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| 1. Bressington Park | 21. Davey Square Memorial Reserve | 41. Palmer Reserve |
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| 3. Wentworth Reserve | 23. Strathfield Square | 43. Humphries Reserve |
| 4. Allen Street Reserve (Ismay Reserve) | 24. Inveresk Park | 44. Edwards Park |
| 5. Ismay Reserve | 25. Frank Zions Reserve | 45. St Annes Reserve |
| 6. Austin Park | 26. Boden Reserve | 46. Dean Reserve |
| 7. Bill Boyce Reserve | 27. Redmyre Road Croquet Lawns | 47. Ford Park |
| 8. Henley Reserve | 28. Mt Royal Reserve | 48. Water Reserve |
| 9. Airey Park | 29. Centenary Playground | 49. Maria Reserve |
| 10. Augustus Loftus Reserve | 30. Todman Reserve | 50. Cooke Park |
| 11. Slater Reserve | 31. Florence Reserve | 51. Southern Tennis |
| 12. Shortland Reserve Gardens | 32. Cosgrove Reserve | 52. Elliott Reserve |
| 13. Melville Reserve | 33. Pemberton Reserve | 53. Bark Hut Reserve |
| 14. Sutherland Gardens | 34. Freshwater Park | 54. Beggall Field |
| 15. Tavistock Reserve | 35. Marlene Reserve | 55. Cox's Creek Reserve |
| 16. Fitzgerald Park | 36. Wallis Reserve | 56. Drew St Playground |
| 17. Laker Reserve | 37. Chain of Ponds Reserve | 57. Nichol Reserve |
| 18. Hudson Park | 38. Strathfield Park | 58. Coronation Reserve |
| 19. Lowe's Garden | 39. Thew Reserve | 59. South Cooks River Land |
| 20. Pilgrim Park | 40. Fitzgerald Reserve | 60. Chiswick Reserve |
| | | 61. Greenacre Frog Ponds |

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1. Introduction

1.1 Title

This plan is titled Southend Tennis Centre Plan of Management.

The current plan was exhibited from 30 September to 11 December 2020. A public hearing was held on 15 October 2020 concerning land categorisations. The plan was adopted by Council resolution at the meeting of 1 December 2020.

This plan of management applies to land on which the Southend Tennis Centre including the carpark is sited. The land is bounded at south by the Cooks River, west by Maria Street, north by residential properties facing Chiswick Street and east by 'Chiswick Reserve'. The street address of the centre is 22 Chiswick Street Strathfield South. There are entries to the site from Chiswick Street (pedestrian) and Maria Street (vehicle).

The land in Southend Tennis Centre categorised as Natural Area (bushland) is included in the Cooks River Natural Area (Bushland) Plan of Management.

Ownership, lot details and zoning information is set out in Table 1 (information from Council Geographical Information System (GIS) 2019).

The location map of Southend Tennis Centre is set out in Figure 1.

Table 1 – Ownership, title and zoning details

Owner	Lot Details	Zoning Strathfield LEP 2012
Strathfield Council	Lot 1 DP 842991	RE1 - Public Recreation

Figure 1 – Southend Tennis Centre Location Map

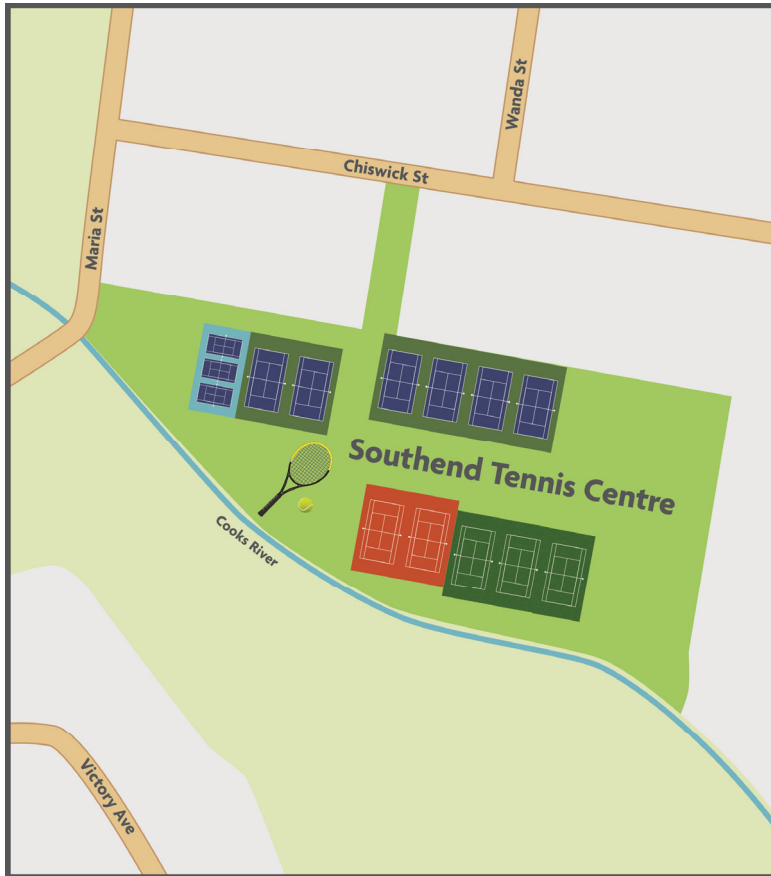


Figure 1 - Major Infrastructure

Figure 2 indicates the location of pipeline(s) and the associated buffer zone in Airey Park. Approval and consent is required for minor works.



