

Gainsborough Oval

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The land covered by this plan includes the oval and surrounds at Kiama Downs known as Gainsborough Oval and forms part of the public reserve system at Kiama Downs (*Figure 1*). It is public land owned by the Kiama Municipal Council and has been classified “Community” Land under the provision of the Local Government Act 1993.

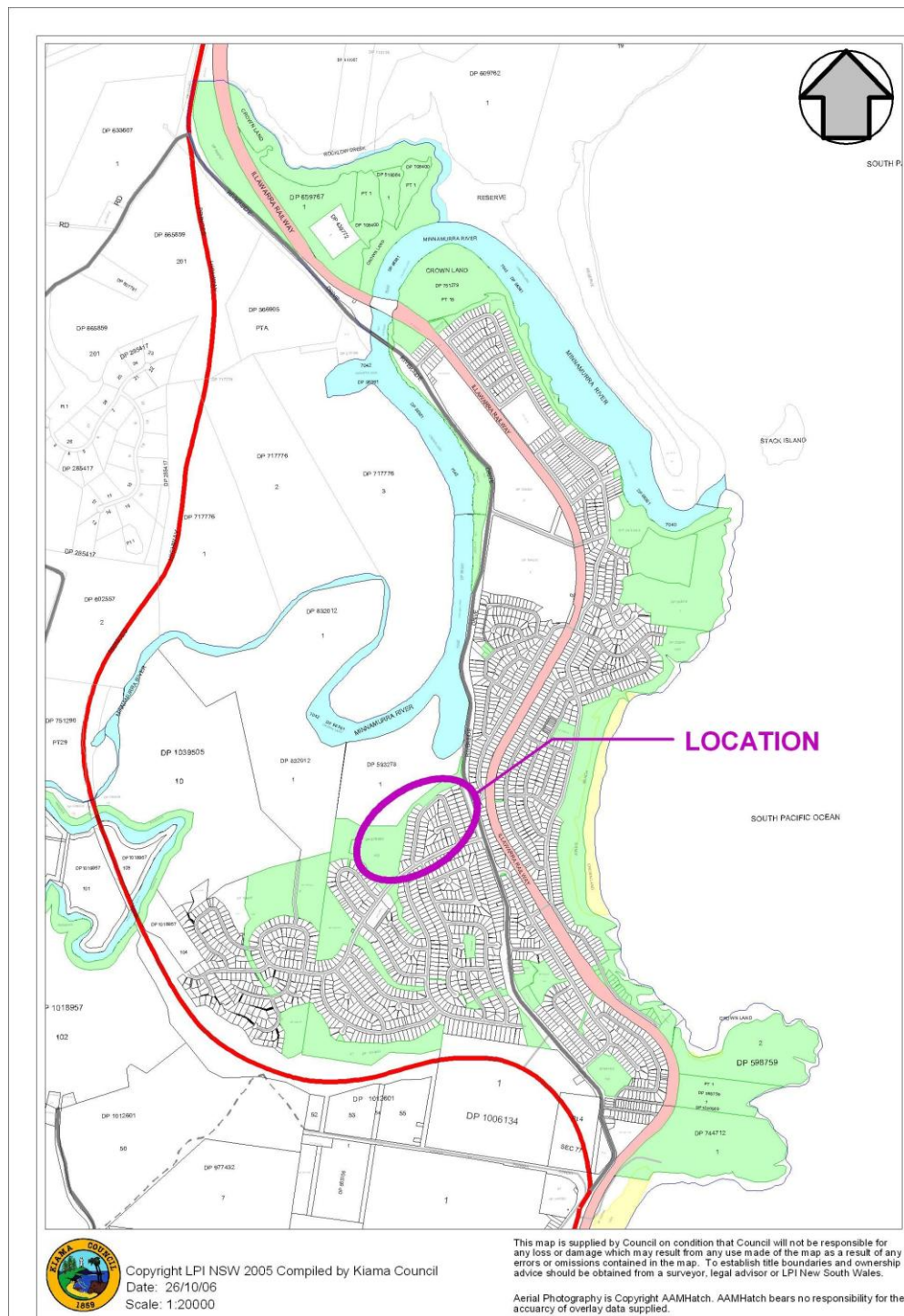


Figure 1

1.3 Management Units

For management purposes, the land has been separated into four units, which reflect the existing uses and physical characteristics of the site:

- Management Unit 1 - Sportsground
- Management Unit 2 - Buffer Area
- Management Unit 3 - Neighbourhood Centre
- Management Unit 4 - Childcare Centre

These units are illustrated in *Figure 3*.

