

Sydenham Green

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 Sydenham Green.

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 Sydenham Green:

- 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 enjoyment;
- 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
- Marrickville's built environment demonstrates good urban design and the conservation of heritage, as well as social and environmental sustainability;
- 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 Sydenham Green 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

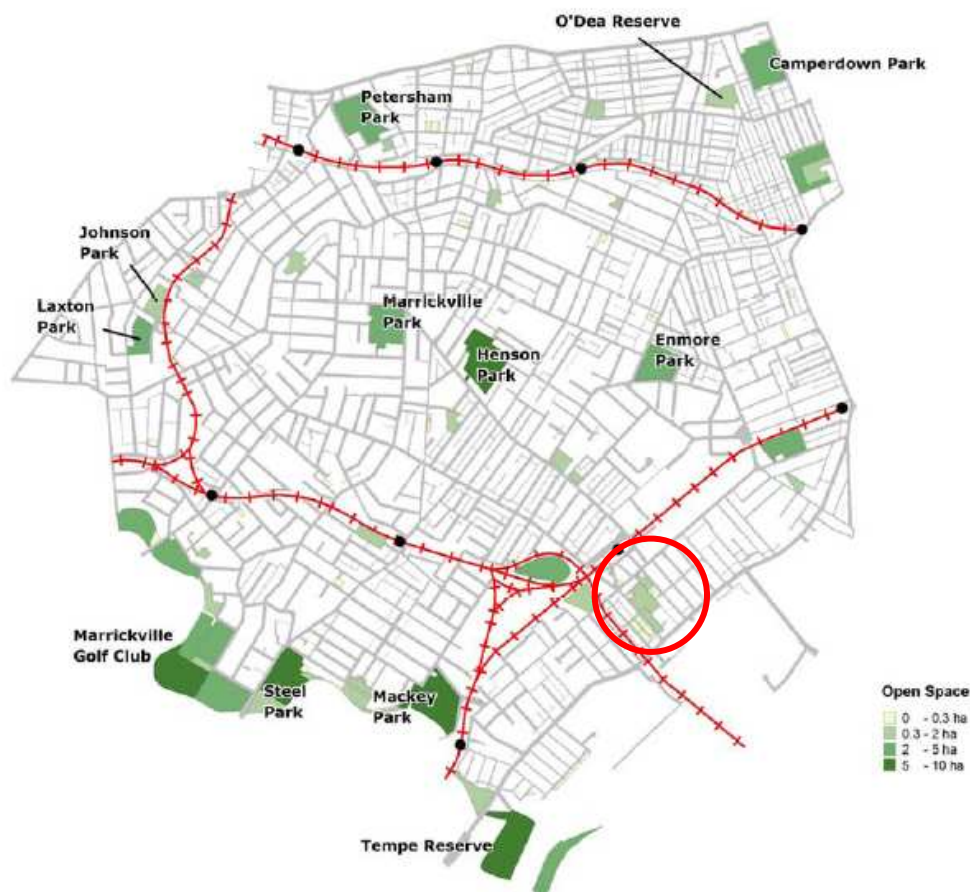
Sydenham Green is located in the suburb of Sydenham, in the south-east of the Marrickville Local Government Area (see Figure 1). The Park is bound by a number of streets as follows:

- Unwins Bridge Rd;
- George St;
- Henry St;
- Railway Rd;
- Stewart Lane;
- Park Rd;
- Rowe Lane; and
- Reilly Lane

The Park is zoned RE1 Public Recreation in Marrickville Council LEP 2011 and is classified as community land. Due to an anomaly there is currently one land parcel which is incorrectly zoned and this will be addressed in a pending review of the LEP 2011.

Surrounded largely by residential properties, the Park is located adjacent to Sydenham Railway Station and close to the suburb of Tempe. Tempe Primary and High Schools are located a short walk from the Park along Unwins Bridge Road.

