

Marrickville Park

PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 What is a Plan of Management?

A Plan of Management (PoM) is a strategic document providing a planning and management framework for the future use, development and maintenance of multiple or individual areas of community land in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993. While a PoM is a requirement for all community land owned by Council, it also presents an opportunity to engage with the community and create a vision and values that are consistent with the needs of the current population and establishes how the park can be used in the future.

PoMs may also include other land and open space under Council's management, care and control such as Crown Land.

There are 106 parks and reserves including 55 playgrounds and 10 sportsgrounds in the Marrickville Local Government Area (LGA) and plans of management are required that apply to all community land. In 2012, Council completed the *Recreation Needs Research – Strategic Directions for Marrickville* (RNR) which identifies that the majority of plans of management are in need of review to reflect the current recreation needs of the Marrickville community and to ensure consistency with the Marrickville LEP 2011 and other Council plans and policies. The RNR recommends the review and revision of Community and Crown Land Plans of Management including Marrickville Park.

1.2 Marrickville Community Strategic Plan

Parks service multiple community needs as demonstrated by the extensive list of relevant outcomes stated in the Marrickville Community Strategic Plan 2023 that are consistent with the role of Marrickville Park:

- The community is active and healthy;
- The community has improved access to a range of local services for all ages and abilities;
- The community has increased opportunities for participation and engagement;
- The community feels safe, connected and has accessible infrastructure;
- Marrickville is a creative community participating in arts and cultural activities at all stages of life;
- The community understands and has a strong sense of history;
- Increased awareness and appreciation of Aboriginal art, culture and history in Marrickville;
- The community walks, rides bikes and uses public transport;
- Marrickville's parks grounds and open spaces provide diverse opportunities for recreation and enjoyment and are designed with community input;
- Marrickville is a water sensitive community that supplies from within its catchment, provides green infrastructure to support ecosystem services and collaborates to make plans, designs and decisions that are water sensitive;
- Marrickville has thriving natural habitats;
- Council is innovative in its delivery of services and projects;
- Council operations are high quality, sustainable, ethical and efficient;
- Council is financially viable and provides value for money in the delivery of its services; and
- Council consults, engages and communicates with the community effectively.

The ongoing management of Marrickville Park is consistent with this plan which provides a high level vision shared by Council and the wider community and provides a focus for all plans and actions.

1.3 Land covered under this Plan of Management

Marrickville Park is located in the suburb of Marrickville, close to the centre of the Marrickville Local Government Area (see Figure 1). The Park is bound by Frazer Street to the north and Livingstone Road to the east and is 45,000m² (see Figure 2). The Park is zoned RE1 Public Recreation in Marrickville Council LEP 2011 and is classified as community land.

Surrounded largely by residential properties, the park lies midway between the retail centres of Petersham and Marrickville. Wilkins Public School is located to the east of the Park and it is a short walk from Marrickville High School.

