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Cover; Cook Park foreshore looking south

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FOREWORD

The collection of reserves known as Cook Park consists primarily of Crown land owned or controlled by the State of NSW (2 reserves and 2 dedications) and 'set aside for the benefit of the people of NSW' (Section 10, Crown Lands Act 1989). A number of parcels of land in the south of the Park are owned by Rockdale City Council and all are classified as 'Community Land' under the Local Government Act 1993. Plans showing the land division of the Park can be found under Site Description on page 10.

The Park also contains a number of premises (mainly in the form of food outlets) with leasehold tenants. The majority of these leaseholds are managed by Rockdale City Council but three are managed directly by the Land and Property Management Authority (LPMA). Details of these leases can be found in Appendix 1.

This Plan of Management is a directive of the Chief Executive of the LPMA (under Section 112 of the Crown Lands Act, 1989) in collaboration with Rockdale City Council.

The Plan has been prepared under the Crown Lands Act (1989) for areas of Crown Reserve and Crown Dedication and the Local Government Act (NSW) 1993 for Community Land.

1. INTRODUCTION

THE NEED FOR A PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Cook Park stretches for six suburbs along the northern and western edges of Botany Bay. Along its length the Park plays an important and extensive recreational and environmental role. The Park's recreational functions include swimming, boating, children's play, cycling, walking and picnicking to name a few. The Park also forms the central section of the proposed Botany Bay Trail linking La Perouse and Botany Bay.

The Park's environmental function lies not only with its terrestrial and aquatic habitat, but also in its connections to other open spaces along the Cooks and Georges rivers and to the nearby Rockdale Wetlands.

A Plan of Management for the Park was prepared in 1998 under the Crown Lands Act (1989) to identify and address the many issues that arise from and affect the reserve. This Plan also defined objectives, recommended strategies and suggested methods of implementation.

In 2002 a review of the Plan was undertaken in the form of community consultation sessions identifying new issues that had arisen. This review also assessed the ability of the existing Plan to deal with these new issues or to assess whether a change to the Plan was required.

In the 12 years since this first plan was prepared there have been many changes in and around the Park that require the previous Plan to be substantially updated in order for it remain a valid and useful document. These include:

- Future anticipated population increases (7,000 extra dwellings in Rockdale by 2031).
- The creation of the Metropolitan Trails link, with Cook Park being a key link between the Cooks and Georges rivers.
- The future reconstruction of the northern section of the Park where desalination infrastructure has recently been installed.
- Ongoing proposals for boating facilities including a marina and boat launching ramp.
- Ongoing concerns over the extent, distribution and scale of car parking required to service the Park.
- Likelihood of significant increase in number of park users

This Plan identifies and addresses these new issues in conjunction with those still unresolved from the previous 1998 Plan and its 2002 review.

LEGISLATION AND PLANNING CONTEXT

The site and its use is governed by a number of statutory and planning instruments and policies including:

- The Crown Lands Act (1989) - the principal Act governing the management of the Park.
- Local Government Act (1993) as amended in 1998 - applying to 'Community Land' in the southern areas of the Park.
- The Environmental, Planning and Assessment Act, NSW (1979)
- NSW Metropolitan Strategy (2009).
- Food and Beverages outlets on Crown Reserve Policy Version 3 (2004).
- Retail Lease Act (1994).

The Park falls within Wards 3 and 5 of the Rockdale Local Government Area and is zoned 6(a) Existing Open Space under the Local Environmental Plan (2000).

The Park is governed by the Cook Park Trust as established under section 92 of the Crown Lands Act (1989). Rockdale City Council (RCC) is the manager of the affairs of the Trust and in that role is responsible for maintenance and upgrading works. All works must be undertaken within the guidelines of Section 11 of the Crown Lands Act (1989). These guidelines outline the principles of Crown Land Management and include the adherence to environmental principles, preservation of natural resources and encouragement of public use and multiple use.

In order to meet the specific statutory requirements of Section 36 of the Local Government Act (1993) for the Council owned Community Land, this Plan of Management identifies:

- The Category of the land.
- Objectives and Performance Targets of the Plan.
- The means by which Council proposes to achieve the Plan's objectives and performance targets.
- The manner in which Council proposes to assess the Plan's performance.
- Nature and use.
- Lease details.

The details relating specifically to Community Land can be found in the chapter on Council Owned Community Lands later in this document.

The nature and use of Community Land as stated in this Plan may not change without the preparation of a new adopted Plan of Management.

This Plan sets out the details of all existing leases on Crown Land and Community Land in Appendix 1. The description of the lease on Community Land in this document expressly authorises the lease as required by the Local Government Act (NSW) 1993.

SITE DESCRIPTION

The Park is an 8.5 km long foreshore public open space bounded on the east by Botany Bay, on the north by the Cooks River, on the south by the Georges River and on the west by a number of major roads, the longest being General Holmes Drive and The Grand Parade (refer Figure 01).

The study area begins at the Endeavour Bridge in the north and passes through the suburbs of Kyeemagh, Brighton Le Sands, Monterey, Ramsgate Beach, Sans Souci, Dolls Point, and Sandringham to the St George Sailing Club in the south. The foreshore boundary of the study area extends only to the beach above the mean high water mark although reference is made to constructed elements which extend into the water beyond this mark. Below the high water mark is the jurisdiction of NSW Maritime and beyond the scope of this Plan.

The Park is an important environmental and passive recreational resource for the local and broader regional population. Features of the Park include opportunities for land and water based recreation, an important recreational and commuter cycle link, access to the beach and connections to sailing and other boating facilities. Environmental values include proximity to coastal and marine habitat and the Rockdale Wetlands.

The entire length of the Park affords panoramic views of Botany Bay south to the Kurnell Peninsula with the northern section in Kyeemagh offering views to Kingsford Smith Airport and aircraft movements.

As can be seen in the following plans, Crown and Community Land do not form a continuous strip from Kyeemagh at the mouth of the Cooks River to Sandringham at the mouth of the Georges River. As there is still a physical connection by way of a cycle path or public road in the gaps, the study area is considered to be continuous.

CROWN RESERVE DETAILS

In the following pages a series of aerial photographs illustrate the extent of Crown Reserve Lands (with DP Nos.) that categorise the majority of Cook Park. The extent of Community Lands is also illustrated.

CROWN RESERVE DETAILS



COOK PARK AERIAL

1

Cook Park - Crown Reserve Details

- R67338 not'd 4-Feb-1938 for Public Recreation.
- R1024509 not'd 11-Dec-2009 for Public Recreation. Shore bas for potential maritime precinct
- D500050 dedicated 03-Oct-1958 for Public Recreation.
- P500191 proclaimed 30-Mar-1886 for Recreation.
- D500962 dedicated 5-Sep-1931 for Public Recreation
- Lot 9, DP 31742 potential for maritime precinct



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COOK PARK AERIAL

2

Cook Park - Crown Reserve Details

- R67338 not'd 4-Feb-1938 for Public Recreation.
- R1024509 not'd 11-Dec-2009 for Public Recreation.
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- P500191 proclaimed 30-Mar-1886 for Recreation.
- D500962 dedicated 5-Sep-1931 for Public Recreation



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CROWN RESERVE DETAILS



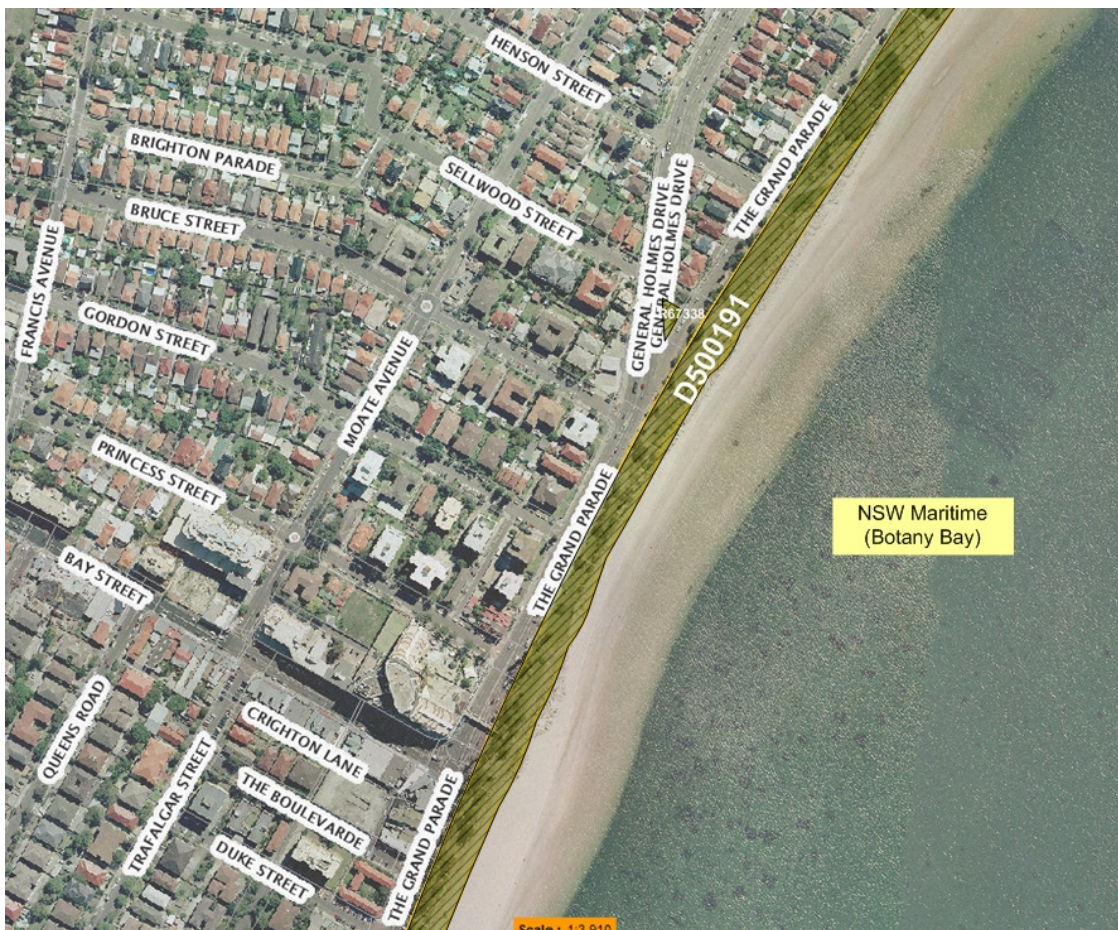
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Cook Park - Crown Reserve Details

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- D500050 dedicated 03-Oct-1958 for Public Recreation.
- P500191 proclaimed 30-Mar-1886 for Recreation.
- D500962 dedicated 5-Sep-1931 for Public Recreation



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COOK PARK AERIAL 4

Cook Park - Crown Reserve Details

- R67338 not'd 4-Feb-1938 for Public Recreation.
- R1024509 not'd 11-Dec-2009 for Public Recreation.
- D500050 dedicated 03-Oct-1958 for Public Recreation.
- P500191 proclaimed 30-Mar-1886 for Recreation.
- D500962 dedicated 5-Sep-1931 for Public Recreation



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CROWN RESERVE DETAILS



COOK PARK AERIAL 5

Cook Park - Crown Reserve Details

- R67338 not'd 4-Feb-1938 for Public Recreation.
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- P500191 proclaimed 30-Mar-1886 for Recreation.
- D500962 dedicated 5-Sep-1931 for Public Recreation



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COOK PARK AERIAL 6

Cook Park - Crown Reserve Details

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- P500191 proclaimed 30-Mar-1886 for Recreation.
- D500962 dedicated 5-Sep-1931 for Public Recreation



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COOK PARK AERIAL 7

Cook Park - Crown Reserve Details

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- P500191 proclaimed 30-Mar-1886 for Recreation.
- D500962 dedicated 5-Sep-1931 for Public Recreation



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COOK PARK AERIAL 8

Cook Park - Crown Reserve Details

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CROWN RESERVE DETAILS



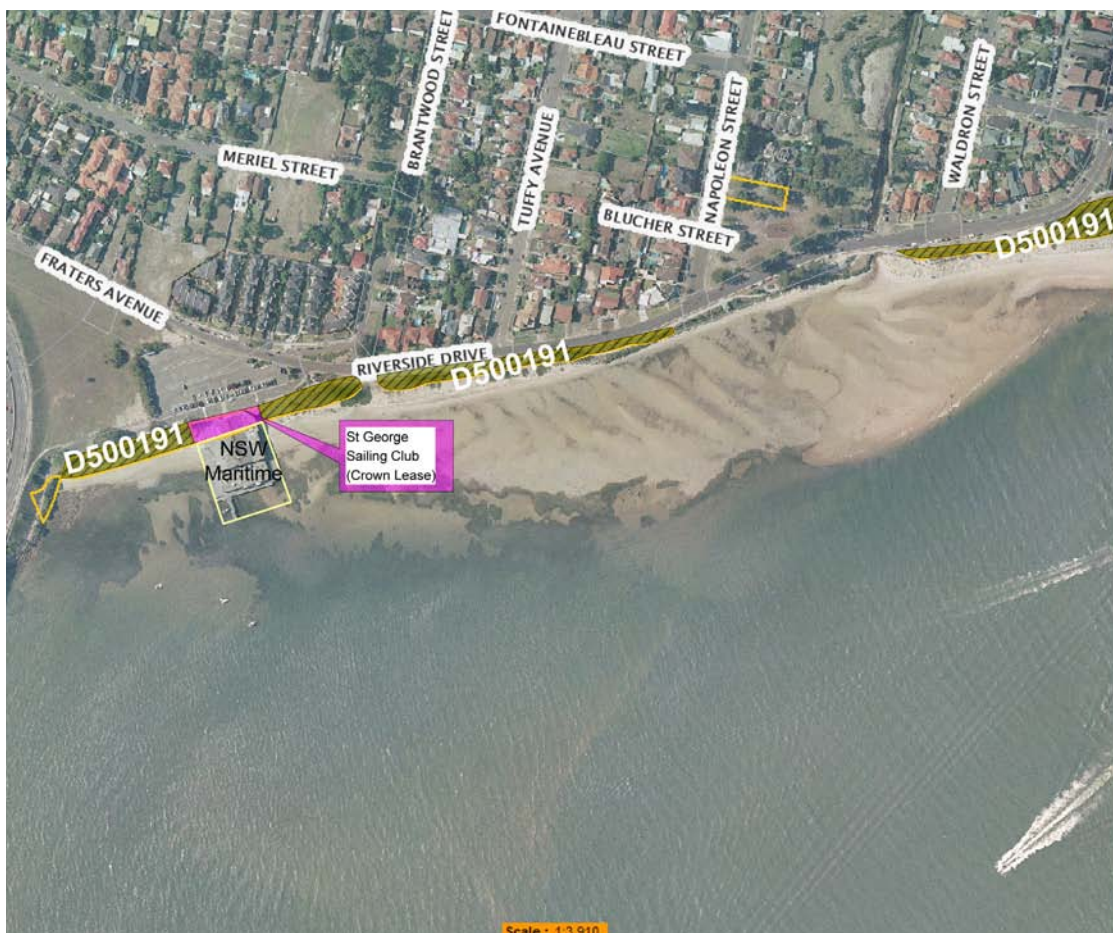
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Cook Park - Crown Reserve Details

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COOK PARK AERIAL 10

Cook Park - Crown Reserve Details

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COMMUNITY LAND DETAILS



COOK PARK AERIAL 11

Cook Park – Community Land Details

- Lot 2 DP73318
- Lot 3 DP73318
- Lot 77 DP2237
- Lot 76 DP2237
- Lot 75 DP2237
- Lot 74 DP2237
- Lot 73 DP2237
- Lot 72 DP2237
- Lot 71 DP2237
- Lot 70 DP2237
- Lot 69 DP2237
- Lot 68 DP2237
- Lot 67 DP2237
- Lot 66 DP2237



COOK PARK AERIAL 12

Cook Park – Community Land Details

- Lot 27 DP15280
- Lot 2 DP418083
- Lot 16 DP270045



METHODOLOGY AND FORMAT

The following summary sets out the methodology adopted in achieving the objectives of the Plan and the format chosen for its presentation. The approach to the project has involved four principal stages as outlined below.

Document review

A key component of this Plan has been the review and evaluation of previous reports and studies in conjunction with current planning policies. As several of the reports and some of the planning instruments had not been written or gazetted on adoption of the previous Plan, review was critical in considering the Park and its issues in the current context.

Fieldwork

Numerous site visits were undertaken by foot, bicycle and car at different times of the day and week throughout the study period to understand how the Park is used, where user issues arise and improvements that might be made.

Consultation

Consultation has been undertaken in three tiers and two stages. In the first stage organisational stakeholders (forming a Reference Group) and community stakeholders were consulted separately in a workshop format to ascertain issues that may have arisen since the writing of the original Plan and its 2002 review. Organisational stakeholders consisted primarily of government bodies such as the RTA and Sydney Water and private organisations that may be affected by the Plan such as Sydney Airport Corporation Limited. Community stakeholders consisted of groups who hired or booked any part of the Park for private use, leaseholders, and organisations or groups/individuals who were considered regular users but whose use did not require registration or payment.

In the second consultation stage, the key elements of the Plan were presented at Community Information Sessions in the form of ten panels for review and comment prior to exhibition. These panels were displayed between 11.00 and 2.00pm on Saturday 28th November, 2009 at the Ramsgate Lifesaving Club and between 6.00pm and 9.00pm at the Novotel Hotel on Thursday 3rd December, 2009. At both these Information Sessions, members of the project team from CLOUSTON Associates and Elton Consulting were on hand to discuss the issues and strategies with the attendees. Attendees were also invited to fill out feedback forms and provide any extra input on the issues and strategies they felt had not been covered.

To advertise this second round of consultation, 4,800 flyers were dropped in letter boxes, advertisements were taken out in the St George Leader and the consultation events were advertised on the Rockdale City Council (RCC) and LPMA websites. Flyers were also dropped in cafes, shops and kiosks in the Park and in the immediate proximity to the Park.

Following the events, the ten panels used for display were uploaded to the RCC and LPMA websites for further public comment and feedback.

Preparation of the plan

Over a period of several months the plan was drafted by the team, reviewed by LMPA and Council before being placed on public exhibition.

