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About this plan of management

This plan of management has been developed to provide a basis for the long-term management of Holroyd Sports Ground. It provides a revision of the *Holroyd Sports Ground Plan of Management* (EDAW 1997), which was in operation during the preparation of this plan, and incorporates councils' vision, objectives and strategies for open space management.

This plan of management has been prepared to satisfy the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* (as amended). The requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* relevant to this plan of management are shown in **Table A**. Any changes to this plan must be publicly exhibited.

Table A: Requirements for plans of management

| Requirements of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> (as amended) | Covered by current plan | Section in this Plan |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| The plan must categorise the land in accordance with s.36 (4) and (5) | x | 1 |
| The plan must contain core objectives for the management of the land | x | 2 |
| The plan must contain performance targets | x | 2 |
| The plan must provide a means of achieving the objectives and performance targets | x | 2, 4 & 5 |
| The plan must specify how to assess achievement of objectives and performance targets (s.36(3)) | x | 2, 4 & 5 |
| Council must hold a public hearing at the time of the draft plan | x | Has been held* |

*Preparation of the previous Plan of Management (EDAW, 1997) did not involve a public hearing to determine the categorisation of Holroyd Sports Ground, as required by the *Local Government Act 1993* (as amended). To fulfil this requirement, Holroyd City Council held a public hearing during October 2004. The outcomes of the public hearing were recorded, reviewed and subsequently incorporated into the final Plan of Management for adoption by Council.

1 Introduction

1.1 LAND ADDRESSED IN THIS PLAN

Holroyd Sports Ground is located on the corner of Robert and Peel Streets, Holroyd. The sportsground covers over five hectares of land, and provides a range of active recreational facilities, car park and amenities building, located conveniently beside the M4 Motorway.

The *Local Government Act 1993* (as amended) requires local councils to prepare plans of management for all *community land* to ensure effective planning and management.

Under this Act, all *community land* must also be categorised and managed with a focus on essential aspects of each area of land (Department of Local Government, 2000).

Community land may be categorised as:

- A natural area.
- A sportsground.
- A park.
- An area of cultural significance.
- An area for general community use.

Holroyd Sports Ground is categorised as *sportsground*, and is managed in accordance with the core objectives for *sportsgrounds* under the Act (refer to **section 2.2** for these objectives).



2 Basis for Management

This section describes council policy framework and legislative objectives providing a basis for the management of Holroyd Sports Ground as a community resource.

2.1 HOLROYD CITY COUNCIL POLICY FRAMEWORK

2.1.1 City Management Plan 2002/2006

Holroyd Council's *City Management Plan 2002/2006* sets out Council's goals, objectives and performance indicators. Relevant elements of the document are shown in **Table 2.1**.

Table 2.1: Relevant elements of Council's *City Management Plan 2002/2006*

| Plan section | Element |
|---|--|
| Introduction to the Plan | "Council's emphasis on quality lifestyles by careful development of the built and natural environment is working to develop a positive sense of community". |
| Council's Mission | To "satisfy the reasonable needs of our community and efficiently and effectively manage the community assets". |
| Council's Charter | To "provide ... adequate, equitable and appropriate services and facilities for the community and to ensure that those services and facilities are managed efficiently and effectively". To "properly manage, develop, protect, restore, enhance and conserve the environment of the area for which it is responsible". |
| Management Values | Management values include quality customer service, best practice, technical excellence, sound financial management, continuous improvement & innovation, environmental stewardship. |
| Action Plans | The <i>City Management Plan</i> provides the directive for the production and implementation of Council's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Plan • Community Safety Plan • 20 year Council Plan • Social Plan • Cultural Plan |
| Engineering Services Department Strategic Objective & Landscape and Community Buildings Program | To "effectively and efficiently develop and manage Holroyd's road, traffic, drainage and recreational infrastructure on behalf of Council and the community." To "effectively and efficiently manage the landscape development of Councils parks and other public spaces." |

These elements form the framework for the development of this plan of management for Holroyd Sports Ground.

2.1.2 Environmental Management Plan 2000 to 2004

Holroyd City Council's *Environmental Management Plan 2000 to 2004* draws together both ongoing and proposed environmental initiatives and sets desired outcomes, priorities and performance measures, allocating accountabilities and providing for a progress report for these initiatives. Responding to environmental pressures to ensure the long-term achievement of ESD compliance is the focus of the document.

The *Environmental Management Plan* is divided into environmental elements, with specific actions or desired outcomes relevant to sportsground management described. Desired outcomes considered relevant to this plan of management have been addressed in its development.

2.1.3 Holroyd Open Space Strategy

Holroyd City Council's Open Space Strategy (Manidis Roberts, 1998) provides direction for the management of Council's open space resources. It is primarily focussed on park improvement, the provision of public facilities and amenities, and improving the overall quality of life for the people of Holroyd.

The strategy provides guidance to this plan of management, in particular to:

- Improve the quality of open space and recreation facilities, particularly for people living in high-density residential areas.
- Improve equity in access to Council's open spaces and parks by the local community by improved signage and information.
- Provide informal, unstructured recreation facilities for and with young people in areas where they are most needed.

Holroyd Open Space Strategy defines the visitor catchment for Holroyd Sports Ground as *regional*, as the facilities serve more than one local government area, and users generally drive significant distances to use the facilities. The strategy recommends the appropriate management of this facility for regional use.

2.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT REQUIREMENTS

2.2.1 Land categories

Under the *Local Government Act 1993* (as amended), land that is the subject of a plan of management must be categorised. Holroyd Sports Ground is categorised as a *sportsground*, as it is used primarily for active recreation, involving organised sports or the playing of outdoor games (cls. 6A-6JA *Local Government (General) Regulation 1999*).

2.2.2 Core objectives for sportsground category

The *Local Government Act 1993* provides core objectives for the management of community land categorised as a *sportsground*. The land under this category will be managed according to these objectives.

The core objectives are to:

- “encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games, and
- ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences”.

2.3 MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

In addition to the objectives provided by the *Local Government Act 1993*, objectives for the management of Holroyd Sport Ground under this plan are drawn from the *Holroyd Sports Ground Plan of Management* (EDAW 1997), in place during the preparation of this plan of management.