Location of Sydenham Green



The area covered by this Plan of Management



2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PARK

2.1 History

The traditional owners of the land were Cadigal of the Eora nation. Sydenham was named after the London suburb of Sydenham, part of the inner London borough of Lewisham. Sydenham is only two kilometres from Kingsford Smith Airport and lies directly under the flight path of the third runway, completed in 1994. A large segment of Sydenham no longer exists as it was deemed uninhabitable because of aircraft noise. One hundred and fifty two homes, covering an area of 4.5 hectares, were acquired and demolished by the Commonwealth Government. Demolition began on 27 September 1995 amid large protests which prevented the work from proceeding for several days. Significant heritage buildings were retained including the St Mary's Coptic Church and Stone Villa. The resulting vacant land was named Sydenham Green. The park contains public art which acknowledges the pre and post colonial history and the loss of the residential area that brought the park into being.






2.2 Legal Description

Land title and Ownership




Land	Sydenham Green
Title Information	See Appendix 1
Ownership	Marrickville Council
Location	Sydenham Green is located in the suburb of Sydenham, in the south-east of the Marrickville Local Government Area (see Figure 1). The Park is bound by a number of streets as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Unwins Bridge Rd;▪ George St;▪ Henry St;▪ Railway Rd;▪ Stewart Lane;▪ Park Rd;▪ Rowe Lane; and▪ Reilly Lane
Total area	37318m ²
Zoning	RE1 Public Recreation plus one land parcel Low Density Residential R2
Classification	Community Land



2.3 Physical description

The following table provides a description of the elements of Sydenham Green, 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 roads	Fair	Vehicular access
	Basketball Court	Fair	Informal basketball and recreation
	BBQ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Square Southern area of Park 	Good	Passive recreation
	Canteen	Good	Not currently used
	Children's playground	Good	Children's play
	Coptic Church	Very Poor	No current use – fenced off as structurally unsound

			
	Dog Off Leash Area	Fair	Exercising dogs off leash
	Garden beds	Good	Landscaping
	Informal lawn	Good	Informal recreation
	Light poles located throughout the park	Fair	Pedestrian – general purpose lighting
	Park furniture	Fair	Passive recreation

			
	Park walls	Good	Retention and Heritage value
	Pathway network	Fair / Poor	Active recreation / transport
	Public art <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Entrance ▪ Town Square ▪ Stone Villa 	Good	Cultural & heritage value
	Public toilets	Poor	Toilets are currently closed
	Retaining walls	Poor	Soil retention
	Taps and bubblers	Good	Pets in Parks

			
	Trees	Fair	Biodiversity and landscaping values
	Stone Villa	Good	Leased artists residence

2.4 Access

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

The park has access for vehicles through Rowe St which comes into the park off Henry St. The Park has access to on street parking in Rowe Lane adjacent to the playground. There is a pathway network which is considered to be in fair condition and combines shared use for pedestrians and cyclists.

There is a limited amount of unrestricted parking immediately adjacent to the Park along Row Lane. While commuter parking is a contributor to parking demand in several streets around Sydenham Station, on an area-wide basis, commuter parking has a more modest impact on the overall on street parking demand.

2.5 Buildings

2.5.1 St Mary Coptic Church – The majority of the community was aware of the possible demolition of the Church. Council has considered a number of reports concerning attempts to save the building. Council granted development consent on 14 February 2012 to demolish this building as follows:

1. *That the Sydenham Green Plan of Management be amended as follows:*
 - a. *To recognise demolition of the former Coptic Church;*

- b. *To require that following the demolition of the former Coptic Church, interpretation of the former use of the site as a church be provided. The interpretation shall be discussed with and agreed upon by Council's Heritage and Urban Design Advisor;*
- c. *The memorial plaque in the front fence and the two foundation stones in the east elevation of the church being salvaged and used in the interpretation.*

At the meeting of 17 September 2013 Council considered another report which outlined a submission from the Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust including confirming that the organisation has the financial capacity to meet all costs relating to the refurbishment of the Coptic Church. Council resolved as follows:

- 1 *Council calls for Expressions of Interest (EOI) from parties willing to undertake necessary works on the Coptic Church to make it fit for purpose as an artist studio/gallery, performance space or general community facility, including a place of worship in return for a long term lease; and*
- 2 *in the event that Council does not receive any acceptable submissions, Council proceeds with demolition of the Church.*

2.5.2 Stone Villa - Stone Villa is a heritage listed house that is used as artist' studios. It provides for up to 7 artists in residence with 5 studios. Artists located at the facility indicated they were keen to develop stronger connections with the local community and that upgrades and greater activation of the Park would undoubtedly assist this.



