

Community Land Management Plan

Hope Valley: Hope Valley Cemetery

Description

Identity of land the subject of this plan:

Lot 8 in Filed Plan 20242, being the land contained in Certificate of Title 5471/579, Lot 71 in Filed Plan 131016, being the land contained in Certificate of Title 5567/723, bounded by Grand Junction Road. The attached plan identifies the location of the land. The land comprises numerous headstones and memorials, with part of the site grassed and irrigated. Access is available by a dolomite driveway. There is reserve furniture such as park benches and bins.

Purpose

Council retains this land for the following purposes:

The Council is required by Section 7 of the Local Government Act 1999 to “provide services and facilities that benefit its area, its ratepayers and residents and visitors to its area, including amongst other things recreational facilities”. This land is retained by Council to provide commemorative memorials in a parkland setting. There are no new traditional burial licenses available and are confined to interment of ashes in the rose garden.

Council will consider the land in regards to it being suitable for the purpose and may with its powers under Council’s By-Laws restrict or prevent activities that are considered to be inappropriate for the land.

Objectives

Council’s objectives for managing this land are as follows:

The Council seeks to ensure that all of its assets are utilised to their maximum potential. In particular the land serves to meet the Council’s desire that residents are able to partake in a range of activities to achieve a balanced life incorporating recreation opportunities.



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Management Proposal

These are the Council's proposals for managing this land:

The land comprises a grassed area, irrigation, dolomite driveway, reserve furniture such as park benches and bins and the following are proposed:

1. **Grassed Area**

The grassed area is currently equipped to satisfy the needs of regular users. As required, controllers and sprinklers are replaced or repaired to maintain a service standard consistent with its existing use. The site is regularly mowed and watering occurs at a sustainable level in accordance with the Code of Practice for Irrigated Public Open Space as regulated by SA Water.

2. **Dolomite Driveway**

The driveway is constructed from dolomite and traffic is managed with appropriate signage. Council will use various techniques for managing the pavement such as minor patching, potholes, or reconstruction.

3. **Reserve Furniture**

Park benches and bins are within the cemetery. The equipment is checked on a regular basis to establish that the fixtures and fittings are mechanically sound and suit their intended purpose. Plumbing, painting and carpentry improvements will be carried out as required to ensure the robust nature of these fixtures.

4. **Cemetery Management**

Council entered into a Management Agreement with Sidney Harrison Pty Ltd on 1 July 2006 where the day to day administration and records of the cemetery is maintained. The Management Agreement is to conclude 30 June 2012 when the Council will determine future arrangements.

Council has a regular maintenance schedule, which is reviewed prior to the setting of the Council's annual budget. The schedule provides for the Council's staff to attend to the upkeep of the land in a reasonable fashion, bearing in mind the requirement on Council to attend to the management of its other City-wide assets.

Subject to compliance with the requirements of all relevant legislation the Council may, during the life of this management plan, develop the land by erecting buildings or structures which will enhance the use of the land as a recreation facility.

Council Policies

The following Council policies also effect how the Council will manage this land:

- Asset Management Policy
- Cemeteries-Care and Control Policy
- Boundary Fence Management Policy
- Disability Discrimination Act Policy
- Environmental Policy
- Footways/Cycleways Policy
- Community Engagement (Public Consultation) Policy
- Risk Management Policy
- Smoke Free Policy
- Tree Management Policy

These policies may be viewed at the Council's office and at the Council's Library. Copies may be provided on request.

Other Government Policies

The following State Government policies and plans concerning conservation and development relate to this land:

The land is in Residential Tea Tree Gully Zone. The Council's Development Plan governs what activities may occur on the land and how it may be developed during the life of the Plan.

The Council has adopted by-laws which effect and regulate activities on Council land:

- The Council's "Dogs" by-law
- The Council's "Roads" by-law
- The Council's "Local Government Land"

Performance Appraisal

The Council will measure how it has managed the land in the following ways:

The Council regularly undertakes community consultation studies and surveys and will include a request that respondents comment on their views of and experiences in using the land. In addition, the Council invites people to comment to the Council via its website, by post or facsimile, in person at the Council offices and by telephone.

The Council will record all complaints and compliments and attend to those requiring action. In addition, complaints and compliments will be reported on annually at a meeting of the Council.

The Council has adopted a performance management system to record successful achievement of employee functions. Regular assessment and reporting of compliance with the Council's asset maintenance programme is integral to this process.

As part of the horticultural management of the land the Council will carry out “random anonymous audits” to measure whether the Council is meeting its objectives expressed in its management schedule. The Council will review this Management Plan within 5 years of the date of its adoption and as appropriate amend maintenance as required.

Adopted by the City of Tea Tree Gully at a meeting of the Council on the

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Chief Executive Officer

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Review date

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Mayor

