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The City of Canterbury-Bankstown

Jim Ring Reserve

Plan of Management





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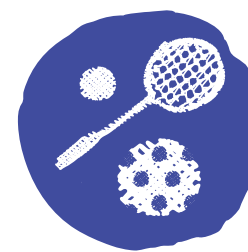
**General
Community Use**



**Natural
Area**



Park



Sportsground

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Introduction





Jim Ring Reserve



Entry at Woods Road

1.1 Community Land and Plans of Management

1.1.1 Classification of public land

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires classification of public land into either “community” or “operational” (Section 26). The classification is made by Council’s Local Environmental Plan (LEP) (Section 27).

Classification of land has a direct effect on Council’s ability to dispose of or alienate land by sale, leasing, licensing or some other means.

1.1.2 Community Land

Community land open space (generally known as parks, reserves and sportsgrounds) is land owned or controlled by Canterbury-Bankstown Council and recognised as an important component of the urban environment, providing opportunities for recreation and leisure. Jim Ring Reserve is community land.

Under the *Local Government Act* community land must not be sold (except for scheduled purposes), exchanged or otherwise disposed of by Council and the land must be used and managed in accordance with an adopted Plan of Management. In addition, community land is subject to strict controls relating to leases and licences.

There are **5 categories** of community land comprising Park, Sportsground, General Community Use, Cultural Significance and Natural Area.

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Parks

Parks are predominantly for passive recreation and fulfil social, educational and cultural functions. They are of various sizes and have different characters; some are formally planted with exotic species while others are informal and planted mainly with native species. Small parks can be simply a few trees and grass, while larger parks can have an extensive range of facilities including seating, playground equipment, exercise equipment, bike paths, barbecues, toilets and public art.

Sportsgrounds

Council is the primary provider of sports facilities to the residents of Canterbury-Bankstown. Sportsgrounds in Canterbury-Bankstown are managed to provide active recreation while maintaining the balance between physical use and the carrying capacity of the land.

These sporting fields are used by a variety of organised groups including local schools, community groups, sporting clubs and associations and semi-professional sporting clubs. Jim Ring Reserve is a district sportsground.

General Community Use

This community land performs many functions relating to the development of the health and wellbeing of the community. The land may house buildings and structures such as neighbourhood centres and Community halls. These cater for formal and informal leisure and recreational activities, hobbies, artistic endeavours, educational, cultural and social functions. The buildings may function as multi-purpose community facilities or specialised single purpose facilities providing a range of services from libraries to cultural centres to childcare.

At Jim Ring Reserve the Birrong Sports Bowling Club, Birrong Leisure and Aquatic Centre and the Men's Shed are all located on General Community Use land.

Natural Areas

This category includes bushland, escarpment, foreshore, watercourse and wetland. A watercourse is described as *any stream of water, perennial or intermittent, in a natural or artificial channel, and associated riparian land or vegetation.*

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Planting along channel



Fencing

1.1.3 Plans of Management for Community Land

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires all councils to prepare Plans of Management (PoMs) to govern the use and management of all community land owned or under their care, control and management.

Councils may not undertake any activities, uses or developments which are not provided for in PoMs. Any changes to PoMs must be publicly exhibited in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Section 36 of the Local Government Act sets out the requirements for a Plan of Management:

A Plan of Management for community land must identify the following:

- the category of the land,
- the objectives and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land,
- the means by which the council proposes to achieve the plan's objectives and performance targets,
- the manner in which the council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plan's objectives and performance targets.

A plan of management that applies to just one area of community land must include a description of:

- the condition of the land, and of any buildings or other improvements on the land, as at the date of adoption of the plan of management, and
- the use of the land and any such buildings or improvements as at that date, and must:
- specify the purposes for which the land, and any such buildings or improvements, will be permitted to be used, and
- specify the purposes for which any further development of the land will be permitted, whether under lease or licence or otherwise, and
- describe the scale and intensity of any such permitted use or development.

1.1.4 Specific Plans of Management

Council's *Community Land Generic Plan of Management* states that some open spaces need specific plans of management to be prepared for reasons such as substantial size, large number and variety of uses, and community concern about particular sites (p10).

This *Plan of Management for Jim Ring Reserve* is a specific PoM. The area requires a specific PoM because it has substantial size and significance and contains the Birrong Sports Bowling Club and Bankstown Men's Shed.

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1.1.5 Other legislation pertaining to this Plan of Management

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

This Act ensures that the effects on the natural environment, along with social and economic factors, are taken into account by Council when granting approval for or undertaking works, developments or activities. This Act is also the enabling legislation for several State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs) which have a direct influence on open space management.

State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007

This planning policy lists development allowed with consent or without consent on community land.

Also relevant are:

Catchment Management Authorities Act 2003, The Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, Water Management Act 2000, Disability Discrimination Act 1992, National Local Government Biodiversity Strategy, NSW Biodiversity Strategy, A Vegetation Management Plan for the Sydney Region (Green Web Sydney).

1.1.6 Council documents

Jim Ring Reserve Plan of Management (1999)

This old document is now out-of-date. The main improvements to Jim Ring Reserve since adoption of the previous plan of management are:

- the aquatic centre has been upgraded substantially (carpark, landscape, water play area),
- a shared pedestrian/cycle path has been constructed along the western edge of the park,
- play equipment has been installed near the clubhouse,
- safety fencing has been installed along the stormwater channel, and
- the trees have matured along the channel and site perimeter.

The Community Land Generic Plan of Management 2014

The former Bankstown City Council adopted the *Community Land Generic Plan of Management* in August 2014 which covers the majority of the community land in Bankstown and includes most of the bushland previously covered by bushland plans of management for specific areas of Bankstown. It contains information on issues such as permissible uses and developments, and leases and licences. The Jim Ring Reserve Plan of Management takes into account the contents of this document.

The following is a list of other documents by the former Bankstown City Council (BCC) that have a direct association with this PoM:

- Community Plan 2023
- Open Space Strategic Plan 2013
- Local Area Plans
- LEP 2015 and DCP 2015
- Parks and Recreation Asset Management Plan 2011
- Biodiversity Strategic Plan 2015-2025
- Community Facilities Policy 2015
- Strategic Asset Management Plan
- The Duck River Flood Risk Management Plan
- Duck River Biodiversity corridor master plan

Most of these documents can be viewed on Council's website at www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au

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Soccer fields south of Birrong Leisure Centre

1.2 Process of preparing this Plan of Management

The process of preparing this Plan of Management is:

- Prepare draft PoM
- Initial stakeholder consultation
- Council resolution to publicly exhibit the PoM
- Public exhibition (28 days minimum) and public hearing
- Report to Council discussing submissions
- Prepare final PoM
- Adoption by Council

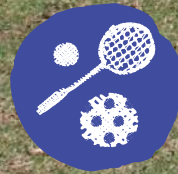
1.3 Change and Review of Plan of Management

This PoM will require periodic review in order to align with community values and changing community needs, and to reflect changes in Council priorities. The performance of this PoM will be reviewed when required, at a minimum of 5 year intervals, to ensure that community land is well maintained and provides a safe environment for public enjoyment.

The community will have an opportunity to participate in reviews of this PoM.

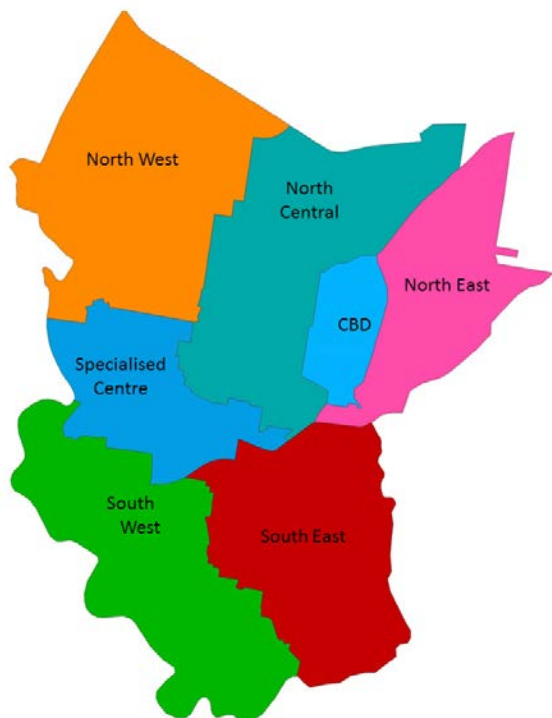
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The Context





Playground at Jim Ring Reserve



Map showing local areas in Bankstown

2.1 The Residents of Canterbury-Bankstown

2.1.1 Community Profile – major facts and trends

The North West Local Area, which includes Jim Ring Reserve, currently accommodates 38,000 residents. The population is primarily young and middle aged, and families with children represent nearly 40% of households. This reflects the population age profile and the low density character of the local area. There is also a higher proportion of low income households compared to the entire City of Canterbury-Bankstown. See map from Council's North West Local Area Plan showing the location of the North West Local Area.

