

## DECISION OF 3742<sup>nd</sup> COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22 MARCH 2021

### 8.10 **Draft Plan of Management for St Leonards Park – Post Exhibition**

*This Item was adopted By Exception (see page 6).*

Report of Megan White, Landscape Planner/Architect

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#### **Recommending:**

1. THAT Council formally adopt the draft PoM for St Leonards Park.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 8/0

Councillor	Yes	No	Councillor	Yes	No
Gibson	Y		Barbour	Y	
Beregi	Absent		Drummond	Y	
Keen	Y		Gunning	Y	
Brodie	Y		Mutton	Y	
Carr	Absent		Baker	Y	

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. THAT the recommendations for Items 7,1, 8.6, 8.7, 8.10, 8.12 and 8.13 be adopted.

## **8.10. Draft Plan of Management for St Leonards Park – Post Exhibition**

**AUTHOR:** Megan White, Landscape Planner/Architect

**ENDORSED BY:** Rob Emerson, Director Open Space and Environmental Services

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Attach 1 Draft SLP PoM Summary of Submissions [8.10.1 - 9 pages]

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### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

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## LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

### 1. Our Living Environment

#### 1.4 Public open space and recreation facilities and services meet community needs

## BACKGROUND

Section 3.23(6) & (7) of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016 (CLM Act)* requires all NSW Councils to adopt PoMs for all reserves for which they are the appointed Crown Land Manager by 30 June 2021. The new PoMs must meet both the requirements of the *CLM Act* and the *Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act)*.

The new draft PoM for St Leonards Park is the first Crown land PoM to be prepared for North Sydney. When adopted, it will supersede Council's PoM for St Leonards Park 2011.

The draft PoM for St Leonards Park has been prepared using Crown land guidelines and taking into consideration the format suggested by the Department and the Office of Local Government. Advice has been received from Council's nominated Native Title Manager that the draft Plan is compliant with the *CLM Act* and with the applicable provisions of the *Native Title Act (Cwlth) 1993 (NT Act)*. Council referred the draft PoM to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands in June 2020, and received endorsement to place the Plan on public exhibition in September 2020.

## CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Community engagement is not required.

## DETAIL

This report documents the content of the submissions received following public exhibition of the draft PoM for St Leonards Park during November and December 2020 and sets out the amendments it is proposed to make to the Plan as a result of the submissions. It also documents major projects carried out in the Park since the preparation of the previous PoM in 2011. The report also discusses the relationship of the PoM to the St Leonards Park Landscape Master Plan 2018 (LMP) and lists the major projects to be undertaken in coming years.

### 1. Development of the new PoM for St Leonards Park

Council currently has 14 adopted Plans of Management (PoMs) for community land, prepared in accordance with the *LG Act*. These strategic documents also include Crown reserves, and they provide a holistic guide to the use, development, and management of all public open space in North Sydney. Until recently, these PoMs have been renewed every 5-7 years to ensure they

remained valid and relevant, and to allow new issues, actions and other works to be incorporated.

The new *CLM Act*, enacted on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018, imposed various new requirements on Councils in NSW. These included the requirement that Councils must categorise and adopt PoMs for all Crown reserves for which they are the appointed Crown land manager. The requirements are such that Council's existing PoMs that include Crown land (all but 3 of the 14) do not comply with the *CLM Act*.

We are currently preparing a new suite of PoMs that address relevant Crown reserves. Some of the required Plans will be entirely new while most will replace existing Council PoMs. The new draft PoM for St Leonards Park will replace Council's existing PoM for St Leonards Park 2011. It has been prepared to enable flexibility of use of St Leonards Park by Council and the community and to guide the management and development of this significant park over the next 10 years.

## **2. Public Exhibition Period**

The draft PoM for St Leonards Park was available for public viewing and comment over a six-week period during November and December 2020. A copy of the document was available on Council's web site for the duration of the public exhibition period, and hard copies were also available upon request.

