

GENERIC PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – GENERAL COMMUNITY USE



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Acknowledgement of Country

Cessnock City Council acknowledges that within its local government area boundaries are the traditional lands of the Wonnarua people, the Awabakal people and the Darkinjung people. We acknowledge these Aboriginal peoples as the traditional custodians of the land on which our offices and operations are located, and pay our respects to Elders past and present. We also acknowledge all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now live within the Cessnock Local Government Area.

Journey Through Time, created by local school students and artist Steven Campbell.

1. Introduction

This Plan of Management (PoM) has been prepared by Cessnock City Council and provides direction as to the use and management of the Council-owned community land and Council-managed Crown reserves classified as ‘community land’ in the Cessnock Local Government Area (LGA).

The PoM is required in accordance with Section 3.23 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* and Section 36 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. This PoM is a generic document that applies to community land categorised as ‘General Community Use’ under *the Local Government Act 1993* within the Cessnock LGA.

1.1 Purpose of This Plan of Management

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires a PoM to be prepared for all public land that is classified as ‘community land’ under that Act.

The *Crown Land Management Act 2016* authorises local councils (council managers) appointed to manage dedicated or reserved Crown land to manage that land as if it were public land under the *Local Government Act 1993*. A PoM is required for all council-managed Crown reserves on community land.





The purpose of this PoM is to:

- contribute to Council’s broader strategic goals and vision as set out in the Cessnock Community Strategic Plan 2027
- ensure compliance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*
- provide clarity in the future development, use and management of community land categorised as ‘General Community Use’.

Further information about the legislative context of this PoM can be found in Appendix 3.

1.2 Process for Preparing this Plan of Management

Table 1: Illustrates the process undertaken by Council in preparing this PoM

 <p>STEP 1</p>	<p>Drafting the Plan of Management</p> <p>The PoM should meet all the minimum requirements outlined in Section 36(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act) and identify the owner of the land.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Any activities (including tenure or development) to be undertaken on the reserve must be expressly authorised in the PoM to be lawfully authorised.➤ Councils must obtain written advice from a qualified Native Title Manager that the PoM and the activities under the PoM comply with the Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993.
 <p>STEP 2</p>	<p>Notifying the Landowner and Seek Minister's Consent to Adopt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands (the department) as the landowner is to be notified of the draft PoM prior to public exhibition of the plan under Section 39 of the LG Act.➤ Councils are also required to seek the department's written consent to adopt the draft PoM (under clause 70B of Crown Land Management Regulation 2018). The department's consent can be sought at the same time as notifying the landowner of the draft plan.
 <p>STEP 3</p>	<p>Community Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Councils are required to publicly notify and exhibit PoM under Section 38 of the LG Act.➤ Councils are <u>not</u> required to hold a public hearing under Section 40A of the LG Act (exemption under clause 70A of the Crown Land Management Regulation 2018).
 <p>STEP 4</p>	<p>Adopting a Plan of Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ If there are any changes to the plan following public exhibition of the draft PoM, Councils must seek the department's consent to adopt the PoM.➤ Council resolution of a PoM that covers Crown land should note that the PoM is adopted pursuant to Section 40 of the LG Act in accordance with 3.23(6) of the Crown Land Management Act 2016.➤ Once a Council has adopted the PoM, a copy of the adopted PoM should be forwarded to the department (council.clm@crowland.nsw.gov.au) for record purposes.

1.3 Adoption and Review of Plan of Management

The PoM requires the consent of the Minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* before being adopted by Council. Once adopted by Council, this PoM will come into effect.

This PoM will require regular review in order to align with community values and changing community needs, and to reflect changes in Council priorities. Council has determined that it will review the PoM within five years of its adoption. However, the performance of this PoM will be reviewed on a yearly basis to ensure that reserves are being managed in accordance with the PoM are well maintained and provide a safe environment for public enjoyment.

This PoM supersedes the previous PoMs adopted by Council including:

- General Community Use – Community Facilities Generic Plan of Management (adopted 19 November 2014 – WI44/2014).
- Generic Plan of Management General Community Use – Drainage (adopted 7 February 2018 – WI14/2018).
- Generic Plan of Management General Community Use (adopted 7 February 2018 – WI14/2018).

1.4 Community Engagement

In line with Council's Community Engagement Strategy, the following principles were followed in the development of this PoM:

- Engagement was facilitated with integrity, ensuring the process is transparent and clear in scope and purpose.
- Engagement was designed to be inclusive, ensuring a range of values and perspectives were captured through use of participation practices that were accessible.
- The engagement approach promoted dialogue and encouraged open and genuine discussion in an environment where participants felt heard.
- The engagement undertaken ensured the community's influence was reflected in the outcome, with the engagement.

This PoM was placed on public exhibition from 3 May 2024 to 15 June 2024, in accordance with the requirements of Section 38 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. No submissions were received.

In accordance with Section 39 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, prior to being placed on public exhibition, the draft PoM was referred to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands, as representative of the state of NSW, which is the owner of a number of the reserves captured within this PoM. Council has included in the plan any provisions that have been required by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands.

2. Land to Which this Plan Applies

This PoM applies to 89 parcels of community land in Cessnock LGA that perform various functions. Specifically, this includes 65 Council-owned properties and 24 Crown-owned properties that are managed by Council.

Each reserve listed in Appendix 1 is identified by real property identifiers (lots and deposited plans), reserve numbers (if Crown reserve) and physical addresses. Appendix 2 presents maps of each parcel that identifies ownership, reserve purpose (if Crown reserve), community land categories, zoning and any additional information relevant to specific reserves.

Reserves that have not been included in this PoM either require site-specific plans of management or will be captured in other generic plans of management. All Council's adopted plans of management for community land can be found on Council's [website](#).

Council as a Crown land manager considers native title rights, interests and seeks to manage Crown land consistently with *Native Title Act 1993*. Council has obtained written advice from a qualified Native Title Manager in regards to this PoM and the proposed activities within General Community Use reserves across Cessnock LGA. The Native Title Manager's report advised that this PoM complies with the applicable provisions of the native title legislation as required under s8.7(d) of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. Specific advice regarding the future acts on reserves included in this PoM are detailed in Section 3.3.

3. Basis of Management

Council intends to manage its community land to meet:

- Assigned categorisation of community land
- The *Local Government Act 1993* guidelines and core objectives for community land
- Restrictions on management of Crown land community land
- Council's strategic objectives and priorities
- Development and use of the land as outlines in Section 6 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.



3.1 Categorisation of Community Land

All community land is required to be categorised as one or more of the following categories. Where the land is owned by the Crown, the category assigned should align with the purpose for which the land is dedicated or reserved.

The *Local Government Act 1993* defines five categories of community land:

- A natural area,
- A sportsground,
- A park,
- An area of cultural significance,
- General community use.

The categorisation of the reserves listed in this PoM are identified in Appendix 2.

3.2 Guidelines and Core Objectives for Management of Community Land

The management of community land is governed by the categorisation of the land, its purpose, and the core objectives of the relevant category of community land. Council may then apply more specific management objectives to community land, though these must be compatible with the core objectives for the land.

The guidelines for categorisation of community land are set out in the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021. The core objectives for each category are set out in the *Local Government Act 1993*. The core objectives for the community land categorised as 'General Community Use' are detailed in Section 5 of this PoM.

3.3 Restrictions on Management of Crown Land

Council is the Crown land manager of community land in accordance with the legislation and conditions imposed by the Minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. The use of the land described in this PoM must:

- Be consistent with the purpose for which the land was dedicated or reserved
- Consider native title rights and interests and be consistent with the provisions of the Commonwealth *Native Title Act 1993*
- Consider the inchoate interests of Aboriginal people where an undetermined Aboriginal Land Claim exists
- Consider and not be in conflict with any interests and rights granted under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* consider any interests held on title.

On Crown land, Native title rights and interests must be considered unless native title has been extinguished, surrendered or determined by a court to no longer exist.

An act (or action) in land or water that affects (impairs or extinguishes) native title is referred to as 'future acts' and these acts must be done in compliance with the *Native Title Act 1993*. The *Native Title Act 1993* specifies procedures that must be followed before future acts can be done validly (legally).