The population of the North West Local Area is expected to grow at a moderate rate reaching around 43,000 residents by 2031. As with the remainder of Sydney, the proportion of residents aged over 60 years will increase.

Most suburbs in the City are expected to increase in population, with the key drivers being redevelopment opportunities in the Bankstown CBD and infill development in older suburbs such as Padstow and Yagoona, changes to the household structure and changing property market forces.

None of these trends will impact directly on the management of Jim Ring Reserve.

Refer: North West Local Area Plan, City of Bankstown, April 2016

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2.1.2 Implications for open space

These projections have a number of implications for the provision of open space in the City.

As Canterbury-Bankstown as a whole has 25% of people aged 0-17yrs and nearly 10% of people aged 70 and over, youth and the aged need to be catered for. Facilities need to be situated in appropriate locations, to avoid situations such as an oversupply of playgrounds in some areas and an undersupply in others. The geographical distribution of facilities is very important to fulfil residents' needs.

There will be an increased demand for linked, informal open space to provide cycling and walking paths to meet the needs of older residents, including the need to establish 'destinations' such as shops and parks. This will be particularly important because of the very large number of people that will be aged over 65 by 2036. Walking is the most popular non-organised physical activity in Australia, particularly for older people.

Low income residents are less likely to afford sporting equipment or gym memberships so require open space to provide free opportunities. For example Council installs exercise apparatus in parks to provide a free, open-air gym experience and help create 'destinations' for all ages.

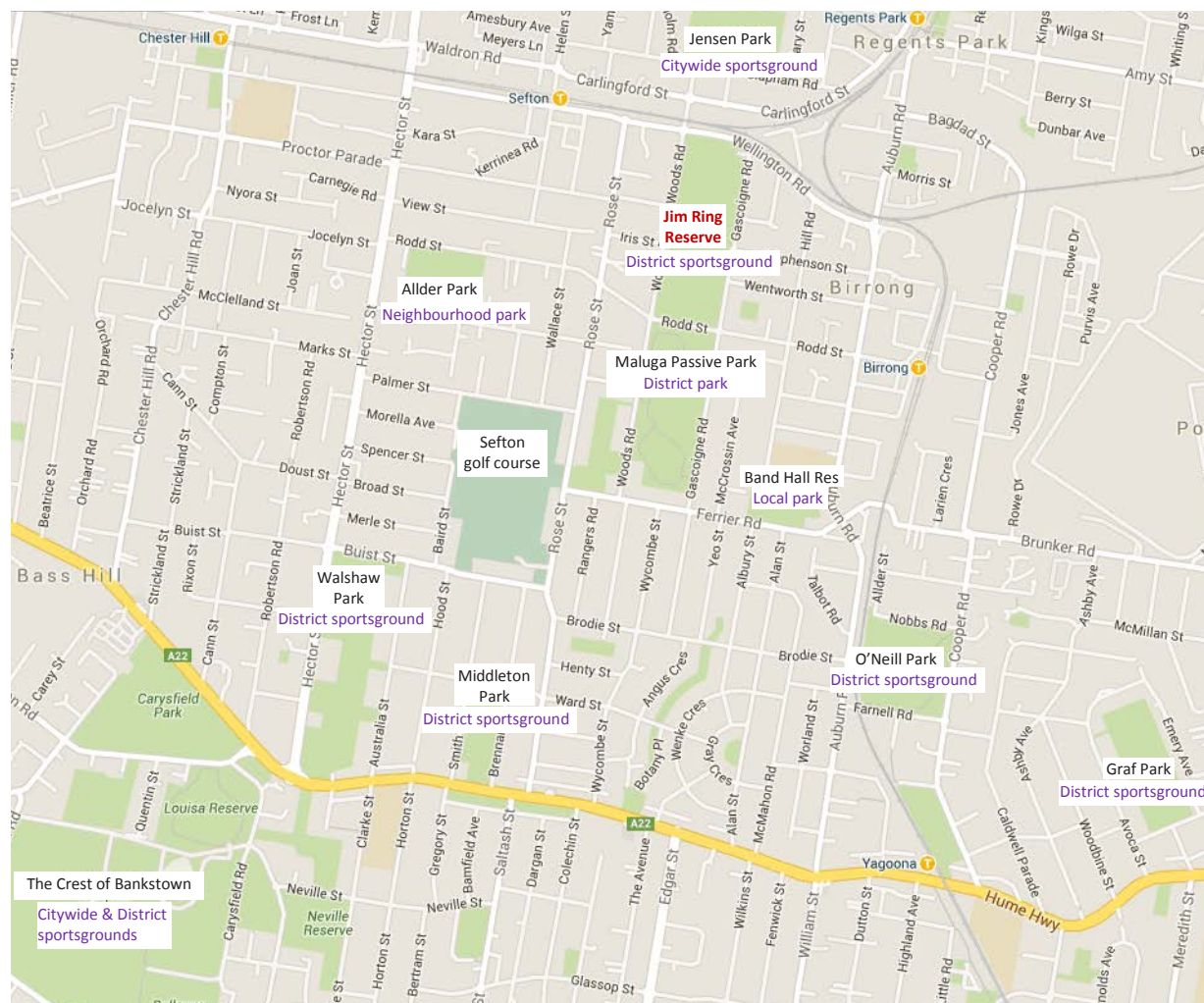
As the population living in medium and high density dwellings increases, including families with children, the pressure on public open space will increase because of the reduction in private open space. This increased population will need open space for organised sport, informal recreation, playgrounds, barbeques, dog walking, festivals, performances, and so on.

Continued growth in the number of residents from CALD communities will have an ongoing impact on participation in organised sports. This may require opportunities for some sports grounds to be utilised for social/informal sports.

The difficulty and expense of obtaining more open space means Council must enhance existing spaces through improved facilities and landscape design. In future, open spaces will need to become more multi-purpose, have better linkages and have extended hours of use where appropriate if they are to serve the increased population.

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Figure 1 – Community land near Jim Ring Reserve



2.2 Community Land in Canterbury-Bankstown

2.2.1 Parks and sportsgrounds near Jim Ring Reserve

Figure 1 shows the location of parks and sportsgrounds close to Jim Ring Reserve. There is a citywide sportsground to the north and several district sportsgrounds to the south. There are also parks at the local, neighbourhood and district level.

There is an uneven distribution of both parks and sportsgrounds throughout Canterbury-Bankstown, but the supply around Jim Ring Reserve is relatively high. Major assets within a kilometre of the site include Sefton Golf Course, Malaga Passive Park, Band Hall Reserve and Jensen Park.

The distribution of open space has evolved over the history of the City and has been influenced by factors such as geographic form, natural and cultural conservation, built infrastructure, private open space and State planning laws.

2.2.2 Categories of community land at Jim Ring Reserve

Jim Ring Reserve has 2 categories of community land, Sportsground and General Community Use. See Figure 2.

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Figure 2 – Community land category map for Jim Ring Reserve