2.5.3 SES headquarters – Council has determined to locate the proposed SES headquarters at the site in the area to the south-east of the Stone Villa building between Railway Road and Railway Lane.

The categorisation within this Plan of Management allows the continuation of the current lease of the Stone Villa plus the addition of other leased areas as appropriate on the site of the former St Mary's Coptic Church for restoration and re-use or demolition. In the event that the Church is demolished then Council's determination of 14 February 2012 (see above) will come into effect to

ensure the recognition of the former Coptic Church. The PoM also allows for a formal agreement for the proposed location of the Marrickville SES headquarters.

2.6 Culture and Heritage

The traditional owners of the land were Cadigal of the Eora nation. The park has significant local history which resulted in the park coming into existence (see a brief history at 2.1).

2.6.1 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 park contains public art which acknowledges the pre and post colonial history and the loss of the residential area that brought the park into being. These elements include:

- Cadastral map – ceramic tile showing postcolonial history land use and ownership
- Memorial to the Stolen Generation – stone and ceramic wall with water bowls and text
- Sydenham Lounge (Town Square) – a reproduction of a domestic setting by the resumption of houses for the airport. The space was also designed as a place for plan spotting, community celebration and to be visible to departing aircraft and passing cars.



Memorial to the Stolen Generation

2.6.2 Heritage

The following are listed on Council's LEP 2011 as Heritage Items and are located within Sydenham Green:

- Brick kerb and sandstone kerb guttering along Henry St, Park Rd, Park Lane, Railway Lane, Rowe Lane, Reilly Lane and Stewart Lane;
- The Stone Villa;

- St Mary and St Mina Coptic Orthodox Church.

The frontage along Railway Road contains the remnants of front yard walls prior to the resumption of properties in the mid-nineties. These frontages act as retaining walls for the area along Railway Road. While not heritage listed these walls are visually prominent and a reminder of the former residences that occupied the land.

2.7 Maintenance

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

- Dog Off Leash Area
- Gardening
- Grass maintenance – (mowing, edge trimming etc)
- Inspection and repairs to fixtures and furniture
- Pathways and road inspections and repairs
- Signage
- Maintenance of park furniture and walls
- Tree maintenance

2.8 Natural



2.8.1 Biodiversity

Sydenham Green 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.

2.8.2 Trees

The existing tree population at Sydenham Green is mainly made up of trees semi mature in age. The dominant character of the planting is made up of native tree species, namely Eucalyptus. The majority of the trees are located along the main access path that runs north to south and helps create an informal avenue. Several plantings located at the Unwins Bridge Road entry are in poor condition and may require soil remediation work and/or replacement. New plantings should take into account potential large bird strike with planes approaching the flight path over Sydenham Green through appropriate structure (small trees, shrubs and ground covers). Council participates in the Sydney Airport Wildlife Working Group and as a member will continue to communicate items of relevance through this group.

2.8.3 Water Management

Council is encouraging everyone in the community to get involved in creating a water-sensitive community by managing water sustainably. To achieve this, Council is making long-term subcatchment management plans for each of the subcatchments (local watersheds) in Marrickville where all the rain falling into that local area flows to the same waterway, namely the Cooks River for the Sydenham Green location. The plans are designed to target the specific needs of each community with its unique land use, demographic and environmental issues. The process identifies options for water sensitive urban design (WSUD) including stormwater management, flooding and harvesting. Sydenham Green is located in the Eastern Channel South Subcatchment, the subcatchment management plan for which is yet to be developed. There are clear opportunities for water sensitive urban design (WSUD) at various sites that will be investigated if works are carried out prior to the adoption of the subcatchment plan.

2.9 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. Sydenham Green is popular with the local community for a range of informal, active and passive activities. Walking the dog or using the off leash area was the most popular reason for visiting Sydenham Green followed by an attractive place to walk. Other popular uses were for relaxation and children's play.

Activity	Per cent
Walking the dog or off-leash area	61%
Attractive place to walk	44%
Relaxation	32%
Children's play	30%
Other	11%
Personal training	9%
Picnic	7%
Play basketball	7%

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 Sydenham Green.

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; and
- specify the purposes for which any further development of the land will be permitted, whether under lease or licence or otherwise
- 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
- general community use

This Plan of Management categorises the community land in Sydenham Green as follows:

Land Category	Core Objectives
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).