To inform the general community and other stakeholders that a new draft PoM for St Leonards Park was on public exhibition the following measures were taken:

- The draft PoM was available on Council's website and in the 'Have Your Say' (Engagement HQ) area, along with background information, project timelines and a feedback form.
- Information about the new draft Plan and a request for feedback was sent to:
  - All Precinct Committees.
  - Known stakeholder groups and individuals (including those identified during the preparation of the St Leonards Park LMP).
  - NTSCorp (to meet Council's Native Title obligations).
  - Council's Sport and Recreation Reference Group.
  - Councillors (via Councillor Bulletin).
  - All Council staff.
- Information was also distributed via social media (Council's enews).

The public submission period closed in December 2020. All submissions received are considered in this report.

## **3. Submissions Received**

10 submissions were received regarding the draft PoM for St Leonards Park. Topics discussed ranged from heritage and conservation to revisiting some of the issues addressed in the St

Leonards Park LMP, including pedestrian/cyclist circulation issues and the provision of additional facilities for cricketers. The content of the submissions and the responses to the issues raised in them is set out in Attachment 1 - Summary of Submissions Received.

#### **4. Significance of St Leonards Park**

With its distinctive Victorian landscape character, its rich history and its many sporting facilities, St Leonards Park is one of North Sydney's largest and best-loved parks. It is an attractive, high profile public open space that contrasts with the surrounding densely built-up urban areas and provides many and varied opportunities for recreation and relaxation. Its size and mix of organised sporting facilities and unstructured open space means that it appeals to both locals and the wider Sydney community. North Sydney Oval, the Bowling Club, the Music Shell and the War Memorial all attract specialist user groups.

St Leonards Park is an important recreation resource. Premier sporting fixtures at North Sydney Oval and other large-scale special events held in the open lawn area of the Park attract visitors from all over Sydney, and the Park is perennially popular with the local community including residents, school students and workers. Management strategies in this Plan consider the significance of the Park to all users and are flexible to provide for recreational needs to change over time.

Consultation for the LMP confirmed that St Leonards Park is well used and well loved. There was a high level of community and stakeholder support for maintaining the current balance of organised, active recreation facilities (i.e., the sports fields and courts) and unstructured areas for informal recreation. User surveys indicated that the main reasons people visit the Park are for walking, relaxation, children's play, dog walking and meeting friends. People most valued the Park for its green, open space and for its tranquility – an oasis in the city.

The continued upgrading and enhancement of St Leonards Park in accordance with the LMP is a significant ongoing commitment for Council.

#### **5. Draft PoM for St Leonards Park**

The draft PoM for St Leonards Park provides an overall framework for management of this important public open space in coming years. It examines the broad range of issues associated with the Park in a comprehensive and holistic manner, identifying clear objectives for management, maintenance, and future development, and considering the Park's listing on the State Heritage Register as an item of state significance.

The new draft PoM incorporates the findings and recommendations of the St Leonards Park Conservation Management Plan 2013 and the St Leonards Park Landscape Master Plan 2018. It will replace Council's existing PoM for St Leonards Park 2011, which is due for a major review.

The draft PoM for St Leonards Park has been prepared to:

- Meet Council's obligations regarding public land management under the requirements of Section 36 of the LG Act and the *CLM Act*.

- Ensure the requirements of the *NT Act* for the management of Crown land are addressed.
- Enable Council to renegotiate or enter into leases, licences and other use agreements.

## **6. Improvement Works**

Many of the projects and tasks identified in Council's previous PoM for St Leonards Park are now complete. Implementing these projects has directly contributed to the improved condition of the Park that is apparent today. Following are brief descriptions of some of the more significant projects carried out since the previous PoM for the Park was prepared in 2011.

- Bike racks installed at 4 key locations – 2012
- Conservation Management Plan prepared for the Park – 2013
- Replacement of the synthetic cricket wicket – 2013
- Mass planting of natives at the north end of the Park (beside the freeway) - 2013
- Restoration of the War Memorial - 2014
- New flood lighting installed at the Bon Andrews Oval - 2014
- Resurfacing of the netball courts - 2015
- Major refurbishment of the Cunningham Pavilion - 2016
- Restoration of the World War I Artillery Gun - 2017
- Landscape Master Plan prepared for the Park – 2018
- Ongoing management of trees in Fig Tree Lane as per arborist's report

### **St Leonards Park Landscape Master Plan (LMP) 2018**

The LMP is a design document that guides the future upgrading of St Leonards Park, recognising the Park's importance as a heritage asset, sporting destination and open space. Specifically, it aims to:

- Improve and enhance the park landscape.
- Improve and enhance recreation opportunities for a range of park users while retaining the existing balance between active and passive spaces.
- Ensure the Park is accessible and appealing to all members of the community.
- Resolve existing circulation and access issues for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles.

