

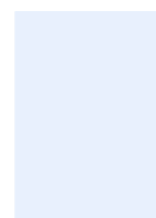
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# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Purpose of this report

The purpose of this report is to convey to Willoughby City Council the verbal submissions made in relation to a public hearing held on Tuesday 25 February 2020 regarding categorisation or recategorisation of sports facilities included in the Draft Plan of Management for Sports Facilities.

This report, as it relates to the public hearing and proposed changes to the Draft Plan of Management for Sports Facilities prepared by Willoughby Council and dated October 2019, has been prepared under Section 40A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act).

## 1.2 Land covered by this report

This report addresses the proposed categorisation or recategorisation of the following sports facilities in Willoughby City.

Table 1 Sports facilities included in the draft Sports Facilities Plan of Management

Artarmon Reserve	Gore Hill Oval
Bales Park	Greville Park
Beauchamp Park	Kooroora Park
Bicentennial Reserve	Mowbray Public School
Castle Cove Golf Course	Naremburn Park
Castle Cove Oval	Northbridge Golf Course and War Memorial Reserve
Chatswood Croquet Greens	Northbridge Oval
Chatswood Golf Course (part)	Reid Reserve
Chatswood High School	Talus Street Reserve
Chatswood Oval	Thomson Park
Chatswood Rotary War Memorial Athletics Field	Tyneside Tennis Courts
Cleland Park	The Willis
Cortile Reserve	Willoughby Girls High School
Fullers Road Reserve	Willoughby Park

A map of each sports facility and the proposed categorisation/recategorisation as Sportsground is in Appendix A.

## 1.3 Background to the public hearing

Willoughby City Council has prepared a Draft Plan of Management for Sports Facilities which proposes to categorise/recategorise community and Crown land comprising sports facilities in Willoughby City to Sportsground.

As Council is proposing to categorise/recategorise community and Crown land a public hearing chaired by an independent facilitator is required.

If Council approves the proposed categorisation/recategorisation, the Plan of Management would be amended to reflect the proposed changes to the categorisation.

## 1.4 This report

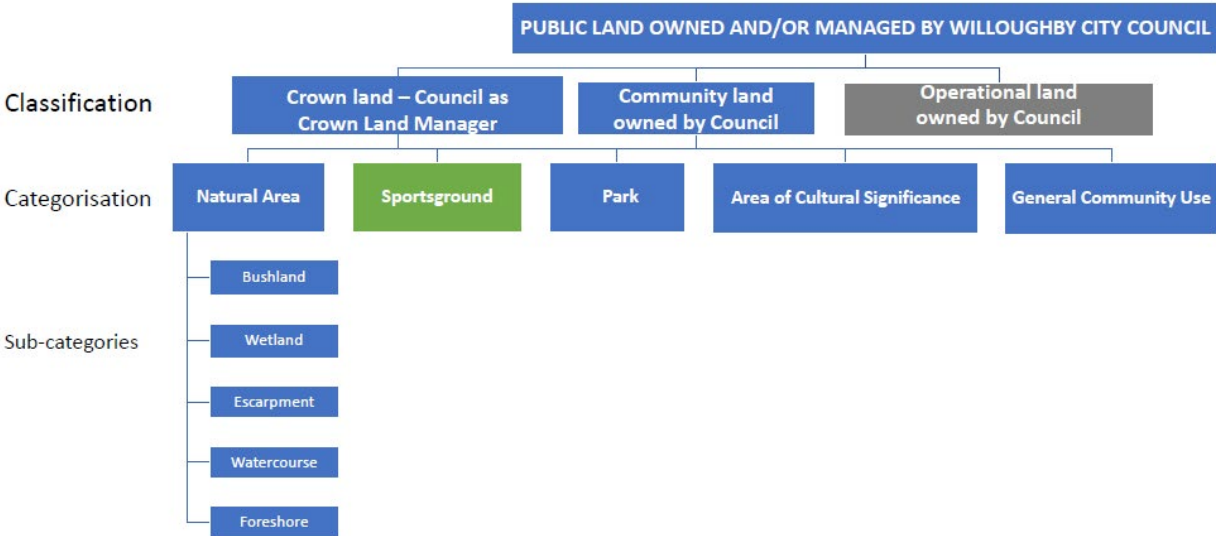
The remainder of this report presents the relevant requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* regarding Plans of Management and categorisation of community and Crown land, and public submissions made at the public hearing held on 25 February 2020.