According to this plan, the main objective of the plan is to “incorporate the needs of the wider community into the future management and development of Holroyd Sports Ground”.

The previous plan also describes some specific objectives for the management of Holroyd Sports Ground, including:

- Provision of a safe and healthy environment that meets reasonable community expectations.
- Ongoing maintenance and replacement of existing Council assets as required and as funding becomes available.
- Maintenance of a visually attractive and pollution free environment.
- Management, development and conservation of natural resources.
- Provision of community services, particularly sports facilities, which are accessible to all sections of the community and are appropriate to community needs.
- Operation of the sportsground in a manner that has a minimum impact on adjoining land users.

Holroyd Local Environment Plan 1991 provides further management objectives for land zoned 6 (a) Open Space. These are listed in **section 3.3**.

2.4 PERFORMANCE TARGETS AND ASSESSMENT

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires the plan of management to:

- Contain performance targets.
- Specify the means of achieving objectives and performance targets.
- Specify how achievement of the objectives and performance targets is to be assessed.

For Holroyd Sports Ground, the following have been developed to satisfy these requirements.

Performance target

The performance target for Holroyd Sports Ground is to suitably serve the active recreational needs of the regional community, as described in **section 3**.

Achieving objectives and target

The objectives and performance targets for Holroyd Sports Ground will be achieved through the implementation of the action plan contained within this plan of management (refer to **section 5**).

Assessing performance

Performance will be assessed through regular inspection of Holroyd Sports Ground by Holroyd City Council maintenance crews (refer to **section 3**) and database reporting (using Council's Total Asset Management System (TAMS) Database) in the implementation of the action plan (refer to **section 5**) and regular liaison with relevant sporting groups and local committee.

3 Sportsground Characteristics

Holroyd Sports Ground is located in Holroyd and is situated in a primarily industrial area. It is bordered by the M4 Motorway along the northern edge, and A'Becketts Creek to the south. The land on which the sportsground is situated is zoned 6(a) Open Space under Council's *Local Environmental Plan (1991)*.

The sportsground and associated facilities are listed on Council's Total Asset Management System (TAMS), which includes details of the facilities as well as property details.

3.1 FACILITIES AND FEATURES

3.1.1 Site Facilities

Holroyd Sports Ground contains facilities for both passive and active recreation.

These facilities include:

- Two playing fields for rugby and athletics.
- An amenities building.
- Picnic benches.
- Pole mounted floodlights (enabling night use).
- Perimeter seating.
- Long jump pits.
- Car parking.
- Facilities for shot put & other track and field activities.

The amenities building is situated on the northern side of the sportsground. This building includes a kiosk, storeroom, umpire's room, toilets and change rooms. A large, single-story building serves the needs of the sportsground users. It has been subjected to vandalism and has required reconstruction.

3.1.2 Visual Amenity and Noise

The visual amenity features of Holroyd Sports Ground include:

- The sportsground is clearly visible to motorists on the M4 Motorway.
- Landscaped areas and vegetation associated with A'Becketts Creek provide some separation and contrast with the surrounding industrial land uses.
- The sportsground is partially protected from noise impacts of the M4 Motorway due to the lower elevation of the site.
- Site lines are clearly visible from all areas of the sportsground due to its level nature.

3.1.3 Vegetation and Wildlife

There is no significant vegetation within Holroyd Sports Ground. Vegetation present consists of planted native and exotic trees and shrubs in landscaped areas. The embankment adjacent to A'Becketts Creek supports dense vegetation in sections, primarily consisting of weed species. There is no significant wildlife habitat within the sportsground, however existing creek vegetation provides limited habitat to birds and invertebrates.

3.1.4 Drainage

The sportsground is fairly flat, and drains gently to A'Becketts Creek. This creek flows north-east from the site eventually draining into Duck Creek, Duck River and ultimately the Parramatta River. A section of the creek adjacent to the sportsground is concrete-lined, designed with the capacity to carry flood flows. However, the channel is rarely filled to capacity and generally carries low flows only.

3.2 CURRENT RECREATIONAL USAGE

The facilities of Holroyd Sports Ground are designed to provide a diverse range of activities for a wide range of user groups. Differences in priorities for the development and management of facilities can occur amongst user groups, and occasionally require mediation by council, particularly where user demand is high.

3.2.1 User demand and user groups

Holroyd Sports Ground is one of Holroyd City Council's more significant sportsgrounds, providing active recreational facilities to regional users. Open for use both during the day and at night, the grounds are used by over thirty organised sporting groups, as well as by individuals or informal groups for play and relaxation. Picnic benches facilitate passive recreational activities at the sportsground, which are considerably less developed than the active recreational uses.

Three major groups use Holroyd Sports Ground regularly:

- Holroyd Little Athletics Association.
- Merrylands Rugby Union Club Inc.

Holroyd Little Athletics Club has approximately three-hundred and sixty members, who undertake training twice weekly and participate in special events from September to March. Merrylands Rugby Union Club Inc has approximately two hundred members who also undertake training twice a week and competitive fixtures from April to August. In addition to this, approximately fifteen local schools hold carnivals and weekly sporting activities at the sportsground throughout the year.

3.2.2 Fees and charges

Payment for the use of Holroyd Sports Ground by groups is made to the Local Committee. Fees charged are listed in the document '*Guidelines for Local Committees in setting Fees and Charges for the Use of Playing Fields and Amenities*', which is reviewed annually.

Local Committees are encouraged to set fees that will provide income for improvements in addition to meeting service charges such as water and electricity costs. Accrued funds are then available for the future provision of facilities and further improvements to the sportsground. Local Committee annual budgets should include provision of funds for such improvements.

A full schedule of all fees being charged by the Committee is submitted to Council annually for confirmation. Details of the groups regularly using the sportsground, fees charged and extent of use, is also included.

3.3 ZONING AND PLANNING CONTROL

Holroyd Sports Ground is located on land zoned 6(a) Open Space. Holroyd City Council's objectives for areas zoned 6(a) Open Space are to:

- Identify land which is currently used or is intended for the purposes of open space or public recreation.
- Allocate sufficient open space to serve the present and future recreational needs of residents and visitors.
- Enable development associated with, ancillary to or supportive of public recreational use.