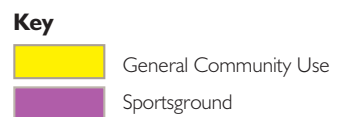
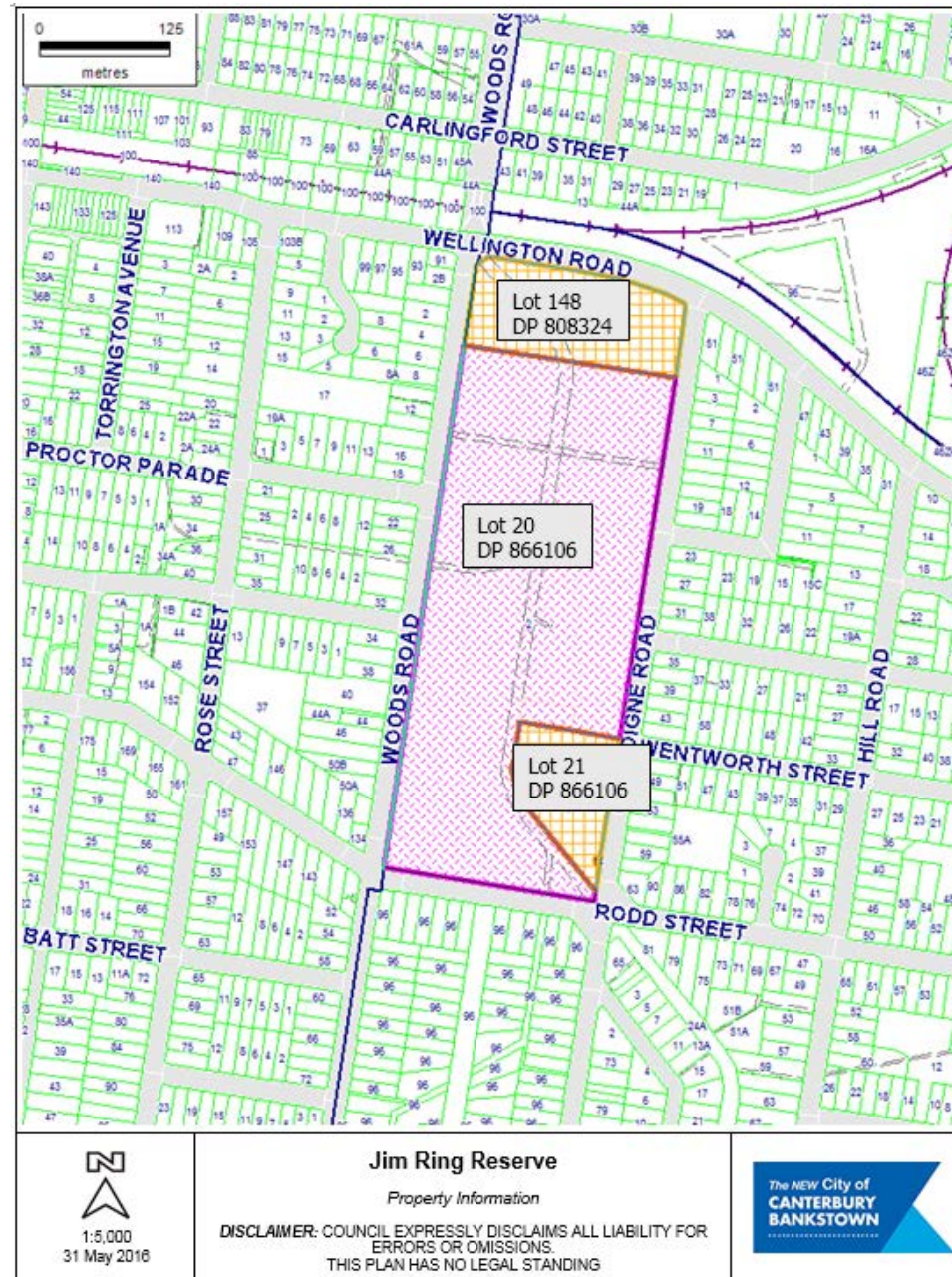


Table I – Main characteristics of the community land at Jim Ring Reserve

Lot & DP	Category of Community Land	Level in Open Space Hierarchy	Owner	Area (sqm)	Zoning	Easements/other
Lot 20 DP 866106	Sportsground and General community use	district	Canterbury-Bankstown City Council	90,667	RE1 Public Recreation	Sydney Water stormwater channel
Lot 148 DP 808324	Sportsground and General community use	district	Canterbury-Bankstown City Council	16,578	RE1 Public Recreation	Sydney Water stormwater channel
Lot 21 DP 866106	General community use (bowling club)	district	Canterbury-Bankstown City Council	9738	RE1 Public Recreation	Lease Lot 22 Deposited Plan 1025078
				Total Area 117,000sqm		

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Figure 3 – Jim Ring Reserve property information



2.2.3 Hierarchy of Open Space in the City of Canterbury-Bankstown

Open spaces in Canterbury-Bankstown are divided into 5 categories as described below. They are differentiated by size, distance from most dwellings, complexity, quantity and quality of facilities, quality of maintenance, popularity and average length of stay.

State

At this level a facility will be very high quality with the capacity to host state or national events. It will be unique within the region and potentially funded by State and Federal Government grants.

Regional/City-wide

At this level a facility will have significant proportion, uniqueness or standard. The open space will usually be the only one of its type in the LGA, servicing city -wide and regional needs.

District

At district level an open space typically has the capacity to stage city-wide competitions for sports such as football and cricket. Most will have a number of secondary functions such as park, general community use or natural area. Jim Ring Reserve is a district sportsground.

Neighbourhood

At neighbourhood level an open space may have some qualities of a district park but usually only supports passive recreation for a local catchment within 400m.

Local

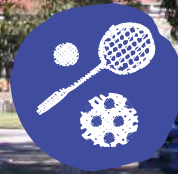
At this lowest level an open space services the passive recreation needs of residents and contributes to the natural amenity of local areas. Offering minimal recreation activity they are typically parcels of land less than 0.2Ha, surplus from sub-divisions, road reserves or infrastructure easements.

Refer: Open Space Strategic Plan (BCC) for further information on the open space hierarchy.

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The Plan of Management



3.1 Aims of this Plan of Management

This *Plan of Management for Jim Ring Reserve* aims to:

- Fulfil Council's statutory obligations in respect to public land management under the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993;
- Provide a framework and maximise opportunities for sustainable, long-term management of community land;
- Be consistent with all Council's plans and strategies and provide a basis for assigning priorities in works programming and budgeting;
- Maximise the passive and active recreational opportunities of Jim Ring Reserve;
- Respond to current needs and opportunities as well as providing future direction;
- Reflect the values and expectations of the key stakeholders, the local and wider community and other users for the future use and enjoyment of Jim Ring Reserve; and
- Be a resource for both Council staff and the public regarding the potential leasing and licencing of the community land.

3.2 Core Objectives of this Plan of Management

The *Local Government Act* sets out **core objectives** for the management of community land. The core objectives for the 2 categories of community land at Jim Ring Reserve are below:

Core objectives for management of community land categorised as a sportsground (Section 36F)

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

- (a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games, and
- (b) to ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.

Core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use (Section 36I)

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:

- (a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and
- (b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

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3.3 Description of Jim Ring Reserve

3.3.1 Location and context of Jim Ring Reserve

Jim Ring Reserve is a large, rectangular shaped park of 117,000 sqm located in the suburb of Birrong within the Canterbury-Bankstown local government area. It is bounded by Rodd Street to the south, Woods Road to the west, Gascoigne Road to the east and Wellington Road to the north. The reserve is bisected from north to south by Sydney Water concrete stormwater channels (easements) that form the upper reaches of Duck River. Jim Ring Reserve contains the Birrong Sports Bowling Club and Bankstown Men's Shed in the south, the Birrong Leisure and Aquatic Centre in the north, and the Birrong Sports Football Club in the west.

Maluga Passive Park adjoins Jim Ring Reserve to the south and the site is surrounded by low density housing. The Bankstown railway line is located immediately to the north of the reserve. Sefton station and shopping centre are located less than 500m to the west of the Birrong Leisure centre.

Jim Ring Reserve is community land entirely owned by Canterbury-Bankstown Council. See Figure 4 *Site Features Plan* following.

Table 2 – Key characteristics of Jim Ring Reserve

Item	Description
Name and address	Jim Ring Reserve 77 Wellington Road, Birrong
Key components	Lot 20, DP 866106 Lot 21, DP 866106 (bowling club) Lot 148, DP 808324
Ownership	The City of Canterbury-Bankstown
Management	The City of Canterbury-Bankstown
Area	117,000 sqm
Zoning	RE1 Public Recreation
Classification of the land	Community land
Categories of community land	Sportsground General Community Use
Leases	Birrong Sports Bowling Club
Licences	Birrong Sports Football Club
Easements	Sydney Water

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Figure 4 – Site Features Plan



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Jim Ring Reserve 1943 / 2016



3.3.2 History

In 1943 the site was covered with trees and the drainage channel was already there (see photo).

The park is named in honour of Alderman John James Ring, who served on Bankstown Council from 1960 – 1962 as a North Ward Councillor. In 1958 Jim Ring was the campaign director for Tom Uren. He was a long term resident of Birrong who was involved with Birrong Sports Club for a number of years. He also wrote a manuscript on the history of Birrong (ref: Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre).

3.3.3 Key features and landscape character

Built facilities on the site are the Birrong Leisure and Aquatic Centre in the north, the Birrong Sports Bowling Club in the south, the Bankstown Men's Shed in the south and a sports amenities building to the west. There is a small playground with standard equipment, cricket practice nets, and a few seats and picnic tables.

The sports grounds are classified under Council's Open Space hierarchy as district level and cater predominantly for football codes, cricket and touch football / Oztag. The sportsgrounds are large enough to accommodate 5 soccer fields.

Vegetation is limited to native trees on the perimeter of the site and along the concrete channel, so the site is predominantly open grassed sportsfields lacking visual interest. The Sydney Water concrete stormwater channel bisects the entire site.