# 2 PLANNING CONTEXT

## 2.1 What is community and Crown land?

The *Local Government Act 1993* and *Crown Land Management Act 2016* set out a range of requirements that Willoughby City Council is legally bound to adhere to. These requirements include the management of public land.

Figure 1 Community and Crown land categorisation



Council is now a Crown Land Manager of Crown reserves vested in it. The *Crown Land Management Act 2016* requires local Councils that are appointed to manage dedicated or reserved area of Crown land to manage that land as if it were community land under the *Local Government Act 1993*, including preparing a Plan of Management and categorising the land.

Section 3.21 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* states that dedicated or reserved Crown land may be classified and managed as if it were public (community or operational) land within the meaning of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Section 3.23(2) the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* requires that Crown land is to be categorised consistent with the *Local Government Act 1993*. The categories applied must be aligned to the purpose of the Crown reserve.

Requirements relating to reporting and plans of management for Crown land will generally be as required by the *Local Government Act 1993* rather than the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

The *Local Government Act* requires that all public land owned by Council must be classified as “community” or “operational” land (Section 26).

Community land is intended to be managed for use by the community for purposes including environmental protection, recreational, cultural, social and educational activities. Community land may only be leased or licensed for up to 21 years without the Minister’s consent or up to 30 years with the Minister’s consent, it cannot be sold, and its use is restricted to the above purposes.

Conversely, operational land is land that can be used for any purposes deemed fit by Council, may be used for commercial purposes, be leased for a longer period of time, and can be sold.

## 2.2 What are the categories of community land?

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires that all land owned by the Council which is classified as community land be categorised.

The *Crown Land Management Act 2016* provides that the same requirement for categorisation also now applies to Crown reserves under the management of Council which is now a Crown Land Manager of Crown reserves vested in it.

Community land may be categorised as one or more of the following under Section 36(4):

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

Land that is categorised as a natural area is to be further categorised as one or more of the following under Section 36(5) of the Act:

- bushland.
- wetland.
- escarpment.
- watercourse.
- foreshore.
- a category prescribed by the regulations.

## 2.3 What are the guidelines for categorising community and Crown land?

### 2.3.1 Community land

Guidelines for categorising community land as a particular category are in Clauses 102 to 111 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.

The Department of Local Government's revised Practice Note on Public Land Management (Department of Local Government, 2000) made general recommendations on the guidelines for categorising community land. The Practice Note stated:

*“Council must have regard to the guidelines in determining a category (cl.9) but are not required to adopt any category merely because the land fits the description in the guidelines. Council should look at all the circumstances of the land in making a decision as to categorisation. For example, a piece of land may seem to satisfy the guidelines for more than one category. Council has a discretion in this case to look at the land in context, taking into account all relevant material before determining a category. It is important that Council be able to justify a decision.”*

*Also, Council may have a piece of community land, parts of which may be best managed as different categories, for example a piece of land with remnant bushland in one part and children's play equipment in another. Council is able to categorise land as part 'Natural Area – Bushland' and part 'Park'. It is strongly recommended that the land in each category not*



overlap. Overlapping categories may cause conflict in management objectives and will create confusion in the minds of Council staff and the community.”

### 2.3.2 Crown land

The Minister gives consent to the categorisation of Crown land which the Council considers most closely relates to the purpose for which the land is dedicated or reserved.

The draft Willoughby City Sports Facilities POM was submitted to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing in February and the Minister’s delegate has consented to each of the Crown Reserves the subject of this Plan of Management being assigned the category of “Sportsground”.

## 2.4 Core objectives for managing community land

Each category and sub-category of community land has core objectives that apply to it under the *Local Government Act 1993*. The core objectives outline the approach to management of the land covered by the particular category. The core objectives for each category of community land are set out in Sections 36E to 36N of the Act.

The guidelines and core objectives for the Sportsground, Park, and General Community Use categories of community land are in Table 1.