Location of underground pipeline in Southend Tennis Centre



Buffer zone associated with pipeline in Southend Tennis Centre

1.2 Purpose of this Plan of Management

The *Local Government Act 1993* and amendments to the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* require all public land including Crown Reserves, owned or managed by Council, to be classified as either 'community' land or 'operational' land. Land classified as 'community' land must be managed and used in accordance with an adopted Plan of Management. The land described in this Plan of Management is classified as community land.

Plans of Management are developed by Council in consultation with the community. A Plan of Management describes the features of the community land and outlines how the land may be managed and used, consistent with land categorisations, core objectives and zoning, to provide a transparent and co-ordinated approach to public land management.

The purpose of this Plan of Management is to:

- contribute to the strategic goals and vision as set out in the Strathfield Community Strategic Plan
- ensure compliance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and relevant legislation and guidelines
- provide clarity regarding use and access to the community land as described in this plan.

1.3 Contents of this Plan of Management

This Plan of Management is divided into the following sections, as outlined in Table 2.

Table 2 – Structure of this Plan of Management

Section	What does it include?
1. Introduction	Title, land covered by plan, purpose, contents and review of the plan
2. About the Strathfield LGA	Recognition of traditional custodians, Strathfield LGA snapshot, trends, community vision, legislative and policy framework, and references.
3. Land – category, classification, use and access	Site description, land use/history, land categories and classifications, maps, use of land and structures, environmental features, condition of land and structures and heritage.
4. Land Uses	Permissible uses and development, scale and intensity of use, authorisation of leases, licences and short term uses.
5. Management of the land	Objectives, performance targets, means and manner for assessment of performance

1.4. Change and Review of Plan of Management

This Plan of Management will require regular review in order to align with community values and changing community needs, and to reflect changes in Council priorities. The performance of this Plan of Management will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure the use of land and structures is well maintained and consistent with Council's strategic objectives and community values.

Strategic reviews of this Plan of Management will be required where there is significant change to legislation, land ownership/management or proposed land use. Regular reviews should occur at five (5) year intervals.

2. About the Strathfield Local Government Area

2.1 Recognition of Traditional Custodians

Strathfield Council acknowledges the Wangal people, the traditional Custodians of the lands on which the Strathfield area is located. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

2.2 Snapshot of Strathfield Local Government Area (LGA)

The Strathfield Local Government Area (LGA) is well known for transport connections, educational opportunities, attractive streetscapes, parks, heritage and buildings. The Strathfield LGA is centrally located in Sydney's Inner West, approximately 10.5 kilometres from the Sydney CBD and half way between Parramatta and the Sydney CBD. The LGA includes the suburbs of Strathfield (postcode 2135), Strathfield South (2136), Homebush (2140), Homebush West (2140), part of Belfield (2191) and part of Greenacre (2190). Sydney Markets (postcode 2129) is also located within Strathfield LGA.

Strathfield LGA is well known for its extensive green open spaces and high quality recreational facilities, which enhance the liveability, amenity and sustainability of the local area. The Strathfield LGA has a total area of approximately 1390 ha (13.9km²) with 104 ha of the total area being public open space (2018 estimates). There is currently 9.06 ha of remnant bushland in the LGA and about 6 ha is under Council management.

In 2019, the estimated residential LGA population was about 47,000 residents and by 2041, the resident population is estimated to reach over 80,000 people (NSW Planning 2019). The growing population and accompanying building density will increase demand for access to and usage of available open space and community facilities. Therefore, management of community land is of critical important to current and future communities.

Open spaces range from regional and district sporting grounds to smaller local parks and reserves. Significant parks with major sporting facilities include Airey Park, Bressington Park, Bark Huts Reserve, Begnell Field, Cooke Park, Hudson Park, Mason Park and Strathfield Park. Many local biodiversity conservation and habitat connectivity priority areas, including flora and fauna assets, are located within Strathfield LGA's parks and reserves. A number of connected parks and open spaces form the Cooks River Foreshore open space network, an important local and regional habitat corridor and pedestrian and cycle transport connection.

Strathfield LGA also provides many community facilities, located on community land including meeting rooms, halls and community centres which are available for hire by groups and individuals for sporting, community, recreation, social and other purposes.

2.3 Strathfield LGA community and recreational trends

Some of the challenges facing the Strathfield LGA include increasing and competing demands for public open space and community facilities. Strathfield Council is strongly focused on identifying and meeting the current and future needs of the Strathfield community in a sustainable manner.