Key features of the Landscape Master Plan relate to:

- Highlighting the significance of Tunks Avenue / War Memorial Commemorative Walk.
- Restoring Tunks Fountain and Surrounds.
- Improving Pedestrian Pathways.
- Providing a separated commuter cycleway on the Eastern Edge of the Park.

Improving park spaces

Expanding the playground and providing new public amenities

The LMP is currently being implemented in stages according to identified priorities. Order of works are subject to change as circumstances change; for example, construction of the Western Harbour Tunnel/ Northern Beaches Link project will delay work planned for the eastern side of the Park, and grant funding for particular elements of the LMP will see that work brought forward. The following LMP works have been completed or commenced to date:

- Upgrading and extension of cricket practice nets – 2020
- Miller Street Forecourt works including paving, tree planting, lighting etc - 2020
- Ridge Street footpath and planting – 2021
- Upgrading of Tunks Way and relocation of Field Gun - current

The LMP together with supporting documentation, is available on Council's website.

Some of the major works set out in the LMP and scheduled to occur in the next 5-10 years are:

#### **Priority 1 Works (2020-2022)**

- Install controlled vehicle security access in Fig Tree Lane.
- Plant a single line of figs from Fig Tree Lane to Tunks Fountain.
- Crown lift figs along Tunks Avenue and remove selected other trees.
- Plant new palms along the southern portion of Tunks Avenue.
- Widen Tunks Avenue, install accent lighting and edging.
- Undertake path reconstruction and other work to mitigate flooding issues at the Music Shell.
- Install new park benches along primary park paths (eg Tunks Ave).
- Expand and refurbish gardens along park edges, under existing trees, and at other key locations.
- Upgrade the access road to the Bowling Club.
- Realign and upgrade the existing diagonal path south of Tunks Fountain and install path lighting.
- Install gardens between the southern portion of the diagonal pathway and North Sydney Oval wall.
- Install bench seats, picnic tables, chess tables etc in the new gardens between the Oval wall and the relocated diagonal path.

#### **Priority 2 Works (2023 – 2025)**

- Improve the War Memorial surrounds to enhance the significance and useability of this area.
- Upgrade Tunks Fountain (construct an elevated base, install new gardens, seats and lighting).
- Upgrade Fig Tree Lane.
- Carry out minor regrading to create a flatter ground surface east of netball courts.
- Carry out minor regrading to create flatter ground surface adjacent to junior practice wicket.
- Upgrade Palm Grove area with new picnic tables and additional shade tolerant species.
- Install new drinking fountains on the diagonal path, near the netball courts and at the playground.
- Install a fitness station in the Park.
- Upgrade other park paths and relocate lamp posts away from the middle of remaining paths.

#### **Priority 3 Works (2026 onwards)**

- Design and construct new public amenities.



- Upgrade the existing walled play space (this area will cater to younger children)
- Expand west of the existing playground and cater for older children in a nature-based setting.
- Provide new ancillary facilities including seating, picnic tables, drinking fountains and BBQs in the new play space.
- Install a separated, commuter cycleway on the eastern Park edge, linking Falcon and Ridge Streets.
- Expand freeway buffer gardens on the eastern Park edge (in conjunction with new cycleway).

## 7. Conclusion

The new draft PoM for St Leonards Park will guide the use, development, and management of this significant public open space over the next 5-10 years. The draft PoM identifies land management issues, sets out objectives, identifies and prioritises required works and actions and nominates performance indicators, as required by the *LG Act*, and is consistent with the requirements of the *CLM Act*. A program of improvement and upgrading works (as per Council's St Leonards Park LMP) is provided, along with indicative time frames.

Following the adoption of this draft Plan of Management, the final Plan of Management for St Leonards Park which incorporates the amendments set out in this report will be prepared. The addition of information and comments made in the public submissions will ensure that the final Plan of Management for St Leonards Park is a comprehensive and thorough document, and an accurate reflection of community needs and concerns.