Table 2 Guidelines and core objectives for categories of community land

Category	Guidelines	Core objectives
Sports-ground	If the land is used or proposed to be used primarily for active recreation involving organised sports or the playing of outdoor games.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving active recreation involving organised sports and informal sporting activities and games, and</li> <li>- ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.</li> </ul>
Park	Land that is, or is proposed to be, improved by landscaping, gardens or the provision of non-sporting equipment and facilities, for use mainly for passive or active recreational, social, educational and cultural pursuits that do not unduly intrude on the peaceful enjoyment of the land by others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities, and</li> <li>- provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and</li> <li>- improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.</li> </ul>
General Community Use	Land that may be made available for use for any purpose for which community land may be used, whether by the public at large or by specific sections of the public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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 in relation to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public.</li> <li>- 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).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## 2.5 Plans of Management for community land

Council must prepare a Plan of Management for community land and for Crown reserves for which it is the Crown Land Manager.

The Sports Facilities Draft Plan of Management is an important step in Council implementing the new framework for Crown land management to bring the management of its Crown reserves under the Local Government Act regime.

Requirements of the Local Government Act for the contents of a Plan of Management include categorisation of the land.

Community land and Crown reserves are required to be used and managed according to a Plan of Management applying to the land.

Once the Crown Reserves which include land categorised as Sportsground are included in a the Sports Facilities Draft Plan of Management, Council will manage the land as if it were community land under the Local Government Act and will be able to grant leases and licences in accordance with that Act and the Regulations.

## 2.6 Public hearing for recategorisation of community land

### 2.6.1 Why hold a public hearing to recategorise community land?

A public hearing is required under Section 40A of the Local Government Act if the proposed Plan of Management is either categorising (that is, the Plan of Management has not been previously been prepared and adopted by Council, or has not categorised community land), or re-categorising (changing the adopted category) the land covered by the Plan of Management.

*Note: Public hearings regarding categorisation or re-categorisation of community land are not related to reclassification. Reclassification is when community land is re-classified as operational land that can then be managed differently and has the ability to be sold by Council. Community land is protected under the Local Government Act and cannot be sold.*

### 2.6.2 Who conducts a public hearing?

An independent chairperson conducts the public hearing, and provides a report to Council with recommendations on the proposed categorisation or recategorisation of sports facilities in Willoughby City.

Under Section 47G of the Act, the person presiding at a public hearing must not be:

- a) A Councillor or employee of the Council holding the public hearing.
- b) A person who has been a Councillor or employee of that Council at any time during the 5 years before the date of his or her appointment.

### 2.6.3 What happens after the public hearing?

Council must make a copy of the report regarding the outcomes of the public hearing available for inspection by the public at a location within the area of Council no later than four days after it has received the final report from the person presiding at the public hearing.

This report will be presented to Council for their information when it considers categorising or recategorising community and Crown land occupied by sports facilities in Willoughby City, and adopting the proposed amendments to the Draft Plan of Management for Sports Facilities.

# 3 THE PUBLIC HEARING

## 3.1 Advertising and notification

Section 38 of the *Local Government Act 1993* states that Councils must give “public notice” of a draft Plan of Management, and the length of time that it must be on public exhibition and for submissions to be made. The public notice contents are set out in Section 705 of the Act.

Council notified the community of the public hearing and the public exhibition of the Draft Plan of Management for Sports Facilities on its website <https://www.haveyoursaywilloughby.com.au/sportsfacilities11>

A Background Information document was placed in the online Document Library at have Your Say Willoughby.

The Draft Plan of Management was on public exhibition for comment from Thursday 6 February until Thursday 19 March 2020. Hard copies were available at Council’s Administration Centre at 31 Victor Street in Chatswood, and Willoughby City Library in Chatswood. The Draft Plan of Management could also be downloaded from the online Document Library at Have Your Say Willoughby on Council’s website.

Figure 2 Public hearing information on Council’s website

Sports Facilities Draft Plan of Management 2020

Willoughby City Council welcomes your feedback on the draft Sports Facilities Plan of Management, by completing the survey below by Thursday **19 March 2020**.

The Plan provides a strategic framework for the future management of sport facilities in the Willoughby Local Government Area. The Plan provides short and long term policies, management direction and performance indicators as required by the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. The draft Plan will be on exhibition from Thursday 6 February 2020 to Thursday 19 March 2020.

The Department Planning, Industry & Infrastructure has confirmed that the draft Plan of Management satisfies the requirements under Section 3.23 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* - see document library.