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PLAN

Local Environmental Plan (Rockdale)	LEP - 2000
Crown Lands Act	CLA - 1989
Local Government Act	LGA - 1993 (amended 1998)
Land and Property Management Authority	LPMA
Rockdale City Council	RCC

LOCAL CONTEXT



Key facts about Cook Park

- The Park is located within the Darug Aboriginal tribal area.
- The Park is 8.5 km long and consists of both Crown Land and Community Land.
- The Park is named after Samuel Cook, who ensured that the land along the western shore of Botany Bay was acquired for public use in 1883.
- The majority of Cook Park was dedicated on the 30th March 1886 with the remainder declared public reserve on 25th September 1931.
- The Park is of regional significance due to its location, size, regional cycle and walking connections and frontage to Botany Bay.
- There are significant environmental and recreational links with Rockdale Wetlands, Cocks River and Georges River.

Park use

Major uses and activities within the Park include:

- Cycling and walking on shared and dedicated cycle and pedestrian paths from the Cocks River to the Georges River.
- Historical large scale events such as circuses north of Bestic Street.
- Kiosks and restaurants.
- Boating, swimming, windsurfing / kite boarding.
- Picnicking and barbecuing.
- Children's play.
- Existing permitted commercial leases and licenses under the Crown Lands Act and Local Government Act include restaurants, kiosks, clubs and community organisations (see adjacent plan).

Environment and Heritage

- Ecologically significant sand dunes and dune vegetation along the foreshore north of Brighton.
- Culturally significant plantings such as pines in Pine Park, Coral Trees and Norfolk Island Pines at Dolls Point and Norfolk island Pines along The Grand Parade.
- Swathes of open grassland with scattered trees providing recreation facilities and habitat for birds.
- Key heritage sites and features including cannons at Brighton and Sandringham.

2. ISSUES

Cook Park is an extensive area of open space in a multi-cultural local government area with access to a variety of facilities and natural features, including the beach. It caters to local users of all ages, including visitors from further afield who enjoy the Park's unique character and features and transitory users who pass through the Park on its system of pathways and cycleways. With such a broad user base and variety of possible activities, issues and conflicts inevitably arise.

The following section summarises issues raised to date which have been ascertained from field evaluation, reference group input, community feedback and liaison with managing group interests. The issues have been outlined in the following table format:

Topic Headings

Topic headings were established as a framework for discussion of specific issues relating to the study area. These are as follows:

- Enjoying the Park and Bay.
- Getting To and Around the Park.
- Protecting the Park's Environment, Heritage and Character.
- Looking after the Park and its Buildings.

Topics

Each of these topic headings has subtopics that relate to that issue such as 'Swimming' in 'Enjoying the Park and Bay'.

Issue

The issues as ascertained by the process / discussions indicated above. Comments and suggestions raised by stakeholders are included as stated, without commentary or priority.

Locality

Many of the Issues raised relate to a specific geographic or site within the Park. Where this is the case, the area or locality has been identified.

ENJOYING THE PARK AND BAY		
TOPIC	ISSUE	LOCALITY
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interest expressed in 'tourist attraction' in the Park. Large Ferris wheel among the suggestions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kyeemagh
Picnicking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barbecues broken, or in need of renovation and replacement Not enough bins in high use areas and many are in poor condition No disposal facilities for ash from private barbecues Not enough shade in parts of the Park More and better furnished playgrounds are needed throughout the Park Concerns about child safety in playgrounds close to roads Littering signage is clear in Peter Depena Reserve but needs to be more extensive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter Depena Reserve Throughout park Peter Depena Reserve North of Bestic St. Throughout park Banks St. Monterey Throughout park
Swimming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baths considered in poor condition and in need of repair Quality and number of toilets and showers inadequate Sedimentation in some baths is a problem causing an unsatisfactory swimming experience Conflicts exist between wind surfers, jet skiers and swimmers Wharf is popular for diving but dangerous because of changing sand levels No distinct areas for swimming, jet ski landing or wind surfing / kite boarding along the beach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandringham, Brighton Vicinity of baths Ramsgate, Kyeemagh Between Brighton Le Sands and Kyeemagh Dolls Point All along beach
Fishing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not enough facilities for fishermen such as cleaning, gutting tables or wharfs from which to fish 	
Boating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No facilities for launching of rescue vessels for beach swimmers and windsurfers / kite boarders Mixed opinion about improved boating facilities. General opposition to large marinas and boating facilities near main swimming areas Concerns about boat traffic and jet ski conflict with swimmers No facilities for boats to shelter if caught in storms 	
Windsurfing and Kite Boarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No facility for storage for windsurfing and kite boarding equipment. Narrow access to beach with high posts causes windsurfers and kite boarders to short cut through dunes and over rocks Height of dune protection fencing posts at beach damages beach sports equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length of park Ramsgate Ramsgate, Kyeemagh

GETTING TO AND AROUND THE PARK		
TOPIC	ISSUE	LOCALITY
Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of a shuttle bus service suggested to move people to central points and help reduce traffic congestion Positioning of bus stops in locations more appropriate to park use and potential for bus slip lanes for safety proposed Public transport to park from neighbouring suburbs considered inadequate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brighton Le Sands, Ramsgate, Kyeemagh Kyeemagh, Monterey
Cars and Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car parking not considered to be responsive to function of individual areas Access to Cook Park for vehicles heading north is difficult Extra car parks within the Park were mostly opposed however parking problems in Brighton were acknowledged Closed off car parks in need of review Street based car park is noted by some as a venue for anti-social behaviour at night Vehicle access to the Park immediately south of Endeavour Bridge dangerous due to sudden change in vehicle speed Ninety degree road entries to Park noted as being dangerous for cars Lack of signage where pedestrian / cycle paths enter car parks creates major safety concerns Significant amount of redundant asphalt in some car parks The outstanding DA for the car park south of Le Sands Restaurant remains unresolved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monterey Throughout park Throughout park Pine Park Vanston Parade, Dolls Point Kyeemagh Monterey All car parks Monterey
Cycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many consider that the path system will be inadequate for growing local and wider community use There is significant community support for separate pedestrian and cycle paths where possible Current cycle speed control devices cause problems for pedestrians No defined cycle / pedestrian priority path in car parks Sand on path is a cycle hazard Steep ramps at various locations are a cycle hazard Blind corner along the foreshore path between Riverside Drive and Lena Street at Sandringham is a safety issue S-bends in cycle paths create shortcuts across grass and thereby potential conflict with park users Access to the Park by bicycle on the local roads is considered dangerous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throughout park Ramsgate Beach, Monterey, Brighton Le Sands Ramsgate Beach Throughout park Sandringham, Monterey Brighton Le Sands North Brighton, Ramsgate Beach Sandringham North Brighton

GETTING TO AND AROUND THE PARK		
TOPIC	ISSUE	LOCALITY
Walking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian crossing of The Grand Parade presents safety issues due to speed and amount of vehicular traffic • Larger pedestrian groups have problems in narrow areas of the path • Access paths to the beach are considered too narrow and dune protection fence posts too high • There are insufficient pedestrian crossings on The Grand Parade • Pedestrian / cycle conflicts at pinch points such as Ramsgate Life Saving Club and the roadside footpath at Le Sands • The bridge across the canal in Peter Depena Reserve considered too narrow for shared use by pedestrians and cyclists • Pedestrians have been regularly knocked over on The Grand Parade • An interpretive board walk on the foreshore between President Avenue and the existing boardwalk considered appropriate • Many dog walkers believe that off leash opportunities exist for dogs to enter the water without inconvenience to other users at the northern and southern ends of the Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All along The Grand Parade • South of Peter Depena and at Brighton • Ramsgate Beach, Kyeemagh • Ramsgate Beach, Monterey, north Brighton • Ramsgate Beach, Brighton • South of Peter Depena Reserve • South of Bay Street • North of Teralba Road • West of St George Sailing Club • North of Kyeemagh Baths netted area

CONSERVING THE PARK'S ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE AND CHARACTER		
TOPIC	ISSUE	LOCALITY
Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpretation of the Park's heritage is under represented in the Park. Many considered this should be addressed across all aspects of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage • Heritage features in the Park such as the cannons at Brighton and Sandringham are highly valued • Pine Park has a known history but this is not reflected in signage or other interpretation. Previous proposal for peace park in this location was not widely supported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throughout Park • Brighton, Sandringham • Dolls Point
Natural Heritage and Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A heritage trail, an interactive self-guided audio tour and educational signage were options proposed. • Interpretation of natural heritage and environment of the Park has been neglected. Examples of possibilities cited include ongoing consideration and interpretation of sand dunes, and their vegetation • Dunes are blown out in southern areas where weeding has been undertaken but no consequent re-planting with native species has been undertaken 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Depena Reserve • Kyeemagh • Sandringham
Character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parks character as a green space is highly valued and there is a strong desire for this to be retained. • There is little definition at the key entrances to the Park and no definite sense of entry • Some views to the Bay from seats at the top of the dunes are being obscured by vegetation growth • Many in the community have registered strong opposition to extra car parks, buildings or commercial premises in the Park • Foreshore areas are poorly integrated with their surroundings and appear to have inappropriate and left over infrastructure such as kerbs and metal barriers, especially around closed car parks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throughout Park • Pine Park, Brighton, Kyeemagh • Throughout Park • Dolls Point and Sandringham

LOOKING AFTER THE PARK AND BUILDINGS		
TOPIC	ISSUE	LOCALITY
Leases and Licensed Premises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community opposition to further commercial activity in new buildings Desire to define and verify all public access requirements and rights in relation to leased premises Several leased properties in need of repair or upgrade Le Beach Hut is generally considered in need of renovation / reconstruction - an architectural competition suggested by stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throughout park All leased premises Throughout park Peter Depena Reserve
Toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toilet buildings were considered to be dark and unsafe with personal security issues Toilets were considered not open early enough in the mornings Toilet buildings were generally considered in need of replacement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throughout park Throughout park Throughout park
Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lights throughout park are inconsistent in design and light provided Lighting bulb replacement is considered to take too long creating safety concerns at night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throughout park Car parks specifically
Park and Street Furniture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community would like to see more unity throughout park with elements such as lighting and furniture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throughout park
Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no recycling bins in the Park There is no facility for disposal of ash from barbecues Litter is a major problem on weekends and many considered there was a need for policing of this issue and education of community Litter collection is considered inadequate particularly after busy periods and major events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throughout park Peter Depena, Kyeemagh Throughout park Throughout park
Facilities and infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Much of the existing infrastructure, fixtures and fittings in park are ageing and in need of replacement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throughout park

3. BASIS FOR MANAGEMENT

VALUES AND SIGNIFICANCE

The requirements of Section 11 of the Crown Lands Act (1989) outlines management principles for Crown Land and the Local Government Act (NSW) 1993 specifically addressing the needs for Plans of Management to identify the value and significance of the subject site for a range of criteria.

Set out below are the assessments of values and significance which are based on an overview of the key issues and objectives described in the previous sections.

Heritage value

Regional and State Significance:

The area has significance based on evidence of pre-European Aboriginal use.

National Significance

The arrival of Captain Cook in Botany Bay is nationally significant for all Australians.

Regional and Local Significance

Historical significance of Lady Robinsons Beach, Brighton le Sands and the Cook Park area in general as a major seaside resort destination from the turn of the century.

Social value

Regional and Local Significance

Recreational and wellbeing values to a wider urban residential catchment.

Visual quality

Regional and Local Significance

Extensive regional views across the Bay to Kurnell and north to the CBD.

Natural value

State, Regional and Local Significance

Significant habitat on the foreshores play a major ecological role in the health of the Bay.

Recreational value

Regional and Local Significance

Extensive recreational opportunities for visitors from across the city are a drawcard for visitors to Botany Bay.

4. MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

The issues and opportunities identified by the community, stakeholders and consultants have been used to develop key principles that will underpin management strategies for Cook Park. These principles address the objectives of Crown Land management (Section 11, Crown Lands Act, 1989) and represent an important reference point when strategies may need to be revised.

Enjoying the Park and Bay

- Maximise shade and shelter in exposed areas of the Park.
- Ensure paths are capable of safely servicing the number and variety of users.
- Provide swimming facilities that are safe and enjoyable to use.
- Minimise conflicts between different water based recreation types to ensure safety and enjoyment for all users.
- Ensure safety craft have adequate launch facilities to provide for the security of beach users.
- Encourage shared use of existing buildings for community purposes.

Getting to and Around the Park

- Minimise impact of vehicles throughout the Park by optimising car parking and management of traffic movement.
- Provide safe and convenient non-vehicular connections to surrounding areas of open space and adjacent community.
- Encourage and promote sustainable and collective public transport to the Park.
- Ensure user conflicts are minimised through appropriate design of park elements, features and facilities.
- Ensure that visitors can easily navigate their way around the Park.

Conserving the Environment, Heritage and Character of the Park

- Ensure that any changes to or development in the Park do not negatively impact on the natural environment of both land and water.
- Protect, maintain and enhance regenerating native vegetation and areas of remnant vegetation.
- Provide opportunities for interpretation of the Park's natural and cultural heritage.
- Conserve and promote appreciation of Aboriginal heritage sites and values in the Park.
- Establish an identity for the Park that recognises its varied character along its length.

Looking After the Park and its Buildings

- Ensure leased premises or licensed premises are for purposes that promote or are related to the use and enjoyment of the Park.
- Seek opportunities within the Park to assist in recouping maintenance costs that are appropriate to the Park's principle function and purposes.
- Manage waste in the Park by a balanced combination of facilities management and education.

5. STRATEGIES

INTRODUCTION

The Strategies that follow have been formulated firstly to deal with existing issues raised by the community, professional stakeholders, reference groups and consultants and secondly to deal with likely future developments in the Park and its immediate surrounds. These changes include increase in population and the changing nature of public use of open space.

The Strategies have been tested against the Management Principles to ensure that they are both sustainable and appropriate to the Park as a unified public open space.

FORMAT

The Strategies for the Park have been arranged in a table format for ease of reference and application. They are arranged in columns from Strategy through to Responsibility. The columns are as outlined briefly below:

Strategies:

These define the principle actions to be passed under the Plan. Some strategies may fall under a number of topics but have been addressed only once to avoid repetition.

Typical locations:

Locations where Issues have been specifically but not exclusively noted. The same issues may occur in other parts of the Park and the strategies should be evaluated for appropriateness of application in these areas.

Priority

Relative order in which the strategies should be implemented. This is further clarified on the following page.

Planning, Construction, Management

These columns have been included for ease of use to identify at a glance the type of action required to implement the strategy.

In some cases a strategy will have more than one component for example Planning and Construction often occur together as much of the construction noted will have a design or planning component before works can be undertaken. Construction may also be as simple as road marking and does not necessarily involve assembly or installation.

Roles and Responsibilities

Against each strategy parties are nominated for action, review, evaluation or implementation. The party with the primary role is nominated in **bold font**. Other involved parties are nominated in normal font. Abbreviations are shown overleaf.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES PARTICIPANTS

COMM	The Local Community
DECCW	Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water
LP	Local police (Kogarah, Rockdale)
LPMA	Land and Property Management Authority
RCC	Rockdale City Council
SW	Sydney Water
STA	State Transit Authority of NSW
NM	NSW Maritime
RTA	Roads and Traffic Authority
CMA	Catchment Management Authority

PRIORITIES

Against each strategy in the table a column is provided indicating the Priority of Implementation. This priority is based on both urgency of implementation and opportunity. While some strategies may have high priority, the opportunity to implement them may be dependant on another strategy being implemented.

High	Requires action as soon as possible .
High / Medium	Implementation / Evaluation is important but not the top priority.
Medium	Requires action in the medium term.
Medium to Low	To be undertaken as opportunity and funds become available.
Low	Not urgent but should be undertaken when constraints are removed.

In general the order of priority of implementation for strategies should focus on safety issues as the first priority followed by removal of user conflicts, enhancement of natural heritage values and then amenity.

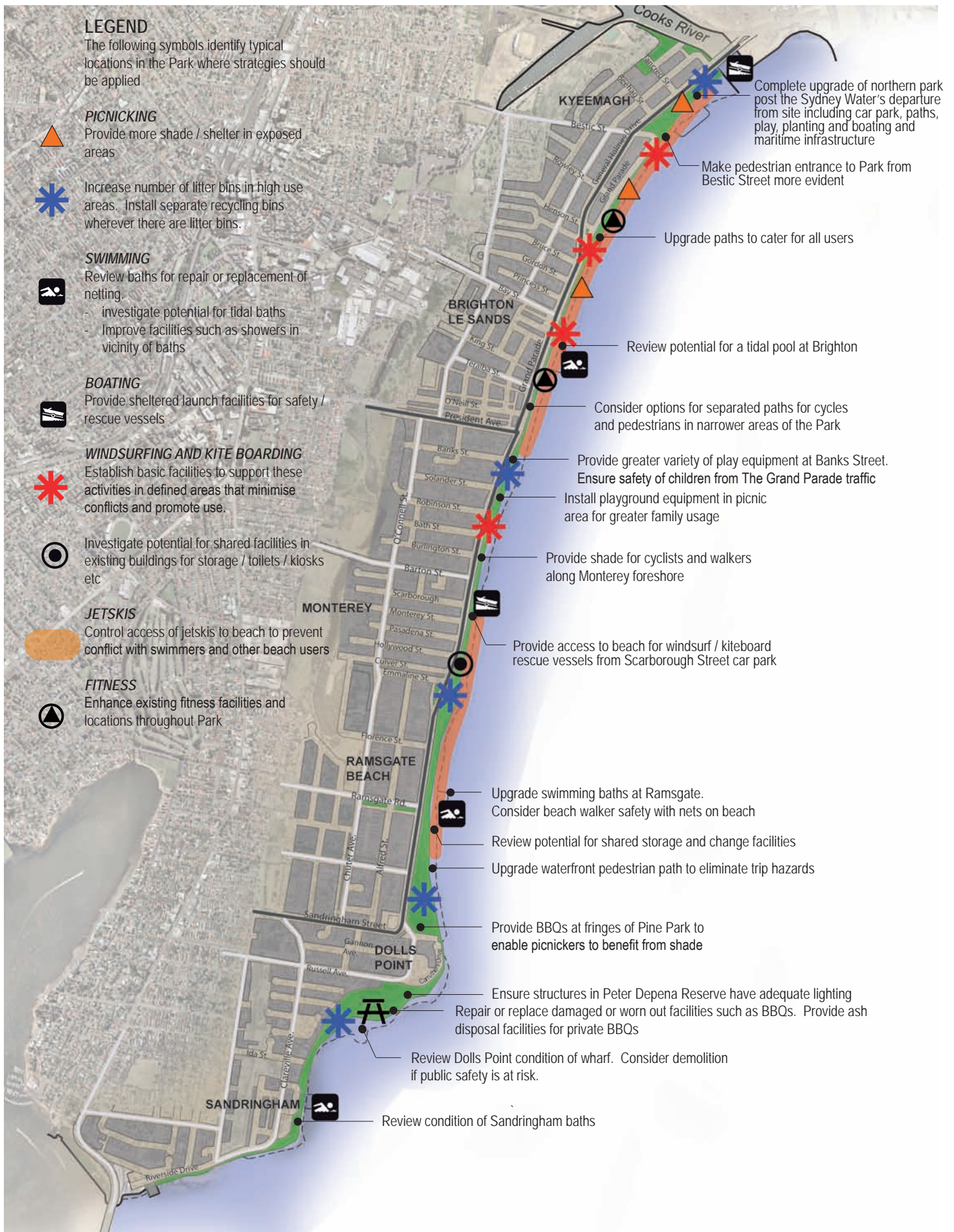
TIMEFRAME

This Plan of Management has been prepared with a 15 year 'lifespan' in mind. The priorities above are based on this general timeframe.

