West from Wharf Road across the sports fields towards Chipping Norton Lake

STRONG RESERVE LANSVALE

PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

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WHAT IS A PLAN OF MANAGEMENT?

A Plan of Management outlines the long term (5-10 year) future use, development and management of community land. It is a recreational planning tool that combines Council’s vision for open space, outcomes defined by site analysis and community consultation, and current best practice in land management. Operational plans for the day-to-day management of the land are developed using Plans of Management as a framework for decision making, prioritising works programs and budgets. A Plan of Management can be specific to one parcel of land, or generic and include a number of areas of similar land. This is an individual Plan of Management for a single sportsground. It is designed to be read in conjunction with Fairfield City Council’s generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds.

THE LAND COVERED BY THIS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Strong Reserve (also known as Strong Park)  Lots 1 & 2 DP 2151
Hollywood Drive LANSVALE  Lots B & C DP 326845

Ownership: Chipping Norton Lakes Authority
Fairfield City Council has care and control

Zoning: 6(a) – Existing and Proposed Recreation
Fairfield Local Environment Plan 1994

Classification: Community Land
Size: more than 3.141 hectares
(Clouston, 1999 Open Space Strategy Fairfield City Council)

Hierarchy: Level 4 – serving the recreational needs of the suburb
(Clouston, 1999)

CATEGORYISATION OF THE LAND

The land is categorised under sections 36(4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended 1999) as follows

Primary land categorisation: Sportsground
Secondary land categorisation: Natural Area - Foreshore

The maps in the appendix identify the location of Strong Reserve and the areas of land where each category applies. Council has taken a “best fit” approach to the land categorisations. Although there are some passive recreational areas, the objectives for the management of Sportsgrounds as prescribed by the Local Government Act, 1993 (as amended 1999) do not preclude the provision for passive recreational activities.
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE OF THE LAND

Strong Reserve is one of a number of reserves on the foreshores of Chipping Norton Lake. It lies between Liverpool Golf Course and a community club at the end of a road closure (Rowley Point Road) – consequently there is little traffic and few people. Sports facilities include two baseball diamonds and a one sportsfield that is shared between soccer and cricket – the field is neither floodlit nor irrigated but is in fair condition. Off-street parking is provided from Rowley Point Road in an unsealed car parking area. There is a brick amenities building in fair to good condition. Further detail is provided on the Data Sheet in the appendix.

The land is owned by the State Government and administered by the Chipping Norton Lakes Authority (CNLA). The CNLA was set up in 1977 to control sand extraction and develop areas into a recreational lake with surrounding parklands. The reserve is under the care and control of Fairfield City Council. Acid sulphate soils may need to be considered on this reserve.

The foreshore areas are generally well vegetated with locally indigenous species – including River She-oak - *Casuarina glauca* – the banks show some erosion, there is some weed infestation including vines that are detrimental to the native vegetation. The water quality is likely to be poor following storm events and there is some littering and dumping. The vegetation has been identified by the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) as a Cumberland Plain Endangered Ecological Community (CPEEC). It is identified as remnant Alluvial Woodland (River Flat Forest) dominated by *Eucalyptus amplifolia* and *E. tereticornis* (NPWS, 2000 Interpretation guidelines for the Native Vegetation Maps of the Cumberland Plain, Western Sydney NSW NPWS, Hurstville). A Recovery Plan is currently being prepared by NPWS under the Threatened Species Conservation Act, 1995 for the CPEEC.

FUTURE USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND

All existing uses are permitted by this Plan of Management. Strong Reserve will continue to be used for active and passive recreation. This Plan of Management permits new developments and facilities where the nature and use of the community land is not altered by a proposed development and provided that the proposed development is permissible under the objectives for management and approved by Council.

Future opportunities that have been identified include but are not limited to a dog off-leash area and improvements to the sports facilities. Recently there have been discussions in relation to a pedestrian/cycle bridge over the lake that would link the two sides and allow the opportunity for stronger links between all of the reserves around the lake in the longer term (for example pedestrian/cycle path around the lake). This Plan of Management supports these options.

THE SCALE AND INTENSITY OF THE PERMITTED FUTURE USE AND DEVELOPMENT

The scale and intensity of the permitted uses and all proposed further developments will be in line with the district level hierarchy and carrying capacity of the land.
LEASES, LICENCES AND OTHER ESTATES

This Plan of Management expressly authorises the lease, licence or grant of any other estate for Strong Park, the land and any buildings located on the land specified, for sporting and auxiliary purposes for a term not exceeding five (5) years. The purposes must be consistent with the core objectives (listed on the following page of this report) and legislative requirements. The types of uses permitted include, but are not restricted to:

Leasing - Leases may be granted to any organisation, for any community purposes as determined by Council. Council may have regard to, but is not limited to, considerations as provided in Council guidelines (Appendix 7.5 generic Sportsground Plan of Management – guidelines for the consideration of leases).