Within the areas zoned 6(a) Open Space the following activities can be undertaken without development consent:

- Landscaping.
- Gardening.
- Bushfire hazard reduction.

The following land uses are only permitted within zone 6(a) Open Space areas with development consent:

- Construction of advertising structures.
- Buildings for the purposes of landscaping.
- Drill grounds.
- Public baths.
- Racecourses.
- Showgrounds, sportsgrounds and tourist facilities.
- Uses or buildings associated with those purposes which are under the care, control and management of the council.
- Caravan parks.
- Child care centres and children's playgrounds.
- Forestry.
- Public reserves.
- Recreation areas and facilities.
- Utility installations.

Council may construct roads, stormwater drainage, recreation areas, public amenities, parking areas and cycleways in this zoning without obtaining its own consent.

3.4 ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

The sportsground has good vehicular access, and many users utilise the M4 motorway and Burnett St exit to access the sportground by car, making it ideal for regional use. Entry to Holroyd Sports Ground is achieved via an entrance gate at the junction of Robert and Peel Streets at the south-west edge of the site. The main road access to the sportsground is via Pitt and Walpole Streets.

The M4 Motorway to the north and railway lines to the south restrict traffic flows from the northern and south-eastern residential areas to the sportsground. Traffic flow volumes along Robert and Peel Streets are generally low and are primarily associated with the surrounding commercial and industrial areas.

The present car parking facilities for Holroyd Sports Ground are generally adequate for the current needs of users, and are supplemented by street parking in the surrounding area. This is plentiful due to the lack of surrounding residences.

Until recently, pedestrian access to the sportsground was restricted to northern, eastern and southern residential areas by the M4 Motorway, A'Beckett's Creek and the railway line. With the section of cycleway adjacent to the motorway completed, pedestrian and cyclist access to the sportsground is greatly improved. A pedestrian underpass beneath the Motorway from Railway Street to the junction of Fox and Robert Streets also facilitates access. Wheelchair access to the sportsground is limited to the bitumen sealed driveway leading from the western entrance gate to the amenities block.

3.5 MAINTENANCE

The main maintenance responsibilities of Holroyd City Council and Holroyd Sports Ground Park Committee associated with the sportsground are:

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- Undertaking of regular maintenance works (by Park Maintenance Crews) at Holroyd Sports Ground.
- Grass cutting during the warmer months is carried out about every 3 to 4 weeks in passive recreation areas and once a week on playing fields.
- General maintenance and repairs to buildings, fences etc. is carried out as required.
- Annual play equipment inspections followed by repairs as required; new equipment is provided as funds permit.

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- Minor maintenance, including line-marking.
- Informing Council of any maintenance and repair requirements.

3.6 FUNDING

The majority of funding for general maintenance and improvement works at Holroyd Sports Ground is derived from rate revenue. In addition to this, fees collected by the Local Committee assist with minor works and occasional grants are obtained for capital improvements. Section 94 contributions also provide a source of potential funds for improvements within sportsgrounds. These are discussed further in **Section 4.9**.

3.7 MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

Holroyd Sport Ground is managed by Holroyd City Council and the Holroyd Sports Ground Local Committee. The overall management of the sportsground is the responsibility of Holroyd City Council. Holroyd Sports Ground Local Committee works in conjunction with Holroyd City Council and major user groups to ensure the effective use of the sportsground resources, whilst representing the views of the broader Holroyd community.

The Local Committee includes representatives from the following organisations:

- Holroyd Little Athletics Club.
- Merrylands Rugby Union Club Inc.
- Holroyd City Council (Ward Councillors).

The Holroyd Sports Ground Local Committee aims to represent the views of all user groups. The structure and responsibilities of Local Committees are detailed in Holroyd City Council's *Policies, Codes and Delegated Authority Manual*.

4 Management strategies & actions

Management strategies and actions have been developed in order to achieve performance targets for the management of Holroyd Sports Ground. These strategies and actions address a range of issues to ensure the appropriate management of the facilities, features and significance of this sportsground. This section has been developed with the assistance of inputs from Holroyd Sports Ground Park Committee and key user groups (listed in **section 3.2.1**) identified during meetings with Council.

4.1 PROVISION OF FACILITIES

4.1.1 Recreational facilities and amenities

Facilities located within Holroyd Sports Ground have been developed in accordance with Council's objectives for meeting the needs of the wide range of user groups. Issues relating to facilities and amenities identified in the plan of management (EDAW, 1997) were discussed, including the need for:

- Provision of shelter and seating for spectators (along the northern edge of the sportsground).
- Provision of new play equipment and passive recreational facilities, such as barbeques and picnic tables.
- Construction of a new amenities block.
- Recycling bins and drinking water fountains.

Additional shade trees and covered seating have since been provided, however the need for further seating has been indicated. It was deemed appropriate to remove children's play equipment from the active recreation areas to ensure the safety of all users. Barbeque and picnic facilities are still to be provided.

An amenities block was constructed, which featured the facilities described in **section 3.1.1**. This amenities block was recently subjected to vandalism (arson), and its reconstruction is underway. The Park Committee meeting identified several opportunities to improve this amenity. This may include the provision of recycling bins and drinking water fountains, as part of the provision of the new facility.

Strategy

Continue to provide facilities and amenities that reflect the needs of the community through continual assessment, as funding becomes available.

Actions

| Code | Action |
|--------|--|
| 4.1.1A | Rebuild the amenities building and investigate opportunities to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased safety and surveillance measures (see actions under section 4.4.1). • Rainwater tanks for toilet flushing. • Extension of balcony slab and provision of external (visible) storage racks for bags. • Split air-conditioning system for a function room, and ventilation for canteen/storeroom. • Instantaneous gas heating systems. |
| 4.1.1B | Provide a new slab for finishing stand at the end of the 100m track. |
| 4.1.1C | Provide further spectator seating to accommodate user needs. This should be vandal-proof. |
| 4.1.1D | Provide commercial-style stove in canteen. Provide picnic tables to accommodate user needs. |
| 4.1.1E | Provide drinking water bubblers. Provide recycling facilities in an enclosure as part of the amenities block. |
| 4.1.1F | Undertake routine maintenance (focused on preventative maintenance) to ensure safety and functionality of existing facilities and amenities. |
| 4.1.1G | Upgrade field floodlighting as funding becomes available. |
| 4.1.1H | Consider installation of an irrigation system in the second field to improve quality and usability. |

4.2 PARK USAGE

The following strategies and actions have been developed in order to minimise conflicts between sportsground user groups.