ENJOYING THE PARK AND BAY		PRIORITY	PLANNING	CONSTRUCTION / INSTALLATION	MANAGEMENT	RESPONSIBILITY
STRATEGY	TYPICAL LOCATIONS					
<p>Overarching Principle <i>The creation of a more integrated and better serviced precinct for the enjoyment and recreation of all users.</i></p>						
<p>General Undertake a design Masterplan for the Park as a whole with priority areas identified for more detailed design</p>		H / M	●			RCC
<p>Review potential for a tourist attractor in the northern section of the Park</p>		M / L	●			RCC
<p>Picnicking Repair or replace damaged or worn out barbecues</p>		H / M		●	●	RCC
<p>Provide barbecues in areas in large open space currently not catered for</p>		M	●	●		RCC
<p>Increase bin numbers in high use areas</p>		H		●	●	RCC
<p>Extend anti litter campaign to reduce littering</p>		H	●			RCC
<p>Provide recycling bins wherever there are normally waste bins</p>		H		●		RCC
<p>Provide barbecue ash disposal facilities</p>		H / M		●		RCC
<p>Review distinct areas of beach for swimming, jetski landing, kite boarding and windsurfing to avoid conflict</p>		M / H	●			RCC / NM
<p>Extend planting to provide more shade</p>		M		●		RCC

ENJOYING THE PARK AND BAY		PRIORITY	PLANNING	CONSTRUCTION	INSTALLATION	MANAGEMENT	RESPONSIBILITY
STRATEGY	TYPICAL LOCATIONS						
Swimming							
Review safety status of Dolls Point Wharf. If hazardous to public safety consider permanent closure or demolition	Dolls Point	H		●			RCC / NIM
Upgrade baths, replace or re-hang nets	Brighton Baths, Ramsgate (Dolls Point) Baths, Sandringham Baths	M		●			RCC / NIM
Re-structure bathing net design to prevent trip hazards on beach	Kyeemagh, Brighton Le Sands, Ramsgate, Sandringham	M/H		●			RCC / NIM
Addresses need for freshwater showers near baths within water conservation restrictions	Kyeemagh Baths, Brighton Baths, Ramsgate (Dolls Point) Baths, Sandringham Baths	H / M	●	●			RCC
Review potential for constructed tidal baths in highest use areas or areas with highest sedimentation	Brighton Baths, Ramsgate (Dolls Point) Baths	M	●				RCC / NIM
Designate swimmer only zones outside baths for safety and to prevent conflict with other users	Kyeemagh, Brighton Le Sands, Ramsgate, Monterey	M	●				RCC
Fishing							
Provide fish cleaning and gutting facilities in key locations	Kyeemagh groyne	M / L	●	●			RCC / LPMA
Boating							
Provide improved access to the water for rescue craft	Kyeemagh at mouth of Cooks River; Monterey from car park	M	●				LPMA / RCC / NIM
Review feasibility of maritime infrastructure and short term mooring facilities for boats caught in storms	The mouth of the Cooks River	M	●				LPMA / NIM
Windsurfing and Kiteboarding							
Provide storage facilities by modifying existing kiosks and toilet blocks.	Kyeemagh, Monterey, Ramsgate	M	●	●			RCC
Upgrade showers and toilets	Entire park	H / M	●	●			RCC / SW
Reduce heights of dune protection fence posts to prevent damage to wind surfing and kite boarding equipment. Increase widths of existing access points to beach to 3 metres	Kyeemagh, Monterey, Ramsgate	H			●		LPMA / RCC

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GETTING TO AND AROUND THE PARK		TYPICAL LOCATIONS	PRIORITY	PLANNING	CONSTRUCTION / INSTALLATION	MANAGEMENT	RESPONSIBILITY
STRATEGY							
<p>Overarching Principle <i>Improvement of access and circulation in the Park with minimum conflict, maximum utility and minimum hard surface footprint.</i></p>							
<p>Public Transport Review locations of bus stops to ensure ease of access for all users of the Park at key locations</p>			H	●			STA / RCC
<p>Cars and Parking Undertake a comprehensive carpark review throughout the Park to rationalise, simplify and better focus parking for park users. Resolve the outstanding DA for previously proposed car parking area south of Le Sands Re-align entry roads to car parks to eliminate 90 degree access from The Grand Parade and thereby avoid traffic hazards Establish cyclist / pedestrian priority points at path entries to car parks or car park access roads Review phasing of traffic lights to reduce danger to pedestrians (see RTA letter Appendix 5) Remove vehicle access to park immediately south of Endeavour bridge and retain entry created during desalination works Review all car park layouts to remove surplus road surface areas into parkland wherever practical (consider need for major event overflow parking) Review layout of car parks to discourage anti-social behaviour during the day Review closure of all car parks at night to reduce anti social behaviour Review options for upgrading existing car park in town centre to service Park and restaurants</p>		All car parks All car parks The Grand Parade, General Holmes Drive South of Endeavour Bridge All car parks All car parks All car parks especially in southern parts of the Park Brighton Le Sands	H H M / H H H H M / H H H M / H	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●			LMPA / RTA / RCC RCC / LMPA RCC / RTA RCC RTA / RCC RCC / SW RCC RCC / COMM / LP RCC / COMM / LP RCC

GETTING TO AND AROUND THE PARK		TYPICAL LOCATIONS	PRIORITY	PLANNING	CONSTRUCTION / INSTALLATION	MANAGEMENT	RESPONSIBILITY
Cycling		Entire length of the Park	H	●			RCC
Undertake comprehensive review and prepare cycle and footpath upgrade for the full extent of the Park		Ramsgate, Monterey	H / M	●	●		RCC
Separate pedestrian and cycle paths at conflict points		Adjacent to car park south of Georges River Sailing Club at Sandringham	H		●		RCC
Widen narrow paths to minimise conflict		Kyeemagh	M		●		RCC
Upgrade cycle path under Endeavour Bridge		All car parks	H		●		RCC
Urgently address all cycle paths entering car parks to remove cycle hazard		Along the foreshore path between Riverside Drive and Lena Street at Sandringham; at the toilet block near the intersection of The Grand Parade and General Holmes Drive	H / M			●	RCC
Improve visibility at blind spots along path through review of planted treatment		Sandringham, Monterey	H		●		RCC
Resolve hazards of sand on paths and ensure all access paths to beach are stabilised		Near playgrounds, Brighton Le Sands, near Ramsgate Baths, near Sandringham baths, all playgrounds	M / L		●		
Provide more bike racks in park focal points		Smooth at the toilet block near the intersection of The Grand Parade and General Holmes Drive	M		●		
Re-align paths to remove S-bends to avoid short-cutting and conflicts		Rockdale Railway Station, Brighton Le Sands kiosk	L	●			RCC / SRA
Review potential for bike hire facilities to improve park use			M / L	●	●		RCC / RTA
Establish on-road cycle network connecting with park and key local nodes such as the railway			M	●			RCC
Create pedestrian/cycle priority lanes through car parks where paths connect with the car park		Grand Parade between Bestic Street and General Holmes Drive	H		●		RCC
Rationalise park to place cycle path on road in northern part of the Park (Bestic Street)		Near intersection of The Grand Parade and General Holmes Drive	M / H	●	●		RCC
Redesign path to allow cycles to rejoin footpath in park travelling south							

GETTING TO AND AROUND THE PARK		TYPICAL LOCATIONS	PRIORITY	PLANNING	CONSTRUCTION / INSTALLATION	MANAGEMENT	RESPONSIBILITY
Walking							
Increase width of access paths to the beach. Lower dune protection fence posts to prevent damage to water based sports equipment. Review potential of switchback access rather than direct access for all points		All beach access through dunes	H / M	●	●	●	LPMA / RCC
Install access paths made of chain linked wooden slat to beach with possible switchbacks in key locations to reduce sand deposition on paths		Sandringham, Monterey	H / M	●	●	●	LPMA / RCC
Install median fencing for pedestrian safety		Brighton Le Sands between Bay Street and next pedestrian lights south	H / M	●	●	●	RTA / RCC
Enhance connections to the Botany Bay Walk		Sandringham near the St George Sailing Club	M	●	●	●	LPMA / RCC
Continue consultation with RTA to seek new pedestrian traffic lights to ensure ease of access along the entire length of The Grand Parade		The vicinity of Bruce Street, Kyeemagh; Solander Street Monterey; Emmaline Street, Ramsgate Beach	M	●	●	●	RTA / RCC
Install signage to indicate shared status of car parks for vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles wherever paths are directed into car parks		Car parks in Monterey	M	●	●	●	RCC
Redesign paths to beachfront to reduce steepness		North and south of Brighton boardwalk	M / L	●	●	●	RCC
Review pedestrian / cycle pinchpoints on streetfront and boardwalk with a view to minimising danger and conflict		Around Le Sands restaurant building	H	●	●	●	RCC / RTA
Ensure consistency of all paths entering car parks with clear safety features such as signage, bollards etc		All car parks in line with paths	H / M	●	●	●	RCC
Replace cycle barriers with more pram friendly options		North of Ramsgate Baths	H / M	●	●	●	RCC
Review all paths to ensure universal access is optimised (AS 1428)		North of President Avenue to north of Teralba Road	M/H	●	●	●	RCC
Explore opportunities for additional interpretive boardwalks on foreshore		West of St George Sailing Club and north of Kyeemagh netted baths	M	●	●	●	RCC
Review opportunity for dog off leash entry to water in appropriate locations where few other beach users			M	●	●	●	RCC/LMPA

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LEGEND

The following symbols identify typical locations in the park where strategies should be applied

CARS AND PARKING

Reduce pedestrian and cycle conflicts with cars by separating paths and car parks.
- Close car parks at night to reduce anti-social behaviour



Investigate off park options for car parking in high use areas

CYCLING

Investigate methods to overcome danger to cyclists caused by sand on path



PEDESTRIANS

Improve connections and pedestrian safety across The Grand Parade with extra pedestrian lights or overhead bridges



Improve pedestrian safety by using median street barriers between pedestrian crossing lights



GENERAL

Improve signage to clearly define access opportunities



Explore options for small berth sheltering locations for yachts caught in southerlies

Ensure car parks in post desalination works upgrade do not conflict with cyclists or pedestrians

Consider alternative locations of bus stops to facilitate easy access to park by mobility impaired users

Adjust path to eliminate blind spot caused by toilet block

Resolve pedestrian cycle conflicts on footpath beside The Grand Parade

Resolve potential for injury to cyclists and pedestrians due to steep ramp

Review opportunity for bicycle hire facilities in the Park with possible links to the station

Resolve outstanding car park DA

Resolve conflict between cycles, pedestrians and cars where paths meet car parks such as at Banks Street

Resolve illegal parking on grass opposite Solander Street

Resolve cycle hazard cause by sand on path opposite Scarborough Street

Upgrade toilets opposite Emmaline Street

Widen existing beach access to make provision for windsurfers and kite boarders carrying equipment

Resolve pinch point on path around RLSC

Incorporate unused car park into parkland. Keep option for overflow parking on grass or similar

Review benefits of road spikes in Carruthers Road

Review potential to open Carruthers Street for parking

Install viewing aids such as convex mirrors to avoid blind spots.

Reduce pedestrian / cycle conflicts and group walker inconvenience by widening path

Upgrade paths south of Sandringham baths to prevent trip hazards and clearly mark as shared path

<p>CONSERVING THE PARK'S ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE AND CHARACTER</p>		TYPICAL LOCATIONS	PRIORITY	PLANNING	CONSTRUCTION / INSTALLATION	MANAGEMENT	RESPONSIBILITY
<p>Overarching Principle Significant improvement in the representation of the Park's heritage, increased public awareness and restoration of the natural environment and greater integration and improvement of the general aesthetic qualities of the Park.</p>							
<p>Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage Install or improve heritage interpretation in high use areas. Review options for signage, interactive displays and self-guided audio tours Protect and interpret existing heritage features</p>		Peter Depena Reserve, Pine Park; Ramsgate Beach, Monterey opposite Emmaline Street; Brighton Le Sands, Kyeemagh north of Bestic Street Cannons at Sandringham and Brighton Le Sands, interpret change of Cooks River for original airport construction	M M	● ●	● ●	RCC RCC	
<p>Natural Heritage and Environment Continue ongoing dune conservation. Ensure planting at top of bank does not obscure views of bay Interpret natural systems in current and historical context Provide more shade through tree planting for amenity and habitat Continue tree succession planting Review likely impacts of climate change in low lying areas of Park Review planting alternatives to netting and corrugated fencing for dune control and sand incursion Review condition of stormwater outlets and evaluate installation of gross pollutant traps Explore options for consolidating sand on south side of groynes Undertake dune restoration planting to secure vulnerable areas.</p>		Beachfront from Kyeemagh to Brighton Le Sands Dune formation and vegetation at Kyeemagh, the storm water canal west of Peter Depena Reserve South of Bestic Street Pine Park Sandringham foreshore, Dolls Point foreshore Sandringham foreshore and park beach interface between Brighton Le Sands and Kyeemagh Throughout park All groynes Sandringham south of Georges Rive Sailing Club	H M H / M H / M H / M M / L H M H	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	LPMA / RCC / CMA RCC RCC RCC LPMA / RCC LPMA / RCC / CMA SW / NM / RCC / DECCW LPMA / RCC / NM LPMA / RCC	

CONSERVING THE PARK'S ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE AND CHARACTER		TYPICAL LOCATIONS	PRIORITY	PLANNING	CONSTRUCTION / INSTALLATION	MANAGEMENT	RESPONSIBILITY
Prepare upgraded interpretive material for area around cannon	Brighton Le Sands, Sandringham	M / H	●	●		RCC	
Consider construction of interpretive coastal boardwalk	Brighton Le Sands north of President Avenue, Kyeemagh	M / L	●	●		RCC / LPMA	
Continue critical dune restoration	Kyeemagh, Brighton, Monterey, Sandringham	H	●	●		RCC	
Ensure replanting of appropriate native dune species is undertaken after weeding of dunes to prevent dune erosion and sand movement into the Park	All dunes	H	●	●		RCC	
Character							
Maintain and improve view corridors to water from lateral streets	Bestic Street, Kyeemagh; Bay Street, Brighton Le Sands; President Avenue, Monterey; Barton Avenue, Monterey; Ida Street, Dolls Point; Clareville Avenue Sandringham	H			●	RCC	
Retain open parkland character of Monterey	President Avenue to Florence Street	H / M			●	RCC	
Create distinct park frontage using street tree planting. Ensure tree species will allow for views to park and beach under canopy on maturity	Florence Street, Ramsgate Road to Florence Street, Dolls Point; Bestic Street, Kyeemagh to Cooks River	M		●		RCC / RTA	
Establish green corridor links to environmental resources such as the Rockdale Wetlands and local parks and greenspace	Along President Avenue, Barton Street, Culver Street, Ramsgate Road, Sandringham Street, Sanoni Avenue, Ida Street	M	●			RCC / LPMA / DECCW	
Review status of building blocking important sightline to the bay with a view to demolition and replacement in a more appropriate location	Bruce Street Brighton Le Sands	M	●	●		RCC	
Pursue replacement planting strategy for Norfolk Island Palms pine trees	Brighton Le Sands	M	●			RCC	
Ensure view from President Avenue to the bay is clear	Brighton Le Sands	H / M		●		RCC	
Provide more structured spaces to park with new tree planting	Peter Depena Reserve	M	●	●		RCC	
Implement restored parkland as per agreement with Sydney Water / Water Delivery Alliance	Kyeemagh	H		●		SW / RCC	
Upgrade landscape quality at entrances to park	Bestic Street Kyeemagh, Sandringham Street Dolls Point	H / M	●	●		RCC / LPMA	
Upgrade foreshore area and entry to baths. Remove decommissioned pipe	Ramsgate Beach	H / M	●	●		RCC	

