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1.0 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR FORMAL GARDENS

The Local Government Act 1993 provides councils with a specific approach to the classification and management of community land. Sections 35 and 36(1) of the Act require that all community land owned by councils be the subject of a plan of management. Community land is defined as land that should be kept for the use of the general community. Community land must not be sold and can be leased for no more than twenty-one years. In addition, it may only be leased or licensed for more than five years subject to public notification.

The plans of management in this volume have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the LGA 1993 and Crown Lands Act 1989.

Botany has 64 parks, 5 of which can be classified as Formal Garden. The garden at Sir Joseph Banks Park will be addressed in the regional parkland plan of management being prepared for that park leaving the 4 Formal Gardens included in this plan of management.

HOW TO USE THIS VOLUME

This plan of management provides a framework to guide the City of Botany Bay's decision making in relation to Formal Gardens. The plan reflects the needs of Council (as managers of the parks), current and future visitors (as users of the parks) and local residents (as users and neighbours of the parks).

The volume is divided into two sections:

BASIS FOR MANAGEMENT

This section reflects the long term policies of Council in relation to the parks and has a currency of 20-30 years.

MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES & PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

This section contains the medium term strategies and performance criteria that Council will adopt to achieve its long term policies and meet user demands. These strategies have a currency of 5- 10 years.

IMPLEMENTATION & PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

Action plans and a monitoring program have been placed in a separate Implementation and Performance Program Volume and contain the actions that Council will implement in managing the parks including priorities and capital requirements, as well as methods to monitor the success of these actions. It is envisaged that Council will update the volume annually as the actions and monitoring program have a currency of 5 years.

2.0 BASIS FOR MANAGEMENT

THE OPEN SPACE SYSTEM

Botany has 64 parks, including small areas created by street closures. Of these, 48 are small parks or playgrounds and 11 are outdoor sports facilities. The open space settings also include 4 formal gardens and one area of regional park land.

Most of the parks serve the immediate area of the local community. These Formal Gardens serve large areas of the City of Botany Bay as well as communities outside the City of Botany Bay Local Government Area. Three of the Gardens are owned by the City of Botany Bay and one is Crown Land, owned by the Department of Conservation and Land Management.

Much of this Plan of Management is based on existing Council policy including the City of Botany Bay Management Plan for 1995-96 and community feedback raising issues relating to the Council's provision of open space over the last two years. This feedback is in the form of correspondence received by Council, and responses to letter drops associated with development carried out in Council's parks. In addition to this the Local Government Act Land Management Manual (Manidis Roberts Consultants); Succeeding With Plans of Management (CALM, Manidis Roberts Consultants); and 'History of Botany 1788-1963' (F.A. Larcombe) were used as resource documents.

Development of this Plan of Management has identified the need for an open space study to ascertain both the viability and user needs of all of Council's parks.

2.1 VALUES

The values placed on Formal Gardens are those attributes which people find most important or of high regard and would wish to see enhanced. In addition to these existing attributes there are other values that the community find important and subsequently need to be addressed.

The intrinsic value of Formal Gardens is that they satisfy the needs of the community to provide a recreational facility that reflects important cultural, social and historic influences and characteristics that have moulded the community and portray those influences and characteristics to the wider community for generations to come. In doing so the Gardens help to nurture and further develop the identity of an area and its residents.

Core values have been identified for the City's Formal Gardens. These are:

Social and Cultural Values

Their prime focus is to commemorate a significant social or cultural impact on the community. These gardens act as a focal point for memorial services, cultural functions and

formal family occasions such as marriages. As focal points of civic pride they reflect the condition of the community.

Historical Values

The historical significance of the Gardens provides the community both with a strong sense of identity and a feeling of continuity.

Recreational Opportunities

Formal gardens aim to provide for formal and casual passive recreational opportunities.

In general formal gardens have the potential for providing an area for passive recreation which ranges from large cultural functions to the more informal picnicking. They have play areas which cater for the more active pursuits of children whilst the more passive needs of adults are satisfied by the provision of seating.

In the larger formal gardens provision for active recreation, cultural and childrens activities should be encouraged as long as the central commemorative role of the garden is not desecrated.

Character

Formal gardens provide visual respite from the hard urban environment. The gardens are focal points of civic pride and project the community's image through the use of soft and hard architectural elements, artworks and colour.

2.2 ROLE

The role of any given park or reserve is the way in which that park contributes to the functions of the open space system. The role of formal gardens in the regional context can be separated into a number of functions which are:

- To commemorate a significant social or cultural impact on the local community.
- To satisfy the non-organised, passive recreational needs of the local community.
- To satisfy cultural diversity.
- To provide visual relief from the hard urban landscape and are intrinsic to providing a better quality of life.
- To form the focus for civic pride.
- To instil a sense of history and ownership of open space in the local community. To provide accessible playground facilities for the wider community.
- To form a link with other components of open space within the City of Botany Bay.

2.3 LAND MANAGEMENT GOALS

The production of this plan of management is closely linked with Council's overall mission statement as set out in the City of Botany Bay Management Plan 1995-96.

"The City of Botany Bay is committed to improving the total environment to allow all community members who live, work, or use the facilities in the Council area to enjoy and benefit from the services provided"

The land management objectives developed for Formal Gardens aim to be visionary and flexible enough to accommodate the dynamic nature of the City and are intended to guide Council's management of parks to protect and enhance the above values.

The following objectives were developed for Formal Gardens:-

"To provide diversity of recreational opportunities for visitors while ensuring appropriate use of the facility."

"To provide and maintain a high quality recreational facility based on community needs and within budget."

"To ensure that the facility is equally available to all members of the public."

"To provide the local community with the opportunity to promote and foster a sense of identity and, consequently, develop the 'sense of place' in the park that reflect the aspirations, needs and character of that community."

2.4 PRINCIPLES OF CROWN LAND MANAGEMENT

This plan also takes into account the principles of Crown land management as set out in the Crown Lands Act, 1989, as Dacey Gardens is located on Crown land.

The principles of Crown land management are as follows:

To observe environmental protection principles in relation to the management and administration of Crown land;

To conserve, wherever possible, the natural resources of Crown land (including water, soil, flora, fauna and scenic quality);

To encourage public use and enjoyment of appropriate Crown land;

To encourage multiple use of Crown land, where appropriate;

To use and manage Crown land in such a way that both the land and its resources are sustained in perpetuity, where appropriate;

To deal with Crown land in the best interest of the State consistent with the above principles.

2.5 GENERAL ISSUES

Commemorative Use

The commemorative role of the Formal Gardens is paramount to ensuring the parks elevated standing to the community and thereby it's existence as such the commemorative role of the park is not to be compromised.

Recreational Usage

The primary role of Formal Gardens is to provide specialist facilities for a variety of user groups involved in passive recreation. This Plan of Management aims to establish guidelines which addresses the following issues:

That formal gardens be managed as a venue for cultural and commemorative events.

Facilities for passive recreation be developed which will benefit the community.

That leases and licences of a suitable nature be granted to assist in the upkeep of the Gardens.

Further to the above that leases and licences be granted in preference to community groups to ensure their longevity and their ongoing benefit to the community and encourage their input into future development of the facility.

Access

Vehicular access to formal gardens is currently limited to service and emergency vehicles.

Access by disabled users is an issue which should be considered, and opportunities to provide convenient circulation routes and access to amenities need to be identified and their feasibility and practicality investigated.