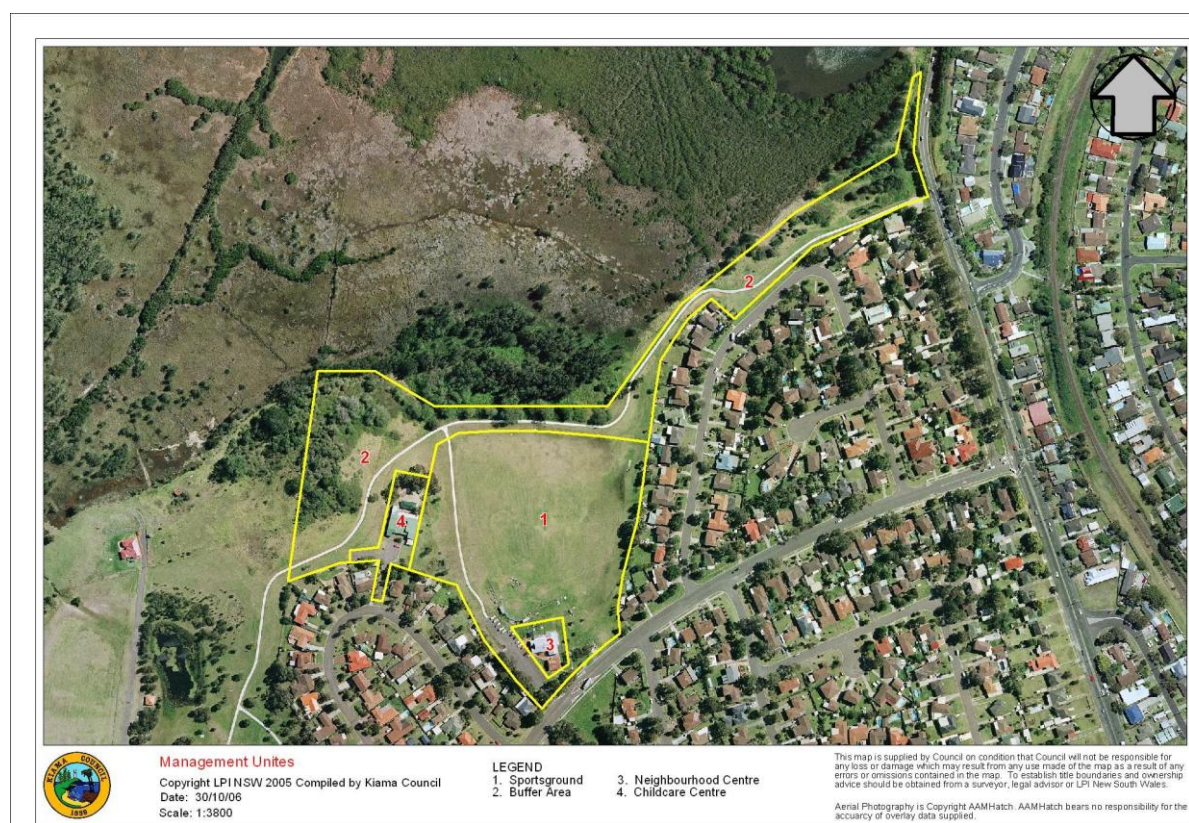


Figure 3

Management objectives have been developed for each unit to effectively and appropriately deal with the different issues and requirements inherent for each unit. These objectives are then supported by various sets of management strategies and actions, which are detailed in this plan. These management strategies and actions are to be evaluated against established performance targets.

1.4 Category and Class of Land

As noted earlier, all the land included in this plan is classified as Community Land under the Local Government Amendment Act 1998.

Under Section 36(4) of the Local Government Amendment Act 1998, all Community Land must be categorised as one following categories:

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

It is considered that the Management Units shown in *Figure 3* are best managed as different categories. In accordance with the guidelines set out in the Local Government (General) Regulation 1999, the units are categorised as follows:

- Management Unit 1 - Sportsground
- Management Unit 2 - General Community Use
- Management Unit 3 - General Community Use
- Management Unit 4 - General Community Use

These categories reflect the present uses of the site.

