

# Management Plan for Hewett Sports Ground

## 1.0 Identification Details

- 1.1 Name of land/reserve-----Hewett Sports Ground  
1.2 Location-----Lots 97-112 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood  
1.3 Certificate of Title-----5826/124  
1.4 Area-----2.92 hectares  
1.5 Current Usage -----recreation, tennis, netball, cricket, football

## 2.0 Owner

- City of Mitcham

## 3.0 Purpose for Which the Land is Held

- Recreation
- Organised sport - including current and potential sports which might be suited to the facility

## 4.0 Reasons Why the Management Plan is Required

- Land specifically modified for the benefit and enjoyment of the public.
- The land is subject to a licence/lease.

## 5.0 Objectives for the Management of the Land

- To provide a public recreation facility to the local and wider community.
- To ensure equitable access to diverse recreation and sporting opportunities across the City.
- To safeguard the community by taking appropriate measures to control risk.
- To maintain the community assets held on their behalf by Council.
- To include the ability to offer short term leases/licences/permits for short term one-off events or short term club use.
- To allow for future leases/licences of a similar nature should current lease/licence holders not renew their agreements.

## 6.0 Policies and Proposals for the Management of the Land

- Consideration to be given to Council's policies which relate to the management of open space and community facilities.
- Consideration to be given the City of Mitcham's Development Plan and Open Space Strategy.
- Consideration to be given to By-Law No.3 - Local Government Land regarding the activities which can be undertaken on community land.
- Consideration to be given to By-Law No.6 - Dogs and a resolution of Council whereby the exercising of dogs may be restricted in some parks and reserves.
- Reference to be made to the general maintenance schedule for reserves and specifications for specific reserves where applicable.

- Proposals - see Schedule

## **7.0 Performance Targets**

- See Schedule

## **8.0 Performance Measures**

- See Schedule

## **9.0 Current Lease/Licence Details**

- 9.1 Blackwood Tennis Club currently holds a lease to utilise the tennis courts and clubrooms on Hewett Sports Ground.
- 9.2 Woods Panthers Netball Club currently holds a lease to utilise the netball courts and clubrooms at Hewett Sports Ground.
- 9.3 Blackwood Football club has a licence to train at Hewett Sports Ground on Tuesdays and Thursdays each year of the licence.
- 9.4 Sturt District Cricket Club currently holds a licence to utilise the oval and cricket pitch at Hewett Sports Ground. The licence covers Sturt District Cricket Club to use the facilities between 1 January until 31 March and then 1 October until 31 December each year.
- 9.5 The Coromandel Cricket Club currently holds a licence to use the oval and clubrooms at Hewett Sports Ground. The licence covers the club to use the facilities between the months of October and March each year.

Unless otherwise stated in the licences / agreements, this reserve is available for community use.

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## SCHEDULE

Management Issues	Proposals	Performance Targets	Performance Measures
<b>Landscape Character</b>	<p>Maintain area for club sport/recreational use in keeping with the character of the surrounding area.</p> <p>Litter</p> <p>Fences and park furniture (inc. gazebos).</p> <p>Lighting (where installed)</p> <p>Paths</p> <p>Graffiti</p>	<p>Maintain existing character of the neighbourhood while providing an amenity for the local community.</p> <p>Bins/grounds checked regularly.</p> <p>State of furniture checked on a regular basis.</p> <p>Regular checks to replace faulty/broken lights.</p> <p>Check and repair as required.</p> <p>Offensive graffiti to be removed in 24 hours. All highly visible graffiti to be removed from Council property.</p>	<p>Reduction in the level of complaints regarding misuse of grounds or maintenance of area.</p> <p>Area to be free of litter.</p> <p>Located in suitable areas and kept in good repair.</p> <p>Lights are operational.</p> <p>Safe to use and clear of obstructions.</p> <p>Highly visible park structures and surrounds to be graffiti free.</p>
<b>Clubrooms</b>	<p>Adhere to the building maintenance program each year and to have completed each stage within the allocated time frame.</p>	<p>Inspections of all clubrooms conducted once a year.</p> <p>All clubroom inspections are documented in an Audit Report.</p>	<p>Building complies with the annual audit by budgeting, programming, and completing the identified works.</p> <p>All building work complies with DDA Plan.</p>
<b>Playground Equipment</b>	<p>Provide a public recreation facility to the community.</p> <p>Create challenging and interesting opportunities that cater for development</p>	<p>Ensure all playgrounds are safe with regular inspections and maintenance of equipment.</p> <p>Minor repairs that are undertaken during this</p>	<p>Playground inspected every six weeks in accordance with safety inspection checklist.</p> <p>Soft fall area to be maintained at the required depth and in</p>

