

# **Category 3** — **Public and Community Facilities**

#### **Property Details**

Community Land Register Item 1–11

#### **Ownership Details**

Community Land Register Item 12

#### Purpose for which land is held

A Public and Community facility is defined as a piece of land or building set aside to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social, historical and educational pastimes and activities, and to provide for passive recreational activities.

Council community facilities may include:

Cemeteries	Bike and Walking Trails
Playgrounds	Public toilets
Passive recreation	Public halls
Conservation areas	Walkways

Kindergartens/childcare facilities

Facilities should be protected and improved where appropriate, for current and future generations.

#### **Reason why Management Plan is required**

- The land has been specifically modified or adapted for the benefit of the community
- Act of Parliament
- Lease/Licence
- Business Purposes

#### **Objectives for the management of the land**

- To maintain the land for mixed uses including conservation, active and passive recreation, educational facilities and broad community uses.
- To improve the maintenance of public infrastructure and facilities and to preserve local heritage and places of significance.
- To increase the use, enjoyment and accessibility and safety of community land.
- Where appropriate, grant leases and grant or accept easements and or rights of way over the land.



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#### Policies and proposals for management of the land

Ensure consistency with the objectives set out in the District Council of Elliston's corporate documents and any other council or government policies where applicable.

Strategic Plan Development Plan Asset Management Plan Public Consultation Policy Development of Roads on Reserves Policy Street Planting Policy

#### **Department for Environment and Water**

- Dedicated land may only be used for purposes consistent with that for which it was dedicated, and no other purpose. A change of land use will require the resumption of the land and re-dedication for a purpose consistent with the new use.
- The granting of a lease/licence over dedicated land requires approval from the Minister if native title has not been extinguished and the lease will cause any development (within the meaning of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*). That the Council is satisfied that the lease would not detract from any existing public use and enjoyment of the land, would not prevent the land being used for the purpose for which it was dedicated and would not otherwise be improper or undesirable.
- The Doctrine of Fixtures applies to dedicated land. Any buildings or other improvements erected on the land determined to be fixtures will be the property of the Crown unless the Minister has expressly stated in writing that the improvements shall be deemed to be severed from the land.
- Easements required over dedicated land may only be granted by the Minister pursuant to the *Crown Lands Act, 1929*.
- The clearance of native vegetation (including grasslands) must not occur without the prior approval of the relevant Minister and the Native Vegetation Council.

#### Performance Targets

See Schedule

Performance Measures

See Schedule

Adopted by Council:

Date: .....

Resolution: .....

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MAYOR

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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Management Issues	Objectives and Proposals	Performance Targets	Performance Measures
<i>Car parks/driveways/footpaths/ stairways</i>	Carparks/driveways/footpaths/ stairways are provided for use by the public where required.	To ensure infrastructure is in reasonable condition, can be utilised by the public and is safe.	Regular inspections and maintenance in conjunction with the inspection process schedule.
Public Toilets	To provide public toilet facilities as deemed necessary by Council for use by the community.	To ensure public toilets are serviced and maintained to a satisfactory condition.	Regular inspection by Council staff as part of an ongoing maintenance schedule and to identify any issues for rectification.
Cemeteries	cemeteries which provide burial/ internment rights for the deceased and which can be visited by members of the community with adequate reserve infrastructure to assist in the comfort of visitors. To ensure all areas of the cemeteries are maintained to an acceptable standard. To ensure all fencing is safe and	appropriate burial/internment rights for the deceased. To ensure all areas of the cemeteries are maintained to an	Periodic inspections of fencing, lawned and garden areas, leased/ licensed areas, infrastructure and improvements and implementation of maintenance measures as appropriate.
		To ensure all fencing is safe and in reasonable condition and suitable for use by the community.	
Drainage Reserves	To provide drainage systems in appropriate locations for redirec- tion of stormwater.	To ensure drainage systems are unobstructed, act as part of Council's drainage network systems and that they do not pose a safety hazard to members of the public.	Regular inspections of the drainage systems and rectification of any issues identified.
Easements to Service Authorities	To grant easements required by service authorities for above of below ground infrastructure.	To ensure service authorities infra- structure for community needs is located and installed with minimal impact on land use.	Inspection of infrastructure location to ensure compliance with easement requirements.
Campgrounds	To provide maintained campgrounds that meet the needs of the community and visitors.	To ensure campgrounds are main- tained to a satisfactory condition.	Regular inspection by Council staff as part of an ongoing maintenance schedule and to identify any issues for rectification.
Memorial walls/Monuments/ Plaques	To approve memorial infrastruc- ture as requested by community members.	To facilitate granting of appropriate memorials for the deceased.	Ensure applications have been submitted and completed correctly and information is provided on the location and construction materials of any structure to be erected.
			Inspection of memorial infrastructure to ensure compliance with Council requirements.
Airstrips	To provide maintained airstrips that service the community.	To ensure airstrips are unobstructed, safe and meet all requirements.	Regular inspection and maintenance program



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Landscape Character for Conservation Area	Reflect the character of adjoining conservation areas.	Maintain and manage according to biodiversity principles and expectations.	Clear of illegal dumping including building material, garden waste and general household waste.
			Fenced
			Pest plan species controlled within budgetary constraints.
			Management of access points including prevention of unauthor- ised access points.
Fire Prevention and Fuel Reduction	Such measures as may be identi- fied and specified by Council's Fire Prevention Officer from time to time	Implement identified measures as needed.	Regular inspections for fire prevention and fuel reduction and rectification of any issues identified.
Bike/walking Trails (where applicable)	To maintain accessibility and safety of reserves whilst minimising degradation of biodiversity.	Increase the emphasis on design for improved physical access, safety and biodiversity protection.	Carry out periodic audits.

#### Permits, Licences and Leasing of Public and Community Facilities

The granting of a lease, licence or permit formalises the use of Council facilities by groups such as community groups, commercial organisations or individuals who are providing facilities or services for public use that is consistent with the intent and purpose of the land.

The terms and conditions of a lease, licence or permit will ensure that property management of the area is undertaken such that it is maintained in a safe and functional condition, and that the interest of Council and the public are protected.

Any leases, licences or permits issued over land included in this Management Plan are displayed at Item 10 of the attached Schedule.

A lease, licence or permit enables Council to negotiate agreements with organisations and individuals who occupy or manage Community Land. These agreements allow clear legal definition of the rights and obligations that an organisation or individual has in regard to the land whilst ensuring public access is maintained. From time to time leases, licences and permits will expire, require renewal and or renegotiation and new leasing proposals considered.

Where the agreement is for a period exceeding five (5) years, Council is required by the *Local Government Act 1999* to consult with the community. However, there may be exemptions of certain leases/licences over community land from consultation requirements when it is a term of the lease/licence that there is to be no substantial change in the use of the land. Local Government (General) Regulations 2013, Section 22, (1), (b).

Council will only grant a lease, licence or permit for use of Community Land under this Management Plan if it is:

- Consistent with the current use and purpose of the land
- For activities appropriate to the current and future needs of the community
  - Acknowledged that all suitable insurances have been sighted by Council.