Recent community engagement and analysis of social and recreational trends indicate increasing participation in recreation, sporting and leisure activities such as organised team sports, walking, cycling, running, aerobic fitness and dog walking. There is increased demand for access to community and recreation facilities, outdoor and indoor.

Priorities for Council involve increasing the capacity of local community facilities, parks and sportsgrounds, developing new community and recreational facilities as required and ensuring equity of access to land and facilities, to meet changing and diverse needs.

2.4 Community Vision and Key Strategic Directions

The community vision describes the community's aspirations for the future of the Strathfield Local Government Area by 2030:

"Strathfield is a culturally diverse and socially cohesive community with respect for its heritage and environment and proud of its well-connected transport, business and educational institutions".

Strathfield 2030 is the community strategic plan for the Strathfield Local Government Area until 2030. The plan was developed following extensive community engagement and is divided into the key themes of Connectivity, Community Wellbeing, Civic Pride and Management. Liveable Neighbourhoods and Responsible Leadership

This plan is aligned with the Strathfield Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) which defines the long term vision for land use and infrastructure provisions within the Strathfield LGA and supports place within the Greater Sydney and District planning frameworks. This plan of management aligns with the LSPS Priority P13 'Biodiversity and ecological health and resiliency is conserved, restored and enhanced' and Priority P15 'Quality Open Spaces and thriving green corridors offset the impacts of growth across the LGA' and action plan A93 to review and prepare new plans of management.

2.5 Legislative and Policy Framework

The following legislation and policies provide a framework for the preparation of this Plan of Management.

Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) (LG Act) requires the preparation of Plans of Management (POMs) for Council owned land, and requires all community land to be categorised.

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW) (EP&A Act) is the principal planning legislation for NSW, that provides a framework for the environmental planning and assessment of development proposals and preparation of environmental planning instruments (including the Local Environmental Plan or LEP).

Crown Lands Management Act 2016 (NSW) (CLM Act) governs the planning, management and use of Crown land, including provisions to reserve or dedicate lands for a prescribed public purpose and for leasing and licensing. Crown land under Council management requires classification and categorisations under the LG Act and preparation of Plans of Management.

Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (NSW) (BC Act) requires that Councils consider the impact on threatened species, populations and communities in fulfilling their statutory responsibilities under the EP&A Act for development approvals. It also covers management of threatened species and communities on Council owned lands.

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Commonwealth) (EPBC Act) provides a national scheme for environmental protection and biodiversity conservation, and incorporates referral mechanisms and environmental impact assessment processes for projects of national significance.

State Environmental Planning Policy 19 – Bushland in Urban Areas aims to protect and preserve bushland in the Sydney Metropolitan area. The SEPP is concerned with disturbances and development affecting bushland areas.

Companion Animal Act 1998 (NSW) requires the identification and registration of companion animals (e.g. cats and dogs) and sets out the duties and responsibilities in relation to management of animals and specific areas of land.

Local Land Services Act 2013 (NSW) provides a framework to ensure the proper management of natural resources in the social, economic and environmental interests of the State. Strathfield is part of the Greater Sydney Local Land Services (GSLLS), which provides guidance on matters such as community engagement, biosecurity and weeds.

Also relevant are:

- Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (NSW)
- Water Management Act 2000 (NSW)
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (NSW) and Disability Inclusion Act 2014 (NSW)
- Biosecurity Act 2015 (NSW)
- Fisheries Management Act 1994 (NSW)
- Rural Fires Act 1997 (NSW)
- National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NSW)

Related Strathfield Council policies and plans

- Strathfield Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and Action Plan 2020-2030
- Strathfield 2030 Community Strategic Plan (CSP)
- Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2012 and Development Control Plans 2005
- Strathfield Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) 2020
- Disability Inclusion Plan 2020-2024

2.6 References

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3. Land – category, classification, use and access

3.1 Description of site

Southend Tennis Centre is located adjacent to the Cooks River in Strathfield South with entry to the site from Maria Street (vehicle) and Chiswick Street (pedestrian). The Tennis Centre includes three synthetic grass courts, six hard courts, two clay courts and one court featuring three mini hot shots courts. There is a carpark with entry from Maria Street.

There are two small buildings on site, a pro shop and clubhouse. The pro shop has a shop, office and storage. The clubhouse has amenities and storage. The total area for Southend Tennis Centre is 1.41 hectares.

The centre is accessible via the Bay to Bay Shared Pathway. The land also contains a habitat corridor, which is located on the southern boundary of the site on the Cooks River foreshore, which connects to the other Cooks River foreshore parks and reserves.

3.2 Land prior use and history

The land on which the centre is built was formerly occupied by a dairy in the early 1900s. Significant works were required to fill the site and level the surface. In 1974, the first tennis courts were built by the Strathfield Junior Hardcourt Tennis Club with support of Strathfield Council. The location was named Southend, in reference to the location being the southern part of the Strathfield LGA, and officially opened in 1975. The centre continued to develop in stages with addition of courts, amenities and landscaping. Though the management of the centre has changed, the site has continued to be used as a tennis centre¹.

