	Shared	No	Training(-) [#]	No	No	No
Adam Street Ground	13500		Yes	No	No	No	Training	No	No	No
Allambie Heights Oval Playing Field	8500		Yes	Shared	Leased	No	Training	Yes	No	Yes
Aquatic Reserve Baseball	28000		Yes	Leased	Leased	Leased	Training	No	No	No
Ararat Playing Field	7000		Yes	Shared	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Beacon Hill Playing Fields	15500		Yes	Shared	Yes	No	Training(-) [#]	No	Yes	Yes
Belrose Playing Field	9000		Yes	No	No	No	Training(-) [#]	No	No	No
Beverly Job Playing Fields	12500		Yes	Shared	Yes	No	Training(-) [#]	Yes	No	No
Brookvale Park	11000	Leased	Yes	Leased	Leased	Leased	TV	No	No	Yes
Collaroy Plateau Playing Fields	10000		Yes	Shared	No	Leased	Training(-) [#]	Yes	No	Yes
Condoover Reserve Playing Fields	5000		No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
County Road Reserve Playing Field	7000		No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Cromer Park Playing Fields	28000	Leased (Field 1)	Yes	Leased	Leased	Leased	Comp.** Training	No	No	No
David Thomas Playing Fields	23000		Yes	No	Shared	No	Training(-) [#]	Yes	No	No
Dee Why Playing Fields	16000		Yes	Shared	Shared	No	Training	Yes	No	No
Forestville (Melwood) Playing Fields	27500		Yes	Shared	Shared	Shared	Training(-) [#]	Yes	Netball	Yes
Forestville Park	17000	Leased	Yes	Leased	Leased	Leased	Yes	No	No	No
Frank Grey Playing Fields	21000		Yes	Yes	No	No	No	TURF	No	Yes
Griffith Park Playing Field	8500		Yes	Yes	No	No	Training(-) [#]	Yes	No	No

Sports Ground Site	Playing Area m2	Field	Toilet Block	Change rooms	Kiosk	Meeting rooms	Lights	Cricket Wicket	Hard court	Cricket Practice Net
Harbord Park Playing Fields	17000		Yes	Leased	Yes	No	Training(-) [#]	Yes	No	Yes
Hews Parade Playing Fields	6000		Yes	Leased	Leased	Leased	Training(-) [#]	No	No	No
James Morgan Playing Field	10500		No	No	Yes	No	Training(-) [#]	No	No	No
John Fisher Park (JFP) - Weldon Oval	15000		Yes	Yes	Yes	Shared	Training	TURF	No	Yes
John Fisher Park 3,4 & 5	22000		Yes	Shared	Shared	No	Training(-) [#]	Yes	Yes	No
John Fisher Park Netball N.C.C.S.C.	25500		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes?	No	No	yes	No
Killarney Heights Playing Fields	12000		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Training(-) [#]	Yes	No	Yes
Lionel Watts Playing Field	32500		Yes	Shared	Shared	shared	Training	Yes	Yes	Yes
Macfarlane Playing Fields	3000		No	No	No	No	Training(-) [#]	No	No	No
Millers Reserve - Playing Fields	22500		Yes	Shared	No	No	Training(-) [#]	Yes	No	No
Nolans Reserve	64000		Yes	Shared	Leased	Leased	Training(-) [#]	Yes	Yes	No
Passmore Playing Fields	17500		Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
Richard Healy Playing Field	3000		No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Rueb Hudson Oval & Denzell Joyce Ground	17000		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Training	No	No	No
St Mathews Farm	27000		Yes	Shared	Shared	No	Contact** Training	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stirgess Ave Playing Fields	12000		No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Terrey Hills Playing Fields	15500		Yes	Leased	Leased	Leased	Training(-) [#]	Yes	Yes	Yes
Truman Road Playing Field	5000		No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Waldon Road Reserve	8500	Licence	Yes	Leased	Leased	Leased	Training	No	No	No
Wyatt Reserve	7000		Yes	Leased	Leased	No	Training(-) [#]	No	No	No

Training = 50 Lux; (-) Indicates that an audit of lighting has shown the illumination level to be below the designed standard; ** 100 Lux

Appendix 4: Categorisation of land

Local Government Act 1993

Section 36F Core objectives for management of community land categorised as a sportsground

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a sportsground are:

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

It is recognised that a sportsground should not only be managed in accordance with this plan of management but also with other relevant plans. Any sportsground that includes land with another category should also be managed in accordance with the relevant Plan of Management for that area. These Plans of Management include Urban Bushland, Neighbourhood Parks, and General Community Use.

