

Plan of Management



Sports Fields

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FOREWORD

The purpose of this Plan of Management (PoM) is to form the basis for the management of the Sports Fields in the Care Control and Management of Goulburn City Council. It is designed to set out objectives and long term management strategies for the sites. This PoM has been based on the previous PoM adopted in 1996 and carries over primary strategies identified in that Plan. The revised action plans and strategies identified in this PoM were developed as a result of an extensive review of the sites as well as community requirements and needs. All future uses of Sports Fields scheduled (Figure 1) are to comply with this PoM. If however an existing use or development is inconsistent with this PoM cessation of the inconsistency is required within 12 months of the adoption of the PoM. It should be noted that while this plan does cover some basic financial issues it is not a Business Plan and does not address day to day operational or marketing strategies.

Sports Fields with in Goulburn are either Community Lands, which Council owns, or Crown reserves for which Goulburn City Council have been appointed corporate trustees. This PoM is subject to formal adoption by Council.

Goulburn Sports Fields should be managed in a manner that meets community expectations, while staying abreast with industry developments and standards. The various complexes are multi-functional facilities and should be managed with strong user input, via the Sports Council, to management, maintenance and improvements.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Goulburn has 16 Sporting facilities, of which 11 are managed by Goulburn City Council (Figure 1). Of these 11 sporting facilities, 4 are classified Community Lands and 7 are Crown reserves. Other facilities, including Kenmore, Cookbundoon Fields, Rugby Park, League Park and the Sports Arena are managed by independent Trustees or organisations. This list does not include sporting facilities associated with schools. Under the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, Council is required to prepare and adopt a Plan of Management for all Community Lands.

A generic Plan of Management was adopted for Council's Sports Fields in 1996 (Minute 404/96) That PoM had served its course and was reviewed in 2001, resulting in this current document.

1.2 Scope

This plan covers those lands occupied by all Sports Fields, as set out in Figure 1, managed by Goulburn City Council. This includes both Community Lands and Crown Reserves. These Sports Fields will be managed in accordance with conditions set by this plan and the Local Government Act or Crown Lands Act.

All future development of the fields is to be governed by the constraints set out in this plan and generally be for the benefit of the community.

2.0 SITE ANALYSIS

Goulburn Sports Fields offers a large number and variety of recreational opportunities and are heavily used through out both summer and winter sporting seasons. In most cases the sites are designed to serve as multi-purpose venues and boast a wide range of sporting facilities.

2.1 Access

Sports Fields through out Goulburn are readily accessible by road (Figure 1.) and in most cases are also linked by pedestrian and cycle paths. Careful consideration should be given to ensure all fields are linked to Goulburn's Cycle Plan.

Access within the sports fields is limited to the able-bodied and does not reflect sound equity of access. There is a lack of paths, and toilet facilities at all sporting fields covered by this PoM. This not only restricts participation in sports for people with disabilities, but also limits spectators. The lack of parenting facilities will also limit the enjoyment experienced by families with babies or toddlers. This inequity should be addressed as part of any future development of sports fields or adjoining park lands.

Objectives

- 1 To promote a policy of equity of access for the whole community, to all sporting venues managed by Goulburn City Council
- 2 To set an example of access for other venues through out Goulburn.

Means to Achieve

That all council managed sports fields be systematically upgraded to include access paths and combined disabled/parenting toilets.

2.2 Floods

A number of Sports Fields are situated on 'flood liable' land and or within a floodway. The flood inundation map (Figure 2) shows the extent of flooding experienced by the various fields. Development in such areas must be in accordance with stipulations set down in the Local Environmental Plan 1989 Division 4, Section 38, dealing with development on flood liable land. Land planning and development therefore must proceed (with guidance from the L.E.P.) in the knowledge that the fields will continue to experience minor to severe flooding.

As a general rule sports fields are compatible with flood liable land, however, careful consideration must be taken when locating and designing structures with in the flood zones.

2.3 Legislation

Goulburn sports fields are either Community Lands or Crown Reserves dedicated for the purpose of public recreation and or sports.