Figure 1 – Location of Marrickville Park

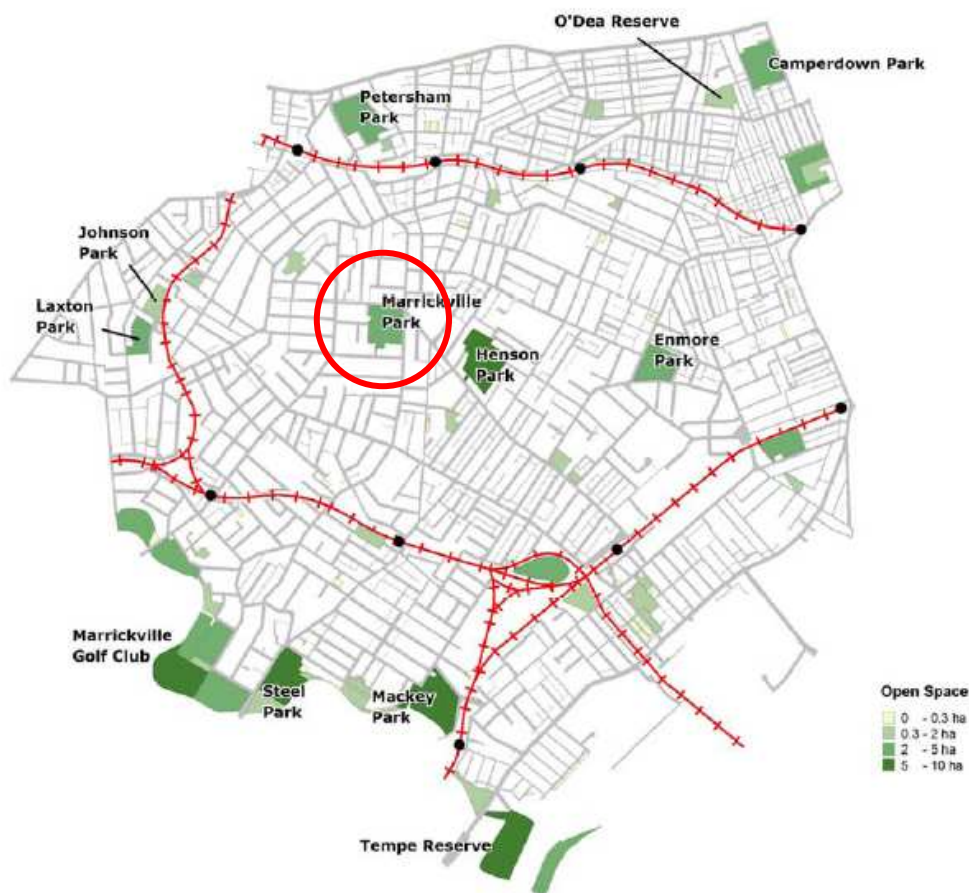


Figure 2 – The area covered by this Plan of Management



2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PARK




2.1 Legal Description

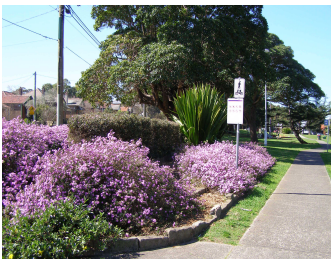
Land title and Ownership








Land	Marrickville Park
Title information	Lot 101 in DP 870783; and Lot 2 in DP 526881.
Ownership	Marrickville Council
Location	Marrickville Park is bounded by Frazer Street on the north, Livingstone Road on the east, residential properties fronting Pile Street on the south and Porter Avenue and Lawson Street on the west.
Total area	4.25Ha. approx.
Zoning	Open Space 6(A)
Classification	Community Land







2.2 Physical description

The following table provides a description of the elements of Marrickville Park, their current condition and use in accordance with the requirements of clause 36 (3A) (a) (i) and 36 (3A) (a) (ii) of the Local Government Act.

Item	Description	Condition	Current Use
	Access road	Fair	Vehicular access
	Amenities block with toilets and storage facilities	Fair	Public toilets and storage of grounds maintenance items and equipment
	BBQ	Fair	Passive recreation

	Children's playground	Fair	Children's play
	Cricket Nets	Good	Active recreation
	Croquet lawn and clubhouse	Good	Active and passive recreation
	Dog Off Leash Area	Good	Active and passive recreation
	Formal garden	Good	Landscape feature
	Light poles located throughout the park	Good	Pedestrian – general purpose lighting
	Mounding around the northern side of the oval protected by shade trees	Good	Passive recreation – watching sports activities

	Open grandstand, change rooms and canteen	Fair	Watching sports activities, amenities for active recreation
	Park furniture	Good	Passive recreation
	Pathway network	Good	Active recreation / transport
	Public art on the corner of Livingstone and Frazer St	Good	Cultural & heritage value
	Retaining wall	Good	Flood mitigation
	Rose garden	Good	Cultural & heritage value and landscaping feature
	Sports lighting	Good	Active recreation

	Sports oval	Good	Active recreation
	Tennis clubhouse	Fair	Amenities and rooms for passive active recreation
	<p>Tennis courts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ hard court x4 ▪ natural grass x6 ▪ synthetic grass x2 (floodlit) 	<p>Poor</p> <p>Good</p> <p>Good</p>	Active recreation
 	<p>The park contains 84 trees as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 52 Lophostemon confertus (Brushbox) ▪ 1 Cedrus deodara (Deodar Cedar) ▪ 1 Ficus rubiginosa (Port Jackson Fig) ▪ 1 Livistonia australis (Cabbage Tree Palm) ▪ 1 Arbutus unedo (Irish Strawberry Tree) ▪ 11 Pyrus sp. (Pear) ▪ 2 Pittosporum rhombifolium (Queensland Pittosporum) ▪ 3 Syagrus romanzoffianum (Cocos Palm) ▪ 1 Plumeria Acutifolia. (Frangipani) ▪ 2 Casuarina glauca Swamp (She-oak) ▪ 1 Schinus molle car. areira (Peppercorn Tree) ▪ 8 Phoenix canariensis (Canary Island Date Palm) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 45 Good, 6 Fair, 4 Poor ▪ Good ▪ Good ▪ Poor ▪ Poor ▪ 3 Fair, 8 Poor ▪ 1 Fair, 1 Poor ▪ 1 Good, 1 Fair ▪ Fair ▪ Good ▪ Fair ▪ 7 Good, 1 Fair 	Biodiversity, cultural and heritage and landscaping values
	World War II memorial with the dedication "IN MEMORY OF THE MEN OF SPARROW FORCE AND PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR WHO DIED IN TIMOR 1942-1945 DURING WORLD WAR 2".	Good	Cultural & heritage value and landscaping feature

2.3 Access

Marrickville Park is well served by a number of bus routes and is within a relatively short walk of a number of rail stations. It should be noted that not all bus routes provide low floor accessible services and frequency of accessible buses is limited.

The park has an access road for vehicles which runs off Porter Avenue but the park does not contain any formal parking. There is a pathway network which is considered to be in fair condition and combines shared use for pedestrians and cyclists. There is a short section of an identified off road cycle route and shared pathway in the north-western corner of the park which provides a link between two sections of on road cycle path connecting Miller Lane to the north and Porter Avenue to the west.

Many of the buildings in the park do not provide easy access for people with a disability. This presents a barrier to participation in recreational pursuits and related family and other social activities.