4.2.1 Advertising and promotion

Sportsground users, including sporting teams and local businesses, may seek to display advertising in sportsgrounds. Whilst this can be useful to these groups, signs can affect the visual amenity of the sportsground, potentially compromising community values.

Holroyd City Council's *Advertising Banners* policy is aimed at protecting these values. There is currently a large (18m high) commercial sign erected on the northern side of the sportsground, for which a lease exists. All advertising applications are assessed by Council to ensure that content of adverts will not compromise community values.

Strategy

Prevent impacts on visual amenity and community values arising from proposed advertising and signage by monitoring community comments. Signs should be removed once they are no longer relevant. All advertising is to be consistent with SEPP 64 – *Advertising and signage*. Council should approve only temporary signage.

Actions

| Code | Action |
|-------------|---|
| 4.2.1A | Applications for leases to advertise using the existing structures at Holroyd Sports Ground are approved only where they are consistent with community values and SEPP 64 – <i>Advertising and signage</i> . Signs are removed when no longer relevant. |

4.2.2 Domestic animals

Holroyd Sports Ground is primarily used for active recreation. However, the use of sportsgrounds for the exercise of dogs and other domestic animals is also a popular pastime at this facility as it is with other sportsgrounds throughout the Holroyd local government area. Conflicts of interest amongst sportsground users can arise from animal wastes left on site. This can raise health and safety issues. Conflicts can also arise from a lack of control of animals by owners and commercial use of sportsgrounds by dog-walking firms without Council consent or payment for use.

The *Companion Animals Act 1998* requires that any dog outside the owners' property must be under the effective control of a competent person by means of an adequate chain, cord or leash, unless in a specified off-leash area. Holroyd Sports Ground is not an off-leash area.

Strategy

Minimise conflicts of interest between users of Holroyd Sports Ground due to domestic animal presence.

Actions

| Code | Action |
|-------------|---|
| 4.2.2A | Provide dog bins where dog-walking activities are most common, and away from active sports facilities. |
| 4.2.2B | Monitor dog-walking firms' commercial use of parks and payment for this usage. |
| 4.2.2C | Enforce penalties when owners do not control their dogs, particularly near the active sports facilities. |
| 4.2.2D | Monitor the compatibility of dog-walking within Holroyd Sports Ground, discouraging dog-walking during active sportsground usage. |

4.2.3 Leases and licences

Council may approve leases and licences on community land which are in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Leases and licences must be expressly authorised in plans of management (*Note*: pre-existing leases and licences in breach of this *Act* may continue until the end of their term). A lease currently exists for the usage of the advertising sign (described in section 4.2.1).

Strategy

Ensure the lawful compliance of leases and licences with the *Local Government Act 1993* and that these are undertaken in the best interests of the community. Ensure all leases and licences are consistent with core objectives for the category of land (s.46(2)), in this case the objectives for *sportsground* land as stated in **section 2.2.2**.

Actions

| Code | Action |
|--------|--|
| 4.2.3A | In considering lease and licence applications, only approve those that do not compromise the active recreational use of Holroyd Sports Ground. All leases and licences must comply with the requirements of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> . |

4.2.4 Permissible developments

Holroyd Local Environment Plan 1991 and Development Control Plans list the undertaking of developments and activities in areas zoned 6(a) Open Space that are not permissible (i.e. are prohibited), require development consent or are permissible with development consent.

Strategy

Ensure that Holroyd Sports Ground is managed in a manner that is consistent with active recreational use by the community, by approving only those developments and activities that reflect this.

Actions

| Code | Action |
|--------|--|
| 4.2.4A | Ensure that developments and activities in Holroyd Sports Ground comply with <i>Holroyd Local Environment Plan 1991</i> and Development Control Plans. |

4.2.5 Mobile phone towers

Telephone companies occasionally request to installation of mobile phone towers on public land such as parks. Under the *Telecommunications Act 1997 (C'th)*, only 'low impact' installations are permissible without council approval.

Council's *Telecommunications Code (Interim)* states that these facilities should not be located "where...it will be at a focal point that will visually dominate a streetscape, parkland or an otherwise visually sensitive landscape feature as viewed within or from any residential building".

Strategy

Ensure the values of the community are not compromised by the installation of mobile phone facilities at Holroyd Sportsground.

Actions

| Code | Action |
|--------|--|
| 4.2.5A | Ensure the interests of the community are considered when assessing applications for mobile phone towers to be located on or near Holroyd Sports Ground. |

4.2.6 Public art

Public art can enhance the identity and visual amenity of public land, and even increase visitation and community interest.

Strategy

Applications to council for the installation of art in public places are generally to be encouraged. Applications should only be granted when local community values, the active recreational functioning and visual amenity of the facility will not be compromised.

Actions

| Code | Action |
|--------|--|
| 4.2.6A | Ensure that community values are maintained when assessing applications to exhibit art in public places at Holroyd Sports Ground, and focus on active recreational function. |

4.2.7 Use by 'elite' athletes

Athletes with personal coaches for elite training have been observed to occasionally use Holroyd Sports Ground. This has been identified by sportsground users as a potential source of conflict due to damage to the ground surface, lowering its quality and useability by regular users.

Strategy

Use of Holroyd Sports Ground by elite athletes and their coaches is to be monitored and controlled by council.

Actions

| Code | Action |
|-------------|---|
| 4.2.7A | Ensure that the quality of the Sportsground surface and its useability by regular users is maintained through the monitoring and control of all elite athlete use by Council. |

4.3 ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

4.3.1 Pedestrian and cycleway links

As part of Council's cycleway network, detailed in Holroyd's *Cycleway Plan*, the shared pedestrian/cycleway link identified in the existing plan of management (EDAW, 1997) has since been completed along the northern side of Holroyd Sports Ground. It provides a useful connection with surrounding residential and recreational areas. Additional opportunities to upgrade pedestrian footpaths have been identified by the Park Committee.

Strategy

Continue to maintain the cycleway adjoining Holroyd Sports Ground for the enjoyment of pedestrians and cyclists alike. Maintain a high level of pedestrian access to and within Holroyd Sports Ground.