Sydenham Green - Categorisation Map



3.2 Other relevant legislation

- Companion Animals Act
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992
- Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995

3.3 Local planning context

Relevant Marrickville Council strategies and policies are:

- Asset Management Strategy and Asset Management Plans
- Biodiversity Strategy (2011-21 and Biodiversity Action Plan (2011-15)
- 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
- 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 articulated through the Recreation Policy and Strategy 2013:

- **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 Sydenham Green 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▪ Engagement of the local community through the inclusion of public art▪ 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▪ Protection and preservation of plantings within the Park▪ Sustainable management of recreation and community facilities▪ Enhancement of biodiversity within the Urban Habitat Mosaic
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▪ 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. Engage the local community through the inclusion of public art.

Active In Marrickville

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

The Recreation Economy

1. Cater 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.
4. Work in partnership with the State Emergency Service to provide emergency services and facilities to service the Marrickville LGA.

5.0 Management of the Park

Sydenham Green 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 Masterplan. The Masterplan reviews the existing structure of the Park including the current location and provision of facilities. The Masterplan also considers future opportunities and provides a vision for the implementation of the development of the park. The Masterplan 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.
- Ensure that all infrastructure upgrades are designed to be fully accessible to accommodate shared use by multiple users.
- Incorporate the relevant findings of the Sydenham Parking Study into the Action Plan for the Sydenham Green Plan of Management.

5.1.2 Culture and Heritage

Sydenham Green has an interesting history most recently involving the compulsory acquisition and demolition of residential properties in the 1990's which were deemed uninhabitable due to aircraft noise with the installation of the third runway at Sydney Airport. The resulting vacant land was named Sydenham Green. The park contains public art which acknowledges the pre and post colonial history and the loss of the residential area that brought the park into being

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 will include the maintenance of the existing off leash area and:

- Investigation of the introduction of consistent time-share periods;
- Minimising the need for fencing where possible through considered selection of off-leash areas and employment of other management techniques such as time share use, clear signage and monitoring. If fencing is required, consider using this as a barrier rather than an enclosure; and
- Engaging with the local community on the implementation of an off-leash facility in the southern half of the Park.

5.1.4 Play Facilities

Improve and maintain existing equipment and provide additional play opportunities to better engage with young children and to cater for the needs of older children and youth.

- Develop opportunities for a children's cycle track within the park;
- Develop play opportunities for youth including but not limited to consideration of an additional basketball / multipurpose court, skate and parkour activities; and
- Engage with the local population in the development of all youth play facilities.

5.1.5 Signage

A review of all signage in Sydenham Green 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

Ensure the needs of people are considered in the provision and management of park amenities, including public toilet facilities.

- Provide sufficient public toilets in an activated location in the Park
- Be consistent with Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles; 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

- Investigate opportunities to provide increased habitat throughout the park using local provenance plants.
- Investigate opportunities for installing created habitat solutions (e.g. sandstone rock shelters) that will protect and enhance biodiversity within the park; and
- Continue participation as a member of the Sydney Airport Wildlife Working Group.

5.2.3 Informal Recreation

- Develop a cycling / walking circuit using the existing network of paths and closed off roads within the Park;
- Ensure the provision of sufficient shade opportunities;
- Provide adequate accessible and appropriately located seating throughout the park; and
- Investigate options for the development of a café or kiosk to service the park.
- Consider the installation of outdoor exercise equipment in the park.

5.2.4 Lighting

- Lighting upgrades (e.g. pathways, amenities etc), to facilitate improved usability and safety should consider minimising impacts on biodiversity values.

5.2.5 Maintenance

- Maintain Sydenham Green to provide a safe and clean park for the community;
- All maintenance activities should be programmed to minimise impacts on 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 Trees

- Prepare a tree inventory and management plan for the site to help guide the tree management within the park;
- Establish new tree plantings to provide greater age distribution; and
- Continued participation as a member of the Sydney Airport Wildlife Working Group.

5.2.7 Waste Management

- 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 subcatchment management plans (yet to be developed) and Sustainable Irrigation Plan with the actions in this Plan of Management and Masterplan;
- Consider and include WSUD in any works carried out prior to the development of a subcatchment plan; and
- Ensure the effective maintenance of stormwater and WSUD infrastructure.