2.4 Culture and Heritage

Public Art

Council recognises that the integration of public art into public places provides arts experiences to the whole community and promotes cultural and heritage significance. This contributes to Marrickville's unique culture, acknowledges community values, fosters local identity and pride, and contributes to a sense of place. The public art installation at Marrickville Park is a mosaic of a cluster of birds inspired by magpies by Jane Cavenough and creates a corner entry focus for the park.

Heritage

A Heritage Assessment was completed to identify heritage values associated with the Park and to determine the potential for redevelopment of the site (see Appendix 2). The Heritage Assessment contains a detailed and interesting history of the Park and its development. The Assessment identifies three items of exceptional heritage value, namely the Oval, the 4 Lawn Tennis Courts running east-west on the southern boundary of the park and the Croquet Lawn and Clubhouse.

2.5 Maintenance

Marrickville Council currently undertakes the majority of regular maintenance of the park including:

- Croquet lawn maintenance;
- Gardening;
- Grass maintenance – (mowing, edge trimming etc.);
- Inspection and repairs to fixtures and furniture Toilet cleaning;
- Pathways and road inspections and repairs;
- Repairs to built structures including amenities, cricket nets and lights;
- Signage;
- Sports oval maintenance;
- Toilet cleaning;
- Tree maintenance; and
- Turf wicket maintenance (September to March only).

2.6 Natural

2.6.1 Biodiversity

Marrickville Park is part of the Urban Habitat Mosaic Priority Biodiversity Area (UHMPBA) as identified in Council's Biodiversity Strategy 2011-21. The UHMPBA comprises all the parks, reserves, streets, road verges, schools, church grounds and back yards and is important for providing local and regional connectivity and habitat. A mixture of native and exotic vegetation gives structural habitat for a range of identified biodiversity values including Long-nosed Bandicoots, Grey-headed Flying Fox, frogs, rock/crevice dependant reptiles, moisture dependent reptiles, nocturnal birds, small granivorous birds, small nectarivorous and insectivorous birds, mega bats and micro bats.

2.6.2 Trees

There are a number of trees in the park that help define the character of the park. Avenues of brushbox trees along the periphery of the northern and eastern sides of the park are a defining feature as are the avenue of palm trees running from the north-eastern corner. These features are evident in historical images of the site and contribute to the heritage values of the site.

2.6.3 Water Management

Water sensitive communities create places that are "resilient, liveable, productive and sustainable. They efficiently use the diversity of water resources available within towns and cities; enhance and protect the health of urban waterways and wetlands; and mitigate against flood risk and damage. They also create public spaces that harvest, clean and recycle water, increase biodiversity and reduce urban heat island effects.

There are two stormwater catchments upstream of Marrickville Park, both located entirely within Marrickville LGA and the park has been identified as a site with potential to reduce reliance on potable water through stormwater harvesting for irrigation purposes.

The oval at Marrickville Park forms part of a retention basin for the local area which slows the flow of floodwater downstream in the event of a Probable Maximum Flood (PMF). A masonry retaining wall is built along the south / south-eastern sides of the oval, which is required to be to a standard for a 1 in 10,000 year PMF.

2.6 Recreation

As the demographic make up of the local population changes, there is increasing demand placed on public open space for recreation purposes in terms of both the quantity and diversity of recreation activities. Marrickville Park is popular with the local community for a range of organised and informal, active and passive activities. Currently the northern aspect of the park caters predominantly for informal recreation whereas the southern aspect contains more facilities for active and organised recreation.

The most highly used areas of the park are:

- The open non oval grassy areas for general recreation, walking, dog walking and informal off leash dog area
- The children's playground
- The oval
- The tennis courts

The most popular uses of the Park are:

- Attractive place to walk (83: 47 %)
- Walking the dog or off leash area (68: 39%)
- Children's play (67: 38%)

- Relaxation (64: 36%)

Other uses included social and competitive sport and personal training. The park is used for organised active recreation for the following activities:

- Cricket
- Croquet
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union
- School Sport
- Tennis

3. Categorisation and Planning Context

3.1 Categorisation

This plan of management is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993. It provides a strategic framework for the future management and use of Marrickville Park.

Public Land under the control of Council must be classified as either “community” or “operational” land. Land classified as “community” reflects the importance to the community in that the land is for use by the general public. All community land requires a plan of management to govern and manage the use of the land. The plan of management must include the following:

- the category of the land;
- objectives and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land;
- the means by which Council proposed to achieve the plan’s objectives and performance targets;
- the manner in which council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plan’s objectives and performance targets;
- the condition of the land and of any buildings or other improvements on the land;
- the use of the land and of any buildings or improvements as at the date of adoption;
- specify the purposes for which the land and any buildings or improvements will be permitted to be used;
- specify the purposes for which any further development of the land will be permitted, whether under lease or licence or otherwise; and
- describe the scale and intensity of any such permitted use or development.