¹ Jones, C, 2019, Parks and Reserves

Figure 2: Historical photographs of Southend Tennis Centre

The aerial historic photographs indicate changes in the land use over time, particularly the building of the tennis centre and revegetation, especially near the canal and boundaries of the playing areas.



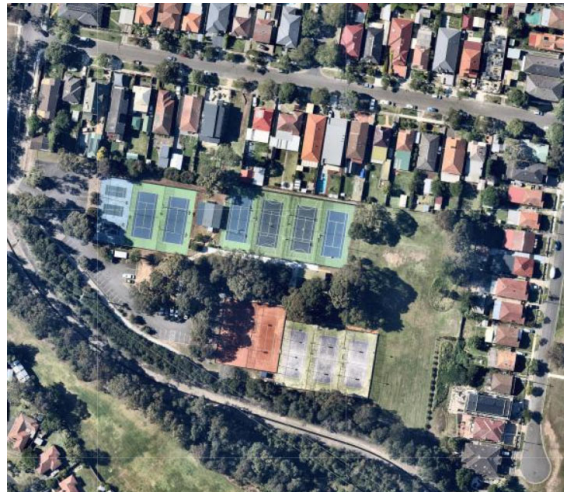
Southend Tennis Centre aerial photograph (1947)



Southend Tennis Centre aerial photograph (1997)



Southend Tennis Centre aerial photograph (2009) © Near Maps



Southend Tennis Centre aerial photograph (2019) © Near Maps

3.3 Categories and classifications of community Land

The management of community land is governed by the categorisation of the land, and the core objectives of the relevant category of community land. The core objectives for each category are set out in the *Local Government Act 1993*. The guidelines and core objectives for relevant categories are set out in Table 3.

Table 3 – Guidelines for and core objectives of community land

Category	Guidelines ²	Core objectives ³
Sportsground	<i>Regulation cl.103</i> Land should be categorised as 'sportsground' if the land is used primarily for active recreation involving organised sports or the playing of outdoor games.	<i>Category Sportsground - (Section 36F)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games, and to ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.
Natural Area	<i>Regulation cl.102</i> Natural areas are where land, whether or not in an undisturbed state, possesses a significant geological feature, geomorphological feature, landform, representative system or other natural feature or attribute that would be sufficient to further categorise the land as bushland, wetland, escarpment, watercourse or foreshore	<i>Natural Area - (Section 36E)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to conserve biodiversity and maintain ecosystem function in respect of the land, or the feature or habitat in respect of which the land is categorised to a natural area; and to maintain the land, or that feature or habitat, in its natural state and setting, and to provide for the restoration and regeneration of the land, and to provide for community use of and access to the land in such a manner as will minimise and mitigate any disturbance caused by human intrusion, and to assist in and facilitate the implement of any provisions restricting the use and management of the land that are set out in a recovery plan or threat abatement plan prepared under the <i>Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995</i> or the <i>Fisheries Management Act 1994</i>
Natural Area – bushland	<i>Regulation cl.107</i> Land that contains primarily native vegetation that is the natural vegetation or a remainder of the natural vegetation of the land, or although not the natural vegetation, is still representative of the structure or floristics of the natural vegetation in the locality.	<i>Natural Area - Bushland (Section 36J)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to ensure the ongoing ecological viability of the land by protecting the ecological biodiversity and habitat values of the land, the flora and fauna (including invertebrates, fungi and micro-organisms) of the land and other ecological values of the land, and to protect the aesthetic, heritage, recreational, educational and scientific values of the land, and to promote the management of the land in a manner that protects and enhances the values and quality of the land and

² *Local Government General Regulation 2005*

³ *Local Government Act 1993*

Category	Guidelines ²	Core objectives ³
		<p>facilitates public enjoyment of the land, and to implement measures directed to minimising or mitigating any disturbance caused by human intrusion, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to restore degraded bushland, and • to protect existing landforms such as natural drainage lines, watercourses and foreshores, and • to retain bushland in parcels of a size and configuration that will enable the existing plant and animal communities to survive in the long term, and • to protect bushland as a natural stabiliser of the soil surface.

Council must manage community land in according to these core objectives. Any activities or uses of the land should be consistent with the core objectives for that category of land. Additional objectives which support the above core objectives are included in Section 5 Management of the land.

The land classified as community land under the *Local Government Act 1993* is categorised as Natural Area (Bushland) and Sportsground. The categorised areas are marked in Figure 2.

Figure 2 – Map of Southend Tennis Centre land categorisations



3.4 Use of the land and structures at date of adoption of the plan

Southend Tennis Centre is used primarily for playing of tennis and other related sports purposes. The site has tennis courts, clubhouse, proshop and carpark. The land on which Southend Tennis Centre is sited is categorised as a Sportsground.