The management and maintenance of access roads should take into account not only their function in providing quick and convenient access for emergency and service vehicles, but their dual use as pathways for pedestrian and disabled users.

Car parking by the general public is restricted to neighbouring streets. Parking is prohibited within formal gardens unless written permission is obtained from Council.

Safety

One of the most prevalent issues regarding community land is that of safety. Many of the problems regarding vandalism and safety stem from the inability to access Formal Gardens, poor signage and inadequate lighting. Adjacent residents and the local community need to be consulted as to their preference for or against additional lighting.

The risk of injury to users of both the Park and the Oval can be minimised by ensuring the facilities are regularly inspected and maintained to a high standard.

Administration and Management

This plan aims to provide guidelines for the future use, development, management and maintenance of Formal Gardens which will be adopted by Council and supported by the Department of Conservation and Land Management, (State Land Services).

Easements, licences and right of carriageways for services and utilities required in Formal Gardens are to be granted, with the consent of Council, thereby ensuring that all facilities are adequately serviced.

Maintenance

Staff are allocated to the garden according to the maintenance requirements which at present varies seasonally and with the size and degree of development of the park.

Over time, as the recreation needs and civic aspirations of the community change, the current number and structure of staff and the funding levels for maintenance are also likely to change.

3.1 ARTHUR PARK, BOTANY

This land is owned by the City of Botany Bay. The land was classified as "community Land" in accordance with the transitional provisions in Schedule 7, Clause 6 of the Local Government Act 1993. The land is zoned 6(a) Open Space, recreation under Botany Bay City Council's Local Environment Plan 1995.

The Park is held in three titles, those being Lots 1-2 in Section 6 in DP 773, Lots 3-4 in Section 6 in DP 773 and Lot I in DP 432376. There is an easement for sewerage purposes D527972, approximately 4 metres wide, affecting part of the land shown so burdened in Volume 5655 Folio 225.

The site is approximately 0.3118 hectares or 3118 square metres in area and is surrounded by residential properties with industrial uses nearby. The Park is readily accessible, being located on the block bounded by busy Botany Road to the north and Chelmsford Avenue and Edgehill Avenue to the west and east respectively. These smaller residential streets provide off street parking whilst a bus stop on Botany Road allows ease of access via public transport. Noise may be an issue with passing heavy vehicles and airport related noise.

HISTORY

The major portion of Arthur Park, that fronting Botany Road, was purchased by the then Botany Council in two parcels in 1936 and 1937. In 1945 the Park was enlarged when some land, not required by the then Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Board (MWS&DB now Sydney Water) for a sewerage pumping station, was acquired by Council.

A living memorial to the Botany Servicemen who gave their lives in World War II was created sometime after this acquisition. Lombardy Poplars, *Populus nigra*, were planted and a name plaque erected for each soldier who had died. In 1985 the Park was upgraded and in order to preserve the brass plaques, they were collected and set in a concrete block which was placed in a central position for easy viewing.

During the early 1960's a number of Baby Health Centres were built in the Local Government area, including the Botany Baby Health Centre which is located in the Park. This building was jointly funded by the City of Botany and the Department of Health. The building is still being used for this purpose.

Further information regarding the Park's history is to be entered into when available.

RECREATIONAL USE

This local park is utilised for passive recreation purposes only and currently receives medium levels of patronage except on special occasions when memorial services and community gatherings, such as Carols by Candle Light, occur. Although Sir Joseph Banks Park is nearby Arthur Park provides the Botany area with an open space area with distinctive local character. The Baby Health Centre, in the main, provides health services to the community however it has been utilised by community groups on special occasions.

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

Developed as a living memorial after WWII, Arthur Park has a number of significant Lombardy Poplars located in an avenue along the southern boundary and along Chelmsford Avenue. Due to age and disease these trees are in varying stages of decline, however at present they provide a magnificent backdrop for the Park. A large Hills Weeping Fig, *Ficus hillii*, on the corner of Botany Road and Chelmsford Avenue adds to the amenity of the park and the bud lighting in this tree is particularly attractive for passing traffic and pedestrians using the area at night. The smaller Plane Trees along the Botany Road frontage, planted in 1985 along with a Plumbago hedge, are now starting to provide a visual screen between Botany Road and the Park. These trees and the low brick wall serve to enclose the park and define the northern boundary. Some native planting along Chelmsford Avenue is out of character with the remainder of the park and appears overgrown having been heavily overplanted by a community group in the late 1980's.

The Baby Health Centre which is a 1960's residential style building dominates the north west corner of the site. This is the main structure and is flanked by two arbours which are free standing in the lawn area, a result of the demise of the original garden beds which provided a vegetative barrier between the Baby Health Centre and the remainder of the park.

The unattractive small concrete slab into which the small brass name plaques of WWII soldiers were set has been removed and will be replaced with something appropriate.

The low brick wall surrounding most of the park provides both a visual barrier and a safety fence for children. Part of the wall along the Chelmsford Avenue frontage was removed in 1984 due to restoration works on the wall fronting Botany Road after the MWS&DB demolished a section during construction of a sewer main.

There is also a small dilapidated storage shed in the south east corner of the site, this is screened by the Poplar trees and shrub planting surrounding.

MAINTENANCE

The Park is well maintained in its existing condition by a roving parks maintenance gang.

3.1 ARTHUR PARK, BOTANY

MANAGEMENT ISSUES & STRATEGIES

3.1.1 RECREATION & COMMEMORATIVE USE

- . The provision of open space at Arthur Park is suited to non-structured, passive recreation.
- . Arthur Park is to facilitate regular cultural and commemorative functions.
- . Ease of access and provision of seating is of most importance.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
<p>Ensure that the park satisfies the non-structured passive recreation needs of the community.</p> <p>Encourage the use of Arthur Park for a wide use of passive activities which are compatible with the commemorative role of the park.</p> <p>Resolve conflict between recreational requirements.</p>	<p>Identify the recreational requirements of users and the immediate community.</p> <p>Develop a list of appropriate activities as identified by user groups, Council staff and the community.</p> <p>Identify undesirable activities and incompatible users.</p> <p>Consider provision of new or upgraded facilities in order to facilitate the above.</p>	<p>Non-structured recreational requirements identified.</p> <p>List of appropriate activities produced</p> <p>List of unsuitable users produced. Appropriate signage installed at the park indicating appropriate and inappropriate use.</p> <p>Investigations carried out and recommendations produced. The upgraded master plan ultimately reflects the community requirements for the park</p>

3.1 ARTHUR PARK, BOTANY

3.1.2 ACCESS

- . Access to and through the Park will ensure ongoing use by the community and ease of maintenance.
- . Access to the Park must not discriminate against potential users.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
Control vehicular access to the park. To provide the users of the park with safe and convenient access to and through the park. Increase the accessibility of the park to disabled users where appropriate.	General vehicular access to be prohibited and prevented. Allowance to be made for service and emergency vehicles to enter the park. Investigate opportunities to improve access for park users. Gates and barriers for vehicles to allow for pedestrian access. Investigate linkages with other open space areas. Provide suitably graded paths and ramps where appropriate.	Vehicular access to the park restricted. Ease of entry for service and emergency vehicles. Opportunities to ensure access and linkages identified. Increase in ease of access and level of usage. Linkages identified and recommendations made. Increase in usage and ease of access to the facility by disabled users.