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LOOKING AFTER THE PARK AND BUILDINGS		PRIORITY	PLANNING	CONSTRUCTION / INSTALLATION	MANAGEMENT	RESPONSIBILITY
STRATEGY	TYPICAL LOCATIONS					
<p>Overarching Principle <i>Rationalisation of buildings and improvement of infrastructure and services to maximise public amenity, safety and satisfaction and facilitate income generation for Park maintenance and improvement</i></p>						
<p>Leased and licensed premises Ensure ongoing commercial activities adhere to the Crown Lands Act, the Local Government Act, and all other relevant statutes. Undertake community consultation for any proposed commercial activity requiring construction of a new building Define and verify all public access requirements and rights in relation to leased premises Evaluate all leased premises for structural integrity and instruct lessees to undertake the appropriate action for repair or renovation Assess potential for temporary licenses for events such as markets or fairs including for example temporary kiosks and stalls. Priority should be given to those that would increase the public profile of the Park and have the least long term impact. Licenses should also comply with Section 112 of the Crown Lands Act (1989) Rationalise three buildings into one containing RLSC, toilets and storage Test existing and future leases against Council Open Space Policy</p>		<p>H</p> <p>M</p> <p>H</p> <p>L</p> <p>M</p> <p>M</p>	<p>●</p> <p>●</p> <p>●</p> <p>●</p> <p>●</p> <p>●</p>		<p>●</p> <p>●</p> <p>●</p> <p>●</p> <p>●</p> <p>●</p>	<p>RCC / LPMA / COMM</p> <p>RCC</p> <p>RCC</p> <p>RCC</p> <p>RCC</p> <p>RCC</p> <p>RCC</p>
<p>Toilets Ensure toilets are opened early enough in the morning to all enable use by joggers and walkers prior to work Evaluate all toilet buildings for immediate repair, replacement or integration with storage or leased premises Instigate program for medium term replacement of toilets buildings. Re-construct with a footprint no larger than the existing building with a multiple use e.g. including community storage facilities. New toilets are to be designed to ensure safety and security of users Clean toilets daily, and more frequently in peak times. Ensure facilities are in good repair and adequately supplied with necessary materials</p>		<p>H</p> <p>H</p> <p>M</p> <p>H</p>	<p>●</p> <p>●</p> <p>●</p>		<p>●</p> <p>●</p> <p>●</p>	<p>RCC</p> <p>RCC</p> <p>RCC</p> <p>RCC</p>

LOOKING AFTER THE PARK AND BUILDINGS		TYPICAL LOCATIONS	PRIORITY	PLANNING	CONSTRUCTION / INSTALLATION	MANAGEMENT	RESPONSIBILITY
Consolidate and rationalise shelters and toilets to contemporary design standards. Ensure heritage values are recognised		Peter Depena Reserve	M	●	●		RCC
Lighting							
Undertake lighting audit to establish clear guidelines for required light			M / L			●	RCC
Check lights regularly and ensure expired bulbs are replaced promptly			H			●	
Park and Street Furniture							
Rationalise street furniture for consistency through the Park. Ensure seats are located at frequent intervals along paths			M		●		RCC
Waste							
Install recycling bins in the Park - some can replace existing bins		Wherever other bins are located	H			●	RCC
Install facilities for disposal of ash from barbecues in picnic areas		Peter Depena Reserve, North of Pine Park	H / M		●	●	RCC
Ensure litter is collected and bins emptied frequently on weekends, after busy periods and after major events such as New Years Eve		Throughout park	H		●	●	RCC
Extend anti-litter education campaign, especially through ranger presence at time of high use		Brighton, Ramsgate Beach	H / M	●			RCC
Review alternatives to beach rubbish stockpile		South of Le Sands Restaurant	H	●			RCC
Facilities and Infrastructure							
Audit and evaluate condition of all facilities and infrastructure with a view to replacement			M	●			RCC
Establish design guidelines for Cook Park for all future works to ensure unity within the Park and legibility			M	●			RCC
Establish a program and funding scheme for replacement of infrastructure within the design guidelines			M	●			RCC
Vandalism and Graffiti							
Undertake measures to improve passive surveillance around frequently targeted facilities and protect with graffiti resistant paint. Respond quickly to remove graffiti		Throughout park	H			●	RCC

6. DETAILED STRATEGIC PLANS

The following plans show the entire length of park in a greater level of detail and summarise all of the strategies in the previous section.



Upgrade cycle path under bridge.

Review potential for boating and maritime infrastructure

Upgrade vehicle access and parking to control access south of Endeavour Bridge.

Review option for off leash dog access to water

Implement restored parkland as per agreement with the Water Delivery Alliance.

Upgrade Landscape quality of park entrance.

Provide more shade by tree planting in this section

Rationalise parks to place cycle path on street for this stretch to General Holmes Drive.

Stabilise bank behind metal screen protection with dune planting and progressively remove screens when planting is established.

Continue dune restoration planting.

Ensure all access paths to beach are stabilised with chained timber planking. Where there is risk of sand blowing onto street and park, create switchback with long term goal of replacing metal sheeting or angled path.

Prevent windblown sand problems by increased dune restoration



Review status of building currently lying in foreground of important view across bay.

Redesign paths to allow for cycles to rejoin footpath in park travelling south.

Redesign path to beach to reduce steepness.

Pursue replacement planting strategy for pines

Review options extending existing car park in Brighton Le Sands town centre to service park and restaurants.

Prepare upgraded interpretive material for area around cannon.

Evaluate construction of an in harbour jetty as an extension of the existing boardwalk to facilitate visitor interaction with the bay (fishing, viewing etc) and provide for small boat pick up and drop off.

Review cycle pinchpoints on boardwalk and ensure these are clear.

Reconsider cycle pinchpoints on streetfront given danger for pedestrians and building users.

Reconsider suitability of beach rubbish collection stockpile.

Evaluate construction of an interpretive boardwalk

Continue critical dune restoration.

Seek early resolution of unresolved car park DA in line with principles of the Plan of Management

Ensure vista to Bay is clear from President Avenue.

Where wider areas of park permit, separate cycle and pedestrian paths; generally pedestrians should be closer to foreshore.

Ensure consistency of design for all paths entering carparks with clear safety features (Bollards, signs, surface materials).



Ensure planting at top of bank does not obscure views of bay.

Install switchback or angled path access to beach to minimise sand wind drift, especially addressing southerly winds.

Review all carpark layouts to ensure no surplus road surface areas provided

Create pedestrian/cycle priority lanes through car parks

Explore options for consolidating sand adjoining groynes.

Replace steps to beach ramp to ensure continuity of existing switchback ramps from street level.

Provide more shade through new tree plantings.

Separate pedestrian and cycle paths in width restricted area.

Install signage to indicate shared status of car park for vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles wherever paths are directed into through car parks.

Rationalise car park layout to remove large areas of surplus asphalt.





7. IMPLEMENTATION

TARGETS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

In establishing a programme of implementation, LMPA and Council requires a means to demonstrate that the program for the strategies outlined has been achieved. These are identified as performance indicators. For detailed performance targets and indicators for Council owned Community Land as required under the Local Government Act NSW (1993) refer to the following chapter on Council Owned Community Lands.

Success in the implementation of some strategies can be more easily measured in quantitative ways than others, but all must be measured by some means if performance is to be evaluated and strategies refined over time.

In particular, the following are considered practical and useful survey methods that may cover a number of targets and performance measures

Exit and user surveys:

- A questionnaire carried out at 5 year intervals accompanied by a survey of user numbers in parts of the Park; qualitative and quantitative in nature. This survey/questionnaire will cover such diverse matters as measures of changes in park usage, visitor experience and perceptions, etc.

Specific Web surveys:

- Surveys on Council's website; these can be designed as questionnaires requesting for example input on the implementation of particular programs and feedback on review in management strategies.

Log of letters:

- Review of letters, emails etc. received each year (positive and negative) on various subjects in the Park indicating changes in praise and criticism of the Park's management according to performance. Some care must be exercised in specific interpretation and this method should be used to measure general trends and common topics rather than letter by letter.

Photographic survey:

- Taken at key and consistent locations every 5 years to establish degrees of change, either positive or negative. This should be compared with aerial photographs reviewed every 5 years.

Enjoying The Park And Bay

Enjoyment of the Park can be to some extent measured by the number of visitors to the Park and the extent to which the Park is cared for and appreciated. This is also a measure of how much the local people and visitors believe that it is genuinely a shared public resource. Due to its size, the variety of experiences within the Park and also it's foreshore location, simple usage may not be an adequate measure. Length of stay and satisfaction level should also be measured.

General Target:

To ensure that there is equity in public access within the Park.

General Performance Indicator:

Measure by a park user survey indicating numbers in the Park , measured every 2 years and questionnaire that establishes peoples perceptions of restrictions on publicly accessible land.

Target:

Increased local use of the site.

Performance Indicator:

Measure Park use by user number survey every two years.

Target:

Increased satisfaction with the Park usage

Performance Indicator:

As measured by exit survey and local resident survey establishing origin of visitor length of stay and satisfaction level etc.

Getting To and Around The Park

The shared pedestrian and cycle path system has seen an increase in regular use of the Park, improving appreciation, casual surveillance and security but also creating potential conflicts between different types of users. Ease and safety of access to the Park from across the Grand Parade is also in need of improvement. The test for increased use must be to increase the carrying capacity of the path system but minimise conflicts.

Pedestrian or Cycle Access

Performance Target: Increased daily destination use of path system.

Performance Indicator: As measured by user survey every 2 - 5 years at consistent locations at start and end of day and at weekends. Consider seasonal influences.

Performance Target: Reduced conflict, accidents

Performance indicator: As measured by user surveys every 2 years particularly users of the path system and log of police record accidents. A preliminary survey should be undertaken to establish a base line of of conflicts or incidents in the previous 12 months.

Performance Target: Increased diversity in use type, ease of accessibility and increased numbers.

Performance Indicator: Measured by a Park user and local resident survey addressing a range of issues, but in particular, issues such as impacts of street parking, sport uses, unstructured recreational facilities, etc.

Performance Target: Improve accessibility for cyclists. Improved amenity and comfort for pedestrians and cyclists.

Performance Indicator: Conduct bi-annual counts of cyclists at access points to the study area. Monitor requests from cyclists for improved or additional facilities. Review safety and accident reports.

Parking Targets:

Rationalisation of parking in the Park. Review overflow parking rather than permanent parking in some areas. Reduction of anti-social behaviour in the Parking areas.

Performance Indicators: Parking numbers count and carpark occupancy rates at key locations over a period of years. Review complaints received or interview nearby residents.

Target:

Improve safety along foreshore roads at carpark entry and exits.

Performance Indicators:

Review safety and accident reports to monitor reduction in accidents.

Protecting The Park's Environment, Heritage And Character

Performance Indicator: Measured by a quantitative exit survey every 5 years establishing visitor experience, that identifies (without prompting) satisfaction with and support for beach restoration works, increased acknowledgment/appreciation of historical/cultural features of the Park, and awareness of improvements in the Park's visual character.

Environment

Target:

Establish clear conservation and management priorities for the Park.

Performance Indicator:

Park and resource allocation priorities established and adopted.

Target:

Continuation of dune restoration work in accordance with generic targets and contemporary management techniques.

Performance Indicator:

Collect data. Monitor generic targets. Photograph dunes from a series of locations at 6 monthly intervals to determine success of stabilisation.

Heritage

This aspect of the experience of open space is often under-emphasised but has the capacity to significantly increase the appreciation of the history and evolving cultural landscape of the Park for the local resident and visitor alike. Interpretive design and sign information, are two examples of interpretation that would aid in increasing awareness of the Park's heritage.

Target: Increased appreciation of the site and its cultural and historical significance to the area.

Performance Indicator:

Measured by a quantitative exit survey every 2 years establishing visitor experience, that identifies increased acknowledgment and /or appreciation of historical, cultural and natural features of the Park .

Character

Many of the cues to visual appreciation of the landscape are subtle and difficult for most people to express in words.

Target:

Increased appreciation of the site and its aesthetic qualities.

Performance Indicator:

Measured by exit survey as above and photographic survey at ten year intervals of key views and features to ensure consistent visibility and landscape quality.

Looking After the Park and it's Buildings

Measuring the effectiveness of the administrative processes and maintenance program is essential to ongoing review and amendment of the management structures and implementation programme.

Target:

Ongoing program of upgrading or replacement of buildings and structures.

Performance Indicators:

Public satisfaction with toilets and facilities and reduced complaints as measured by exit surveys of Park users.

Target:

Improved services such as litter collection, toilet maintenance etc.

Performance Indicator:

Measured by exit surveys to determine public satisfaction.

Target: Cost reduction and minor increase in revenue required for maintenance and management.

Performance Indicator:

Measured by Council's annual accounts.

Target:

A smooth running and well integrated management structure. Consistent progress on achieving strategic outcomes on the ground.

Performance Indicator:

Measured by monitoring such factors as changes in degree of unanimity of decisions amongst the management body (minutes), success with achieving funding for initiatives etc.

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

Listed below are some of the relevant available grants indicated in the State Parliament’s web site guide to Community Grants. Other grants shown on this website could be applied for as a joint venture with community groups and local businesses.

Dept. of Planning	Metropolitan Greenspace Programme
Dept. Environment, Climate Change and Water	Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation grants
Arts NSW	The Arts Funding Program: * Sustainable arts and cultural organisations, services and infrastructure * Increased access to arts and cultural activities * A creative and diverse arts sector.
NSW Heritage	Local government heritage management program Aboriginal heritage projects
Clubs NSW	Community Development Support Expenditure

The Council must also consider terms that ensure that legitimate costs of upgrading of the Park are recouped wherever possible by equitable rental. Public hiring fees should also be set at a realistic and equitable level.

Potential for metered car parking should also be examined but consideration should be given to local rate payers being exempted.

REVIEWING THE PLAN

If this Plan is to remain relevant in the coming years it will be essential that some degree of consistent review be carried out in a logical order.

The Plan has been set up in such a manner that the separate elements can be readily reviewed and updated on differing time spans.

In line with the targets and performance indicators set out in a previous section it is recommended that the Plan be reviewed in the following sequences and time spans, starting from the most frequent review requirement.

EVERY YEAR

- Review progress of programme prepared after this Plan

EVERY TWO YEARS

- Review progress on all strategies
- Review Management and Administration structures
- Review priorities

EVERY FIVE YEARS

- Major Review of all Strategies
- Review of all Objectives
- Review and update Resource and Issues
- Review/update Statutory Controls (DCPs)
- Review Targets and Performance Indicators

EVERY TEN YEARS

- Review of Strategies and Objectives
- Review and update all background Issues
- Review and update The Values and Significance if external circumstances require or community values change markedly

8. COUNCIL OWNED COMMUNITY LANDS

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Cook Park comprises Crown land dedicated for public recreation, of which Rockdale City Council is the Reserve Trust Manager, and incorporates a number of parcels of community land owned and managed by Rockdale City Council.

The parcels of community land contained within the Crown land are as follows:

- Peter Depena Reserve which includes the leased site occupied by the restaurant and kiosk premises known as Le Beach Hut (Land title : Lot 2 in DP733218, Lot 3 in DP 733218, Lot 66 in DP 2237, Lot 67 in DP 2237, Lot 68 in DP 2237, Lot 69 in DP 2237, Lot 70 in DP 2237, Lot 71 in DP 2237, Lot 72 in DP 2237, Lot 73 in DP 2237, Lot 74 in DP 2237, Lot 75 in DP 2237, Lot 76 in DP 2237 and Lot 77 in DP 2237)
- a section of public footpath in the vicinity of Sandringham Bay (Land title: Lot 27 in DP 15280, Lot 2 in DP 418083 and Lot 16 in DP 270045)

In order for this Plan of Management to meet the specific requirements of the Local Government Act (NSW) 1993 the following information for two of the three parcels of Council owned community land is set out in this chapter:

- category of land
- nature and use of the land
- objectives and performance targets
- means of achievement
- methods of assessment
- Lease details

CATEGORY OF LAND

The category of all parcels of the Council owned community land is 'Park'.

NATURE AND USE

The following describes the nature and use of the Council owned community land within Cook Park. Nature and use of community land within Peter Depena Reserve is described for the whole of this parcel as well as specifically for the leased area currently occupied by the Le Beach Hut premises. This section provides information which expressly authorises the lease as required by the Local Government Act (NSW) 1993 on Council owned community land.

1. Peter Depena Reserve, Dolls Point
 - Open space and recreation incorporating a food and beverage outlet on a leased property
2. Section of public footpath in the vicinity of Vanston Pde, Sandringham
 - Open space and recreation, public access route

No changes in use for Council owned community land are expected. Any proposed changes in nature and use for the community land parcels identified in this Plan will require a revised Plan of Management for that parcel of community land.

LEASE DETAILS

The leased site occupied by the restaurant and kiosk premises known as Le Beach Hut is located within the community land portion of Peter Depena Reserve. The leased area comprises the Le Beach Hut brick building, a concrete delivery area and a 1.5 m curtilage surrounding the building.

All available lease details are set out below:

Lease

Le Beach Hut

Lease expiry - August 2010

Permissible uses - Refreshment Room Kiosk and Restaurant

Hours of operation - normal business hours of operation

Seat numbers - 298 persons

Area or size - No 179 and 1.5m curtilage. Refer Appendix 1 for Plan

Car Park numbers - N/A

This Plan of Management expressly authorises the current lease for the restaurant and kiosk premises known as Le Beach Hut as described above.

OBJECTIVES, PERFORMANCE TARGETS, MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT AND METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

The objectives, performance targets, means of achievement and methods of assessment for the parcels of community land are set out in the following table. Details for the Le Beach Hut leased site are addressed separately.