The land also contains a habitat corridor, which is located on the southern boundary of the site near the Cooks River and has been categorised as a Natural Area (Bushland).

3.5 Environmental issues

Part of the land on which Southend Tennis Centre is located provides a revegetated link along Cooks River, particularly on the southern boundary of the site. This area is identified in the Strathfield Biodiversity Strategy 2019 as a Biodiversity Connectivity area. These corridors are also identified as Priority Biodiversity Areas and a Priority Green Grid Project in Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) 2020.

The land in Southend Tennis Centre categorised as Natural Area (bushland) is included in the Cooks River Natural Area (Bushland) Plan of Management.

Southend Tennis Centre has open parkland with tennis courts. The Bay to Bay shared pathway is located near the southern boundary. She-oak, eucalyptus, paperbark, callistemon are planted in a thin strip along Cooks River at the southern boundary of the site. Together with the adjacent Elliott Reserve, bird species such as Yellow Thornbill, Yellow-faced Honeyeater and Superb Fairy-wren are enabled to access Maria and Dean Reserves, Ford Park and other reserves along Cooks River. The land has habitat connections with other corridor parks including 'Chiswick Reserve', Ford Park, Elliott Reserve and Maria Reserves⁴.

Green and Golden Bellfrogs (GGBF) are usually located in and around water bodies such as wetlands and lakes or on sites which humans have disturbed such as abandoned quarries or brickpits. In the Strathfield LGA, the GGBF core habitat area is located in Greenacre such as Coxs Creek Reserve and Greenacre Frog Ponds. An east-west GGBF linkage area, as mapped in the Strathfield Biodiversity Strategy (p17), includes parks such as Begnell Field, Cooke Park, and parts of Ford Park and Maria Reserve. However, with dispersal and movement of frogs, infrequent sightings have been reported in parks further along the Cooks River such as Elliott Reserve, Southend Tennis Centre and 'Chiswick Reserve'. However, these sightings were infrequent and have become increasingly rare. Since 2012, Council has received no reported sightings of GGBF in the Strathfield LGA.

⁴ Strathfield Fauna Study 2017 and Strathfield Biodiversity Strategy 2019

3.6 Condition of the land and structures on adoption of the plan

The condition of land and structures upon adoption of this plan of management are shown in Table 4 and the interpretation of buildings/site conditions in Table 5.

Table 4 - Condition rating assessment criteria

Rating	Descriptor	Guide	Residual Life as a % of Total Life	Mean % age residual life
1 Excellent	Sound physical condition. Asset likely to perform adequately without major work.	Normal maintenance required	>86	95
2 Good	Acceptable physical condition, minimal short term risk of failure.	Normal maintenance plus minor repairs required (to 5% or less of the asset)	65 to 85	80
3 Satisfactory	Deterioration evident, failure in the short term unlikely. Minor components need replacement or repair now but asset still functions safely.	Significant maintenance and/or repairs required (to 10-20% of the asset)	41 to 64	55
4 Worn	Deterioration of the asset is evident and failure is possible in the short term. No immediate risk to health and safety.	Significant renewal required (to 20 - 40% of the asset)	10 to 40	35
5 Poor	Failed or failure is imminent or there is significant deterioration of the asset. Health and safety hazards exist which present a possible risk to public safety.	Over 50% of the asset requires renewal	<10	5

Table 5 – Condition of assets at Southend Tennis Centre

Description	Condition
Bollards	Good
Car park	Good
Club house	Excellent
Fencing	Good
Pro shop	Excellent
Seating	Good
Tennis courts (3 synthetic grass, 6 hard courts, 2 clay courts and 3 mini hot shot courts)	Excellent

3.7 Heritage

There are no statutory heritage listings associated with this land.

3.8 Photographs of Southend Tennis Centre

Photographs taken January 2019



Southend Tennis Centre – (3 synthetic grass, 6 hard courts and 2 clay courts)



