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LEETON RACECOURSE RESERVE 61839

PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

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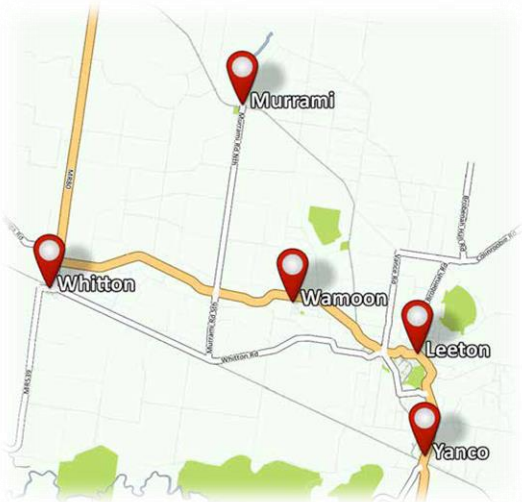
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1.0 Key Information

The Leeton Racecourse Management Plan has been prepared by Council and provides direction as to the use and management of the Leeton Racecourse - Crown Reserve 61839. The Management Plan is required in accordance with Section 3.23 of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 and Section 36 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The Management Plan outlines the way the reserve will be used and provides the framework for Council to follow in relation to the Leasing, Licensing and Permit processes for the land. The plan may be used to determine the allocation of resources and funds.

2.0 Introduction



Leeton Shire is one of the most innovative, inclusive and progressive places in regional Australia.

Located in the Riverina 584km from Sydney, 470km from Melbourne and 371km from Canberra, Leeton is the second largest regional centre in the Western Riverina region.

Leeton Shire Council is responsible for the care and control of many parcels of community land and with the introduction of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 on 1 July 2018, Crown reserves, which Council as the Crown Land Manager will generally manage under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993.

2.1 Corporate Objectives

Leeton Shire has a bright future. As a community we know that achieving this takes a clear vision, strong leadership and dedicated commitment to see our aspirations delivered in full.



The Leeton Community Strategic Plan '**Leeton On The Go**' is made up of six themes. The six key themes are:

- 1 **A Healthy and Caring Community** - a community that:
focuses on being healthy, embraces lifelong learning,
is friendly and inclusive,
is safe to live in and move about,
enjoys good housing.
- 2 **A Healthy Natural Environment** - a community that:
respects the natural environment,
enjoys our natural environment.
- 3 **An Active and Enriched Community** - a community that:
participates in sports & active leisure,
enjoys arts and culture,
values its heritage.
- 4 **A Thriving Economy with Good Jobs** - a community that:
thrives with irrigated agriculture,
is strong in business and employment,
has great attractions and events,
enjoys a vibrant town centre.
- 5 **A Quality Built Environment** - a community that:
has reliable water and sewerage services in towns,
has good road, rail and air transport,
enjoys attractive towns and parks.
- 6 **Strong Leadership** - a community that:
has politicians who act and listen,
speaks up and gets involved,
is always on the front foot.

2.2 Land to which this plan applies

The land to which this plan applies is Crown Reserve 61839 and is contained in Lot 774 Deposited Plan 42494. The reserve is known as the Leeton Racecourse.

The Racecourse adjoins the Leeton Showground and the Leeton Golf Course.



Leeton Racecourse sits on a 40.99ha site located on Racecourse Road in Leeton.

The Racecourse is a valued regional recreation facility for the Leeton Shire. It offers both passive and active recreation with a range of activities including horse racing, ballooning, walking, picnics, equestrian events, model aviation flying as well as sports training and competitions and community events.

2.3 Owner of the land

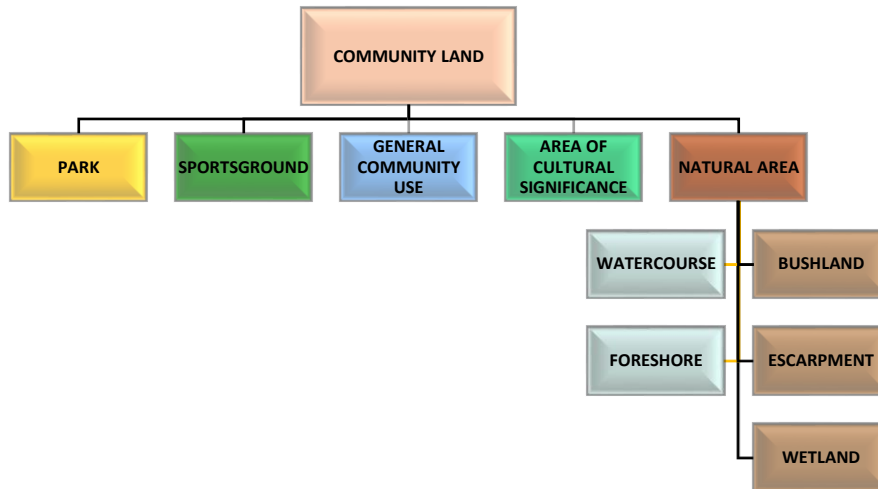
The Leeton Racecourse Reserve 61839 is owned by the Crown and is managed by Leeton Shire Council as Crown Land Manager under the Crown Land Management Act 2016.

Reserve 61839 was reserved from sale for the public purposes of Racecourse, Public Recreation and Aviation Purposes published in the Government Gazette on 2 May 1930.

The management and use of the land is subject to the provisions contained in the Crown Land Management Act 2016 and is not subject to any condition, restriction or covenant imposed by the owner.

2.4 Categorisation of the reserve

Under section 3.23(2) of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 Council Crown land managers must assign to all Crown land under their management one or more initial categories of community land referred to in section 36 of the Local Government Act 1993.



Council managers must assign a category that they consider to be most closely related to the purpose(s) for which the land is dedicated or reserved. Multiple categories are assigned to Crown land where the Crown land is subject to multiple reservations and or dedications.

The degree to which the reserve purpose relates to the assigned category of the land is important for ongoing management of the land as Council must obtain Native Title Manager advice as to the validity of the activities that they wish to undertake on the land prior to dealing with the land.

Both the Aboriginal Land Rights Act and The Native Title Act recognises the intent of the original reserve purpose of the land so that complying activity can be considered lawful or validated, particularly under Section J of the Native Title Act 1993.

Council had requested that the initial categories of: **General Community Use, Park and Sportsground** are applied to the land, these are the closest categories to the reserve purpose(s) of Racecourse, Public Recreation and Aviation Purposes. Detailed information relating to categories applicable to the Racecourse Reserve are presented in separate subsections in this part of the Plan of Management.

These categories have been approved by the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016 in relation to the reserve.

Council does not propose to alter the initial categories assigned by the Minister by this Plan of Management as the assigned categories most closely align with the reserve purpose of the land and its core usage.

Activities on the land will need to reflect the intent of the public purpose and will be assessed for compliance with relevant Local Government and Crown Lands legislation including assessment of the activity under the Native Title Act 1996 and registered claims under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.

Use of the land for any activity is subject to application and approval. Assessment will consider compliance with the objectives and relationship to and impact upon the public purpose for the land. Other uses that do not comply with the plan of management or zoning of the land under Council's LEP would not be considered.



RESERVE 61839 – LEETON RACECOURSE - CATEGORY MAP

3.0 Relevant Legislation, Policies and Procedures

3.1 Local Government Act 1993 Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

Under section 36(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, Plans of Management must be prepared for all community land. Community land is land which is kept for use of the general public.

Clause 101(2) of the Local Government General Regulation 2005 requires Council to have regard to the guidelines for categorisation of community land set out in Clauses 102 to 111 of that regulation.

This Plan of Management has been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act using the land categories approved by the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016.

The minimum requirements for a Plan of Management are set out under section 36(3) of the Local Government Act 1993.

A Plan of Management must identify the category of the land the objective and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land, the means by which Council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plans objectives and performance targets, and may require the approval of the Council for the carrying out of any specified activity on the land.

Section 36 (3A) specifies that for Plans of Management that are specific to one area of land, must also describe the condition of the land as at the adoption of the plan, describe the buildings on the land as at adoption, describe the use of the buildings and the land as at adoption and state the purposes for which the land will be allowed to be used, and the scale and intensity of that use.

Sections 36E – 36N of the Local Government Act 1993 specifies the core objectives for the management of each category of community land.

3.2 Crown Land Management Act 2016

Division 3.6 of the Crown Lands Management Act 2016 deals with the requirements that Council must meet in relation to Plans of Management and other Plans.

Section 3.23(6) of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 requires Council Crown Land Managers to adopt a Plan of Management for any Crown reserve for which it is appointed Crown Land Manager, and that is classified as community land under the Local Government Act 1993.

3.3 Other relevant legislation and statutory controls

3.3.1 Native Title Act 1993 (Federal)

All activities on the land must address the issue of native title. Whilst a successful claim for native title will lead to official recognition of native title rights, native title rights are considered to pre-date such recognition. Native title can therefore be relevant to activities carried out on the land even if no native title claim has been made or registered.

The native title process must be considered for each activity on the land and a native title assessment must be undertaken. Almost all activities and public works carried out on the land will affect native title and require validation of the future act procedures in Division 3 of the Native Title Act by Council's Native Title Manager.

3.3.2 Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983

In New South Wales, Aboriginal Land Rights sits alongside native title and allows Aboriginal Land Council's to claim 'claimable' Crown land.

Generally, the Aboriginal Land Rights Act is directed at allowing Land Council's to claim Crown land that is unlawfully used or occupied. If a claim is successful, the freehold estate of the land is transferred to the Land Council.

Council should be mindful that any activity on Crown land is lawful in relation to the reserve purpose of the land, Council should ensure that Crown land under its control is at all times lawfully used and occupied.

When planning an activity of the land such as the issue of a lease or licence or any public works, Council should request a search to determine whether an Aboriginal Land Rights claim has been made in relation to the land. If a claim is registered the activity must be postponed until the claim is resolved.

Strategies which allow Council to validly carry out a project or activity under the Native Title Act may not deal with project risks arising in relation to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act.

3.3.3 Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995

Council has legislative responsibility under this Act to appropriately manage Threatened Species Populations and Vulnerable or Endangered Ecological Communities and their habitats wherever they occur despite the categorisation of the land.

Where identified Council is bound by the Act to take any appropriate action necessary to implement measures and must not make decisions that are inconsistent with the provisions of any Threat Abatement or Recovery Plan.

3.3.4 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The land is zoned RE1 Public Recreation under the Leeton Local Environmental Plan 2014.

The objectives of the zone are:

- to enable land to be used for public open space and recreational purposes,
- to provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses,
- to protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes, and
- to encourage the development of public open spaces in a way that addresses the community's diverse recreation needs.

3.3.5 Council Plans, Strategies, Policies and Procedures

This Plan of Management is to be used in conjunction with the appropriate Council plans, policies and procedures that govern the use and management of community land and any facilities located on the land.

Additional Council policies, plans and strategies adopted after the date of this plan that have relevance to the planning, use and management of community land will apply as though they were in force at the date of adoption of the Plan of Management.

3.3.6 Legislation and Statutory Controls

This Plan of Management does not over-rule existing legislation that also applies to the management of community land. Other legislation and policies to be considered in the management process include but are not limited to the:

Public Works Act 1912 (as amended)

Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

Local Land Services Act 2016

Water Management Act 2000

Clean Waters Act 1970

Companion Animals Act 1998

Rural Fires Act 1997

Rural Fires Regulation 2002

Noxious Weeds Act 1993

Pesticides Act 1999

The Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997

The Protection of the Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2008

State Environmental Planning Policies

Leeton Local Environmental Plan 2014

Leeton Development Control Plans as amended (under development)

Guidelines supporting development control plans (under development)

Council plans, strategies, policies, procedures and guidelines, generally, as amended.

3.4 Reclassification

From time to time certain parcels of Community land may be identified as surplus to the existing and future needs of the community.

Section 3.21 of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 outlines provisions of Management of dedicated or reserved Crown land within meaning of the Local Government Act 1993.

Section 3.21 (2) advises that a Council manager is authorised to manage its dedicated or reserved Crown land as if it were community land or operational land but only as permitted or required by Division 3.4 of the Crown Land Management Act 2016.

3.5 Review of this Plan

The use and management of the Leeton Racecourse is regulated by this Plan of Management.

Whilst the guidelines and principles outlined in the plan may be suitable at present, the Plan should be reviewed from time to time, to confirm its relevance.