Some examples of acts which may affect native title on Crown land or Crown reserves managed by Council include:

- the construction of new buildings and other facilities such as toilet blocks, walking tracks, tennis courts, grandstands and barbecues.
- the construction of extensions to existing buildings.
- the construction of new roads or tracks.
- installation of infrastructure such as powerlines, sewerage pipes, etc.
- the creation of an easement.
- the issue of a lease or licence.
- the undertaking of major earthworks.

No future act (including tenures) is permitted on the following lands:

- The part of Wollombi Bush Fire Brigade Reserve (R87882) in respect of the part added to the Reserve notified 16 October 2015

Unless:

- the lands become excluded land for the purposes of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*, or
- the act is a tenure which satisfies the requirements of Section 24HA (Management of Water and Airspace) of the *Native Title Act 1993*
- the act is a public work which satisfies the requirements of Section 24KA of the *Native Title Act 1993*
- the act is a low impact act and satisfies the requirements of Section 24LA of *the Native Title Act 1993*.

Any act authorised under Section 24LA of the *Native Title Act 1993* will terminate, after an approved determination of native title is made in relation to the land or waters, if the determination is that native title exists.

Further Native Title Manager advice will be required prior to issuing approval for future acts on Crown Reserves (being the issuing of leases, licences and permits) other than:

- a licence to Coalfields Local History Association Inc., over Abermain School of Arts (R.91228) for Community (training or education), Meetings, Sales, Exhibitions, Functions (catering and films) and Storage.
- a licence to Cessnock District Historical & Family History Society Inc., Wollombi Valley Arts Council Inc. and Valley Artists Inc. over Wollombi Bush fire Brigade Reserve Trust (Wollombi Cultural Centre) (R.87882) for Community and Cultural Purposes.
- a licence to Greta Community Preschool Inc over Greta Preschool Kindergarten (R.95916) for Preschool education purposes.
- short-term licences for:
 - the playing of a musical instrument, or singing, for fee or reward
 - the playing of a lawful game or sport
 - the delivery of a public address
 - commercial photographic sessions
 - picnics and private celebrations such as weddings and family gatherings
 - filming sessions
 - the agistment of stock
 - public speeches, meetings, seminars and presentations, including educational
 - programs
 - commemorative functions, book launches, film releases and balls
 - displays, exhibitions, fairs, fashion parades and shows
 - weddings, corporate functions and community gatherings
 - concerts and other performances
 - broadcasts associated with any event, concert, or public speech
 - community events; auctions and markets
 - mobile food and drink outlets
- licences, in existing facilities, for:
 - childcare and vacation care
 - libraries, education classes and workshops
 - fitness classes, dance classes and recreational purposes
 - café/kiosk areas

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- sale of goods or services that are ancillary to community land use and reserve purpose.

The *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* seeks to compensate Aboriginal peoples for past dispossession, dislocation and removal of land in NSW (who may or may not also be native title holders). Aboriginal land claims may be placed on any Crown land in NSW. The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure is responsible for investigating claims as defined in the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*. If a claim is established, the land is transferred to the Aboriginal Land Council as freehold land.

At the time of preparing this PoM, there were five reserves affected by undetermined Aboriginal land claims. Council has considered these claims in development of this PoM.

3.4 Links to Community Strategic Plan

The objectives, uses and management approach detailed in this PoM align with Council's Community Strategic Plan, Cessnock 2036. The strategic theme 'A sustainable and healthy environment' presents the following objectives and strategic directions:

- Objective 3.1: Protecting and enhancing the natural environment and the rural character of the area
 - We act on climate change and build disaster resilience
 - Our area's rural character and heritage is protected
 - We act to protect our unique biodiversity and natural resources
 - Our environmental amenity is protected and enhanced
 - Our waterways and catchments are maintained and enhanced.
- Objective 3.2: Better utilisation of existing open space
 - Our open spaces are distributed where people live
 - We have green corridors connecting our open space areas
 - Our open spaces have suitable facilities, infrastructure, and plenty of shade.

4. Development and Use

Community Land is a valuable resource that contributes to the overall health and wellbeing of residents and visitors of Cessnock LGA and is integral to our local economy and environment. Council is committed to building a diverse network of accessible and inclusive spaces that integrate with the built and natural environment, providing for the needs of our community now and into the future. Council encourages a wide range of uses of community land and intends to permit and encourage a broad range of appropriate activities.

Any development proposed for community land has to comply with the *Local Government Act 1993*, state and local planning policies and be consistent with objectives of assigned community land categories. Development on Crown Land must also be in accordance with the original reserve purpose. The relevant legislation and planning instruments that apply to the reserves captured in this PoM include:

- *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act)
- *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*
- State Environmental Planning Policies
- Cessnock Local Environment Plan 2011 (LEP)
- Cessnock Development Control Plan 2010 (DCP).

Development and activities may be permitted as exempt or complying development under the provision of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008* and *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021* either without the need for planning or construction approval, or through a complying development pathway.

All development of reserves should comply with the Cessnock LEP, which outlines permissible or prohibited development within each zone. ‘General Community Use’ reserves captured by this PoM fall within the following zones:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RU2 Rural Landscape• RU5 Village• R2 Low Density Residential• R3 Medium Density Residential• R5 Large Lot Residential | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• E1 Local Centre• E2 Commercial Centre• E4 General Industrial• MU1 Mixed Use• RE1 Public Recreation |
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The Cessnock DCP provides detailed planning and design guidelines to support the planning controls in the Cessnock LEP and is supported by additional information such as guidelines, fact sheets and technical standards.

Other general types of uses which are permissible on community land categorised as ‘General Community Use’, and the forms of development generally associated with those uses are detailed in Table 2.

Infrastructure and Community Facilities

Council may construct or approve construction of a variety of facilities on community land. Proposed projects must comply with Council’s strategic plans and the provisions of any applicable legislation and planning instruments. Council may request that a written proposal be submitted outlining a description of the project, proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for the proposed works, future maintenance requirements and other elements relevant to the project.

Signage

Permissible signage on community land includes ordinance signs and notices that are erected by Council to regulate various activities under Section 632 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Any signage that is not specifically exempt under an environmental planning instrument will require an application for development consent. Council will determine development applications for signage by assessing applications in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, the Cessnock LEP and DCP.

Proposed signage on community land must also comply with Council's strategic plans and guidelines.

Temporary Events

Council will consider the use of community land for temporary events such as exhibitions, meetings, markets, concerts or other events that are open to the public in accordance with the Cessnock LEP and DCP. Any temporary event approvals will be accompanied by conditions and fees in line with Council's adopted Fees and Charges.

Sale and Consumption of Alcohol

The sale of alcohol by a committee, club, or group requires the approval of the Liquor & Gaming NSW through the issue of a Limited Licence. When making application for the use of a community land for the sale of alcohol, applicants are required to comply with any requirements of both the Liquor & Gaming NSW and Council. The licence must be produced for Council in each instance.

Council may establish alcohol prohibited areas or alcohol-free zones within or around reserves captured by this PoM in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*. In these instances, signs will be erected detailing restrictions in place, including places and times at which alcohol consumption is prohibited.

4.1 Express Authorisation of Leases, Licences and Other Estates

Under Section 46(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, leases, licences and other estates formalise the use of community land. A lease, licence or other estate may be granted to organisations and persons, community groups, sports clubs and associations, non-government organisations, charities, community welfare services, non-profit organisations and government authorities.

The lease or licence must be for uses consistent with the reserve purpose, the assigned categorisation and zoning of the land, be in the best interests of the community as a whole, and enable, wherever possible, shared use of community land.

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

A lease is normally issued where exclusive control of all or part of an area by a user is proposed. In all other instances a licence, short-term licence or hire agreement will be issued.

All leases/licences that have been granted over community land categorised as ‘General Community Use’ are detailed in Appendix 4 – Schedule of Existing Leases and Licences.

Leases and Licences Authorised by this Plan of Management

This plan of management **expressly authorises** the issue of leases, licences and other estates over the land covered by the plan of management, provided that:

- the purpose is consistent with the purpose for which it was dedicated or reserved
- the purpose is consistent with the core objectives for the category of the land
- the lease, licence or other estate is for a permitted purpose listed in the *Local Government Act 1993* or the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021
- the issue of the lease, licence or other estate and the provisions of the lease, licence or other estate can be validated by the provisions of the *Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993*
- where the land is subject to a claim under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* the issue of any lease, licence or other estate will not prevent the land from being transferred in the event the claim is granted
- the lease, licence or other estate is granted and notified in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* or the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021
- the issue of the lease, licence or other estate will not materially harm the use of the land for any of the purposes for which it was dedicated or reserved.