See Appendix 5 for a list of the categories for the parcels of land covered in this plan. It is important to note that under the Local Government Act 1993 any area cannot have overlapping categories.

The Crown Lands Act 1989, in contrast, applies a reserve purpose to the whole parcel. Where there are conflicting uses the Act allows an “additional purpose”, which will also apply to the whole parcel. For consistency of management Council has adopted the approach of categories under the Local Government Act 1993 but, where necessary, will seek an “additional purpose” over Crown Lands parcels.

Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

Clause 103 Guidelines for categorisation of land as a sportsground

Land should be categorised as a sportsground under section 36 (4) of the Act if the land is used or proposed to be used primarily for active recreation involving organised sports or the playing of outdoor games

Clause 104 Guidelines for categorisation of land as a park

Land should be categorised as a park under section 36 (4) of the Act if the land is, or is proposed to be, improved by landscaping, gardens or the provision of non-sporting equipment and facilities, for use mainly for passive or active recreational, social, educational and cultural pursuits that do not unduly intrude on the peaceful enjoyment of the land by others.

Appendix 5: COMMUNITY LAND CATEGORIES

What are Community Land “Categories”?

Community Land must be categorised in accordance with the Local Government Amendment (Community Land Management) Act 1998. A category describes the land and each category has a set of core objectives. A description of each category is listed below as are the core objectives. All current and intended uses of the land must comply with the category assigned to that area of land.

Sportsground

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

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a sportsground are:

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

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.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a park are:

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

General Community Use

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

- (a) 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, and
- (b) is not required to be categorised as a natural area ... and does not satisfy the guidelines for categorisation as a natural area, a sportsground, a park or an area of cultural significance.

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:

- (a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and
- (b) 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).

APPENDIX 6: crown lands legislation

Requirements of a Plan of Management for a Crown reserve

This Plan of Management has been prepared according to the requirements of the Crown Lands Act 1989. A Plan of Management satisfies the Crown Lands Act 1989 if:

- The Plan of Management is prepared by the Reserve Trust (Section 112) or by a direction from the Minister for Lands.
- The Objects of Act (Section 10) are addressed
- The Plan of Management and its outcomes incorporate and satisfy the principles of Crown land management (Section 11).
- The Plan of Management addresses any matters required by the Minister responsible for the Crown Lands (Section 112).
- The public purpose of the reserve is identified and used as a basis for planning and management. Any proposed uses, developments and management practices must conform to the public purpose for the reserve or dedicated land, and conform to particular policies of the Department of Lands regarding Crown reserves (Section 87).

Objects of the Crown Lands Act 1989 (Section 10)

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:

- (a) a proper assessment of Crown land,
- (b) the management of Crown land having regard to the principles of Crown land management contained in this Act,
- (c) the proper development and conservation of Crown land having regard to those principles,
- (d) the regulation of the conditions under which Crown land is permitted to be occupied, used, sold, leased, licensed or otherwise dealt with,
- (e) the reservation or dedication of Crown land for public purposes and the management and use of the reserved or dedicated land, and
- (f) the collection, recording and dissemination of information in relation to Crown land.