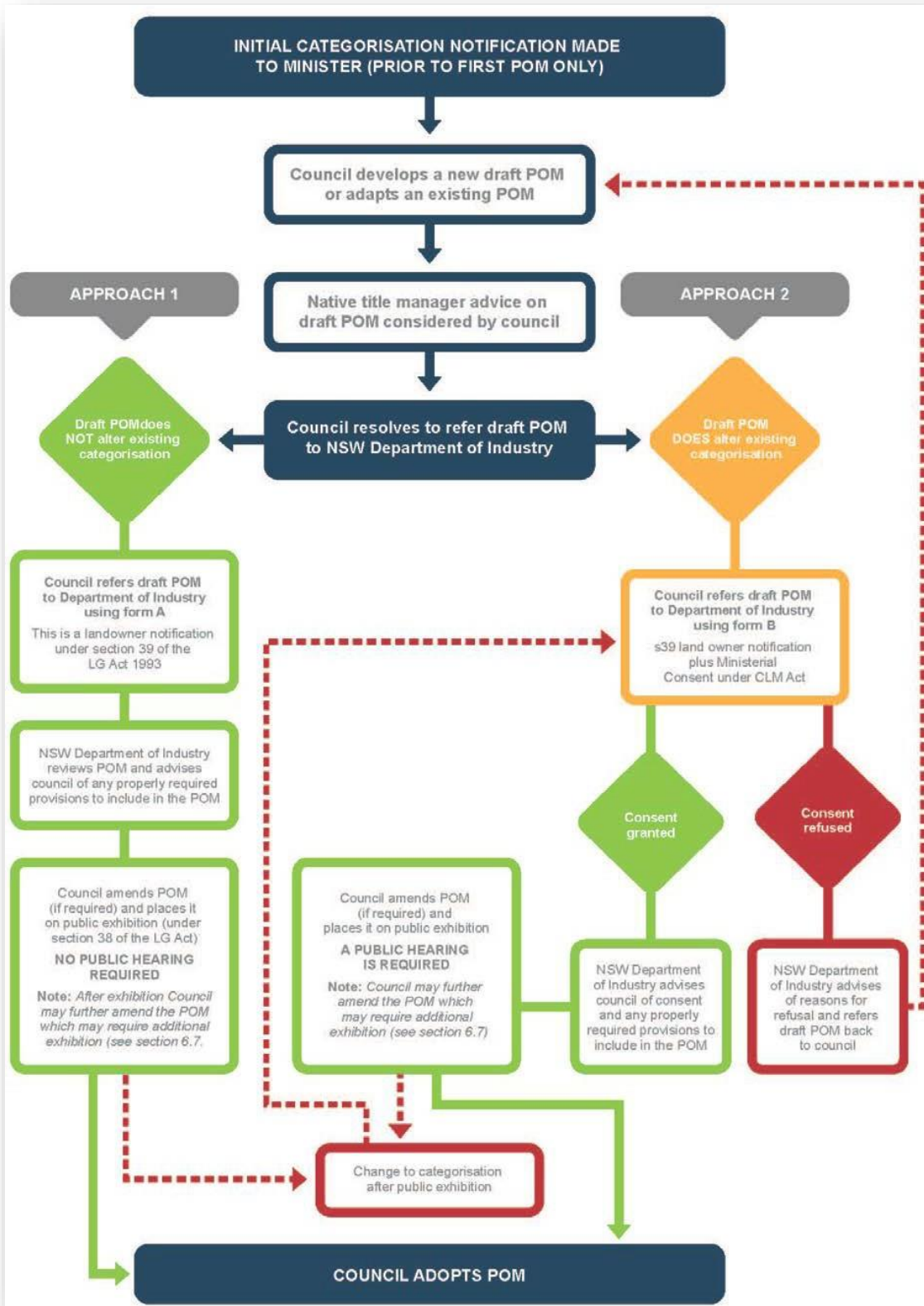
The review should take place within 5 years of adoption of this plan.

3.6 Community Consultation

Consultation with the community is an important part of the preparation of this Plan of Management. Consultation gives Council a better understanding of the range of local issues affecting the use and enjoyment of the land to which this Plan of Management applies and gives all sectors of the community the chance to have an input into the direction of policy development being undertaken by Council.

All stakeholders are given the opportunity to express their opinions and provide relevant information in relation to the planned management of the land, however, as the land is Crown land, final approval for the Plan of Management rests with the Minister administering the Crown Lands Act 2016 as owner of the land.

Council is required to submit the draft Plan of Management to NSW Department of Industry, as representative of the owner of the land under section 39 of the Local Government Act. As shown on the ***Flowchart for Consultation and Approval of an Initial Plan of Management***, this process occurs prior to public exhibition and community consultation of the Plan of Management.



FLOWCHART FOR CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL OF AN INITIAL PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Section 3.23(7)(d) of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 states that, if the draft first Plan of Management alters the initial categories assigned, the council must obtain the Minister's consent if the re-categorisation would require an addition to the purposes for which the land is dedicated or reserved.

The Minister cannot give consent under section 3.23(7)(d) if it is considered that the alteration is likely to materially harm the use of the land for its reserve purpose.

If after public consultation there is no change to categorisation and no additional purpose needs to be added to the reserve, no additional ministerial consent is required and Council can proceed to adopt the Plan of Management as per the process outlined under Approach 1 of the **Flowchart for Consultation and Approval of an Initial Plan of Management**.

If there is a proposed change to the categorisation of the land following public consultation the Plan of Management must again be referred to the Minister Administering the Crown Lands Act 2016 and the process outlined in Approach 2 of the **Flowchart for Consultation and Approval of an Initial Plan of Management** is followed. A change of Categorisation will require a public hearing under Section 40A of the Local Government Act 1993.

4.0 Culturally significant land

4.1 Indigenous Significance

Leeton is located in the country of the Wiradjuri nation and many members of the community are Wiradjuri people.

The Wiradjuri are the largest aboriginal group in New South Wales and once occupied a vast area in central New South Wales known as the land of the three rivers: the Wambool (Macquarie), the Kalare (Lachlan) and the Murrumbidgee.

The Leeton Local Environmental Plan describes places of Aboriginal Heritage significance as:

An area of land, the general location of which is identified in an Aboriginal heritage study adopted by the Council after public exhibition and that may be shown on the Heritage Map, that is:

- (a) *the site of one or more Aboriginal objects or a place that has the physical remains of pre-European occupation by, or is of contemporary significance to, the Aboriginal people. It may (but need not) include items and remnants of the occupation of the land by Aboriginal people, such as burial places, engraving sites, rock art, midden deposits, scarred and sacred trees and sharpening grooves, or*
- (b) *a natural Aboriginal sacred site or other sacred feature. It includes natural features such as creeks or mountains of long-standing cultural significance, as well as*

initiation, ceremonial or story places or areas of more contemporary cultural significance.

The Leeton Racecourse Reserve is not identified as having Aboriginal significance and is not declared under section 84 of the National Park and Wildlife Act 1974, however, any areas of Aboriginal significance that may be discovered are covered by this Plan of Management.

4.2 Non-indigenous Significance

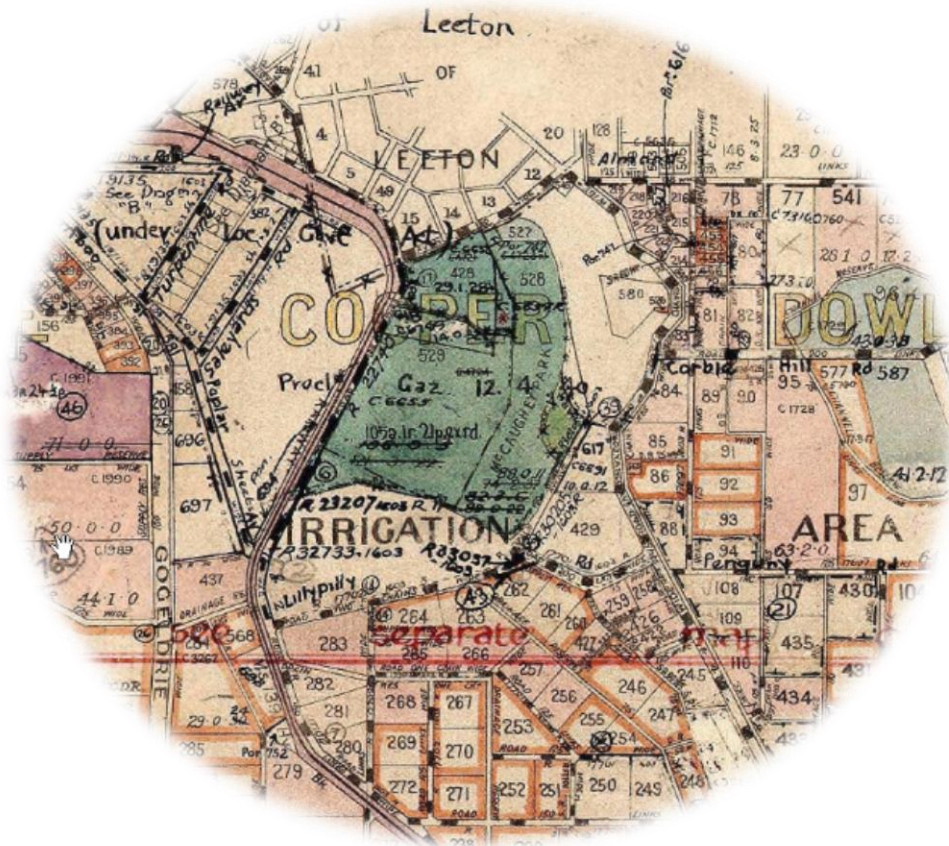
The racecourse also presents a rich European heritage including its role as part of the original greenbelt planned by Sir Walter Burley Griffin.

This original plan for the town has, with a few minor exceptions, been closely followed.



TOWN PLAN OF LEETON NSW SEPTEMBER 1914 WALTER BURLEY GRIFFIN

Burley Griffin's design included a main park of 316 acres and this land was set aside as a reserve for public recreation Gazetted on 23 February 1914 and named McCaughey Park.



Much of this original reserve has been retained as reserves for recreational purposes and now comprises the present golf links, showground and racecourse.

The history of the racecourse and horse racing in Leeton dates back to 1912 and the first official race meeting of the newly formed racing club was held on 27 January 1913.

The "Reserve for Racecourse and Public Recreation" was notified by gazette notice on 13 January, 1922. Following the creation of the Shire in 1928, the management of the reserve was transferred to the Shire Council from the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission which had originally created and administered the reserve.

In 1929 part of the site was set aside for the purpose of establishing an aerodrome to service the town and Reserve 61839 was notified by gazette on 2 May 1930 for the

purpose of Racecourse, Public Recreation and Aviation and on 4 July 1930 Willimbong (now Leeton) Shire Council was appointed as trustee of the reserve.

The first aircraft to make an official landing on this field was Sir Charles Kingsford Smith's Southern Cross on 1st August, 1931.



DE HAVILLAND DH 61 GIANT MOTH 'CANBERRA' ACCOMPANYING SOUTHERN CROSS – LEETON NSW

A regular passenger service between Leeton and Sydney and formation flying aerobatics and joy rides over the town continued until the aerodrome services were moved to the newly established Brobenah Airfield on the edge of town in 1940.

As the Racecourse Reserve was no longer being used as an aerodrome the land within the track has been used by various sporting associations and recreational groups as well as for ballooning and picnic purposes.

The Racecourse Reserve has local significance under the Leeton Shire Council Local Environmental Plan 2014.

5. Development and use

5.1 Overview

One of the primary responsibilities of Local Government is to provide an acceptable level of service for public assets to its community within budgetary constraints.

Council's ongoing commitment to the development and maintenance of these areas depends on financial resources and forward planning. The implementation of actions identified in this Plan of Management are consistent with Leeton Shire Council's corporate objectives as outlined in:

Leeton Shire Council's Community Strategic Plan towards 2030 "Leeton On The Go".
<http://www.leeton.nsw.gov.au/f.ashx/files/basic-html/For-Hard-Copy-Printing-Leeton-On-The-Go-Our-Community-Strategic-Plan-Towards-2030.pdf>

Leeton Shire Council's 2017-2021 Delivery Program & 2019-2020 Operational Plan
<http://www.leeton.nsw.gov.au/f.ashx/DeliveryProgramRevenuePolicyandResourcingStrategy/2017-2021-Delivery-Program-with-2018-2019-Operational-Plan-and-Budget-Summary-FINAL-VERSION.pdf>

Leeton Shire Council Resourcing Strategy 2018-2027 & Asset Management Plan 2017-2027
<http://www.leeton.nsw.gov.au/f.ashx/Council-Plans/Combined-Resourcing-Strategy-28-June-2017.pdf>

Leeton Shire Council's Parks, Playgrounds and Recreational Facilities Asset Management Plan
<http://www.leeton.nsw.gov.au/f.ashx/pdf/Parks-Playgrounds-and-Recreational-Facilities-Asset-Management-Plan.pdf>

5.2 Strategic Objectives

Council's strategic planning objectives for Racecourse Reserve are as follows:

| STRATEGIC PLANNING OBJECTIVES | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. | To provide a distribution of open space and facilities that matches demand and supply as far as possible, consistent with the open space principles outlined in Council's Community Plan. |
| 2. | To provide high quality open space and facilities requiring a minimum of maintenance. |
| 3. | To prevent land degradation and to minimize physical disturbance to the land. |
| 4. | To provide public access to community land consistent with the adopted use strategy. |
| 5. | To provide a healthy environment, especially plant communities on the land. |
| 6. | To provide a broad spectrum of safe, high quality recreational opportunities. |
| 7. | Maintain flexibility for future decision making and to allow changes in community preferences. |
| 8. | To allow for temporary uses for private functions, provided that Council is satisfied that the temporary use does not significantly affect the permanent use of the land. |

5.3 Condition of the land and structures on adoption of the Plan of Management



In June 2018 Council commissioned a comprehensive assessment of Council's buildings, parks and recreation facilities and plant and equipment assets. The condition of the buildings on Reserve 61839 at that time and upon recent inspection are as follows:

| BUILDING DESCRIPTION | YEAR BUILT | CONDITION RATING | CATEGORY |
|---|------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Administration Office/Cottage | 1950 | 1 | General Community Use |
| Pump Shed | 1951 | 4 | General Community Use |
| Toilet Amenities (adjacent to bar room) | 1952 | 2 | General Community Use |
| Betting Ring | 1988 | 1 | General Community Use |
| Awning/Shelter | 2002 | 1 | General Community Use |
| Rotunda | 1945 | 5 | General Community Use |
| Horse Stalls/Stables | 2009 | 1 | General Community Use |
| Bar Room | 2011 | 1 | General Community Use |
| Toilet Block (Hockey Toilets) | 1988 | 1 | General Community Use |
| Judges Box/Photo Room | 1948 | 1 | General Community Use |
| Grandstand/Storage | 1951 | 4 | General Community Use |
| Maintenance Storage Sheds | 2005 | 1 | General Community Use |

| CONDITION RATING KEY | DESCRIPTION |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | New or as New |
| 2 | Good Condition |
| 3 | Average Condition |
| 4 | Poor Condition |
| 5 | Very Poor/End of Life |

5.4 Use of the land and structures at the date of adoption of the Plan of Management

The current allocations of use of the Racecourse Reserve are largely historic in nature. Local clubs have developed the facilities on the Reserve with voluntary labour and fundraising, supplemented with Council and grant funds.