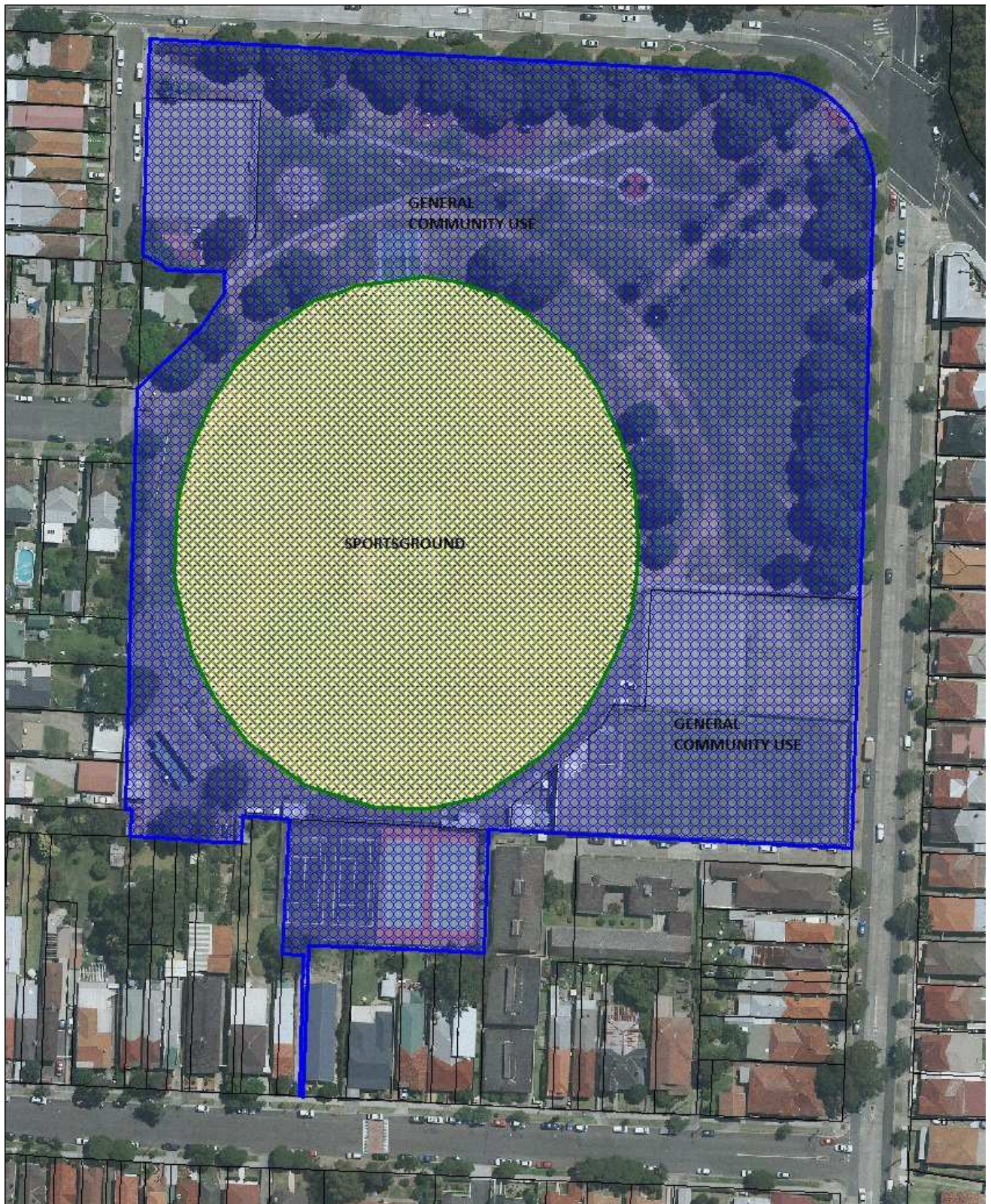
The land must be categorised as one of more of the following:

- a natural area;
- a sportsground;
- a park;
- an area of cultural significance; and
- general community use.

This Plan of Management categorises the community land in Marrickville Park as follows:

Land Category	Core Objectives
Sportsground (LGA 1993, Section 36F)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ To encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games, and▪ To ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.
General Community Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 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:<ul style="list-style-type: none">(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).

Marrickville Park - Categorisation Map



3.2 Other relevant legislation

- Companion Animals Act; and
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992.

3.3 Local planning context

Relevant Marrickville Council strategies and policies are:

- Asset Management Strategy and Asset Management Plans;
- Biodiversity Strategy;
- Climate Change Plan 2015 – 2025;
- Community Strategic Plan;
- Companion Animals Management Plan;
- DDA Access Policy and Access Action Plan 2004;
- Marrickville LEP 2011;
- Recreation Needs Research – Strategic Directions for Marrickville 2012;
- Recreation Strategy and Policy 2013;
- Strategy for a Water Sensitive Community; and
- Urban Forest Strategy.

4.0 Values, Roles and Objectives

4.1 Values and Role of the Park

Council's commitment to recreation facilities and services is further articulated through the Recreation Policy and Strategy:

- **Lifelong Recreation** – inclusive access to best practice and innovative recreation opportunities for the Marrickville community;
- **Active In Marrickville** – enrichment of the health and well-being of the Marrickville community through participation in a diverse range of recreational activities; and
- **The Recreation Economy** – support for local recreation businesses and organisations that facilitate recreation in Marrickville and add economic value to the community.