Principles of Crown Land management (Section 11)

The Department of Land's management approach directly relates to the principles of Crown lands management listed in Section 11 of the Crown Lands Act 1989. These principles affect all aspects of the Department's activities including preparing of plans of management. The principles, and the management responses, are tabulated below:

Management Principles	How this plan is consistent with principles
(a) Environmental protection principles be observed in relation to the management and administration of Crown Land	All developments will take into account environmental impacts of both construction and ongoing use. Developments will include energy and water savings measures, and appropriate public health and safety by design elements will be included.
(b) That the natural resources of Crown land (including water, soil, flora, fauna and scenic quality) be conserved wherever possible	Preliminary planning has identified all significant vegetation communities next to sportsgrounds and separate bushland plans of management cover these areas.
(c) That public use and enjoyment of appropriate Crown land be encouraged,	The proposals are intended to increase public amenity of the site and incorporates the principles of multi-purpose and equitable access for members of the community
(d) That, where appropriate, multiple use of Crown land be encouraged	Council allocates fields to sporting clubs based on need and users should expect to use the facilities available at a ground. All user agreements will for provide multiple uses of the site and facilities.
(e) That, where appropriate, Crown land should be used and managed in such a way that both the land and its resources are sustained in perpetuity	The overall intention of the Plan is to move the management of sportsgrounds to sustainability based on improved information on use, co-operation between Council and users, and improved grounds management.
(f) That Crown land be occupied, used, sold, leased, licensed or otherwise dealt with in the best interests of the State consistent with the above principles.	The plan recognises a range of community values and uses and these are the basis for the Plan. In particular, the Plan recognises that casual and informal use by the community is integral to the purpose and management of all open space including sportsgrounds.

Appendix 7. How does this Plan relate to other Strategic Documents?

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, Warringah Council has adopted a coordinated approach to planning. This involves development of a number of linked strategic documents under the guidance of Living Warringah. This Plan of Management highlights Council's commitment to protecting Warringah's identity, high quality of life and enhancement of natural environmental, aesthetic, cultural, heritage and recreational values. The diagram, Warringah Council's Strategic Planning Documents, illustrates the framework for planning and this Plan's relationship to other strategic documents that share the same guiding principles.

Warringah Council's Strategic Planning Documents



Strategic documents used in the preparation of this Plan

The following Council documents have been used to assist and guide the strategic outcomes of this Plan, ensuring consistency in values, principles and policies:

- Living Warringah In focus;
- Local Environment Plan 2000;
- Section 94A Contributions Plan 2006;
- Cultural & Heritage Strategy 2000;
- Environmental Strategy 2001;
- Warringah Recreation Plan Strategy;
- Sports in Warringah;
- Sportsgrounds Plan of Management. Issues and Options – Discussion Paper.

Other Relevant Legislation and Policies

The Plan must also be in accordance with the provisions contained within relevant legislation and policy guidelines, including but not limited to the following:

- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979;
- Heritage Act 1997;
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992

Appendix 8: ISSUES from community consultation

Issue / Response	Management Actions (See Actions Table for number references)
Condition of some fields below standard	Actions 1, 2, 4, 5
Handover of fields at the end of a season often results in conditions that are below standard for the next users.	Actions 4, 6-8, 47
Poor ground condition: grass height, coverage, surface quality (level & soil type), line marking and preparation for competition.	Actions 4, 6, 10
Irregular litter collection and cleaning Quality and regularity of maintenance for associated amenities/toilets	Action 4, 6, 15
Lack of funding for maintenance and upgrades.	Capital works determined on a whole of Council priority. Proposals reviewed annually. The new infrastructure levy will assist in funding new capital works. Actions 5, 9, 25, 26, 27, 28, 36, 54
Inadequate drainage & irrigation of the grounds (concerns about maintenance standards and safety)	Actions 5, 9
Building designs should be sustainable and incorporate water and energy saving features	Action 1
Loss of playing surface	Actions 5, 7, 27, 28-31
Safety and risk concerns	
Costs of renewal and expenditure of available funds	
Overuse of non effected areas	
Surface levels/quality; irregular surface levels contributing to injuries	
Usage compatibility (sports which can be played)	Actions 2, 10, 12, 13, 44
Difficulty of getting remediation works carried out	Actions 5, 9
Opening and closing of grounds	Actions 31-35
Recovery of the playing surface after rain	
Adequate notice and communication of decisions to close grounds	
Condition/Provision/Location	Actions 1, 36, 39, 44
Multi-purpose use and access to facilities for non-competitive recreation	Actions 44, 46, 51
Lack of appropriate and quality lighting; many lack any lighting and those that do often do not achieve appropriate standards	Actions 1, 8, 36, 54