Actions

| Code | Action |
|--------|--|
| 4.3.1A | Cycleways will be maintained and extended as funds become available. |
| 4.3.1B | Upgrade footpaths in Peel Street as funds become available. |
| 4.3.1C | Provide additional footpaths between the fields and amenities as funds become available. |

4.3.2 Carparks

Council maintains the public carpark located at Holroyd Sports Ground. Maintenance includes inspections and repairs to road pavement, linemarking, signs and landscaping. The provision of car parking spaces at Holroyd Sports Ground is currently adequate, as there is little traffic on local streets due to the industrial nature of local landuses, and additional spaces are available on Peel Street and other local streets. Car spaces have also been formalised to ensure user safety.

Strategy

Ensure adequate parking is available at Holroyd Sports Ground and provide additional spaces where required and as funding becomes available. Ensure safe access to carparks through planning and design.

Actions

| Code | Action |
|--------|--|
| 4.3.2A | Ensure user safety by ensuring that carparks are regularly maintained. |
| 4.3.2B | Monitor the impacts of carparking in local streets and provide additional spaces when required and as funding becomes available. |

4.3.3 Access for disabled persons

It is the intention of Holroyd City Council to ensure its sportsgrounds are accessible and equipped with adequate facilities for disabled persons as funds permit. The current access and parking facilities are good. Opportunities exist to improve access for disabled persons at Holroyd Sports Ground. Allocated parking for disabled visitors is not currently provided.

Strategy

Access for disabled persons to Holroyd Sports Ground and associated facilities is good and in compliance with Australian Standard AS4128.

Actions

| Code | Action |
|--------|--|
| 4.3.3A | Ensure that re-construction of the amenities block and any further facilities at Holroyd Sports Ground comply with AS4128 Access for disabled persons, including toilets for disabled persons. |
| 4.3.3B | Provide allocated car spaces for disabled persons in the car park. |

4.4 SECURITY & SAFETY

4.4.1 Security

Holroyd City Council aims to ensure that public amenities in all sportsgrounds are sufficiently secure to minimise loss of property through theft and vandalism. Council and the Holroyd Sports Ground Park Committee, following the recent vandalism incident involving the amenities block at the sportsground, have identified security as a fundamental issue facing the management of Holroyd Sports Ground.

Strategy

Increase surveillance systems at Holroyd Sports Ground, focusing on security of assets. Increase lighting provision and ensure that the amenities building (once rebuilt) is locked whenever it is not in use. Minimise fire risks and flammable materials located at the sportsground.

Actions

| Code | Action |
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| 4.4.1A | Upgrade surveillance systems to include a back-to-base alarm system and a back-to-base fire alarm system. |
| 4.4.1B | Secure all flammable materials, such as 240L bins, at the appropriate location away from the amenities block. |

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| 4.4.1C | Undertake regular maintenance of fences (see section 4.4.2), locks, lighting and surveillance systems throughout the year. Respond promptly to reports of failed equipment and replace as funds become available. |
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4.4.2 Fencing

The chain-wire mesh fencing at the site has been replaced along the Motorway boundary and the creek. Additional fencing may also provide increased security and user safety for the sportsground and associated facilities.

Strategy

Increase the security of Holroyd Sports Ground and associated facilities and amenities by upgrading fences within and bordering the grounds to minimise loss of property through theft and vandalism, and the entrance of unauthorised vehicles.

Actions

| Code | Action |
|--------|---|
| 4.4.2A | Upgrade fencing and gates at the Peel Street entrance to the carpark. |
| 4.4.2B | Upgrade fences between the main field and adjacent cycleway. |
| 4.4.2C | Regularly inspect and maintain all fences within and bordering sportsgrounds. Continue to upgrade fences where necessary, particularly along the creek boundary, as funds permit. |

4.4.3 Safety and public liability

Safety in sportsgrounds and all public places is a priority for Holroyd Council. Council's ongoing maintenance program ensures that this priority is implemented at Holroyd Sports Ground as an important community facility.

In terms of public liability, Holroyd City Council is compliant with the *Local Government Act 1993*, which states "council must make arrangements for its adequate insurance against public liability and professional liability."

Strategy

Ensure the safety of all sportsground users through maintenance. Ensure that safety issues raised by users of Holroyd Sports Ground are addressed as a priority. Ensure that adequate shade is provided at Holroyd Sports Ground for user protection through planting and maintenance of existing trees (see section 4.5.2). Ensure sportsground maintenance includes activities required to fulfil requirements of council's liability insurance.

Actions

| Code | Action |
|-------------|--|
| 4.4.3A | Ensure user safety in the amenities block, including the provision of a 'lip' or 'hob' around showers to prevent accidents in changing room areas. |
| 4.4.3B | Provide additional covered seating and shade trees where necessary, particularly along the southern perimeter, for visitor protection and comfort. |
| 4.4.3C | Respond promptly to reports of safety issues through inspection and investigation, and where necessary, the provision of upgraded or improved facilities. Equipment or areas that represent a safety hazard will be rectified, repaired or replaced on a priority basis. |

4.5 ENVIRONMENT AND LANDSCAPE

4.5.1 Catchment Management

As a member of the Upper Parramatta River Catchment Trust, Holroyd City Council is committed to managing all rivers, canals and drainage lines within its boundaries. A'Becketts Creek, adjacent to Holroyd Sports Ground is part of the Duck River catchment.

Bank erosion and weed infestation are key issues requiring management at A'Becketts Creek. Rehabilitation of the creek embankment along the southern edge of Holroyd Sports Ground has been ongoing since the adoption of the existing plan of management for Holroyd Sports Ground (EDAW, 1997). Re-vegetation of the embankment will assist in buffering the creek from impacts of the surrounding land uses.

Strategy

Continue to demonstrate commitment to total catchment management at Holroyd Sports Ground through the re-vegetation of A'Becketts Creek embankment.