The finalised Plan of Management will be permanently available on Council's website. Hard copies of the document will also be available, upon request. Additional comments and feedback are welcomed at any time and will be considered when the Plan of Management for St Leonards Park is next reviewed.

**Draft Plan of Management (PoM) / for St Leonards Park**  
**Summary of submissions received during public exhibition period**  
**Prepared March 2021**

The following criteria are used to analyse all submissions received, and to determine whether or not the plan would be amended:

1. The Draft PoM for St Leonards Park **would be** amended if the point:
  - a provided additional information of relevance.
  - b indicated or clarified a change in government legislation, Council's commitment or management policy.
  - c proposed strategies that would better achieve or assist with Council's objectives.
  - d was an alternate viewpoint received on the topic and is considered a better option than that proposed in the Draft Plan or;
  - e indicated omissions, inaccuracies or a lack of clarity.
2. The Draft PoM for St Leonards Park **would not be** amended if the point:
  - a addressed issues beyond the scope of the Plan.
  - b was already in the plan or will be considered during the development of a subordinate plan (prepared by Council).
  - c offered an open statement, or no change was sought.
  - d clearly supported the draft proposals.
  - e was an alternate viewpoint received on the topic but the recommendation of the draft plan was still considered the best option.
  - f was based on incorrect information.
  - g contributed options that are not possible (generally due to some aspect of existing legislation or government policy) or; involved details that are not appropriate or necessary for inclusion in a document aimed at providing a strategic community direction over the long term.

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**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT COUNCILLORS REFER TO THE COMPLETE SUBMISSIONS MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM, AND TO THE REPORT TO COUNCIL, WHICH EXPANDS ON THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE SUBMISSIONS.**

Issue	Key Points Raised	Response	Recommend Plan be Amended Y or N	Criteria Code	Plan Page Number
1	<p>At the north end of the park the footpath/cycle path goes down a steep gradient down to a busy Falcon Street, which will only get more dangerous with the express lane exit from the Harbour Tunnel is built. There is an opportunity to improve the walking and cycling amenity and connections by bridging Falcon Street to join the existing overpass that is being reconfigured.</p> <p>Please consider extending the flat gradient of the overpass which crosses the highway, to also go across Falcon Street instead of dropping down to street level and back up again. This will avoid crossing 9 or so traffic lanes, which is dangerous with small children and wheelchairs etc and considerably improve wait times crossing this busy intersection, for pedestrians, cyclists and cars.</p> <p>It is disappointing to see that a separate segregated cycleway (not shared path) is not a priority for another half a decade. Please reconsider this.</p>	<p>While beyond the scope of this Plan of Management, there may be an opportunity to consider this issue as plans for the Western Sydney Harbour Tunnel/ Northern Beaches Link project are further developed.</p> <p>The separate segregated cycleway is identified as a high priority in Council's Landscape Master Plan 2018 (LMP); however, this area of the Park is due to be resumed as part of the Western Sydney Harbour Tunnel/Northern Beaches Link project. It will therefore not be possible to implement it in the short term.</p> <p>No change to Masterplan.</p>	No	2a	40
2	<p>North Sydney RSL Sub Branch supports the Plan and reiterates the importance of the Park in general and the War Memorial in particular to serving and ex serving Australian Defence Force personnel.</p> <p>The presence of a very active RSL Sub Branch supporting Veterans in and around North Sydney from offices co-located with The Greens is also worth noting.</p>	Noted. No change to Plan of Management.	No	2c	NA

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3	<p>Much of the park is locked away from North Sydney residents behind the gates of the rarely used North Sydney Oval. Could the Oval be made more accessible for recreational use and even business for Start Ups or the like?</p> <p>North Sydney - and the whole lower north shore - is without a synthetic athletics track (as at Bankstown, Blacktown, Northern Beaches, Homebush, Sutherland etc. Could a track be added around the outside of Bon Andrews Oval?</p>	<p>North Sydney Oval is not included in this St Leonards Park PoM, except in terms of its physical relationship with the rest of the Park. It has its own Plan of Management which can be downloaded from Council's website.</p> <p>PoMs are strategic documents that guide short and long-term management and maintenance of all Council owned and controlled parks and reserves. The PoM for St Leonards Park examines the broad range of issues associated with the Park; however, it is not a design document.</p> <p>As such, the PoM does not revisit and revise park landscape design issues. These issues were comprehensively addressed during the preparation of the Landscape Master Plan for St Leonards Park 2018 (LMP). The high level of community and stakeholder involvement in the LMP process and support for the final LMP ensures it accurately reflects the majority of stakeholder needs and concerns.</p> <p>No change to Plan of Management.</p>	No	2a	NA