Seasonal Licences - Annual and seasonal licences, in the form of hiring agreements may be granted to clubs, associations, schools and members of the community for periods of up to one (1) year. Fees charged for regular users are in accordance with the Fee Schedule adopted by Council. The range of sports possible include but are not restricted to, Clubs and Associations engaged in Australian Rules Football, Rugby League or Rugby Union Football, Soccer, Baseball, Softball, T-Ball, Cricket, Athletics, Touch Football, Hockey, Netball, Volleyball, Basketball and Tennis.

School Use - Licences may be granted to Schools for the use of sports facilities. The range of sports permissible include but are not limited to the list outlined above.

Casual Hire - Licences may be granted for use of sports facilities for casual events. Events may include but will not be limited to the playing of sports and other community events including organised fetes, festivals, parades and performances that may include stall holders, engaging in a trade or business and small-scale private sector events including parties, weddings, filming and photography and any other prescribed purpose pursuant to clause 24 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 1999.

Liquor Licences - Although granting of liquor licences are subject to other approvals and are not at the sole discretion of Council, this Plan of Management allows for Council to give permission as the landowner for liquor licences subject to other necessary approvals. Applications for liquor licences will be considered on individual merits however and will only be considered when other relevant criteria are met.

Granting of Estates - This Plan of Management expressly authorises Council to grant ‘an estate’ over community land for the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993. Estates may also be granted across community land for ‘the provision of pipes, conduits or other connections under the surface of the ground for the connection of premises adjoining the community land to a facility of the council or other public utility provider that is situated on the community land. Estates will be granted in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993.

Communication towers - This Plan of Management also expressly authorises the leasing, licensing or granting of other estate to telecommunications carriers as defined by the Telecommunications Act 1997, where the terms of the grant are consistent with Council’s obligations under Local Government Act 1993.
OBJECTIVES FOR MANAGEMENT

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a Sportsground are to:

1. Encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games.
2. Ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on surrounding or nearby residences.

Core objectives for managing community land categorised as Natural Area:

3. Conserve biodiversity and maintain ecosystems function in respect of the land, or the feature or habitat in respect of which the land is categorised as a natural area.
4. Maintain the land, or that feature or habitat, in its natural state and setting.
5. Provide for the restoration and regeneration of the land.
6. Provide for community use of and access to the land in such a manner as will minimise and mitigate any disturbance caused by human intrusion.
7. Assist in and facilitate the implementation of any provisions restricting the use and management of the land that are set out in a recovery plan or threat abatement plan prepared under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 or the Fisheries Management Act 1994.

Core objectives for managing community land categorised as Foreshore:

8. Maintain the foreshore as a transition area between the aquatic and the terrestrial environment, and to protect and enhance all functions associated with the foreshore’s roles as a transition area.
9. Facilitate the ecologically sustainable use of the foreshore, and to mitigate impact on the foreshore by community use.

ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan (following page) for this Plan of Management is designed to be read in conjunction with the Action Plan of Fairfield City Council’s generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds.
### Performance Target | Means to Achieve | Timeframe/Department | Performance Assessment
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**Objective 1: The objectives for management of Sportsgrounds.**

Strong Park is a well-maintained and well managed reserve. | As outlined in Fairfield City Council’s generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds. | Ongoing COD/CSD & ESD | As outlined in Fairfield City Council’s generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds.

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**Objective 2: The objectives for management of Natural Area - Foreshore.**

The foreshore reserve will be a well-maintained area with healthy locally indigenous vegetation. | Protect and enhance the environmental, recreational and educational values of the foreshore area:  
- Encourage locally indigenous species by planting or other means as appropriate.  
- Undertake regular maintenance as appropriate. Conduct regular inspections and ensure that the foreshore area is free of rubbish. Control major weeds with consideration to habitat values.  
- Manage on a catchment basis with consideration to upstream and downstream impacts. Liaise with adjacent landowners as appropriate.  
- Install signage and other interpretation.  
- Provide appropriate access to the foreshore area.  
- Liaise with other authorities as appropriate (eg Liverpool Council and CNLA).  
- Enhance linkages around the lake.  
- Consider the recommendations of the Recovery Plan for CPEEC and implement as appropriate. | LT and ongoing CSD | Community feedback and satisfaction.  
Monitor water quality and erosion effects.  
Bushland is protected. Monitor native species numbers and variety. Numbers increase over time. Monitor weed species and coverage – numbers decline.  
Monitor reports of dumping.
APPENDICES

The following items are included as part of this Plan of Management

- Open space data sheet – Strong Reserve
- Aerial photograph of Strong Reserve
- Land category map