Talus St Reserve has been included as a "sportsground" in the draft Plan of Management - see briefing note in the document library.

A Public Hearing for the draft Plan of Management will be held on Tuesday 25 February from 6.30pm- 8pm at the Dougherty Community Centre, Victor Street Chatswood.

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**Document Library**

- Sports Facilities Draft Plan of Management (10.5 MB) (pdf)
- Briefing note - Talus Reserve and the Sports Facilities Plan of Management (194 KB) (pdf)
- Department Planning, Industry & Environment letter of 21 November 2019 (298 KB) (pdf)
- Public Hearing - Background Information (8.99 MB) (pdf)

Council also placed a notice in the Council column in the *North Shore Times* on Thursday 6 February 2020.

Figure 3 Notice in Council column in the North Shore Times



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## Public Notices

**New Artarmon West Residential Parking Scheme and Timed Parking Restrictions**

Willoughby City Council has approved a new residential parking scheme for Artarmon West.

Seven day parking restrictions from 8.30am to 6pm in the Artarmon Village have been approved to increase parking turnover. The areas/streets that will have changed parking restrictions are:

- Hampden Road (from Brand St to McMillan St)
- Francis Road (from Hampden Rd to Hampden Ln)
- Broughton Road (from Hampden Rd to Hampden Ln)
- Jersey Road (from Hampden Rd to Hampden Ln)

Four hour parking 4P (permit holders excepted) restrictions from 8.30am to 6pm Mondays to Fridays have been introduced to resident parking zones that have the support of the local residents. This includes:

- Buller Road
- White Street
- Benton Avenue
- Robert Street
- Eric Road
- Barton Road
- Parkes Road
- Cleland Road

Eligible residents with a permit displayed can park on these 4P residential parking area zones without time restrictions. The changes will be monitored and adjustments undertaken where necessary.

For further information visit [www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/community/getting-around/parking/Residential-Parking/](http://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/community/getting-around/parking/Residential-Parking/) or call customer service on 9777 1000.

**Sports Facilities - Draft Plan of Management - Public Exhibition and Public Hearing**

Willoughby City Council welcomes your feedback on the draft Sports Facilities Plan of Management. Submissions close on Friday 13 March 2020.

The Plan provides a strategic framework for the future management of sport facilities in the Willoughby local government area. The Plan provides short and long term policies, management direction and performance indicators as required by the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. The draft Plan will be on exhibition until Friday 13 March 2020.

A public hearing for the draft Plan of Management will be held on Tuesday 25 February 2020 from 6.30pm - 8pm at the Dougherty Community Centre, 7 Victor Street Chatswood.

Feedback can be provided online at [www.haveyoursaywilloughby.com.au](http://www.haveyoursaywilloughby.com.au)

The amended plan provides controls based on the type and cost of developments, including; requirements for a Sustainability Performance Statement, Green Star rating report and/or an Energy Commitment Agreement under the National Australian Built Environmental Rating Scheme (NABERS).

The draft amended plan can be viewed on Council's Have Your Say website and at Level 4 of Council's Administration building at 31 Victor Street, Chatswood from 8.30am - 5pm Monday to Friday.

Written submissions should be sent to [email@willoughby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:email@willoughby.nsw.gov.au) or posted to PO Box 57, Chatswood NSW 2057 by Thursday 5 March 2020.

For enquiries contact Arthur Tsembis, Strategic Planner on 9777 1000.

**Drop In Sessions**

**Artarmon Kids Cottage Community Centre**

Council has submitted a development application seeking to amend the usage of Artarmon Kids Cottage Community Centre from 'child related activities' to 'community activities' and extend the operation hours to:

Monday to Friday: 7.30am to 9pm  
 Saturday: 9am to 9pm  
 Sunday: 9am to 5pm

This change will allow for low impact community activities such as yoga classes, progress association meetings and playgroups to utilise the venue while maintaining the out of school hours service running from Kids Cottage.

Council is hosting drop in sessions for you to visit the Artarmon Kids Cottage Community Centre. These sessions will be an opportunity to meet the project team staff.

