



DUNGOG SHIRE COUNCIL

Plan Of Management

PARKS

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Introduction

This generic plan of management has been prepared to form the basis for the future management of all community lands classified as Parks under the ownership or control of Council.

The Dungog Shire Council is responsible for the management of much of the publicly owned land in the shire. The *Local Government Act 1993, as amended* (the Act) requires Council to classify the lands as Operational or Community to restrict the alienation and use of the land. Operational land has no special restrictions other than those that may apply to any piece of land.

Classification as community land reflects the importance of the land to the community because of its use or special features. Generally, it is land intended for public access and use, or where other restrictions applying to the land create some obligation to maintain public access (such as a trust deed). The Act specifies restrictions intended to preserve the qualities of the land. Thus community land:

- cannot be sold
- cannot be leased, licenced or any other estate granted over the land for more than 21 years
- must have a plan of management prepared for it.

This Plan of Management provides a very broad policy framework for the future management of the land identified in the plan. It relies upon the completion of other planning processes and reference to other planning documents. The Plan is not intended to provide specific detail on management of a particular site. Other site specific plans may be developed as required.

Land Subject to this Plan of Management

This plan of management applies to areas of land primarily used as parks as identified below:

PARK	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	AREA
Clarence Town Memorial Park	Lot A DP 372728	Cnr Grey & Queen Streets, Clarence Town	991 sq m
Lions Park	Plt 7008 DP 1056819	94 Durham Street, Clarence Town	4173 sq m
Bruyn Park	Lots 4, 5 Sec 5 DP 758366	17 Mackay Street, Dungog	4126 sq m
Lions Park	Lot 1 DP 21931	21 Scott Avenue, Dungog	500 sq m
Frank Robinson Park	Lot 213 DP 1057178	Stroud Hill Road, Dungog	9105 sq m
Fulton Park	Lot 101 DP 585440	1556 Salisbury Road, Underbank	1012 sq m
Jubilee Park	Lots 11, 21, 22, 23, 24 Sec 5 DP 758366; Lots 7016, 7017 DP 96433	36 Brown Street, Dungog	9044.4 sq m
Lioness Park	Pt Lot 206 DP 752457	16 Clarence Town Road, Dungog	1.5279 ha
Lions Park	Reserve No. 72166	Clarence Town Road, Dungog	2317 sq m
Maxwells Creek Reserve	Lot 1 DP 1071128	Dungog Road, Wirragulla	7000 sq m
Bandon Grove Park	Road Reserve	Chichester Road, Bandon Grove	
Phillips Creek Reserve	Road Reserve	Stroud Hill Road, Stroud Hill	
Dave Sands Memorial	Road Deviation	Chichester Dam Road, Bendolba	
Coronation Park	Plt 1 Sec 29 DP 758366	Abelard Street, Dungog	
Orana Park	Lots 37, 38, 39, 40 DP 11562	32 Park Street, East Gresford	4452 sq m
Skipline Park	Lot 101 DP 882385	23 Cory Street, Martins Creek	1880 sq m
John Tucker Park	Lots 350 DP 591527, Lots 6, 7, 8, 9 Sec 2 DP 758830, Lot 7005 RES 1053701	17 Maitland Road, Paterson	2.1460 ha
Kings Wharf Park	Lot 7003 RES 1053700	King Street, Paterson	2841 sq m
Vacy Park	Lot 42 DP DP 15187	Gresford Road, Vacy	872.6 sq m

Category and Classification of Land

Each piece of land covered by this plan is currently classified as Community Land under the Act and is further categorised as a Park.

The categorisation of the land as a park is consistent with clause 104 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 "Guidelines for categorisation of land as a park"*. The clause states:

Clause 104 – "Land should be categorised as a park under section 36(4) of the Act if the land is, or is proposed to be, improved by landscaping, gardens or the provision of non-sporting equipment and facilities, for use mainly for passive or active recreational, social, educational and cultural pursuits that do not unduly intrude on the peaceful enjoyment of the land by others".

Owner of the Land

The lands are owned by Dungog Shire Council, or owned by the Crown and managed by Dungog Shire Council.

Core Objectives for Management of Community Land Categorised as a “Park”

Section 36(G) of the Act provides the core objectives for management of community land categorised as a Park. The core objectives are:

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

Management Objectives and Performance Target for the Land

The management and performance target for the land is as follows.

- To ensure the landscaping, fencing and fixtures within parks are maintained in an acceptable state, such that the parks are a welcoming place to visit

How will Council Achieve the Objectives and Performance Targets?

Strategies for achieving the objectives and performance targets are:

- Including parks in the Council’s regular inspection and maintenance schedule, for example; lawn mowing, maintenance of landscaping, equipment checking and the like.
- Undertaking annual condition audits of parks and equipment to identify public safety issues for rectification.
- Implementing Council’s annual capital works program as detailed in the Council Management Plan.

How will Council Assess its Performance with Respect to the Objectives and Performance Targets in the Plan?

The Council will assess its performance with respect to the objectives and performance targets in this plan, by:

- A regular internal review (random audit) of inspection and maintenance records, and
- Keeping a register of community comments and complaints, and the Council’s response, and
- Regular review by Manex of capital works program.

Leasing or Licencing of the Land

The Council may grant a lease, licence or other estate over the land or building on the land. The lease may be for any purpose commensurate with use of the land as a park.

If a lease or licence is intended to be granted for a period of greater than 5 years, the Council will put that lease to tender pursuant to the provisions of section 46A(3) of the Act.