3.1.3 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

- . Present users and present facilities may need to be improved, expanded or altered within the next five years.
- . Easements, licences and right of carriageways may need to be granted.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
Plan for changing user needs. Ensure that the costs to the community for future development at Arthur Park are minimised. Allow for the installation of services where required.	Undertake a Recreational Needs Study. Off-set the cost of development by actively seeking funding in the form of grants from Government sources. As approved by Council and Statutory Authorities. Registration of appropriate easements.	Recreational Needs Study carried out. Costs of future development to the community is minimised. Facilities are adequately serviced, identified and located.

3.1 ARTHUR PARK, BOTANY

3.1.4 LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

- . Development of Arthur Park should enhance the existing park features or features of value.
- . The current area of the Arthur Park is adequate however upgrading is required.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
To enhance the park in a manner that is consistent with the local character and to improve visual amenity.	<p>Upgrade the master plan for the park that draws on the positive characteristics of the locality.</p> <p>Implement master plan.</p> <p>Provide equipment and facilities that are consistent with Council's Corporate Identity Program.</p> <p>Retain existing trees and other features of value.</p>	<p>Amenity of the park.</p> <p>Amenity of the park.</p> <p>Amenity of the park.</p> <p>Trees and other features retained.</p>

3.1.5 COMMUNITY SPIRIT

- . Community support and participation has been identified as important to the prosperity of Arthur Park.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
<p>Facilitate community involvement in the planning & development of initiatives for the park.</p> <p>Maintain community interest, thereby ensuring long term success of the park.</p> <p>Minimise real and perceived adverse impacts on neighbouring properties caused by use of the Park.</p>	<p>Actively encourage community involvement through letter drops prior to any development within the park.</p> <p>Community and Council consultation process required during any future development of the master plan.</p> <p>Identify potential and existing adverse impacts such as noise, litter and inappropriate usage.</p> <p>Liaise with user groups and residents to foster a positive and harmonious relationship.</p>	<p>Community input into the development of a master plan for the park.</p> <p>Park reflects the needs and concepts put forward by the community.</p> <p>List of adverse impacts completed.</p> <p>Positive feedback from the community.</p>

3.1 ARTHUR PARK, BOTANY

3.1.6 SAFETY

- . Measures need to be implemented to reduce the levels of vandalism and undesirable use of this Park.
- . Lighting is required to improve the level of safety.
- . To provide for public safety.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
<p>Manage the park to ensure safe use and enjoyment by the community.</p>	<p>Ensure that there is adequate provision of lighting (where possible indirect lighting).</p> <p>Formulate and implement an inspection program to identify and eliminate all potential hazards</p> <p>Ensure weekly inspections of the park by Council's Rangers.</p> <p>Ensure that identification and information is conveyed through signage.</p> <p>Ensure that conflicting uses and dangerous activities are isolated through adequate fencing.</p>	<p>Visibility of all areas of the park at night.</p> <p>Inspection program formulated and implemented.</p> <p>Reduced level of vandalism and other undesirable use.</p> <p>Undesirable use of the park is reduced.</p> <p>Safety fence installed.</p>

3.1 ARTHUR PARK, BOTANY

3.1.7 ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT

The success of Arthur Park will rely on efficient and effective management of the land for public recreation.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
<p>Provide an efficient, open and responsive administration and management system with clearly defined goals and areas of responsibility.</p> <p>To manage the Park to maximise community benefit.</p>	<p>Develop and implement efficient and effective systems designed to make the best possible use of financial, human and natural resources.</p> <p>Be responsive to public suggestions, attend to public enquiries promptly, and provide accurate and useful information to the community as required.</p> <p>Promote Arthur Park in the community to raise public awareness of the facilities available.</p> <p>Liaise with the RSL to ensure that the commemorative requirements of the park are met.</p> <p>Develop a structure of fees and charges which relates to the facilities available and is in line with Council's policy of subsidised use for community groups.</p>	<p>Cost- effectiveness of management systems</p> <p>Level of community satisfaction or amount of positive feedback.</p> <p>Level of usage of the Park facilities by the public.</p> <p>Satisfaction of user groups as determined by feedback.</p> <p>Annual review of fees and charges.</p>

3.1 ARTHUR PARK, BOTANY

3.1.8 MAINTENANCE

The success of Arthur Park will rely on regular maintenance by Council to provide a high quality recreational facility.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
<p>Develop a system of consistent and regular checking and maintenance of all facilities in the park.</p> <p>Ensure that the park is maintained and inspected by staff with appropriate skills.</p> <p>Ensure that identification and information is conveyed through signage.</p> <p>All facilities in the park to comply with relevant Australian Standard.</p>	<p>Develop maintenance programs for the park.</p> <p>Implement park asset management program.</p> <p>Employment and training of staff with suitable skills to maintain the park.</p> <p>Weekly inspection of the park by the Parks Supervisor.</p> <p>Appropriate signage installed in accordance with City identity.</p> <p>All new equipment to comply with Australian Standards.</p>	<p>Amenity of the park.</p> <p>Amenity of the park.</p> <p>Amenity of the park.</p> <p>Amenity of the park.</p> <p>Reduced level of vandalism and other undesirable use resulting in reduction of maintenance.</p> <p>Compliance with Australian Standards.</p>

3.2 DACEY GARDENS, DACEYVILLE

Dacey Gardens is owned by the Department of Conservation and Land Management (Crown Land) and the City of Botany Bay are appointed Reserve Trustee. Responsibility for its care, control and management is vested in Council. As owners of the site, the Department of Conservation and Land Management have been asked to contribute in the compilation of this plan of management. The tide description for this parcel of land is Reserve number 82764 and it is subject to easements for electricity and water.

The land was classified as "Community Land" in accordance with the transitional provisions in Schedule 7, Clause 6 of the Local Government Act 1993. The land is zoned 6(a) Open Space, recreation under Botany Bay City Council's Local Environment Plan 1995.

The site is approximately 0.809 hectares or 8090 square metres in area and is bounded by busy Gardeners and Bunnerong Roads to the north and east and General Bridges Crescent to the south and west. Residential land use lies to the south and a small commercial area to the west with the major commercial shopping area of Kingsford on the other side of major roads to the north and east. Noise is an issue with heavy traffic using Gardeners and Bunnerong Roads.

HISTORY

Dacey Gardens was originally set aside as three garden areas lying between the four main avenues, each avenue being 100 feet wide with 25 foot wide footpaths, leading into the Daceyville Housing Estate. Cook and Banks Avenues were closed and the land, including the garden areas, consolidated in May 1960. The roadways have since been removed and turned over to park land enabling unification of the garden beds to create this large formal garden entry to the suburb of Daceyville and the City of Botany Bay.

Dacey Gardens was originally known as Daceyville Park however the name was changed in the late 1980's in recognition of John Rowland Dacey. An excerpt from page 57 of 'The History of Botany 1788-1963' by F.A. Larcombe best describes Dacey's contribution to the area and gives some insight into the original landscape of the site prior to development.

"Daceyville was the first garden city experiment in Australia and was named after John Rowland Dacey who first conceived the experiment. He represented the Botany and Alexandria electorates in the State Parliament from 1895 until his death in 1912 and held cabinet posts as Honorary Minister and Colonial Treasurer in the first Labour Government under J. S. T. McGowen. Mr. Dacey selected the eastern extension of the Mascot Municipality for his garden suburb. At the time the area consisted of unoccupied Crown Land and a portion previously reserved for the conservation of water. In its original state this land did not add to the attractiveness of Mascot, since it was a wasteland of light sandy soil with a cover of scrub common to the Botany hinterland. The unsuitability of the land for purposes other than housing no doubt

prompted Mr Dacey to suggest a garden suburb as a means of beautifying an otherwise desolate area.