5.3 The Recreation Economy

5.3.1 User agreements

- Continue the existing lease to Stone Villa for the purpose of an Artists Studio;
- Enable the use of part of the Park to the State Emergency Service for the purposes of locating their headquarters through an appropriate formal agreement;
- Allow for the demolition and/or leasing of the area occupied by the former Coptic Church for appropriate uses under the categorisation and LEP;
- Develop a community garden at Sydenham Green in conjunction with interested community members; and
- Consider opportunities for a social or commercial enterprise in the park.

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 Policy governing the leasing of community facilities.
- Ensure consistency with other relevant policies governing the use of parks and open space facilities.

6.0 Leases and Licences

6.1 Existing Leases and Licences

This plan of management authorises the existing lease which has been granted by Marrickville Council over Sydenham Green as follows:

Land Categorisation	Lot / DP	Agreement authorised
General Community Use	Part of Lot 3 in DP 878225	Agreement with 19 Railway Road, Sydenham (known as Stone Villa Artist Studios)

6.2 Future Leases and Licences

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

Specifically the Plan of Management will:

- Allow for the demolition of the current structure and/or leasing of the area occupied by the former Coptic Church for appropriate uses under the categorisation and LEP.

A formal agreement will be developed for the use of part of Lot 3 in DP 878225 by the Marrickville State Emergency Service for the purposes of locating the Marrickville headquarters.

7.0 Action Plan

This section of the Plan of Management outlines the proposed actions to realise the desired outcomes as articulated in the Masterplan. The Masterplan 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.

Item	Action	Priority	Performance Measure	Park Value
Access	The existing internal road is closed to vehicles other than for maintenance, delivery and emergency purposes in consultation with impacted residents.	1	Improved safety of park users	Lifelong Recreation
Access	Additional parking is developed along Henry St adjacent to the proposed youth facilities.	1	Additional parking is constructed	Lifelong Recreation
Access	Ensure that all upgrades to buildings, park furniture and other infrastructure are fully accessible.	Ongoing	Improved access to all park facilities	Lifelong Recreation
Access	Incorporate the findings of the Sydenham Parking Study into the Action Plan for this Plan of Management.	1	Relevant actions included in Action Plan	Lifelong Recreation
Access	Consideration is given to the condition of the pathway network to facilitate access for people with prams and people in a wheelchair.	2	The path network is fully accessible	Lifelong Recreation
Access	In the event that St Mary's Church is demolished, that consideration is given to the incorporation of Park Lane as parkland.	3		
Culture and Heritage	The effective maintenance of the Memorial to the Stolen Generation public art.	Ongoing		Lifelong Recreation
Culture and Heritage	The effective maintenance of the Cadastral Map public art.	Ongoing		Lifelong Recreation
Culture and Heritage	Create better linkages to the adjacent play facilities to better activate the Town Square area and discourage anti-social behaviour.	2	Upgrade completed in accordance with the Masterplan	Lifelong Recreation
Culture and Heritage	Engage with the local community and relevant artists to improve the aesthetics of the Town Square including consideration of removal of elements of the Sydenham Lounge and the reduction of hard surfaces and replace with other public art.	2	Engagement undertaken and amended Town Square completed.	Lifelong Recreation
Culture and Heritage	Upgrade the retaining walls along Railway Road to provide an interpretation reflecting their former function as a property front yard wall.	2	Retaining walls upgraded appropriately.	Lifelong Recreation