1.5 Function and Value

The buffer area acts as a buffer between the residential land, the sportsground and the wetland and provides public access around the perimeter of the site linking it to the Princes Highway and Gainsborough Chase Reserve. This part of the reserve also has a purely intrinsic value - worth derived simply from the existence of natural features and open space to be enjoyed by the community.

The sports ground is predominantly used by the local community for sporting competitions, maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle, as well as providing a forum for social interaction.

The provision of community sporting facilities promotes active and passive recreation for all ages, interesting activities for leisure time and skill development for talented locals. In doing so, a sense of community identity and pride in local achievements can be developed.

In February 1983, Council approved the erection of a temporary building in the southern part of the Gainsborough reserve for the purpose of a Neighbourhood facility, to be the focus for community development in this residential area. In October 1995, a new building was completed and is managed by the North Kiama Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated.

Well-planned and managed recreational facilities, which are responsive to the diverse and changing needs of the community, enhance the quality of life for local residents.

1.6 Preparation of a Plan of Management

The process undertaken in the preparation of a Plan of Management for Council owned Community Land must follow the steps and requirements set down under the Local Government Act 1993. These steps are:

- Prepare the draft plan.
- Council must give public notice of the existence of the draft plan.
- The draft plan is to be exhibited for at least twenty-eight (28) days and a submission period of at least 42 days during which submissions may be made to Council.
- Hold a public hearing in respect of the plan if the proposed plan categorises Community Land under Section 36 (4) or (5) of the Local Government Amendment Act 1998.
- Consider all submissions made to the public hearing and any written submissions made to Council on the draft plan during the period of public exhibition. Council may then decide to amend the draft plan or to adopt the plan without amendment.
- Should the draft plan require amendment then the public consultation process (exhibition and submission period) must be re-held. Another public hearing is not required.
- Subject to no further amendments being required, the Plan of Management is then formally adopted by Council.

1.7 Community Participation

Community consultation is a fundamental source of information necessary to provide the most efficient and effective Plan of Management for Community Land.

Such participation creates the opportunity for interested parties to become actively involved in the development of a plan, which reflects the needs, opinions and priorities of the people most affected by the plan itself.

Community participation will also result in an increased general awareness of Council's responsibilities, activities, policies and plans for land management.

2.0 PHYSICAL FEATURES AND CONDITION OF THE LAND AND STRUCTURES

2.1 Management Unit 1 – Sportsground

This unit includes the active recreation area or playing field. This part of the reserve was designed to act as a stormwater detention basin for runoff from the catchment draining into the reserve. Stormwater is directed via an underground pipe system through three siltation devices located to the north, south-west and south of the playing fields. In times of heavy rainfall, the playing surface is covered by water and so for short periods of time is unavailable for use.

Presently the playing field is used predominantly for baseball, although it is also used for other sports. It includes a baseball diamond, two brick dugouts and cyclone wire safety netting behind the striker's pad. Lighting is also provided to the field for night training. The area is also used for touch football – three fields are provided for this use and include a synthetic cricket pitch used for junior cricket. These facilities are in good condition, although the existing lighting provides light to only a limited part of the playing area and so restricts training.

Vehicle access and carparking is provided off Meehan Drive and the carpark serves the fields as well as the Neighbourhood Centre.



Photo 1 – Playing Fields

2.2 Management Unit 2 - Buffer Area

This area separates the other units in the reserve from the wetlands to the north. At the eastern end it includes three sediment detention basins located at the end of Duguid Way. These were constructed in the late 1970's to trap sediment primarily during the development of the subdivision. Reeds (*Phragmites australis*) have established in the ponds and these assist in absorbing nutrients; lantana and other weeds are also present. The ponds are monitored by Council and cleaned when necessary.

A shared pathway has been constructed within the buffer area from the end of Duguid Way around to the Childcare Unit. This traverses the embankment at the northern end of the playing field, constructed as part of the drainage basin. An Aboriginal midden is located within the embankment and the permission of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service is required before any excavation or filling is carried out on this berm. The embankment acts as a physical barrier between the adjacent wetlands and the field. A stand of mature Coral trees is growing on the berm, together with naturally regenerating native species on the northern side where it grades down to the wetland.

At the western end, the buffer includes an elevated knoll, which is partly covered by a pocket of remnant rainforest; lantana and other weeds are present with these native plants.