Drop in sessions:

Tuesday 18 February 2020, 11am – 12.30pm  
 Tuesday 18 February 2020, 7pm – 8.30pm  
 Saturday 22 February 2020, 11am – 12.30pm

**Have Your Say - Draft Integrated Transport Strategy**

You have told us that making it easier for people to move between places in and around Willoughby city is a high priority. Council's draft Integrated Transport Strategy identifies five strategies for transport:

- be sustainable
- link people travelling between the CBD and out local centre and villages
- support community needs while enabling growth
- make life easier by using smart technology to support growth
- respond to customer needs and align with

The community was invited to attend a public hearing about the proposed categorisation/ recategorisation of community and Crown land comprising sports facilities on Tuesday 25 February 2020 from 6.30pm – 8.00pm at the Dougherty Community Centre, Victor Street, Chatswood.

### 3.2 Attendance at the public hearing

As required under Section 47G of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council appointed an independent chairperson, Sandy Hoy, Director of Parkland Planners, to chair the public hearing.

Three community members attended the public hearing.

Ms. Angela Casey, Culture and Leisure Manager, and Ms. Julie Whitfield, Open Space Co-ordinator, represented Willoughby City Council, providing information and answering questions on behalf of Council during the public hearing.

### 3.3 The public hearing

Ms Hoy opened the public hearing at 6:35pm.

Ms Hoy explained the purpose of the public hearing, the legislative basis for categorisation of community and Crown land, and the requirement for public hearings, based on a background information presentation.

Submissions regarding the proposed categorisation or recategorisation of sports facilities in Willoughby City were received at the hearing. Other comments and questions about sports facilities in Willoughby City are outside the scope of this report.

The content of the submissions which are relevant to the proposed categorisation and recategorisation and changes to the Plan of Management are outlined in more detail in Section 4 of this report.

With there being no further submissions or questions, Ms. Hoy closed the hearing at 7.45pm.

### 3.4 Submissions

All the people who attended asked a question or made a comment about the proposed categorisation or recategorisation of land, or changes to the Plan of Management at the public hearing. Those questions and comments were noted by the chairperson and are listed in Section 4.

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# 4 CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS

## 4.1 Introduction

The questions raised and submissions made, with the comments made by Angela Casey and Julie Whitfield from Willoughby City Council in response, are set out below.

## 4.2 Submissions and Council response

Verbal submissions relating to the proposed recategorisation are listed below in Table 3.

Table 3 Verbal submissions made to the public hearing

Points made	Detailed question/comments	Chair / Council response
<b>Land and facilities included in the Plan of Management</b>		
Crown land sites	How many sites in the Plan of Management are Crown land?	Ten
Inclusion of school sites in the Plan of Management	Why are school sites included in the Plan of Management?	Public school sites are included in the Plan of Management if they have sporting facilities that Council manages. Council has a use agreement with the Department of Education and Council manage the school sites as if they are community land for community use.
Facility numbers	Three golf courses are included in the Plan of Management. How many netball courts?	Noted. 17 netball courts are included in the Plan of Management. 6 tennis court locations are listed.
<b>Categorisation</b>		
Allocation of land to certain categories	Does Council have to allocate a certain percentage of land to Sportsground and General Community Use categories?	No. The category allocated to land is considered the most appropriate for that land.
<b>Submissions about specific sports facilities</b>		
Talus Reserve	The Tennis Association built the tennis courts, carpark and a club facility at Talus Reserve in 1978. The carpark comprises 36 spaces for people playing tennis. However people other than tennis players park in the carpark to visit friends and relatives living in the nearby residential area, and so preclude tennis players parking there.	Council intends the carpark at Talus Reserve to be categorised as Park. The carpark would be included in the Plan of Management for parks and reserves rather than the Sports Facilities Plan of Management.