The Community Lands must be managed in accordance with the relevant PoM adopted by Council and as governed by the Local Government Act 1993.

The Crown Reserves must be used and managed in accordance with the principles of Crown land management, as set out in Section 11 of the Crown Lands Act 1989. Further use of the reserves must be consistent with the policies established through case law for the management of Crown reserves. Division 6 Sections 112 – 115 of the Act allows for the development of Plans of Management and covers their adoption.

All reserves must be developed and managed according to the requirements and restrictions of the relevant zoning. Under the existing provisions of Goulburn Local Environmental Plan 1990 (as amended) all sports fields are zoned No. 6 Open Space. (Appendix 1)

2.4 Value and Function to the Community

Goulburn sports fields provide a wealth of recreational and cultural experiences for Goulburn and surrounding communities. They provide the home venues for many long established sporting clubs and associations, community activities and events. The fields act as meeting places for many community members. Players will travel from Taralga, Crookwell and from through out Goulburn for their weekly gathering and sporting competitions, coaching, school carnivals and occasional community event such as Lilac Time.

Areas of conflict between the sporting and general community are the issues of dogs, golf and horses. While some members of the community see value in the sports fields as venues for exercising dogs and horses or just practicing golf these activities cause problems of hygiene or damage on the playing surface. These conflicts are best managed by the provision of alternate venues within the city for these activities.

2.5 Signage

Signs are frequently the first, and sometimes the only communications that management will have with members of the public using the sports fields. To be effective, signs will need to be regarded both as a medium for transmitting information and as a means of facilitating a positive image.

Sports fields require visible and carefully located signs to indicate direction, provide information and separate conflicting uses. There are currently few informative or directional signs associated with the various sports fields. It is always advisable to keep signage to a workable minimum to avoid visual clutter and the possibility of conflicting information. Signage should also be pictorial, where ever practical and of a consistent style.

Objectives.

1. To adopt a style of signage for sports fields that incorporates the principles of simplicity, minimalism and consistency.
2. To prevent adverse visual impact by signs.

Means to Achieve

1. That a standard sports field sign be developed that addresses the issue of field name image, location and permitted activities.

3.0 RECREATION

The provision and accessibility of open space is one factor that influences people's choice for recreation. The sports fields provide a variety of recreation opportunities, as described in Appendix 3, many of which are also provided by the other Trustees and private organisation managing sports fields.

It is the aim of Council to promote a healthy and progressive lifestyle for the community of Goulburn by fostering and providing sports and recreation services for the people of the city and region. This recreation can take the form of 'structured recreation' as conducted by sporting clubs and associations or 'unstructured recreation' normally conducted by groups of friends, families or individuals. All forms of sport structured or unstructured should be given equal access to Council managed fields.

Objectives

1. Provide multi-functional facilities that maximise both structured and unstructured recreational opportunities that are in keeping with the objectives and function of the site and zoning of the land.
2. Provide recreational facilities giving equity of access to the whole of the community.

Means to Achieve

- 1 Provide strategically located sporting facilities that cater for a broad range of activities and rationalize the allocation of funds for capital improvements.
- 2 Ensure all sporting facilities are upgraded to include safe access and amenities for all members of the community.

4.0 TOURISM

Goulburn has a long history of sporting achievements and great sporting people. This is clearly portrayed by the establishment of the Sporting Hall of Fame. This heritage should be captured and utilised in the promotion of the facilities. Many of Goulburn's sporting events have the potential of attracting visitors from throughout regional NSW, Sydney and ACT. The continuous promotion of sporting events, raising the profile of local clubs and the wider promotion of the Hall of Fame will assist in raising Goulburn's sports tourism potential.

4.1 Objectives

1. To promote the Goulburn's sporting fields in a manner that will benefit the wider community.

4.2 Means to Achieve

1. Promote Goulburn's sporting events and Sporting Hall of Fame via the Visitor Information Centre.
2. Improve signage to direct visitors to the various sports fields.
3. Investigate the option of sporting events associated with Goulburn's Spring and Autumn Festivals.