3.3.4 Land ownership and management

The City of Canterbury-Bankstown owns the entire site. At the time of preparing this plan the Birrong Sports Bowling Club has a lease with Council and Birrong Sports Football Club has a licence. The Birrong Leisure and Aquatic Centre is managed by Council.

3.3.5 Key stakeholders

- Birrong Sports Bowling Club
- Birrong Sports Football Club
- Bankstown Cricket Association
- Bankstown District Amateur Football Association
- Public School Sports Association
- Sydney Water
- Bankstown Men's Shed

3.3.6 Leases/licenses

See section 3.4.4 below

3.3.7 Land Use and Improvements

Organised sport

Summer configuration

2 cricket fields, 1 soccer field,
1 mini soccer field, Oztag, T-ball

Winter configuration

5 soccer fields, 1 mini soccer field

Improvements

Improvements to facilitate organised sport include the clubhouse and amenities building, parking, line-marking, cricket pitches, fencing, goal posts, cricket nets and lighting.

Passive recreation and informal sport

The site is used for walking, dog walking, cycling, casual fitness such as jogging and kicking a ball, children's play and cricket practice.

Improvements

Improvements to facilitate passive recreation and informal sport include the shared cycle and pedestrian path on the west boundary of the site, play equipment, cricket nets, seats and shaded picnic tables.

Birrong Leisure and Aquatic Centre (corner Wellington Road and Gascoigne Road)

This centre provides a 50m outdoor heated pool, a 25m indoor heated pool, an extensive outdoor area with water play elements, standard play equipment, picnic shelters, public toilets and change facilities, associated administration and management areas, plant and equipment, and a carpark.

Birrong Sports Bowling Club (Gascoigne Road)

This development consists of a licenced community recreation club, 3 bowling greens and a carpark.

Men's Shed (Rodd Street)

This small brick building was previously the Council maintenance shed that has been converted into a workshop and meeting room. It commenced operations as a Men's Shed in September 2012 and provides a safe and friendly environment where men are able to work on meaningful projects.

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3.3.8 Access and circulation

The reserve is oblong in shape and surrounded by 4 roads. There are no internal roads. Sefton station and shopping centre are located less than 500m to the west of the Birrong aquatic centre. There is a shared pedestrian and cycle path running along the western edge of the reserve, commencing in the north near the roundabout at the corner of Wellington Road and Woods Road. This shared path extends the entire length of Jim Ring Reserve and links with the shared paths in Maluga Passive Park to the south.

There is a standard footpath along Wellington Road and Rodd Street. Along Gascoigne Road there is a standard footpath outside the aquatic centre and bowling club only. Pedestrian refuges are located on all 4 perimeter roads for safety.

The concrete stormwater channel bisects the site from north to south, restricting access from east to west of the reserve. There is also a minor channel running east-west that separates the western half of the reserve into 2 sections of roughly the same size. Two pedestrian bridges, both unattractive, provide the only access across the channels. One is in the middle of the site (adjacent to the cricket practice nets) that links the 2 halves of the reserve. The other bridge is located between the clubhouse and playground to link the 2 western portions.

The channel is a major feature of the site and greatly restricts access across the park.



Shared path along the western edge of the reserve



The channel separating the western half of the park



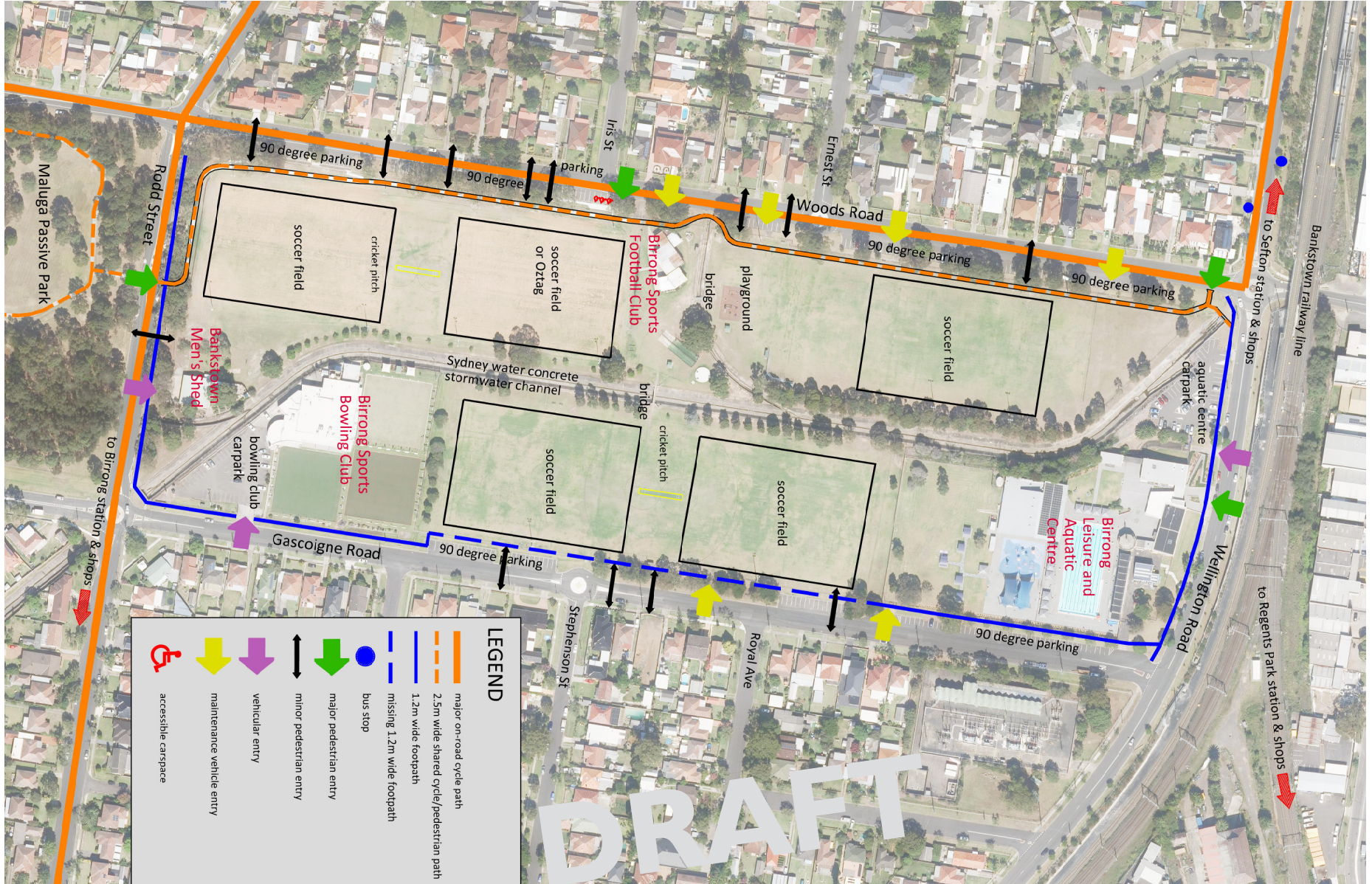
The visually unappealing bridge providing access between east and west halves of the park



Trip hazard at entry

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Figure 5 – Access and circulation



3.3.9 Amenity and safety

Generally the amenity is very good for active sports but there is little provision for passive recreation because Jim Ring Reserve is categorised as a district sportsground. The small playground is a focus but there is no shade, and few seats or picnic tables. The native trees around the periphery of the site are not continuous which lessens amenity.

The site has very good sightlines as there are few buildings and limited shrub planting to impede views across the park. This increases personal safety because there are few hiding places.

The entire site is fenced with chainwire fences of various heights, styles and condition. The bowling club and aquatic centre have higher fences around them. The stormwater channel is completely fenced for safety. The fencing prevents unauthorised pedestrian and vehicular access. There are some awkward entries that are not conducive to safe and easy access, see photo 'trip hazard at entry' which shows an uneven ground surface.

3.3.10 Lighting and Irrigation

The sports lighting is of high quality, but only in the western half of the reserve (see photo). There is an automatic irrigation system with the capability of piping water from the ponds in Maluga Passive Park (immediately to the south of Jim Ring Reserve) to water the sportsfields.

3.3.11 Play Equipment

The play equipment was installed in 2004 and has mulch softfall. It is maintained regularly so is in good condition. As it is 12 years old, the equipment probably only has a few more years of useful life. The practice cricket nets are in good condition.