Issue / Response	Management Actions (See Actions Table for number references)
Some fields lack user parking and safe transit areas (including lighting)	Actions 24, 39
Maximise opportunities for use of grounds	Actions 2, 8, 9, 25, 42, 51, 53
Manage overuse issues	Actions 6, 10, 28, 31, 44, 47, 53
Multiple use of grounds and the sharing of facilities rather than "Home" grounds used exclusively by one user	Actions 7, 12, 44, 51
Justifiable and equitable criteria for allocations (including safety and compatibility)	Action 11, 12, 13
Increased demands from population growth and increased participation	Actions 1, 2, 25, 53
Allocations can result in conflict between other land use categories, especially bushland	Bushland areas of conservation significance have been identified and are covered by the relevant Bushland Plans of Management.
Conflicts between informal and organised sports, including indirect impacts such as dog faeces and other garbage	Actions 7, 20 – 23, 25, 51
Fencing of grounds and other restrictions to access of facilities	Action 51
Vandalism and damage to grounds and buildings	Actions 4, 31, 35, 40
Negative impacts of use of fields on neighbouring residents.	Actions 10, 16, 57
Impacts from lighting of fields and noise from night-time events (competition vs. training)	
Need for unleashed dog exercise areas separate from sportsgrounds	Actions 20-23
Dog litter and damage to playing fields	
Consistency and standards	Actions 40-43
Site signage with improved information about management	
Directional signage required for users.	
Limit signage and ensure compliance with SEPP 64	Action 40
Public access to Community land	Actions 44, 46, 51
Facilities locked so others can't use them. Lack of toilets.	
Support Club development	Actions 36, 37, 44, 51 54
Enhance and expand linkages to other open space areas	Actions 24, 25, 42
Directional signage to enhance trails use	
Impact of casual/occasional users on organised sports	Action 51
Impact on ground condition if bookings don't take into account the allocation for sporting clubs and levels of use	
Restrictions on public access to reserves	Actions 44, 46, 51
Advertising of proposals and community consultation	Actions 58, 59

Issue / Response	Management Actions (See Actions Table for number references)
All users and not just organised sports users should have input	Actions 57-59
Community needs appropriate time/opportunities to contribute	
Sportsgrounds are a community asset and the social and cultural benefits need to be recognised and supported	Actions 37, 51, 57- 59
Limitations of funding	Actions 26, 27, 45, 54, 56
Limits to available space	Action 2, 27
Inflexibility in allocation and use	Actions 10-14, 44, 46, 51
New technology for playing surfaces	Action 2
Improved operation of lighting from new lights and control systems	Action 8, 35
New irrigation sources, including water reuse, and improved technologies for irrigation	Actions 5, 9