Photo 2 – Buffer Area and Midden

2.3 Management Unit 3 – Neighbourhood Centre

This includes the North Kiama Neighbourhood Centre that was constructed in 1995. It includes two offices, meeting and activity rooms, a kiosk, toilets and kitchen. An area adjoining the building to the north has been fenced off from the playing fields to provide a safe area for groups such as playgroups to use and to provide privacy for users of the Community Centre when sporting groups are using the playing field.

Picnic tables and an electric barbecue are provided in this area. An adjustment was made to the fence line to allow sporting groups to access the kiosk on the western end of the building without entering this area. This has resolved potential conflicts between users of the Centre and the playing fields. The building and ancillary facilities are in good condition. The Centre is leased to the North Kiama Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated under a 21 year lease signed in 1996.

The sealed carpark serves both the sportsground and the Neighbourhood Centre. At times, when sporting event are held, parking overflows onto Meehan Drive.

A brick amenities building, constructed prior to the Neighbourhood Centre, is located south of the Neighbourhood Centre and therefore slightly isolated from the playing field. This building is in reasonable condition.

Playground equipment was located to the north-west of the Centre on the edge of the sportsground. However, this was removed in 2005 because of its poor condition. It has not been replaced because of a lack of funds for this equipment. Because of its proximity to the baseball diamond, it would be better located further to the south. Tree planting and landscaping has been undertaken around the Centre and although it is at different stages of growth, it is successful in providing screening and shade.

A sewerage pumping station occupies a small site fronting Meehan Drive. This land is not included in the plan as it is owned by Sydney Water.

2.4 Management Unit 4 - Childcare Unit

This is located off Hughes Crescent and includes a sealed carpark and access laneway and the Childcare Centre. The area occupied by the Centre is leased to the North Kiama Childcare Centre (now incorporated in the Illawarra Children's Services) by Council under a 21 year lease signed in 1998. It includes the buildings and external play area which is fenced off from the reserve. This is in accordance with the Management Plan adopted in 1994. These facilities are in good condition.



Photo 3 – Childcare Centre

3.0 COUNCIL'S OVERALL PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Council has defined a number of fundamental or corporate goals that are to be addressed in any future development of their parks and recreation areas. These goals form an overarching framework for all the more detailed objectives and strategies in this plan.

3.1 Aim of this Plan of Management

- To develop a Plan of Management for the site to comply with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government Amendment Act 1998, and which is consistent with Council's corporate goals and policies. The plan should also achieve a balanced, responsible and ecologically sustainable use of the land and ensure that it addresses the needs of both the local community groups and the broader community.

3.2 Corporate Goals

3.2.1 Sustainable Environment

Kiama Council's goal is that Kiama will have high quality natural, rural, town and village environments and landscapes sustained and enhanced for the present and for the future.

Kiama Council will:

- Protect, enhance, manage and monitor the area's landscapes, places of heritage significance and natural environments;
- Control and plan development of our built environment for the wellbeing of the community;
- Manage and reduce the environmental impacts of all activities on air, water and land systems;
- Promote environmental awareness through educational programs;
- Provide leadership by demonstrating environmental excellence in all Council activities and policies.

3.2.2 Quality Facilities, Services And Infrastructure

Kiama Council's goal is to plan and manage its facilities, services and infrastructure so that they are continuously improved to be the best Council can provide within its available resources.

Kiama Council will provide and maintain services, facilities and infrastructure, which are:

- responsive to the diverse needs of the community;
- accessible to users;
- affordable within the Council's resources;
- planned in a local and regional context.

3.2.3 Community Cohesion and Wellbeing

Kiama Council's goal is that the community will have an enhanced quality of life and that it will have promoted access, equity and social justice.

Kiama Council will:

- Contribute to the health, safety and well being of the community;
- Involve the community and relevant stakeholders to plan, develop and facilitate access to services and resources;
- Promote awareness and understanding of cultural diversity; and
- Recognise and support the value of cultural heritage.

4.0 COUNCIL POLICIES

Council has developed a number of general policies in the planning, management and maintenance of community land and Council reserves. Any strategies and actions proposed in this plan must be consistent with these policies.