Culture and Heritage	Continue to manage all heritage items within the park in accordance with the LEP 2011 and subsequent amendments.	Ongoing	All heritage items remain in good condition	Lifelong Recreation
Item	Action	Priority	Performance Measure	Park Value
Culture and Heritage	In the event that St Marys Coptic Church is demolished then Council's determination of 14 February 2012 will come into effect to ensure recognition of the former Church.	1	Interpretation of the former use of the site as a church is provided	Lifelong Recreation
People with Pets in Parks	Retain and maintain the existing off leash area.	Ongoing	Fenced off leash area remains in good condition	Lifelong Recreation
People with Pets in Parks	The development of a 12 month trial off-leash area in the southern part of the Park including engagement with the local community during the trial period.	1	Off leash area developed and feedback mechanisms in place.	Lifelong Recreation
People with Pets in Parks	Subject to the results of the trial, consider the development of a permanent formal off leash area consistent with the guidelines outlined in the Recreation Policy and Strategy 2012.	1	To be determined consistent with the results of the trial.	Lifelong Recreation
Play Facilities	Develop opportunities for a walking/cycle track within the park using the closed roads network	2	Walking/Cycle track developed.	
Play Facilities	Improve current and provide additional inclusive play opportunities to better engage with young children.	3	Upgrade to the existing play facilities.	Lifelong Recreation
Play Facilities	Provide inclusive play opportunities to cater for the needs of older children and youth.	1	Provision of new youth play opportunities	Lifelong Recreation
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	Review completed and appropriate signage in place.	Lifelong Recreation
Signage	Sufficient way finding signage is in place.	2	Signage in place	Lifelong Recreation
Signage	Consider the introduction of interpretive signage	3	Signage in place	Lifelong Recreation
Amenities	Provide sufficient public toilets located in an activated area of the park	1	New toilet facility constructed	Active in Marrickville
Amenities	Incorporate sustainable design features (water sensitive urban design, renewable energy, renewable and recyclable materials, stormwater detention etc) into all infrastructure upgrades.	Ongoing	All infrastructure minimises impact on the environment.	Active in Marrickville
Biodiversity	Investigate opportunities and establish informal and formal native garden beds with mid and ground layer structures, around existing	2	Number of areas established >3	Active in Marrickville

	mature trees in appropriate and strategic locations within the park			
Biodiversity	Investigate opportunities for installing created habitat solutions (e.g. sandstone rock shelters).	2	Number of habitat installed >1	Active in Marrickville
Item	Action	Priority	Performance Measure	Park Value
Informal Recreation	Ensure the provision of sufficient shade opportunities	3	Additional trees and shelters provided	Active in Marrickville
Informal Recreation	Provide adequate accessible and appropriately located seating throughout the park	2	Additional seating opportunities provided	Active in Marrickville
Informal Recreation	Consider the installation of bbqs appropriately located to integrate with other passive recreation facilities	3	Bbq facilities provided	Active in Marrickville
Informal Recreation	Investigate options for the development of a pop up café or kiosk to service the park.	3	Options investigated	Active in Marrickville
Informal Recreation	Consider the installation of outdoor exercise equipment in the park.	2	Installation complete	Active in Marrickville
Landscaping	Consider opportunities to reduce hard surfaces in the park	2	M ² of hard surface converted	Active in Marrickville
Landscaping	Provide a vegetative buffer between Railway Road and the park.	2	Vegetation in place	Active in Marrickville
Lighting	With any proposed upgrades (e.g. pathways, amenities etc), give consideration to the inclusion of lighting to facilitate usability and improved safety.	Ongoing	Lighting factored into the design of facilities	Active in Marrickville
Lighting	Consider the lighting of appropriate facilities to encourage greater community usage.	2	Increased use of facilities	Active in Marrickville
Maintenance	Maintain Sydenham Green to provide a safe and clean park for the community.	Ongoing	Park facilities remain 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	Maintenance activities do not impact on users of the park.	Active in Marrickville
Maintenance	Maintenance staff be consulted to ensure recurrent maintenance costs are considered in the design of all future facilities.	Ongoing	New facilities are financially sustainable.	Active in Marrickville
Trees	Prepare a tree inventory and management plan for the site to help guide the tree management within the park.	1	Inventory and management plan completed.	Active in Marrickville
Trees	Establish new tree plantings to provide greater age distribution.	2	Appropriate new trees planted.	Active in Marrickville
Trees	Continue to be a member of the Sydney Airport Wildlife Working	Ongoing	Continued membership	Active in Marrickville