5.0 POTENTIAL USERS

The potential of Goulburn's sporting fields as multi-functional facilities will take careful management to ensure an increase in the current usage, while not impacting adversely on existing users or the experience gained by the spectators and participants.

Major proposed improvements, by either Council or user groups, to accommodate an increase in sporting participants and improve the quality of experience for the existing users include;

1. Extension of the existing Carr/Confoy Fields to accommodate grass net ball courts and extra cricket fields.
2. An upgrade of Seiffert Oval amenities, including a unisex disable/parenting toilet.
3. Improved water supply and irrigation for Prell oval.
4. Sun and weather protection at Carr/Confoy Fields.
5. Improved junior riders area and cross country circuit at the Pony Club.
6. Shade banks at Goodhew Park

Appendix 3 lists the existing and potential uses that could be realised at the various sports fields through out Goulburn. Any proposed uses would have to be evaluated on their merits relative to the existing uses and the capacity of the field in question to accommodate them.

6.0 MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

In preparing a management system for the sports fields it is considered that the following prerequisites must be satisfied:

1. The maximisation of benefits to the public.
2. Total accountability of public funds and of managerial personnel.
3. Optimum input from the major users of the facilities.
4. Public participation in the managerial and planning processes.

6.1 Management Considerations

The following observations require considerations in the development of an appropriate management and maintenance regime.

1. Only 16% of the recreation budget allocated to sports fields is funded by the sporting community or end users. The remaining 84% is funded from general rate revenue.
2. There is potential for greater rationalisation of sports fields, better applying available funds for maintenance and improvements.
3. Many sporting venues have minimal and often dated facilities.
4. Sporting activities tend to be specialised and/or infrequent at some fields. Seasons are limited and facilities remain unused for long periods, yet still require maintenance.
5. There is potential for major sporting groups and Council to enter into long term licence agreements for mutual benefit.

6.2 Field Allocations and Bookings

The Sports Council plays an active role in the annual allocation of sports fields and resolving clashes between two organisations wishing to book a venue at the same time. Parks and Recreation Services staff provide a booking and administration service to the Sports Council and sporting groups wishing to utilise a Council managed field.

6.3 The Sports Council

The Local Government Act enables Council to appoint a committee of local citizens and to delegate to that committee powers to act on behalf of, or advise and recommend to, Council. The powers of the committee are delegated by Council under Section 377 of the Local Government Act.

The Sports Council shall be formulated along democratic principles, representing all major sporting disciplines, as well as providing the mechanism for community involvement from individuals or groups with an expressed interest in specific issues, or the general administration of Goulburn's sports facilities.

The Sports Council should also have as part of its membership, representatives of Goulburn City Council and the Department of Conservation and Land Management - such individuals will not hold office position with any sports discipline represented on the Sports Council.

The composition of the Sports Council shall be determined, from time to time, by Goulburn City Council, and may include representatives of the community as follows.

1. Representatives of Council
2. Appropriate Council support staff – non voting
3. An officer from the Department of Land and Water Conservation
4. One representative from each sporting discipline, with alternate delegates if desired, that conduct sports with in the Goulburn Local Government Area. The Sports Council may from time to time recommend to Council alterations to the make up of the Committee.
5. A maximum of 4 Citizen Representatives. Citizen representative must not hold office position on sporting organisations already represented on the Sports Council

All representatives are to be nominated by their respective organisations and then confirmed by the Council.

The chairman shall have a casting vote in the event of a tied vote on any matter.

The Goulburn City Council staff serving on the committee shall be non-voting members. The Councillors and staff of Council or the Department of Land & Water Conservation should not hold an office position on any sporting organisation.

The Sports Council shall have the power to delegate responsibility for designated tasks to duly elected sub-committees.

The committee structure allows for specialised matters to be dealt with by inviting expert opinion to any scheduled meeting.