Consistent with the Recreation Policy and Strategy, the desired roles of Marrickville Park are defined in the table below:

VALUE	ROLE
Lifelong Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ An accessible park for people of all abilities;▪ A place for children and young people to play;▪ A place for informal recreation including safe walking paths and ancillary facilities such as shade and seating for all ages;▪ To maintain the culture, heritage and character of the park and surrounding area;▪ Engagement of the local community through the inclusion of public art; and▪ A public place to exercise pets
Active in Marrickville	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A park that is well connected to local residential areas, schools and community hubs;▪ An opportunity to engage in informal active recreation activities;▪ An opportunity for leisure time - to escape the urban environment or engage in social gatherings such as a picnics or bbq;▪ A district level sports facility for organised sports organisations and associations;▪ Protection and preservation of significant plantings within the Park;▪ Sustainable management of recreation and community facilities;▪ Enhancement of biodiversity within the Urban Habitat Mosaic; and▪ Flood mitigation.
The Recreation Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Develop key plans to guide Council in the provision of recreation facilities for future incoming populations;▪ Maintain existing and actively seek new partnerships to support the effective management and delivery of recreation facilities and services; and▪ Recreation facilities are safe, equitable, inclusive and affordable.

4.2 Management Objectives

Lifelong Recreation Objectives

1. Provide opportunities for people of all abilities to participate in recreation activities.
2. Provide a user friendly outdoor space for older residents.

3. Provide a range of engaging and safe play opportunities for children.
4. Provide a range of engaging and safe play opportunities for young people.
5. Provide a safe and shared open space to use to meet the needs of residents and their pets.
6. Acknowledge and conserve the local heritage of Marrickville Park.
7. Provide artistic opportunities for the community.

Active In Marrickville

1. Enhance connectivity to surrounding residential areas, schools and community hubs adjacent to Marrickville Park.
2. Encourage a range of organised and informal active recreation activities through the provision of high quality open space and recreation facilities.
3. Provide opportunities for passive recreation – a place for quiet contemplation, to escape the urban environment or social gatherings such as picnics or bbq.
4. Maintain the use of the park as a district level sports facility.
5. Minimise any intensification of use which will have a detrimental impact on other park users or local residents.
6. Provide a park and open space with well maintained recreation and community facilities.
7. Ensure the sustainable management of the Park as a valued recreational and community asset.
8. Enhance the biodiversity of Marrickville Park.
9. Reduce the reliance on potable water in the park.
10. Effective ongoing management of stormwater and flood mitigation infrastructure.

The Recreation Economy

1. Catered for incoming populations through the development of key plans to guide Council in the provision of recreation facilities.
2. Maintain existing and actively seek new partnerships to support the effective management and delivery of recreation facilities and services.
3. Provide safe, equitable and affordable access to recreation facilities and programs.

5.0 Management of the Park

Marrickville Park provides the community with a variety of active and passive recreation opportunities. The Park is well used by the community nonetheless there are a number of functional issues which have been highlighted. This section of the Plan of Management outlines the challenges and design issues within the Park as well as the opportunities and constraints which have informed the development of a Master Plan. The Master Plan reviews the existing structure of the Park including the current location and provision of facilities. The Master Plan also considers future opportunities and provides a vision for the implementation of the development of the park. The Master Plan is a concept plan and elements are subject to change to accommodate detailed design constraints and other unforeseen changes provided the overall objectives of the PoM remain unchanged.

5.1 Lifelong Recreation

5.1.1 Access

- The use of vehicles within areas populated by pedestrians and other users of the park is not recommended practice. It is preferable to minimise vehicular access through the park to ensure that park user safety is not compromised; and
- Maximise accessibility in all infrastructure upgrades to accommodate shared use by multiple users.

5.1.2 Culture and Heritage

Following feedback on the potential re-configuration of areas of the park, an independent Heritage Study was commissioned to provide clarification on existing features and certainty for any future development. The Assessment identifies Marrickville Park as a place of cultural significance. The Assessment makes a number of recommendations which have informed the items in the draft PoM. There is also opportunity for public art to provide improved integration between built elements and the rest of the park.

- Marrickville Park, as a place of recreation, is conserved as a place of cultural significance;
- The Sports Oval is retained as a significant feature and visual focus of the park;
- Retain the configuration of the original 1921 lawn tennis courts while ongoing demand remains for these facilities;
- Although membership to the croquet club is small, the facility has historic significance. There is potential to explore additional uses of the facility compatible with Croquet;
- Remove the existing grandstand to improve safety without impacting on the historic significance of the Oval;
- Ensure any future development does not increase the existing ratio of built structures to open recreational space;
- Conserve the heritage significance, visual character and linear quality of the three row plantings at Marrickville Park. Prepare a tree replacement policy for Marrickville Park, particularly in relation to the row of palms;
- Ensure recreation at Marrickville Park is inclusive and able to be adapted so as to embrace the needs of the wider local community;
- Provide opportunities to interpret the historic and social significance of the park; and
- Use public art to provide improved integration between the clubhouse building and the park.

5.1.3 People with Pets in Parks

Manage the use of pets in parks in conjunction with other park users and consistent with the Companion Animals Act, the Companion Animals Management Plan and the Marrickville Recreation Policy and Strategy. This includes ongoing management of the off leash area and minimising the need for fencing where possible. If fencing is required, consider using this as a barrier rather than an enclosure.