The Racecourse Reserve is part of the original McCaughey Park which now comprises the golf links, showground and the racecourse. Some slippage of boundaries has occurred. Part of the golf course is situated on the Racecourse Reserve and is administered and maintained by the adjoining Golf Course Reserve 75463. This section of the reserve (Racecourse 61839) has been categorized as Sportsground to align with the categorization of the Golf Course.

Council is willing to work with existing and potential users to expand the usage of the Racecourse Reserve and this Plan of Management will provide an operational and strategic framework to effectively take advantage of those opportunities.

5.5 Permitted use and future use

5.5.1 Permitted use strategic objectives

Crown land can be reserved or dedicated for various public purposes. The notified purpose(s) for Leeton Racecourse are Racecourse, Public Recreation and Aviation. The assigned categories are Sportsground, Park and General Community Use. These purposes and categories align with the reserve's past and current use and the values identified in this plan.

Council's strategic planning objectives for the Leeton Racecourse Reserve is to provide a distribution of space and facilities that matches demand from the community and provides high quality open space and facilities requiring minimum maintenance.

Projects proposed by sporting/community groups and other users of the reserve must be in line with Council or facility strategic plans and must align with the reserve purpose and core objectives for the Racecourse Reserve.

Depending on the scope of the project Council may request a written proposal outlining the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for proposed works and future maintenance requirements.

5.5.2 Further development

Whilst maintenance of existing infrastructure is a priority there is scope to improve and develop facilities on the reserve provided that the proposed facilities are in line with the purposes for the reserve and relevant legislation such as The Local Government Act 1993, The Crown Land Management Act 2016, The Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 and the Native Title Act 1993.

A comprehensive site development plan and a landscape management plan is recommended for larger projects to ensure a strategic approach to development.

5.6 Leases, Licences and other Estates

Leases, Licences and other estates formalise the use of community land by groups such as sporting clubs and non-profit organisations, or by commercial organisations and individuals providing facilities and services for public use. Activities should be compatible with the zoning and reservation purpose of the land and provide benefits and services for facilities to the users of the land.

Occupation of the land other than by lease or licence or other estate or for a permitted purpose listed in the Local Government Regulations 2005 is prohibited.

The terms of the authorisation for a lease licence or other estate should include Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 and should include advice that the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. The authorisation should ensure the proper management and maintenance of the land and the interests of Council and the public are protected. A lease is normally issued where exclusive control of all or part of an area by a user is proposed. In all other instances a licence or short term licence or hire agreement will be issued.

This Plan of Management **expressly authorises** the issue of Leases, Licences and other Estates over the Leeton Racecourse, provided that:

- the purpose is consistent with the core objectives for the category of the land.
- the lease, licence or other estate is for a permitted purpose listed in the Local Government Act 1993 or the Local Government Regulations 2005.
- the issue of the lease, licence or other estate and the provisions of the lease, licence or other estate can be validated by the provisions of the Native Title Act 1993.
- the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.
- the lease, licence or other estate is granted and notified in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 or the Local Government Regulations 2005.
- the issue of the lease, licence or other estate will not materially harm the use of the land for any of the purposes for which it was dedicated or reserved.

Areas held under lease, licence or regular occupancy shall be maintained by the user. The user will be responsible for maintenance and outgoings as defined in the lease or licence or agreement for use.

5.7 Native Title Assessment

The Crown Land Management Act 2016 provides a new regime for the management of Crown Land and Council is now responsible for compliance with Native Title legislation for the Crown Land that it manages.

Council is required to undertake steps to identify if the activity that they do on Crown Land will have on Native Title, what provisions of the Native Title Act will validate the activity and what procedures should be taken in relation to a particular activity prior to its commencement.

Council must receive written advice from its Native Title Manager in relation to certain activities and acts carried out on Crown land.

6.0 Plan of Management Administration and Management

6.1 Plan of Management Objectives

The general objectives of this Plan of Management are:

| PLAN OF MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1. | To ensure that relevant legislation is complied with in relation to the land. |
| 2. | To inform Council staff and the community of the way the land will be managed. |
| 3. | To implement specific policies, guidelines and works identified in the plan of management. |
| 4. | To progressively improve the values of the land and to minimize the long term cost of maintenance to the Council |
| 5. | To make provisions for appropriate leases, licences and agreements in respect to the land. |
| 6. | To identify and recognise existing uses and improvements on the land. |
| 7. | To set in place and administrative structure to ensure the achievement of land management objectives. |
| 8. | To ensure that the management of the land is not likely to materially harm the use of the land for any of the purposes for which it is dedicated or reserved. |

6.1.1 Management Authority

For the purposes of this plan, the management authority is Leeton Shire Council, in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 and the Local Government Act 1993.

Where Council's responsibilities have been delegated, the provisions of this management plan continue to apply.

6.1.2 Management Issues

The management of the land must take into account the reserve purpose(s) of the land and the purpose for which the land is classified and categorized.

6.2 Action Plan

The Plan of Management specifies performance targets and priorities for actions to be taken in relation to the land to which the plan applies.

Assessment of achievement of the objectives of the plan is to be undertaken. A summary of indicators and targets for major objectives is outlined in the table below:

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| To ensure that relevant legislation is complied with in relation to preparation of Plans of Management. | The Plan is prepared in accordance with the Act. Native Title Manager advice is sought during the preparation of the Plan. | The Plan is reviewed by Council's Native Title Manager and Department of Industry Crown Lands then exhibited and adopted by Council if there are no changes to the approved plan. If changes are made following exhibition the plan must again be approved by Department of Industry Crown Lands. |
| To inform Council staff and the community of the way the land will be managed. | The Plan is exhibited in accordance with the Local Government Act. | The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council. |
| To implement the specific policies, guidelines and works identified in the plan of management. | Ensure that the Plan is referenced to identify specific policies, guidelines and works. | All works are carried out in accordance with the Plan. |
| To progressively improve the values of the land to minimise the long term cost of maintenance to the Council. | Carry out all works identified in Council's long term plan. | All works are completed and minimal maintenance of the improvements is required. |
| To make provision for leases, licences and agreements in respect of the land. | The Plan of Management expressly authorises the provision of leases, licences and agreements where appropriate. | Any leases are prepared, exhibited and adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Crown Land Management Act 2016. Native Title Manager advice and a check for a claim |

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| | | under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act is received for all proposed leases and licences. |
| To identify and recognise existing uses and improvements on the land. | Physical inspection. | The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council. |
| To provide a reference and data bank in relation to information relevant to present and future management of the land. | Physical inspection and file research. | The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council. |
| To set in place an administrative structure to ensure the achievement of land management objectives. | Ensure that all sections of Council are aware of the contents of the Plan. | All future works are carried out in accordance with the Plan. |
| To identify the major management issues applying to the land. | Consultation and staff discussions. | The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council. |
| To simplify the process of management as far as possible. | Preparation of the Plan in accordance with the Act. | The Plan is exhibited and adopted by Council. |

6.3 Administration

Administrative issues have an important influence on the way in which the land is managed.

6.3.1 Staff Resources

Council shall seek to provide adequate staff resources for the management of the land in accordance with this Plan of Management. Staff shall have appropriate qualifications and/or experience.

6.3.2 Environmental Assessment of Activities

The environmental impact of activities carried out on the land will be assessed having regard to the requirements under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

6.3.3 Role of Other Authorities

Other government authorities may have responsibilities or involvement in the management of the land or of immediately adjacent land. This will be taken into account and, where appropriate, consultation will take place with relevant authorities.

6.3.4 Activities Carried Out by Other Authorities

Other government authorities may have responsibilities or involvement in the management of the land or of immediately adjacent land. This will be taken into account and, where appropriate, consultation will take place with relevant authorities.

6.3.5 Principles for the development on adjoining land

Council's development control practices recognise and endeavor to minimize the impacts upon adjoining land parcels. Council will consider the impacts of activities carried out on the reserve on adjoining land.

6.3.6 Community Involvement in Management

Where appropriate Council may undertake community consultation subsequent to the making of this Plan of Management and may give community groups a role in management.

6.3.7 Contract and Volunteer Labour

In managing the land Council may use contract and volunteer labour but shall ensure that supervisors have appropriate qualifications and/or experience and are made aware of the requirements of this plan.

6.3.8 Delegation of Management Responsibilities

Where management responsibilities are delegated by the Council a requirement of the delegation shall be that the provisions of this Plan of Management are complied with.

6.3.9 Easements

The Council may grant easements for the provision of services over, or on the land provided that a Native Title assessment has been carried out by Council's Native Title Manager, the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 and the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Crown Land Management Act 2016 have been complied with.

6.3.10 Existing Assets

Existing assets on the land shall be identified and measures taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. Council may make arrangement for community groups and users to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on Council's behalf.

6.3.11 Public Liability

Council will maintain public liability insurance for the land. All users of the land will be required to take out public liability insurance for a sum of not less than \$20m.

6.3.12 Commercial Activities

Commercial activities may be carried out on the land, provided that the activity is ancillary to the purpose of the land or for a purpose authorised under this Plan of Management. Any commercial activity is subject to prior Council consent.

6.3.13 Emergencies

This Plan of Management authorises necessary activities to be carried out during declared emergencies as may be decided by the General Manager or delegate. Following carrying out of any activities, periodic monitoring will be undertaken, and rehabilitation works undertaken if necessary.

6.3.14 Land Proposed for Future Development

Land proposed in any of Council's plans for future development for a specific purpose may be utilized for other purposes on an interim basis until required for that purpose.

6.3.15 Undeveloped Land

Land to which this Plan of Management applies that is undeveloped and unused for the purpose of the land may upon assessment, be used for any activity that does not prevent or inhibit future use for the purpose of the land, including tree planting and mowing.

6.3.16 Information Monitoring and Research

Monitoring and collection of information relating to the land to which the Plan of Management applies are important to enable good management.

Where a demonstrated need has been identified, an educational programme shall be developed to encourage use appropriate to the purpose to all or part of the land to which this Plan of Management applies.

Management arrangements shall be implemented to regularly monitor the use of the land, environmental conditions and facilities.

Surveys of visitation and/or satisfaction with the facilities may be undertaken to facilitate the management and use of the land.

6.4 Management Guidelines

Based on legislative and corporate goals, community needs and expectations the following Management Guidelines have been identified. The Guidelines apply to all areas and categories of the Leeton Racecourse unless otherwise identified:

6.4.1 Alcohol

The occasional sale of alcohol by a sporting committee, club or group require the approval of the NSW Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing through the issue of a Limited Licence. The Licence should be provided to Council in each instance. When making application for the use of an active recreational area if the sale of alcohol is intended, applicants are required to comply with any requirements of both the Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing and Council

6.4.2 Companion Animals

Domestic pets may use the Racecourse Reserve where authorised by signage provided that they are under the control of a responsible person at all times and do not cause loss of amenity to other users of the land, except where specifically publicly notified.

Dogs are not permitted within any area that is:

- set aside for the playing of organised games, or
- within 10 metres of a children's playing apparatus or
- within 10 metres of cooking or eating facilities.

Dogs are not permitted to be walked off leash unless they are within Council's designated off leash exercise areas.

Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land.

6.4.3 Parking

Leeton Racecourse attracts numerous user groups and some car parking is required to be provided within the reserve. Car parking areas should not occupy valuable land but be positioned to minimise the impact on the reserve.

Car parking is not to be situated near children's play areas. Existing car parking areas will be maintained to safety standards.

Where off street parking occurs within a sportsground, consideration will be given to the provision of parking spaces for people with a disability (in accordance with regulations). Internal roads and parking areas may be constructed or reconstructed to a safe and all weather standard.

6.4.4 Buildings and Amenities

Buildings and amenities may be provided where consistent with the need to facilitate the purpose of the land, provided that a Native Title assessment has been carried out by Council's Native Title Manager, the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 and the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Crown Land Management Act 2016 have been complied with.

Buildings and amenities are to be maintained to the highest possible standard.

6.4.5 Infrastructure

Any necessary infrastructure to service the purpose of the land may be constructed provided that a Native Title assessment has been carried out by Council's Native Title Manager, the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983, and the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Crown Land Management Act 2016 have been complied with.

6.4.6 General Maintenance

General maintenance will match the level and type of use and wherever possible users will be encouraged to help. Areas held under lease, licence or regular occupancy shall be maintained by the user where appropriate.

Existing assets on the land shall be identified and measures taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. The Council may make arrangements for community groups to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on Council's behalf.

6.4.7 Access

This Plan of Management seeks to facilitate access to the land to enable its use for the purposes of General Community Use, Park and Sportsground.

6.4.8 Development Activities

Development activities shall be undertaken in a way that minimizes the area, degree and duration of disturbance, and areas are to be restored to the greatest extent practicable.

6.4.9 Pollution Control

Management should seek to ensure that no pollution is generated on the land, and that adequate measures are taken to prevent adverse impacts from adjoining land.

6.4.10 Public Safety

Reasonable measures will be taken by Council to ensure and maintain the public safety of persons using the land.

6.4.11 Neighbours

Council shall endeavour to be a good neighbor and as far as possible shall consult with adjoining owners in respect of management and other activities which may affect them.

6.4.12 Trees Vegetation and Landscape

Proper management of landscaping measures, trees and vegetation is important to provide a high degree of amenity on the land.

Trees will be maintained, as will maintenance of appropriate growing conditions involving management of soil compaction and other encroachments, in accordance with Council's Tree Management Policy.

6.4.13 Weed Control

Weed control shall be by both taking preventative measures and active control measures. Prevention of weed infestation shall be by minimising actions that disturb the ground surface and discouraging the conditions that encourage weeds.