Sports lighting in the western side of Jim Ring Reserve



Storage for water piped from Maluga Reserve



Automatic irrigation system at Jim Ring Reserve

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Public toilet at Jim Ring Reserve



Stormwater channel bisecting reserve



Seat at Jim Ring Reserve



Picnic table at Jim Ring Reserve

3.3.12 Toilets and Park Furniture

There are public toilets within the clubhouse facilities, but these are only available to groups hiring the grounds. There are a few basic timber benches for sport spectators and a couple of covered picnic tables. There are no drinking fountains. The furniture is in reasonable condition but does not have a uniform style.

3.3.13 Parking

Ninety degree parking is located along Woods Road and Gascoigne Road. The aquatic centre and bowling club have their own parking but it is insufficient to meet peak demand - however these times do not usually clash with use of the sports grounds. The Men's Shed does not have designated parking but there is street parking available in Rodd Street.

3.3.14 Stormwater and drainage

Most of the site is designated as being within the high (pink) or medium (purple) flood risk precinct, see map. High risk is where the water is very deep, or flowing very fast, such that there is risk to life and property. Medium risk is the 100 year flood event extent, less the high risk precinct. This means that the area of Jim Ring Reserve within the high risk precinct is unsuitable for buildings and carparks, but sports fields can be located there. The existing carparks at the aquatic centre and bowling club should have barriers installed on their western boundaries (along the channel) so that cars are not swept into the channel in large storm events.

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90 degree parking in Woods Road



90 degree parking in Gascoigne Road



Flood Risk Precinct at Jim Ring Reserve



Jim Ring Reserve is located along a Core Conservation Corridor

Jim Ring Reserve

Core Conservation Corridor

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Planting along Gascoigne Road in need of maintenance



Ornamental plantings at the entrance to the Birrong Leisure Centre

3.3.15 Flora and fauna

Jim Ring Reserve no longer supports the original Cumberland Plain Woodland native to the area. Originally the shale soils supported woodlands of *Eucalyptus fibrosa* - *Eucalyptus mollucana*, (Ironbark - Grey Box), with an under-storey of *Melaleuca decora* and *Melaleuca nodosa* (Benson & Howell, 1990). Previous clearing of the Birrong area for residential subdivision was undertaken in the 1950's with little existing tree canopy surviving. Jim Ring Reserve has been identified as being located in Council's Core Conservation Corridor, see map above.

Because the reserve is primarily sporting fields the vegetation today is mainly grass. The condition of the grass is generally good but there are patches of poor grass cover near the clubhouse and bridges as a result of frequent use. Trees and shrubs are restricted to the perimeter of the reserve or along the narrow stormwater drainage channel. Street tree planting occurs along Woods Road, Rodd Street and the northern section of Gascoigne Road. Mature eucalypt plantings provide shade to parking areas along Woods Road, and a significant avenue of eucalypts along Rodd Street provide a character link with neighbouring Maluga Passive Park. Callistemon (bottlebrush) plantings are located along the northern section of Gascoigne Road, adjoining the swimming complex boundary, but are not a species of adequate scale to contribute significantly to streetscape character.

Stands of native shrub and tree planting have been established along the edges of the stormwater channel. Eucalypts, Acacias, Melaleucas and Leptospermum species provide

an intermittent screen to the concrete channel along its northern sections, see photo.

Shade trees and shrubs have been planted by Council to the perimeters of the sporting fields, but have suffered due to vandalism and lack of maintenance, see photo showing planting along Gascoigne Road.

The Duck River Catchment Floodplain Risk Management Plan (Molino Stewart, 2012) suggests Jim Ring Reserve as a site for significant revegetation works with locally endemic species. The specific locations proposed are along the concrete channel and along Woods Road and Gascoigne Road. The document also suggests planting in the flood-affected triangle of land south of the aquatic centre carpark, and in the small area east of the Men's Shed.

There are small scale ornamental plantings at the entrance to the Birrong Leisure Centre and along the perimeter fence of the Birrong Bowling and Sports Club. These plantings serve to enhance the related areas relative to the remainder of the park, but are not of a unified theme that could reinforce the identity of the overall park site.

3.3.16 Condition of the Clubhouse and Men's Shed

Both the clubhouse and Men's Shed are assessed under Council's asset system as having condition rating 2. This means the buildings are in useable condition and require only minor maintenance. They meet all functional and capacity requirements 85% of the time. The total replacement value of the clubhouse is over \$500,000 and the Men's Shed is over \$200,000.

3.4 Use and Development of Community Land at Jim Ring Reserve

3.4.1 Zoning

The Community Land covered by this PoM is zoned **RE 1 - Public Recreation** under the Bankstown Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2014. The main objectives specified for Zone RE 1 are:

- To enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes;
- To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses; and
- To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.

3.4.2 Development allowed in RE 1 Public Recreation zone – policy context

The development allowed in the RE 1 Public Recreation zone is subject to both State and local policies. State policies prevail over local policies. The following information is correct at the time of adoption of this PoM but is subject to change.

This PoM does not take away the requirement for a development application under Part 4, or an ecological assessment under Part 5, of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 if applicable.

The ISEPP

Relevant State Government legislation is the State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007, known as the ISEPP.

Under Regulation 65 of the ISEPP certain development may be carried out by Council without consent in public reserves under its control. Refer to the ISEPP for these development types.

Under Regulation 66 of the ISEPP certain development is exempt development if it is carried out by Council in public reserves under its control. Refer to the ISEPP for these development types.

The Bankstown Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2014

The LEP 2014 lists development that may be carried out with or without development consent on land zoned RE1 Public Recreation.

The Bankstown Development Control Plan (DCP) 2014

The DCP 2014 lists development permitted without consent on any land under the control of Council. This includes land zoned RE1 Public Recreation.

3.4.3 Permissible uses and developments

The use and development of community land should be compatible with both the intended function of the land and the wider community context. The use of community land is often supported by appropriate ancillary development such as playground equipment, amenity blocks or food kiosks.

This Plan of Management for Jim Ring Reserve only authorises the uses and developments listed in Table 3 following. No other uses or developments are authorised by this plan of management.

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Soccer Fields at Jim Ring Reserve



Cricket practice nets

Table 3 – Uses and Development allowed at Jim Ring Reserve**Sportsground**

Purpose/Use	Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active and passive recreational and sporting activities compatible with the nature of the particular land and any relevant facilities • Organised and unstructured recreation activities • Community events and gatherings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sportsfield (cricket, football, baseball, softball etc) • Marked court (basketball, volleyball, badminton, tennis, hockey, netball etc) • District level clubhouse and amenities building • Kiosk/café uses • Car parking and loading areas • Shade structures • Sports and other lighting • Scoreboards, sight screens and similar • Storage ancillary to maintenance, recreational uses, community events or gatherings • Facilities for sports training, eg cricket nets, tennis walls • Bicycle/sporting equipment hire areas • Advertising and promotional structures and signage (such as A-frames and banners) that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relate to approved uses/activities - Are discreet and temporary - Are approved by Council • Water saving initiatives such as stormwater harvesting, rain gardens and swales • Energy saving initiatives such as solar lights and solar panels • Locational, directional, interpretive and regulatory signage

** The terminology used is not intended to impose an exact meaning. For example a reference to 'football' includes the variations of that game and 'field', or 'court', are not intended to exclude other sporting surfaces.*

General Community Use

Purpose/Use	Development
<p>Providing a location for, and supporting, the gathering of groups for a range of social, cultural, recreational or sporting purposes</p> <p>Providing multi-purpose buildings (e.g. community halls and centres) with specialised community uses such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sport and recreation clubs • casual or informal recreation • meetings, (including for social, recreational, educational or cultural purposes) • functions • workshops • leisure or training classes • designated group use (e.g. seniors, youth activities) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of buildings or other amenity areas to facilitate use and enjoyment by the community • Development (particularly within buildings) for the purposes of addressing the needs of a particular group • Development to facilitate sporting use such as lighting and fencing • Small park-based business such as cafes and bike hire • Landscaping and finishes, improving access, amenity and the visual character of the general community area • Water saving initiatives such as rain gardens • Energy saving initiatives such as solar lights and solar panels • Carparking and loading areas • Advertising and promotional structures and signage (such as A-frames and banners) that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relate to approved uses/activities - Are discreet and temporary - Are approved by Council • Locational, directional, interpretive and regulatory signage



Birrong Leisure Centre, in Jim Ring Reserve



Bankstown Men's Shed



Birrong Bowling and Sports Club

Table 4 – The scale and intensity of any permitted use or development at Jim Ring Reserve