5.1.4 Play Facilities

- Improve current and provide additional inclusive play opportunities to better engage with young children; and
- Provide inclusive play opportunities to cater for the needs of older children and young people.

5.1.5 Signage

A review of all signage in Marrickville Park should be conducted to ensure:

- consistency of signage with Council's corporate branding;
- relevant regulatory signage is in place and appropriately located;
- sufficient way finding signage is in place; and
- consider the introduction of interpretive signage.

5.2 Active In Marrickville

5.2.1 Amenities and Grandstand

- Be consistent with Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles;
- Maximise the integration of amenities with the rest of the Park;
- Remove the current grandstand;
- Provide sufficient and safe public toilets;
- Provide space for ground maintenance material storage;
- Provide facilities for on site ground staff (lunch room);
- Provide some storage for sporting users;
- Consider a canteen for sports users;
- Provide change facilities for sports users;
- Upgrade the clubhouse building to cater for existing uses and maximise integration with the rest of the park and users;
- Provide opportunities to view the activities taking place on the oval; and
- Incorporate sustainable design features (water sensitive urban design, renewable energy, renewable and recyclable materials, stormwater detention etc.) into all infrastructure upgrades.

5.2.2 Biodiversity

The park provides opportunities to enhance habitat provision and biodiversity for a wider range of fauna species through connected and stepping stone formal (planter beds) or informal areas around some of the mature trees using local native shrubs, grasses and ground covers as well as investigating opportunities for created habitat provision (e.g. nest boxes and sandstone rock shelters).

- Investigate opportunities to provide increased habitat and protect and enhance biodiversity within the park; and
- Consider opportunities for installing created habitat solutions (e.g. nest boxes, sandstone rock shelters etc.) that will protect and enhance biodiversity within the park.

5.2.3. Informal Recreation

- Develop a multi-use loop pathway in the park;
- Ensure the provision of sufficient shade opportunities;
- Provide adequate accessible and appropriately located seating throughout the park;
- Consider the installation of bbqs appropriately located to integrate with other passive recreation facilities; and
- Investigate options for the development of a café or kiosk to service the park.

5.2.4 Lighting

- With any proposed upgrades (e.g. pathways, amenities etc.), give consideration to the inclusion of lighting to facilitate improved usability as well as improved safety while minimising impact on biodiversity values; and
- Upgrade sports lighting to meet the minimum compliance level under relevant standards.

5.2.5 Maintenance

- Maintain Marrickville Park to provide a safe and clean park for the community;
- All maintenance activities should be programmed to minimise impacts on informal and organised users of the facilities; and
- Maintenance staff should be consulted to ensure recurrent maintenance costs are considered in the design of all future facilities.

5.2.6 Sports Oval

- Continue the use of the oval for organised recreation and sport;
- Increase the capacity of the oval through an upgrade considering as a minimum the reconstruction and upgrade of the playing surface and improved drainage.

5.2.7 Waste Management

- Complete a review of bin locations to balance user needs and efficient and effective maintenance servicing.
- Work with all park users to increase the recovery of recyclable materials and reduce waste leaving the site.

5.2.8 Water Management

- Integrate capital works identified in the Sustainable Irrigation Plan with the actions in this Plan of Management and Master Plan;
- Ensure the effective operation of the park as a flood mitigation facility; and
- Ensure the effective maintenance of stormwater infrastructure in accordance with relevant standards.

5.3 The Recreation Economy

5.3.1 Leases and Licences

- Provide opportunity for all lessees to operate as a viable and sustainable activity consistent with Council's Community Facilities Leasing Policy;
- Provide long-term flexibility for potential future uses of leased areas for community outcomes;
- Continue to provide sufficient natural grass and synthetic tennis courts subject to ongoing demand for these facilities; and
- Facilitate the use of the Pile Street tennis courts for informal and organised multipurpose activities.

5.3.2 Equitable and Affordable Access

- Ensure consistency with Council's adopted Pricing Policy and Fees and Charges as applicable for the use of park facilities;
- Ensure consistency with relevant Council policies governing the leasing of community facilities;
- Ensure consistency with other relevant policies governing the use of parks and open space facilities; and
- Pursue the required process resulting in the sale of the narrow corridor of land running from the Pile Street courts to Pile Street subject to interest from adjacent property owners.

6.0 Leases and Licences

6.1 Existing Leases and Licences

Marrickville Park currently contains two leases which are authorised under this plan of management for sport and recreation organisations, namely the croquet facility, leased to Marrickville Croquet Club and the tennis courts and clubhouse leased to Marrickville and District Lawn Tennis Club.

This plan of management authorises the existing leases which have been granted by Marrickville Council over Marrickville Park as follows:

Land Categorisation	Lot / DP	Agreement authorised
General Community Use	Lot 3 DP 862211	Lease with Marrickville District Lawn Tennis Club
General Community Use	Lot 2 DP 526881	Lease with Marrickville District Lawn Tennis Club
General Community Use	Lot 2 DP 862211	Lease with Marrickville Croquet Club



Land Title Information (plan of sub-division for lease purposes)

6.2 Future Leases and Licences

Future lease and licences will be allowable for any part of the Park for uses consistent with this PoM, the Marrickville Local Environment Plan and any other applicable legislation.