Table 3 further identifies the purposes for which leases or licences may be issued over reserves and the maximum duration of leases, licences and other estates.

Short-term Licences

Short-term licences and bookings may be used to allow the Council to program different uses of community land at different times, allowing the best overall use.

Short-term licences are authorised for the purpose of:

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| a) the playing of a musical instrument, or singing, for fee or reward | e) commercial photographic sessions |
| b) engaging in a trade or business | f) picnics and private celebrations such as weddings and family gatherings |
| c) the playing of a lawful game or sport | g) filming sessions |
| d) the delivery of a public address | h) the agistment of stock. |

Fees for short-term casual bookings will be charged in accordance with Council’s adopted Fees and Charge which can be found on Council’s [website](#).

Native Title and Aboriginal Land Rights Considerations in Relation to Leases, Licences and Other Estates

When planning to grant a lease or licence on Crown reserves, Council must comply with the requirements of the Commonwealth *Native Title Act 1993* and have regard for any existing claims made on the land under the NSW *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*. It is the role of Council's engaged or employed Native Title Manager to provide written advice in certain circumstances to advise if the proposed activities and dealings are valid under the *Native Title Act 1993*.

Tenure Arrangements with Tendering Requirements

Tenure arrangements must comply with the requirements outlined in Sections 46 and 47 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Section 46A(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires Council's to tender for leases and licences of community land where the tenure term exceeds 5 years, unless the lease or licence is granted to a non-profit organisation.

If a council proposes to grant a lease, licence or other estate in respect of community land for a period (including any period for which the lease, licence or other estate could be renewed by the exercise of an option) exceeding 5 years, it must:

- a) give public notice of the proposal (including on the Council's website), and
- b) exhibit notice of the proposal on the land to which the proposal relates, and
- c) give notice of the proposal to such persons as appear to it to own or occupy the land adjoining the community land, and
- d) give notice of the proposal to any other person, appearing to the Council to be the owner or occupier of land in the vicinity of the community land, if in the opinion of the Council the land the subject of the proposal is likely to form the primary focus of the person's enjoyment of community land.

Council will consider the leasing and licencing of community land categorised as 'General Community Use' for terms exceeding 5 years in line with the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council's Property Management Policy and Guidelines, and where applicable the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* or Crown Land Management Regulation 2018.

Commercial leases and licences will be granted only after a tender process, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Subleasing

Where a lease or licence arrangement has been entered into with Council for community land, the subleasing or sublicensing of any portion of that land must be with the approval of Council and in accordance with the requirements of Section 47C of the *Local Government Act 1993* and Clause 119 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

5. Management of ‘General Community Use’ Reserves

The land categorised as ‘General Community Use’ captured in this PoM provides local residents and visitors with community facilities, open space and reserves that serve both recreational and practical purposes. Uses of the reserves within the ‘General Community Use’ category are varied and include community halls, public reserves, Rural Fire Service facilities, childcare facilities and drainage reserves.

5.1 Guidelines and Core Objectives

General community use land is defined in clause 106 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 as land that may be made available for use for any purpose for which community land may be used, and does not satisfy the definition of natural area, sportsground, park or area of cultural significance.

Section 36(l) of the *Local Government Act 1993* details the core objectives for management of community land categorised as ‘General Community Use’, which 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).

5.2 Key Issues

The key issues impacting the ‘General Community Use’ reserves listed in this PoM include:

Access and Connectivity

It is important that Council plans, designs and constructs public spaces and community facilities that promote social participation and connectedness. Some of the existing General Community Use reserves have poor access for people with disability and/or mobility challenges, which presents a barrier to participation. Access improvements (e.g. pathways and kerb ramps) are often implemented as part of facility upgrades or through grant funding opportunities.

Lack of access control measures (e.g. fencing, bollards and gates) within reserves can result in unauthorised vehicle access exacerbating issues including vandalism, illegal dumping, anti-social behaviour and conflict with other users. Emergency access to reserves is often impeded due to lack of formalised access and where appropriate the emergency evacuation of users needs to be considered.

Active transport modes such as walking and cycling provide great benefits to the health and wellbeing of the community. Open space linkages provide greater movement as more and more people are now cycling or walking for pleasure. Shared pathways may be provided on reserves to provide connections to

community land, public transport, commercial centres and schools. Where new shared pathways are provided on reserves, or existing walkways and cycleways are upgraded, the design of shared pathways will be informed by relevant legislation and Australian Standards.

Community Involvement

Good neighbourly relations and community involvement are important in the management of reserves. Community users are vital for contribution to the planning and management of reserves, as well as informing Council of any ongoing issues. A good relationship between community and Council can be an effective way of managing reserves and ensuring issues including vandalism, illegal dumping and anti-social behaviour are responded to.

Distribution

There needs to be an equitable and strategic distribution of community facilities and open space across the LGA. Any proposal for new facilities or refurbishment of existing facilities needs to be consistent with Council's Community Infrastructure Strategic Plan which uses four geographic planning areas within the LGA, selected based on their links to public transport routes, access to services and facilities and proximity to commercial districts.

When planning a new facility, the availability and proximity to other community facilities within the locality must be considered. Ideally community facilities should be co-located with other community infrastructure and/or community spaces. This promotes both convenience and access by offering a centralised hub for community activities. Consideration should be given to refurbishment of existing facilities that may provide greater opportunities for connecting communities rather than constructing a new facility in a poor location. Improving and diversifying existing services may also assist with integrated established communities with new emerging communities.

Environment

Management and maintenance of reserves need to be undertaken in an ecological sustainable manner to prevent any long-term impacts on the environment. It is vital to maintain ecological processes and systems when managing reserves as all efforts are vital to the survival of the ecological systems. The following environmental issues should be considered specifically when planning drainage reserves:

- Limit the access for domestic animals, as they can prey on native wildlife.
- Bushland areas can expose land to impacts such as weed invasion, dumping, predation of native animals.
- Isolated pockets of native vegetation may limit the viability of plant and animal populations.
- Ensure all habitats are not compromised.
- Biodiversity values may be compromised by public perception about threats posed by native fauna (e.g. snakes).
- It is vital to manage threatened species and communities.
- Pest plants and animals compete with native plants and species for resources.

Landscape Design and Character

Any structures, pathways and signs installed or constructed within reserves should be consistent with Council's Engineering Guidelines, Strategies and sympathetic to the existing setting and the landscape values of the site. The inherent landscape features of the reserves need to be retained, and where possible enhanced when considering development. Site planning, material selection and colour schemes also need to be considered when planning and designing facilities and infrastructure within reserves.

Management

It is important to ensure that all community facilities have appropriate management arrangements in place in terms of community access, maintenance and safety. Community facilities on Council-owned or managed land are usually leased or licenced by a community or commercial operator, managed on behalf of Council by a volunteer Section 355 committee, or operated by Council. Council issues leases and licences in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and Council's Property Management Policy and Guidelines.

Maintenance

Reserves need to be maintained to a standard that provides a safe space for users and minimise the impact of development on the environment. Depending on the intended purpose and use of reserves, maintenance tasks can include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tree maintenance including pruning and removal of dead trees• Mowing, slashing and vegetation removal• Rubbish removal• Irrigation | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weed control• Repairs to facilities and infrastructure• Addressing graffiti and vandalism• Silt removal |
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Community facilities are maintained to varying degrees across Council. Generally, groups that have tenure over facilities through a lease or licence are responsible for the maintenance and management of the buildings and grounds. To ensure that community facilities are managed and maintained appropriately, all community facilities are managed in accordance with Council's Asset Management Plan, Property Management Policy and Guidelines. Lease and licence agreements should set out the minimum management and maintenance responsibilities of tenants and licensees for community facilities.

Multipurpose Use

In the past, Council predominantly constructed single function type community facilities that often catered for a specific population group. With the projected population growth of Cessnock LGA, a more current and effective model is required to ensure the design and delivery of facilities generate a benefit to a broad range of community members.