Use	Scale	Intensity
Birrong Bowling and Sports Club Ltd (leased)	The building must not extend further than the area shown in Figure 6	The intensity of use is not to cause nuisance to nearby residents and must comply with lease conditions
Clubhouse and amenities (under licence to Birrong Sports Football Club)	The building is not to increase in size by more than 20%.	The intensity of use is not to cause nuisance to nearby residents and must comply with licence conditions
Birrong Leisure and Aquatic Centre	The centre is not to expand further than the current fenced area.	To comply with the <i>Community Facilities Policy</i> 2015.
Men's Shed	The building is to remain wholly with the General Community Use category of community land as mapped in this plan of management.	To comply with the <i>Community Facilities Policy</i> 2015. The intensity of use is not to cause nuisance to nearby residents. The shed is to operate Mon to Wed, 8am-3pm only
Organised sport and training	Limited to the physical constraints of the sports fields.	Times subject to Council approval
Informal sport and passive recreation	Limited to the physical constraints of the open space	7 days a week, 7am to sunset. The intensity of use is not to cause nuisance to nearby residents.
Play equipment	Limited to the physical constraints of the equipment	Daylight hours only
Cricket nets	Limited to the physical constraints of the equipment	Daylight hours only
Carparking on public roads	Limited to the current carspaces provided, and to future spaces provided by Council	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Carparking at Birrong Leisure and Aquatic Centre	Limited to the current carspaces provided, and to future spaces provided by Council	Limited to the opening hours of the centre
Carparking at Birrong Bowling and Sports Club	Limited to the current carspaces provided, and to future spaces approved by Council in future lease agreements	In accordance with lease conditions
Landscape upgrades	To enhance the reserve in terms of aesthetics, climate control and habitat without compromising use of the site for active sports	Standard Council working hours
Amenities building and storage	Suitable for district level sportsground	Times subject to Council approval
Sports and other lighting	Suitable for district level sportsground	Times subject to Council approval
Bicycle/sporting equipment hire areas	Small scale	Times subject to Council approval
Canteens, cafes and kiosks	Small scale, eg current kiosk in clubhouse, cafe in Men's Shed building or mobile cafe. Agreement via lease, license or approval from Council.	Times subject to Council approval
Community events	Limited to the physical constraints of the site	Subject to Council approval
Dining and restaurants	Limited to the bowling club and aquatic centre	Subject to lease agreements or Council approval
Sportsground maintenance	Subject to noise, occupation health and safety, and any other relevant legislation.	7 days a week subject to Council approval

3.4.4 Leases and Licences and other Estates

Refer to the former Bankstown City Council's *Community Facilities Policy* (2015), the *Community Land Generic Plan of Management* (2014) and the *Local Government Act 1993*.

General

Leases and licences and other estates over community land must be expressly authorised in plans of management and comply with the conditions in the Local Government Act. They must be in the best interests of the community as a whole and enable, wherever possible, shared use of community land. The term 'other estates' includes other interests, charges, rights or titles in relation to the land (an example is easements).

A lease is a contract between a land owner or manager and another entity, granting that entity a right to occupy an area for a specified period of time for agreed purposes. The main difference between a lease and licence is that a licence does not permit the sole, or exclusive, use of the area. Licences may be granted to formally recognise and endorse shared uses. Licences are commonly used for sports facilities such as club houses.

Maximum term and public notice

The maximum term of a lease, licence or other estate is 30 years (Section 46(3) of *Local Government Act*). The consent of the Minister for Local Government is required if the lease or licence exceeds 21 years (Section 47 (5b)). This consent is also required if the term of the lease or licence will be greater than five years and

objections have been lodged against the proposal. Council must give public notice of the proposal and exhibit notice of it on the land to which the proposal relates. Council must consider all submissions made in response.

Granting a Lease or Licence

The grant of a lease or licence is an important step in using community land, but there may be other requirements relevant to any proposed use. For example, development consent may be required under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. Any interested person should check carefully to make sure they are aware of all relevant requirements.

A lease, licence or other estate must not be granted if it involves:

- An activity that is not in accordance with a permitted purpose;
- An activity that is not consistent with the objectives of the Plan of Management; and
- Any activity prohibited by the land zoning stated in Council's current Local Environmental Plan (LEP).

Refer to the *Community Facilities Policy* for the latest requirements for leases and licences.

See Section 3.3.4 of the *Community Land Generic Plan of Management* (2014) for more information about leases and licences.



Jim Ring Reserve Clubhouse – a licenced facility



Inside the Men's Shed at Jim Ring Reserve

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Leases, licences and other estates allowed in Jim Ring Reserve

In accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* this Plan of Management expressly authorises Council to grant a lease, licence or other estate on Jim Ring Reserve where the activity is consistent with this PoM, the core objectives for the category of land (stated in Section 3.2 above) and is for a purpose listed in Tables 5 and 6 following.

Any lease or licence proposal will be individually assessed and considered, including the community benefit, compatibility with this PoM and the capacity of the area to support the activity.

Birrong Bowling and Sports Club lease

Birrong Bowling and Sporting Club leases a 0.9ha parcel of land on the south east corner of the reserve. Established in the early 60's, the Club provides an active sporting and social facility for the local community. It has district and city wide significance based on competition teams, informal recreational use, and community social activities.

The current 21 year lease expires in September 2017.

The 1999 Jim Ring Reserve Plan of Management allowed for a lease extension of 22m x 50m to the north of the bowling greens, however this extension has not been taken up by club management. This 2016 Jim Ring Reserve Plan of Management proposes a larger extension of 22m x 88m (approx.) that could be used for functions such as outdoor dining. If the larger proposed lease area was used by the club, the current active sportsfields could still be accommodated in the remaining area. The proposed lease extensions are shown in Figure 6.

Birrong Sports Football Club licence

This licence is for use of the clubhouse for activities relating to club management. The club can use the clubhouse for other activities with written Council approval. The clubhouse can only be used during certain specified hours, see Table 5.

The club is required to pay for all insurances, utilities and maintenance.

The current 5 year licence expires in December 2018.

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Figure 6 – Map of Bowling Club with Extension