4.1 Planning

Council will:

- Consider and attempt to balance the need for community recreation facilities with the impact development of such sites will have on local residents;
- Attempt to balance the provision of active and passive recreational facilities;
- Consider access to recreational facilities for young families and disabled users;
- Integrate access for disabled users in plans for future developments;
- Limit facilities on the site to those facilities which are compatible with the objectives of the Plan of Management;
- Attempt to provide safe pedestrian links and corridors between components of the open space network; and
- Have regard to Council's Environmental Goals and Biodiversity Policy when approving works on the site.

4.2 Management

Council will:

- Reserve the right to control the use of, and access to, community land;
- Create opportunities for community consultation and participation in the planning and development of Community Land; and
- Facilitate a system whereby enquires and complaints from the public can be efficiently and promptly dealt with.

4.3 Development of New, and Improvement of Existing, Facilities

Council approval is required prior to any development or improvement made to Community Land.

All major developments and improvements to be funded (solely or partially) by Council will be approved through inclusion in Council's Capital Works Schedule.

Works included in Council's Capital Works Program will be funded from income generated from Council's entrepreneurial activities, general revenue, Section 94 contributions and external funds in the form of Government grants. If the anticipated yields from these sources are not achieved, it will result in the proposed works being delayed to later dates.

Council will encourage community assistance in the development of new facilities, as well as maintenance of existing facilities, through the co-operation and assistance of local groups.

4.4 Weed Control

The control of noxious weeds in general shall remain with the Illawarra Noxious Weed Authority. Council will carry out the control of nuisance weeds or environmental weeds. This will involve the use of herbicides or mechanical methods as well as minimum disturbance methods where appropriate.

4.5 Maintenance

Council will:

- Carry out maintenance and inspection as detailed in the Strategic Asset Maintenance Program for Parks and Reserves, Recreational Facilities, Foreshores, Boat Ramps, Disused Quarries and Cemeteries;
- Review maintenance service levels outlined in the Strategic Asset Maintenance Program for Parks and Reserves to ensure that facilities are maintained efficiently and within budget constraints;
- Encourage community groups to assist with maintenance;
- Ensure the efficient and conservative use of water, pesticides, herbicides and fertilisers on Council ground; and
- Carry out bush regeneration in accordance with standard accepted practices for bush regeneration.

4.6 Fees

Council applies fees for the use of Council reserves. An application must be lodged with Council prior to the event. All applicable fees must be paid prior to the hire/use of the reserve.

The fees associated with the hiring of Council reserves for major events, concerts, functions etc., are detailed in Council's Fees and Charges Schedule. Council's fee structure is reviewed on an annual basis.

4.7 Uses and Activities Requiring Council Approval

- All activities defined in Part D Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993;
- Fetes/cultural activities;
- Exhibition/displays;
- Commercial photographic/film shoots;
- Concerts/performances;
- Large, formal gatherings; and
- Recreational and environmental facilities under the care, control or management of Council, rehabilitation of wetland systems, essential public works.

4.8 Prohibited Activities

Activities in the view of Council which may be damaging, disruptive and/or may represent a danger to either users of the reserve, neighbouring properties or the site, or which are not consistent with the 6(a) zoning.

4.9 Sale of Alcohol

Council must approve the sale of alcohol on Council property. Before approval is sought, a Functions Licence must be obtained from the NSW Police Department. This licence must be produced in every instance where an application involving the sale of alcohol on Council property is sought.

Applications must meet the requirements set down by the Licensing Board, Courts of NSW and Council.

4.10 Signage

Council uses signs to regulate the activities carried out on community land and to provide educational information so as to provide a safe and enjoyable place for passive and active recreational pursuits.

Whilst signs are a crucial source of information, they have a significant impact on the aesthetics of a reserve. All signs must meet a design standard and be approved by the Manager of Environment. All signs must be sympathetic to their environment in their design, construction and location.

All Council signs erected under Section 632 of the Local Government Act and as part of the Strategic Asset Management Program (SAMP), plus reserve name signs and traffic and safety signs, are permissible. Council must approve all other signs before erection.

4.11 Easements

Council reserves the right to grant easements as required for utilities and access, bearing in mind the impact of such easements on the site.

4.12 Leases, Licenses and Other Estates

This Plan of Management authorises the lease, licence or grant of any other estate over part of the areas stated in this Plan of Management for the purpose of public recreation or the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of members of the public, including the use of part of the Community Land for the construction and use of associated facilities by the North Kiama Childcare Centre and the Gainsborough Neighbourhood Association and the North Kiama Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated.