Measures shall be taken to prevent the dispersion of weeds by fill or the transport of seeds on machinery. Control measures which are acceptable include physical removal or slashing, accepted biological control techniques, bush regeneration, or chemical spraying where Council is satisfied that there will be no adverse residual effects and no adverse effect on human health.

DETAILED INFORMATION

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CATEGORY
SPORTSGROUND

7.0 SPORTSGROUND

7.1 Introduction

Detailed information relating to categories applicable to the Racecourse Reserve are presented in separate subsections in this part of the Plan of Management.

The Leeton Racecourse is categorised as Sportsground, Park and General Community Use. Council has applied these categorisations in accordance to the areas shown on the map below, with the sportsground represented in green.



This Plan of Management applies to the areas used for organised sport and the racecourse as well as the structures associated with them.

As well as horse racing activities the Leeton Racecourse forms part of a network of structured, active recreational facilities that are valuable resources within the Leeton Shire.

7.2 Core Objectives

The core objectives for management of community land and crown reserves categorised as sportsground are:

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

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| SPORTS GROUND OBJECTIVES | | |
| To encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games. | The land is developed in accordance with this plan. | All works are completed and minimal negative feedback is received. |
| To ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences. | The land is developed in accordance with this plan. | All works are completed and minimal negative feedback is received. |

7.3 Development and Use

7.3.1 Purpose and Value of the Sportsground Areas

Sportsgrounds facilitate formal and informal sporting activities at local, district and regional level. They provide opportunity for people to access a variety of sports and recreational activities close to their place of residence.

Sportsgrounds form an important part of the larger open space network of the Leeton Shire and it is important that the community is able to find a satisfying use of their leisure time to maintain and improve their quality of life.

Based on legislative and corporate goals, community needs and expectations, and the values and assets of the sportsground areas themselves, the following broad primary objectives have been identified:

- To ensure management of sportsground areas takes into consideration the principles of Crown Land management.
- To provide for public safety.
- To efficiently and effectively manage public assets.
- To provide the wider community with sufficient appropriate access to sportsground areas.
- To encourage community involvement in the management of sportsground areas.
- To maintain the scenic, educational, aesthetic, cultural and heritage values of sportsground areas.

7.3.2 The Racecourse Track

As well as being used for training the racecourse track hosts at least 3 race meetings a year, including the Leeton Picnic Cup held in May and the Leeton Cup meeting in October. All meetings are organised by the Leeton Jockey Club who has had use of the reserve since the 1940's. Historically the racetrack have also been used for trotting and greyhound racing.

The racecourse track has a circumference of 1600 meters and a home straight 380 meters long. The track is grassed in very good condition and has rails around the entire track. It is compliant with NSW Racing Regulations.



7.3.3 The Racecourse Track Inner Area

The inner area of the racecourse track has been used for many years for equestrian training and events, model and radio controlled aircraft, and historically for seasonal recreational sport such as hockey and touch football. Part of the inner area is used on an occasional basis for hot air ballooning. Leeton's Vintage Machinery Group holds a bi annual weekend event and tractor pull and a Country Round Up is held every year.

Several of the industrial and other organisations of the town have used for grounds for large picnic events. Overall the grass cover is generally fair with some areas poorly covered due to frequent use and seasonal variations



The inner area has a dedicated model aircraft runway which is well grassed and irrigated. There are five (5) dedicated equestrian sand arenas used for various equestrian training, events and activities including an International Championships weekend event which is hosted by the Leeton District Dressage Club.



7.4 Future Infrastructure and Facilities

Subject to budget availability, Council may construct or approve construction by others of a variety of facilities on the land, provided that the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 the Crown Land Management Act 2016 and the Native Title Act 1993 have been complied with.

The purpose of the facilities shall be to support activities and uses that are consistent with the core objectives of the land category, the reserve purpose and shall not materially harm the land for the purpose for which it was dedicated or reserved.

Proposed projects by sporting/community groups must be in line with Council's strategic plans and depending on the scope of the project, Council may request that a written proposal be submitted outlining a description of the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for the proposed works, future maintenance requirements and other elements relevant to the project.

All construction and alteration must have Council's Native Title Manager's written advice in relation to Native Title and Aboriginal Land Claims and must be approved by Council in writing on every occasion.

7.5 Administration

| Administration | |
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| Staff Resources | Council shall seek to provide adequate staff resources for the management of the land in accordance with this Plan of Management. Staff shall have appropriate qualifications and/or experience. |
| Environmental Assessment of Activities | The environmental impact of activities carried out on the land will be assessed having regard to the requirements under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act. |
| Role of Other Authorities | Other government authorities may have responsibilities or involvement in the management of the land or of immediately adjacent land. This will be taken into account and, where appropriate consultation will take place with relevant authorities. |
| Activities Carried Out by Other Authorities | Where activities are carried out on the land by other authorities, Council will make the authorities aware of the provisions of this Plan of Management and will seek to ensure that any activities are compatible with the objectives and guidelines of this Plan of Management. |
| Community Involvement in Management | Where appropriate Council may undertake community consultation subsequent to the making of this Plan of Management and may give community groups a role in management. |
| Contract and Volunteer Labour | In managing the land Council may use contract and volunteer labour but shall ensure that supervisors have appropriate |

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| | qualifications and/or experience, and are made aware of the requirements of this plan. |
| Delegation of Management Responsibilities | Where management responsibilities are delegated by the Council a requirement of the delegation shall be that the provisions of this Plan of Management are complied with. |
| Easements | The Council may grant easements for the provision of services over, or on the land provided that the land is not subject to Aboriginal Land Claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 and a Native Title assessment has been carried out by Council's Native Title Manager. The provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Crown Land Management Act 2016 must be complied with. |
| Existing Assets | Existing assets on the land shall be identified and measure taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. Council may make arrangement for community groups and users to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on Council's behalf. |
| Public Liability | Council will maintain public liability insurance for the land. All users of the land will be required to take out public liability insurance for a sum of not less than \$20m. |
| Public Safety | Reasonable measures will be taken by Council to ensure and maintain the public safety of persons using the land. |
| Commercial Activities | Commercial activities may be carried out on the land, provided that such is ancillary of the land for a purpose authorised under this Plan of Management and is subject to prior Council consent. |
| Emergencies | This Plan of Management authorises any necessary activities to be carried out during declared emergencies as may be decided by the General Manager or delegate. Following carrying out of any activities, periodic monitoring will be undertaken, and rehabilitation works undertaken if necessary. |
| Occupation by Adjoining Land Owners | Where Council is aware of occupation or encroachment by private landowners onto the land, measure will be taken to prevent this occurring. |
| Land Proposed for Future Development | Land proposed in any of Council's plans for future development for a specific purpose may be utilized for other purposes on an interim basis until required for that purpose. |
| Undeveloped Areas | Land to which this Plan of Management applies that is undeveloped and unused for the purpose of the land may upon assessment be used for any activity that does not prevent or inhibit future use for the purpose of the land, including tree planting and mowing, |
| Information monitoring and Research | Monitoring and collection of information relating to the land to which the Plan of Management applies are important to enable good management. |
| Education and Research | Where a demonstrated need has been identified, an educational programme shall be developed to encourage use appropriate to the purpose to all or part of the land to which this Plan of Management applies. |
| Monitoring | Management arrangements shall be implemented to regularly monitor the use of the land, environmental conditions and facilities. |
| Surveys | Surveys of visitation and/or satisfaction with the facilities may be undertaken to facilitate the management and use of the land. |

7.6 Management Policies and Guidelines

The management policies and guidelines applying to the Leeton Racecourse Sportsground areas are outlined in this section of the Plan of Management. Some matters are subject to additional adopted policies and procedures and these are to apply where appropriate.

7.6.1 Management Authority

For the purposes of this Plan, the management authority is Leeton Shire Council, in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 and the Local Government Act 1993.

Where Council's responsibilities have been delegated, the provisions of this Management Plan continue to apply.

7.6.2 Management Issues

The management of the land must take into account the reserve purpose(s) of the land and the purpose for which the land is classified and categorised.

7.6.3 Specific Guidelines

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| Mowing | Playing fields and ovals will be mowed in accordance with approvals, manuals or schedules as required. |
| Line Marking | Line marking may be undertaken but will normally be the responsibility of the user. |
| Erection of Posts | The erection of posts on playing fields is allowed by this Plan of Management and is the responsibility of Council. Users, in certain circumstances may erect posts, provided that they have the approval of Council. |
| Sand Arenas | The construction of sand arenas in the sportsground area is allowed by this Plan of Management. The construction of sand arenas must have the prior written approval of Council. |
| Watering | Watering of the sportsground areas shall be undertaken as required and according to specific water restrictions that may be in place. |
| Wet Weather Use | During periods of wet weather, Council may restrict the use of the sportsground area to prevent damage to grass surfaces. |
| Hours of Operation | Council may restrict the hours of operation of any area of the sportsground at its discretion. |
| Alcohol | The occasional sale of alcohol by a sporting committee, club or user group requires the approval of the NSW Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing through the issue of a Limited Licence. The Licence should be provided to Council in each instance. When making application for the use of an active recreational area if the sale of alcohol is intended, applicants are required to comply with any requirements of both the Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing and Council. |
| Companion Animals | Domestic pets may use the land where authorised by signage provided that they are under the control of a responsible person at |

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| | <p>all times and do not cause loss of amenity to other users of the land, except where specifically publicly notified.</p> <p>Dogs are not permitted within any area that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • set aside for the playing of organised games, or • within 10 metres of a children's playing apparatus or • within 10 metres of cooking or eating facilities. <p>Dogs are not permitted to be walked off leash unless they are within Council's designated off leash exercise areas.</p> <p>Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land.</p> |
| Parking | <p>Leeton Racecourse attracts numerous user groups and some car parking is required to be provided within the reserve. Car parking areas should not occupy valuable land but be positioned to minimize the impact on the reserve.</p> <p>Car parking is not to be situated near children's play areas. Existing car parking areas will be maintained to safety standards.</p> <p>Where off street parking occurs within a sportsground, consideration will be given to the provision of parking spaces for people with a disability (in accordance with regulations).</p> <p>Internal roads and parking areas may be constructed or reconstructed to a safe and all weather standard.</p> |
| Neighbours | <p>Council shall endeavour to be a good neighbor and, as far as possible, shall consult with adjoining owners in respect of management or other activities which may affect them.</p> |

7.6.4 Buildings and Amenities

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| Native Title Assessment | <p>The terms of the authorisation for the commencement of any building or development activity on the areas of the Leeton Racecourse categorised as Sportsground, should include a Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 to be carried out by Council's Native Title Manager.</p> |
| Aboriginal Land Claim | <p>The terms of the authorization for the commencement of any building or development activity on the areas of the Leeton Racecourse categorized as Sportsground should include advice that the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. If a claim is registered on the land activity cannot commence until the claim is resolved.</p> |
| Buildings and Amenities | <p>Buildings and amenities may be provided where consistent with the need to facilitate the use of the land, the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Crown Land Management Act 2016 have been complied with. Buildings and amenities are to be maintained to the highest possible standard.</p> |

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| Public Toilets and Amenities | Public toilets are provided and are to be maintained by the Licensee of the Club facility building. |
| Play Equipment and Recreation Equipment | Play equipment shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the relevant Australian Standard and may be replaced or removed as required. |
| Outdoor furniture | Outdoor furniture shall be provided as required and maintained to a safe standard in accordance with any adopted landscape design. |
| Private buildings | Private buildings may be constructed only where there is a lease or licence from Council and that lease or licence specifically makes provision for the use or erection of a private building. Private buildings and the lease areas are to be fully maintained by the user. |
| Public Buildings | Public buildings may be constructed for any purpose ancillary to the purpose of the land, provided that the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Crown Land Management Act 2016 have been complied with. Community facilities may also be permitted. |
| Removal of Buildings or Utilities | Buildings or utilities that are no longer required may be removed by the Council subject to development approval. The land is to be rehabilitated following removal. |
| Horticultural Maintenance | Mowing shall be regularly undertaken as required in accordance with any adopted Council procedures manual. In areas of concentrated use reseeding or turfing may be undertaken as required. |
| Cleaning | Buildings and amenities will be regularly cleaned and maintained in a tidy condition in accordance with any adopted Council procedure manual. |

7.6.5 Infrastructure

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| Native Title Assessment | The terms of the authorisation for the commencement of any infrastructure construction activity on the areas of the Leeton Racecourse categorised as Sportsground should include a Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 to be carried out by Council's Native Title Manager. |
| Aboriginal Land Claim | The terms of the authorization for the commencement of any infrastructure construction activity on the areas of the Leeton Racecourse categorized as Sportsground should include advice that the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. If a claim is registered on the land activity cannot commence until the claim is resolved. |
| Infrastructure | Any necessary infrastructure to service purpose of the land may be constructed. |
| Services and Utilities | Services and utilities such as water supply, sewerage, electricity supply, gas and telecommunications may be constructed, maintained or repaired on the land. |
| General Maintenance | General maintenance will match the level and type of use and wherever possible users will be encouraged to help. Areas held under lease, licence or regular occupancy shall be maintained by the user. Existing assets on the land shall be identified and |

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| | measures taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. The Council may make arrangements for community groups to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on Council's behalf. |
| Energy Efficiency | Measures shall be taken to improve the energy efficiency of all buildings and activities carried out on the land. Measures shall include use of energy efficient lighting, periodic auditing of energy use, and appropriate orientation of any new buildings to incorporate passive solar design principles. |
| Lighting | Where appropriate, adequate lighting shall be provided on the land to ensure public safety and security for buildings and amenities as far as possible. |
| Floodlighting | Floodlights shall be designed and operated to minimize glare and spillage of light to adjoining properties. Where possible floodlights should comply with AS2560. |
| Fences | Fences may be constructed and shall be in accordance with any standards or guidelines adopted by Council. |
| Signs | Signs may be erected on the land in accordance with State Environmental Policy and any adopted Development Control Code and Policy. |