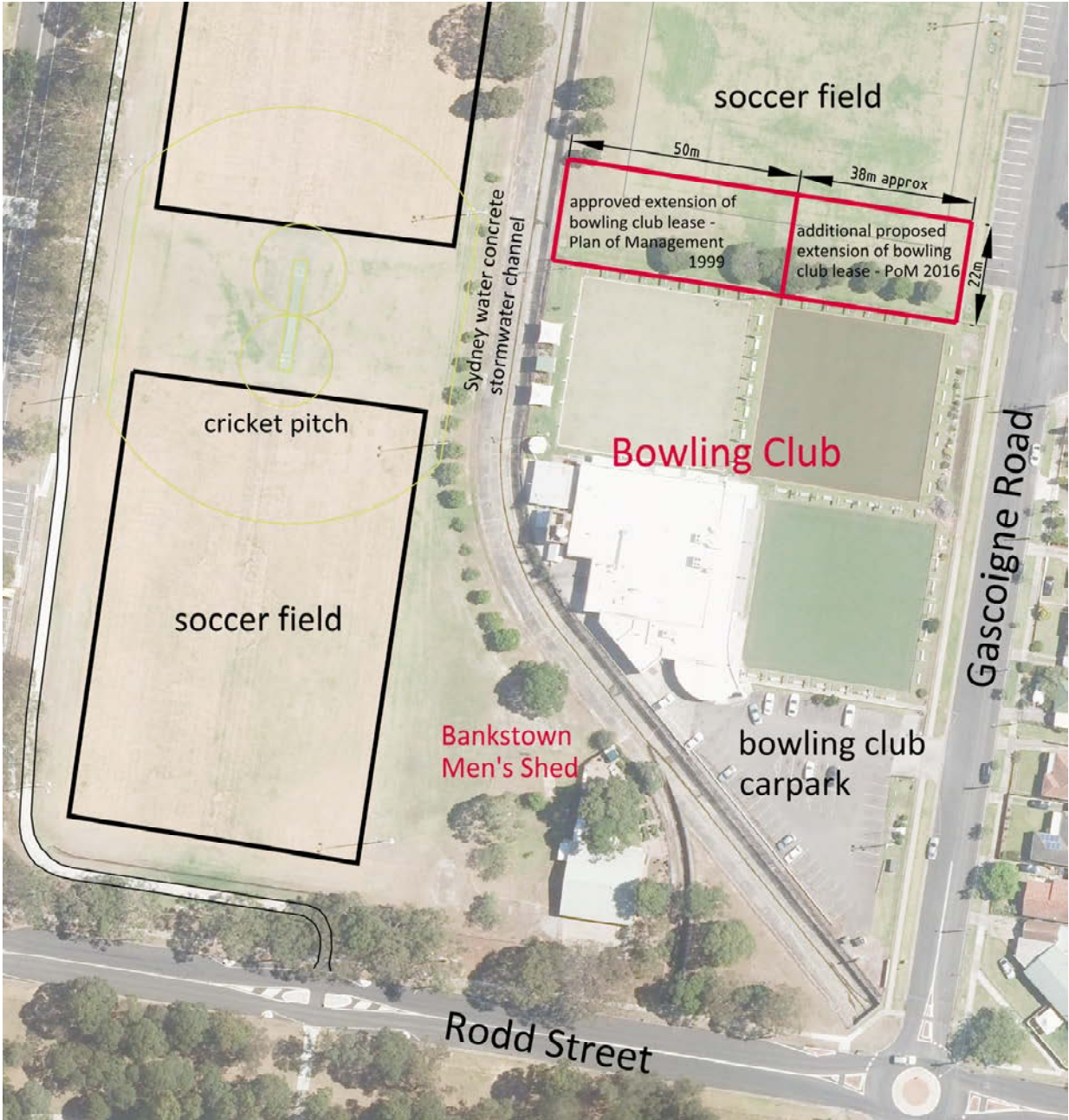


Table 5 – Existing leases and licences in Jim Ring Reserve

Lease or Licence	Category of Community Land	Location	Organisation	Activity	Commencement Date	Expiry Date
Lease	General Community Use	Cnr Gascoigne Road and Rodd Street, Birrong	Birrong Bowling and Sports Club Ltd	3 bowling greens and licenced community recreation club	24.9.1996	23.9.2017 21 yrs
Licence	Sportsground	Woods Road Birrong	Birrong Sports Football Club	<p>To use and occupy the clubhouse for conducting activities relating to the management of the club.</p> <p><i>Times:</i> 8am to 11pm (Mon to Fri) 7am to midnight (Sat) 8am to 10pm (Sun)</p>	18.12.2013	17.12.2018 5 yrs

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Table 6 – Purposes for which Leases or Licences may be authorised by Council at Jim Ring Reserve

Type of Arrangement	Category of Community Land	Purpose for which Lease or Licence may be granted
Lease	General Community Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensed community recreation club and associated facilities A refreshment room, appropriate in scale for users of Jim Ring Reserve and Maluga Passive Park, in accordance with lease conditions.
Lease	Sportsground	NIL
Licence	General Community Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Shed Senior Citizens groups or similar Classes and workshops for activities such as yoga, art and craft, dance Guides or Scouts or similar youth activities Mobile cafes Bicycle/sporting equipment hire
Licence	Sportsground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of existing or new clubhouse for conducting activities relating to the management of sports clubs. Management of fields/courts Mobile cafes Personal trainers Bicycle/sporting equipment hire
Short term casual licences	General Community Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small scale functions, displays, exhibitions, concerts, religious events Public speeches, meetings, seminars and presentations
Short term casual licences	Sportsground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sporting fixtures and events Sports and fitness training and classes Broadcasting or filming of sporting fixtures Uses reasonably associated with the promotion or enhancement of sporting groups, fixtures and events (e.g. "guest" events for juniors; gala days; club meetings)

3.5 Objectives and Performance Targets for Jim Ring Reserve

Community Land: Sportsgrounds

Management Objectives	Performance Targets	How to achieve Objectives and Performance Targets	Assessment of Performance regarding Objectives and Performance Targets
OPEN SPACE TO BE FUNCTIONAL	Open spaces support desired uses through appropriate facilities, size and shape	Ensure that Jim Ring Reserve supports the desired sports at district level such as soccer and cricket. In particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide multi-purpose hardcourts north of the clubhouse on Woods Road to increase the range of sports available. e.g. netball, basketball 	Surveys of user groups at Jim Ring Reserve reveal satisfaction with facilities provided for desired sports.
OPEN SPACE TO HAVE HIGH STANDARDS OF AMENITY and SAFETY	Open space to be designed, maintained and upgraded to ensure high standards of amenity and safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All upgrades of Jim Ring Reserve to be of appropriate high standard • Jim Ring Reserve is to be designed and maintained in accordance with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles (eg good surveillance) • All play equipment and sports equipment to comply with Council's planning for playgrounds and the Australian Standards <p>Refer: Australian Standards for play equipment AS 1428 Design for Access and Mobility CPTED Guidelines</p>	User groups and the Residents' Panel are surveyed regularly with positive results regarding amenity and safety
OPEN SPACE TO BE FUNCTIONAL	Maintain each open space according to its designation in the open space hierarchy	Maintain Jim Ring Reserve to the level required in the Parks and Recreation Asset Management Plan. Particularly ensure all areas of the reserve are maintained to district level. Refer: Parks and Recreation Asset Management Plan (BCC, 2011)	Jim Ring Reserve regularly inspected to ensure good maintenance. Continuation of high satisfaction levels in community surveys

Community Land: Sportsgrounds (cont...)

Management Objectives	Performance Targets	How to achieve Objectives and Performance Targets	Assessment of Performance regarding Objectives and Performance Targets
OPEN SPACE TO BE FUNCTIONAL	Provide lighting in parks and sportsgrounds to enable night sport and for security	Provide where appropriate at Jim Ring Reserve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • energy efficient floodlighting to enable night-time training and competitions • pedestrian and cyclist lighting, particularly along perimeter pathways to encourage safer routes • carpark lighting • solar lighting if possible and appropriate Refer: Public Lighting Strategy (BCC 2003)	Lighting is adequate and appropriate for each activity at Jim Ring Reserve -complying with relevant Australian standard There are no complaints from residents adjacent to Jim Ring Reserve regarding negative lighting impacts
OPEN SPACE TO BE ACCESSIBLE	Ensure fairness and equity in use of parks and sportsgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure allocation procedure at Jim Ring Reserve is easy to use, straight forward and equitable • Ensure commercial operators such as personal trainers are appropriately licensed and do not use an excessive amount of time and space, or make too much noise Refer: Recreation Policy (BCC)	Surveys of user groups at Jim Ring Reserve reveal that no group is unfairly disadvantaged by the allocation procedure
OPEN SPACE TO BE ACCESSIBLE	Provide linkages within open spaces Provide linkages to nearby destinations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete missing sections of standard footpath along Gascoigne Road • Provide paths from the clubhouse to the bridge (over the channel) and to the playground. This will improve access to the park from the important carpark closest to the clubhouse (on Woods Rd). • Investigate options to improve connectivity over the entire site. Currently access is limited to narrow bridges over the concrete channel. Possibly reposition and/or install additional bridges to improve access Refer: Bike plans (BCC), Open Space Strategic Plan (BCC, 2013) , Walking and Cycling Action Plan (BCC)	Surveys reveal users are satisfied with linkages provided within Jim Ring Reserve and to other destinations

Community Land: Sportsgrounds (cont...)

Management Objectives	Performance Targets	How to achieve Objectives and Performance Targets	Assessment of Performance regarding Objectives and Performance Targets
OPEN SPACE TO BE ACCESSIBLE	Physical access is easy for all users including the aged and people with special needs and disabilities	Provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • paths, access points and bridges that comply with the Disability Discrimination Act, by actions such as eliminating narrow entries and trip hazards • ramps, handrails, tactiles etc as required • obvious entries and signage • access for maintenance and emergency vehicles, and service authorities Refer: Disability Discrimination Act 1992	Access audits of Jim Ring Reserve show that physical access is easy for all users, including the aged and people with special needs and disabilities
OPEN SPACE TO BE ACCESSIBLE	Provide informative signage for parks and sportsgrounds in accordance with Council's public domain manual	Provide where considered necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • standard signs with park/ sportsground name and regulations to comply with Council's signage palette • signs on the rear (north facing) side of the Jim Ring clubhouse and amenities building, to direct people approaching from the north • directional signage to Jim Ring Reserve at Sefton train station Refer: Council's signage palette Public Domain Manual (pending)	No complaints are received regarding lack of appropriate signage at Jim Ring Reserve
OPEN SPACE TO BE ACCESSIBLE	Provide parking for parks and sportsgrounds that does not impact negatively on amenity or adjacent residential areas	Provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adequate parking spaces for the size and usage patterns of Jim Ring Reserve (including accessible spaces) • shaded parking where possible • parking for buses • high quality asphalt surface for all parking areas Refer: Council's Parking Standards	Parking is adequate for Jim Ring Reserve most of the time

Community Land: Sportsgrounds (cont...)