4.13 Animals on Reserves

Existing Acts and Regulations regarding the prohibition of animals such as dogs and horses on Community Land including a public place or part thereof, without prior Council approval, must be enforced to keep these areas free of animals and excrement.

Council will enforce the Companion Animals Act 1998 and Regulations or equivalent, which states that the owner of a dog found in a prohibited place is in breach of the law. In general, without prior approval of Council, a dog is not permitted in the following places (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled):

- Within 10 metres of any playing apparatus provided or part for the use of children;
- Within 10 metres of any apparatus provided for the preparation or consumption of food by humans;
- Public bathing areas including a beach that Council has ordered that dogs are prohibited and upon which there are signs notifying the Council order of prohibition;
- Any areas provided or set apart for public recreation or the playing of games that Council has ordered that dogs are prohibited and upon which there are signs notifying the Council order of prohibition.

4.14 Public Safety

As recommended by the LOGOV Risk Management Services report, Council has developed a Strategic Asset Maintenance Program (SAMP) for all its assets. SAMP has been developed to create and maintain all assets under the care, custody, control and management of Council to a safe standard and in a safe condition which is in fact the highest standard and condition that Council can reasonably afford in all of its circumstances, and having regard to financial economic, environmental, aesthetic, social or political factors or constraints.

5.0 MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES, ISSUES AND STRATEGIES

5.1 Management Objectives

5.1.1 Core objectives

The core objectives are defined in Section 36 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993; these vary according to the categorisation of the land.

For Management Unit 1, categorised as Sportsground, these are as follows:

- (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.*

For Management Units 2, 3 and 4, categorised as General Community Use, the core objectives are as follows:

- (a) *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.*
- (b) *In relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public;*
- (c) *In relation to purpose 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).*

5.1.2 Specific Management Objectives

Specific management objectives have been set for Management Unit 2, the buffer area, in recognition of its specific role adjacent to the wetlands. These are as follows:

- (a) *To mitigate impact on the reserve and adjoining Crown reserve by community use.*
- (b) *To protect and enhance all functions associated with the reserve's role as a buffer between the residential development and the remainder of the reserve and the estuary.*
- (c) *To manage the reserve so as to protect the estuarine environment, particularly in relation to riparian vegetation and habitats.*
- (d) *To provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes only or uses such as cycling, roller blading or skateboarding appropriate for the shared pathway only*

Council's corporate goals are also relevant to the management of this reserve.

5.2 Management Issues

5.2.1 *Skatepark Site*

The draft plan has been prepared to allow for the construction of a skatepark in the north western corner of the Sportsground Unit. (See *Figure 4*). In August 2006, Council approved this site as the preferred site for a skatepark for the North Kiama area (CR 322). This followed an assessment of the suitability of all the public lands in North Kiama that was considered by Council in March 2006 and a further, more detailed assessment of three sites in the area in the report presented to Council in August. The site was selected following a survey of school students between the ages of 8 and 18 and consideration of a number of other factors including parking, toilets, impact on adjoining residences, visual impact on the reserve, impact on existing uses, access and central location within North Kiama. The specific factors relevant to this plan, and as reported to Council in August 2006 are as follows:

- ***Impact on Existing Uses***

The proposed site at Gainsborough Oval is in the north western corner of the playing field. This oval is used for cricket, baseball and touch football. The proposed site is outside the cricket and baseball boundary outfields. However, it is within the north western corner of the northern most touch football field. There are three touch football fields presently marked out on the oval and these are used for a social competition by the Grunters Touch Football. The two fields on the western side of the oval could be relocated to the south so that the skatepark was clear of the football field without affecting the other users. Alternatively, these touch football fields could be located at Gainsborough Chase. That area is not, at present, used and was developed by Council at the request of the Grunters Touch Football. Although the proposed site is on the edge of the oval, it is well clear of the parts that are intensely used and will not affect those places.

- ***Visual Impact on Reserve***

The site would have the backdrop of the trees along the northern edge of the reserve to soften it. Some additional tree planting would be desirable to reduce the impact from the cycleway.

- ***Impact on Residences Adjoining the Reserve***

The site at Gainsborough Oval is approximately 100 metres from the nearest residential property in Hughes Crescent. It is approximately 40 metres from the rear boundary of the North Kiama Childcare Centre although it is separated by a group of trees and that could, if necessary, be added to.

