



South End Park

Plan of Management

Culture 2014

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Plan of Management for South End Park

Prepared pursuant to s.36(1) of the Local Government Act 1993.

This Plan of Management supersedes the previous Plan of Management for Lot 644 and Lot 650 DP 16791 (now Lot 1 and Lot 2 DP 835982, Lot PT650 DP1120404, Lot 644 DP 16791, Lot 1, DP 1144935).

1. Land Covered by the Plan

This Plan of Management applies to South End Park located on Burns St, Avoca Beach as depicted on the map Annexure A.

South End Park is comprised of the following parcels of land:

Classification	Lot	DP	Comment
Community	1	835982	Sewer Pump Station
Crown	2	835982	Council appointed as Avoca Beach Recreation (R53288) Reserve Trust Manager Categorised <i>Recreation and Access</i>
Community	PT650	1120404	Two Parcels – Categorised <i>Park</i>
Community	644	16791	Categorised <i>Park</i>
Community	1	1144935	Categorised <i>Park</i>
Road Reserve	n/a	n/a	Unformed Road – As per the action table the road reserve running through South End Park has been identified for partial road closure and proposed rezoning to RE1 – Public Recreation

2. Categorisation of the Land

The land subject to this Plan of Management is Council Land except for Lot 2, DP 835982 being Crown Reserve R53288 for which Council is the Avoca Beach Recreation (R53288) Reserve Trust Manager.

The following Council land subject to this Plan of Management is classified as *community land* and categorised as a *park* under the *Local Government Act 1993*:

- Lot PT650, DP 1120404
- Lot 644, DP 16791
- Lot 1, DP 1144935

3. Condition and Use of the Land

The land consists of open space areas for passive recreation, car parking and a sewer pump station and is used for these purposes.

4. Objectives

Section 36G of the *Local Government Act 1993* states the core objectives for management of *community land* categorised as a *park* are as follows:

(a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities, and

(b) to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and

(c) to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.

In addition the objectives of this Plan determined by Council with respect to the land are as follows:

- To ensure that recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences and the environment.
- To allow the development of the land to provide for formalised car parking and other facilities ancillary to the use of the reserve as per the Avoca Beach Southern Foreshore Master Plan (as amended) adopted by Council on 17 August 2012.
- To allow the development of the land to mitigate natural hazards such as flooding.
- To plan the coordinated provision and management of new facilities in addition to making improvements to existing facilities as funds permit.
- To enable leasing or licensing of the Land.
- To allow access to the Sewer Pump Station.

5. Permitted Uses

5.1 Permitted activities not requiring Council Approval

Informal use of the land including passive recreational activities or pastimes such as walking, picnicking, the playing of games, kite flying etc.

.5.2 Permitted activities requiring Council Approval

The land will be permitted to be used for the following activities subject to the relevant Council approval:

- Signage that does not compromise the recreational or environmental amenity of the reserve
- Utility installations for access, utilities and the like.
- Provision of easements (as required).
- Car parking.
- Provision of formal car parking as per the Avoca Beach Southern Foreshore Master Plan (as amended).
- Development which promotes or is ancillary to the use and enjoyment of the park for public recreation as per the Avoca Beach Southern Foreshore Master Plan (as amended).

5.3 Signage

Permissible signage includes signs which are erected by Council to regulate various activities under the *Local Government Act 1993*, signs which indicate the name of the reserve and/or

facilities contained within it, directional signs, traffic signs, interpretative/educational signage and temporary signage that is ancillary to the purpose of the reserve and for a community purpose or benefit.

5.4 Prohibited Activities

- Activities that compromise the recreational or environmental amenity of the reserve.
- Activities that do not comply with any Special Events on Open Space Areas Policy in force at the time of application.
- Activities that do not comply with any Advertising on Open Space Areas Policy in force at the time of application.
- Activities that do not comply with any Licensing of a Trade or Business on Open Space Areas Policy in force at the time of application.
- Activities which could be considered dangerous and/or which may disrupt other users of the reserve and/or adjoining neighbours. Examples of activities which are not permissible include trail bike riding, horse riding, camping and golf.
- Activities undertaken on Crown Reserve R53288 which do not comply with the requirements in the *Crown Lands Act 1989*.

6. Fees and Charges/Conditions of Hire

Council will apply various fees and charges for use of Council facilities in order to:

- Maximise opportunities for use of the facilities;
- Allocate and regularise use;
- Contribute to cost recovery; and
- Improve fairness and equity.

Such fees will be reviewed annually in line with Council's review of fees and charges.