Appendix 9: Sports in Warringah Issues Table

Topic Area	Summary of Issue	Where this issue is addressed in the Plan of Management
Participation	Participation is influenced by many factors including gender, age, family characteristics, ethnicity, employment and income. Allocation of sportsgrounds and configuration of sportsgrounds should consider such issues.	Actions 11, 13
	Participation in sport is predominantly by males and allocation of grounds is largely to traditional male dominated sports.	Actions 11, 13
	Whilst participation in sport in Warringah is high, there is still an estimated 34.2% of adults and 22.4% of children that did not use or attend any outdoor sports facilities in Warringah in the 12 months prior to the Sports in Warringah Survey. N.B. promotion or marketing of sport or sporting facilities is not within the scope of this project however an action has been developed to ensure the issue is addressed.	Actions 41-44, 51, 53
Opportunities for additional outdoor sporting facilities	Demand for sporting facilities for some sports exceeds supply during peak periods of use.	Action 2
	Overall, participation in sport has increased in the period 1998-2002 even though there was a decline in population in the peak age groups for participation in sport, i.e. 11 years for children and 18-24 years for adults.	Action 2
Allocation of grounds and availability of grounds and facilities	Allocation is at maximum level on many fields, particularly on competition days during winter.	Actions 2, 10-14
	Concern that allocation is based on tradition, i.e. whoever had the ground last year has first rights this year. This also creates a demand for allocation of home grounds and the subsequent overuse of such grounds.	Action 11- 13
	Not all fields are being used to their optimum capacity.	Actions 12
	The group that the ground has been allocated to does not always use taht allocation. This means that some grounds may be available for use even though they have been allocated to a sporting group. This reduces the number of users a ground may cater for.	Actions 12, 13
	Conflicts with other users occur as some codes impact more heavily on the grounds than others, thereby affecting the ground surface and game quality for all sports.	Actions 10, 12, 14
	Concern that sports with only a small number of fields may lose allocation.	Actions 11-13
	Facilities such as toilets, lighting and change rooms are not always available as not all users have keys to access the facilities.	Action 45-47

Topic Area	Summary of Issue	Where this issue is addressed in the Plan of Management
	Lights are not available at all fields which restricts the number of fields available for night training	Actions 2, 8
	New land releases result in an increase in residents and an increased need for sports grounds.	Actions 2
Management	There is currently no one committee to oversee the general management of sport in Warringah. Upgrading of facilities on fields in the region is managed through the SHOROC Sports Improvement Committee and rectification of subsidence effected fields is overseen by the Sportsfield Rectification Committee.	Actions 11
	Inequity in the distribution of the SHOROC Sportsfield Improvement Funds.	Actions 11, 13
	Members of the Manly Warringah Pittwater Sporting Union pay a levy that is matched by each of the three Council's and is used to improve sporting facilities on the Northern Beaches. Concern has been raised that the process in identifying sites for new facilities and the construction of new facilities is slow.	Issue to be addressed by SHOROC review of funding Action 1, 5.
	Different fees apply to members of the Manly Warringah Pittwater Sporting Union to use Council owned/managed sportsgrounds compared to casual users who book through Council's Reserves Booking system. Many sportsground users were dissatisfied with the level of maintenance that sportsgrounds and related facilities received.	Actions 10, 11, 13, 49- 51, 53
	Wet weather communication is not always adequate. Some users prefer to receive an earlier announcement whilst others prefer a later announcement. Other codes noted that their sports were not necessarily affected by wet weather but were still forced to cancel games.	Actions 31-35
	Sports Safety needs to be addressed.	Actions 4, 8-10
	Concerns regarding lack of communication and issues regarding bookings.	Actions 49-51
	Issues raised by residents in relation to sportsground users should be passed on to the Sporting Union to ensure such issues are considered when assessing applications for allocation.	Actions 11-15
	Grounds are not used in accordance with the current hierarchy of sportsfields. Subsequently maintenance cannot be carried out in accordance with the sportsground hierarchy identified through the Service Level Agreement specification for the provision of Reserves and Sportsfields Maintenance Services.	Action 1, 4, 6, 8, 10
	Sub-regional facilities often receive regional patronage. The quality of the facility therefore does not match its use.	Action 1, 6, 10, 11