Mr. Dacey died in April 1912, but the Government proceeded with his plan".

The pioneer of town planning in Australia, Sir John Sulman drafted the plan for Daceyville with assistance from another authority on planning, J. F. Hennessey, and the first Chairman of the Housing Board, John Daniel Fitzgerald. In the plan, provision was made for parks, gardens and footpaths to accommodate large species of trees for avenue planting resulting in the attractive garden suburb of Daceyville that we see today.

The electricity sub station located in the Gardens and now used by Council for the storage of plant and equipment and as amenities for the park groundsman was until late 1981 owned by the Sydney County Council. According to Council records the building and surrounding land was jointly purchased by the then Botany Council and The Department of Lands for inclusion in the Reserve at a cost of \$8000.00. In 1988 a dispute arose as to ownership of the sub station however this did not change Council's status as the caretaker of the sub station and associated land.

In 1987 the Council allocated funds for the upgrading of the park as the Mayor, Ron Hoenig saw it's potential to become 'The Gateway to the Municipality'. A plan was drawn up by Council's Landscape Architect of that time, Andrew Prowse. This plan, which has since been constructed, retained the significant existing avenue plantings of Canary Island Date Palms and the original garden beds that date back to the early layout of the streets and planting of Daceyville.

RECREATIONAL USE

The Gardens are used for passive recreation purposes only, in particular, shoppers and people employed in the commercial areas use the park over lunch time and pedestrians use the park to walk to and from the residential area of Daceyville and the shopping centre. Dacey Gardens provides a focus for festive and formal occasions for the immediate and wider community. The Gardens are used by community groups for fetes, band recitals and other formal occasions such as weddings.

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

Dacey Gardens contains some of the City's oldest gardens and avenue plantings and as such displays a formal layout reminiscent of its conception. The most striking and historically significant element in the Gardens are the remaining Palms which originally made up the formal avenues that lined Cook and Banks Avenues, notably the *Phoenix canariensis*, Canary Island Date Palms, and the small clumps of Washingtonia palms located in the original garden beds. Unfortunately Fusarium wilt, a killer virus, has decimated the avenue of palms as the *Phoenix species* is susceptible to this water borne virus. Smaller palms have been installed to reduce the impact of the loss of the larger palms and to reinstate the avenue

planting, however these are presently too small to compensate for the loss of amenity from to the rapid loss of the avenue palms.

Some large Eucalypts are intermingled with the Palms on the western side of the reserve which would have been planted in the early 1900's. These provide shade and help reduce the impact of the large buildings appearing in the commercial areas of the Kingsford shopping precinct. There are also a large number of small trees planted in the old road alignments in the late 1980's which as yet do little to add to the amenity of the Gardens.

A large planter bed along Gardeners and Bunnerong Road boundary screens the Gardens from the heavy traffic and urban clutter across the road and encloses the lawns thereby providing attractive and somewhat tranquil seating areas. The perennials used in the gardens provide colour throughout the year which enlivens the area for both the local community and passing traffic. The rounded concrete garden edges are characteristic of the Daceyville area and these have been incorporated around all new gardens to maintain the character of the precinct.

Dacey Gardens provides an attractive entrance to both Daceyville and the City of Botany Bay. The entrance pergola highlights Dacey Gardens to passing traffic with the easily recognisable City colours and attractive lighting used at night. The pergola further serves as a gateway' to the local area. The only other structure in the reserve is the disused sub station which was upgraded by Council in 1987 to provide amenities for Council staff and storage space. The building has been painted in heritage colours to compliment the architectural style and, as it's construction dates back to the same time as that of the majority of surrounding buildings in Daceyville, it provides an attractive focal point in the reserve.

The pathways dissecting Dacey Gardens are in fact the original footpaths that used to line Cook and Banks Avenues. These serve as the major thoroughfares for pedestrians walking to and from the shops and provide access to the bus stop on Gardeners Road. One of the City's characteristic bus shelters has been located at the Gardeners Road bus stop for use by residents waiting for buses. Street lighting is provided along the pathways to allow safe use of the area by pedestrians at night.

MAINTENANCE

Dacey Gardens and surrounds is maintained by a full time gardener who is assisted by roving gangs when required. Dacey Gardens is well maintained however some of the perennials and palms are in decline necessitating refurbishment of the gardens.

3.2 DACEY GARDENS, DACEYVILLE

MANAGEMENT ISSUES & STRATEGIES

3.2.1 RECREATION & COMMEMORATIVE USE

- . The provision of open space at Dacey Gardens is suited to non-structured, passive recreation.
- . Dacey Gardens has to facilitate regular cultural and commemorative functions.
- . Ease of access and provision of seating is of most importance.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
<p>Ensure that the park satisfies the non-structured passive recreation needs of the community.</p> <p>Encourage the use of Dacey Gardens for a wide use of passive activities which are compatible with the commemorative role of the park.</p> <p>Resolve conflict between recreational requirements.</p>	<p>Identify the recreational requirements of users and the immediate community.</p> <p>Develop a list of appropriate activities as identified by user groups, Council staff and the community.</p> <p>Identify undesirable activities and incompatible users.</p> <p>Consider provision of new or upgraded facilities in order to facilitate the above.</p>	<p>Non-structured recreational requirements identified.</p> <p>List of appropriate activities produced</p> <p>List of unsuitable users produced. Appropriate signage installed at the park indicating appropriate and inappropriate use.</p> <p>Investigations carried out and recommendations produced. The upgraded master plan ultimately reflects the community requirements for the park</p>

3.2.2 ACCESS

- . Access to and through Dacey Gardens will ensure ongoing use by the community and ease of maintenance.
- . Access to the Dacey Gardens must not discriminate against potential users.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
Control vehicular access to the gardens.	General vehicular access to be prohibited and prevented.	Vehicular access to the gardens restricted.
To provide the users of the gardens with safe and convenient access to and through the park.	Allowance to be made for service and emergency vehicles to enter the park.	Ease of entry for service and emergency vehicles.
	Investigate opportunities to improve access for park users.	Opportunities to ensure access and linkages identified.
	Gates and barriers for vehicles to allow for pedestrian access.	Increase in ease of access and level of usage.
	Investigate linkages with other open space areas.	Linkages identified and recommendations made.
Increase the accessibility of the gardens to disabled users where appropriate.	Provide suitably graded paths and ramps where appropriate.	Increase in usage and ease of access to the facility by disabled users.

3.2.3 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

- . Present users and present facilities may need to be improved, expanded or altered within the next five years
- . Easements, licences and right of carriageways may have to be granted.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
Plan for changing user needs.	Undertake a Recreational Needs Study.	Recreational Needs Study carried out.
Ensure that the costs to the community for future development at Dacey Gardens are minimised.	Off-set the cost of development by actively seeking funding in the form of grants from Government sources.	Costs of future development to the community is minimised.
Allow for the installation of services where required.	As approved by Council and Statutory Authorities.	Facilities are adequately serviced, identified and located.
	Registration of appropriate easements.	