7.6.6 Access

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| Access and Occupation | The Plan of Management seeks to facilitate access to the land to enable its use for recreational purposes. |
| Access | Access to the land may be limited by Council at times where this may interfere with works or may have an adverse effect on the land. |
| Public Access | Public access to land to which this Plan of Management applies can be denied to assist rehabilitation or protection of special items of significance or where a lease has been granted, but shall not otherwise be denied. |
| Occupation by Adjoining Land Owners | Where Council is aware of occupation or encroachment by private landowners onto the land, measures will be taken to prevent this occurring. |
| Roads and Parking | Roads and parking areas may be constructed or reconstructed to a safe all weather standard. New roads and parking areas may be constructed. In cases where significant new roadworks are proposed, a master plan should be prepared and the works constructed in accordance with the plan. |

7.6.7 Development Activities

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| Native Title Assessment | The terms of the authorisation for the commencement of any development or construction activity on the areas of the Leeton Racecourse categorised as Sportsground, should include a Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 to be carried out by Council's Native Title Manager. |
| Aboriginal Land Claim | The terms of the authorization for the commencement of any development or construction activity on the areas of the Leeton |

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| | Racecourse categorized as Sportsground should include advice that the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. If a claim is registered on the land activity cannot commence until the claim is resolved. |
| Development Activities | Development activities shall be undertaken in a way that minimises the area, degree and duration of disturbance, and the area is to be restored to the greatest extent practicable. |
| Construction Works | Progressive site stabilisation and restoration shall be undertaken during the construction process. |
| Stockpiling of Materials | Works are to be completed in stages (clearing, topsoil stripping, relocation of topsoil, mulching, planting etc) and shall follow the principle of isolating stockpiles of different materials to prevent contamination. Materials and soil may be stockpiled but only on a temporary basis and provided that measures are taken to prevent adverse affects such as soil erosion, introduction of weed species, soil compaction, and the like. Stockpiles are to be more than 5 meters from trees. |
| Nutrients Leached from Building Materials | Materials (including concrete, gravel, topsoil, etc) shall be stockpiled in such a way as to prevent nutrients from leaching into watercourses or into ground water systems. |
| Protection of Trees | Trees to be protected shall be identified prior to any construction and marked appropriately. Measures are to be taken to prevent damage and disturbance to tree roots by cutting of roots, loss of water, soil compaction or build up of soil. Clearing works are to be in accordance with any additional procedures manuals or adopted policies. Tree removal shall be subject to the provisions of Council's Tree Management Policy. |
| New Development Works | New development works such as construction or roads, parking areas, cycleways etc may be undertaken where the works are consistent with the objectives of this plan of management and where any necessary approvals and assessments have been obtained. |
| Fill | As far as possible, no fill should be deposited on the land unless it comes from the same area of land and adequate measures are taken to stabilise the fill. Works are to be in accordance with any additional procedures, manuals or adopted policies. |
| Soil Compaction | Measures shall be undertaken to avoid soil compaction arising from construction works and earthworks. Any compaction will be relieved by appropriate methods which may include the use of soil aeration equipment. |

7.6.8 Pollution Control

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| Pollution Control | Management should seek to ensure that no pollution is generated on the land and that adequate measures are taken to prevent adverse impacts from adjoining land. |
| Soil Erosion and Sedimentation | All activities are to ensure adequate controls to prevent soil erosion and sedimentation and are to be inspected periodically. |
| Nutrients | Measures shall be taken to minimise and to control nutrients entering watercourses, water bodies or groundwater. |

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| Environmental Protection (noise control, dust, chemicals etc) | Measures shall be taken during any construction or maintenance works on the land to ensure that normal environmental protection, pollution control and health guidelines are met. |
| Litter | Litter shall be regularly collected and removed. Provision shall be made for the provision of litter bins at various locations. It is the responsibility of all users to ensure that the area and surrounds are left in a tidy manner after use. |
| Rubbish Dumping | Rubbish dumping is not permitted. Grass clippings or garden waste is to be disposed of in a manner that does not affect natural vegetation, or encourage the spread of weeds. |
| Irrigation | Irrigation is to be managed on any grassed or mown areas to avoid runoff and a raised water table. |
| Noise | Noise from events shall be required to comply with noise pollution control requirements in accordance the the Protection of. the Environment Operations Act 1997 and the Protection of the Environment (Noise Control) Regulation 2008. |
| Drainage | Drainage works are allowed on the land to which this Plan of Management applies. Any works are to comply with any environmental management guidelines adopted by Council to minimise the flow of nutrients and pollutants into watercourses. |
| Fertilisers and Pesticides | The use of fertilisers and pesticides may be permitted on land to which this Plan of Management applies, but only where no suitable alternatives exist and no adverse environmental impact is likely to occur. New landscape designs are to minimise the need for these. Notification of use must be given in accordance with Council's adopted Pesticide Use Notification Plan. |
| Removal of Silt | Silt shall be removed from drains and silt traps as necessary. |

7.6.9 Trees, Vegetation and Landscape

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| Trees, Vegetation and Landscape | Proper management of landscaping measures, trees and vegetation is important to provide a high degree of amenity on the land. |
| Trees | Trees will be maintained, as will maintenance of appropriate growing conditions involving management of soil compaction and other encroachments, in accordance with Council's Tree Management Policy. |
| Tree Planting and Removal | Trees may be planted, removed or replaced. In replacing trees, regard will be had to endorsed plans and policies outlining preferred species. Tree planting maintenance, removal and replacement shall be in accordance with adopted standards, codes, manuals or policies. |
| Tree Protection | Appropriate protection such as guards and barriers shall generally be provided for all new plantings as may be required. |
| Landscape Design | Landscape design will be subject to approval by Council. |
| Gardens | Gardens may be constructed and maintained on the land. |
| Weed Control | Weed control shall be by both taking preventative measures and active control measures. Prevention of weed infestation shall be by minimizing actions that disturb the ground surface and discouraging the conditions that encourage weeds. |

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| | Measures shall be taken to prevent the dispersion of weeds by fill or the transport of seeds on machinery. Control measures which are acceptable include physical removal or slashing, accepted biological control techniques, bush regeneration, or chemical spraying where Council is satisfied that there will be no adverse residual effects and no adverse effect on human health will occur. |
| Bushfire Hazard Reduction | Where a bushfire hazard is identified on the land measure shall be taken to reduce the bushfire hazard. |

7.6.10 Information, Monitoring and Research

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| Information monitoring and Research | Monitoring and collection of information relating to the land to which the Plan of Management applies are important to enable good management. |
| Education and Research | Where a demonstrated need has been identified, an educational programme shall be developed to encourage use appropriate to the purpose to all or part of the land to which this Plan of Management applies. |
| Monitoring | Management arrangements shall be implemented to regularly monitor the use of the land, environmental conditions and facilities. |
| Surveys | Surveys of visitation and/or satisfaction with the facilities may be undertaken to facilitate the management and use of the land. |

7.7 Leases Licences and Other Estates

This plan of management expressly authorises the issue of Leases, Licences and other Estates over the area of the Leeton Racecourse categorized as Sportsground, provided that:

- the purpose is consistent with the reserve purpose of the land.
- the purpose is consistent with the core objectives for the category of the land.
- the lease, licence or other estate is for a permitted purpose listed in the Local Government Act 1993 or the Local Government Regulations 2005.
- the issue of the lease, licence or other estate and the provisions of the lease, licence or other estate can be validated by the provisions of the Native Title Act 1993.
- the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.
- the lease, licence or other estate is granted and notified in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 or the Local Government Regulations 2005.
- the issue of the lease, licence or other estate will not materially harm the use of the land for any of the purposes for which it was dedicated or reserved.

Occupation of the land other than by lease or licence or other estate or for a permitted purposed listed in the Local Government Regulations 2005 is prohibited.

The terms of the authorisation for the lease, licence or other estate should include Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993, a search to conclude that the land is not affected by a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 and should ensure the proper management and maintenance of the land and that the interests of Council and the public are protected.

Areas held under lease, licence or regular occupancy shall be maintained by the user. The user will be responsible for maintenance and outgoings as defined in the lease or licence or agreement for use.

DETAILED INFORMATION

RESERVE 61839



CATEGORY PARK

8.0 PARK

8.1 Introduction

Detailed information relating to categories applicable to the Racecourse Reserve are presented in separate subsections in this part of the Plan of Management.

The Leeton Racecourse is categorised as Sportsground, Park and General Community Use. Council has applied these categorisations in accordance to the areas shown on the map below with the Park area represented in Yellow.



This Plan of Management applies to the areas used for passive recreation as well as the structures associated with them.

As well as horse racing activities the Leeton Racecourse forms part of a network of structured, passive recreational facilities that are valuable resources within the Leeton Shire.

8.2 Core Objectives

The core objectives of the Local Government Act 1993 in relation to land categorised as Park are as follows:

- To encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities.
- To provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games.
- To improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.

8.2.1 Core Objectives and Performance Targets

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| To encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities. | Development of the reserves in accordance with this plan. | All works are completed and minimal negative feedback is received. |
| To provide for passive recreational activities and for the casual playing of games. | Development of the reserves in accordance with this plan. | All works are completed and minimal negative feedback is received. |
| To improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management. | Development of the reserves in accordance with this plan. | All works are completed and minimal negative feedback is received. |

8.3 Development and Use

8.3.1 Purpose and Value of Park Areas

The areas categorised as Park within the Leeton Racecourse provide for a generalised use of open space and allow for a very wide range of both recreational and leisure activities.

Such informal open space areas offer the community a range of opportunities in which to undertake passive and unstructured activities, such as sitting for rest and relaxation, walking and, casual games.

Based on legislative and corporate goals, community needs and expectations, and the values and assets of the Park areas themselves, the following broad primary objectives have been identified:

- To ensure management of passive park recreation areas takes into consideration the principles of Crown Land management.
- To provide for public safety.
- To efficiently and effectively manage public assets.
- To provide the wider community with sufficient appropriate access to passive park recreation areas.
- To encourage community involvement in the management of passive park recreation areas.
- To maintain the scenic, educational, aesthetic, cultural and heritage values of passive park recreation areas.

8.3.2 Passive Recreation Areas

Passive recreation areas within Leeton Racecourse comprise those sites set aside for casual activities such as picnicking and other social or casual activities. This is the principle function of the space.

Trees and shrubs can be used to provide shade and to improve the visual interest of an area; they can provide habitat or roosting sites for fauna. Trees and shrubs can increase the general biodiversity values of a reserve, more noticeably when a variety of species are used and, preferably local or native species where possible.

8.4 Future Infrastructure and Facilities

Subject to budget availability, Council may construct or approve construction by others of a variety of facilities on the land, provided that the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 the Crown Land Management Act 2016 and the Native Title Act 1993 have been complied with.

The purpose of the facilities shall be to support activities and uses that are consistent with the core objectives of the land category and the reserve purpose and shall not materially harm the land for the purpose for which it was dedicated or reserved.

Proposed projects must be in line with Council's strategic plans and, depending on the scope of the project, Council may request that a written proposal is submitted outlining

a description of the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for the proposed works, future maintenance requirements and other elements relevant to the project.

All construction and alteration must have Council's Native Title Manager's written advice in relation to Native Title and Aboriginal Land Claims and must be approved by Council in writing on every occasion.

8.5 Administration

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| Staff Resources | Council shall seek to provide adequate staff resources for the management of the land in accordance with this Plan of Management. Staff shall have appropriate qualifications and/or experience. |
| Environmental Assessment of Activities | The environmental impact of activities carried out on the land will be assessed having regard to the requirements under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act. |
| Role of Other Authorities | Other government authorities may have responsibilities or involvement in the management of the land or of immediately adjacent land. This will be taken into account and, where appropriate consultation will take place with relevant authorities. |
| Activities Carried Out by Other Authorities | Where activities are carried out on the land by other authorities, Council will make the authorities aware of the provisions of this Plan of Management and will seek to ensure that any activities are compatible with the objectives and guidelines of this Plan of Management. |
| Community Involvement in Management | Where appropriate Council may undertake community consultation subsequent to the making of this Plan of Management and may give community groups a role in management. |
| Contract and Volunteer Labour | In managing the land Council may use contract and volunteer labour but shall ensure that supervisors have appropriate qualifications and/or experience, and are made aware of the requirements of this plan. |
| Delegation of Management Responsibilities | Where management responsibilities are delegated by the Council a requirement of the delegation shall be that the provisions of this Plan of Management are complied with. |
| Easements | The Council may grant easements for the provision of services over, or on the land provided that the land is not subject to Aboriginal Land Claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 and a Native Title assessment has been carried out by Council's Native Title Manager and the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Crown Land Management Act 2016 have been complied with. |
| Existing Assets | Existing assets on the land shall be identified and measure taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. Council may make arrangement for community groups and users to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on Council's behalf. |

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| Public Liability | Council will maintain public liability insurance for the land. All users of the land will be required to take out public liability insurance for a sum of not less than \$20m. |
| Public Safety | Reasonable measures will be taken by Council to ensure and maintain the public safety of persons using the land. |
| Commercial Activities | Commercial activities may be carried out on the land, provided that such is ancillary of the land for a purpose authorised under this Plan of Management and is subject to prior Council consent. |
| Emergencies | This Plan of Management authorizes any necessary activities to be carried out during declared emergencies as may be decided by the General Manager or delegate. Following carrying out of any activities, periodic monitoring will be undertaken, and rehabilitation works undertaken if necessary. |
| Occupation by Adjoining Land Owners | Where Council is aware of occupation or encroachment by private landowners onto the land, measure will be taken to prevent this occurring. |
| Land Proposed for Future Development | Land proposed in any of Council's plans for future development for a specific purpose may be utilized for other purposes on an interim basis until required for that purpose. |
| Undeveloped Areas | Land to which this Plan of Management applies that is undeveloped and unused for the purpose of the land may upon assessment be used for any activity that does not prevent or inhibit future use for the purpose of the land, including tree planting and mowing, |
| Information monitoring and Research | Monitoring and collection of information relating to the land to which the Plan of Management applies are important to enable good management. |
| Education and Research | Where a demonstrated need has been identified, an educational programme shall be developed to encourage use appropriate to the purpose to all or part of the land to which this Plan of Management applies. |
| Monitoring | Management arrangements shall be implemented to regularly monitor the use of the land, environmental conditions and facilities. |
| Surveys | Surveys of visitation and/or satisfaction with the facilities may be undertaken to facilitate the management and use of the land. |

8.6 Management Policies and Guidelines

The management policies and guidelines applying to the Leeton Racecourse passive recreation areas are outlined in this section of the Plan of Management. Some matters are subject to additional adopted policies and procedures and these are to apply where appropriate.