COMMUNITY LANDS			
OBJECTIVE	PERFORMANCE TARGET	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	METHOD OF ASSESSMENT
<p>Peter Depena Reserve</p> <p>Ensure that there is equity in public access within the Park and that single interests do not obtain or retain monopolies on tenure or enjoyment.</p>	<p>Increased access and use of the area for the primary use of passive recreation and leisure.</p> <p>Increased understanding and awareness by the community of their access rights.</p> <p>Absence of any physical barriers or obstructions to public access.</p>	<p>Define or verify all public access requirements and rights.</p> <p>Ensure the public are aware of their access rights through means such as signage, Council fliers and information pamphlets containing access and link maps.</p> <p>Maintain clear access through or around leased premises. For example no siting of structures such as fencing or bins.</p>	<p>Measured by a Park user survey every two years. Assess perceptions of what is open to the public.</p> <p>Review of letters received each year on public access to the Park.</p> <p>Site inspections by Council officers to monitor clear access ways.</p> <p>Independent evaluation of public access provisions.</p> <p>Regular site inspections to ensure legible path connections through community land linking to Peter Depena Reserve.</p>
<p>Ensure that use of the community land relates to the use and enjoyment of open space.</p>	<p>Increased use and enjoyment for a range of recreation and leisure activities for a wide spectrum of visitors.</p> <p>Preserve primary function of open space for passive recreation and leisure.</p>	<p>Ensure all facilities provided are available for use to the public.</p> <p>Make the public aware of all permissible uses through signage.</p> <p>Retain existing nature or purpose of the community lands and leases.</p>	<p>Measured by a park user survey every two years. Assess why people visit the Park and what facilities they utilise.</p> <p>Lease review and facilities compliance inspections as per lease terms.</p>

COMMUNITY LANDS			
TOPIC	PERFORMANCE TARGET	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	METHOD OF ASSESSMENT
<p>Peter Depena Reserve continued</p> <p>Ensure the community lands are consistent in open space character with the whole of Peter Depena Reserve and with the Open Space Policy of Rockdale City Council.</p>	<p>Land ownerships are not physically evident on the ground.</p>	<p>Ensure that design elements (such as signage, lighting, paving, furniture etc) used on the community lands are consistent with those used in Peter Depena and the whole of Cook Park.</p> <p>Ensure the maintenance programme followed is compatible with that of the whole reserve.</p> <p>Maintain and manage in the same manner as Peter Depena Reserve.</p>	<p>Measured by a Park user survey every two years. Assess peoples perceptions of what is community land.</p> <p>Visual survey by Council Landscape Architect.</p> <p>Independent evaluation of methods against programme.</p>
<p>Le Beach Hut</p> <p>Ensure leased premises are for a purpose that promotes or is related to the use and enjoyment of open space for recreation and leisure.</p>	<p>– Increased use of Peter Depena Reserve due to range of services provided by leased premises and integration with Park activities and opportunities.</p>	<p>Provide public information signage such as information boards showing range of services provided and hours of opening.</p> <p>Liaison between Council and the lessee to examine opportunities for joint initiatives to promote the Park and facilities.</p> <p>Provision of food and beverage facilities to meet a range of park user needs.</p>	<p>Measured by a park user survey every two years. Assess peoples awareness of range of facilities provided.</p> <p>Review of letters received on use of the Reserve and request for facilities.</p> <p>Site inspections to evaluate lessee compliance with lease terms.</p> <p>Evaluation of operations to ensure conformity with DoP Circular No 14 (Restaurants in Open Spaces) and DECCW Policy Position.</p>

COMMUNITY LANDS			
TOPIC	PERFORMANCE TARGET	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	METHOD OF ASSESSMENT
<p>Le Beach Hut continued</p> <p>The leased premises do not substantially diminish public use of or access to open space.</p>	<p>Increased use and enjoyment of the area by a wide spectrum of local and regional visitors.</p>	<p>Maintain clear access through or around leased premises. For example no siting of structures such as fencing or bins.</p> <p>Continue to operate only permissible uses of kiosk and restaurant.</p> <p>Provide information boards showing pedestrian routes, opening hours and permissible uses.</p> <p>Operate trading hours that provide a range of opportunities for food and beverages without having any adverse impacts on both the surrounding open space users and the adjoining land uses.</p> <p>Remove or repair any defects which might cause injury to persons using or passing through the adjoining Reserve.</p> <p>Ensure no increase in height or bulk of existing building or signage to ensure no overshadowing of the Park.</p> <p>Keep signs directly related to promotion of Le Beach Hut to a minimum and confine product advertising to the interior of the building except where approval has been given for portable signs during the hours of operation.</p>	<p>Measured by a Park user survey every two years. Assess peoples enjoyment of the open space facilities.</p> <p>Inspections by the Council Manager to review the condition and maintenance of the premises.</p> <p>Monitor numbers of complaints received pertaining to the leased premises.</p> <p>Annual inspections to evaluate premises to ensure curtilage, height, bulk and signage restrictions are being adhered to.</p> <p>Ad hoc inspections to confirm compliance with permissible trading hours.</p>

COMMUNITY LANDS	TOPIC	PERFORMANCE TARGET	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	METHOD OF ASSESSMENT
	<p>Le Beach Hut continued</p> <p>Ensure leased premises do not adversely affect the natural environment, any items or areas of heritage significance of the existing amenity of the area.</p>	<p>Increased appreciation of the site and its historical, visual, and natural values whilst maintaining the existing amenity of the area.</p>	<p>Properly maintain the building and curtilage.</p> <p>Keep the premises free from accumulation of rubbish or waste material.</p> <p>Provision of additional litter collection services as required to ensure amenity of open space.</p> <p>Monitor premises to ensure that no adverse impacts to the natural environment or existing amenity are caused by the premises operations.</p> <p>Ensure that the use of the premises does not cause nuisance or annoyance to adjoining owners or occupiers or to users of the adjoining reserve.</p>	<p>Review log of letters and accident reports for any complaints or incidents related to the upkeep or maintenance of the building.</p> <p>Inspections of premises to ensure compliance with health regulations.</p> <p>Monitoring by Council officers such as the Environment Officer of impacts caused by premises operations.</p> <p>Liaison between police and Council to monitor number and nature of incidents related to operations in the leased premises.</p> <p>Inspections at any time by Council officers to review the hours or noise volume affecting adjoining occupiers.</p>

COMMUNITY LANDS			
TOPIC	PERFORMANCE TARGET	MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT	METHOD OF ASSESSMENT
<p>Le Beach Hut Ensure leased premises do not adversely affect the visual quality of the area.</p>	<p>Improved appreciation and quality of the visual environment.</p>	<p>Ensure that no display or advertising signs are affixed on or to the premises without prior approval of the Council. Ensure any renovations required to keep the premises at an appropriate standard maintain or reduce the scale, bulk, height and floor space of the existing premises. Renovations must be in sympathy with open space context.</p>	<p>Test any application for renovation of premises on community lands against design guidelines or Development Control Plan. Photographic survey every year to identify improvements or detractors to the visual environment. Independent evaluation to ascertain lessee conformance to the Development Control Plan.</p>
<p>Walkway Ensure co-ordinated pedestrian access and links exist along the foreshore.</p>	<p>Maintain and increase daily destination of the path system.</p>	<p>Ensure pathways are maintained and permit access for disabled and prams. Publication of access and link maps updated annually.</p>	<p>Park user survey. Independent evaluation of public access provisions.</p>
<p>Ensure the community lands are consistent in open space character with the adjoining areas of open space.</p>	<p>Land ownerships are not physically evident on the ground.</p>	<p>Ensure that design elements (such as signage, lighting, paving, furniture etc) installed on community land are co-ordinated with those installed along the whole of the open space system. Ensure maintenance programme followed is consistent with the treatment of the rest of the Park.</p>	<p>Measured by a park user survey every two years. Independent evaluation to ensure co-ordination of design elements</p>