3.2.4 LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

- Development of Dacey Gardens should enhance the existing park features or features of value.
- The current area of the Dacey Gardens is adequate however upgrading is required.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
To enhance the park in a manner that is consistent with the local character and to improve visual amenity.	Upgrade the master plan for the gardens that draws on the positive characteristics of the locality.	Amenity of the park.
	Implement master plan.	Amenity of the park.
	Provide equipment and facilities that are consistent with the City's Corporate Identity Program.	Amenity of the park.
	Retain existing trees and other features of value.	Trees and other features retained.

3.2.5 COMMUNITY SPIRIT

- Community support and participation has been identified as important to the prosperity of Dacey Gardens.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
Facilitate community involvement in the planning & development of initiatives for the park.	Actively encourage community involvement through letter drops prior to any development within the park.	Community input into the development of a master plan for the park.
Maintain community interest, thereby ensuring long term success of the park.	Community and Council consultation process required during any future development of the master plan.	Park reflects the needs and concepts put forward by the community.
Minimise real and perceived adverse impacts on neighbouring properties caused by use of the gardens.	Identify potential and existing adverse impacts such as noise, litter and inappropriate usage.	List of adverse impacts completed.
	Liase with user groups and residents to foster a positive and harmonious relationship.	Positive feedback from the community.

3.2.6 SAFETY

- Measures need to be implemented to reduce the levels of vandalism and undesirable use of Dacey Gardens.
- To provide for public safety.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
Manage the gardens to ensure safe use and enjoyment by the community.	<p>Formulate and implement an inspection program to identify and eliminate all potential hazards</p> <p>Ensure weekly inspections of the gardens by Council's Rangers.</p> <p>Ensure that identification and information is conveyed through signage.</p> <p>Ensure that conflicting uses and dangerous activities are isolated through adequate fencing.</p>	<p>Inspection program formulated and implemented.</p> <p>Reduced level of vandalism and other undesirable use.</p> <p>Undesirable use of the park is reduced.</p> <p>Safety fence installed.</p>

3.2.7 ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT

- The success of Dacey Gardens will rely on efficient and effective management of the land for public recreation.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
<p>Provide an efficient, open and responsive administration and management system with clearly defined goals and areas of responsibility.</p> <p>To manage Dacey Gardens to maximise community benefit.</p>	<p>Develop and implement efficient and effective systems designed to make the best possible use of financial, human and natural resources.</p> <p>Be responsive to public suggestions, attend to public enquiries promptly, and provide accurate and useful information to the community as required.</p> <p>Promote Dacey Gardens in the community to raise public awareness of the facilities available.</p> <p>Develop a structure of fees and charges which relates to the facilities available and is in line with Council's policy of subsidised use for community groups.</p>	<p>Cost- effectiveness of management systems</p> <p>Level of community satisfaction or amount of positive feedback.</p> <p>Level of usage of the facilities by the public.</p> <p>Annual review of fees and charges.</p>

3.2.8 MAINTENANCE

The success of Dacey Gardens will rely on regular maintenance by Council to provide a high quality recreational facility.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
Develop a system of consistent and regular checking and maintenance of all facilities in the gardens.	Develop maintenance programs for the reserve.	Amenity of the reserve.
Ensure that Dacey Gardens is maintained and inspected by staff with appropriate skills.	Implement reserve asset management program.	Amenity of the reserve.
	Employment and training of staff with suitable skills to maintain the reserve.	Amenity of the reserve.
Ensure that identification and information is conveyed through signage.	Weekly inspection of the park by the Parks Supervisor.	Amenity of the reserve.
All facilities in the gardens to comply with relevant Australian Standard.	Appropriate signage installed in accordance with City identity.	Reduced level of vandalism and other undesirable use resulting in reduction of maintenance.
	All new equipment to comply with Australian Standards.	Compliance with Australian Standards.

Formal Gardens

3.3 GAIARINE GARDENS, PAGEWOOD PARK (22)^{12.01}

This land is owned in part by the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning and the City of Botany Bay and has been dedicated as open space and placed in the care, control and management of the City of Botany Bay. The remainder of the Gardens is owned by the State Rail Authority (SRA). The SRA lease the land adjacent to the railway to the Council at a nominal rent. The land was classified as "Community Land" in accordance with the transitional provisions in Schedule 7, Clause 6 of the Local Government Act 1993. The land is zoned 6(a) Open Space, recreation under Botany Bay City Council's Local Environment Plan 1995.

The Gardens are made up of two titles, those being Lot 1, DP 954176 owned by the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning and Part Portion DP 834664 owned by the SRA. There are deeds of agreement with Laporte Chemicals and Australian Paper Manufacturers for the use of pumps and bores within the Gardens.

The site is approximately 1.1516 hectares or 11 516 square metres in area and is bounded by Banksia Street to the north, Ocean Street to the east and the Port Botany freight line to the south west. Located in Pagewood the Park serves the residential areas surrounding it however there is some residual industrial land use on the southern side of the railway line which is easily seen from the park. A level pedestrian crossing provides access to the park for residents living on the southern side of the railway line however with increased use of the line by freight trains. Safety of the crossing is questionable. The main form of transport to the Gardens would be by car, for which there is ample on street parking, and by bus which travels along nearby Page Street. Noise from the intermittent trains is the only adverse impact on the Gardens.

HISTORY

This originally unnamed park was acquired from Australian Paper Manufacturers Ltd by the Department of Planning for recreational use in 1984. A lease was established with the SRA in 1986 to extend the area of park land and the entire area was maintained in an undeveloped state until 1989 when upgrading commenced.

On the 24th August 1988 the Council resolved to dedicate this park on the corner of Banksia and Ocean Streets, Pagewood to the City of Botany Bay's sister-city, Gaiarine. Gaiarine is a township in Italy and is the origin of many of the City's residents, both immigrants and their descendants.

The landscape design for the Park was chosen from designs prepared by Landscape

Architecture students at the nearby University of New South Wales. Martin O'Dea's concept was chosen as it incorporated distinctive features of both the Italian formal gardens and those of the untamed Australian bush.

The pergola, formal gardens and the majority of the planting was installed in 1989. In 1991

further works were carried out including the installation of the entrance walls and paving, the decorative pots, commemorative plaques, and more structural planting prior to the official opening of the Gardens in January 1992. Dignitaries from Gaiarine, local expatriate Italian families and friends and local residents were invited for the opening and many functions have been held since, celebrating the contribution made by Italian residents to the community.

RECREATIONAL USE

Gaiarine Gardens is a local park used by the immediate community for passive recreation with the childrens play ground attracting many local children whilst seating is provided for adults. The Gardens serve the wider community as a regional park for regular cultural gatherings and family gatherings such as weddings and informal picnicking.

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

Gaiarine Gardens was developed in 1989 to commemorate the close association with the City of Botany Bay's sister city Gaiarine, in Italy. This has been reflected in the concept that was developed for the gardens. Two landscape themes were chosen to represent the two cultures of Italy and Australia. The formal Italian renaissance garden and the untamed Australian bush are the two themes combined in Gaiarine Gardens which are gradually taking shape as the planting matures.

An axis from the main entrance on the corner of Banksia and Ocean streets cuts the park in two. Each side of the park has been developed with its relevant theme in mind. Formal Italian gardens are represented on the Ocean Street side by the parterre gardens containing Lavender and other flowering perennials. Species of plants typically found in Italy, such as Conifers, Pines and Olives have been used in the garden. The main axis is delineated by the main access path constructed from gravel and brick paving. On either side of this path are symbolic Avenues of Olives and Banksias, *Banksia serrata*.. The Banksias provide a formal edge to the more informal Australian side of the garden which lies on the railway side of the axis. This side of the park has an area of open grass which is screened from the railway line and industrial sites beyond by an undulating mounded area covered with a mixture of Australian shrubs and trees.