Future community facilities will need to be multipurpose in design, be sustainable and financially viable, offer flexible spaces and accommodate a variety of activities to ensure they are well used within the community. Community facilities that have a single function risk becoming underutilised and not viable to operate. Where practical, the design of community facilities should allow for a diverse range of services, programs and activities. Income generating models and activities such as social enterprises and the co-location of commercial operators and/or residential premises should also be considered alongside traditional community, welfare and health services.

Recreational Use

Recreation activities enhance the utility of public land and promote active living within the community. Using reserves for recreation is encouraged but it must be managed in accordance with the context of each site. Where suitable, the development of infrastructure for recreational purposes (e.g. pathways, shelters, and picnic tables) should be considered and signage installed that indicates the recreation activities that are not permitted on specific reserves.

Safety and Risk Management

Reserves must be maintained to an acceptable standard to ensure the safety of individuals and user groups. The following issues need to be identified and considered when addressing safety issues associated with 'General Community Use' reserves:

- Due to the distribution of community land across the LGA staff are unable to inspect reserves on a regular basis.
- Crime and anti-social behaviour, including illegal dumping.
- Natural disasters, adverse weather impacts and the threat to the safety of users this poses.
- Dogs 'off leash' can threaten the health and safety of other users.
- Unsafe tracks and access points.

Although community facilities are included in Council's maintenance schedule and periodic risk assessments are undertaken, Council also relies on groups who are responsible for the maintenance and management of buildings to identify and report safety issues. Some community facilities can be hired by individuals, community groups and organisations for meetings, activities and events. These bookings are managed through Council's Application for Use process which requires users to abide by conditions of hire which can include Public Liability Insurance coverage and submitting a risk assessment for high risk activities prior to approval.

Social, Cultural and Heritage Values

Many community facilities have been constructed by combined local community effort and therefore have strong social, cultural and intrinsic values. Many community halls and buildings, for example, have important built heritage value. Likewise, community facilities' settings and other adjacent activity areas are equally important in the social, cultural and heritage value context. It is important that these values are protected and maintained wherever possible.

5.3 Permissible Uses/Future Uses

The development and use of reserves categorised as ‘General Community Use’ should be consistent with the purpose of the reserve and comply with the relevant planning instruments detailed in Section 4 – Development and Use.

Other general types of uses which may occur on community land categorised as ‘General Community Use’ and the forms of development generally associated with those uses, are set out in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Permissible Uses/Future Uses for community land categorised as General Community Use

Purpose/Use	Development to Facilitate Uses
<p>Providing a location for, and supporting, the gathering of groups for a range of social, cultural or recreational purposes.</p> <p>Providing multi-purpose buildings (for example, community halls and centres) with specialised community uses such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • casual or informal recreation • meetings (including for social, recreational, educational or cultural purposes) • functions • concerts, including all musical genres • performances (including film and stage) • exhibitions • fairs and parades • workshops • leisure or training classes • child care (for example, before and after school care, vacation care) • designated group use (e.g. scout and girl guide use) • educational centres, including libraries, information and resource centres • entertainment facilities 	<p>Development for the purposes of social, community, cultural and recreational activities, such as libraries, childcare centres, youth services, aged services, men’s sheds, health services, sports and community gardens.</p> <p>Development includes:</p> <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 (for example, a stage) • 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 • car parking and loading areas • advertising 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 the Council

Purpose/Use	Development to Facilitate Uses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • active and closed cemeteries • caravan parks and camping grounds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ locational, directional and regulatory signage.

Where it is proposed to construct or establish a public work on reserved or dedicated Crown land, where Native title is not extinguished, prior to approval Council will notify and give an opportunity for comment from any representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander bodies, registered Native title bodies corporate and registered Native title claimants in relation to the land or waters covered by the reservation or lease as required under the *Native Title Act 1993*.

A public work is defined as:

- a) any of the following that is constructed or established by or on behalf of the Crown, or a local government body or other statutory authority of the Crown, in any of its capacities:
 - (i) a building, or other structure (including a memorial), that is a fixture; or
 - (ii) a road, railway or bridge; or
 - (iii) where the expression is used in or for the purposes of Division 2 or 2A of Part 2--a stock-route; or
 - (iv) a well, or bore, for obtaining water; or
 - (v) any major earthworks; or
- b) a building that is constructed with the authority of the Crown, other than on a lease.

Major earthworks are defined as:

earthworks (other than in the course of mining) whose construction causes major disturbance to the land, or to the bed or subsoil under waters.

5.4 Express Authorisation of Leases, Licences and Other Estates – General Community Use

This PoM **expressly authorises** the issue of leases, licences and other estates over the land categorised as General Community Use, provided that they comply with the requirements detailed in Section 4.1 of this plan. Table 3 further identifies the purposes for which leases and licences may be issued over reserves categorised as ‘General Community Use’.

Table 3: Leases, licences and other estates and purposes for which they may be granted for community land categorised as General Community Use

Type of Tenure Arrangement	Maximum Term	Purpose for which tenure may be granted
Lease	21 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • childcare or vacation care • health or medical practitioners associated with the relevant facility (for example, nutrition, physiotherapy) • educational purposes, including libraries, education classes, workshops • cultural purposes, including concerts, dramatic productions and galleries • recreational purposes, including fitness classes, dance classes and games • sporting uses developed/operated by a private operator • kiosk, café and refreshment purposes • commercial retail uses associated with the facility (e.g. sale or hire of sports goods) • caravan parks and camping grounds.
Licence	21 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • social purposes (including childcare, vacation care) • educational purposes, including libraries, education classes, workshops • recreational purposes, including fitness classes, dance classes • café/kiosk areas • sale of goods or services that are ancillary to community land use and reserve purpose, for example flower sales at cemetery.
Short-term licence	12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • public speeches, meetings, seminars and presentations, including educational programs • functions (including commemorative functions, book launches, film releases, balls, and similar activities) • displays, exhibitions, fairs, fashion parades and shows • events (including weddings, corporate functions, and community gatherings) • concerts and other performances, including both live performances and film (cinema and TV) • broadcasts associated with any event, concert, or public speech

Type of Tenure Arrangement	Maximum Term	Purpose for which tenure may be granted
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> engaging in an appropriate trade or business delivering a public address, community events; auctions, markets and similar activities mobile food and drink outlets.
Other estates	N/A	This PoM allows Council to grant 'an estate' over community land for the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities and provision of services, or connections for premises adjoining the community land to a facility of the Council or public utility provider on the community land in accordance with the LG Act.

5.5 Action Plan

Section 36 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires that a PoM for community land details:

- Objectives and performance targets for the land
- The means by which Council proposes to achieve these objectives and performance targets, and
- The manner in which Council proposes to assess its performance in achieving the objectives and performance targets.

Table 4 outlines these requirements for community land categorised as 'General Community Use' in Cessnock LGA.

Table 4: Objectives and performance targets, means of achieving them and assessing performance for community land categorised as General Community Use

Management Issues	s.36(3)(b) Objectives Performance Targets	and s.36 (3)(c) Means of achievement of objectives	s.36(3)(d) Manner of assessment of performance
Access and Connectivity	Minimise adverse impacts of unauthorised access onto reserves. Improve the accessibility of reserves and community	Close any non-essential vehicle access points to reserves. Discourage unauthorised use (e.g. vehicles and motorbikes) of reserves through the implementation of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) measures. Identify opportunities to improve access to facilities and infrastructure on reserves.	Number of CPTED measures implemented. Number of access improvements identified. Funding sourced for access improvements.