7. Development and Improvement

- Development should be for a purpose which promotes or is ancillary to the use and enjoyment of a park as a public park and for public recreation.
- Development of the land will be permitted to accommodate passive recreation activities and ancillary uses.
- Development will be allowed that will support the social, environmental and economic sustainability of the site.
- Development and improvements must be undertaken by or on behalf of Council with approval obtained as per the requirements of the relevant legislation. Any development undertaken on Crown Reserve R53288 is subject to the requirements of the *Crown Lands Act 1989*.
- Development and Improvement to the sealed Road Reserve is the responsibility of Council's Construction and Operations Directorate.
- Development and improvements will be undertaken in accordance with relevant guidelines, standards and legislation.

- Nothing in this Plan prevents Council from upgrading existing and future facilities and utilities.

8. Management

- Council will exercise its powers under the *Local Government Act 1993* and Regulations to control the use of and access to South End Park.
- The Plan and its management options must comply with the requirements and provisions contained within relevant legislation and policy guidelines.
- Although Crown Reserve R53288 will be listed within the Plan for the purpose of consistency, any actions/approvals associated with this parcel of land will be subject to the requirements of the *Crown Lands Act 1989*.

9. Leases and Licences

This Plan of Management expressly authorises the Council to grant leases, licences or any other estate over the reserve, and any buildings on the reserve, for any community purpose or benefit.

Leases and licences will be considered only where determined to be ancillary to the public purpose of the reserve, consistent with the core objectives for the land and support the recreational, social, environmental and economic sustainability of the site.

10. Actions, Targets and Assessment

The action table outlines the preferred management options for South End Park and is aimed at providing means by which Council may achieve the desired performance targets.

The action table will assist in assessment of Council's performance with respect to the Plan of Management objectives and performance targets.

ACTION TABLE

Management Issue	Objectives and Performance Targets	Action	Responsibility	Completed By	Performance Measure
Function	To provide a passive recreation area that caters for community needs as addressed in the Avoca Beach Southern Foreshore Master Plan (as amended).	South End Park as part of the Avoca Beach Southern Foreshore functions as an area for passive recreation and ancillary uses.	Gosford City Council (Culture)	Ongoing	Improved access to recreation facilities in the Gosford Local Government Area.
	To extend the zoning of RE1 – Public Recreation to include the unformed road reserve located adjacent to Lot 644 DP 16791 and Lot PT 650 DP 1120404.	Undertake a partial road closure of the unformed road reserve running north-south through South End Park. Rezone the Northern Section RE1 for Public Recreation.	Gosford City Council (Culture)	2015	Partial road closure undertaken and northern end rezoned RE1 for Public Recreation.
Development and Improvement	To provide a functional, operational and compliant reserve for passive recreation and ancillary usage.	Upgrade of any existing and proposed facilities including formalised car parking and drainage as per the Avoca Beach Southern Foreshore Master Plan (as amended) to support the function of the site and ensure compliance with relevant guidelines, standards and legislation.	Gosford City Council (Culture)	Ongoing	Recreation facilities upgraded to allow the reserve to remain functional, operational and compliant on an ongoing basis.
	To ensure all development and improvement enhances the amenity of South End Park.	Upgrade of any existing and proposed facilities as per the Avoca Beach Southern Foreshore	Gosford City Council (Culture)	Ongoing	Public amenity of the reserve maintained for the benefit of the community.

		Master Plan (as amended) to maintain or improve public amenity of the reserve.			
Environmental Management	To manage the development and use of the reserve so as to minimise the impact on adjacent land uses and environment.	Develop appropriate management practices and plans considering adjacent land uses and environment.	Gosford City Council (Culture)	Ongoing	Management practices developed.
Fees and Charges and Conditions of Hire	To assist with the economic sustainability of the site through implementing cost recovery measures.	Fees and charges to be reviewed on a regular basis.	Gosford City Council (Culture)	Annually	Fees and charges to be reviewed annually and adopted by Council.
Maintenance	To ensure the ongoing integrity of the facility to support the functions of the site.	Maintenance of the reserve and ancillary facilities to reflect priorities whilst adhering to budget constraints.	Gosford City Council (Maintenance)	Ongoing	Park and ancillary facilities to remain open and operational on an ongoing basis.
Use of Open Space Areas for Events	To provide access for the staging of events to assist with the social and economic sustainability of the site.	All requests for the staging of special events on the reserve require the relevant Council approval.	Gosford City Council (Culture)	As Required	Optimised use of the reserve throughout the year.
Leases/Licences	Negotiate appropriate leases and licences as per the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> and Regulations to assist with the economic sustainability of the site.	Leases and licences to be approved by Council in accordance with the core objectives of the land.	Gosford City Council (Culture)	Ongoing	Lease and/or licences signed.

Annexure A. Aerial View – South End Park