Community involvement from individuals and user groups with interest in specific issues should be encouraged by the Sports Council.

6.4 The Responsibility of Sports Council

The Sports Council shall have responsibility to undertake the following tasks:

1. To oversee the implementation of the Plan of Management;
2. To be responsible for the marketing and promotion of Organised Sports;
3. To investigate the various avenues of financial support including grant funding
4. Recommend fees and charges to the Council
5. Recommend field allocations and mediate between conflicting sporting bodies in relation to field allocations and use.
6. Establish priorities for future development of sports fields.

7.0 LEASES AND LICENCES

Leases and licences formalise the use of community and Crown land by groups such as sporting clubs and schools or by the community and individuals providing facilities or services for public use.

All leases and any licence for periods longer than 12 months, on Crown Reserves require approval from the Minister responsible for administration of the Crown lands. All leases and licence for periods longer than five years on Community Lands must be advertised and, if opposed by a member of the public, require approval from the Minister responsible for administration of the Local Government Act.

There is presently one lease and several annual licences in place. There is however a number of regular users that warrant longer licence agreements developed to ensure security of tenure.

7.1 Licences

A **licence** is required where intermittent or short-term occupation or control of all or part of an area is proposed. A number of licences can apply to the same site at the same time, provided there is no conflict of activities.

7.2 Leases

A **lease** is required where exclusive control of all or part of an area by a party is proposed, or desirable, in the interests of management of the Area. A lease may also be required because the scale of investment requires security of tenure. Activities under a lease should be compatible with any zoning or reservation, provide benefits, services or facilities for users of the land and be authorised under this PoM. A lease's terms and conditions should ensure proper management and maintenance of the reserve and that the interests of Council and the public are protected.

7.3 Means To Achieve

This plan does allow for leases and licences provided:

- i. The activities sanctioned by the lease or licence is in keeping with the objectives of this PoM and work towards achieving these objectives.
- ii. There is to be no permanent disturbance of the reserve or on the landscape and amenity of the reserve; and any temporary disturbance of the reserve must not create a nuisance, significant or permanent impact on the site or adjoining reserve.
- iii. Activities under lease or license must be in keeping with any legislative requirements regarding open space and in no way inhibit Goulburn City Council from meeting it's requirements under such legislation.

7.4 Proposed Lease and Licences

There are a number of sporting organisations that should be licensed for five year periods. These include Goulburn Touch, Soft Ball and Netball. These and other organisations continually use the same complex each year and have invested extensive fund into the sporting infrastructure. These organisations do however share their multi-functional venues with other sporting disciplines.

Goulburn Pony Club holds exclusive use of its complex and carries out all maintenance except basic slashing of grass. While a lease arrangement is in place at this venue, the potential exists to increase the use of the Pony Club grounds by other similar equine based sports.

8.0 DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

This section of the plan analyses the current trends in sports within Goulburn and proposed development strategies for the various fields covered in this PoM. It examines the change in facilities over the past five years as a result of the previous PoM. Emphasis is placed on changes in direction from several scattered venues to a lesser number of major, centrally located venues.

8.1 Seiffert and Prell Ovals

Victoria Park is a Crown Reserve and will be subject to a PoM of its own. This Sports Fields PoM includes Seiffert and Prell ovals for consistency in management of all fields. These two ovals will still be subject to the requirements of the Victoria Park PoM.

Cricket is the primary user of Prell Oval. Seiffert Oval is the home venue for both Senior Cricket and Cycling.

Senior Cricket requires a high standard grade-level field as the City's premier venue as well as secondary venues for regular competition. The potential loss of Kenmore fields will put increase pressure on Seiffert and Prell Ovals.

Both Senior and Junior Cricket require quality training facilities that do not clash with other activities at the venues such as Cycling. The provision of practice nets is important for the functionality of Seiffert Oval.

Cycling is a strong sport in Goulburn and meet for training and competition week nights. Lighting at the track is antiquated and needs upgrading. Increasing the level of light will also permit a higher standard of competition.