Management Issues	s.36(3)(b) Objectives and Performance Targets	s.36 (3)(c) Means of achievement of objectives	s.36(3)(d) Manner of assessment of performance
	<p>facilities for people with disability.</p> <p>Ensure pedestrian and emergency vehicle access to reserves where feasible.</p>	<p>Source funding to implement access improvements on reserves where required.</p> <p>Periodically inspect existing roads and walking tracks within reserves.</p> <p>Maintain existing roads and walking tracks to ensure safety and prevent erosion.</p> <p>In line with Council’s Disability Inclusion Action Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult with people with disability on design and accessibility during the development of new community buildings and major renewal works for existing community buildings. <p>Where resourcing and funding allows, undertake audit of community facilities to assess compliance with the Australian Standard for Access and Mobility (AS 1428).</p> <p>Identify and program access improvements through Asset Management Plan, Plans of Management, Strategic Documents and masterplans for community facilities.</p>	<p>Periodic inspections undertaken of existing roads and walking tracks</p> <p>Number of people with disability consulted.</p> <p>Number of access audits completed</p> <p>Community feedback.</p> <p>Number of customer service requests raised regarding access on reserves.</p>
Community Involvement	<p>Involve the community in the management of reserves.</p>	<p>Encourage the participation of the community in reporting incidents</p> <p>Encourage neighbours of reserves to notify Council of any concerns.</p> <p>Promote opportunities for community members to volunteer through Section 355 Committees.</p>	<p>Customer service requests raised and addressed.</p> <p>Number of Section 355 Committee members.</p>
Environment	<p>Protect and enhance the natural and historical values of reserves.</p> <p>Manage reserves so as to maintain the ecological values and processes.</p> <p>Retain the distribution, abundance and diversity of</p>	<p>Identify environmentally sensitive reserves.</p> <p>Plan and develop drainage to ensure minimal erosion and soil loss.</p> <p>Implement required environmental management practices in the management of reserves.</p> <p>Retain vegetation on reserves where possible.</p> <p>Use drought resistant native vegetation where possible within reserves.</p>	<p>General Community Use reserves are included in Council’s weed control programs.</p> <p>Environmentally sensitive reserves identified.</p> <p>Environmental management practices implemented.</p>

Management Issues	s.36(3)(b) Objectives and Performance Targets	s.36 (3)(c) Means of achievement of objectives	s.36(3)(d) Manner of assessment of performance
	<p>native species and existing communities.</p> <p>Ensure domestic animal usage in drainage reserves are undertaken in a responsible manner.</p>	<p>Where appropriate, undertake bushfire hazard reduction and/or revegetation programs on reserves.</p> <p>Manage weeds and pests using environmentally sound practices.</p> <p>Follow protocols to reduce the risk of spread of soil pathogens.</p> <p>Erect signs notifying the community of sensitive areas and no domestic animals permitted.</p>	<p>Signage erected notifying the community of sensitive areas and no domestic animals permitted</p> <p>Community feedback.</p>
Landscape Design and Character	<p>Ensure that the landscape character of reserves are retained.</p> <p>Minimise adverse impacts of development on reserves.</p> <p>Protect the natural, heritage and cultural values of reserves.</p>	<p>Any proposed facilities or infrastructure within reserves must be sympathetic to existing settings.</p> <p>Consider CPTED principles when planning new or upgrading facilities or infrastructure in reserves.</p> <p>Consider potential impacts, adjacent land uses, site constraints, materials and colour schemes when planning development on reserves.</p> <p>Consider Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage values and where appropriate undertake consultation, assess potential impacts and seek approvals for development of reserves.</p>	<p>Works undertaken on reserves comply with relevant planning instruments and guidelines.</p> <p>Number of recorded incidences of illegal dumping, vandalism and graffiti on reserves.</p> <p>Community feedback.</p>
Maintenance	<p>Maintain reserves to a standard that ensures areas are safe and fit for purpose.</p> <p>Reduce the amount of illegal dumping, vandalism and anti-social behaviour in reserves.</p> <p>Maintain drainage reserves to manage stormwater effectively and facilitate safe access and passive recreation.</p>	<p>Prioritise maintenance tasks that pose a risk to the safety and functionality of reserves.</p> <p>Repair and/or replace facilities and infrastructure on reserves to an acceptable standard.</p> <p>Source funding to upgrade facilities and infrastructure on reserves where required.</p> <p>Repair vandalism, clean up rubbish and remove graffiti in reserves as soon as practicable.</p> <p>Report illegal dumping to Hunter/Central Coast Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) Squad.</p> <p>Implement CPTED measures on reserves that see high levels of vandalism and illegal dumping.</p>	<p>General Community Use reserves are included in Council's maintenance schedule.</p> <p>Provide for adequate maintenance funding in annual budgets.</p> <p>Funding sourced for facility and infrastructure upgrades.</p> <p>Number of recorded incidences of illegal dumping, vandalism and graffiti on reserves.</p> <p>Number of CPTED measures implemented.</p>

Management Issues	s.36(3)(b) Objectives and Performance Targets	s.36 (3)(c) Means of achievement of objectives	s.36(3)(d) Manner of assessment of performance
Multipurpose Use and Distribution	<p>Provide community facilities that accommodate a diverse range of services, programs and activities.</p> <p>Improve the capacity of community facilities for multipurpose use.</p> <p>Ensure the provision and distribution of community facilities meets the needs of the community.</p>	<p>Support the use of community facilities by a range of user groups</p> <p>Identify opportunities to adapt and upgrade facilities to support multipurpose use.</p> <p>Encourage multipurpose goals and targets in the management arrangements of community facilities.</p> <p>Plan future community facilities in line with the principles of Council's Community Infrastructure Strategic Plan.</p>	<p>Increased use of community facilities measured by application for use forms and community feedback.</p> <p>Number of opportunities identified to adapt and upgrade facilities.</p> <p>Number of multipurpose goals and targets identified in management arrangements.</p> <p>Community feedback.</p>
Recreational Use	<p>Facilitate and encourage the use of reserves for passive recreation.</p>	<p>Assess the suitability of reserves for passive recreation, community activities and events.</p> <p>Where suitable, install infrastructure on reserves that support passive recreational use.</p> <p>Ensure suitable reserves can be booked through Council's Application for Use of Recreation Facilities process.</p> <p>Promote community activities and events on General Community Use reserves.</p>	<p>Increased usage of reserves for passive recreation.</p> <p>Number of Application for Use approvals issued.</p>
Safety and Risk Management	<p>Ensure the safety of the individuals and user groups while visiting reserves.</p> <p>Minimise opportunities for risk of injury in reserves.</p>	<p>Maintain reserves to a standard that provides a safe environment for users.</p> <p>Undertake periodic inspections of reserves and address identified safety issues as they arise.</p> <p>Discourage unauthorised and unsafe use reserves through the implementation of CPTED measures.</p> <p>Ensure user groups undertaking events and activities on reserves hold Public Liability Insurance.</p> <p>Review existing facilities and infrastructure on reserves during periodic inspections in accordance with Council's Engineering Guidelines to ensure facilities and infrastructure meet Australian Standards.</p>	<p>General Community Use reserves are included in Council's maintenance schedule.</p> <p>Periodic inspections undertaken to identify safety issues on reserves</p> <p>Number of safety issues identified and addressed.</p> <p>Number of CPTED measures implemented.</p> <p>Customer service requests raised and addressed.</p> <p>Regulatory signage installed or replaced.</p>

Management Issues	s.36(3)(b) Objectives and Performance Targets	s.36 (3)(c) Means of achievement of objectives	s.36(3)(d) Manner of assessment of performance
		<p>Ensure any regulatory signage is current and appropriately located</p> <p>Encourage community involvement in reporting safety issues, crime and anti-social behaviour on reserves.</p> <p>Identify reserves at high risk of bushfire or flooding.</p> <p>Continue to provide and promote Off Leash Dog Exercise Areas.</p>	<p>Assessment of bush fire and flooding risk reserves completed.</p> <p>Community feedback.</p>

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Community Land Covered by this PoM

Map No.	Lot/DP	Reserve Number	Address	Suburb	Description	Gazettal Date	Reserve Purpose	Category/Categories
1a	Lot 545, DP 40840	R83677	0 Rawson St	ABERDARE	Drainage	12/1/1962	Drainage	General Community Use
1a	Lot 335, DP 755215	R83677	0 Rawson St	ABERDARE	Drainage	12/1/1962	Drainage	General Community Use
1a	Lot 380, DP 755215	R83677	0 Rawson St	ABERDARE	Drainage	12/1/1962	Drainage	General Community Use
1b	Lot 1, SEC 20, DP 758002	R83677	0 Melbourne St	ABERDARE	Drainage	12/1/1962	Drainage	General Community Use
1b	Lot 3, SEC 20, DP 758002	R83677	0 Melbourne St	ABERDARE	Drainage	12/1/1962	Drainage	General Community Use
1b	Lot 15, SEC 20, DP 758002	R83677	144 Congewai St	ABERDARE	Drainage	12/1/1962	Drainage	General Community Use
1a	Lot 7001, DP 1021128	R83677	147 Northcote St	ABERDARE	Drainage	12/1/1962	Drainage	General Community Use
2	Lot 19, Sec 46, DP 758002		60 Cessnock St	ABERDARE	Aberdare Preschool			General Community Use
2	Lot 20, Sec 46 DP 758002		58 Cessnock St	ABERDARE	Aberdare Preschool			General Community Use
3	Lot 531, DP 1268182		24 Quarrybylong St	ABERDARE	Cessnock Youth Centre and Outreach Service			General Community Use Sportsground
3	Lot 10, DP 11008887		49E Aberdare Rd	ABERDARE	Cessnock Youth Centre and Outreach Service			General Community Use Sportsground
4	Lot 7305, DP 1135483	R1016090	134 Greta Street	ABERDARE	Gordon Williams Memorial Cemetery	19/9/1906	General Cemetery	General Community Use
5	Lot 16, Sec 32, DP 758004	R91228	209 Cessnock Rd	ABERMAIN	Abermain School of Arts	18/8/1978; 12/4/2024	Public Hall; Community Purposes	General Community Use