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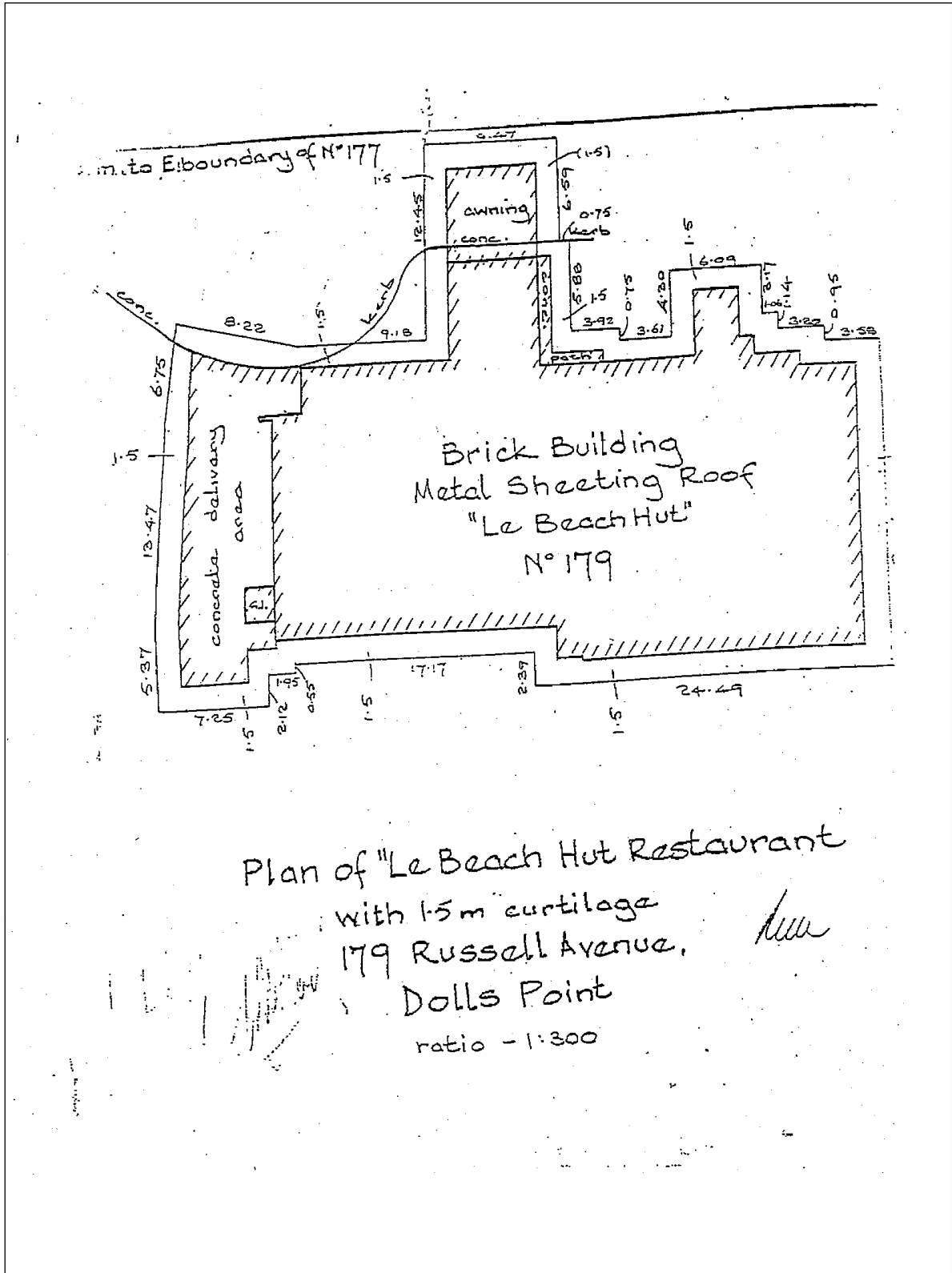
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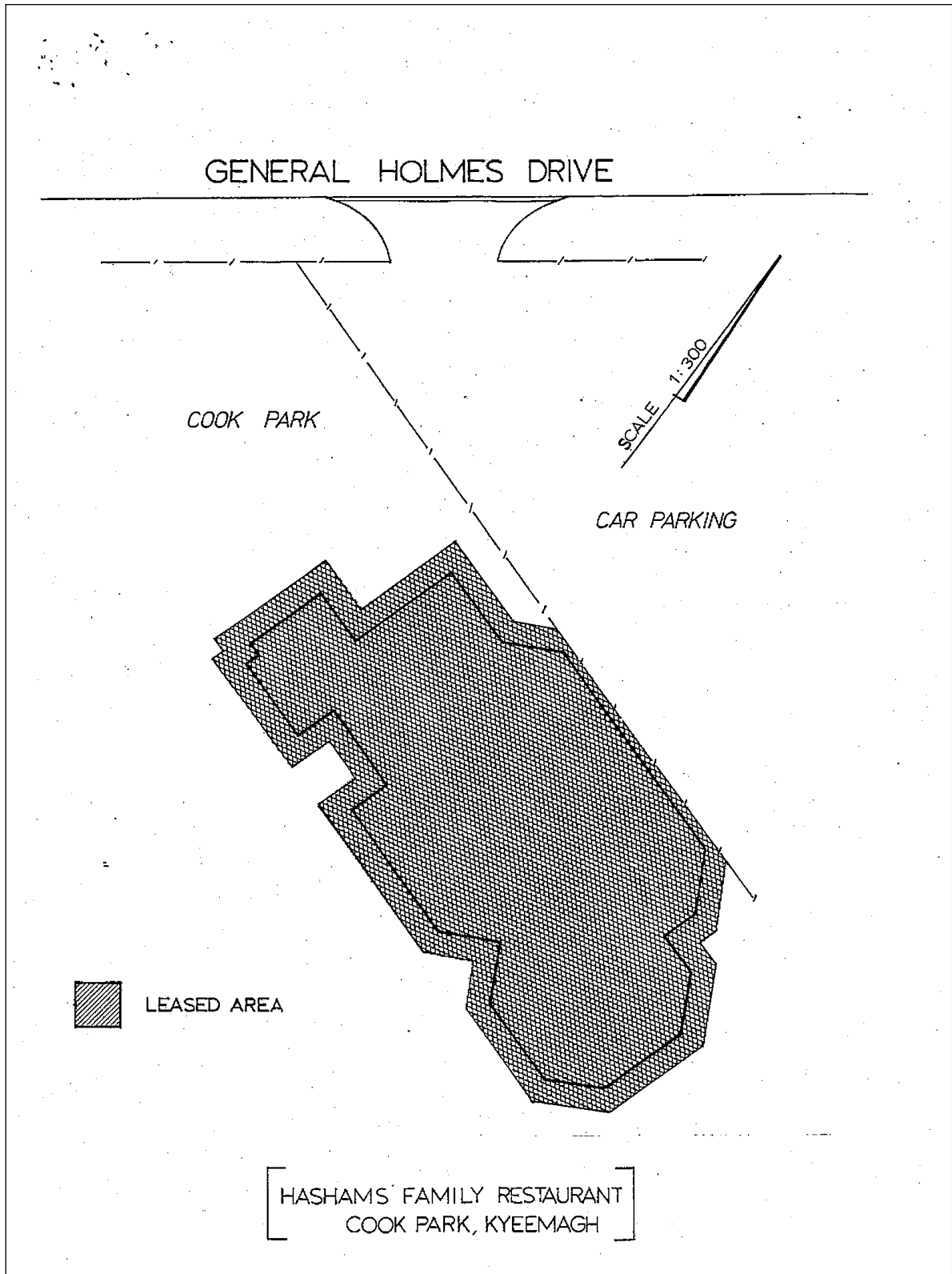
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Le Sands Restaurant	RCC	30/08/2028		Yes	
Le Sands Outdoor Dining	RCC	No lease	N/A	Yes	Council formalising Licence
Le Sands Kiosk		30/06/2019	No	Yes	To be executed to expire 30/08/28
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese	RCC	No lease	N/A	Yes	To be executed to expire 30/08/28
Brighton Athletics Club	RCC	23/02/03	No	Yes	Month by month - hold over
Royal Coastal Patrol	RCC	No lease	N/A	Yes	To be executed to expire 30/08/28
Omeros on the Beach	RCC	7/03/2016	No	Yes	
Le Beach Hut	RCC	31/08/2010	1 Year	Yes	
Georges River 16 Foot Sailing Club Co Op Ltd	NSW Maritime	Perpetual	No	No	Perpetual Lease
St George Sailing Club	LPMA	Unknown	Unknown	No	
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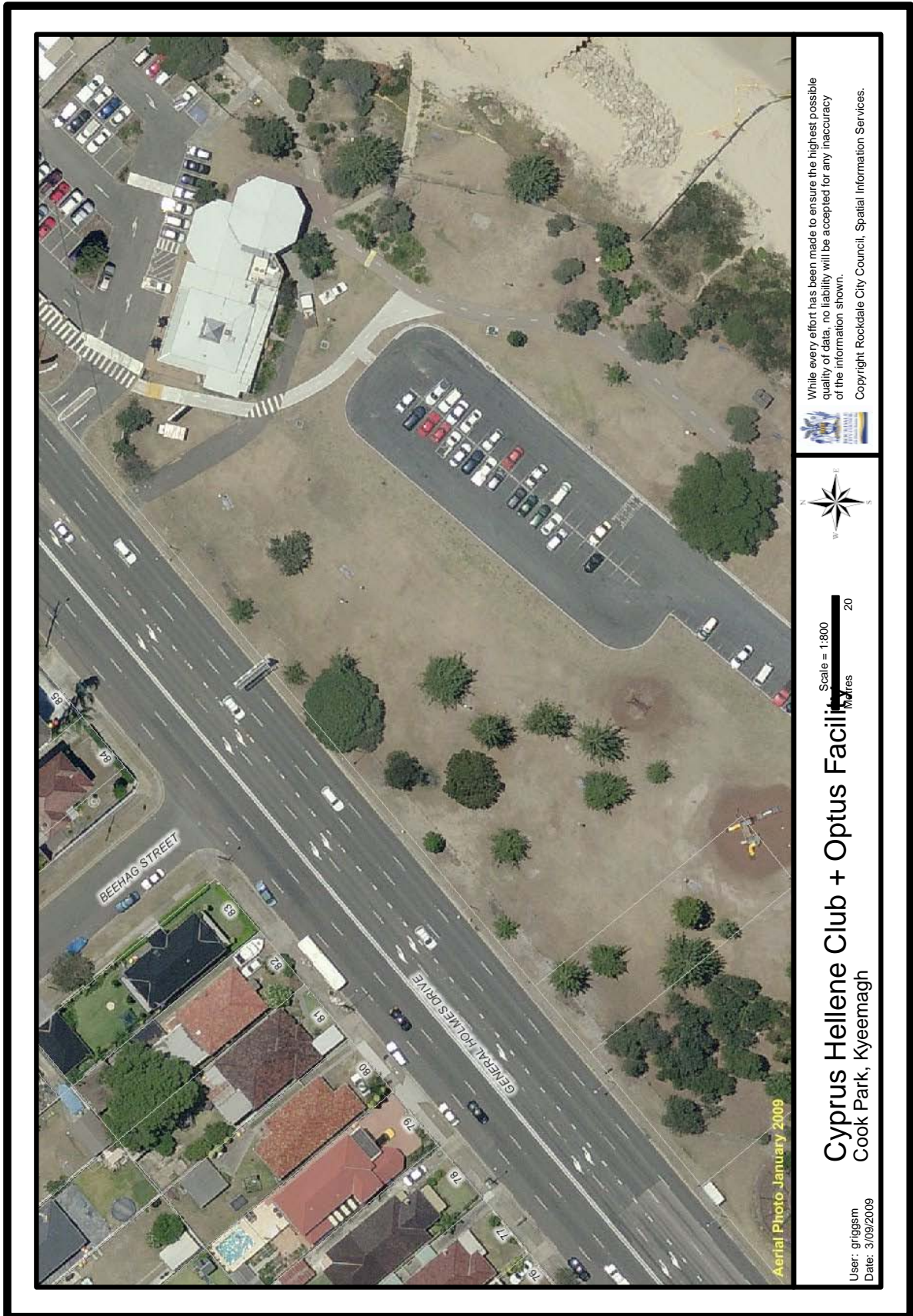
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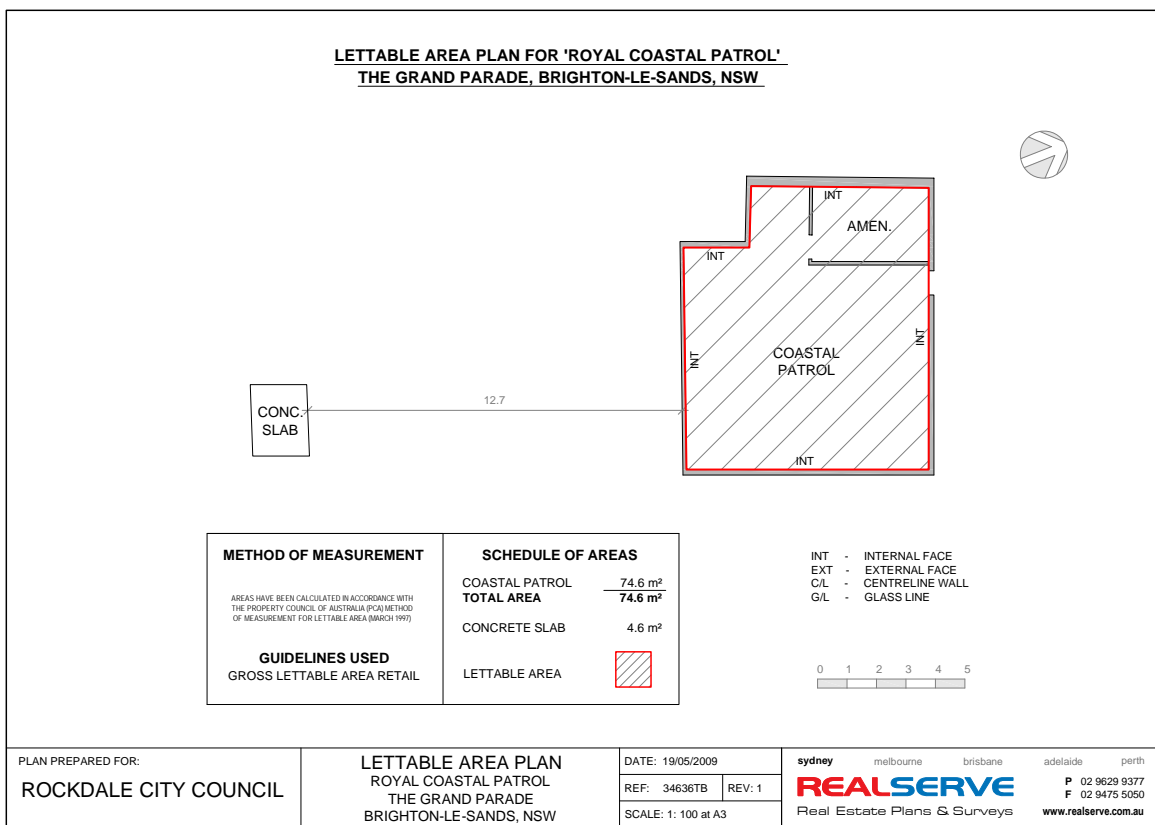
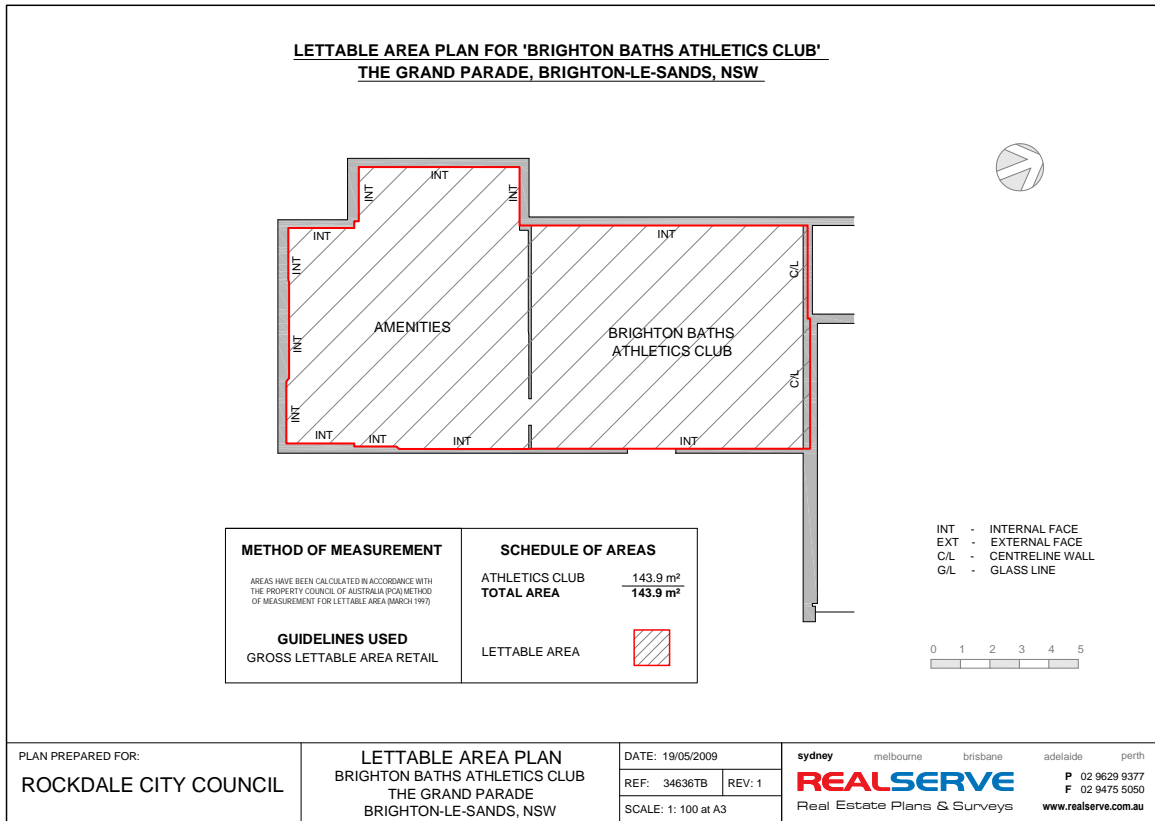
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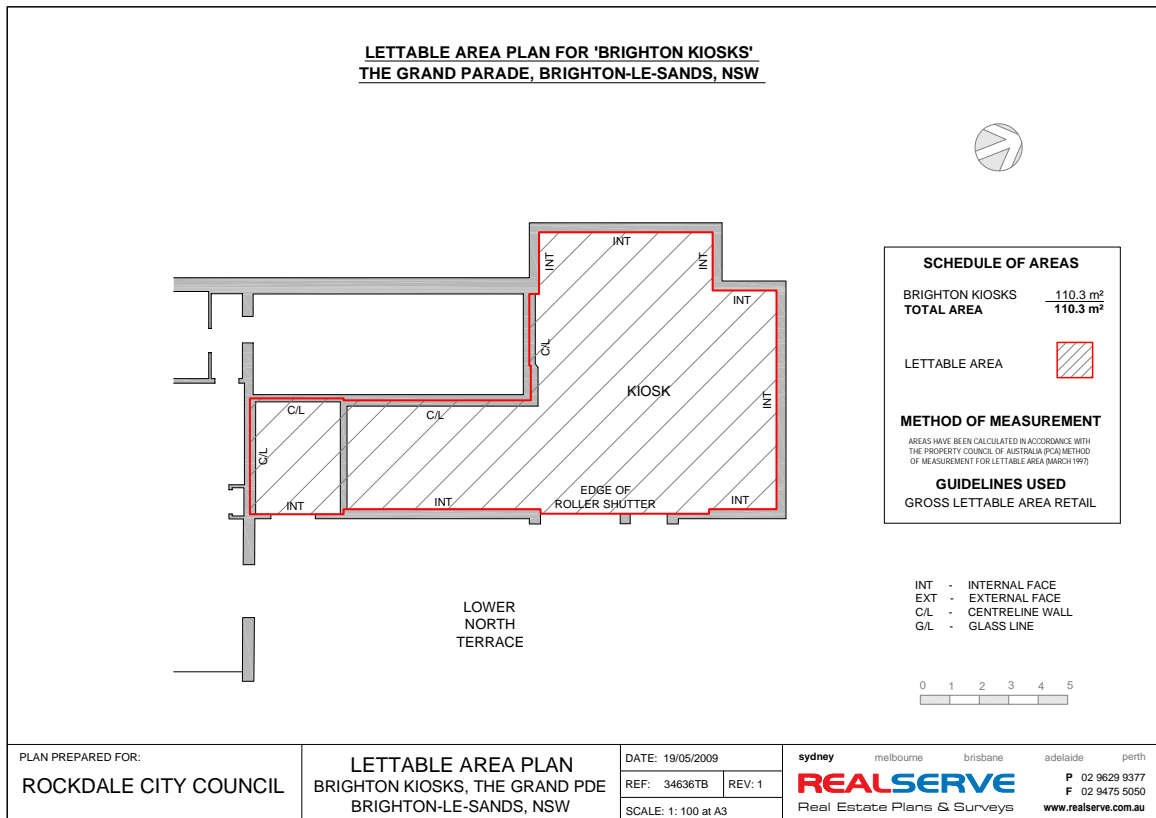
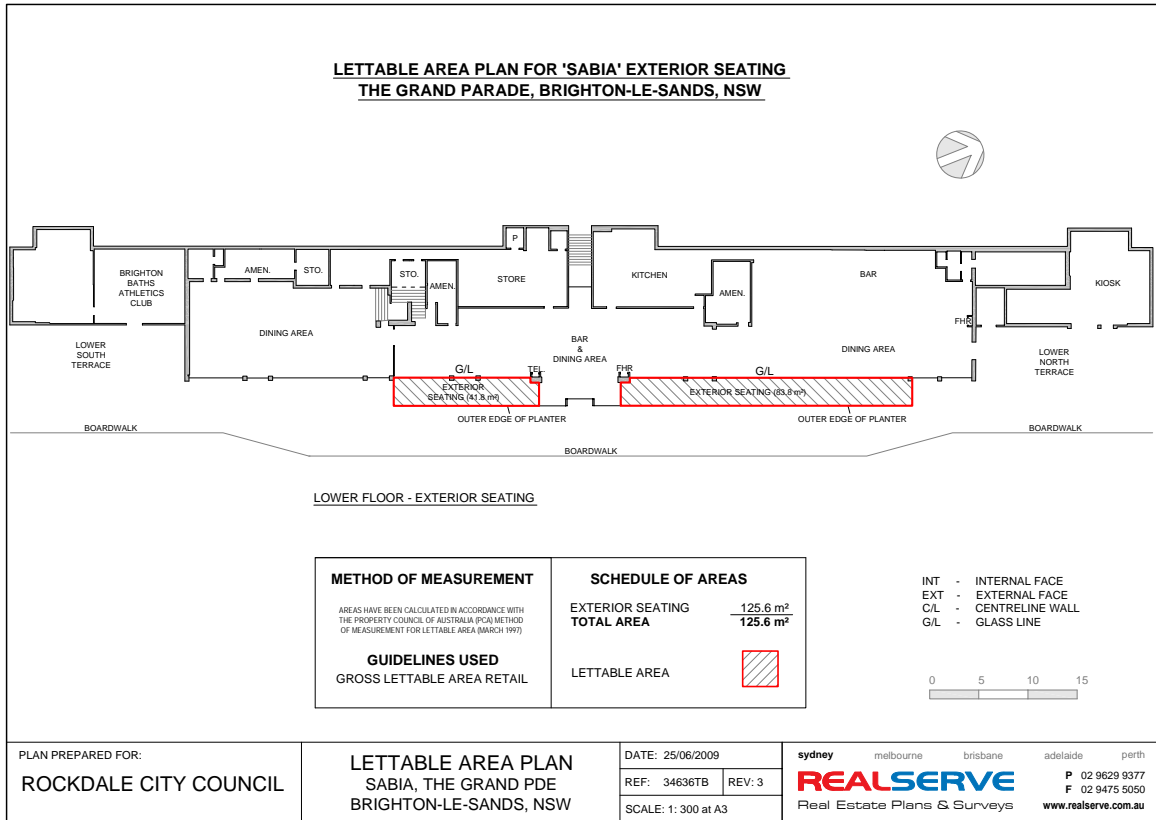


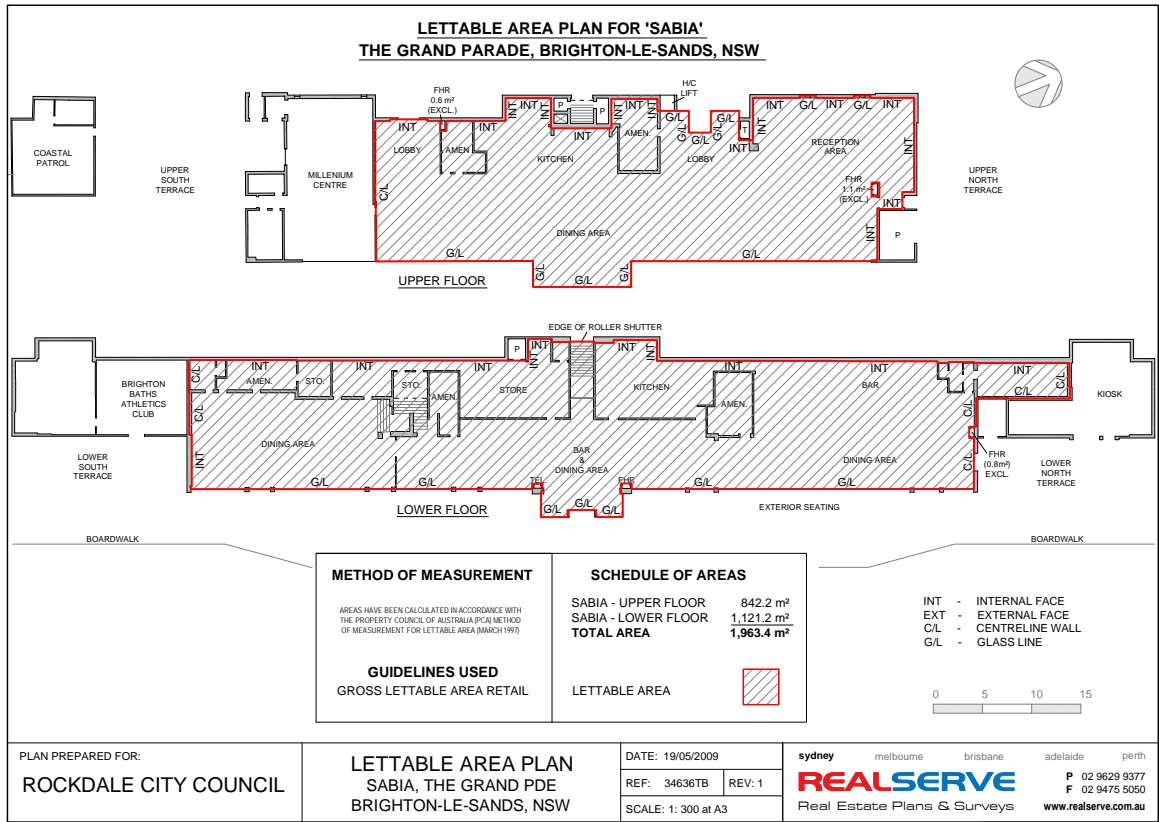












APPENDIX 2 - COMPARATIVE ISSUES TABLES

Update of Issues and Strategies

With changes to aspects of the government planning strategies, growing population, change in public recreation habits and more physical changes such as installation of a regional cycleway, new issues have arisen which require new strategies to manage them.

To establish a basis of comparison and to ascertain which previously existing issues remain unresolved, issues from previous consultation processes have been outlined with an overview of current issues in a tabular format overleaf.