View of courts



Tree line, seating, pathway & club house



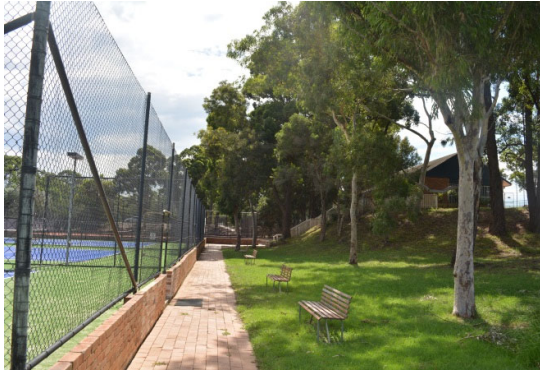
Pro shop



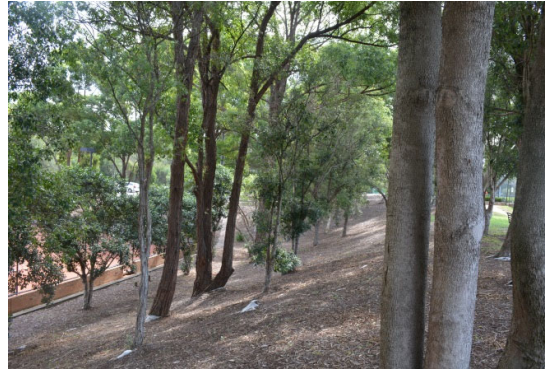
View of courts



View of lower courts



Park – open space



Open space



Trees line and pathway near Cooks River



Car park

4. Land Uses

4.1 Permissible uses and developments

The tables below set out the purpose/use of the land consistent with its land categorisation and the types of development generally associated with those uses. Facilities on community land may change over time, reflecting the needs of the community. The anticipated uses, and associated development, identified in Tables 6 and 7 are intended to provide an overview or general guide. Development is subject to requirements set out in clauses 4.2 and 4.3

Table 6 – Permissible uses of land categories – Sportsgrounds

Purpose/Use	Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active and passive recreational and sporting activities consistent with the nature of the particular land and any relevant facilities • Organised and unstructured recreation activities • Community events or gatherings, and public meetings • Commercial uses associated with sports facilities • Easement, utilities and estate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development for the purpose of conducting and facilitating organised sport • Courts (basketball, netball, badminton, tennis, hockey, badminton etc) • Amenities eg change room, lockers, shower/toilet facilities, first aid rooms, seating • Shop (consistent with use of sports facilities), café or kiosk facilities, mobile coffee cart or food vending subject to site assessment and Council approval • Car parking and loading areas • Ancillary areas eg staff rooms, meeting rooms, equipment storage areas • Shade structures • Seating and scoreboards • Sports or fitness training, and practice facilities • Heritage and cultural interpretation eg signs, public art • Advertising structures and signage (such as A-frames and banners) that relate to approved uses/activities, discreet and temporary and approved by Council. • Water/Energy savings initiatives • Lighting and water (eg taps, bubblers)

Table 7 – Permissible uses of land categories – Natural Area (Bushland)

Purpose/Use	Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking and cycling • Guided bushwalks and bird watching • Environmental programs and scientific study • Preservation of biodiversity and habitat • Bush regeneration and revegetation works • Relaxation and passive informal recreation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpretative, regulatory and directional signage • Low impact lighting • Low impact carparking • Low impact pathways • Passive recreation • Seating • Small ancillary building eg storage and amenities for site maintenance • Water saving initiatives eg swales, sediment traps, rainwater gardens

In some instances, physical assets may be located on land which falls into different categories. For example, amenities building may be located on land categorised as Park, or on land categorised for Sportsground.

4.2 Future development and use of the community land

There are no proposed plans for development at Southend Tennis Centre at the time of adoption of the Plan of Management.

Minor changes to community land may occur on a routine basis, such as replanting and replacement of damaged or worn infrastructure eg play equipment. In the event of potential future development, proposed changes of use of community land will:

1. Meet legislative requirements – land use tables (zoning) in the Strathfield Council Local Environmental Plan specifies the range of uses and activities that may be permitted on the land. A number of uses are also set out in the Regulations to the *Local Government Act 1993*.
2. Be consistent with the guidelines and core objectives of the community land category - under the *Local Government Act 1993* uses and development of community land must be consistent with the guidelines for categorisation and the core objectives of each category, and any other additional objectives the Council proposes to place on the community land categories.
3. Be consistent with relevant Council policies - substantial upgrades and proposed new development will take into account a range of factors, including:
 - this Plan of Management and the core objectives for the land
 - the planning controls for the land
 - Council's adopted policies
 - the characteristics of the land affected, including existing and future use patterns
 - any landscape masterplan for the land.

4.3 Scale and intensity of land use

The scale and intensity of use and development associated with community land in Strathfield is generally dependent on:

- the nature of the approved uses and developments

- approved Development Applications and any conditions
- an approved masterplan
- the physical constraints of the land
- the carrying capacity of the land
- relevant government legislation
- permissible times of use
- proximity of neighbours

The scale and intensity of use of parks and sportsgrounds should be monitored by:

- regular inspection of the physical impacts on the park or sportsground
- consideration of reports regarding any conflicts between park and sportsground users or from adjoining neighbours

4.4 Authorisation of leases, licences or other estates over community land

The Act requires that any lease or licence of community land must be authorised by a Plan of Management. The lease or licence must be for purposes consistent with the categorisation and zoning of the land.

The maximum period for leases or licences on community land permitted under the Act is 21 years. If a lease or licence is anticipated, then public notice should be given in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

Where a lease arrangement has been entered into with Council for community land, subleasing the land may only occur with specific permission of Council and in accordance with the requirements of Section 47C of the Act, Clause 119 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* and conditions set out in agreements.

This Plan of Management authorises existing leases and licence agreements until the end of their current term. The leased or licensed areas may be renewed or changed in future. The leased or licensed areas may be reconfigured in the future to reflect changes in community needs.