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6	Lot A, DP 355223		3 Bathurst St	ABERMAIN	Abermain Plaza Community Hall			General Community Use
7	Lot 8, DP 7802		425 Wollombi Rd	BELLBIRD	Bellbird Community Hall			General Community Use
8	Lot 21, Sec F, DP 6264		19 Kalingo St	BELLBIRD	Bellbird Preschool			General Community Use
8	Lot 23, Sec F, DP 6264		23 Kalingo St	BELLBIRD	Bellbird Preschool			General Community Use
8	Lot 22, Sec F, DP 6264		21 Kalingo St	BELLBIRD	Bellbird Preschool			General Community Use
9	Lot 24, DP 1022815		Edden St	BELLBIRD	Drainage			General Community Use
9	Lot 52 DP 1057053		Edden St	BELLBIRD	Drainage			General Community Use
9	Lot 51, DP 1057053		Tennant St	BELLBIRD	Drainage			General Community Use
10	Lot 2, DP 1049557		79 Maitland St	BRANXTON	Public Reserve/Branxton Oval			General Community Use
10	Lot 1, DP 156375		4 John Rose Ave	BRANXTON	Public Reserve/Branxton Oval			General Community Use
10	Lot 155, DP 1133636		4 John Rose Ave	BRANXTON	Public Reserve/Branxton Oval			General Community Use
11	Lot 4, DP 849773		Maitland St	BRANXTON	Public Reserve			General Community Use
12	Lot 32, DP 627860		35 Bowen St	BRANXTON	Branxton Community Hall/Part Branxton Preschool			General Community Use
13	Lot 2, DP 1137953		13 John St	BRANXTON	Branxton Preschool			General Community Use
13	Lot 1, DP 1137953		13 John St	BRANXTON	Branxton Preschool			General Community Use
14	Lot 3, Sec U, DP 9252	R94355	55 South Ave	CESSNOCK	Cessnock Emergency Services and Community Service Building	6/3/1981	Bush Fire Brigade	General Community Use

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14	Lot 4, Sec U, DP 9252	R94355	55 South Ave	CESSNOCK	Cessnock Emergency Services and Community Service Building	6/3/1981	Bush Fire Brigade	General Community Use
14	Lot 5, Sec U, DP 9252	R94355	55 South Ave	CESSNOCK	Cessnock Emergency Services and Community Service Building	6/3/1981	Bush Fire Brigade	General Community Use
14	Lot 6, Sec U, DP 9252	R94355	55 South Ave	CESSNOCK	Cessnock Emergency Services and Community Service Building	6/3/1981	Bush Fire Brigade	General Community Use
14	Lot 7, Sec U, DP 9252	R94355	63 South Ave	CESSNOCK	Cessnock Emergency Services and Community Service Building	6/3/1981	Bush Fire Brigade	General Community Use
14	Lot 8, Sec U, DP 9252	R94355	63 South Ave	CESSNOCK	Cessnock Emergency Services and Community Service Building	6/3/1981	Bush Fire Brigade	General Community Use
14	Lot 9, Sec U, DP 9252	R94355	67 South Ave	CESSNOCK	Cessnock Emergency Services and Community Service Building	6/3/1981	Bush Fire Brigade	General Community Use
14	Lot 7001, DP 755252	R94355	67 South Ave	CESSNOCK	Cessnock Emergency Services and Community Services Building	6/3/1981	Bush Fire Brigade	General Community Use
15	Lot 136, DP 831570		1 O'Shea Cct	CESSNOCK	Public Reserve			General Community Use
15	Lot 137, DP 831570		2 O'Shea Cct	CESSNOCK	Public Reserve			General Community Use
15	Lot 234, DP 1081597		Mount View Rd	CESSNOCK	Public Reserve			General Community Use
15	Lot 236, DP 1081597		Mount View Rd	CESSNOCK	Public Reserve			General Community Use
16	Lot 1, Sec A, DP 4924		360 Old Maitland Rd	CESSNOCK	Open Space			General Community Use
16	Lot 2, Sec A, DP 4924		362 Old Maitland Rd	CESSNOCK	Open Space			General Community Use
16	Lot 3, Sec A, DP 4924		364 Old Maitland Rd	CESSNOCK	Open Space			General Community Use

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16	Lot 5, Sec A, DP 4924		366 Old Maitland Rd	CESSNOCK	Open Space			General Community Use
16	Lot 4, Sec A, DP 4924		41 Anzac Ave	CESSNOCK	Open Space			General Community Use
17	Lot 1110, DP 1093402		14 Drayton Gr	CESSNOCK	Public Reserve			General Community Use
17	Lot 1208, DP 1102977		Mount Pleasant Gr	CESSNOCK	Public Reserve			General Community Use
17	Lot 1209, DP 1102977		25 Mount Pleasant Gr	CESSNOCK	Public Reserve			General Community Use
17	Lot 915, DP 1085219		Lindeman Gr	CESSNOCK	Public Reserve			General Community Use
17	Lot 1014, DP 1093073		64 O'Shea Cct	CESSNOCK	Public Reserve			General Community Use
17	Lot 1015, DP 1093073		73 O'Shea Cct	CESSNOCK	Public Reserve			General Community Use
18	Lot 313, DP 566724		11 Duguid Cl	CESSNOCK	Public Reserve			General Community Use
19	Lot 88, DP 1147070		Finch Cl	CESSNOCK	Public Reserve			General Community Use
20	Lot 3, DP 712036		Maitland Rd	CESSNOCK	Public Reserve			General Community Use
21	Lot 312, DP 566724		Old Maitland Rd	CESSNOCK	Public Reserve			General Community Use
22	Lot 5, DP 1106949		37- 53 Railway St	CESSNOCK	Public Reserve			General Community Use
23	Lot 16, DP 259523		224A Vincent St	CESSNOCK	Public Reserve			General Community Use
24	Lot 12, DP 1083439		44 Vincent St	CESSNOCK	Public Pathway			General Community Use
25	Lot 51, DP 1146804		23 Vernon St	CESSNOCK	Vernon Street Netball Complex			General Community Use Sportsground

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26	Lot 77, DP 15069		Church St	CESSNOCK	North Cessnock Community Hall/Playground			General Community Use
26	Lot 78, DP 15069		Church St	CESSNOCK	North Cessnock Community Hall/Playground			General Community Use Park
27	Lot 1, DP 772229		204 Vincent St	CESSNOCK	Civic Park Site			General Community Use
27	Lot 1, DP 956157		206 Vincent St	CESSNOCK	Civic Park Site			General Community Use
27	Lot 6, Sec 1, DP 758002		2 Cessnock St	CESSNOCK	Civic Park Site			General Community Use
28	Lot 13, DP 538600		2A Anzac Ave	CESSNOCK	Drainage			General Community Use
29	Lot 36, DP 844843		17A Links Ave	CESSNOCK	Drainage			General Community Use
29	Lot 35, DP 844843		14A Links Ave	CESSNOCK	Drainage			General Community Use
30	Lot 380, DP 1002112		Nelson St	CESSNOCK	Drainage			General Community Use
31	Lot 39, DP 1094620		Garland Rd	CESSNOCK	Drainage			General Community Use
32	Lot 8, DP 1125816		Convent Cl	CESSNOCK	Drainage			General Community Use
33	Lot 77, DP 1147070		Rae St	CESSNOCK	Drainage			General Community Use
34	Lot 1, DP 440273		91 Desmond St	CESSNOCK	Open Space			General Community Use
35	Lot 122, DP 1110717		105 Mount View Rd	CESSNOCK	Cessnock Civic Indoor Sports Centre			General Community Use
36	Lot A, DP390312		200 Wollombi Rd	CESSNOCK	Marthaville			General Community Use
37	Lot 1, DP180560		37 Stephen St	CESSNOCK	Gem and Mineral Club/ Hall Park			General Community Use Park