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	<p>requirements of playground users.</p> <p>Provide equipment specifically designed for toddlers, early childhood, junior and senior groups.</p> <p>Provide some active play structures suitable for use by the wider community.</p>	<p>routine inspection are to be recorded on an appropriate inspection sheet.</p> <p>Major repairs or maintenance required is to be recorded on the inspection sheet and handed to the coordinator for appropriate action.</p> <p>Soft fall areas are to be included in the six weekly check and appropriate action taken to keep them clear of weeds, litter, broken glass and other sharp objects.</p> <p>Install new equipment in accordance with Council's replacement program.</p> <p>Any parts replaced will be with genuine parts (which adhere to Australian Standards) from an appropriate manufacturer.</p> <p>Up to date inventory of all playground facilities maintained.</p>	<p>an appropriate condition.</p> <p>All soft areas will be clear of foreign objects (such as broken glass).</p> <p>All playgrounds shall be audited every ten years in respect to condition, safety, maintenance standards &amp; longevity.</p>
<b>Oval</b>	<p>Provide to a suitable level for general community use.</p>	<p>Aeration or verti drain treatment to be used in areas of high soil compaction and poor drainage.</p> <p>Appropriate fertilizers to be applied to areas of high use and at recommended rates for that particular soil type.</p>	<p>Quality of turf suitable for local community use.</p>
<b>Irrigation Systems</b>	<p>Provide a suitable automatic irrigation</p>	<p>Automatic systems should be</p>	<p>Efficient use of water while delivering a</p>

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	service that makes best possible use of resources while providing acceptable standards of turf.	programmed to match the needs of a particular area in relation to soil types, grass type, use of area, climatic conditions and Government restrictions.  Minor repairs to be undertaken as soon as practical.  Major repairs to be included in scheduled works.  Turf maintained to best level within relevant water restrictions.	quality grass surface.  All watering carried out according to relevant prescribed water restrictions.
<b>Cricket pitch (including centre wicket and practice pitches)</b>	Maintain the concrete centre wicket to a level acceptable for community use.  Maintain the nets in the south west corner.  The Club is responsible for the practice wickets in the north west corner.	On hard centre wickets, Council will cover prior to the onset of the football season with a sandy loam over the concrete surface.	Provision of an even playing surface.
<b>Tennis Courts</b>	Ensure that the club fully maintains courts to the agreed and acceptable standards as specified in the lease/licence agreement.	As per lease agreement.	Compliance with lease agreement.
<b>Public Toilets</b>	Available during normal daylight hours.  Locked overnight where extreme vandalism has occurred.	Cleaned on weekdays only, with the exception of public holidays and weekends.	Cleaning includes sweeping and disposing of rubbish, the use of appropriate disinfectant and water to clean all surfaces. Graffiti free and usable.  Filling of toilet roll holders.

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<b>Exercising of Dogs</b>	Allow for recreation areas to be set aside for both dog owners and/or other members of the public.	Compliance with all restrictions on the exercising of dogs.	Reduce the number of complaints from other park users.
<b>Tree Maintenance</b>	Remove dead trees and limbs.  Plant new trees.	Trees to be in good health and safe for park users.  Shade trees of appropriate species for the area to be planted.  Creek lines to be planted with appropriate species.	Dead trees are removed where dangerous and dead limbs of trees are removed where they pose a threat.  Reserves and creeklines are enhanced by healthy, safe and appropriate species.