Management Objectives	Performance Targets	How to achieve Objectives and Performance Targets	Assessment of Performance regarding Objectives and Performance Targets
OPEN SPACE TO BE CONVENIENT	Provide a co-ordinated suite of accessible park furniture as specified in Council's public domain manual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide park furniture at Jim Ring Reserve as per park hierarchy. • Provide more shaded seating and/or picnic tables for sports participants to rest and view sport • all park furniture and fixtures to conform to Council's relevant manual <p>Refer: Parks and Recreation Asset Management Plan (BCC, 2011), Public Domain Manual (pending)</p>	Park users are satisfied with the provision of park furniture
OPEN SPACE TO BE SAFE	Provide fencing where required in accordance with Council's public domain manual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade fences at Jim Ring Reserve to a consistent style and high standard <p>Refer: Public Domain Manual (pending), Bankstown DCP 2014</p>	Fencing at Jim Ring Reserve is high quality and of a consistent style. There are no reported incidents of unauthorised vehicles accessing Jim Ring Reserve because of a lack of fencing
OPEN SPACE TO BE CONVENIENT	Provide toilets in parks and sportsgrounds at District level and above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate new toilet block in the eastern half of Jim Ring Reserve in accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act 1992. • Install directional signage to toilet if required. <p>Refer: Disability Discrimination Act 1992</p>	
OPEN SPACE TO BE SUSTAINABLE FROM SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ECOLOGICAL VIEWPOINTS	Maximise open space use but ensure the carrying capacity of the land is not exceeded or ambience destroyed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide recreation opportunities/facilities within the portions of Jim Ring Reserve that are unused, taking into account that Maluga Passive Park adjoins to the south • Consider the future, and location, of the playground at Jim Ring Reserve when it reaches the end of its useful life – in accordance with Council's planning for playgrounds. • Increase the variety of recreation opportunities available if appropriate, eg multiple line-marking in one area <p>Refer: Open Space Strategic Plan (BCC, 2013)</p>	<p>Jim Ring Reserve is well-used and not wasted open space.</p> <p>Jim Ring Reserve is not damaged from overuse</p> <p>Facilities are located taking into account high flood risk</p>

Community Land: Sportsgrounds (cont...)

Management Objectives	Performance Targets	How to achieve Objectives and Performance Targets	Assessment of Performance regarding Objectives and Performance Targets
OPEN SPACE TO BE SUSTAINABLE FROM SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ECOLOGICAL VIEWPOINTS	Comply with Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) principles in the design, upgrade and maintenance of open space	<p>The design, upgrade and maintenance of Jim Ring Reserve is to consider the use of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recycled and recyclable materials • re-use of site materials (eg for mulch) • energy efficient lighting (including solar lights) • permeable pavements • no import of soil (equal cut and fill) • indigenous planting, especially in under-used areas • Reduce mowing areas where possible and replace with native vegetation <p>Refer: Environmental Policy (BCC 2000)</p>	There is a steady, measurable increase in the use of recycled, recyclable and reusable materials in Council's open spaces.
OPEN SPACE TO BE SUSTAINABLE FROM SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ECOLOGICAL VIEWPOINTS	Incorporate water sensitive urban design (WSUD) elements into open spaces to help reduce waste of water and downstream flooding, erosion and contamination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaise with Sydney Water regarding future naturalisation of the concrete stormwater channel. If successful, recategorise the channel from sportsground to natural area – watercourse and add appropriate objectives and performance targets to this Jim Ring PoM. • Retain capacity to harvest stormwater from Maluga Passive Park to irrigate the sportsfields at Jim Ring Reserve <p>If appropriate, incorporate WSUD elements into and surrounding Jim Ring Reserve such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grassed swales • Rain gardens • Water collecting tree pits and medians • Bio-retention basins <p>Refer: Environmental Policy (BCC 2000)</p>	There is a steady, measurable increase in the number of WSUD elements incorporated into open spaces.

Community Land: Sportsgrounds (cont...)

Management Objectives	Performance Targets	How to achieve Objectives and Performance Targets	Assessment of Performance regarding Objectives and Performance Targets
OPEN SPACE TO BE SUSTAINABLE FROM SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ECOLOGICAL VIEWPOINTS	Conserve, enhance and manage the urban forest by maximising appropriate vegetation in open spaces.	<p>Increase vegetation in Jim Ring Reserve to improve shade and habitat by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planting additional indigenous trees (and shrubs where appropriate) around the perimeter of the site, along the stormwater channel to help strengthen the core conservation corridor, and in other areas such as around the playground <p>Take into account issues such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> sight lines for spectator viewing of sports use of vegetation to divide use areas and provide buffers between sports fields Limiting exotic species to feature trees and for solar access <p>Refer: Bankstown Biodiversity Strategic Plan 2015-2025</p>	<p>Jim Ring Reserve is regularly reviewed regarding the quantity and quality of vegetation and how it is fulfilling its functions</p> <p>Improved health of existing trees and successful establishment of new trees as measured by arborist's regular survey.</p>
TO ALLOW LEASES OR LICENCES THAT PROVIDE COMMUNITY BENEFIT ON SPORTSGROUNDS	<p>Support appropriate leases and licences on community land categorised as Sportsground that are in the best interests of the community as a whole and enable, wherever possible, shared use.</p> <p>Assess all new lease or licence proposals to ensure community benefit, compatibility with this PoM and the capacity of the area to support the activity.</p>	<p>At Jim Ring Reserve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate regular licence renewal of the clubhouse Promote small park-based businesses such as mobile cafes and personal training Select lessees/licensees carefully and draft sound agreements Ensure leases and licences do not overly limit public use by providing exclusive use to lessees/licensees <p>Land categorised as Sportsground can only be leased or licenced for uses listed in Table 6 of this Jim Ring Reserve Plan of Management</p> <p>Refer: Section 3.3.4 Leases and Licences and other Estates of Council's Community Land Plan of Management, Community Facilities Policy (BCC 2015)</p>	<p>Leases and licences are supported and well managed in Jim Ring Reserve</p> <p>Lessees/licensees keep their premises in Jim Ring Reserve well maintained</p> <p>Annual report prepared by all lessees/licensees</p>

Community Land: General Community Use

Management Objectives	Performance Targets	How to achieve Objectives and Performance Targets	Assessment of Performance regarding Objectives and Performance Targets
TO USE GENERAL COMMUNITY USE LAND ONLY FOR APPROPRIATE PURPOSES	To use General Community Use land for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of residents 	At Jim Ring Reserve allow the use of General Community Use land for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birrong Sports Bowling Club Birrong Leisure and Aquatic Centre Bankstown Men's Shed Allow adequate space for the Men's Shed to expand to the west. In future, if considered appropriate, allow other small-scale educational, cultural or social facilities for all age groups. These could be located in the existing building or a new facility. Refer: Section 3.3.3 'Permissible uses and developments' of Council's Community Land Plan of Management, Community Facilities Policy (BCC 2015)	The General Community Use land at Jim Ring Reserve is used only for appropriate purposes Surveys reveal that residents are satisfied with the functions provided on the General Community Use land
TO ENSURE THAT GENERAL COMMUNITY USE LAND IS AS ACCESSIBLE AS POSSIBLE	All General Community Use land is located and designed for accessibility	At Jim Ring Reserve facilities on General Community Use land are to be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> multi-purpose where appropriate physically accessible to people of all abilities affordable welcoming to people of all backgrounds. Refer: Community Facilities Policy (BCC 2015)	Surveys reveal that residents are satisfied with the accessibility of the functions provided on General Community Use land

Community Land: General Community Use (cont...)

Management Objectives	Performance Targets	How to achieve Objectives and Performance Targets	Assessment of Performance regarding Objectives and Performance Targets
TO ALLOW LEASES OR LICENCES THAT PROVIDE COMMUNITY BENEFIT ON GENERAL COMMUNITY USE LAND	Support appropriate leases and licenses on community land categorised as General Community Use that are in the best interests of the community as a whole and enable, wherever possible, shared use. Assess all new lease or licence proposals to ensure community benefit, compatibility with this PoM and the capacity of the area to support the activity	At Jim Ring Reserve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate lease renewal of the Bowling Club building, bowling greens and carpark Organise a licence agreement for a 5 year period with the Men's Shed, rather than continue the current casual hire agreement. Promote small park-based businesses such as cafes and bike hire Select lessees/licensees carefully and draft sound agreements Ensure leases and licences do not overly limit public use by providing exclusive use to lessees/licensees Land categorised as General Community Use can only be leased or licenced for uses listed in Table 6 of this Jim Ring Reserve Plan of Management Refer: Section 3.3.4 'Leases and Licences and other Estates' of Council's Community Land Plan of Management, Community Facilities Policy (BCC 2015)	Leases and licenses are supported and well managed in Jim Ring Reserve Lessees/licensees keep their premises in Jim Ring Reserve well maintained Annual report prepared by all lessees/licensees

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