Objectives

1. To provide quality cycling and cricket, competition and training, facilities that meet the needs and of two associations.
2. To improve facilities to enhance spectator comfort.

<u>POLICY GUIDELINES</u>	<u>RATIONALE</u>
1. Provision of high quality cricket fields and training facilities that endeavour to satisfy the requirements of the relevant sporting bodies, whilst working with in budgetary constraints.	1. Demand for high quality venue has increased while facilities have been lost through the closure of other venues.
2. To improve the lighting for both cycling and cricket.	2. To improve the visual quality and improve safety and useability.
3. Upgrade existing amenities to enhance comfort for players and spectators.	3. To improve the aesthetics of the area and provide clean, safe and accessible amenities.

<u>WORK REQUIRED</u>	<u>PRIORITY</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>
Redevelop amenities block to provide parenting/disabled toilet facilities	1	Council
Allow for upgrade of power and lighting for Seiffert Oval and Cycle track	1-2	Council and Clubs
Install underground irrigation at Prell Oval.	2 – 3	Council
Improve practise nets at Seiffert Oval.	4	Club

8.2 Carr Confoy and Eastgrove Fields

Carr Confoy and Eastgrove Field form the major sporting venue for Goulburn. By centralising the sports fields on the Eastgrove flood plain, amenities can be rationalised and maintenance budgets are utilised on field, not travelling from venue to venue. Additional lands purchased over the years are now incorporated in this PoM and considered extensions of the existing fields. Other properties purchased in the future should also be managed in accordance with the principles of the PoM. In each case existing buildings should be removed and the land leveled as sporting fields or associated activities.

Carr-Confoy is the home base for Goulburn Touch and Goulburn Netball and considerable infrastructure has been invested on this site. The Carr- Confoy and Eastgrove complex is also a major cricket venue and training facility for a host of sports.

Cricket in Goulburn has continued to be a strong summer sport, especially for junior cricket. Cricket utilises most fields each Saturday and Sunday through out the summer months. Any alteration to field allocation has an impact on at least one cricket match and requires careful management during this season. There has been a need identified for access to cricket practice nets at North Park and Carr Confoy Park. This community request is supported and Council should provide the relevant clubs or associations with assistance in seeking grant funding.

The desired strategy for junior cricket is for centralised venues with several ovals a one location. This allows parents to take children of varying ages to the same venue and not be burdened by travelling to two or more fields in town on the same day, sometimes concurrently.

Touch Football is played mostly at night and only occasionally holds a weekend special event. The Touch Clubhouse, constructed jointly by the club and council, is a valuable asset for the complex and available to other user groups.

The strategy at this complex has been to acquire adjoining properties, with in the floodway, and remove structures, fences and debris. This not only removes inappropriate structures from flood prone lands, but also allows for further expansion of the fields and to increase the sporting capacity of the complex.

Objectives

1. To develop Carr-Confoy and Eastgrove Fields into Goulburn's primary sporting complex.
2. To provide an area capable of servicing casual horse riders as well as provide overflow parking for major sporting functions.
3. To remove unwanted structures from the flood plain.

4. Develop amenities and facilities carefully designed for flood liable lands.

<u>POLICY GUIDELINES</u>	<u>RATIONALE</u>
1. Purchase flood liable lands and remove all structures, including halls, fences and houses where applicable.	1. Improve the capability and safety of the complex.
2. Provide a high standard of sporting and training facilities that meet the needs of the community	2. The need for high quality recreational facilities is important to ensure a healthy and active community
3. Provision of a designated casual equestrian area and overflow parking area.	3. There is a community demand for equine areas, while overflow parking as necessary for major events.