- ***Parking and Toilets***

The carparking is at the Neighbourhood Centre approximately, 150metres away. It is connected to the proposed site by a cycleway. There are public toilets adjacent to the Centre.

- ***Other Factors***

The Gainsborough Oval site would be affected by flooding occasionally as the oval acts a detention basin. This is for a short duration but would necessitate minor maintenance cleaning.

Under Council's Skatepark Facility Policy, the skatepark is intended to serve the local area and as such would be of a similar size and design to the facility provided at South Werri Reserve at Gerringong. That skatepark covers an area of approximately 15metres x 15metres. Detailed design plans would be prepared in consultation with potential users and a person with recognised expertise in skating. A development application submitted for the project. The final approval for the facility would be subject to Development Consent.



Figure 4 - Skatepark Site

5.2.2 *Aboriginal Midden*

As noted in Section 2.3, this is located within the embankment at the northern end of the playing field and was substantially covered over when the playing field and the basin were constructed in the early 1980's. Prior to construction of the shared pathway in February 2001, an archaeological survey was carried out and a report prepared (Heritage Search 2000) as required by the Service. Subsequently, a permit was issued by the Service to allow these works to proceed over the midden. It is important that this site is preserved because of its historical, scientific and cultural significance and that the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service Act is complied with. The construction of the skatepark will not impact directly on the midden as the site for the skatepark is on the playing field surface. Some additional treatment may be required to prevent bike riders attracted to the skatepark from damaging the embankment by riding up and down the grassy slope. This would be subject to investigation during the preparation of the design plans at the development application stage.

5.2.3 *Vegetation*

Generally, the trees within the buffer area have grown naturally; it includes a pocket of rainforest and riparian vegetation along the edge of the wetland. There is also a line of mature Coral trees on the embankment covering the northern face of the midden. As noted in the plan approved in 2001, the Coral trees should be progressively removed to prevent their spread into the adjacent wetland and to improve the native vegetation along this buffer. The rainforest and the edge of the buffer with the wetlands is somewhat degraded through weed invasion and requires improved maintenance and regeneration. A first step in this would be to carry out a vegetation survey of the area.

To improve surveillance around the skatepark, a strip of 8 metres wide measured from the cycleway and 30 metres long immediately north of the skatepark shall be cleared of lantana and undergrowth. This shall be kept clear of low growing vegetation and shrubs.

The vegetation within the other units generally comprises Kikuyu and native trees planted as part of the landscaping of the reserve. Around the Neighbourhood Centre this is quite reasonable, however further perimeter planting around the reserve would be desirable to provide shade and screening.

5.2.4 *Neighbourhood Centre*

This Centre is used by various community groups and is managed on a daily basis by the North Kiama Community Worker through the North Kiama Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated. It includes an outside area fenced off from the sportsground and at times, there has been a conflict of uses in this area between the people using the Centre and those using the playing field. This was resolved by a minor adjustment to the fence which separates these areas. However, there are still some conflicts on weekends with balls being occasionally batted towards the Centre. This may be resolved by additions to the existing baseball nets.

5.2.5 Childcare Centre

The area occupied by the Centre was extended in 1998 in accordance with the Management Plan adopted in 1994. Under the amendments made to the Local Government Act in 1998, any further extension of this facility would require an amendment to the Plan of Management. The area occupied by the Centre is leased to the Illawarra Children's Services for the operation of the North Kiama Childcare Centre and the present lease should be continued

5.2.6 Access

Vehicle access to the reserve is provided at the carpark off Meehan Drive next to the Neighbourhood Centre and the carpark off Hughes Crescent to the Childcare Centre. It is also available to the eastern end of the shared pathway off Duguid Way. No other vehicle access is considered appropriate.

Pedestrian and cycle access is provided along the shared pathway along the buffer area and a direct link from that pathway is provide to the Neighbourhood Centre carpark and further west to the Gainsborough Chase Reserve. These facilities have been provided as part of the development of cycleway facilities in accordance with Council's Cycleway Plan.



Photo 6 – Shared Pathway connecting reserves through the buffer area

6.0 ACTION PLAN

The following tables set out a number of actions required to implement the identified Management Strategies and Performance Targets for each Management Unit within the Gainsborough Oval Reserve. These actions are the means of achieving the objectives of the Plan of Management. Unless otherwise noted, the responsibility for the implementation of these actions is with the Director of Engineering and Works.