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4	<p>Heartily support the plan but fear that the enhancement of amenities such as the playground will not happen in the foreseeable future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>The North West:</u> (behind the music shell) Area is underutilised, in part, I believe, because of the proximity of heavy all-day traffic along Falcon Street. Instead of 'low gardens' along the Falcon street side there should be more hedging in stone boxes similar to the stands already there. This would make the area a quiet 'oasis' particularly for residents close by. Lighting should be installed along the Falcon Street path which is popular as part of a running circuit around the park. Like the present hedging it should extend to the road edge for security reasons particularly at night.</li> <li>• <u>North Sydney oval walls:</u> The grey expanse topped by high steel guard rails all around reminds me of a gaol and should be shielded from sight as far as possible. Moving the paths away and planting along the walls is a good idea, but all of the wall should be refaced with more suitable material that blends with the environment and is enhanced by hanging gardens. The expanse could also be broken up with stone arrangements or sculptures.</li> <li>• <u>Reflection pool:</u> These are often dark, stagnant, featureless and look like drainage pits. There should be running water and plant life (lily pads?) or similar.</li> <li>• <u>Bowling Club/Greens:</u> Although not part of the project, the roadway with car parking, and the club buildings, are very intrusive and detract from the visual aspect of the park. They should be shielded as far as possible from the park by hedging.</li> <li>• <u>Fitness Station:</u> A new fitness station will soon be taken over by PT groups and bodybuilders. Perhaps smaller bits of fitness equipment could be dispersed along jogging routes, for example one at the northern end of Bon Andrews Oval.</li> <li>• <u>Basketball Hoops:</u> There are only two basketball hoops on the court. They are monopolised at weekends by groups of young men. Additional hoops on small bases could be included elsewhere in the park, perhaps for children under 14 only.</li> </ul>	<p>The Landscape Master Plan for St Leonards Park (LMP) is being implemented in stages, according to identified priorities, and as funding permits. Staging may vary from that set out in the LMP if circumstances change - for example Council receives grant funding for specific works, or elements need to be delayed due to the impact of the Western Sydney Harbour Tunnel /Northern Beaches link on the Park.</p> <p>Plans of Management (PoMs) are strategic documents that guide short and long-term management and maintenance of all Council owned and controlled parks and reserves. The PoM for St Leonards Park examines the broad range of issues associated with the Park; however, it is not a design document.</p> <p>As such, the PoM does not revisit park landscape design issues that were addressed during the preparation of the LMP. The high level of community and stakeholder involvement in the LMP process and support for the final LMP ensures it accurately reflects the majority of stakeholder needs and concerns.</p> <p>No change to the Plan of Management.</p>	No	2a	

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5	<p>PATHWAYS AND CIRCULATION</p> <p>I use the park 7days a/week to walk laps in the mornings and love what has been done so far. I appreciate the upgrades including the new footpath (and lovely plants) along Ridge St and moving the bus stop back with the Fig Tree Lane entrance upgrade improves circulation. The wider footpath area outside the oval entrance on Miller St means there is now room for the school kids to congregate waiting to cross the road, but walkers and runners can easily move past.</p> <p>I would love to see future works to improve circulation in other areas of the park moved to higher priorities. Widening of the paths will help a lot but it would be great to move the commuter cyclist issue to a higher priority grade.</p> <p>Cyclists travel very fast in the park, particularly along the diagonal path between Falcon and Miller Streets and alongside Bon Andrews Oval. Pedestrians need to be very careful where these paths intersect with others.</p>	<p>The Landscape Master Plan for St Leonards Park (LMP) is being implemented in stages, according to identified priorities, and as funding permits. Staging may vary from that set out in the LMP if circumstances change - for example Council receives grant funding for specific works, or elements of the Plan need to be delayed due to the impact of the Western Sydney Harbour Tunnel /Northern Beaches link.</p> <p>The LMP aims to reduce cyclist/pedestrian conflicts in the park. Commuter cyclists will be discouraged from using the main park pathways and provided with an alternative segregated 'cyclists only' path on the eastern side of the park.</p> <p>The separate segregated cycleway is identified as a high priority in the LMP, however, due to this area of the Park being resumed as part of the Western Sydney Harbour Tunnel/Northern Beaches Link project, it will not be possible to implement it in the short term.</p> <p>The LMP does recognise that some cyclists, particularly recreational cyclists will still use the internal park pathway system.</p> <p>No change to Plan of Management.</p>	No	2a	40