<u>WORK REQUIRED</u>	<u>PRIORITY</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>
Remove Eastgrove Hall, Fences, sheds and level lands.	1	Council
Design and construct an access and circulation system in accordance with a concept plan to be prepared.	1 - 2	Council
Level the eastern fields and construct additional ovals	1 - 2	Council
Design and construct underground irrigation and drainage for the new fields	2 - 3	Council
Construct additional shelters off the amenities	1-2	Touch Club
Develop and implement a site specific landscape plan to include shade-trees, paths and picnic facilities	2 - 3	Council and Sports Council
Provide practice nets	3	Cricket Clubs

8.3 Goodhew Park

Goodhew Park is occupied solely by Goulburn Softball Club. The need to erect back nets and construct diamonds limits the use of the fields for other sports. The club is carrying out the implementation of a Sun Smart policy over the site. This includes the installation of sun shelters at each 'dugout' and shelter for spectators. Additional seating and improved irrigation is also required.

Objectives

1. To provide a high quality venue for Softball competition and training
2. To implement a sun safe policy over the complex.
3. To maintain the facility at a high standard, and to manage in such a way that users are responsible for the presentation of the facility.

<u>Policy Guidelines</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
1. Provide a high standard, safe sporting venue that meets the needs of the community.	1. The community demands high standard facilities and safe environments.
2. Ensure equity of access to all.	2. To meet the community need for accessible venues.
3. Adopt a Sun Smart policy for the complex	3. The protection of young people is important for the long-term benefit of the community.

<u>Work Required</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
Upgrade irrigation system	1	Council
Install extra seating	2	Council and Club
Design and implement an access strategy for the site.	2-3	Council and Club
Install Shade Banks	1	Club

8.4 North Park

North Park is a Crown Reserve dedicated for public recreation. It is utilised by senior and junior cricket over summer and junior league over winter. Amenities are dated and require refurbishment.

The Leagues Club require an improved facility with Clubhouse. This PoM endorses such a development as long as it does not impede on other user, and is accessible to other clubs.

There has been a need identified for access to cricket practice nets at North Park and Carr Confoy Park. This community request is supported and Council should provide the relevant clubs or associations with assistance in seeking grant funding.

Once again, Sun Smart and Access Policies are required for North Park.

Objectives

- 1 To provide a high quality venue for sports competition and training
- 2 To implement a sun safe policy over the complex.
- 3 To maintain the facility at a high standard, and to manage in such a way that users are responsible for the presentation of the facility.

<u>Policy Guidelines</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
1 Provide a high standard, safe sporting venue that meets the needs of the community.	1 The community demands high standard facilities and safe environments.
2 Ensure equity of access to all.	2 To meet the community need for accessible venues.
3 Adopt a Sun Smart policy for the complex	3 The protection of young people is important for the long term benefit of the community..

<u>Work Required</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
Provide Sun Shelters	1	Council and Clubs
Improve access to building.	2	Council
Construct Clubhouse	3	Junior Leagues Club
Improve landscaping throughout the Park	4	Council and Clubs
Construct practice nets	5	Cricket Clubs

8.5 Pony Club Grounds

The Pony Club occupies an area of Eastgrove on the corner of Farm Road and Park Road. The area was recently expanded to the west providing cross-country riding as well as regular Pony Club activities. The whole of the facility is flood effected and restrictions exist on the design and placement of structures. The club is undergoing redevelopment of the site to improve safety.

Potential exists for other equine-based organisations to utilise this complex. These include Riding for Disabled and Dressage Clubs.

Objectives

1. To manage and maintain the Pony Club Grounds in such a way as to maximise their use.
2. To upgrade the Pony Club property to increase safety
3. To landscape adjacent areas in order to enhance the appearance of the property

<u>Policy Guidelines</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
1. Provision of safe riding facilities for junior riders	1. The primary purpose of the Pony Club is to develop riding and competition skills in young riders.
2. To investigate options of alternate compatible users for the Pony Club property.	2. To operate the property with in the principles of providing multi-functional venues.
3. Develop Sun Smart strategies for the venue.	3. The provision of shade for riders, spectators and horses is particularly important for clubs with young members

<u>Work Required</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
Remove all box thorns and brambles from the property and adjoining river corridor	1	Council and Club
Relocate road access gates from Park Road to Farm Road	2	Club
Establish shade trees throughout the property	3	Club
Establish an enclosed arena	4	Club

8.6 Hudson Park

Hudson Park is a strategically located field catering for the Bradfordville area. It is then main athletics fields and regularly used for school carnivals. The oval is large enough to accommodate Australian Rule Football. This complex was well designed for pedestrian and cycle access, with four entry points, one each side of the park. A large spectator stand and amenities are on site.