7.0 Action Plan

This section of the Plan of Management outlines the proposed actions to realise the desired outcomes as articulated in the Master Plan. The Master Plan is a concept aspiration and elements within this (and consequently the Action Plan) are subject to change to accommodate detailed design constraints and other unforeseen changes provided the overall objectives of the PoM remain unchanged. The Staging refers to the proposed scheduling of works as follows:

- 1 – years 1 to 3
- 2 – years 4 to 7
- 3 – years 8 – 10









All costings include:









- Design Allowance – 15%
- Contingency Cost – 10%



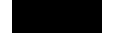



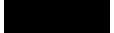



Calculation of costs should also include CPI of per annum - 3%.









Item	Action	Staging	Performance Measure	Park Value	Estimated Cost (\$)
Access	The existing access from Porter Avenue is closed to vehicles other than for maintenance, delivery and emergency purposes.	1	No general vehicular access to the park.	Lifelong Recreation	██████
Amenities	Undertake remedial repairs to existing clubhouse structure and maximise integration with the rest of the Park through public art.	1	Repairs and upgrade completed as per Master Plan.	Active in Marrickville	██████
Play Facilities	Improve current and provide additional inclusive play opportunities to better engage with young children.	1	Upgrade to the existing playground facility.	Lifelong Recreation	██████
Informal Recreation	Develop a multi-use loop pathway in the park.	1	Pathway constructed as per Master Plan.	Active in Marrickville	██████

Play Facilities	Provide inclusive play opportunities to cater for the needs of older children and young people. Allow the re-use of the Pile Street tennis courts (Lot 2 DP 526881) for such a purpose – any future development to consider the impact on adjacent properties.	1	Provision of play opportunities for young people as per the Master Plan.	Lifelong Recreation	■■■■■
Amenities	Demolish the existing grandstand and amenities block.	1	Grandstand and amenities block demolished.	Active in Marrickville	■■■■■
Amenities	Provide sufficient and safe public toilets.	1	Public toilets provided as per Master Plan.	Active in Marrickville	■■■■■
	Provide space for storage of turf wicket soil.		Storage facilities provided as per Master Plan.		
	Provide facilities for on site ground staff (lunch room).		Facilities provided as per Master Plan.		
	Provide some storage for sporting users.		Storage facilities provided as per Master Plan.		
	Provide a canteen / kiosk for sports users.		Canteen facilities provided as per Master Plan.		
	Provide change facilities for sports users.		Change facilities provided as per Master Plan.		
	Turfing adjacent to new amenities building		Turfing completed		
Informal Recreation	Installation of outdoor fitness equipment as per Master Plan	1	Equipment installed	Active in Marrickville	■■■■■





Informal Recreation	Installation of bbqs appropriately located to integrate with other passive recreation facilities.	1	Bbq facilities provided as per Master Plan.	Active in Marrickville	
Informal Recreation	Installation of tables located to integrate with other passive recreation facilities.	1	Tables provided as per Master Plan.	Active in Marrickville	
Leases and Licences	Undertake the required public process for the granting of a lease for the natural and synthetic grass tennis courts and monitor usage and membership levels.	1	Establishment of a new lease agreement.	The Recreation Economy	
Leases and Licences	Undertake the required public process for the granting of a 3 + 2 year option for the croquet facility (Lot 2 DP 862211) consistent with Council's Leasing of Community Facilities Policy and monitor usage and membership levels.	1	Establishment of a new lease agreement.	The Recreation Economy	
Culture and Heritage	Renovation of existing rondel garden and installation of WW2 Memorial	1	Renovation and installation completed	The Recreation Economy	
Culture and Heritage	Replacement of two and additional missing Cocos palm trees	1	Three new palms planted	Lifelong Recreation	
Culture and Heritage	Prepare a tree inventory and management plan for Marrickville Park.	1	Plan completed.	Lifelong Recreation	
Informal Recreation	Installation of drinking fountains	1	Drinking fountains installed	Active in Marrickville	

Waste Management	Complete a review of bin locations to balance user needs and efficient and effective maintenance servicing.	1	Review completed	Active in Marrickville	
Informal Recreation	New path network (secondary) concrete paving	2	Completion of new paths	Active in Marrickville	
Culture and Heritage	Feature brick pathway following row of palms	2	Completion of new path	Lifelong Recreation	
Sports Oval	Increase the capacity of the oval through an upgrade considering as a minimum the reconstruction and upgrade of the playing surface and improved drainage.	2	Increased available hours of use of the oval per season.	Active in Marrickville	
Lighting	Provide lighting to facilitate improved usability and safety.	2	Installation of lighting to facilitate increased use of for path network.	Active in Marrickville	
Lighting	Upgrade sports lighting to meet the minimum compliance level under relevant standards.	2	Sports lighting complies with the minimum standard for the relevant sports activity.	Active in Marrickville	
Signage	A review of the consistency of signage with Council's corporate branding.	2	Review completed.	Lifelong Recreation	
Signage	Ensure relevant regulatory signage is in place and appropriately located.	2	Signage in place.	Lifelong Recreation	
	Sufficient way finding signage is in place.				
	Consider the introduction of interpretive signage.				