Actions

| Code | Action |
|-------------|---|
| 4.5.1A | Continue to rehabilitate A'Becketts Creek embankment using endemic plant species (see species list in Appendix A). |
| 4.5.1B | Coordinate with the relevant catchment management committees through the management of Holroyd Sports Ground and undertake remedial works where funding permits. Minimise litter entry into A'Becketts Creek through regular rubbish removal. |

4.5.2 Landscape Improvements

The previous plan of management (EDAW, 1997) identified several key issues associated with the landscape at Holroyd Sports Ground, each relating to opportunities for improvements through planting. These included the reduction of the visual prominence of the adjacent Motorway, surrounding industrial landuses and undesirable views, and the provision of shade for spectators (see also 4.4.3).

Planting since the adoption of the plan has been ongoing, with views to the south and west being considerably improved. Additional shade trees have been planted in the picnic areas and adjacent to the amenities block. Future planting should focus on areas to the southeast along the creek and along the motorway, improving visual amenity for not only visitors to Holroyd Sports Ground, but also for users of the cycleway.

Strategy

Continue to improve the character and visual amenity of Holroyd Sports Ground and the associated cycleway through planting, both within the picnic area and along the boundaries, limiting impacts from surrounding landuses and the motorway.

Manage and maintain sporting fields appropriately for the level of use by the community.

Actions

| Code | Action |
|-------------|---|
| 4.5.2A | Continue to plant endemic species (see Appendix A for list) as part of landscape works to minimise seeds of exotic and weed species entering A'Becketts Creek. |
| 4.5.2B | Continue to provide additional planting along the boundaries to improve visual amenity and minimise noise from surrounding landuses. |
| 4.5.2C | Ensure that shade trees are adequately maintained and replaced where necessary. |
| 4.5.2D | Ensure major and minor landscape improvements are implemented on the basis of available funds, and reflect the principles of <i>Holroyd City Landscape Masterplan</i> . |

4.6 MAINTENANCE COSTS

Maintenance is a major part of Council's ongoing works, and many of the management strategies in this plan include maintenance requirements. Maintenance costs can be considerable.

Strategy

Balance maintenance needs with maintenance costs.

Actions

| Code | Action |
|--------|--|
| 4.6.1A | Undertake ongoing preventative and remedial maintenance of assets associated with Holroyd Sports Ground. |
| 4.6.1B | Ensure sufficient resources to cater for peak periods. |

4.7 MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The management and development of Holroyd Sports Ground requires the cooperation of major user groups. It is therefore essential to have a clear definition of management responsibilities as well as the involvement of a range of people with the necessary management skills and experience. These groups and their respective responsibilities are summarised below. It should be noted that some of the responsibilities described below represent current management practices.

Holroyd City Council

Council is responsible for:

- The ultimate responsibility for development and management of Holroyd Sports Ground.
- The on-going preventative and remedial maintenance of Holroyd Sports Ground assets in accordance with council's TAMS (asset management database) system.
- The allocation of resources (financial, human and physical) for effective development and maintenance of the parks
- The maintenance of landscape works and recreation facilities.
- Liaison with authorities that have responsibilities relevant to development and management of infrastructure and services associated with sportsgrounds eg: Roads and Traffic Authority, Sydney Water, Integral Energy.

Council is also responsible for complete review of this plan of management when necessary to enable changing circumstances and community needs to be incorporated.

Holroyd Sports Ground Park Committee

The Park Committee is responsible for:

- Seeking opinions regarding the expectations and needs of the community in relation to the Holroyd Sports Ground.
- Providing advice to council on the requirements of the community.
- Reporting to council on development and management of Holroyd Sports Ground.
- Monitoring and reporting on maintenance requirements.
- Reporting vandalism and misuse of the sportsground to council and recommending actions to prevent their recurrence.

The Community

The responsibilities of the general community include:

- Reporting maintenance requirements and vandalism to Holroyd City Council or to the Holroyd Sports Ground Park Committee.
- Presentation of requests and proposals to council and/or Holroyd Sports Ground Park Committee for development or upgrading of facilities in the sportsground.

4.8 FUNDING

Timing of implementation of this plan of management will be directly dependent on the availability of funding. Funding is required to cover capital expenditure as well as recurrent costs for repairs and maintenance.

Funding for recurrent maintenance costs is generally provided through Council's Annual Budget. Council's annual budget allocation for sportsgrounds such as Holroyd Sports Ground is aimed at achieving a satisfactory level of maintenance in all sportsgrounds.

In certain areas of Holroyd, Section 94 contributions provide a major source of funds for capital improvements within sportsgrounds. These funds are generated from contributions of developers involved in new development. They are intended to increase the capacity of public facilities to cater for the expected population increase resulting from the new urban development. This source of funding directly depends on the rate of development and can fluctuate significantly.

Implementation of this plan of management will be an ongoing process that will proceed in response to community expectations, user requirements, availability of funding and other circumstances as they arise.

5 Summary of actions and priorities

5.1 PRIORITIES

A prioritised schedule of actions has been developed to assist council in the allocation of financial, human and physical resources required for implementation of this plan of management. Action priority ratings and criteria for these ratings are provided below.

H – High Priority

- Safety issues in situations where there is a high probability of injury occurring.
- Works to ensure the essential functions of sportsgrounds are not compromised.
- Works to eliminate and/or reduce severe environmental problems such as erosion or water pollution in line with the requirements of current legislation.

M – Moderate Priority

- Ongoing preventative and remedial maintenance of existing sportsgrounds assets.
- Works aimed at reducing ongoing maintenance costs.
- Works required to ameliorate adverse environmental conditions, such as inadequate shade, views that require screening, noise intrusion, poor pedestrian access.