This complex is under utilised and should be allocated to a winter sport. The potential also exists for cricket fields and practice nets. The increase in use will also have a positive effect on the level of vandalism occurring during periods the complex is unoccupied.

Objectives

1. To utilise the area more effectively and provide an increase in allocation to alternate users and provide a high quality venue for sports competition and training
2. To implement a sun safe policy over the complex.
3. To maintain the facility at a high standard, and to manage in such a way that users are responsible for the presentation of the facility.

<u>Policy Guidelines</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
1. Provide a high standard, safe sporting venue that meets the needs of the community.	1. The community demands high standard facilities and safe environments.
2. Ensure equity of access to all.	2. To meet the community need for accessible venues.
3. Adopt a Sun Smart policy for the complex	3. The protection of young people is important for the long term benefit of the community.

<u>Work Required</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
Provide Cricket Practice nets	1 – 2	Cricket Clubs
Investigate, design and construct accessible paths and modify amenities.	2	Council
Investigate alternate sporting activities for Hudson Park	2-3	Sports Council

8.7 Manfred, Garfield and Bladwell Parks

These fields are occasionally used for junior cricket and lack even basic amenities. While they provide valuable open space for unstructured recreation, they are limited in their use as sports fields. It is recommended these fields be phased out of use for organised sports and retained as public open space. Manfred Park has the potential of providing an off leash area for dogs.

Objectives

1. To provide open space for the greater community, which can be utilised as back up sports fields.
2. To provide an aesthetically attractive facility for the purposes public recreation

<u>Policy Guidelines</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
1. That landscape improvements be made to improve the quality of these parks and enhance public usage	1. The rationalisation of sporting facilities will allow for improved public access to these parks.
2. That a sun smart policy be implemented	2. To provide shade for sun protection.
3. That equity of access be implemented	3. The whole community is entitled to have access to recreation.

<u>Work Required</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
Provide improved landscaping	1 – 2	Council and community
Investigate, design and construct accessible paths	2	Council
Provide shade trees at each reserve	2-3	Sports Council

Appendix 1 - Zone Objectives

EXTRACT FROM GOULBURN LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 1990 **(as amended)**

Zone objectives and land use management table

- (1) The objectives of a zone are set out in the Table to this clause under the heading "Objectives of zone" appearing in the matter relating to the zone.**
- (2) Except as otherwise provided by this plan, in relation to land within a zone specified in the Table to this clause, the purposes (if any):**
 - (a) for which development may be carried out without development consent; and**
 - (b) for which development may be carried out only with development consent, are specified under the headings "Without development consent" and "Only with development consent," respectively, appearing in the matter relating to the zone.**
- (3) Except as otherwise provided by this plan, the Council shall not grant consent to the carrying out of development on land to which this plan applies unless the Council is satisfied that the carrying out of the development is consistent with one or more of the objectives of the zone within which the development is proposed to be carried out.**

ZONE No. 6 - OPEN SPACE ZONE

1. Objectives of zone

- (1) The principal objectives of this zone are:**
 - (a) to identify land which is used, or intended to be used, for the purposes of open space and for recreation and associated purposes of a kind requiring or compatible with areas of open space; and**