	Group and keep them informed of relevant plantings at Sydenham Green.		of SAWWG.	
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Item	Action	Priority	Performance Measure	Park Value
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	Integrate capital works identified in subcatchment management plans and the Sustainable Irrigation Plan with the actions in this Plan of Management and Masterplan.	Ongoing	Reduction in use of potable mains water for park facilities.	Active in Marrickville
Water Management	Consider and include WSUD in any works carried out prior to the development of a subcatchment management plan for the location.		Area treated by vegetated stormwater treatment systems has increased.	Active in Marrickville
Water Management	Ensure the effective maintenance and upgrade of stormwater infrastructure.	Ongoing	Reduced impact of stormwater flows including flooding	Active in Marrickville
Canteen Facility	Consider the development of a commercial or social enterprise in the park using the canteen facility.	1	Canteen operation in place	The Recreation Economy
Community Garden	Develop a community garden at Sydenham Green in conjunction with interested community members	1	Community garden and user group established	The Recreation Economy
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
Leases and Licences	Allow for the demolition and/or leasing of the area occupied by the former Coptic Church for appropriate uses under the categorisation and LEP.	Ongoing	n/a	The Recreation Economy
Planning	Amend the LEP 2011 to zone 81 Railway Pde (13/C/110545) as Public Recreation RE1.	1	LEP amended	The Recreation Economy
Planning	Conduct a review of this PoM within 5 years of adoption.	2	PoM reviewed	The Recreation Economy

APPENDIX 1 - Land Title Information

Legal Description	Land_No	Property_No	House Number	Street	Suburb	Postcode	Area Approx (m ²)	Perimeter(m)
16/J/898	495	26391	218-224	UNWINS BRIDGE ROAD	SYDENHAM	2044	438.2186	95.6434
17/J/898	496	26391	218-224	UNWINS BRIDGE ROAD	SYDENHAM	2044	438.5982	95.3098
1//878224	37585	35270	226-228	UNWINS BRIDGE ROAD	SYDENHAM	2044	4118.6435	307.0097
2//878224	37590	35280	72-84	GEORGE STREET	SYDENHAM	2044	2144.9904	185.2086
PT3//878224	37605	43600	Mar-15	ROWE STREET	ST PETERS	2044	2407.3399	209.1352
PT3//878224	37610	43610	Feb-22	ROWE STREET	ST PETERS	2044	2399.8902	206.397
PT3//878224	37595	43580	Nov-37	HENRY STREET	ST PETERS	2044	2393.0283	208.9807
PT3//878224	37600	43590	Feb-22	HENRY STREET	ST PETERS	2044	2887.1342	222.666
A//187213	4969	21475	95	RAILWAY ROAD	SYDENHAM	2044	223.8634	84.977
1//878225	37540	35190	83-91	RAILWAY ROAD,	SYDENHAM	2044	849.9906	119.5029
C//110545	4140	21468	81	RAILWAY ROAD	SYDENHAM	2044	143.1211	80.8019
1//169062	4688	21467	79	RAILWAY ROAD	SYDENHAM	2044	224.1577	85.2905
170//750	29017	21466	77	RAILWAY ROAD	SYDENHAM	2044	336.8376	91.4664
2//878225	37545	35200	53-73	RAILWAY ROAD	SYDENHAM	2044	2675.5502	219.4848
3//878225	37550	35210	Mar-47	RAILWAY ROAD	SYDENHAM	2044	5501.907	375.274
A//436529	7652	21518	32	RAILWAY ROAD	SYDENHAM	2044	173.5941	77.1601
B//436529	7653	21519	30	RAILWAY ROAD	SYDENHAM	2044	205.2807	79.0141
4//878225	37555	35220	26-28	RAILWAY ROAD	SYDENHAM	2044	833.9842	116.6926
84//750	366	21523	24A	RAILWAY ROAD	SYDENHAM	2044	312.6656	85.6479
83//750	365	21523	24A	RAILWAY ROAD	SYDENHAM	2044	310.6335	85.5286
82//750	364	21523	24A	RAILWAY ROAD	SYDENHAM	2044	300.7855	84.9501
5//878225	37560	35230	Dec-24	RAILWAY ROAD	SYDENHAM	2044	2047.8001	189.3675
2//554466	9067	21531	10	RAILWAY ROAD	SYDENHAM	2044	202.009	79.5922
B//307864	5943	21532	8	RAILWAY ROAD	SYDENHAM	2044	203.3996	79.3062
6//878225	37565	21533	6	RAILWAY ROAD	SYDENHAM	2044	315.2183	85.9591
7//878225	37570	35240	33-53	PARK ROAD	SYDENHAM	2044	2465.0111	213.6971
63//750	27872	19473	31	PARK ROAD	SYDENHAM	2044	308.1408	85.6462
8//878225	37575	35250	Mar-29	PARK ROAD	SYDENHAM	2044	2456.019	213.4594