Points made	Detailed question/comments	Chair / Council response
	<p>The carpark at Talus Reserve should be categorised as Sportsground rather than General Community Use, because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- carparking is an ancillary use to playing tennis</li> <li>- the carpark is an auxiliary facility to the tennis courts.</li> </ul> <p>Parking signs at Talus Reserve have to relate to use of the carpark.</p> <p>If the carpark is categorised as Sportsground together with the facility, parking at Talus Reserve should be for users of the tennis courts only.</p> <p>Could a boom gate be placed across the carpark?</p>	<p>If the Talus Reserve carpark is categorised as Sportsground it won't change the parking situation there.</p> <p>Use of the carpark is managed by the timed parking signs in the carpark. The parking signs are for 3 hours limited parking to cater for people playing tennis and to stop commuter parking.</p>
<p>Aboriginal land claim over Talus Reserve</p>	<p>An Aboriginal land claim over Talus Reserve will be going through in the next four months. Talus Reserve is in limbo because of the land claim process.</p> <p>What is the implication if the land claim over Talus Reserve is upheld?</p>	<p>There are limited reserves for sport in Willoughby City. Council won't want to lose the sporting reserve land.</p> <p>The Minister for Crown land is considering and will determine the land claim.</p>
<p>Bicentennial Reserve</p>	<p>Basketball is played at Bicentennial Reserve, but it is not organised.</p> <p>The four basketball courts at Bicentennial Reserve are used by public schools, and for an independent schools basketball competition.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>Gore Hill Oval</p>	<p>Which category would cover an indoor sports centre, which is for organised sport but is indoor rather than outdoor as stated in the guidelines for categorisation as Sportsground?</p>	<p>The indoor sports centre is proposed to be categorised as General Community Use and included in the General Community Use Plan of Management when it is prepared.</p> <p>The proposed netball courts are not included in the Sportsground category on the map because the courts haven't been built.</p> <p>Spectator seating and the spectator promenade are categorised as Sportsground.</p>
<p>Artarmon Reserve</p>	<p>Why is the bowling club not categorised as Sportsground?</p>	<p>The bowling club is not categorised as Sportsground because it is used as a park and as a community garden.</p>
<p>Castle Cove Golf Club</p>	<p>Why have the tennis courts been excluded?</p>	<p>The tennis courts are included. The lines around the tennis courts shown on the map will be removed.</p> <p>The golf club owns the land occupied by the carpark. The golf club pays Council rent for the golf course under a lease.</p>



Points made	Detailed question/comments	Chair / Council response
Chatswood High School -		Council has a partnership with the Department of Education through a licence agreement by which the school uses the sports facilities in school hours and the community use them outside school hours.
Cleland Park:	Include the carpark and all sports facilities in Cleland Park as Sportsground. But, the carpark is not used for sporting activity.	Noted
Greville Park:	Remove the lines inside the Sportsground category boundary on the map.	Noted
Kooroora Park	Parking is a major issue at Kooroora Park.	Noted
Naremburn Reserve	Rationalise the lines on the map. What is the purpose of the rectangle to the left of the map? Add the carpark to Sportsground.	Noted Bocce courts which are categorised as Sportsground.
Northbridge Golf Club	Rationalise the lines on the map.	Noted
Northbridge Oval	Rationalise the lines on the map.	Noted
Thomson Park	Rationalise the lines on the map.	Noted
Willoughby Park	The Willoughby Park Centre is categorised as General Community Use. Rationalise the lines on the map.	Noted

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# 5 RECOMMENDATIONS

## 5.1 Consideration of submissions

The comments regarding the proposed categorisation and recategorisation and changes to the Plan of Management are carefully considered and assessed below.

The only submissions relating to categorisation or recategorisation of the sports facilities in the Draft Plan of Management were to:

- ❑ **recategorise the carpark in Talus Reserve, and in other carparks associated with sports facilities such as Naremburn Reserve, from General Community Use to Sportsground.**

The carparks associated with sports facilities in Willoughby City are proposed in a separate Plan of Management to be categorised as Park as the most appropriate category. Carparks are not consistent with the guidelines and core objectives of the Sportsground category ie. to be used for primarily for active recreation involving organised sports or the playing of informal outdoor sporting and games. Park or General Community Use are the most appropriate categorisations for such carparks, and so they should not be included in the Draft Plan of Management for Sports Facilities.

- ❑ **clarify the boundaries of the Sportsground category marked on the categorisation maps** (refer to Appendix A) by removing unnecessary internal lines on the maps for:
  - Beauchamp Park
  - Castle Cove Golf Course
  - Greville Park
  - Mowbray Public School
  - Naremburn Park
  - Northbridge Golf Course and War Memorial Reserve
  - Northbridge Oval
  - Thomson Park
  - Willoughby Park.