ISSUE FROM 1998 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT	STRATEGY RECOMMENDED	NEW ISSUES - 2002 REVIEW	NEW OR UNRESOLVED ISSUES 2009
URBAN CONTEXT, LANDUSE AND OWNERSHIP			
Land Use			
Local concern over impact on park visitor numbers should it develop attraction at a regional level scale	Establish site uses in line with community expectations	Proposal for Rollerblade course in Pine Park Proposal for café or amphitheatre at end of Bay Street (if existing community building removed) was not generally supported	Conflicts exist between wind surfers, jet skiers and swimmers. 3 buoys installed at Ramsgate to help alleviate the problem (S) Concerns about boat traffic and scale of possible future marina (S) Paths considered inadequate for cyclists, joggers and walkers (S) Concerns about child safety in playgrounds close to roads (S)
Leases and Licences			
Community opposition to further commercial activity	Construct no new buildings for purposes of leased food or beverage outlet unless replacing existing Liaison between Council and the Lessee to examine opportunities for joint initiatives to promote the Park and facilities	Re-iteration of desire for no further commercial facilities in park Demolition and replacement of ageing Le Beach Hut	Several leased properties in need of repair or renovation Stakeholders have suggested that leasing should be consistent with Council open space policy Le Beach Hut in serious need of renovation / reconstruction - an architectural competition suggested by stakeholders
Infrastructure			
Community would like to see more unity throughout park within elements such as lighting	Define and verify all public access requirements and rights in relation to leased premises	Potential development of marina raised but not universally supported	New infrastructure installed as a result of the desalinisation works. Negotiations in progress on final design facilities Much existing infrastructure, fixtures and fittings in park aging and in need of replacement

(S) identifies issues raised by stakeholders during consultation

ISSUE FROM 1998 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT	STRATEGY RECOMMENDED	NEW ISSUES - 2002 REVIEW	NEW OR UNRESOLVED ISSUES 2009
ACCESS, CIRCULATION AND PARKING			
<i>Public Transport</i>			
Need for numerous and safe water access points for both swimmers and a range of water craft	Improve pedestrian access to beach from foreshore paths particularly in the central section of the Park		Use of a shuttle bus service suggested to move people to central points and help reduce traffic congestion (S) Positioning of bus stops in locations more appropriate to park use and potential for bus slip lanes for safety proposed (S)
Vehicle Access and Movement			
Traffic hazards such as cars making left and right turns into car parks on The Grand Parade. Traffic congestion on The Grand Parade is a major issue affecting residents and visitors to the Park particularly on weekends and during peak hour traffic	Improve safety of entries and exits to car parks	Directional signage removed as part of M5 upgrade needs to be reinstated Support for reinstatement of loop road on southern side of Endeavour Bridge Access to Cook Park for vehicles heading north is difficult Safety concerns over removal of slip lane south at Hasham's Restaurant	Pedestrian crossing of The Grand Parade presents safety issues due to speed and amount of vehicular traffic (S) Vehicle access to the Park immediately south of Endeavour Bridge dangerous due to sudden change in vehicle speed Greater potential conflicts in car parks with increase of cycle traffic through the Park
Parking			
Conflict in car park areas between cars, pedestrians and cyclists Car parks are seen as reducing visual amenity Recognition that inadequate parking will cause loss of amenity through parking on grass etc Concern that parking south of Brighton Baths will become an increasing management problem	Examine widening of shared paths at key conflict points Parking should be minimised to reduce visual and environmental impact on the Park Investigate demand for car parking along foreshore (including peak use) Undertake a traffic and parking management study	Anti-social behaviour in car parks is still a major concern Car parking on southern edge of Pine Park too space consuming. Suggestion to remove and consolidate with existing parking to the north Suggestions for closing all car parks at night	Heavy traffic along The Grand Parade causes safety problems for cars attempting to access car park areas (S) Questions were asked on the change over the last 15 years in the numbers of cars now using car parks and what other Councils are doing to resolve any new issues (S) Car parking not considered to be responsive to function of individual areas (S) Car parks considered venues for anti-social behaviour (S) Possibility of pay car parking with week/week end rates to control use (S) Current size, number and configuration of car parks still an issue for review

(S) identifies issues raised by stakeholders during consultation

ISSUE FROM 1998 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT	STRATEGY RECOMMENDED	NEW ISSUES - 2002 REVIEW	NEW OR UNRESOLVED ISSUES 2009
ACCESS, CIRCULATION AND PARKING			
<i>Pedestrian and Cycle</i>			
<p>Wider paths preferred over separate pathways due to potential loss of green space</p> <p>Need to improve opportunities for pedestrians crossing road</p>	<p>Combine pedestrian and cycle access where possible incorporating safety requirements</p> <p>Review traffic light phasing along The Grand Parade to assist pedestrian crossing</p>	<p>Pedestrian safety concerns between Bestic Street and Endeavour Bridge – few signalised crossing points</p> <p>Concerns over lack of continuity of cycleway near Ramsgate Baths</p> <p>Shortage of paths on The Grand Parade</p>	<p>Pedestrian and cycle access to park an increasingly important growth issue</p> <p>Possible pedestrian/cycleway conflict at Le Sands Restaurant and other locations (S)</p> <p>Bottleneck currently occurs on path way at Georges River Sailing Club. Auditing required to identify all bottleneck areas (S)</p> <p>Separate recreational and commuter shareways required in some areas but space frequently limited (S)</p> <p>A variety of path materials (eg sofffall) would alleviate impact and injury to joggers (S)</p> <p>Cyclist speeds a danger to slower moving pedestrians on shareways (S)</p> <p>Pathway system currently too narrow in some locations to cater for pedestrians, recreational cyclists and commuter cyclists</p> <p>Need expressed for RTA to upgrade pedestrian crossing areas to include more:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pedestrian overpasses • longer phasing on crossings • more crossings (S)

(S) identifies issues raised by stakeholders during consultation

ISSUE FROM 1998 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT	STRATEGY RECOMMENDED	NEW ISSUES - 2002 REVIEW	NEW OR UNRESOLVED ISSUES 2009
CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE			
Aboriginal Heritage			
Aboriginal heritage acknowledged as an extremely important aspect of Cook Park's cultural heritage	In consultation with original traditional custodians establish where there are aboriginal sites or relics in the Park to protect and interpret, where possible	Aboriginal rock carvings located near Captain Cook Bridge – possible other sites or artefacts located within Cook Park – should be protected	General appreciation of Aboriginal heritage by community acknowledged. Interpretation and representation still not adequately expressed or evident. Connections to other Aboriginal sites in around the Bay absent. Lack of comprehensive heritage interpretation strategy
Non - Aboriginal Heritage			
Need for a more comprehensive approach to European heritage conservation and interpretation	Carry out co-ordinated oral history based on interviews with long term local residents. Incorporate appropriate elements into the public interpretation programme	Need for increased interpretation of layered European heritage e.g. 'humpies' along Cook Park during depression years	Interpretation of European heritage still considered inadequate - plaques in paving suggested to represent timeline or individual historical events (S) Review and research history of area. Ron Rathbone has written about the local history of the area (S)
Need to protect European heritage items e.g. canon from vandalism.	Monitor conditions and impact on historic elements and establish a programme for conservation		
Natural Heritage			
Concern that natural character of foreshores prior to European settlement are lost or in poor condition Concern that natural character of foreshores are lost or in poor condition	Establish tree planting strategy for the entire park. Ensure that planting acknowledges different landscape characters within park. Conserve natural landform and dune vegetation		History Walk suggested that may include viewing of migratory visiting Terns from Russia (S) Educational/Environmental/Interpretive signage proposed to cover information shortfall (S) Potential for Park as educational resource for schools, colleges and universities undervalued.

(S) identifies issues raised by stakeholders during consultation

ISSUE FROM 1998 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT	STRATEGY RECOMMENDED	NEW ISSUES - 2002 REVIEW	NEW OR UNRESOLVED ISSUES 2009
SITE CHARACTER AND VISUAL QUALITY			
Landscape Character			
Need for street trees to improve visual amenity	Publicly exhibit large scale tree planting to general public. Involve all relevant parties when planning and executing tree planting strategies		More shade needed - trees preferred due to character (S)
Need for planning controls which deal specifically with preserving scenic/cultural heritage	Include protection of visual quality of heritage value or character in the Development Control Plan		Ramsgate noted with a particular need for shade trees (S) Lack of definition in varying character of park (see suggested precincts in the 1998 Plan)
Views and Vistas			
Residents and proprietors keen to retain existing views	Establish principal views to and through site and ensure no new structures or planting obscures these views	Recognised need for management of tree plantings along the bay balancing views with tree style and character	Shade structures not always popular if views of water are obstructed. Critical view corridors are along streets running perpendicular to the Park and from wider areas of the Park where visitors are likely to spend more time
Engineered solutions such as retaining fences along beach seen as a major visual impact issue	Formulate a DCP for the Park which includes addressing visual quality to protect visual integrity of the foreshore		
Design Character			
Placement of amenities, facilities, fixtures and fittings thought of as not well considered and not consistent in design	Include visual impact of all built environment elements in a Cook Park DCP		Entries to park indistinct - no definite sense of arrival
Visual impact of some built environment such as car parks seen as visually unappealing	Establish a program and brief for built elements in the Park maintaining a theme and palette for materials		Fixtures and fittings in park are still inconsistent and placement has no overall cohesion
Need to provide visual cues, landmarks	Establish visual character zones to create distinctive and easily identified areas		Need for clear design language that also addresses changing context Style of all garbage bins should be consistent throughout the site, conveniently located with clear signage indicating waste type (S)

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ISSUE FROM 1998 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT	STRATEGY RECOMMENDED	NEW ISSUES - 2002 REVIEW	NEW OR UNRESOLVED ISSUES
RECREATION, LEISURE AND TOURISM			
Land Based			
Need to address local residents use and appreciation whilst balancing needs of visitors Large numbers of people in high use areas such as carnival location create problems such as litter and increased wear and tear on facilities	Prepare a program for the Park as a recreation and tourist destination including promotion of Cook Park to the local community Utilise existing liaison structure to coordinate and manage special events within the Park Improve pedestrian access to beach from foreshore paths particularly in the central section of the Park	Positive response from Peter Depena Reserve – residents feel this is a good model for future works Need to recognise overall change in recreation trends across Park and manage opportunities accordingly	Playgrounds need to be safe and isolated from traffic The Park is used more frequently by more people - planning needs to consider current use and likely increased use (S)
Water Based			
Need to prevent use of baths for sailing and motor boating Need for numerous and safe water access points for both swimmers and a range of water craft	Ensure users are aware of appropriate forms of recreation permissible within the Park		Community desire to improve look of swimming baths (S) Netted baths becoming shallower through deposition (S) Suggestion for a marine studies centre put forward (S)
Boating / Water Access			
			Potential for water commuting around bay with connections to park (S) Boat ramp proposed by NSW Maritime in northern area of the Park. Stakeholders generally consider boating facilities in the north should be avoided. Boating considered acceptable but only in the south and with small scale facilities (S)

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ISSUE FROM 1998 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT	STRATEGY RECOMMENDED	NEW ISSUES - 2002 REVIEW	NEW OR UNRESOLVED ISSUES
ENVIRONMENT			
Erosion and Foreshore Processes			
Natural landform, dunes and vegetation has been progressively altered over the years Beach amenity severely degraded as a result of sand erosion	Establish ongoing program of dune stabilisation Develop a program to address problems of erosion and siltation	Need to strengthen and improve restoration of natural works in the northern areas of the Park	Dunes to be reconstructed by the Water Delivery Alliance north of Bestic Street - condition of remainder of Lady Robinsons Beach still shows evidence of erosion or siltation
Native Flora and Fauna			
Potential for loss of habitat in vicinity of Park due to future transport infrastructure elements	Establish continuity of vegetation and access to adjacent green space areas		Need to be working with Coast Care Group New planting in northern Park area (Kyeemagh) particularly should be varied and striking Existing planting has survived winds and salt spray. Future planting should take into account these considerations
Hydrology			
Need to maintain, enhance and extend significant environmental elements Fishermen concerned about degradation of marine environment including litter and decline of water quality	Establish major link to Rockdale Wetlands and recreation corridor via Scott Park Implement water quality improvement program including installing gross pollutant traps at key locations	Issues regarding rubbish dumping in the stormwater canal in the southern section of the Park	Need for audit of effectiveness of gross pollutant traps at storm water outlets

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ISSUE FROM 1998 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT	STRATEGY RECOMMENDED	NEW ISSUES - 2002 REVIEW	NEW OR UNRESOLVED ISSUES
MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING			
Open Space and Traffic			
<p>Traffic planning affecting current use is a major issue</p> <p>Bay Street precinct as a focus for activity and is seen as logical hub for new development</p>	<p>Establish conduit for consultation between all stakeholders and government agencies</p> <p>Ensure comprehensive consultation with all sections of the community as part of major planning proposals within the Park</p>	<p>Perceived need for Council to develop an overall Open Space policy to achieve consistent management across all Council owned and managed open space</p> <p>Some areas have sand deposits building up on paths and footpaths</p>	<p>Traffic strategy needs to be in place</p> <p>Boating strategy needs to be in place</p> <p>Pine Park is deteriorating and in particular need of attention (S)</p>
Amenities and Services			
<p>Need to address existing management and maintenance issues which affect recreational amenity</p>	<p>Establish a strategic and coordinated approach to the management of the Park</p>	<p>Questions over management of garbage bins and frequency of being emptied</p>	<p>No recycle bins available on site and garbage bins not close to where people picnic (S)</p> <p>Garbage bins not emptied frequently enough (S)</p> <p>Maintenance after large functions is considered inadequate - litter continues to be a problem (S)</p> <p>Consider sustainable practice by the placement of water bubblers that enable refilling of water bottles to help reduce plastic bottle waste (S)</p>

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX 3 - COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION ATTENDANCE LISTS

The following lists are the attendees to the two Community Information Sessions held on the Saturday 28th November, 2009 at the Ramsgate Life Saving Club and Thursday 3rd December, 2009 at the Novotel Hotel, Brighton Le Sands. Contact details have been removed to maintain the attendees privacy.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION 01 ATTENDANCE LIST

PROJECT	COOK PARK PLAN OF MANAGEMENT	PROJECT NUMBER	NS1075
VENUE	RAMSGATE LIFE SAVING CLUB	DATE	28/1/09
		MEETING NUMBER	1

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Jan Ford	Private	<i>Jan Ford</i>
Bethel	"	<i>Bethel</i>
No Barbuto	Resident	<i>No Barbuto</i>
I. Goudie	PRIVATE	<i>I. Goudie</i>
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JAMES MACDONALD	COUNCILLOR	<i>J. Macdonald</i>
PETER CASH	Resident	<i>P. Cash</i>
MARK WILLIAMS	RAMSGATE LIFE S.C.	<i>M. Williams</i>
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RON GRAY		<i>R. Gray</i>
A Thomas	Private	<i>A. Thomas</i>
Robert Illaro	Resident	<i>R. Illaro</i>
Frank Sator	MP	<i>F. Sator</i>
TINA BADALATI	PRIVATE	<i>Tina Badalati</i>
STEVE SEA GARD	LOCAL BUSINESS	<i>S. Sea Gard</i>
ROSE SMITH	LOCAL RESIDENT	<i>R. Smith</i>



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Alex Peppas		Peppas
J M'CALLUM		John McCallum
A. DAVID		H David
S. Mose Luane	Rochdale Council	S. Mose Luane
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SHANE O'BRIEN	RCC	Shane O'Brien
ANDREW ARCYER		Andrew Arcyer
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NICK SEABROOK	"	Nick Seabrook
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VENUE	RAMSGATE LIFE SAVING CLUB	DATE	28/11/09
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION 02 ATTENDANCE LIST

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VENUE	NOVOTEL HOTEL	DATE	03/12/09
		MEETING NUMBER	1

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VENUE	NOVOTEL HOTEL	DATE	03/12/09
		MEETING NUMBER	1

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ALAN RUSSELL		[Signature]
PAT M'Carthy	Concerned Citizen	[Signature]
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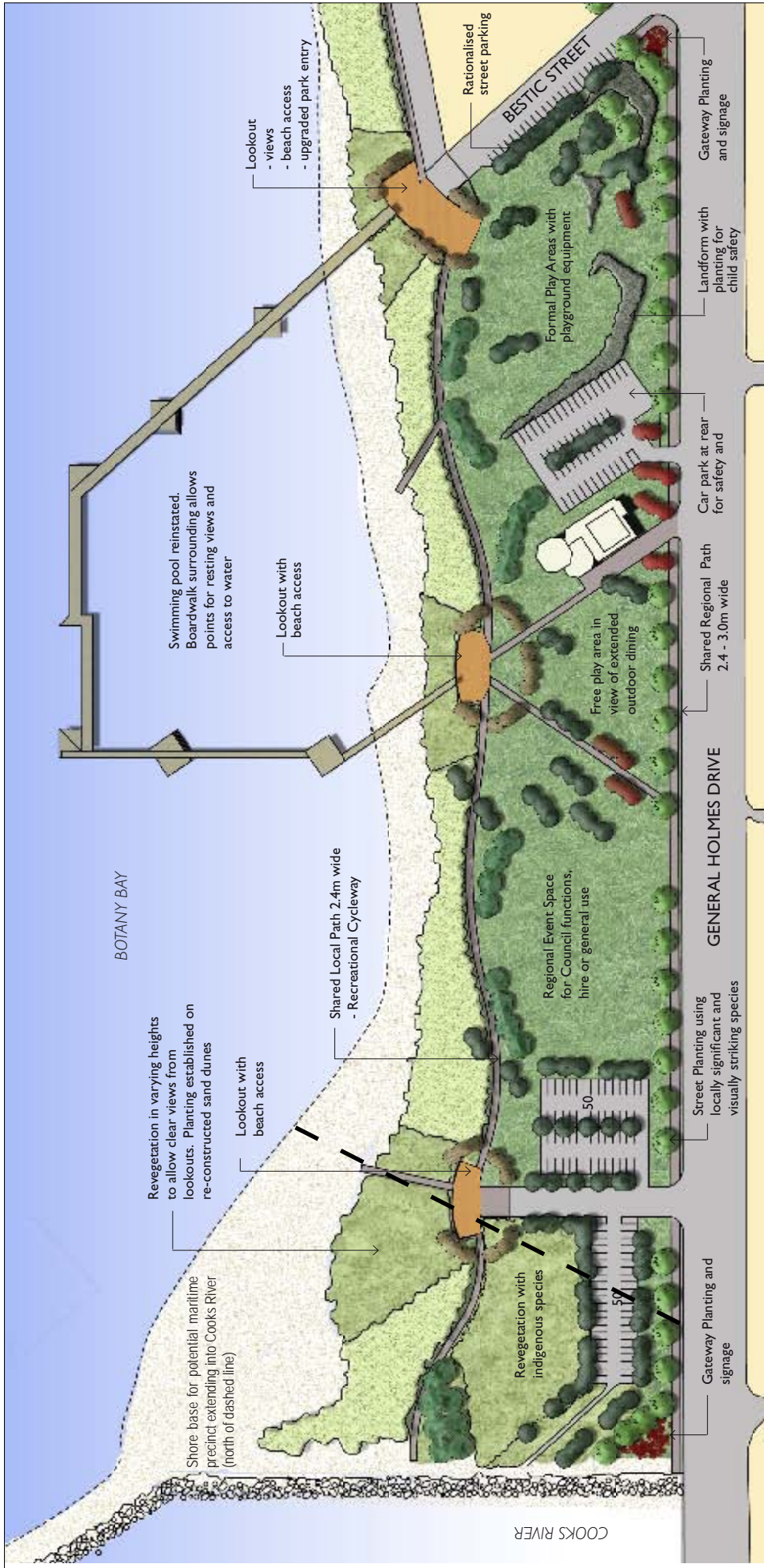
APPENDIX 4 - NORTH COOK PARK LANDSCAPE CONCEPT PLAN

In conjunction with the Cook Park Plan of Management, a Landscape Concept Plan was prepared for the area of the Park north of Bestic Street, Kyeemagh. Almost half of this area is the site of infrastructure works relating to the future desalination plant and as such has been closed to the public for the duration of these works.

