

Community Land Management Plan

Hope Valley: Old Hope Valley Primary School

Description

Identity of land the subject of this plan:

Lot 5 in Filed Plan 131050, being the land contained in Certificate of Title 5801/6, Lot A in Road Plan 475, being the land contained in Certificate of Title 5789/562, bounded by Grand Junction Road, Tolley Court and Barracks Road. The attached plan identifies the location of the land. The land comprises grassed areas with irrigation, landscaping, playground, paved paths, fencing, sealed carpark, lighting and sports lighting, croquet playing grounds, 2 community buildings with toilets, 3 sheds, reserve furniture such as park benches and bin.

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 passive and active recreation facilities for the community and other visitors. The Council has granted a 10 year lease to the Tea Tree Gully Croquet Club for a portion of the site which will be finalized during FYE 2013. A second lease exists for the historic “Old Hope Valley Primary School” Building to Fancy Foot Dance Studio.

The land is not otherwise the subject of any formalised lease or licence. Council may grant a lease or licence of the whole or any part of the land during the life of this management plan.

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.

Management Proposal

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

The land comprises grassed areas with irrigation, landscaping, playground, paved paths, fencing, sealed carpark, lighting and sports lighting, croquet playing grounds, 2 community buildings with toilets, 3 sheds, reserve furniture such as park benches and the following are proposed:

1. Grassed Area

The grassed areas are currently equipped to satisfy the needs of regular users. The TTG Croquet Club maintain the playing field under the lease arrangement. As required, controllers and sprinklers are replaced or repaired to maintain a service standard consistent with its existing use. The sites are 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. Footpaths

The footpaths within this reserve are paved. Defects in the footpaths are often reported by local residents and through the "Customer Response Management" system, Council will then attend to its repair. Tripping hazards are also recorded via Council resources and as required will either be replaced or repaired.

3. Fencing

Reserve boundary fencing adjacent to residential or commercial properties are not managed or maintained by Council in accordance with the Fences Act 1975. Fencing rails or panels at other sites independent of "boundaries" are repaired or replaced to ensure that they are structurally sound and suit the intended purpose.

4. Lighting

The Reserve is equipped with lighting to illuminate the pathways and nearby equipment and sports lighting to the Croquet Club. The post top lamps are checked for electrical and structural integrity as required.

5. Carpark

The carpark is sealed and traffic is managed with appropriate line marking, signage, lighting. Council will use various techniques for managing the pavement such as minor patching, potholes, crack sealing, spray sealing or reconstruction.

6. Community Buildings

Tea Tree Gully Croquet Clubhouse is equipped with kitchen, toilets, office and a clubroom, which is regularly cleaned and maintained by the Lessee. In addition on site are storage sheds and shelters. The Croquet ground is maintained by the Lessee.

Old Hope Valley Primary School Building is also equipped with meeting rooms, kitchen, toilets, office and two dance studios, which are regularly cleaned and maintained by the Lessee.

7. **Playground**

Play equipment located at this reserve is regularly inspected to check the fittings and fixtures are mechanically sound. The soft fall area is inspected and re-levelled regularly including raking and topping up annually.

8. **Landscaping**

The Reserve is irrigated to the landscaped garden beds and grassed areas. The Reserve also contains mature gum trees and Council Staff attend to the upkeep of these as required.

9. **Reserve Furniture**

Park benches and bins are within this reserve. 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.

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
- Boundary Fence Management Policy
- Building Inspections 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 program 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.

Asset Management tools are applied to predict the maintenance and replacement life to the building and carpark. This information is used as an assessment of the performance of Council's maintenance practice.

Development

Council can consider any future development on this site beyond the 2013/14 financial year until the expiry of the Management Plan. Any development will be subject to future budget bids and consultation with the Community.

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