## 5.2 Recommendations

Based on the representations and written submissions to the public hearing on 25 February 2020, my recommendations to Willoughby City Council regarding the proposed categorisation and recategorisation of community and Crown land comprising sports facilities in Willoughby City are that Council:

- ❑ Note the verbal and written submissions made in Section 4.
- ❑ Retain the proposed categorisations as Sportsground shown on the categorisation maps for each reserve in the Draft Plan of Management, because there is no compelling reason to change the proposed categorisation/recategorisation.
- ❑ Amend the categorisation maps which were publicly exhibited to remove the lines within the mapped Sportsground category boundary.

## 5.3 Adoption of proposed categorisation/recategorisation

Council must agree to the proposed categorisation/recategorisation of community and Crown land as set out in the Draft Sports Facilities Plan of Management before resolving to adopt the proposed amendments to the Plan of Management.

Section 114 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* states that if Council receives any submission objecting to a categorisation of land in the Plan of Management, and the Council adopts the Plan of Management without amending the categorisation that gave rise to the objection, the resolution by which Council adopts the Plan of Management must state the Council's reasons for categorising the relevant land in the manner that gave rise to the objection.

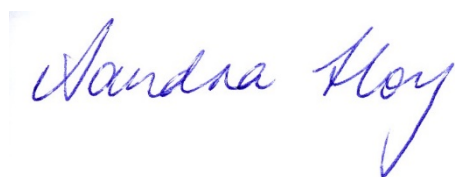
If Council intends to adopt the proposed recategorisation as was set out in the Draft Plan of Management, it must state the reasons why it did not make changes to categorisation in response to the objections received in its resolution to adopt the Plan of Management.

If Council decides to alter the proposed recategorisation of community land from that in the Plan of Management and that considered at the public hearing, Council must hold a further public hearing in respect of the proposed Plan of Management (Section 40A(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*).

## 5.4 Reporting

Within four days of receiving this final report, Council is required under Section 47G(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* to make a copy of this report available for inspection by the public at a location within the area of the Council. It is recommended that Council:

- send a copy of the public hearing report to the people who attended the public hearing and/or made a written submission.
- keep a copy of the public hearing report for inspection at Council's Administration Centre, Chatswood Library, and Northbridge Branch Library.
- post an electronic copy of the public hearing report on Council's website.



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30 March 2020

# APPENDIX A

## PROPOSED SPORTSGROUND CATEGORISATION MAPS



**Artarmon Reserve – Burra Road, Artarmon**

- Sportsground + synthetic wicket
- Cricket nets
- Half basketball court
- Amenities building



**Bales Park – Between Sydney Street & Stanley Street, Chatswood**

- Sportsground + 2 synthetic wickets
- Amenities building



**Beauchamp Park – Nicholson Street/Darling Street, Chatswood**

- Sportsground + turf wicket
- Basketball court
- Amenities building



**Bicentennial Reserve – Small Street, Willoughby**

- Sportsground
- Baseball diamond
- Netball/basketball courts
- Amenities building