This Plan of Management authorises Council to grant leases, licences or any other estates for community land covered in this Plan of Management for purposes and uses which are identified or consistent with those in Tables 6 and 7. Some examples of longer term arrangements, such licences, leases and other estates are outlined in Table 8. Shorter arrangements (for example, a short term agreement associated with a particular event, or an activity recurring regularly either via annual or seasonal agreement) are set out in Table 9.

Calculations for fees and charges for leases and licences will be based on independent market rental valuations that are based on comparisons to similar services and facilities with similar locations, building and land conditions. As a minimum standard, the financial return from licence fees should offset asset maintenance, renewal and any operational costs. Council may also apply subsidies to not for profit organisations where there are demonstrated community benefits or financial hardship. Subsidies are generally not applied to commercial agreements.

Table 8 – Leases, Licences and other estates

Type of Arrangement Authorised	Land and Facilities covered	Purposes for which long term leasing/licensing will be granted
Licence or lease	Sportsground	<p>Any lease or licence proposal will be individually assessed and considered, including the community benefit, compatibility with this Plan of Management and Council’s goals and objectives in its Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program and the capacity of the land area to support the activity. Sympathetic, compatible uses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sporting and recreational purposes, including formal sports, fitness activities and games • kiosk, café, mobile food vending and refreshment purposes • use of court or similar facilities • work sheds or storage areas required in connection with maintenance • signs • temporary erection or use of structures to enable a filming project or works to be carried out
Licence or lease	Natural Area	<p>Any lease or licence proposal will be individually assessed and considered, including the community benefit, compatibility with this Plan of Management and Council’s goals and objectives in its Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program and the capacity of the land area to support the activity. Sympathetic, compatible uses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • educational or environmental programs, scientific studies and surveys or similar • walkways, pathways, bridges or causeways • signs, observation platforms • temporary erection or use of structures to enable a filming project to be carried out
Other Estates	Sportsground Natural Area	<p>This Plan of Management allows Council to grant ‘an estate’ over community land for the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities in accordance with the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>.</p> <p>Estates may also be granted across community land that is not affected by endangered communities for the provision of pipes, conduits, or other connections under the surface of the ground for the connection of premises adjoining the community land to a facility of the Council or other public utility provider that is situated on community land.</p>

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

4.5 Short Term Uses

Southend Tennis Centre is currently leased by Strathfield Council to Meriden School Strathfield. Meriden manages casual and short-term bookings, subject to approval. Short term arrangements should be for the types of uses identified in Table 9.

Table 9 – Seasonal, regular and casual use agreements

Community land category	Purposes for which short term uses may be granted subject to council approval	Requirements
Sportsground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • community events and festivals • sporting fixtures and events • sports and fitness training and classes • filming or photography of sporting fixtures or events • uses reasonably associated with the promotion or enhancement of sporting groups, fixtures and events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the proposed use must comply with terms and conditions for event approval e.g. SafeWork NSW regulations, insurance, waste management etc • the use should not result in physical damage to the sportsground or natural area • the use should not result in a significant adverse impact on adjoining residents or disturbance to nearby residents • organisers of the site should be responsible for cleaning up the site and notify authorities and Council of any damage or incidents that may occur
Natural Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • educational or environmental programs, scientific studies and surveys or similar • temporary erection or use of structures to enable a filming project to be carried out 	

5. Management of the land

5.1 Objectives and management of community land

The land is managed in accordance with the objectives and methods set out below:

Table 10 – Objectives, means and performance measures

Issues	Objectives and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land s.36 (b) Local Government Act 1993	Means by which Council proposes to achieve the plan’s objectives and performance targets s.36 (c) Local Government Act 1993	Manner in which Council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plan’s objectives and performance targets s.36 (d) Local Government Act 1993
Access	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide safe and improved access to the parks, sportsgrounds and general community use properties for pedestrians and cyclists. 2. Provide access to and within parks for people with disabilities. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upgrades, refurbishments and/or improvement works on community land to consider public access requirements for mobility and connections. 2. Proposed ramps, stairs and pathways to comply with relevant Council and BCA requirements consistent with Australian Standards. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Audits of community land and facilities to comply with standards
Amenity and Character	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure Council’s community land and facilities contribute to the amenity and character of the Strathfield LGA. 2. Promote parks, sportsgrounds and community use properties as desirable places for recreation, community celebration and commemoration. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide parks and facilities and pathways as attractive destinations. 2. Maintain and enhance community land and facilities 3. Promote parks, sportsgrounds and facilities in local media and website. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consult with residents and users regarding satisfaction of parks and facilities 2. Monitor and action complaint data
Community Facilities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide sustainable community facilities for a range of community, social and other compatible activities. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Building and structure design specifications to consider park, sportsground and general community use character, expected use and environmental sustainability features. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitor usage of community facilities as measured by bookings. 2. Community satisfaction surveys.