The focal point of the gardens is the unusual pergola covered in ornamental grapevines and surrounded by Irises. The pergola is located on the axis dissecting the park. On the axis, beyond the pergola are views out over the industrial area to Botany Bay. The axis has been left uncharacteristically open to maximise these views.

Gaiarine Gardens was first developed in 1989 and therefore the planting is still becoming established. Despite the youth of the tree planting some distinctive enclosed areas within the gardens are starting to develop and its designed structure becoming evident. Recent shrub planting is providing vegetative screens and colourful perennials have enlivened the park.

A small playground surrounded by a Murraya hedge is located adjacent to the pergola. Once established the hedge will act as a fence to prevent children running onto the road. This playground provides a colourful and entertaining location for children to play.

MAINTENANCE

Gaiarine Gardens is well maintained by a full time gardener assisted by roving parks maintenance gangs when required.

There is no lighting other than that provided by the street lighting located in Ocean Street. Large trees on the Banksia Street frontage prevent light flowing into the park from the street lights on this boundary.

Water is provided by a bore owned by Australian Paper Mills and mains supply.

3.3 GAIARINE GARDENS, PAGEWOOD

MANAGEMENT ISSUES & STRATEGIES

3.3.1 RECREATION & COMMEMORATIVE USE

- . The provision of open space at Gaiarine Gardens is suited to non-structured, passive recreation.
- . Provision of facilities for cultural and commemorative functions is a requirement of this park.
- . Ease of access and provision of seating is of most importance.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
<p>Ensure that the park satisfies the non-structured passive recreation needs of the community.</p> <p>Encourage the use of Gaiarine Gardens for a wide use of passive activities which are compatible with the commemorative role of the park.</p>	<p>Identify the recreational requirements of users and the immediate community.</p> <p>Develop a list of appropriate activities as identified by user groups, Council staff and the community.</p> <p>Identify undesirable activities and incompatible users.</p> <p>Consider provision of new or upgraded facilities in order to facilitate the above.</p>	<p>Non-structured recreational requirements identified.</p> <p>List of appropriate activities produced</p> <p>List of unsuitable users produced. Appropriate signage installed at the park indicating appropriate and inappropriate use.</p> <p>Investigations carried out and recommendations produced. The upgraded master plan ultimately reflects the community requirements for the park</p>

3.3.2 ACCESS

- . Access to and through the Gaiarine Gardens will ensure ongoing use by the community and ease of maintenance.
- . Access to Gaiarine Gardens must not discriminate against potential users.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
Control vehicular access to the park.	General vehicular access to be prohibited and prevented.	Vehicular access to the park restricted.
To provide the users of the park with safe and convenient access to and through the park.	Allowance to be made for service and emergency vehicles to enter the park.	Ease of entry for service and emergency vehicles.
	Investigate opportunities to improve access for park users.	Opportunities to ensure access and linkages identified.
	Gates and barriers for vehicles to allow for pedestrian access.	Increase in ease of access and level of usage.
	Investigate linkages with other open space areas.	Linkages identified and recommendations made.
Increase the accessibility of the park to disabled users where appropriate.	Provide suitably graded paths and ramps where appropriate.	Increase in usage and ease of access to the facility by disabled users.

3.3.3 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

- . Present users and present facilities may need to be improved, expanded or altered within the next five years
- . Easements, licences and right of carriageways may need to be granted.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
Plan for changing user needs.	Undertake a Recreational Needs Study.	Recreational Needs Study carried out.
Ensure that the costs to the community for future development at Gaiarine Gardens are minimised.	Off-set the cost of development by actively seeking funding in the form of grants from Government sources.	Costs of future development to the community is minimised.
Allow for the installation of services where required.	As approved by Council and Statutory Authorities.	Facilities are adequately serviced, identified and located.
	Registration of appropriate easements	

3.3.4 LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

- . Development of Gaiarine Gardens should enhance the existing park features or features of value.
- . The current area of the Gaiarine Gardens is adequate however upgrading is required.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
To enhance the park in a manner that is consistent with the local character and to improve visual amenity.	Upgrade the master plan for the park that draws on the positive characteristics of the locality.	Amenity of the park.
	Implement master plan.	Amenity of the park.
	Provide equipment and facilities that are consistent with Council's Corporate Identity Program.	Amenity of the park.
	Retain existing trees and other features of value.	Trees and other features retained.

3.3.5 COMMUNITY SPIRIT

- . Community support and participation has been identified as important to the prosperity of Gaiarine Gardens.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
Facilitate community involvement in the planning & development of initiatives for the park.	Actively encourage community involvement through letter drops prior to any development within the park.	Community input into the development of a master plan for the park.
Maintain community interest, thereby ensuring long term success of the park.	Community and Council consultation process required during any future development of the master plan.	Park reflects the needs and concepts put forward by the community.
Minimise real and perceived adverse impacts on neighbouring properties caused by use of the park.	Identify potential and existing adverse impacts such as noise, litter and inappropriate usage.	List of adverse impacts completed.
	Liase with user groups and residents to foster a positive and harmonious relationship.	Positive feedback from the community.

3.3.6 SAFETY

- . Measures need to be implemented to reduce the levels of vandalism and

undesirable use of this Park.

- . Lighting is required to improve the level of safety.
- . To provide for public safety.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
Manage the park to ensure safe use and enjoyment by the community.	<p>Ensure that there is adequate provision of lighting (where possible indirect lighting).</p> <p>Formulate and implement an inspection program to identify and eliminate all potential hazards</p> <p>Ensure weekly inspections of the park by Council's Rangers.</p> <p>Ensure that identification and information is conveyed through signage.</p>	<p>Visibility of all areas of the park at night.</p> <p>Inspection program formulated and implemented.</p> <p>Reduced level of vandalism and other undesirable use.</p> <p>Undesirable use of the park is reduced.</p>

3.3.7 ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT

- . The success of Gaiarine Gardens will rely on efficient and effective management of the land for public recreation.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
<p>Provide an efficient, open and responsive administration and management system with clearly defined goals and areas of responsibility.</p> <p>To manage the Park to maximise community benefit.</p>	<p>Develop and implement efficient and effective systems designed to make the best possible use of financial, human and natural resources.</p> <p>Be responsive to public suggestions, attend to public enquiries promptly, and provide accurate and useful information to the community as required.</p> <p>Promote Gaiarine Gardens in the community to raise public awareness of the facilities available.</p> <p>Develop a structure of fees and charges which relates to the facilities available and is in line with Council's policy of subsidised use for community groups.</p>	<p>Cost- effectiveness of management systems</p> <p>Level of community satisfaction or amount of positive feedback.</p> <p>Level of usage of the park facilities by the public.</p> <p>Annual review of fees and charges.</p>

3.3.8 MAINTENANCE

- . The success of Gaiarine Gardens will rely on regular maintenance by Council to provide a high quality recreational facility.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
<p>Develop a system of consistent and regular checking and maintenance of all facilities in the park.</p> <p>Ensure that the park is maintained and inspected by staff with appropriate skills.</p> <p>Ensure that identification and information is conveyed through signage.</p> <p>All facilities in the park to comply with relevant Australian Standard.</p>	<p>Develop maintenance programs for the park.</p> <p>Implement park asset management program.</p> <p>Employment and training of staff with suitable skills to maintain the park.</p> <p>Weekly inspection of the park by the Parks Supervisor.</p> <p>Appropriate signage installed in accordance with City identity.</p> <p>All new equipment to comply with Australian Standards.</p>	<p>Amenity of the park.</p> <p>Amenity of the park.</p> <p>Amenity of the park.</p> <p>Amenity of the park.</p> <p>Reduced level of vandalism and other undesirable use resulting in reduction of maintenance.</p> <p>Compliance with Australian Standards.</p>

3.4 MASCOT MEMORIAL PARK, MASCOT

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This land is owned by the City of Botany Bay. The land was classified as Community Land' in accordance with the transitional provisions in Schedule 7, Clause 6 of the Local Government Act 1993. The land is zoned 6(a) Recreation under the City of Botany Bay Council's Local Environment Plan 1995.