**Castle Cove Golf Course – Deepwater Road, Castle Cove**

- Golf course
- Tennis courts



**Castle Cove Oval – Holly Street, Castle Cove**

- Sportsground + turf wicket
- Half basketball court
- Amenities building





**Chatswood Croquet Greens** – Pacific Highway, Chatswood

- Lawn tennis courts
- Croquet greens
- Amenities building



**Chatswood Golf Course** – Beaconsfield Road, Chatswood (*part*)

- Golf fairways



**Chatswood High School** – Eddy Road, Chatswood (*licenced to WCC for community sport*)

- Sportsground
- Cricket nets
- Basketball/netball courts



**Chatswood Oval** – Albert Avenue/Orchard Road, Chatswood

- Sportsground + turf wicket
- Cricket nets
- Amenities buildings



**Chatswood Rotary War Memorial Athletic Field – Mowbray Road West, Chatswood West**

- Athletics track and field
- Amenities building
- Grandstand



**Cleland Park – Hampden Road, Artarmon**

- Tennis courts
- Amenities buildings



**Cortile Reserve – The Parapet, Castlecrag**

- Tennis courts
- Amenities building



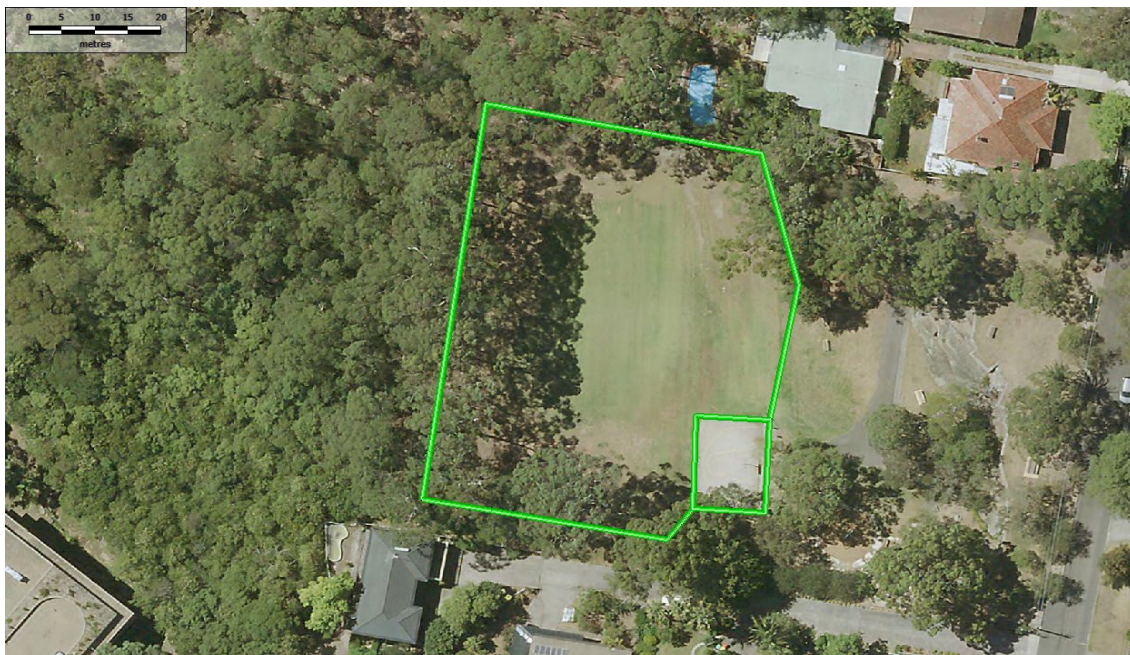
**Fullers Road Reserve – 52 Fullers Road, Chatswood**

- Tennis courts
- Amenities building



**Gore Hill Oval** – Pacific Highway, St Leonards

- Sportsground
- Amenities building



**Greville Park** – Greville Street, Chatswood West

- Sportsground
- Half basketball court



**Kooroora Park – William Street, Roseville**

- Tennis courts
- Amenities building



**Mowbray Public School – Mowbray Road West/Hatfield Street, Chatswood West**

*(licenced to WCC for community sport)*

- Sportsground + synthetic wicket
- Cricket nets
- Basketball/netball courts



**Naremburn Park – Park Street/Station Street, Naremburn**

- Sportsgrounds + 2 synthetic wickets
- Cricket nets
- Netball/basketball courts
- Bocce court
- Amenities building



**Northbridge Golf Course and War Memorial Reserve – Sailors Bay Road, Northbridge**

- Golf course
- Multi-purpose sports courts
- Amenities building



**Northbridge Oval** – Sailors Bay Road, Northbridge

- Sportsground
- Futsal court
- Cricket nets
- Amenities building



**Reid Reserve** – Reid Drive, Chatswood West

- Sportsground + synthetic wicket
- Amenities building

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**Talus Street Reserve – Talus Street, Naremburn**

- Tennis courts
- Amenities building



**Thomson Park – Reserve Road/Jersey Road, Artarmon**

- Sportsground
- Basketball court
- Cricket net
- Amenities building



**Tyneside Tennis Courts** – Tyneside Avenue, North Willoughby

- Tennis courts



- Tennis courts
- Futsal courts
- Amenities building



**Willoughby Girls High School – Keary Street, Willoughby**

*(licenced to WCC for community sport)*

- Sportsground – due for reconstruction to a full sized synthetic field in 2020/21



**Willoughby Park – McClelland Street/Warrane Road, Willoughby**

- Sportsground + turf wicket
- Sportsground – junior + synthetic wicket
- Cricket nets
- Lawn bowling greens
- Amenities building

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