8.6.1 Management Authority

For the purposes of this Plan, the management authority is Leeton Shire Council, in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 and the Local Government Act 1993.

Where Council's responsibilities have been delegated, the provisions of this Management Plan continue to apply.

8.6.2 Management Issues

The management of the land must take into account the reserve purpose(s) of the land and the purpose for which the land is classified and categorized.

8.6.3 Specific Guidelines

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| Play and Recreational Equipment | Play equipment may be installed or removed. Equipment shall be regularly maintained and kept in a safe condition in accordance with the relevant Australian Standard and Council's Playground and Equipment Upgrade Plan. |
| Mowing | Passive recreational (Park) areas will be mowed in accordance with approvals, manuals or schedules as required. |
| Watering | Watering of the passive recreational (Park) areas shall be undertaken as required and according to specific water restrictions that may be in place. |
| Wet Weather Use | During periods of wet weather, Council may restrict the use of the passive recreational (Park) area to prevent damage to grass surfaces. |
| Hours of Operation | Council may restrict the hours of operation of any area of the passive recreational (Park) areas at its discretion. |
| Alcohol | The occasional sale of alcohol by a sporting committee, club or user group requires the approval of the NSW Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing through the issue of a Limited Licence. The Licence should be provided to Council in each instance. When making application for the use of an active recreational area if the sale of alcohol is intended, applicants are required to comply with any requirements of both the Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing and Council. |
| Companion Animals | Domestic pets may use the land where authorised by signage provided that they are under the control of a responsible person at all times and do not cause loss of amenity to other users of the land, except where specifically publicly notified. Dogs are not permitted within any area that is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • set aside for the playing of organised games, or • within 10 metres of a children's playing apparatus or • within 10 metres of cooking or eating facilities. Dogs are not permitted to be walked off leash unless they are within Council's designated off leash exercise areas. Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land. |

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| Parking | <p>Leeton Racecourse attracts numerous user groups and some car parking is required to be provided within the reserve. Car parking areas should not occupy valuable land but be positioned to minimize the impact on the reserve.</p> <p>Car parking is not to be situated near children's play areas. Existing car parking areas will be maintained to safety standards. Where off street parking occurs within a sportsground, consideration will be given to the provision of parking spaces for people with a disability (in accordance with regulations).</p> <p>Internal roads and parking areas may be constructed or reconstructed to a safe and all weather standard.</p> |
| Neighbours | Council shall endeavour to be a good neighbor and, as far as possible shall consult with adjoining owners in respect of management or other activities which may affect them. |

8.6.4 Buildings and Amenities

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| Native Title Assessment | The terms of the authorisation for the commencement of any building or development activity on the areas of the Leeton Racecourse categorised as Park should include a Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 to be carried out by Council's Native Title Manager. |
| Aboriginal Land Claim | The terms of the authorization for the commencement of any building or development activity on the areas of the Leeton Racecourse categorized as Park should include advice that the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. If a claim is registered on the land activity cannot commence until the claim is resolved. |
| Buildings and Amenities | Buildings and amenities may be provided where consistent with the need to facilitate the use of the land, the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Crown Land Management Act 2016 have been complied with. Buildings and amenities are to be maintained to the highest possible standard. |
| Public Toilets and Amenities | Public toilets are provided and are to be maintained by the Licensee of the Club facility building. |
| Play Equipment and Recreation Equipment | Play equipment shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the relevant Australian Standard and may be replaced or removed as required. |
| Outdoor furniture | Outdoor furniture shall be provided as required and maintained to a safe standard in accordance with any adopted landscape design. |
| Private buildings | Private buildings may be constructed only where there is a lease or licence from Council and that lease or licence specifically makes provision for the use or erection of a private building. Private buildings and the lease areas are to be fully maintained by the user. |
| Public Buildings | Public buildings may be constructed for any purpose ancillary to the purpose of the land, provided that the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Crown Land Management Act |

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| | 2016 have been complied with.. Community facilities may also be permitted. |
| Removal of Buildings or Utilities | Buildings or utilities that are no longer required may be removed by the Council subject to development approval. The land is to be rehabilitated following removal. |
| Horticultural Maintenance | Mowing shall be regularly undertaken as required in accordance with any adopted Council procedures manual. In areas of concentrated use reseeding or turfing may be undertaken as required. |
| Cleaning | Buildings and amenities will be regularly cleaned and maintained in a tidy condition in accordance with any adopted Council procedure manual. |

8.6.5 Infrastructure

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| Native Title Assessment | The terms of the authorisation for the commencement of any infrastructure construction activity on the areas of the Leeton Racecourse categorised as Park, should include a Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 to be carried out by Council's Native Title Manager. |
| Aboriginal Land Claim | The terms of the authorisation for the commencement of any infrastructure construction activity on the areas of the Leeton Racecourse categorised as Park should include advice that the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. If a claim is registered on the land activity cannot commence until the claim is resolved. |
| Infrastructure | Any necessary infrastructure to service purpose of the land may be constructed. |
| Services and Utilities | Services and utilities such as water supply, sewerage, electricity supply, gas and telecommunications may be constructed, maintained or repaired on the land. |
| General Maintenance | General maintenance will match the level and type of use and wherever possible users will be encouraged to help. Areas held under lease, licence or regular occupancy shall be maintained by the user. Existing assets on the land shall be identified and measures taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. The Council may make arrangements for community groups to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on Council's behalf. |
| Energy Efficiency | Measures shall be taken to improve the energy efficiency of all buildings and activities carried out on the land. Measures shall include use of energy efficient lighting, periodic auditing of energy use, and appropriate orientation of any new buildings to incorporate passive solar design principles. |
| Lighting | Where appropriate, adequate lighting shall be provided on the land to ensure public safety and security for buildings and amenities as far as possible. |
| Floodlighting | Floodlights shall be designed and operated to minimize glare and spillage of light to adjoining properties. Where possible floodlights should comply with AS2560. |

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| Fences | Fences may be constructed and shall be in accordance with any standards or guidelines adopted by Council. |
| Signs | Signs may be erected on the land in accordance with State Environmental Policy and any adopted Development Control Code and Policy. |

8.6.6 Access

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| Access and Occupation | The Plan of Management seeks to facilitate access to the land to enable its use for recreational purposes. |
| Access | Access to the land may be limited by Council at times where this may interfere with works or may have an adverse effect on the land. |
| Public Access | Public access to land to which this Plan of Management applies can be denied to assist rehabilitation or protection of special items of significance or where a lease has been granted, but shall not otherwise be denied. |
| Occupation by Adjoining Land Owners | Where Council is aware of occupation or encroachment by private landowners onto the land, measures will be taken to prevent this occurring. |
| Roads and Parking | Roads and parking areas may be constructed or reconstructed to a safe all weather standard. New roads and parking areas may be constructed. In cases where significant new roadworks are proposed, a master plan should be prepared and the works constructed in accordance with the plan. |

8.6.7 Development Activities

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| Native Title Assessment | The terms of the authorisation for the commencement of any development or construction activity on the areas of the Leeton Racecourse categorised as Park, should include a Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 to be carried out by Council's Native Title Manager. |
| Aboriginal Land Claim | The terms of the authorisation for the commencement of any development or construction activity on the areas of the Leeton Racecourse categorised as Park should include advice that the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. If a claim is registered on the land activity cannot commence until the claim is resolved. |
| Development Activities | Development activities shall be undertaken in a way that minimises the area, degree and duration of disturbance, and area are to be restored to the greatest extent practicable. |
| Construction Works | Progressive site stabilisation and restoration shall be undertaken during the construction process. |
| Stockpiling of Materials | Works are to be completed in stages (clearing, topsoil stripping, relocation of topsoil, mulching, planting etc) and shall follow the principle of isolating stockpiles of different materials to prevent contamination. Materials and soil may be stockpiled but only on |

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| | a temporary basis and provided that measures are taken to prevent adverse affects such as soil erosion, introduction of weed species, soil compaction,and the like. Stockpiles are to be more than 5 meters from trees. |
| Nutrients Leached from Building Materials | Materials (including concrete, gravel, topsoil, etc) shall be stockpiled in such a way as to prevent nutrients from leaching into watercourses or into ground water systems. |
| Protection of Trees | Trees to be protected shall be identified prior to any construction and marked appropriately. Measures are to be taken to prevent damage and disturbance to tree roots by cutting of roots, loss of water, soil compaction or build up of soil. Clearing works are to be in accordance with any additional procedures manuals or adopted policies. Tree removal shall be subject to the provisions of Council's Tree Management Policy. |
| New Development Works | New development works such as construction or roads, parking areas, cycleways etc may be undertaken where the works are consistent with the objectives of this plan of management and where any necessary approvals and assessments have been obtained. |
| Fill | As far as possible, no fill should be deposited on the land unless it comes from the same area of parkland and adequate measures are taken to stabilise the fill. Works are to be in accordance with any additional procedures, manuals or adopted policies. |
| Soil Compaction | Measures shall be undertaken to avoid soil compaction arising from construction works and earthworks. Any compaction will be relieved by appropriate methods which may include the use of soil aeration equipment. |

8.6.8 Pollution Control

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| Pollution Control | Management should seek to ensure that no pollution is generated on the land and that adequate measures are taken to prevent adverse impacts from adjoining land. |
| Soil Erosion and Sedimentation | All activities are to ensure adequate controls to prevent soil erosion and sedimentation and are to be inspected periodically. |
| Nutrients | Measures shall be taken to minimise and to control nutrients entering watercourses, water bodies or groundwater. |
| Environmental Protection (noise control, dust, chemicals etc) | Measures shall be taken during any construction or maintenance works on the land to ensure that normal environmental protection, pollution control and health guidelines are met. |
| Litter | Litter shall be regularly collected and removed. Provision shall be made for the provision of litter bins at various locations. It is the responsibility of all users to ensure that the area and surrounds are left in a tidy manner after use. |
| Rubbish Dumping | Rubbish dumping is not permitted. Grass clippings or garden waste is to be disposed of in a manner that does not affect natural vegetation, or encourage the spread of weeds. |
| Irrigation | Irrigation is to be managed on any grassed or mown areas to avoid runoff and a raised water table. |

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| Noise | Noise from events shall be required to comply with noise pollution control requirements in accordance the the Protection of. the Environment Operations Act 1997 and the Protection of the Environment (Noise Control) Regulation 2008.. |
| Drainage | Drainage works are allowed on the land to which this Plan of Management applies. Any works are to comply with any environmental management guidelines adopted by council to minimise the flow of nutrients and pollutants into watercourses. |
| Fertilisers and Pesticides | The use of fertilisers and pesticides may be permitted on land to which this Plan of Management applies, but only where no suitable alternatives exist and no adverse environmental impact is likely to occur. New landscape designs are to minimise the need for these. Notification of use must be given in accordance with Council's adopted Pesticide Use Notification Plan. |
| Removal of Silt | Silt shall be removed from drains and silt traps as necessary. |

8.6.9 Trees, Vegetation and Landscape

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| Trees, Vegetation and Landscape | Proper management of landscaping measures, trees and vegetation is important to provide a high degree of amenity on the land. |
| Trees | Trees will be maintained, as will maintenance of appropriate growing conditions involving management of soil compaction and other encroachments, in accordance with Council's Tree Management Policy. |
| Tree Planting and Removal | Trees may be planted, removed or replaced. In replacing trees, regard will be had to endorsed plans and policies outlining preferred species. Tree planting maintenance, removal and replacement shall be in accordance with adopted standards, codes, manuals or policies. |
| Tree Protection | Appropriate protection such as guards and barriers shall generally be provided for all new plantings as may be required. |
| Landscape Design | Landscape design will be subject to approval by Council. |
| Gardens | Gardens may be constructed and maintained on the land. |
| Weed Control | Weed control shall be by both taking preventative measures and active control measures. Prevention of weed infestation shall be by minimising actions that disturb the ground surface and discouraging the conditions that encourage weeds. Measures shall be taken to prevent the dispersion of weeds by fill or the transport of seeds on machinery. Control measures which are acceptable include physical removal or slashing, accepted biological control techniques, bush regeneration, or chemical spraying where Council is satisfied that there will be no adverse residual effects and no adverse effect on human health will occur. |
| Bushfire Hazard Reduction | Where a bushfire hazard is identified on the land measure shall be taken to reduce the bushfire hazard. |

8.6.10 Information, Monitoring and Research

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| Information monitoring and Research | Monitoring and collection of information relating to the land to which the Plan of Management applies are important to enable good management. |
| Education and Research | Where a demonstrated need has been identified, an educational programme shall be developed to encourage use appropriate to the purpose to all or part of the land to which this Plan of Management applies. |
| Monitoring | Management arrangements shall be implemented to regularly monitor the use of the land, environmental conditions and facilities. |
| Surveys | Surveys of visitation and/or satisfaction with the facilities may be undertaken to facilitate the management and use of the land. |

8.7 Leases, Licences and Other Estates

This Plan of Management **expressly authorises** the issue of Leases, Licences and other Estates over the areas of the Leeton Racecourse categorized as Park, provided that:

- the purpose is consistent with the reserve purpose of the land
- the purpose is consistent with the core objectives for the category of the land.
- the lease, licence or other estate is for a permitted purpose listed in the Local Government Act 1993 or the Local Government Regulations 2005.
- the issue of the lease, licence or other estate and the provisions of the lease, licence or other estate can be validated by the provisions of the Native Title Act 1993.
- the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.
- the lease, licence or other estate is granted and notified in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 or the Local Government Regulations 2005.
- the issue of the lease, licence or other estate will not materially harm the use of the land for any of the purposes for which it was dedicated or reserved.

