# Community Land Management Plan

Tea Tree Gully: Steventon School Building

# Description

Identity of land the subject of this plan:

Lot 2 in Deposited Plan 45012, being the land contained in Certificate of Title 5442/956, bounded by Dowding Terrace. The attached plan identifies the location of the land. The land comprises the Historic Steventon School Building, a storage garage and fencing.

## **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 recreation facilities for the community and other visitors. The Council has granted a lease to the Tea Tree Gully Gem and Mineral Club which expires May 2015.

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 the Historic Steventon School Building, a storage garage and fencing and the following are proposed:

### 1. Community Building

The building is equipped with several rooms used for workshop purposes, kitchen, toilet facilities equipped for disabled, all of which are cleaned and maintained by the Lessee.

## 2. Fencing

The Lessee has installed a picket fence along the Dowding Terrace boundary which they are maintaining. Other fences along the perimeter are jointly maintained with adjacent properties.

#### 3. Storage Shed

A garage has been provided in the North Western Corner of the site for the purposes of storage which is maintained by the Lessee.

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
- Community House/Centres Policy
- Disability Discrimination Act Policy
- Environmental Policy
- Footways/Cycleways Policy
- 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 the 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 affect 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.

Asset Management tools are applied to predict the maintenance and replacement life to the building. This information is used on 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	
Chief Executive Officer	Review date
Mayor	