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38	Lot 101, DP 1199160		5 Dudley St	CESSNOCK	Cessnock Multipurpose Children's Centre			General Community Use
39	Lot 1, DP 784394		0 Wine Country Dr	CESSNOCK	Cessnock Cemetery			General Community Use
39	Lot 2, DP 784394		0 Wine Country Dr	CESSNOCK	Cessnock Cemetery			General Community Use
40	Lot 7301, DP 1140342	R1016388	0 Wine Country Dr	CESSNOCK	Cessnock Cemetery	13/9/1877	General Cemetery	General Community Use
40	Lot 7302, DP 1140342	R1016389	0 Wine Country Dr	CESSNOCK	Cessnock Cemetery	16/12/1927	General Cemetery	General Community Use
41	Lot 18, Sec 1, DP 758153	R53740	0 Maitland St	EAST BRANXTON	Open Space	23/1/1920	Plantation	General Community Use
42	Lot 54, DP 1077419		Durham Rd	EAST BRANXTON	Drainage			General Community Use
42	Lot 55, DP 1077419		Hillview Rd	EAST BRANXTON	Drainage			General Community Use
42	Lot 34, DP 1083192		35 McMullins Rd	EAST BRANXTON	Drainage			General Community Use
42	Lot 317, DP 1103185		20 Farmgate Row	EAST BRANXTON	Drainage			General Community Use
43	Lot 10, Sec 3, DP 758153	R1019088	0 Maitland St	EAST BRANXTON	Branxton Cemetery	16/11/1883	General Cemetery	General Community Use
43	Lot 9, Sec 2, DP 758153	R1019088	0 Maitland St	EAST BRANXTON	Branxton Cemetery	16/11/1883	General Cemetery	General Community Use
43	Lot 1, Sec 3, DP 758153	R1019088	0 Maitland St	EAST BRANXTON	Branxton Cemetery	16/11/1883	General Cemetery	General Community Use
43	Lot 7005, DP 93471	R1016908	0 Maitland St	EAST BRANXTON	Branxton Cemetery	4/8/1922	General Cemetery	General Community Use
44	Lot 7004, DP 93601	R88519	41 Olney St	ELLALONG	Ellalong Community Hall	17/3/1972	Public Hall	General Community Use
45	Lot 7006, DP 93602	R1017290	0 Helena St	ELLALONG	Ellalong Cemetery	27/7/1863	General Cemetery	General Community Use

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46	Lot 2, Sec 11, DP 758474	R95916	0 Anvil St	GRETA	Greta Preschool	3/4/1982; 12/4/2024	Community Centre; Community Purposes	General Community Use
46	Lot 1, Sec 11, DP 758474	R95916	1 Water St	GRETA	Greta Preschool	3/4/1982; 12/4/2024	Community Centre; Community Purposes	General Community Use
47	Lot 22, Sec C, DP 5904		58 Kent St	GRETA	Drainage			General Community Use
47	Lot 7, Sec C, DP 5904		41 Whitburn St	GRETA	Drainage			General Community Use
47	Lot 6, Sec C, DP 5904		43 Whitburn St	GRETA	Drainage			General Community Use
48	Lot 114, DP1094711		4 Branxton St	GRETA	Drainage			General Community Use
49	Lot 12, Sec 11, DP 758474		1A Water St	GRETA	Former Greta Courthouse/ Greta Art and Sports Community Hall			General Community Use
49	Lot 11, Sec 11, DP 758474		1A Water St	GRETA	Former Greta Courthouse/ Greta Art and Sports Community Hall			General Community Use
50	Lot 10, DP 1159909		31 Park St	GRETA	Bushfire Brigade/Greta Central Oval			General Community Use Sportsground
51	Lot 7300, DP 1146320	R1016670	0 Evans St	GRETA	Greta Cemetery	17/10/1876	General Cemetery	General Community Use
51	Lot 7, Sec 27, DP 758474	R1016670	0 Evans St	GRETA	Greta Cemetery	17/10/1876	General Cemetery	General Community Use
51	Lot 1, DP 1121234	R1016670	0 Evans St	GRETA	Greta Cemetery	17/10/1876	General Cemetery	General Community Use
51	Lot 10, Sec 27, DP 758474	R1016670	0 Evans St	GRETA	Greta Cemetery	17/10/1876	General Cemetery	General Community Use
51	Lot 2, DP 1053666	R1016670	0 Evans St	GRETA	Greta Cemetery	17/10/1876	General Cemetery	General Community Use

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51	Lot 6, Sec 27, DP 758474	R1016670	0 Evans St	GRETA	Greta Cemetery	17/10/1876	General Cemetery	General Community Use
51	Lot 11, Sec 27, DP 758474	R1016670	0 Evans St	GRETA	Greta Cemetery	17/10/1876	General Cemetery	General Community Use
51	Lot 1, DP 1122415	R1016670	0 Evans St	GRETA	Greta Cemetery	17/10/1876	General Cemetery	General Community Use
51	Lot 7301, DP 1146320	R1016670	0 Evans St	GRETA	Greta Cemetery	17/10/1876	General Cemetery	General Community Use
51	Lot 8, Sec 27, DP 758474	R1016670	0 Hunter St	GRETA	Greta Cemetery	17/10/1876	General Cemetery	General Community Use
51	Lot 9, Sec 27, DP 758474	R1016670	0 Hunter St	GRETA	Greta Cemetery	17/10/1876	General Cemetery	General Community Use
52	Lot 457, DP1246298		19 Loch Lomond Ave	HEDDON GRETA	Drainage			General Community Use
52	Lot 285, DP 1273226		104 Averys Lane	HEDDON GRETA	Drainage			General Community Use
53	Lot 337, DP 729936	R78585	22 Allandale St	KEARSLEY	Kearsley Community Hall	11/5/1956	Public Hall	General Community Use
53	Lot 2, Sec 14, DP 758555	R74281	22 Allandale St	KEARSLEY	Kearsley Community Hall	29/6/1951	Public Hall	General Community Use
54	Lot 5, SEC 19, DP 758555	R82075	0 Congewai St	KEARSLEY	Drainage	9/10/1959	Drainage	General Community Use
54	Lot 6, SEC 19, DP 758555	R82075	0 Congewai St	KEARSLEY	Drainage	9/10/1959	Drainage	General Community Use
54	Lot 7, SEC 19, DP 758555	R82075	0 Congewai St	KEARSLEY	Drainage	9/10/1959	Drainage	General Community Use
54	Lot 18, SEC 19, DP 758555	R82075	0 Tomalpin St	KEARSLEY	Drainage	9/10/1959	Drainage	General Community Use
55	Lot 119, DP 1211009		21 Stanford St	KITCHENER	Drainage			General Community Use
55	Lot 120, DP 1211009		22 Stanford St	KITCHENER	Drainage			General Community Use
56	Lot 3, DP 1126263	R84467	112 Lang St	KURRI KURRI	Kurri Kurri Ambulance Hall	31/5/1963	Public Hall	General Community Use