Topic Area	Summary of Issue	Where this issue is addressed in the Plan of Management
	Not all sportsgrounds have basic facilities such as toilets and change rooms whilst many request a clubhouse.	Action 1, 11, 36, 37
Quality of grounds and facilities	Many of the existing built facilities such as lighting, toilets, change rooms and clubhouses are not up to standard.	Actions 1, 11, 36
	The playing surface is often in a poor condition due to over use and/or poor drainage.	Actions 5, 10, 12, 14
	Ground surface and buildings are in poor condition where the sportsground is located on a previous tip site.	Action 28-30
	Car parking is not adequate at all sites or during periods of peak demand.	At smaller grounds Council cannot provide on-site parking for all situations and on-street parking is expected.
Maintenance	Many of the sports clubs and associations are unhappy with the level of maintenance carried out on the grounds and their facilities such as line marking, mowing of grass and cleaning of toilets and general maintenance of buildings.	Actions 4, 6, 7, 8, 10
	Maintenance budgets are put together on an historical basis and maintenance of sporting facilities is currently not meeting community expectations. Community expectations have changed over time with an increased focus on demand for quality rather than quantity. Grounds are not used in accordance with the current hierarchy of sportsfields. Subsequently maintenance cannot be carried out in accordance with the current SLA.	Action 6, 14,

APPENDIX 10: USER SURVEY (TRAINING) WINTER 2005

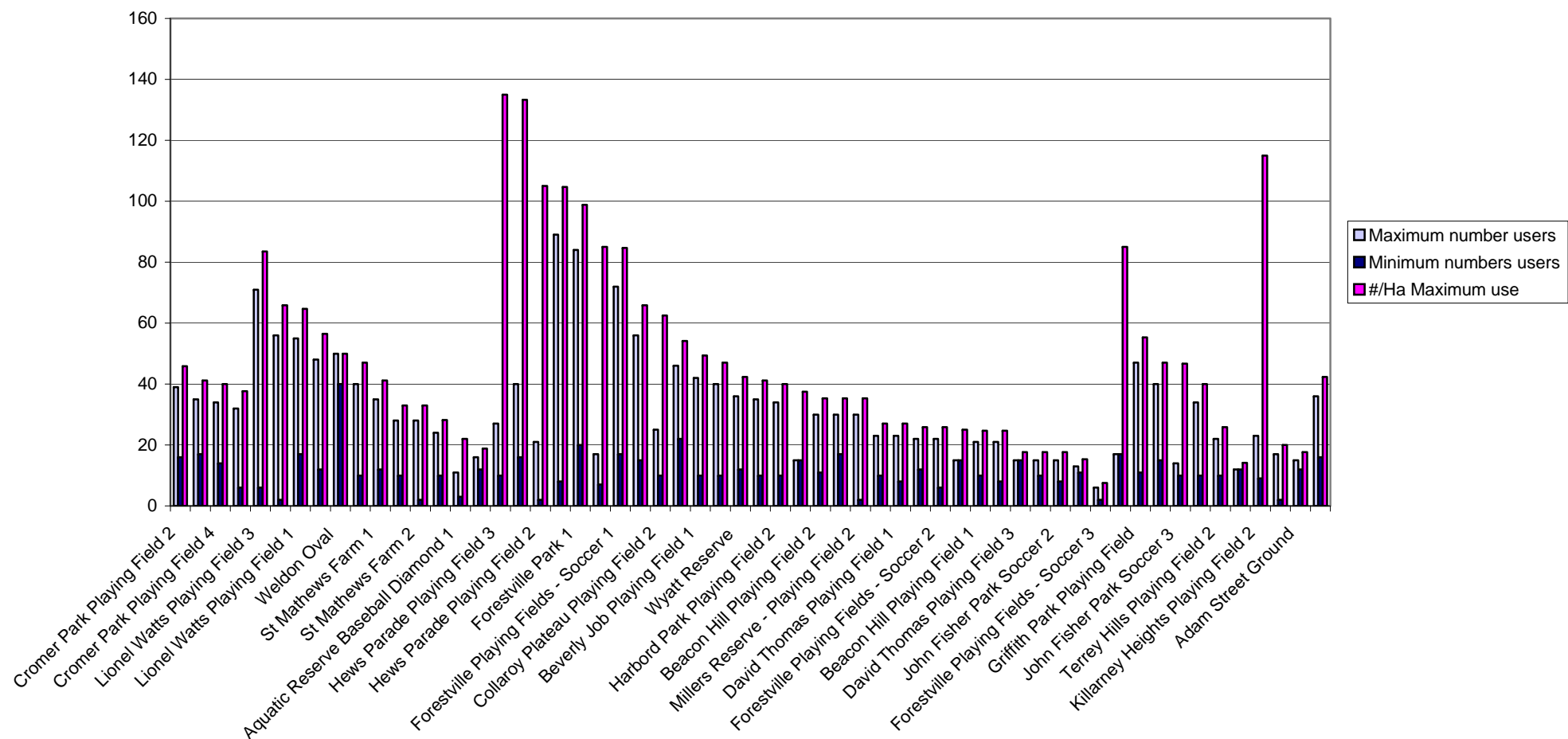
Warringah Council undertook a random audit of playing fields during Winter 2005 to obtain preliminary data of sportsground use for training. Council regards these data as indicative and ongoing seasonal audits will be required to obtain more reliable data to provide for improved allocation of fields and to correlate expenditure with field condition and user requirements.