Mascot Memorial Park is located on three titles these being Lot I in DP 72528, Lot 2 in DP 611027 and Part Portion 136 of DP 611027. A sub-station owned by Sydney Electricity is located on the south east corner of Mascot Memorial Park. Access to the sub-station is from Aloha Street.

The site is approximately 2.3 hectares or 23000 square metres in area and is bounded by Aloha and Coward Streets and Botany Road to the west, north and east respectively and residential properties lie on the southern boundary. The park is located in an area dominated by residential landuse. A small area of commercial landuse, Council's offices and the Mascot Town Hall, is situated on the opposite side of Botany Road. The park is readily accessible, being located on busy Botany Road which is well serviced by public buses whilst nearby streets, in particular Aloha Street, are used for parking. Noise emanating from heavy traffic using Botany Road and Coward Street impacts upon the park.

HISTORY

Mascot Memorial Park was acquired in 1920 from executors of the Estate of the late William Parker for three thousand pounds. Improvements to the park were carried out by a large contingent of local volunteer labour at a additional cost to Council of two thousand pounds.

It is fitting that this parcel of land is owned by the City as it was the site of the first North Botany Council meeting which was held on June 11th, 1888 in the cottage belonging to William Parker, one of the original aldermen. The cottage has since been demolished and a small monument to its existence was removed during recent works. It is not known if the monument is to be replaced within the park.

The WWI Memorial on the corner of Botany Road and Coward Street was initiated by Alderman T. H. Hicks on his election as Mayor of Mascot in January 1920 and he laid the foundation stone later that year, on the 4th of December, 1920. Restoration of the Memorial and upgrading of the area surrounding was carried out by the City in 1995 for the 50th Anniversary of the end of WWII. During the work additional memorial stones were installed recognising Australian soldiers from the local area who had lost their lives in wars since World War One.

Further information regarding the parks history will be entered when available.

RECREATIONAL USE

Mascot Memorial Park is used extensively by the immediate and wider community for passive recreation, as are the facilities for active recreation (the Aloha Street tennis courts and

a playground for children). The passive uses vary from large cultural and commemorative functions to smaller gatherings for weddings and picnicking. The park is well utilised by workers from nearby offices who meet for lunch and sit in some of the more tranquil areas whilst a large number of pedestrians utilise the park to escape the noise of roadside footpaths. The Mascot Senior Citizens which is located in the park also provides a meeting place community groups, as does the Family Day Care Centre.

CHARACTERISTICS AND RESOURCES

Mascot Memorial Park is in essence a formal garden located in a prominent corner position opposite the Coronation Hall and is structured around the Memorial after which it is named. The original formal layout of trees, palms and shrub hedges has been lost in recent years as age and disease have taken their toll. The most notable planting remaining is the quadrangle of Cottonwoods, *Populus deltoides*, which can be seen from streets surrounding the park and creates a grand outdoor space which has been used for civic functions.

The other significant plantings include the original Canary Island Date palms and Willows that were planted in the garden surrounding the Parker cottage, possibly in the late 1800's. Many of these have been affected by disease and have either already been removed or are in a state of decline. These remaining significant trees, along with the mature Olive trees along Coward Street, the Plane trees along Botany Road and scattered Eucalypts within the park provide a sense of majesty as well as shade and shelter for park users.

Mascot Memorial Park has undergone considerable change in the past year with removal of a large amount of Privet hedge and Robinia and Poplar suckers which had started to overrun the garden beds and encroach on lawn areas. This has left the Park looking far more spacious and open to views from the street.

Upgrading of the World War 11 Memorial, Smedley's old cottage which is now used by Family Day Care and the Coward Street annual beds has transformed this frontage of the Park into a vibrant commemoration to the community along this otherwise dull arterial road. The spiral and curved annual and perennial beds wind along Coward Street and the recently planted line of Backhousia to the south of the garden beds will provide an attractive evergreen backdrop once they mature. A similar treatment of the annual beds is proposed along Botany Road however it is unknown when funding will be available for this work.

Widening of Botany Road has encroached on the eastern boundary of the park necessitating the construction of a brick retaining wall as the park is lower than the road. This road widening has also resulted in the displacement of the axis and symmetry of design on which the Memorial was initially designed. The existing annual and rose beds and to some extent, the Memorial, along Botany Road are obscured from the road by the brick retaining wall which doubles as a safety fence. This same wall screens the road and diverts some of the noise from traffic away from the park, helping to create a sense of tranquillity.

Despite the rose beds providing colour they are in poor condition and over a period of time they have become run down and the edges of the garden beds, misshapen.

A pathway winds from an entrance off Botany Road, through the rose gardens, to an old timber pergola, and beyond, to a dilapidated fountain and pond. The pond and pergola were once a popular backdrop for weddings. Nearby is an attractive palm grove which provides a screen of the unappealing gardeners amenities building located adjacent to the southern boundary.

Buildings in Mascot Memorial Park include Mascot Senior Citizens, a charming old cottage converted into accommodation for Family Day Care and the dark brick amenities building associated with the tennis courts. These buildings are located predominantly on the Aloha Street frontage and have little adverse impact upon the amenity of the park.

An unattractive toilet block is located adjacent to the Memorial. During recent upgrading of the park, lattice and additional planting have been installed to minimise the impact of the building.

The original children's playground on the Aloha Street frontage has been upgraded recently with the installation of attractive new play equipment and interesting garden beds. The garden beds will prevent children running onto the street once they have become established.

The Park is well lit with standard lighting provided by Sydney Electricity. Additional exterior lighting has been installed on buildings in an effort to discourage vandalism, in particular graffiti. The WWII Memorial has uplighting and the bud lighting adorns the Plane trees along Botany Road creating an attractive display at night.

MAINTENANCE

The Park is maintained by a full time gardener and roving parks maintenance gangs when required. A storage shed is located in the park for the gardener which is accessed via a unit paved pathway that cuts through the park from Coward Street. This pathway is also utilised by park users.

Water for the park is provided by a bore and mains supply.