L – Low Priority

- Works aimed at improving the aesthetic quality of the sportsground.
- Works aimed at enhancing the habitat value of areas associated with the sportsground

5.2 PERFORMANCE AND STATUS

All action items in this plan are assigned performance indicators, enabling Council to measure success in achieving the objectives for each action, and the current status of each action, as per the table below.

| Status Code | Status | Description |
|-------------|-----------|---|
| O | Ongoing | Activities undertaken on an ongoing basis as required and as funds permit. |
| P | Proposed | Activities proposed in this plan of management; work has not commenced. |
| Co | Commenced | Activities for which work has already begun |
| Cp | Complete | Completed activities (as measured by performance indicators) since the previous plan of management review |

5.3 TABLE OF PRIORITISED ACTIONS

| Action Code | Action | Priority | Responsibility | Performance Indicator | Status |
|--|---|----------|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Provision of facilities | | | | | |
| <i>Recreational facilities and amenities</i> | | | | | |
| 4.1.1A | Rebuild the amenities building and investigate opportunities to include: | H | Holroyd City Council | Amenities block re-built | Cp 09/04 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased safety and surveillance measures (see actions 4.4.1). | H | | | Cp 09/04 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rainwater tanks for toilet flushing. | M | | | Cp 12/04 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension of balcony slab and provision of external (visible) storage racks for bags. | M | | | P |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Split air-conditioning system for a function room. | H | | | P |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ventilation for canteen/ storeroom. | H | | | Cp 03/05 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instantaneous gas heating systems. | L | | | P |
| 4.1.1B | Provide a new slab for the finishing stand at the end of the 100m track. | M | | | Holroyd City Council |
| 4.1.1C | Provide additional spectator seating to accommodate user needs. This should be vandal proof. | M | Holroyd City Council | Additional seating provided | P |
| 4.1.1D | Provide commercial-style stove in canteen. Provide picnic tables to accommodate user needs. | M | Holroyd City Council | BBQs and tables provided | P |
| 4.1.1E | Provide drinking water bubblers. Provide recycling facilities in an enclosure, as part of the amenities block. | M | Holroyd City Council | Fountains and bins provided | P |
| 4.1.1F | Undertake routine maintenance (focused on preventative maintenance) to ensure safety and functionality of existing facilities and amenities | M | Holroyd City Council | Maintenance undertaken | O |
| 4.1.1G | Upgrade field floodlighting as funds become available. | H | Holroyd City Council | Floodlighting upgraded | P |
| 4.1.1H | Consider installation of an irrigation system in the second field to improve quality and usability. | M | Holroyd City Council | Irrigation system installed | P |

| Action Code | Action | Priority | Responsibility | Performance Indicator | Status |
|----------------------------------|---|----------|----------------------|---|--------|
| Park Usage | | | | | |
| <i>Advertising and Promotion</i> | | | | | |
| 4.2.1A | Applications for leases to advertise using the existing structures at Holroyd Sports Ground are approved only where they are consistent with community values and SEPP 64 – <i>Advertising and signage</i> . Signs are removed when no longer relevant. | M | Holroyd City Council | Community satisfaction and compliance with SEPP 64. | O |
| <i>Domestic animals</i> | | | | | |
| 4.2.2A | Provide dog bins where dog-walking activities are most common, and away from active sports facilities. | L | Holroyd City Council | Dog bin usage | P |
| 4.2.2B | Monitor dog-walking firms' commercial use of parks and payment for this usage. | L | Holroyd City Council | Compliance with Council's requirements | P/O |
| 4.2.2C | Enforce penalties when owners do not control their dogs, particularly near the active sports facilities. | M | Holroyd City Council | Compliance with Council's requirements | P |
| 4.2.2D | Monitor the compatibility of dog-walking within Holroyd Sports Ground, discouraging dog-walking during active sportsground usage. | M | Holroyd City Council | Dog-walking strategy | P |
| <i>Leases and licences</i> | | | | | |
| 4.2.3A | In considering lease and licence applications, only approve those that do not compromise the active recreational use of Holroyd Sports Ground. All leases and licences must comply with the requirements of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> . | M | Holroyd City Council | User satisfaction; compliance with legislation. | O |

| Action Code | Action | Priority | Responsibility | Performance Indicator | Status |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------|----------------------|--|--------|
| <i>Permissible developments</i> | | | | | |
| 4.2.4A | Ensure that developments and activities in Holroyd Sports Ground comply with Holroyd Local Environment Plan 1991 and Development Control Plans. | M | Holroyd City Council | Compliance of developers with LEP and DCPs | O |
| <i>Mobile phone towers</i> | | | | | |
| 4.2.5A | Ensure the interests of the community are considered when assessing applications for mobile phone towers to be located on or near Holroyd Sports Ground. | M | Holroyd City Council | Community satisfaction | O |
| <i>Public art</i> | | | | | |
| 4.2.6A | Consider community values when assessing applications to exhibit art in public places at Holroyd Sports Ground, and focus on active recreational function. | M | Holroyd City Council | Community satisfaction | O |
| Access and circulation | | | | | |
| <i>Pedestrian and disabled access</i> | | | | | |
| 4.3.1A | Cycleways will be maintained and extended as funds become available. | M | Holroyd City Council | Cycleways completed | O |
| 4.3.1B | Upgrade footpaths in Peel Street as funds become available. | M | Holroyd City Council | Footpaths upgraded | P |
| 4.3.1C | Provide additional footpaths between the fields and amenities as funds become available. | M | Holroyd City Council | Footpaths provided | O |
| <i>Carparks</i> | | | | | |
| 4.3.2A | Ensure user safety by ensuring that carparks are regularly maintained. | H | Holroyd City Council | No. of accidents; user satisfaction | O |
| 4.3.2B | Monitor the impacts of carparking in local streets and provide additional spaces when required and as funds become available. | M | Holroyd City Council | User safety & satisfaction | O |

| Action Code | Action | Priority | Responsibility | Performance Indicator | Status |
|------------------------------------|---|----------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| <i>Access for disabled persons</i> | | | | | |
| 4.3.3A | Ensure that re-construction of the amenities block and any further facilities at Holroyd Sports Ground comply with AS4128, including toilets for disabled persons. | H | Holroyd City Council | Disabled access provided | P |
| 4.3.3B | Provide allocated car spaces for disabled persons in the car park. | H | Holroyd City Council | Allocated spaces provided | P |
| Health & safety | | | | | |
| <i>Security</i> | | | | | |
| 4.4.1A | Upgrade surveillance systems to include a back-to-base alarm system and a back-to-base fire alarm system. | H | Holroyd City Council | Theft and vandalism minimised | Cp 09/04 |
| 4.4.1B | Secure all flammable materials, such as 240L bins, away from the amenities block. | H | Holroyd City Council | Materials secured | Cp 12/04 |
| 4.4.1C | Undertake regular maintenance of fences (see section 4.4.2), locks, lighting and surveillance systems throughout the year. Respond promptly to reports of failed equipment and replace as funds become available. | H | Holroyd City Council | Theft and vandalism minimised | O |
| <i>Fencing</i> | | | | | |
| 4.4.2A | Upgrade fencing and gates at the Peel Street entrance to the carpark. | H | Holroyd City Council | Fence and gate installed | P |
| 4.4.2B | Upgrade fences between the main field and adjacent cycleway. | M | Holroyd City Council | Fence installed | P |
| 4.4.2C | Regularly inspect and maintain all fences within and bordering sportsgrounds. Continue to upgrade fences where necessary, particularly along the creek boundary, and as funds permit. | H | Holroyd City Council | User safety achieved. | O |