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57	Lot 25, DP 839018	R70890	0 Northcote St	KURRI KURRI	Drainage	4/6/1943	Access; Drainage	General Community Use
57	Lot 28, DP 839018	R70890	135A Northcote St	KURRI KURRI	Drainage	4/6/1943	Access; Drainage	General Community Use
58	Lot 39, DP 812327		2 Dill St	KURRI KURRI	Open Space			General Community Use
59	Lot A, DP 312438		132 Barton St	KURRI KURRI	Kurri Kurri Senior Citizens Hall			General Community Use
59	Lot B, DP 312438		132 Barton St	KURRI KURRI	Kurri Kurri Senior Citizens Hall			General Community Use
60	Lot 4, DP 630262		Railway Pde	KURRI KURRI	Drainage			General Community Use
61	Lot 51, DP 876100		124A Mitchell Ave	KURRI KURRI	Drainage			General Community Use
61	Lot 5231, DP 876462		51A Wermol St	KURRI KURRI	Drainage			General Community Use
61	Lot 5222, DP 876642		55A Wermol St	KURRI KURRI	Drainage			General Community Use
62	Lot 9, Sec 19, DP 758590		251 Lang Street	KURRI KURRI	Kurri Kurri Community Centre			General Community Use
63	Lot 6, DP 1140055		111-113 Lang St	KURRI KURRI	Kurri Early Childhood Centre			General Community Use
63	PT 7, DP 1140055		107 Lang St	KURRI KURRI	Part Kurri Early Childhood Centre			General Community Use
64	Lot 7014, DP 1029148	R1017291	0 Hospital Rd	KURRI KURRI	Kurri Kurri Cemetery	22/8/1903	General Cemetery	General Community Use
65	Lot 110, DP 1051100		3734 Great North Rd	LAGUNA	Laguna Community Hall			General Community Use
66	Lot 111, DP 1151550		3736 Great North Rd	LAGUNA	Bushfire Brigade			General Community Use
67	Lot 41, DP 1138667		15 Lodge Rd	LOVEDALE	Bushfire Brigade			General Community Use
68	Lot 150, DP 1139988		700 Wine Country Dr	LOVEDALE	Glenmore Cemetery			General Community Use

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69	Lot 7, DP 239505		0 Wilderness Rd	LOVEDALE	Rothbury Cemetery			General Community Use
70	Lot 50, DP 13687	R88656	19 Bennett St	MILLFIELD	Crawfordville/Millfield Playground, Park and Community Hall	14/7/1972	Children's Playground; Community Centre	General Community Use Park
70	Lot 65, DP 13687	R88656	19 Bennett St	MILLFIELD	Crawfordville/Millfield Playground, Park and Community Hall	14/7/1972	Children's Playground; Community Centre	General Community Use Park
70	Lot 49, DP 13687	R88656	19 Bennett St	MILLFIELD	Crawfordville/Millfield Playground, Park and Community Hall	14/7/1972	Children's Playground; Community Centre	General Community Use Park
70	Lot 66, DP 13687	R88656	19 Bennett St	MILLFIELD	Crawfordville/Millfield Playground, Park and Community Hall	14/7/1972	Children's Playground; Community Centre	General Community Use Park
70	Lot 48, DP 13687	R88656	19 Bennett St	MILLFIELD	Crawfordville/Millfield Playground, Park and Community Hall	14/7/1972	Children's Playground; Community Centre	General Community Use Park
70	Lot 67, DP 13687	R88656	19 Bennett St	MILLFIELD	Crawfordville/Millfield Playground, Park and Community Hall	14/7/1972	Children's Playground; Community Centre	General Community Use Park
70	Lot 47, DP 13687	R88656	19 Bennett St	MILLFIELD	Crawfordville/Millfield Playground, Park and Community Hall	14/7/1972	Children's Playground; Community Centre	General Community Use Park
70	Lot 68, DP 13687	R88656	19 Bennett St	MILLFIELD	Crawfordville/Millfield Playground, Park and Community Hall	14/7/1972	Children's Playground; Community Centre	General Community Use Park
70	Lot 46, DP 13687	R88656	19 Bennett St	MILLFIELD	Crawfordville/Millfield Playground, Park and Community Hall	14/7/1972	Children's Playground; Community Centre	General Community Use Park
70	Lot 69, DP 13687	R88656	19 Bennett St	MILLFIELD	Crawfordville/Millfield Playground, Park and Community Hall	14/7/1972	Children's Playground; Community Centre	General Community Use Park

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70	Lot 45, DP 13687	R88656	25 Bennett St	MILLFIELD	Crawfordville/Millfield Playground, Park and Community Hall	14/7/1972	Children's Playground; Community Centre	General Community Use Park
70	Lot 70, DP 13687	R88656	25 Bennett St	MILLFIELD	Crawfordville/Millfield Playground, Park and Community Hall	14/7/1972	Children's Playground; Community Centre	General Community Use Park
70	Lot 44, DP 13687	R88656	25 Bennett St	MILLFIELD	Crawfordville/Millfield Playground, Park and Community Hall	14/7/1972	Children's Playground; Community Centre	General Community Use Park
70	Lot 71, DP 13687	R88656	25 Bennett St	MILLFIELD	Crawfordville/Millfield Playground, Park and Community Hall	14/7/1972	Children's Playground; Community Centre	General Community Use Park
70	Lot 43, DP 13687	R88656	29 Bennett St	MILLFIELD	Crawfordville/Millfield Playground, Park and Community Hall	14/7/1972	Children's Playground; Community Centre	General Community Use Park
70	Lot 72, DP 13687	R88656	29 Bennett St	MILLFIELD	Crawfordville/Millfield Playground, Park and Community Hall	14/7/1972	Children's Playground; Community Centre	General Community Use Park
71	Lot 7005, DP 93000	R1016888	0 Crump St	MILLFIELD	Millfield Cemetery	21/9/1901	General Cemetery	General Community Use
72	Lot 2, DP 1089923		11 Vincent St	MULBRING	Bushfire Brigade			General Community Use Park
73	Lot 10, Sec 11, DP 758760		Northumberland St	NEATH	Public Reserve			General Community Use
73	Lot 9, Sec 11, DP 758760		Northumberland St	NEATH	Public Reserve			General Community Use
73	Lot 8, Sec 11, DP 758760		134 Cessnock Rd	NEATH	Bushfire Brigade			General Community Use
73	Lot 1, DP 133754		134 Cessnock Rd	NEATH	Bushfire Brigade			General Community Use
74	Lot 105, DP 1171268		27 Olivia Pl	NORTH ROTHBURY	Drainage			General Community Use

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75	Lot 1, DP 1169915		22 Occident St	NULKABA	Public Reserve			General Community Use
76	Lot 243, DP 755252		Wine Country Dr	NULKABA	Public Recreation			General Community Use
77	Lot 3, Sec 1, DP 758795		10 O'Connors Rd	NULKABA	Drainage			General Community Use
78	Lot 315, DP 1091621		14 Redgum Rd	PAXTON	Drainage			General Community Use
79	Lot 134, DP 1243665		29 William St	PAXTON	Drainage			General Community Use
80	Lot 1, DP 327619		46 McDonald Av	PAXTON	Bushfire Brigade/Paxton Park			General Community Use Park
81	Lot 7005, DP 1030593	R89422	McDonalds Rd	POKOLBIN	McDonalds Road Pokolbin Reserve	11/4/1975	Public Recreation	General Community Use
82	Lot 301, DP 822160	R170145	126 McDonalds Rd	POKOLBIN	Pokolbin Hall and Bushfire Shed	3/7/1922	Community Purposes	General Community Use
82	Lot 1, DP 703138	R170145	126 McDonalds Rd	POKOLBIN	Pokolbin Hall and Bushfire Shed	3/7/1922	Community Purposes	General Community Use
83	Lot 14, DP 1152639		35 Maitland St	STANFORD MERTHYR	Public Recreation			General Community Use
84	Lot 1, DP1158250		7 Mulbring St	STANFORD MERTHYR	Open Space			General Community Use
84	Lot 2, DP1158250		1 Mulbring St	STANFORD MERTHYR	Open Space			General Community Use
85	Lot 18, Sec 27, DP 979187		Cessnock Rd	WESTON	Open Space			General Community Use
86	Lot 4, Sec 5, DP 979187		69 Station St	WESTON	Weston Civic Centre			General Community Use
87	Lot 2, Sec D, DP 6814		22 Scott Street	WESTON	Weston Community Preschool			General Community Use
87	Lot 1, Sec D, DP 6814		20 Scott Street	WESTON	Weston Community Preschool			General Community Use

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88	Lot 8, Sec 6, DP 759103	R87882	2890 Wollombi Rd	WOLLOMBI	Wollombi Cultural Centre and Old Fireshed	7/8/1970	Bushfire Brigade; Community Purposes	General Community Use
89	Lot 12, DP 601120		2895 Wollombi Rd	WOLLOMBI	Wollombi Community Hall			General Community Use
90	Lot 1, DP 1142814		0 Maitland Rd	WOLLOMBI	Wollombi Cemetery			General Community Use

Appendix 2 – Maps

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Appendix 3 – Plan of Management Legislative Framework

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Appendix 4 - Schedule of Existing Leases and Licences

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