Biodiversity	Investigate opportunities and establish informal and formal native garden beds with mid and ground layer structures, around existing mature trees in appropriate and strategic locations within the park.	2	Number of areas established >3.	Active in Marrickville	
Biodiversity	Consider and investigate opportunities for installing created habitat solutions (e.g. nest boxes, sandstone rock shelters etc.).	2	Number of habitat installed >1.	Active in Marrickville	
Informal Recreation	Provide adequate accessible and appropriately located seating throughout the park.	2	Seating opportunities provided as per Master Plan (benches with and without backs and bike racks).	Active in Marrickville	
Leases and Licences	Consider additional / alternative compatible uses of the area leased for the croquet facility to improve viability in the long-term.	2	Additional / alternative uses investigated.	The Recreation Economy	
Planning	Conduct a review of this PoM within 5 years of the date of adoption.	2	Review completed.	The Recreation Economy	
Equitable and Affordable Access	Pursue the required process resulting in the sale of the narrow corridor of land running from the Pile Street courts to Pile Street subject to interest from adjacent property owners.	2	Sale of land completed or not pursued subject to engagement with adjacent property owners.	The Recreation Economy	
Amenities	Amenable opportunities to view the activities taking place on the oval (concrete and timber bleachers).	3	Consideration in design of infrastructure.	Active in Marrickville	
Informal Recreation	Ensure the provision of sufficient shade opportunities.	3	Shade opportunities provided.	Active in Marrickville	
Informal Recreation	Investigate the viability and options for the development of a pop up café or kiosk to service the park.	3	Viability and options investigated.	The Recreation Economy	
Sports Oval	Replacement of picket fence.	3	Fence installed	Active in Marrickville	

Amenities	Minor upgrade / fit-out clubhouse internally to be fit for purpose.	3	Works undertaken and completed	Active in Marrickville	
Trees	Planting of feature and other trees	Staged throughout	Trees planted	Active in Marrickville	
Water Management	Integrate capital works identified in Subcatchment Management Plans and Sustainable Irrigation Plan with the actions in this Plan of Management and Master Plan.	3	Reduction in use of potable mains water for park facilities.	Active in Marrickville	
Trees	In the event of failure of trees located on the mounding around the oval, that these trees are not replaced.	Ongoing	Trees on mounding not replaced in the event of failure	Active in Marrickville	
People with Pets in Parks	Ongoing management of the dog off leash area consistent with the guidelines outlined in the Recreation Policy and Strategy.	Ongoing	Continued operation of the off leash area.	Lifelong Recreation	
Access	Ensure that accessibility is maximised with upgrades to buildings, park furniture and other infrastructure.	Ongoing	Improved access is factored into all upgrades.	Lifelong Recreation	
Culture and Heritage	Marrickville Park, as a place of recreation, is conserved as a place of cultural significance.	Ongoing	Future development / upgrades are informed by the Heritage Assessment.	Lifelong Recreation	
Culture and Heritage	The Sports Oval is retained as a significant feature and visual focus of the park.	Ongoing	Ongoing operation of the Sports Oval.	Lifelong Recreation	

Culture and Heritage	Retain the existing configuration of the natural and synthetic grass tennis courts while ongoing demand remains for these facilities	Ongoing	Identified tennis courts are retained subject to ongoing demand.	Lifelong Recreation	■
Culture and Heritage	Ensure any future development does not increase the existing ratio of built structures to open recreational space.	Ongoing	Ratio of buildings to open space is not increased.	Lifelong Recreation	■
Culture and Heritage	Conserve the heritage significance, visual character and linear quality of the plantings at Marrickville Park.	Ongoing	Visual character of plantings is maintained.	Lifelong Recreation	■
Maintenance	Maintain Marrickville Park to provide a safe and clean park for the community.	Ongoing	Park facilities are functional, clean and safe for the intended use.	Active in Marrickville	■
Maintenance	All maintenance activities are programmed to minimise impacts on informal and organised users of the facilities.	Ongoing	Liaison undertaken with users to minimise impact on users of the park.	Active in Marrickville	■
Maintenance	New facilities are financially sustainable.	Ongoing	Maintenance staff are consulted on recurrent maintenance costs during the design of all future facilities.	Active in Marrickville	■
Waste Management	Work with all park users to increase the recovery of recyclable materials and reduce waste leaving the site.	Ongoing	Increased recovery of recyclable waste.	Active in Marrickville	■

Water Management	Ensure the effective operation of the park as a flood mitigation facility.	Ongoing	Ongoing compliance with flood management legislation.	Active in Marrickville	
Water Management	Ensure the effective maintenance of stormwater infrastructure.	Ongoing	Reduced impacts of stormwater flows.	Active in Marrickville	
Equitable and Affordable Access	Ensure consistency with Council's adopted Pricing Policy and Fees and Charges as applicable for the use of park facilities.	Ongoing	Compliance with relevant governance documents.	The Recreation Economy	
Equitable and Affordable Access	Ensure consistency with other relevant Council policies governing the use of parks and open space facilities.	Ongoing	Compliance with relevant governance documents.	The Recreation Economy	

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