| Action Code | Action | Priority | Responsibility | Performance Indicator | Status |
|------------------------------------|---|----------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| <i>Safety and public liability</i> | | | | | |
| 4.4.3A | Ensure user safety in the amenities block, including the provision of a 'lip' or 'hob' around showers in change rooms to prevent accidents in these areas. | H | Holroyd City Council | Additional safety features installed | O/P |
| 4.4.3B | Provide additional covered seating and shade trees where necessary, particularly along the southern perimeter, for visitor protection and comfort. | H | Holroyd City Council | Additional shading provided | O |
| 4.4.3C | Respond promptly to reports of safety issues through inspection and investigation, and where necessary, the provision of upgraded or improved facilities. Equipment or situations that represent a safety hazard will be rectified, repaired or replaced on a priority basis. | H | Holroyd City Council | User safety achieved. | O |
| Environment and landscape | | | | | |
| <i>Catchment management</i> | | | | | |
| 4.5.1A | Continue to rehabilitate A'Becketts Creek embankment using endemic plant species (see species list in Appendix A). | M | Holroyd City Council | Creek embankment rehabilitated | O |
| 4.5.1B | Coordinate with the relevant catchment management committees through the management of Holroyd Sports Ground and undertake remedial works. Minimise litter entry into A'Becketts Creek through regular rubbish removal. | M | Holroyd City Council | Litter entering canal is minimised | O |
| <i>Landscape improvements</i> | | | | | |
| 4.5.2A | Continue to plant endemic species (see Appendix A for list) as part of landscape works to minimise seeds of exotic and weed species entering A'Becketts Creek. | M | Holroyd City Council | Endemic species planted | O |

| Action Code | Action | Priority | Responsibility | Performance Indicator | Status |
|-------------|---|----------|----------------------|---|--------|
| 4.5.2B | Continue to provide additional planting along the boundaries to improve visual amenity and minimise noise from surrounding landuses. | M | Holroyd City Council | Additional planting undertaken; local impacts minimised | O |
| 4.5.2C | Ensure that shade trees are adequately maintained and replaced where necessary. | M | Holroyd City Council | Shade trees maintained | O |
| 4.5.2D | Ensure major and minor landscape improvements are implemented on the basis of available funds, and reflect the principles of Holroyd City Landscape Masterplan. | M | Holroyd City Council | Landscape principles reflected | O |

Maintenance costs

| | | | | | |
|--------|--|---|----------------------|--|---|
| 4.6.1A | Undertake ongoing preventative and remedial maintenance of assets associated with Holroyd Sports Ground. | M | Holroyd City Council | Reduced non-preventative maintenance works | O |
| 4.6.1B | Ensure sufficient resources to cater for peak periods. | M | Holroyd City Council | User satisfaction during all periods | O |

Use by elite athletes

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|--------|--|---|----------------------|--|---|
| 4.2.7A | Ensure sportsground surface quality and useability by regular users is maintained by monitoring and controlling all use by elite athletes. | M | Holroyd City Council | Regular user satisfaction regarding sportsground use by elite athletes | O |
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Note: Holroyd City Council undertakes detailed prioritisation of proposed improvements to all parks and sportsgrounds when allocating funds on an annual basis.

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A Appendix

RECOMMENDED PLANTING SPECIES

The planting strategy aims to satisfy the functions listed above by using predominantly native species, supplemented with exotic species that are known to perform well in western Sydney and are able to provide shade for spectators during sporting events. Those species known to be locally endemic to the Holroyd LGA have been marked with an asterisk in the lists below.

A. Perimeter Planting

Trees

- Acacia elata (Cedar Wattle)
- Acacia glaucescens (Coast Wattle)
- Callistemon salignus (Pink-tip Bottlebrush)*
- Callistemon viminalis (Weeping Bottlebrush) Trees
- Eucalyptus moluccana (Grey Box)*
- Eucalyptus tereticornis (Forest Red Gum)*
- Eucalyptus crebra (Narrow leaved Ironbark)*
- Eucalyptus elata (Willow Peppermint)
- Eucalyptus maculata (Spotted Gum)*
- Eucalyptus sideroxylon (Pink Flowered Ironbark)
- Casuarina glauca (Swamp Oak)*
- Casuarina torulosa (Forest Oak)*

B. Drainage Channel Planting

Trees

- Acacia floribunda (Sally Wattle)*
- Callistemon salignus (Pink-tip Bottlebrush)*
- Callistemon viminalis (Weeping Bottlebrush)

- *Leptospermum petersonii* (Lemon Scented Tea Tree)
- *Melaleuca ericifolia* (Heath Leaved Paperbark) Trees
- *Platanus orientalis* (Plane Tree)
- *Casaurina glauca* (Swamp Oak)*
- *Casuarina torulosa* (Forest Oak)*
- *Eucalyptus tereticornis* (Forest Red Gum)*
- *Eucalyptus scoparia* (Willow Gum)
- *Melaleuca styphelioides* (Prickly Paperbark)*
- *Melaleuca quinquenervia* (Broad Leaved Paperbark)

C. Shade

Trees

- *Platanus orientalis* (Plane Tree)
- *Fraxinus oxycarpa* 'Raywoodii' (Claret Ash)
- *Pistacia chinensis* (Pistacia)
- *Sapium sebiferum* (Tallow Tree)
- *Eucalyptus maculata* (Spotted Gum)*
- *Eucalyptus scoparia* (Willow Gum)
- *Lophostemon confertus* (Brush Box)

In order to minimise the area of turf that needs to be maintained, it is recommended that exotic grasses be removed and surface mulch be used in areas where clumps of trees and shrub planting are to be carried out. Plantings of native grasses beneath trees should also be considered in areas that are not subject to pedestrian traffic.