A clear indication of how the completion of the aims will be assessed is also provided in the tables under Performance Evaluation.

MANAGEMENT UNIT 1 – SPORTSGROUND

Management Objectives	Management Strategies Performance Targets	Actions (Means of Achieving Targets)	Performance Evaluation (How They will be Assessed)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain sportsfields and associated assets at a safe and acceptable level as Council funds permit. Plan for the provision and management of new sporting facilities as well as improvements to existing facilities as funds permit. Provide opportunities for community participation in provision of sporting facilities. Provide opportunities for participation by integrating access for people with disabilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain sportsgrounds in accordance with Council's Strategic Asset Management Policy. Allocate funding in Council's budget for the maintenance and development of Council's sportsgrounds. Seek external funding for development of sportsground facilities. Support the work of the Kiama Sports Association in assisting in the management of sporting facilities. Wherever possible provide safe and convenient access to facilities for people with disabilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance with SAMP. Receipt of funding. Receipt of funding. Kiama Sports Association to continue to allocate fields for sporting activities. Provision of access for people with disabilities.

Management Objectives	Management Strategies Performance Targets	Actions (Means of Achieving Targets)	Performance Evaluation (How They will be Assessed)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that such facilities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain development consent for any works as required under Council's LEP 1996. Activities and uses to be in accordance with Sections 3.7 and 3.8 of this plan or in accordance with those permitted under the 6(a) zoning of Council's LEP. Maintain Sportsfields and associated assets at a safe level as per the Strategic Assets Management Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare suitable plans and submit development applications for the provision of the skatepark as proposed in this plan. Manage facilities in accordance with development consent. Council to approve only those uses in accordance with Secs 3.7 and 3.8 of this Plan and those permitted under the 6(a) zoning. Kiama District Sports Association to consider the adverse impact on nearby residences when allocating ground use. Council to create opportunities for community participation in the development and management of recreational facilities. Undertake a risk assessment of the danger of errant baseballs to users of the reserve. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development application lodged for works as required. Compliance with development consent. Compliance with Sections 3.7 and 3.8 and the LEP. Re-allocation of ground use if necessary. Consultation with community. Implementation of risk assessment.

MANAGEMENT UNIT 2 – BUFFER AREA

Management Objectives	Management Strategies Performance Targets	Actions (means of achieving targets)	Performance Evaluation (how they will be assessed)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitigate impact on the reserve by community use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit vehicle access to the reserve. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out Council Ranger patrols of the reserves. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorised vehicles only in reserve.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect and enhance functions of the area as a buffer to the estuary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that works carried out on the reserve are in accordance with the aims and objectives of the Minnamurra Estuary Management Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement recommendations of Council's Stormwater Management Plan and Minnamurra Estuary Management Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of works.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide for restoration and regeneration of the land and protection of the estuarine environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the conservation of indigenous native plants on the site. Encourage and support local community groups in the carrying out of the work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake a vegetation survey in Management Unit 2 Undertake a bush regeneration program in Management Unit 2. Provide financial and logistic assistance to appropriate local community groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of survey. Progressive Removal of Coral trees and weeds and replacement with indigenous native species. Formation of groups and implementation of on ground works.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide for passive recreation and casual active recreation such as cycling. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide facilities suitable for passive recreation also active recreation such as cycling only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain shared pathways Maintain the area in accordance with Council's Strategic Asset Management Policy (SAMP). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance with the SAMP.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide for protection of the Aboriginal midden. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out works only in accordance with the NPWS Act. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain approval for NPWS for excavation or filling on the midden. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance with the NPWS Act.

MANAGEMENT UNIT 3 – NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Management Objectives	Management Strategies Performance Targets	Actions (means of achieving targets)	Performance Evaluation (how they will be assessed)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To ensure that the use of the Centre complies with the requirements of incorporation and the lease agreement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carry out programs as set by the constitution and conditions of Government funding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AGM held every year.• Information provided to Government agencies.

MANAGEMENT UNIT 4 – CHILDCARE UNIT

Management Objectives	Management Strategies Performance Targets	Actions (means of achieving targets)	Performance Evaluation (how they will be assessed)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To ensure that the use of the Centre complies with NSW & Commonwealth regulations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Achieve incorporation and registration as required by conditions of funding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Licence applications approved.• Records are kept and provided to Government.

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