Occupation of the land otherwise than by lease or licence or other estate or for a permitted purpose listed in the Local Government Regulations 2005 is prohibited.

The terms of the authorisation for the lease licence or other estate should include Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993, a search to conclude that the land is not affected by a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 and should ensure the proper management and maintenance of the land and that the interests of Council and the public are protected.

Areas held under lease, licence or regular occupancy shall be maintained by the user. The user will be responsible for maintenance and outgoings as defined in the lease or licence or agreement for use.

DETAILED INFORMATION RESERVE 61839



CATEGORY
GENERAL COMMUNITY USE

9.0 GENERAL COMMUNITY USE

9.1 Introduction

Detailed information relating to categories applicable to the Racecourse Reserve are presented in separate subsections in this part of the Plan of Management.

The Leeton Racecourse is categorised as Sportsground, Park and General Community Use. Council has applied these categorisations in accordance to the areas shown on the map below, with the General Use area represented in blue.



This Plan of Management applies to the areas used for General Community Use as well as the structures associated with them.

As well as horse racing activities the Leeton Racecourse forms part of a network of structured, Community facilities that are valuable resources within the Leeton Shire.

9.2 Core Objectives

The core objectives of the Local Government Act 1993 in relation to land categorized as General Community Use are as follows:

- To promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:
 - a. in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and
 - b. in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with public utilities).

9.2.1 Core Objectives and Performance Targets

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| <p>To promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) In relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual members of the public; and b) In relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities). | <p>Development of the reserves in accordance with this plan.</p> | <p>All works are completed and minimal negative feedback is received.</p> |

9.3 Development and Use

Based on legislative and corporate goals, community needs and expectations, and the values and assets of the general community use areas themselves, the following broad primary objectives have been identified:

- To ensure management of General Community Use areas takes into consideration the principles of Crown Land management.
- To provide for public safety.
- To efficiently and effectively manage public assets.
- To provide the wider community with sufficient appropriate access to General Community Use areas.
- To encourage community involvement in the management of General Community Use areas.
- To maintain the scenic, educational, aesthetic, cultural and heritage values of General Community Use areas.

The General Community Use areas facilitate formal and informal activities ancillary to the sportsground and park areas of the reserve. It provides an opportunity to access a number of buildings and areas integral to the racetrack and recreation areas.

The areas are mostly grassed with excellent grass cover in good condition.



9.3.1 Functional Areas

The Carparking Area

The carparking area is graded and set within avenues of trees that provide shade. The carparking area is well kept and in very good condition.



Work Machinery Shed adjacent to stables

A corrugated metal work machinery shed adjacent to the stables area provides general storage for machinery. The shed is in new or as new condition.



Storage Shed/Pump Shed

Storage is located at the entrance to the Racecourse. This storage area is used for long term storage of items for race days and events. The shed was built in the early 1950's is constructed of corrugated iron and is in reasonable condition.



Hockey Toilets/ Change Rooms

The Hockey Toilets are located at the far end of the carparking area. These facilities are used primarily for sports related events on the adjacent inner track area. There are male and female toilets. The toilets were constructed in 1988, are of brick construction with corrugated metal roofing and is in as new or new condition.

Male: 1 four (4) bay urinal, 2 toilet stalls, 1 shower stall, 1 change room, 2 sinks.

Female: 2 toilet stalls, 1 tiled shower stall, 1 change room, 2 sinks.



9.3.2 Racecourse Complex

| BUILDING DESCRIPTION | YEAR BUILT | CONDITION RATING | CATEGORY |
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| Administration Office/Cottage | 1950 | 1 | General Community Use |
| Pump Shed | 1951 | 4 | General Community Use |
| Toilet Amenities (adjacent to bar room) | 1952 | 2 | General Community Use |
| Betting Ring | 1988 | 1 | General Community Use |
| Awning/Shelter | 2002 | 1 | General Community Use |
| Rotunda | 1945 | 5 | General Community Use |
| Horse Stalls/Stables | 2009 | 1 | General Community Use |
| Bar Room | 2011 | 1 | General Community Use |
| Toilet Block (Hockey Toilets) | 1988 | 1 | General Community Use |
| Judges Box/Photo Room | 1948 | 1 | General Community Use |
| Grandstand/Storage | 1951 | 4 | General Community Use |
| Maintenance Storage Sheds | 2005 | 1 | General Community Use |

| CONDITION RATING KEY | DESCRIPTION |
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| 1 | New or as New |
| 2 | Good Condition |
| 3 | Average Condition |
| 4 | Poor Condition |
| 5 | Very Poor/End of Life |



1. OFFICE/WOMEN'S JOCKEYS CHANGING ROOMS
2. AWNING/SHELTER
3. BETTING RING
4. GRANDSTAND
5. HORSE STALLS/STABLES
6. BAR ROOM
7. AMENITIES
8. MAINTENANCE/STORAGE SHEDS
9. ROTUNDA
10. JUDGES BOX/PHOTO ROOM

The Betting Ring

The betting ring comprises steel pole and frame and steel web truss construction, concrete floor and corrugated iron roofing. The betting ring was erected in 2015 and is in new or as new condition.

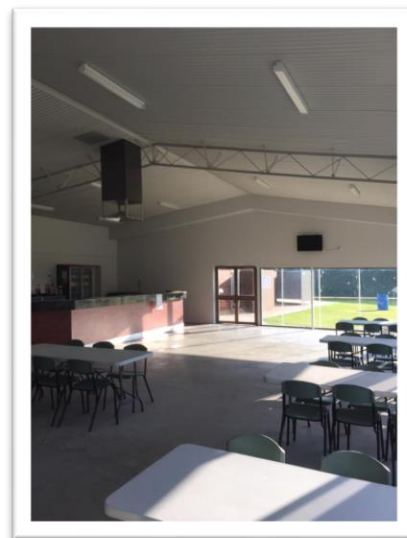


The Bar Room and Canteen

The Bar Room and Canteen was constructed in 2011 to replace an existing open air bar facility. The Bar Room is of galvanized steel construction and consists of a bar, coolroom, canteen/kitchen, and tables and chair area. The bar room is in new or as new condition and is used on race days and for various community events.



Bar Room and Canteen

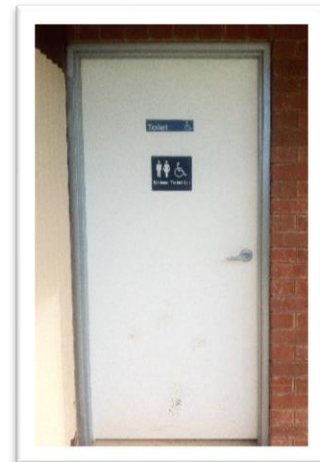


Bar Room and Canteen
Interior

Bar Room Toilet Amenities

The construction of the toilet amenities is constructed of brick with corrugated metal roofing and concrete flooring. The toilet amenities have a lockable steel gate. The amenities consist of male, female and disabled toilet.

Male: 3 toilet stalls, 2 four (4) bay urinals, 2 shower stalls, 2 hand sinks.
Female: 9 toilet stalls, 1 shower stall, 2 sinks.
Disabled: 1 toilet and handbasin.



Although constructed in 1952 the amenities are structurally sound and in good condition.

Administration Office/Cottage

The administration cottage is constructed of brick with a corrugated metal roofing and enclosed sunroom area. The administration cottage consists of a male jockey room, stewards room, secretaries office, committee room and a one bedroom flat area which is presently being used as a female jockeys room/caretakers area.



Stewards Room/Secretaries Office



Administration Office/Cottage

The administration office/cottage is in new or as new condition.

The Awning Shelter/Sponsors Area

The awning shelter/sponsors area was constructed in 2002 and is of corrugated metal construction with shade cloth. The building provides additional shelter for race days and events and is in new or as new condition.



Awning Shelter exterior



Awning Shelter interior

Horse Stables/Stalls

Construction of the horse stalls/stables are in part corrugated metal and metal pole and in part of concrete block construction. There are 93 tie up stalls used primarily on race days. The horse stalls/stables are in new or as new condition.



Horse Stables/Stalls

Rotunda

The Rotunda was constructed in 1945 and is a simple structure of wood and iron construction with cement flooring.



Rotunda

Judges Box/Photo Room

The judges box/photo room was originally constructed in 1948 of corrugated steel and steel pole construction the structure is in as new or new condition.



Judges Box/Photo Room

The Grandstand and Storage

Council has undertaken an asbestos removal project on the Grandstand, it was noted that a number of structural timbers columns of the grandstand were not square to the building. A full structural survey of the Grandstand was undertaken which identified a number of issues that need to be addressed. The estimated cost of repairs to the building is in the vicinity of \$240,000. The Leeton Jockey Club and Council have sought and continue to seek grant opportunities to restore the grandstand for use. In the meantime until funding for structural repairs is realised, the grandstand is not available for use by the public.



9.4 Future Infrastructure and Facilities

Subject to budget availability Council may construct or approve construction by others of a variety of facilities on the land, provided that the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, the Crown Land Management Act 2016 and the Native Title Act 1993 have been complied with.

The purpose of the facilities shall be to support activities and uses that are consistent with the core objectives of the land category and the reserve purpose and shall not materially harm the land for the purpose for which it was dedicated or reserved.

Proposed development and projects by sporting/community groups must be in line with Council's strategic plans and depending on the scope of the project, Council may request that a written proposal be submitted outlining a description of the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for the proposed works, future maintenance requirements and other elements relevant to the project.

All construction and alteration must have Council's Native Title Manager's written advice in relation to Native Title and Aboriginal Land Claims and must be approved by Council in writing on every occasion.

9.5 Administration

| Administration | |
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| Staff Resources | Council shall seek to provide adequate staff resources for the management of the land in accordance with this Plan of Management. Staff shall have appropriate qualifications and/or experience. |
| Environmental Assessment of Activities | The environmental impact of activities carried out on the land will be assessed having regard to the requirements under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act. |
| Role of Other Authorities | Other government authorities may have responsibilities or involvement in the management of the land or of immediately adjacent land. This will be taken into account and, where appropriate consultation will take place with relevant authorities. |
| Activities Carried Out by Other Authorities | Where activities are carried out on the land by other authorities, Council will make the authorities aware of the provisions of this Plan of Management and will seek to ensure that any activities are compatible with the objectives and guidelines of this Plan of Management. |
| Community Involvement in Management | Where appropriate Council may undertake community consultation subsequent to the making of this Plan of Management and may give community groups a role in management. |
| Contract and Volunteer Labour | In managing the land Council may use contract and volunteer labour but shall ensure that supervisors have appropriate qualifications and/or experience, and are made aware of the requirements of this plan. |
| Delegation of Management Responsibilities | Where management responsibilities are delegated by the Council a requirement of the delegation shall be that the provisions of this Plan of Management are complied with. |
| Easements | The Council may grant easements for the provision of services over, or on the land provided that the land is not subject to Aboriginal Land Claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 and a Native Title assessment has been carried out by Council's Native Title Manager and the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Crown Land Management Act 2016 have been complied with. |
| Existing Assets | Existing assets on the land shall be identified and measure taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. Council may make arrangement for community groups and users to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on Council's behalf. |
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| Public Liability | Council will maintain public liability insurance for the land. All users of the land will be required to take out public liability insurance for a sum of not less than \$20m. |
| Public Safety | Reasonable measures will be taken by Council to ensure and maintain the public safety of persons using the land. |
| Commercial Activities | Commercial activities may be carried out on the land, provided that such is ancillary of the land for a purpose authorised under this Plan of Management and is subject to prior Council consent. |

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| Emergencies | This Plan of Management authorises any necessary activities to be carried out during declared emergencies as may be decided by the General Manager or delegate. Following carrying out of any activities, periodic monitoring will be undertaken, and rehabilitation works undertaken if necessary. |
| Occupation by Adjoining Land Owners | Where Council is aware of occupation or encroachment by private landowners onto the land, measure will be taken to prevent this occurring. |
| Land Proposed for Future Development | Land proposed in any of Council's plans for future development for a specific purpose may be utilized for other purposes on an interim basis until required for that purpose. |
| Undeveloped Areas | Land to which this Plan of Management applies that is undeveloped and unused for the purpose of the land may upon assessment be used for any activity that does not prevent or inhibit future use for the purpose of the land, including tree planting and mowing, |
| Information Monitoring and Research | Monitoring and collection of information relating to the land to which the Plan of Management applies are important to enable good management. |
| Education and Research | Where a demonstrated need has been identified, an educational programme shall be developed to encourage use appropriate to the purpose to all or part of the land to which this Plan of Management applies. |
| Monitoring | Management arrangements shall be implemented to regularly monitor the use of the land, environmental conditions and facilities. |
| Surveys | Surveys of visitation and/or satisfaction with the facilities may be undertaken to facilitate the management and use of the land. |

9.6 Management Policies and Guidelines

The management policies and guidelines applying to the Leeton Racecourse General Community Use areas are outlined in this section of the Plan of Management. Some matters are subject to additional adopted policies and procedures and these are to apply where appropriate.

9.6.1 Management Authority

For the purposes of this Plan, the management authority is Leeton Shire Council, in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 and the Local Government Act 1993.