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6	Has provision of a pathway essentially around the bowling club been considered? There is a well-used 'goat track' that many walkers and dog walkers use at the northern end of the bowling club. At the southern end people often walk on the basketball courts to avoid the boggy area between courts and bowling greens. A simple all-weather path around the bowlo would be well used and would open up the green area a bit more.	The PoM does revisit park landscape design issues that were addressed during the preparation of the LMP. During the Master Planning process, the community showed a very high level of support for retention of the open, green areas of the Park, including the lawns between the Bowling Club and the Warringah Freeway (identified on the LMP as the 'harbour view lawns'. The high level of community and stakeholder involvement in the LMP process and support for the final LMP ensures it accurately reflects the majority of stakeholder needs and concerns.  No change to the Plan of Management.	No	2a	40
7	Council's Conservation Planner noted that the Plan of Management looked very thorough and made the following comments re heritage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>The Music Shell</u> should be included in the list of items in the park that have heritage significance (many people are unaware of this) (p 15)</li> <li>• Amend the objective for the Music Shell to: '<i>Manage the Music Shell to maximise community benefit while retaining its heritage significance</i>'. (p 47)</li> <li>• Should major renovations and maintenance work to the buildings such as the Music Shell be included in this Plan of Management so that funding is allocated to them? (p 60)</li> <li>• <u>1980s street furniture and light poles</u>: these are part of the Ted Mack/Feiko Bouman works across the whole of Council area that formed the North Sydney palette of architectural elements and colour scheme. As such, they will probably become heritage significant in the next 20 years. If replaced, the street furniture in the park would have to respond to the Victorian character and/or complement the Mack/Bouman design palette. (p 21, p 48)</li> <li>• <u>Western Sydney Harbour Tunnel egress</u>: Should the 'Park Planning' section address this egress which I believe will be near the netball courts? (p 25)</li> </ul>	Noted. The Plan of Management will be amended to include these comments and issues.	Yes	1a	NA

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8	<p>Heritage NSW has reviewed the material and makes the following comments for Council's consideration: It is understood that the PoM has been prepared in accordance the SLP CMP prepared by GML in 2013. Whilst the CMP is not endorsed by the Heritage Council of NSW, any proposed works within the SHR item should be designed in accordance with it, noting that Section 5.0 of the CMP provides detailed guidance about the opportunities and constraints for development, alterations and works in order to retain the item's State heritage significance.</p> <p>It is also understood that the CMP has informed the preparation of the SLP Landscape Master Plan in 2018. To ensure that all relevant information is referenced in the PoM, it is recommended that the following references should also be included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conservation Management Plan &amp; Maintenance Schedule – North Sydney Leagues Bowling Club, Noel Bell Ridley Smith &amp; Partners, 2016</li> <li>- North Sydney Significant Tree Register, Land Arc Landscape Architects, 1984</li> </ul> <p>It is also recommended that the PoM should include an Aboriginal and historic archaeological assessment of the parkland to identify any potential it may have for relics or Aboriginal objects. Future development of the site should be informed by these assessments.</p>	<p>The LMP for St Leonards Park takes account of the documents listed in this submission. In particular, the LMP is based on the conservation policies and recommendations set out in the St Leonards Park Conservation Management Plan (CMP). The relationship between these 2 documents is clearly set out in the public documentation that supports the LMP. Additionally, the Consultants who prepared the LMP with Council were in close contact with the authors of the CMP to ensure the LMP appropriately reflected the heritage significance of St Leonards Park.</p> <p>Carrying out an archaeological assessment of the Park is beyond the scope of this Plan of Management. However, the need to undertake archaeological investigations prior to undertaking future design/construction works in the Park that involve excavation is noted.</p> <p>No change to Masterplan.</p>	N	2b	4