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	2. Ensure buildings positively contribute to community land amenity, facilitate a range of uses and have regard for environmental sustainable design, resource use and maintenance.	2. Provide community facilities which are multi-purpose and flexible to a range of appropriate uses. 3. Ensure community facilities are universally accessible. 4. Community facilities meet sustainable building requirements and/or are progressively upgraded to incorporate best practice energy and water efficiencies.	3. Facility inspections and audits. 4. Monitor comments and complaints
Environmentally Sustainable Principles	1. Manage community land to ensure best environmental management practises and principles having regard to environmental sustainable design, resource use and maintenance.	1. Promote and monitor energy efficiency 2. Minimise use of water 3. Implement waste reduction programs 4. Utilise natural heating and cooling	1. Measure and monitor via plans and strategies such as Energy and Water plans. 2. Monitor usage and trends via quarterly and annual consumption and billing. 3. Monitor and minimise water and energy use in parks, sportsgrounds and ancillary facilities.
Historical and Heritage Significance	1. Appreciation and interpretation of the historical and/or heritage significance of the site and structures e.g. memorials in terms of both natural and cultural components.	1. Undertake, when required, historical research or heritage and cultural assessment studies to identify cultural and heritage values for retention and interpretation. 2. Incorporate historical information on property signage to enhance understanding and appreciation of the site and the history it represents, where relevant. 3. Promote sense of place and local identity	1. Retention and interpretation of heritage and cultural values provides increased appreciation of the property and its history through community consultation.
Landscape Character	1. Maintain and improve landscape character and visual quality of public open spaces	1. Manage replacement planting strategies to ensure improvement to the current character.	1. Community consultation including surveys regarding community views

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Maintain consistency in selection and design of park and sportsground furniture, paving, fencing that is appropriate to the setting and the sport or activity type. 3. Implement & maintain co-ordinated signage strategy 	
Managing assets	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide effective and efficient management of community land and facilities 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Schedule regular inspections and condition assessments. 2. Inclusion of maintenance standards in licence, lease or hire agreements. 3. Provide waste and recycling bins to cater for public use. 4. Regular waste and recycling collection to minimise litter overflow 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Measure against Service Standard KPIs. 2. Respond to complaints and audits. 3. Monitor agreements 4. Review and update asset management plans periodically
Natural Environment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To maintain and enhance the health of park ecology, including flora and fauna, trees and soil 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Manage trees, gardens and natural areas to maintain and improve the quality of the environment in accordance with Council's tree management and biodiversity strategies and plans. 2. Retain habitat trees, protect foraging habitat and create/maintain habitat corridors through revegetation where possible 3. Ensure revegetation is undertaken using locally sourced stock from agreed planting lists (refer Strathfield Biodiversity Strategy) 4. Maintain weed management program to minimise spread of weeds 5. Implement actions where required under recovery or threat abatement plan. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Measure and monitor tree canopies, vegetation, weeds and habitat. 2. Undertake periodic flora and fauna reviews

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Natural Area (Bushland)	1. Refer to the Natural Area (Bushland) Plan of Management 2020		
Promote varied recreational uses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhance opportunities for a balanced organised and unstructured recreational use of public open space 2. Optimise public access to public open space. 3. Maintain condition and useability of sportsgrounds and 'sustainable capacity'. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capital works program to plan for improvements and upgrades to community land. 2. Promote a range of organised and informal/unstructured activities on community land 3. Provide amenities that support use and enjoyment of parks and sportsgrounds e.g. toilets, change rooms and kiosk/café facilities. 4. Enforce provisions for management of dogs on community land as per requirements of Council's Companion Animal Policy. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Monitor local use of parks and sportsgrounds by bookings, surveys, complaints and observation.
Safety and Risk Management	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide safe use and access to public land and facilities. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Design and maintain layouts, landscaping and facilities in accordance with CPTED principles (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) principles including passive surveillance, good sight lines, territorial reinforcement and space management and lighting. 2. Review lighting and security for both day and night time use. 3. Work with local police to identify and act on safety issues. 4. Install and maintain facilities in accordance with relevant Australian standards. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Works to be in accordance with relevant Australian Standards and CPTED principles. 2. Monitor and action incident and accident reports.

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		5. Repair vandalism or graffiti within 48 hours where possible.	
Traffic and Parking	1. Ensure traffic and parking requirements provide a safe environment for park, sportsgrounds and general community use property users and do not impact on the amenity of the properties.	1. Minimise use of vehicles on community land and regulate and monitor vehicle access. 2. Installation of signage preventing vehicles from entering unauthorised areas. 3. Where vehicles are permitted, provide clearly marked vehicle movement areas 4. Provide access for emergency or works services.	1. Reduced pedestrian, cyclist and vehicle conflicts. 2. Improved public safety. 3. Traffic access to community land is via agreement.
Use agreements	1. That use arrangements facilitate wide community access to community land, community benefits and support financial sustainability.	1. Licence, leases, estates and short term use agreements comply with legislative and policy requirements.	1. Monitor agreements in accordance with terms and conditions of agreement.