Where Council's responsibilities have been delegated, the provisions of this Management Plan continue to apply.

9.6.2 Management Issues

The management of the land must take into account the reserve purpose(s) of the land and the purpose for which the land is classified and categorized.

9.6.3 Specific Guidelines

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| Play and Recreational Equipment | Play equipment may be installed or removed. Equipment shall be regularly maintained and kept in a safe condition in accordance with the relevant Australian Standard and Council's Playground and Equipment Upgrade Plan. |
| Mowing | General Community Use areas will be mowed in accordance with approvals, manuals or schedules as required. |
| Watering | Watering of the General Community Use areas shall be undertaken as required and according to specific water restrictions that may be in place. |
| Wet Weather Use | During periods of wet weather, Council may restrict the use of the General Community Use areas to prevent damage to grass surfaces. |
| Hours of Operation | Council may restrict the hours of operation of any area of the General Community Use areas at its discretion. |
| Alcohol | The occasional sale of alcohol by a sporting committee, club or user group requires the approval of the NSW Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing through the issue of a Limited Licence. The Licence should be provided to Council in each instance. When making application for the use of an active recreational area if the sale of alcohol is intended, applicants are required to comply with any requirements of both the Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing and Council. |
| Companion Animals | <p>Domestic pets may use the land where authorised by signage provided that they are under the control of a responsible person at all times and do not cause loss of amenity to other users of the land, except where specifically publicly notified.</p> <p>Dogs are not permitted within any area that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • set aside for the playing of organised games, or • within 10 metres of a children's playing apparatus or • within 10 metres of cooking or eating facilities. <p>Dogs are not permitted to be walked off leash unless they are within Council's designated off leash exercise areas.</p> <p>Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land.</p> |
| Parking | <p>Leeton Racecourse attracts numerous user groups and some car parking is required to be provided within the reserve. Car parking areas should not occupy valuable land but be positioned to minimise the impact on the reserve.</p> <p>Car parking is not to be situated near children's play areas. Existing car parking areas will be maintained to safety standards.</p> <p>Where off street parking occurs within a sportsground, consideration will be given to the provision of parking spaces for people with a disability (in accordance with regulations).</p> |

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| | Internal roads and parking areas may be constructed or reconstructed to a safe and all weather standard. |
| Neighbours | Council shall endeavour to be a good neighbor and, as far as possible, shall consult with adjoining owners in respect of management activities which may affect them. |

9.6.4 Buildings and Amenities

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| Native Title Assessment | The terms of the authorisation for the commencement of any building or development activity on the areas of the Leeton Racecourse categorised as General Community Use, should include a Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 to be carried out by Council's Native Title Manager. |
| Aboriginal Land Claim | The terms of the authorization for the commencement of any building or development activity on the areas of the Leeton Racecourse categorized as General Community Use should include advice that the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. If a claim is registered on the land activity cannot commence until the claim is resolved. |
| Buildings and Amenities | Buildings and amenities may be provided where consistent with the need to facilitate the use of the land, the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Crown Land Management Act 2016 have been complied with. Buildings and amenities are to be maintained to the highest possible standard. |
| Public Toilets and Amenities | Public toilets are provided and are to be maintained by the Licensee of the Club facility building. |
| Play Equipment and Recreation Equipment | Play equipment shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the relevant Australian Standard and may be replaced or removed as required. |
| Outdoor furniture | Outdoor furniture shall be provided as required and maintained to a safe standard in accordance with any adopted landscape design. |
| Private buildings | Private buildings may be constructed only where there is a lease or licence from Council and that lease or licence specifically makes provision for the use or erection of a private building. Private buildings and the lease areas are to be fully maintained by the user. |
| Public Buildings | Public buildings may be constructed for any purpose ancillary to the purpose of the land, provided that the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Crown Land Management Act 2016 have been complied with.. Community facilities may also be permitted. |
| Removal of Buildings or Utilities | Buildings or utilities that are no longer required may be removed by the Council subject to development approval. The land is to be rehabilitated following removal. |
| Horticultural Maintenance | Mowing shall be regularly undertaken as required in accordance with any adopted Council procedures manual. In |

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| | areas of concentrated use reseeding or turfing may be undertaken as required. |
| Cleaning | Buildings and amenities will be regularly cleaned and maintained in a tidy condition in accordance with any adopted Council procedure manual. |

9.6.5 Infrastructure

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| Native Title Assessment | The terms of the authorisation for the commencement of any infrastructure construction activity on the areas of the Leeton Racecourse categorised as General Community Use should include a Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 to be carried out by Council's Native Title Manager. |
| Aboriginal Land Claim | The terms of the authorization for the commencement of any infrastructure construction activity on the areas of the Leeton Racecourse categorized as General Community Use should include advice that the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. If a claim is registered on the land activity cannot commence until the claim is resolved. |
| Infrastructure | Any necessary infrastructure to service purpose of the land may be constructed. |
| Services and Utilities | Services and utilities such as water supply, sewerage, electricity supply, gas and telecommunications may be constructed, maintained or repaired on the land. |
| General Maintenance | General maintenance will match the level and type of use and wherever possible users will be encouraged to help. Areas held under lease, licence or regular occupancy shall be maintained by the user. Existing assets on the land shall be identified and measures taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. The Council may make arrangements for community groups to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on Council's behalf. |
| Energy Efficiency | Measures shall be taken to improve the energy efficiency of all buildings and activities carried out on the land. Measures shall include use of energy efficient lighting, periodic auditing of energy use, and appropriate orientation of any new buildings to incorporate passive solar design principles. |
| Lighting | Where appropriate, adequate lighting shall be provided on the land to ensure public safety and security for buildings and amenities as far as possible. |
| Floodlighting | Floodlights shall be designed and operated to minimize glare and spillage of light to adjoining properties. Where possible floodlights should comply with AS2560. |
| Fences | Fences may be constructed and shall be in accordance with any standards or guidelines adopted by Council. |
| Signs | Signs may be erected on the land in accordance with State Environmental Policy and any adopted Development Control Code and Policy. |

9.6.6 Access

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| Access and Occupation | The Plan of Management seeks to facilitate access to the land to enable its use for its reserved purposes. |
| Access | Access to the land may be limited by Council at times where this may interfere with works or may have an adverse effect on the land. |
| Public Access | Public access to land to which this Plan of Management applies can be denied to assist rehabilitation or protection of special items of significance or where a lease has been granted, but shall not otherwise be denied. |
| Occupation by Adjoining Land Owners | Where Council is aware of occupation or encroachment by private landowners onto the land, measures will be taken to prevent this occurring. |
| Roads and Parking | Roads and parking areas may be constructed or reconstructed to a safe all weather standard. New roads and parking areas may be constructed. In cases where significant new roadworks are proposed, a master plan should be prepared and the works constructed in accordance with the plan. |

9.6.7 Development Activities

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| Native Title Assessment | The terms of the authorisation for the commencement of any development or construction activity on the areas of the Leeton Racecourse categorised as General Community Use, should include a Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 to be carried out by Council's Native Title Manager. |
| Aboriginal Land Claim | The terms of the authorization for the commencement of any development or construction activity on the areas of the Leeton Racecourse categorized as General Community Use should include advice that the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983. If a claim is registered on the land activity cannot commence until the claim is resolved. |
| Development Activities | Development activities shall be undertaken in a way that minimises the area, degree and duration of disturbance, and area are to be restored to the greatest extent practicable. |
| Construction Works | Progressive site stabilisation and restoration shall be undertaken during the construction process. |
| Stockpiling of Materials | Works are to be completed in stages (clearing, topsoil stripping, relocation of topsoil, mulching, planting etc) and shall follow the principle of isolating stockpiles of different materials to prevent contamination. Materials and soil may be stockpiled but only on a temporary basis and provided that measures are taken to prevent adverse affects such as soil erosion, introduction of weed species, soil compaction, and the like. Stockpiles are to be more than 5 meters from trees. |
| Nutrients Leached from Building Materials | Materials (including concrete, gravel, topsoil, etc) shall be stockpiled in such a way as to prevent nutrients from leaching into watercourses or into ground water systems. |

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| Protection of Trees | Trees to be protected shall be identified prior to any construction and marked appropriately. Measures are to be taken to prevent damage and disturbance to tree roots by cutting of roots, loss of water, soil compaction or build up of soil. Clearing works are to be in accordance with any additional procedures manuals or adopted policies. Tree removal shall be subject to the provisions of Council's Tree Management Policy. |
| New Development Works | New development works such as construction or roads, parking areas, cycleways etc may be undertaken where the works are consistent with the objectives of this plan of management and where any necessary approvals and assessments have been obtained. |
| Fill | As far as possible, no fill should be deposited on the land unless it comes from the same area of parkland and adequate measures are taken to stabilise the fill. Works are to be in accordance with any additional procedures, manuals or adopted policies. |
| Soil Compaction | Measures shall be undertaken to avoid soil compaction arising from construction works and earthworks. Any compaction will be relieved by appropriate methods which may include the use of soil aeration equipment. |

9.6.8 Pollution Control

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| Pollution Control | Management should seek to ensure that no pollution is generated on the land and that adequate measures are taken to prevent adverse impacts from adjoining land. |
| Soil Erosion and Sedimentation | All activities are to ensure adequate controls to prevent soil erosion and sedimentation and are to be inspected periodically. |
| Nutrients | Measures shall be taken to minimise and to control nutrients entering watercourses, water bodies or groundwater. |
| Environmental Protection (noise control, dust, chemicals etc) | Measures shall be taken during any construction or maintenance works on the land to ensure that normal environmental protection, pollution control and health guidelines are met. |
| Litter | Litter shall be regularly collected and removed. Provision shall be made for the provision of litter bins at various locations. It is the responsibility of all users to ensure that the area and surrounds are left in a tidy manner after use. |
| Rubbish Dumping | Rubbish dumping is not permitted. Grass clippings or garden waste is to be disposed of in a manner that does not affect natural vegetation, or encourage the spread of weeds. |
| Irrigation | Irrigation is to be managed on any grassed or mown areas to avoid runoff and a raised water table. |
| Noise | Noise from events shall be required to comply with noise pollution control requirements. |
| Drainage | Drainage works are allowed on the land to which this Plan of Management applies. Any works are to comply with any environmental management guidelines adopted by Council to minimise the flow of nutrients and pollutants into watercourses. |

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| Fertilisers and Pesticides | The use of fertilisers and pesticides may be permitted on land to which this Plan of Management applies but only where no suitable alternatives exist and no adverse environmental impact is likely to occur. New landscape designs are to minimise the need for these. Notification of use must be given in accordance with Council's adopted Pesticide Use Notification Plan. |
| Removal of Silt | Silt shall be removed from drains and silt traps as necessary. |

9.6.9 Trees, Vegetation and Landscape

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| Trees, Vegetation and Landscape | Proper management of landscaping measures, trees and vegetation is important to provide a high degree of amenity on the land. |
| Trees | Trees will be maintained, as will maintenance of appropriate growing conditions involving management of soil compaction and other encroachments, in accordance with Council's Tree Management Policy. |
| Tree Planting and Removal | Trees may be planted, removed or replaced. In replacing trees, regard will be had to endorsed plans and policies outlining preferred species. Tree planting maintenance, removal and replacement shall be in accordance with adopted standards, codes, manuals or policies. |
| Tree Protection | Appropriate protection such as guards and barriers shall generally be provided for all new plantings as may be required. |
| Landscape Design | Landscape design will be subject to approval by Council. |
| Gardens | Gardens may be constructed and maintained on the land. |
| Weed Control | Weed control shall be by both taking preventative measures and active control measures. Prevention of weed infestation shall be by minimising actions that disturb the ground surface and discouraging the conditions that encourage weeds. Measure shall be taken to prevent the dispersion of weeds by fill or the transport of seeds on machinery. Control measures which are acceptable include physical removal or slashing, accepted biological control techniques, bush regeneration, or chemical spraying where Council is satisfied that there will be no adverse residual effects and no adverse effect on human health will occur. |
| Bushfire Hazard Reduction | Where a bushfire hazard is identified on the land measure shall be taken to reduce the bushfire hazard. |

9.6.10 Information, Monitoring and Research

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| Information monitoring and Research | Monitoring and collection of information relating to the land to which the Plan of Management applies are important to enable good management. |
| Education and Research | Where a demonstrated need has been identified, an educational programme shall be developed to encourage use appropriate to the purpose to all or part of the land to which this Plan of Management applies. |

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| Monitoring | Management arrangements shall be implemented to regularly monitor the use of the land, environmental conditions and facilities. |
| Surveys | Surveys of visitation and/or satisfaction with the facilities may be undertaken to facilitate the management and use of the land. |

9.7 Leases, Licences and Other Estates

This Plan of Management **expressly authorises** the issue of Leases, Licences and other Estates over the areas of the Leeton Racecourse categorized as General Community Use, provided that:

- the purpose is consistent with the core objectives for the category of the land.
- the lease, licence or other estate is for a permitted purpose listed in the Local Government Act 1993 or the Local Government Regulations 2005.
- the issue of the lease, licence or other estate and the provisions of the lease, licence or other estate can be validated by the provisions of the Native Title Act 1993.
- the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983.
- the lease, licence or other estate is granted and notified in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 or the Local Government Regulations 2005.
- the issue of the lease, licence or other estate will not materially harm the use of the land for any of the purposes for which it was dedicated or reserved.

Occupation of the land otherwise than by lease or licence or other estate or for a permitted purposed listed in the Local Government Regulations 2005 is prohibited.

The terms of the authorisation for the lease licence of other estate should include Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993, a search to conclude that the land is not affected by a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 and should ensure the proper management and maintenance of the land and that the interests of Council and the public are protected.

Areas held under lease, licence or regular occupancy shall be maintained by the user. The user will be responsible for maintenance and outgoings as defined in the lease or licence or agreement for use.