- (b) to provide opportunities for the enhancement of environmental quality of the City of Goulburn.
- (2) The particular objectives of this zone are:
- (a) to identify land which:
 - (i) in the case of an area shown unhatched on the map, is used, or intended to be used, for the purpose of open space and recreation (whether the land is owned publicly or privately); or
 - (ii) in the case of an area shown hatched on the map, is considered desirable for use for the purposes of public open space and is reserved for acquisition or dedication by a public authority;
 - (b) to ensure there is adequate land that is appropriate to meet both present and likely future open space recreation needs and is conveniently located and readily accessible to living and public activity areas;
 - (c) to permit the development of a comprehensive range of environments and facilities to maximise opportunity for informal and casual open space leisure activities and for a variety of organised sporting and other open space activities in accordance with community needs;
 - (d) to permit development of the land within this zone for uses which are associated with, or ancillary to, the use of the land for recreation open space purposes where such uses:
 - (i) are compatible with development permitted elsewhere in the locality;
 - (ii) are an integral part of the development of the land for open space purposes and are of a scale and nature appropriate to the needs of that development; and
 - (iii) will not prejudice the use or amenity of the land or adjoining land within the zone for open space purposes;
 - (e) to ensure the proper management of land which is of environmental or visual significance within this zone by controlling development likely to have an adverse effect on the environmental value or scenic amenity of that land; and
 - (f) to provide for the establishment of an open space network extending through the City of Goulburn which will:

- (i) conserve significant landscape elements for public use, particularly intermediate ridgelines, watercourses and visually exposed locations; and
- (ii) encourage recreational use and public understanding of the natural environment.

Appendix 2

LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY, 1989 DIVISION 4, SECTION 38

DEVELOPMENT ON FLOOD LIABLE LAND

(1) For the purpose of this clause:-

"flood liable land" means the land shown edged heavy black on the map marked "Goulburn Local Environmental Plan 1988 - Flood Liable Land".

"floodway means the channel of the Wollondilly River or the Mulwaree Ponds and those portions of the flood plain adjoining the channel which are required to carry and discharge floodwaters at a depth and/or velocity having potential to cause hazard to life or property, being land shown diagonally hatched with black lines on the map marked "Goulburn Local Environmental Plan 1989 - Flood Liable Land."

"flood standard" means the flood level established by the line defining the extent of flood liable land notated on the map marked "Goulburn Local Environmental Plan 1989 - Flood Liable Land."

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this plan, development shall not be carried out for the purpose of the erection of a building or the carrying out of any work on land that is flood liable except with the consent of the Council.

(2) The Council may consent to development on land referred to in subclause (2) only if the Council is satisfied that::

- (a) The development would not adversely affect the efficiency, or unduly restrict the capacity, of a floodway to carry and discharge floodwaters;
- (b) The development would not significantly impede the flow characteristics of flood waters;
- (c) The development would not significantly increase the level of flooding on other land in the vicinity;
- (d) The structure of any building or work the subject of the application is capable of withstanding flooding;
- (e) The development would not aggravate the consequences of floodwaters with regard to erosion, siltation, debris deposit or the destruction of vegetation; and
- (f) The development would not be liable to result in risk to life or human safety, to property or to the environment in the event the land or adjoining lands are inundated by flood

waters; and

(g) Satisfactory arrangements are made for access to the development during a flood.

(1) The Council may consent to the erection of a dwelling on flood liable land only where it is satisfied that, in addition to the matters contained in subclause (3):

(a) The land is not within a floodway: and

(b) The habitable floor level of the dwelling is located not less than 500 millimetres above the flood standard.

(1) Subclause (4) shall not apply to extensions and repairs to existing dwellings provided that such work does not increase the likelihood of flood damage.

(2) Nothing in this clause shall limit or restrict the authority of the Council to consent to the carrying out of water control measures.

Appendix 3

EXISTING USERS

1. School Sports
2. Athletics
3. Soccer
4. Rugby Union
5. Rugby League
6. Australian Rules
7. Touch
8. Softball
9. Netball
10. Cricket
11. Pony Club
12. Cycling
13. Special Events eg Lilac Time

POTENTIAL USE

14. Gymkhanas Eastgrove Horse area or Pony Club
15. Equestrian Club Eastgrove Horse area or Pony Club
16. Picnics
17. Archery
18. Croquet
19. Fitness Trials
20. Hockey
21. Hand Ball

Figure 1