These data need to be used with caution but there appears to be wide variation in use of fields during a week for training, and between different fields during the season. These variations, if confirmed, could contribute to severe deterioration in field condition in the heavily used sportsgrounds.

Playing Field	User	Approx Area	Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Players (Max)	Players (Min)	No/ ha Max	No/ m2 Max
			1st Visit	2nd Visit	1st Visit	2nd Visit	1st Visit	2nd Visit				
Cromer Park Playing Field 1	Soccer	8500	6	0	32	0	0	0	32	6	38	0.004
Cromer Park Playing Field 2	Soccer	8500	16	39	35	0	23	46	39	16	46	0.005
Cromer Park Playing Field 3	Soccer	8500	23	35	30	0	20	17	35	17	41	0.004
Cromer Park Playing Field 4	Soccer	8500	14	33	34	0	0	18	34	14	40	0.004
Aquatic Reserve Baseball Diamond 1	Baseball	5000	0	3	5	11	0	0	11	3	22	0.002
Lionel Watts Playing Field 1	Rugby League	8500	17	22	21	18	18	55	55	17	65	0.006
Lionel Watts Playing Field 2	League T/T Soccer W	8500	2	16	56	20	21	18	56	2	66	0.007
Lionel Watts Playing Field 3	Aussie Rules/ Soccer	8500	29	6	71	51	44	27	71	6	84	0.008
Lionel Watts Playing Field 4	Aussie Rules/ Soccer	8500	33	12	25	18	48	32	48	12	56	0.006
Nolans 1	Rugby League	8500	26	22	0	0	40	40	40	10	47	0.005
Nolans 2	Rugby League	8500	28	24	0	0	10	0	28	10	33	0.003
St Mathews Farm 1	Rugby League	8500	12	0	35	35	25	27	35	12	41	0.004
St Mathews Farm 2	Soccer	8500	28	25	8	2	20	21	28	2	33	0.003
St Mathews Farm 3	Soccer	8500	13	10	10	12	24	10	24	10	28	0.003

			Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday					
St Mathews Farm 4		8500	13	0	12	0	16	0	16	12	19	0.002
Weldon Oval	Aussie Rules	10000	40	46	0	0	40	50	50	40	50	0.005
Beacon Hill Playing Field 1	Soccer	8500	0	20	10	15	14	21	21	10	25	0.002
Beacon Hill Playing Field 2	Soccer	8500	0	7	14	25	30	11	30	11	35	0.004
Belrose Playing Field 1	Soccer	8500	0	0	16	0	10	23	23	10	27	0.003
Beverly Job Playing Field 1		8500	13	22	10	0	42	31	42	10	49	0.005
Beverly Job Playing Field 2	Soccer	3000	0	17	40	17	24	16	40	16	133	0.013
Collaroy Plateau Playing Field 1	Soccer	8500	0	8	18	0	21	20	21	8	25	0.002
Collaroy Plateau Playing Field 2	Soccer	4000	0	0	10	0	25	0	25	10	63	0.006
David Thomas Playing Field 1	Soccer	8500	0	0	23	10	8	0	23	8	27	0.003
David Thomas Playing Field 2	Soccer	8500	0	0	12	22	15	0	22	12	26	0.003
David Thomas Playing Field 3	Soccer	8500	0	0	0	15	0	0	15	15	18	0.002
David Thomas Playing Field 4	Soccer	4000	0	0	0	15	0	0	15	15	38	0.004
Dee Why Playing Field 1	Soccer	8500	0	0	0	17	0	30	30	17	35	0.004
Dee Why Playing Field 2	Soccer	6000	0	0	0	0	0	15	15	15	25	0.003
Forestville Memorial Playing Field - rugby	Rugby	8500	0	8	89	26	49	0	89	8	105	0.010
Forestville Park 1	Rugby League	8500	0	25	0	0	84	20	84	20	99	0.010
Forestville Playing Fields - Soccer 1	Soccer	8500	21	17	0	21	72	19	72	17	85	0.008
Forestville Playing Fields - Soccer 2	Soccer	8500	12	10	0	22	6	14	22	6	26	0.003
Forestville Playing Fields - Soccer 3	Soccer	8000	0	0	0	0	6	2	6	2	8	0.001
Harbord Park Playing Field 1	Rugby League	8500	22	0	42	35	46	0	46	22	54	0.005
Harbord Park Playing Field 2	Soccer	8500	0	0	30	34	10	26	34	10	40	0.004
Hews Parade Playing Field 1	Soccer	2000	17	0	14	0	7	12	17	7	85	0.009
Hews Parade Playing Field 2	Soccer	2000	0	0	13	0	21	2	21	2	105	0.011

			Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday					
Hews Parade Playing Field 3	Soccer	2000	0	0	10	0	27	10	27	10	135	0.014
John Fisher Park Soccer 1	Soccer	8500	15	0	10	15	12	0	15	10	18	0.002
John Fisher Park Soccer 2	Soccer	8500	13	0	8	0	15	0	15	8	18	0.002
Millers Reserve - Playing Field 1	Soccer	8500	10	14	0	35	35	22	35	10	41	0.004
Millers Reserve - Playing Field 2	Soccer	8500	0	12	15	24	2	30	30	2	35	0.004
Millers Reserve - Playing Field 3	Soccer	8500	25	16	20	40	26	10	40	10	47	0.005
Terrey Hills Playing Field 1	Rugby	8500	0	0	0	13	0	11	13	11	15	0.002
Waldon Road Reserve	Rugby	8500	19	0	56	0	15	0	56	15	66	0.007
Wyatt Reserve	Soccer	8500	25	19	12	25	36	12	36	12	42	0.004
Allambie Heights Oval Playing Field	Soccer	8500	0	12	0	0	0	0	12	12	14	0.001
Griffith Park Playing Field	Rugby	8500	20	16	47	0	20	11	47	11	55	0.006
James Morgan Playing Field 1	Rugby	2000	0	0	0	17	0	0	17	17	85	0.009
James Morgan Playing Field 2	Rugby	8500	0	0	10	0	34	10	34	10	40	0.004
John Fisher Park Soccer 3	Soccer	3000	10	10	0	10	14	0	14	10	47	0.005
Rueb Hudson Oval	Rugby League	8500	15	0	32	40	20	30	40	15	47	0.005
Terrey Hills Playing Field 2	Soccer	8500	0	0	10	0	0	22	22	10	26	0.003
Adam Street Ground	Soccer	8500	10	12	15	0	15	12	15	12	18	0.002
Killarney Heights Playing Field 1	Rugby/Soccer	8500	0	2	16	17	17	0	17	2	20	0.002
Killarney Heights Playing Field 2	Soccer	2000	0	9	23	16	10	12	23	9	115	0.012
Denzell Joyce Ground	Rugby League	8500	0	0	27	16	36	0	36	16	42	0.004
	Average								32	11	48	0.005



Winter Training Audit Data Sorted by Category and by Maximum Number of Users per Hectare

APPENDIX 11: SPORTSGROUNDS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT ISSUES AND OPTIONS – DISCUSSION PAPER