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9	<p><b>ORGANISED SPORT IN THE PARK - CRICKET</b></p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Council's draft PoM for St Leonards Park.</p> <p>Whilst we acknowledge and value Council's recent investment in North Sydney Oval and the broader park, the provision of essential cricket infrastructure is still required to enable park to host cricket content.</p> <p>Re St Leonards Park, the 'North Sydney Oval 2019-2023 – Australian Cricket Venue Use Agreement' requires that a Practice Pitch be installed and is operational in the Park by 31 March 2023 to the reasonable satisfaction of the Cricket Parties to enable an extension of the existing term of the agreement ending 31 March 2023.</p> <p>In consultation with local cricket stakeholders (NS District Cricket Club and NS Juniors District Cricket Club) we seek a review of the existing St Leonards Park Landscape Masterplan to include the provision of a Practice Pitch facility at the southern end of Bon Andrews Oval. The PoM's Indicative Works Program should identify the installation of this facility as a priority from 2022-2023 onwards.</p> <p>Turf practice pitches and supporting infrastructure such as netting are critical to support the elite cricket content being played at any venue as it is a Cricket Australia and International Cricket Council operational requirement. The practice facility will also be a valuable asset to support the development of the local grade and representative cricket clubs.</p> <p>Attached is the concept design for the proposed Practice Pitch at Bon Andrews Oval (Attachment A). As previously advised, the cost estimate for construction of the facility is \$250,000 which Cricket NSW is prepared to fund in full. We ask that Council consult with Cricket to ensure the facility meets the requirements to support elite cricket at the venue.</p> <p>We support Council consulting directly with Cricket NSW and local cricket during the development of the PoM to get our collective input.</p> <p>Cricket in North Sydney currently generates a total local economic contribution of \$3.4 million per annum. Working collaboratively, we can deliver our vision and achieve sustainable, long-term outcomes that drive local economic and broader health and social benefits for all users of St Leonards Park.</p> <p>We look forward to working with you on this important project.</p>	<p>The vast majority of groups and individuals who commented on the Landscape Master Plan for St Leonards Park (LMP) supported preserving the existing balance between structured and non-structured recreation facilities in St Leonards Park. Only 28% of respondents found the proposed LMP concept idea: 'Provide 1<sup>st</sup> class cricket practice nets' appealing, while 48% found it unappealing.</p> <p>While many people saw the value of the proposed training/warm-up facilities for elite level cricketers, they did not support any proposal requiring alienation of a substantial amount of the open parkland.</p> <p>Council will continue discussions with organisations representing elite cricketers for the provision of training/warm up facilities to the satisfaction of both cricketing organisations and the general community.</p> <p>No change to Plan of Management.</p>	No	2a	41, 44

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10	<p>The North Sydney District Junior Cricket Club (NSDJCC) thanks Council for the opportunity to comment on the Plan of Management NSDJCC caters for boys and girls 4 – 17 years. Most participants live within the North Sydney LGA. The Club has grown considerably in recent years, and in the current 2020/21 junior cricket season has fielded 44 teams in local cricket competitions (U9 to U17), along with large Junior Blaster and Master Blaster groups.</p> <p>At present, due to the limited cricket facilities available within the North Sydney LGA, most match day and training activities occur in other locations. Recognising this, we have been working constructively with Council for several years and have provided significant assistance in arranging funding contributions to replace the ageing St Leonards 2 lane synthetic cricket net facility with a new improved 2 lane facility at the same location.</p> <p>NSDJCC has reviewed submissions on the draft PoM by Cricket NSW and North Sydney District CC and wish to express our support for the proposed improvements in cricket facilities in St Leonards Park that are set out in those submissions. These improvements will make a major contribution to the future of cricket in the locality, without significantly impacting others' use of the Park.</p>	<p>Information contained in this submission, including support from the Cricket NSW submission, is noted.</p> <p>No change to Plan of Management.</p>	No	2a	34, 41, 44