The approved Development Application for the infrastructure works requires Sydney Water or their agents, the Water Delivery Alliance to, as a minimum, return the Park to its previous condition which includes planting, dune restoration and path re-establishment.

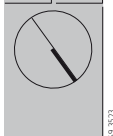
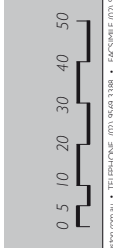
The Landscape Concept Plan overleaf has been prepared to act as a design guideline for first stage landscape works in the Park and act as a further guideline for landscape works incorporating a variety of terrestrial and maritime recreational activities and services.

APPENDIX 4 - NORTH COOK PARK LANDSCAPE CONCEPT PLAN



DESIGN PRINCIPLES

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| <p>Site Character and Visual quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management and improvement of views to, from and within park. Improvement of visual quality in the park through a co-ordinated approach to the design and siting of structures and landscape improvements. | <p>Access and Circulation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-ordination of access and circulation for all vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists to ensure safety, public equity and visitor amenity. Legibility of path system throughout the Park with clear connections to Cooks River and southern Cook Park | <p>Cultural and Natural Heritage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation and promotion of the park as part of historic Botany Bay. Establishment of an identity for the park that emphasises natural characteristics. | <p>Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protection, management and restoration of areas of remnant vegetation. Continuation of measures to secure foreshores from storm damage. | <p>Recreation and Leisure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of the park's cultural passive recreation and scenic values as a focus for visitor appeal. Balance of the interest of local users and visitors in developing the park to incorporate links such as the regional cycleway. |
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APPENDIX 5 - LETTER FROM RTA

During the preparation of this plan of Management consultation continued with the RTA to explore opportunities for improved and safer access to the Park along General Holmes Drive and The Grand Parade.

The attached letter from the RTA indicates their intention to pursue the opportunities discussed.



Our reference: 386.5417
Mr D Russell 8849 2535

Clouston Associates
Attn Leonard Lynch
PO Box 44
Leichhardt NSW 2040

Dear Leonard

Cook Park Plan of Management and Masterplan

I refer to the Cook Park Draft Plan of Management and Masterplan public consultation and exhibition period.

Further to the Roads and Traffic Authority's (RTA) email response to the exhibition period dated 16th February 2010, I would like to offer further input for your consideration and inclusions into the final master plan report as indicated below.

- The Grand Parade is a major traffic thoroughfare carrying heavy traffic volumes during the week day peak periods and on weekends. It is also a major freight corridor. A significant challenge is to balance the needs of vehicular traffic and pedestrian activity in this popular pedestrian and cycling area.
- The RTA is planning the provision of additional pedestrian facilities across The Grand Parade within the existing traffic signals at both Ramsgate Road and Barton Street to improve pedestrian access across The Grand Parade to access Cook Park.
- To this end the RTA would welcome any input into the potential for future needs of pedestrians to access Cook Park from west of The Grand Parade. This would include any potential medium to longer term needs to provide additional mid-block pedestrian activated traffic signals to meet pedestrian attractors and/or desire lines and to improve pedestrian amenity in the Cook Park precinct.
- The RTA will monitor and adjust where possible the phasing of the traffic signals on the existing network in an effort to enhance opportunities for pedestrians crossing The Grand Parade outside the peak traffic periods.

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- The RTA would support examination of cycling facilities along the Cook Park foreshore in an effort to eliminate conflict between cyclists and pedestrians. Additionally the RTA would encourage examination of the cycling facilities along the Cook Park foreshore and its interaction with the existing and/or future car parking facilities. It is suggested that careful consideration be given to separating cycling facilities along this route with car parking facilities and pedestrians where possible.
- The issue of access to Cook Park near Endeavour Bridge as illustrated in the draft report is currently being addressed with the retention of the desalination plant temporary access to Cook Park (via the existing deceleration lane) replacing this access point from The Grand Parade.

It should be noted that Rockdale Council have detailed concept plans for those proposed works.

Finally the RTA would like to emphasise that separate approval would be required from the RTA for any proposal for changes to access to the existing and/or future car parks from The Grand Parade into Cook Park as noted in the draft report. A potential treatment may be the consideration of deceleration lanes into the car parking area accessed from The Grand Parade.

If you have any further queries regarding this matter please contact Mr Dean Russell directly on 8849 2535

Yours faithfully

24.5.2010


Paul McNeill
Road Network Manager South
Roads and Traffic Authority

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APPENDIX 6 - SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS FOLLOWING PUBLIC EXHIBITION

In this section the issues raised in all of the submissions received during and following the public exhibition of the Plan have been summarised in the table format.

The table identifies the general topic, the nature of the issue raised, the numbers of times mentioned and the numbers of responses in support or disagreement with the proposal.

The 'Response' column identifies whether the issue was addressed in the final Plan or is a matter that the Plan cannot cover or which can be addressed in later design and planning stages.

Date: 12.10.2010

Cook Park Plan of Management Public Exhibition Summary

COMMENTS	# TIMES MENTIONED	AGREE	DISAGREE	Response
ENJOYING THE PARK AND THE BAY				
GENERAL				
Prohibit the construction or addition or more shops/commercial activities from serving the park.	3	2	1	Plan addresses this
Provide more open space areas for activities (sporting/ball games/kite flying etc, particularly between Ramsgate Rd & Alice St).	2	2	0	Where Masterplan Development Permits
Provide fenced enclosures around playgrounds.	0			Design Issue
Reduce the height of fences and widen access points to beaches/foreshore by 3 metres.	2	2	0	Addressed in plan
PICNICKING				
Make picnic shelters wheelchair (universally) accessible.	1	1	0	Plan Addresses Access
Provide more modern playground equipment and shade structures in Cook Park.	1	1	0	Plan addresses this
Provide new BBQ facilities and designated picnic areas in Cook Park.	1	1	0	Plan addresses this
Remove the paved tar area between Alice Street and Sandringham Streets and replace with grassed parkland and put in picnic shelter sheds.	1	1	0	Plan addresses this
SWIMMING				
Old technology swimming enclosure to be dismantled and replaced with ocean bath construction; and walkway around bathing facility at existing site in front of Le Sands Pavilion. (Similar at Ramsgate Beach).	1	1	0	For review in design development phase
Concrete construction ocean baths type swimming enclosure at Ramsgate Beach. Support beach front amenity improvements in Cook Park Ramsgate Beach. Doyles restaurant Watsons Bay type development in Cook Park and Peta Depena Reserve.	1	1	0	No change required
Provide a new rock pool at Dolls Point.	1	1	0	No change
FISHING				
Resolve walkway obstruction resulting from 'fishing activities' on Carruthers Drive, Dolls Point.	1	1	0	Design Development
Provide fish cleaning stations and dedicated fishing structures.	2	1	1	Problem of maintenance
Encourage fishing activities, particularly from Lady Robinson's beach.	2	2	0	Opportunity exists
BOATING				
Introduce designated areas for jetski activities away from swimmers and beach-goers (particularly when launching and landing).	1	1	0	Management issue addressed by plan
Develop a large scale marina (and pier) at Brighton-Le-Sands.	4	0	4	Not generally supported
Provide more boat launching ramps.	4	4	0	Plan addresses
Provide short-term mooring facilities for boats inside the mouth of the Cook River.	1	0	1	Plan addresses
WINDSURFING AND KITE BOARDING				
Designate Ramsgate Beach as the formal location for windsurfing and other water based activities in Cook Park.	1	1	0	Plan addresses event
Provide multi-purpose facilities capable of hosting National/State/International windsurfing events.	1	1	0	Management issue with LPMA/council
Provide storage facilities by modifying existing toilet facilities and toilet blocks.	1	1	0	Plan addresses
Modify the metal fence along the eastern/beach side of the footpath at Ramsgate beach to enable better access.	1	1	0	Plan addresses
Provide windsurf/kiteboard access from the Scarborough Street car park.	1	1	0	Access available

Date: 12.10.2010

Cook Park Plan of Management Public Exhibition Summary

COMMENTS	# TIMES MENTIONED	AGREE	DISAGREE	Response
GETTING TO AND FROM THE PARK				
GENERAL COMMENTS				
Re-instate (or rather complete) previous 12 year old strategy to "undertake a comprehensive traffic and parking management study for Brighton-Le-Sands to 'identify demand for car parking' and 'alternative locations for car parks away from Cook Park'.	2	2	0	Council and LPMA to review plan addresses principle
PUBLIC TRANSPORT				
Provide bays for the bus to stop between President Avenue and Ramsgate Road and correspond these with pedestrian crossings.	1	1	0	Part of transport plan no change
Provide shuttle buses from Council property (e.g. from the Rockdale commuter car park; the Bryant St Council car park and the Police Boys Club near West Botany Street) to reduce vehicles needing to park at Brighton and along the Cook Park area.	1	1	0	Council to review
CARS AND PARKING				
Provide additional traffic lights to slow traffic .	2	1	1	RTA consulted and reviewing
Improve safety exiting the wharf at Dolls Point.				
Improve traffic problems caused by parking near Bay Street	1	1	0	Outside Park
Introduce paid 'ticket' parking system (pay and display), but exempt local residents.	3	3	0	For council/LPMA
Install median strip from Ramsgate Rd to Alice St, & Alice St to Sandringham St.	1	1	0	RTA to consider, not in park
Install 3 "No Stopping" signs at Sandringham Street (near Council gate).	1	1	0	Council action as part of Sandringham St. Review
Install "No Parking or stopping in front of this gate at anytime" signage on gates at Sandringham St; Sandringham Council and Carruthers Drive.	1	1	0	Council action as part of Sandringham St. Review
Install "No through road" sign at the Sandringham Street Gate.	1	1	0	Council action as part of Sandringham St. Review
Anti-social behaviour still prevalent in Vanston Parade/Lena Street area. Complete design review of area recommended.	2	2	0	Part of design plan suggested in the plan
Install bollards near Council gate at Sandringham Street to stop cars from driving over the footpath into Sandringham Street.	1	1	0	Part of design plan suggested in the plan
Install bollards near to prevent cars gaining access to Carruthers Drive from Sandringham Street (over the footpath).	1	1	0	Part of design plan suggested in the plan
Prevent dangerous and/or illegal parking in the grass area.	1	1	0	Part of design plan suggested in the plan
Do not provide additional car parks in Cook Park.	1	1	0	Addressed in plan
Construct car park at southern end of existing boardwalk at Brighton-Le-Sands to President Avenue.	1	1	0	Part of car park review
Prohibit cars from parking in green spaces.	1	1	0	Part of car park review
Re-view the design/layout for the large car park south towards Ramsgate.	1	1	0	Part of car park review
Consider 'deceleration' lanes into the car parking areas accessed from The Grand Parade.	1	1	0	RTA/council reviewing
Install mirrors to assist blind spots.	1	1	0	Detail Design
Open Carruthers Street for parking.	1	1	0	Part of car parking review

COMMENTS	# TIMES MENTIONED	AGREE	DISAGREE	Response
GETTING TO AND FROM THE PARK (continued...)				
Review benefits of road spikes in Carruthers Road.	1	1	0	Part of car parking review
Make Vanston parade (and Lena) a one-way thoroughfare, but make an exit for residents on Sandringham Estate and Lena Street.	2	2	0	Plan identifies need for wholesale review of this area
Install a barrier (removable bollard/gate) at Vanston Parade and Lena Street car park entrances to prohibit access at night time.	5	5	0	Plan identifies need for wholesale review of this area
CYCLING				
Provide cyclist pinch points between St George Sailing Club to Georges River Sailing Club .	1	1	0	Plan addresses need for cycle path review
Cycle paths through carparks to be separated.	2	2	0	Plan promotes this
Resolve cyclist/pedestrian access across Canal Bridge.	1	1	0	Part of wider review
Allow for two types of cyclists, the "recreational" cyclist and the "commuter".	1	1	0	Part of wider review
Speed humps a challenge/obstacle to mountain bikes. Resolve.	1	1	0	Part of wider review
Signage needed to warn cyclists of "sand" both at Monterey and Sandringham.	1	1	0	Part of wider review
Provide bells/horns to cyclists as part of a protection campaign.	1	1	0	Management issue as part of review
Provide a dedicated cycleway along Vanston Parade.	2	2	0	Plan addresses this
Widen or duplicate the bridge over the creek near Peter Depena to accommodate cycleway.	2	2	0	Part of cycle path review
WALKING				
Provide pedestrian pinch points between St George Sailing Club to Georges River Sailing Club.	1	1	0	Part of cycle review
Separate pedestrian paths throughout carparks.	2	2	0	Part of cycle review
Increase number of pedestrian crossings at Ramsgate Road & Barton Street .	3	1	2	RTA reviewing crossings
Improve both pedestrian and wheelchair access across Grand Parade.	4	4	0	RTA reviewing crossings
Improve universal access routes to the Beach.	1	1	0	Plan addresses this
Provide a wheelchair (universally) accessible boardwalk to the waters edge.	1	1	0	Longer term option
Separate pedestrian paths from cycleways.	7	7	0	Part of cycle review
Separate fishing activities from paths (Introduce fishing designated areas).	2	2	0	Part of cycle review
Provide Pedestrian bridges/overpasses/tunnels	2	2	0	Tunnels problematic
Provide pedestrian crossings between Bestic and Bay Streets; and between Presidents Avenue and Ramsgate Road (at Banks Street).	1	1	0	Supported in traffic/pedestrian review

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CONSERVING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE AND CHARACTER				
ABORIGINAL AND NON-ABORIGINAL HERITAGE				
Prohibit demolition of "Le Beach Hut" due to its 1950's local heritage value.	1	1	0	Subject to heritage review
Provide signage (in different languages) to indicate places of significance (flora/fauna/indigenous/historical) throughout Cook Park itself.	3	3	0	Detail in signage development
Provide interpretive signage highlighting what's across the bay in terms of social, economic, cultural, environmental values e.g. Botany Bay National Park at North and South Head, Towra Point Nature Reserve and aquatic reserves at Towra Point and Cape (i.e. particularly from the viewing deck at the eastern end of Peter Depena Reserve where there are existing binoculars but no signage)	2	2	0	Plan supports this already
Oppose war memorial in Pine Park. Replace with aquatic facilities and restaurants and associated supervised parking.	1	1	0	Subject to council/LPMA consultation
NATURAL HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT				
Install tree protection measures around Fig tree at Sandringham Baths.	1	1	0	Detail design
Provide "migratory bird" signage at Scotts Park.	1	1	0	Detail design
Conservation of " wetlands " to retain existing (migratory) birdlife.	3	3	0	Plan supports this
Wetland or dune revegetation should use only native plant species.	2	2	0	Plan supports this
Revegetation heights to not obscure resident views to the bay.	1	1	0	Supported if no impact on dunes
Concentrate dune conservation/revegetation on the foreshore south of Brighton (as opposed to north of Brighton where dune system is relatively narrow).	1	1	0	
Continue dune conservation to the beachfront at Teralba Road and Bank Street.	1	1	0	
Treat algae in ponds particularly at Scarborough Park wetlands.	1	1	0	Management issue
Provide barriers to prevent vehicle access to wetlands.	1	1	0	Design resolution
Replace all dead/dying trees/vegetation in the area with native vegetation.	1	1	0	Part of revegetation
Address Indian Myna Bird infestation.	1	1	0	Management strategy
Retain the 50's and 60's heritage style of the area.	2	2	0	Plan supports all heritage conservation
CHARACTER				
Apply a 'retro' colour scheme to any new structures in Cook Park (e.g. diamonds and angles) to match the heritage style of the area.	1	1	0	Design resolution issue

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LOOKING AFTER THE PARK AND BUILDINGS (continued...)				
PARK AND STREET FURNITURE				
Re-fitting of all existing taps with push-button controls to conserve water.	1	1		Pan supports water conservation
Wooden gazebos and seating areas along the foreshore should all be attractive but essentially uniform in appearance and design.	1	1		Plan addresses design language
WASTE				
Provide (more) large rubbish bins (or facilities for litter) in the centre section of the park and the far northern end of the promenade for weekend rubbish overflow.	6	4	2	Plan addresses litter management
Incorporate signage in a number of languages around the park and beach to enforce penalties for the improper disposal of waste (particularly at Ramsgate Baths).	3	3	0	Part of signage/ordinance strategy
Impose heavy fines for discarded waste; particularly along beach & picnic areas and at Peter Depena Reserve and Russell Ave & Malua Rd opposite Primrose House.	5	5	0	Part of signage/ordinance strategy
Resolve disposal of waste retrieved by the surf rake/sand cleaner.	1	1	0	To be reviewed by council
Macdonalds/KFC/Pizza Hut to sponsor cleanup for free advertising on vehicles.	1	1	0	LMPA/council to consider
Resolve "nappies" in Georges River carpark on Sundays.	1	1	0	Management Issue
Provide "dog waste bags and dispensers".	1	1	0	Management Issue
Provide cleaners for the Sandringham Baths (Vanstone Parade) section where surf rake cannot access.	1	1	0	Management Issue
Remove the rubbish that is collected in nets throughout the wetland area.	1	1	0	Management Issue
Resolve smell from Rockdale Waste and Management Depot.	1	1	0	Management Issue
FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE				
Repair tear in the shark nets at Ramsgate Baths .	1	1		Management issue
Retain existing (and well used) showers at Sandringham Baths .	2	2		Pain supports retention
Provide designated dog friendly/off-leash areas and signposts indicating times of use for the beach area West of the Bado-Berong Creek .	3	3		Plan addresses this issue
Remove stormwater outlet next to Ramsgate Baths.	2	2		Water quality review
Amend steep ramp/footpath at Ramsgate Beach.	1	1		Plan addresses access
Provide shark warning signage.	1	1		Management issue
Construct a new community facility and restaurant complex at Ramsgate Beach to include the extension of the carpark.	1	1		Plan does not support significant new facilities
Provide more Kiosks across the park.	1	1		Review as part of leases/licenses
Review stormwater outlets and install GTS.	1	1		Water quality review
Prohibit use of the boardwalk at Brighton-Le-Sands from outdoor dining.				Plan supports clear public access zones
VANDALISM & GRAFFITI				
COMMENTS				
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