3.4 MASCOT MEMORIAL PARK, MASCOT

Formal Gardens PARK (41)

MANAGEMENT ISSUES & STRATEGIES

3.4.1 RECREATION & COMMEMORATIVE USE

- . The provision of open space at Mascot Memorial Park is suited to non-structured, passive recreation.
- . Mascot Memorial Park is to provide facilities for the cultural and commemorative functions that occur in the park
- . Ease of access and provision of seating is of most importance.
- . The commemorative role of Mascot Memorial Park is not to be compromised by leases and licences of facilities in the park.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
<p>Ensure that the park satisfies the non-structured passive recreation needs of the community.</p> <p>Encourage the use of Mascot Memorial Park for a wide use of passive activities which are compatible with the commemorative role of the park.</p> <p>Ensure that leases and licences of facilities in the park meet community needs without compromising the commemorative role of Mascot Memorial Park.</p> <p>Resolve conflict between recreational requirements.</p>	<p>Identify the recreational requirements of users and the immediate community.</p> <p>Develop a list of appropriate activities as identified by user groups, Council staff and the community.</p> <p>Identify undesirable activities and incompatible users.</p> <p>Utilise the above information to ascertain the suitability of leases and licences.</p> <p>Consider provision of new or upgraded facilities in order to facilitate the above.</p>	<p>Non-structured recreational requirements identified.</p> <p>List of appropriate activities produced</p> <p>List of unsuitable users produced. Appropriate signage installed at the park indicating appropriate and inappropriate use.</p> <p>Positive feedback from the community.</p> <p>Investigations carried out and recommendations produced. The upgraded master plan ultimately reflects the community requirements for the park.</p>

3.4.2 ACCESS

- . Access to and through Mascot Memorial Park will ensure ongoing use by the community and ease of maintenance.
- . Access to the Park must not discriminate against potential users.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
<p>Control vehicular access to the park.</p> <p>To provide the users of the park with safe and convenient access to and through the park.</p> <p>Increase the accessibility of the park to disabled users where appropriate.</p>	<p>General vehicular access to be prohibited and prevented.</p> <p>Allowance to be made for service and emergency vehicles to enter the park.</p> <p>Investigate opportunities to improve access for park users.</p> <p>Gates and barriers for vehicles to allow for pedestrian access.</p> <p>Investigate linkages with other open space areas.</p> <p>Provide suitably graded paths and ramps where appropriate.</p>	<p>Vehicular access to the park restricted.</p> <p>Ease of entry for service and emergency vehicles.</p> <p>Opportunities to ensure access and linkages identified.</p> <p>Increase in ease of access and level of usage.</p> <p>Linkages identified and recommendations made.</p> <p>Increase in usage and ease of access to the facility by disabled users.</p>

3.4.3 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

- . Present users and present facilities may need to be improved, expanded or altered within the next five years
- . Easements, licences and right of carriageways may be required.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
<p>Plan for changing user needs.</p> <p>Ensure that the costs to the community for future development at Mascot Memorial Park are minimised.</p> <p>Allow for the installation of services where required.</p>	<p>Undertake a Recreational Needs Study.</p> <p>Off-set the cost of development by actively seeking funding in the form of grants from Government sources.</p> <p>As approved by Council and Statutory Authorities.</p> <p>Registration of appropriate easements.</p>	<p>Recreational Needs Study carried out.</p> <p>Costs of future development to the community is minimised.</p> <p>Facilities are adequately serviced, identified and located.</p>

3.4.4 LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

- . Development of Mascot Memorial Park should enhance the existing park features or features of value.
- . The current area of the Mascot Memorial Park is adequate however upgrading is required.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
To enhance the park in a manner that is consistent with the local character and to improve visual amenity.	<p>Upgrade the master plan for the park that draws on the positive characteristics of the locality.</p> <p>Implement master plan.</p> <p>Provide equipment and facilities that are consistent with the City's Corporate Identity Program keeping in mind the park's heritage.</p> <p>Retain existing trees and other features of value.</p>	<p>Amenity of the park.</p> <p>Amenity of the park.</p> <p>Amenity of the park.</p> <p>Trees and other features retained.</p>

3.4.5 COMMUNITY SPIRIT

The success of Mascot Memorial Park is dependent on community support and participation. The residents have demonstrated in the past a willingness to help plan and watch over this park.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
<p>Facilitate community involvement in the planning & development of initiatives for the park.</p> <p>Maintain community interest, thereby ensuring long term success of the park.</p> <p>Minimise real and perceived adverse impacts on neighbouring properties caused by use of the Park.</p>	<p>Actively encourage community involvement through letter drops prior to any development within the park.</p> <p>Community and Council consultation process required during any future development of the master plan.</p> <p>Identify potential and existing adverse impacts such as noise, litter and inappropriate usage.</p> <p>Liaise with user groups and residents to foster a positive and harmonious relationship.</p>	<p>Community input into the development of a master plan for the park.</p> <p>Park reflects the needs and concepts put forward by the community.</p> <p>List of adverse impacts completed.</p> <p>Positive feedback from the community.</p>

3.4.6 SAFETY

- . Measures need to be implemented to reduce the levels of vandalism and undesirable use of Mascot Memorial Park.
- . To provide for public safety.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
Manage the park to ensure safe use and enjoyment by the community.	<p>Formulate and implement an inspection program to identify and eliminate all potential hazards</p> <p>Ensure weekly inspections of the park by Council's Rangers.</p> <p>Ensure that identification and information is conveyed through signage.</p> <p>Ensure that conflicting uses and dangerous activities are isolated through adequate fencing.</p>	<p>Inspection program formulated and implemented.</p> <p>Reduced level of vandalism and other undesirable use.</p> <p>Undesirable use of the park is reduced.</p> <p>Safety fence installed.</p>

3.4.7 ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT

The success of Mascot Memorial Park will rely on efficient and effective management of the land for public recreation.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
<p>Provide an efficient, open and responsive administration and management system with clearly defined goals and areas of responsibility.</p> <p>To manage the Park to maximise community benefit.</p>	<p>Develop and implement efficient and effective systems designed to make the best possible use of financial, human and natural resources.</p> <p>Be responsive to public suggestions, attend to public enquiries promptly, and provide accurate and useful information to the community as required.</p> <p>Promote Mascot Memorial Park in the community to raise public awareness of the facilities available.</p> <p>Liaise with the RSL to ensure that the commemorative requirements of the park are met.</p> <p>Develop a structure of fees and charges which relates to the facilities available and is in line with Council's policy of subsidised use for community groups.</p>	<p>Cost- effectiveness of management systems</p> <p>Level of community satisfaction or amount of positive feedback.</p> <p>Level of usage of the Park facilities by the public.</p> <p>Satisfaction of user groups as determined by feedback.</p> <p>Annual review of fees and charges.</p>

3.4.8 MAINTENANCE

The success of Mascot Memorial Park will rely on regular maintenance by Council to provide a high quality recreational facility.

OBJECTIVES	MEANS OF	MANNER OF
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	ACHIEVEMENT	ASSESSMENT
Develop a system of consistent and regular checking and maintenance of all facilities in the park.	Develop maintenance programs for the park.	Amenity of the park.
	Implement park asset management program.	Amenity of the park.
Ensure that the park is maintained and inspected by staff with appropriate skills.	Employment and training of staff with suitable skills to maintain the park.	Amenity of the park.
	Weekly inspection of the park by the Parks Supervisor.	Amenity of the park.
Ensure that identification and information is conveyed through signage.	Appropriate signage installed in accordance with City identity.	Reduced level of vandalism and other undesirable use resulting in reduction of maintenance.
All facilities in the park to comply with relevant Australian Standard.	All new equipment to comply with Australian Standards.	Compliance with Australian Standards.