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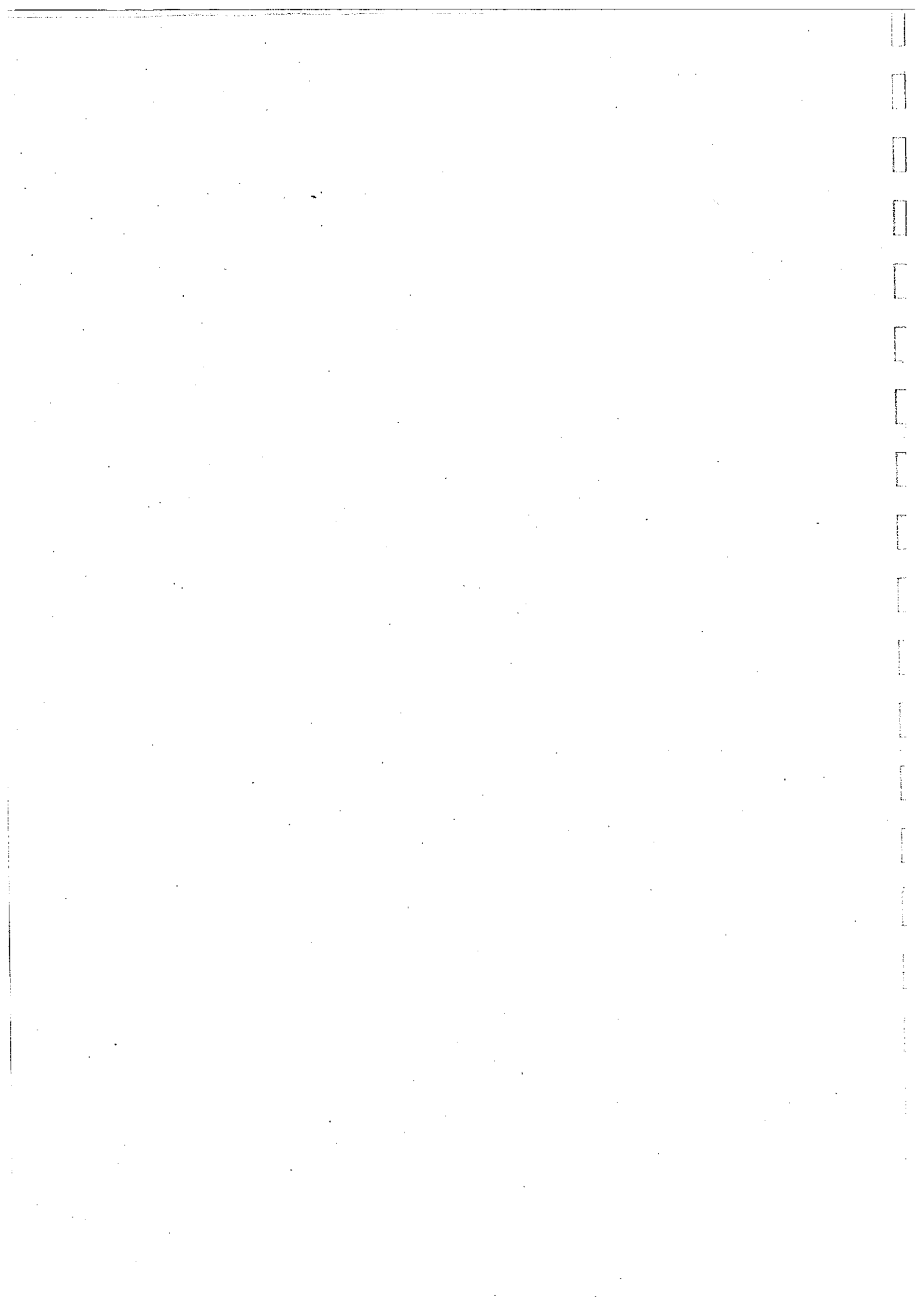
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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Concord Council resolved in October 1997 to prepare a draft Management Action Plan for St Luke's and Cintra Parks. Council commissioned Parkland Environmental Planners and Mather and Associates Landscape Architects to prepare this Management Action Plan in August 1998.

This Management Action Plan is one of three Management Action Plans that have been prepared for significant parks in Concord in 1999-2000.

1.2 Why prepare a Management Action Plan for St Luke's and Cintra Parks?

This Management Action Plan was prepared because Concord Council:

- require a framework to guide day-to-day and long-term decision-making regarding the use and management of St Luke's and Cintra Parks.
- wish to integrate and accommodate the needs of Council (as managers), residents (as neighbours and users), and current and future users of St Luke's and Cintra Parks.
- wish to address ongoing management issues, such as the future use of the former golf driving range in north St Luke's Park.

1.3 To what land does this plan apply?

This Management Action Plan applies to St Luke's and Cintra Parks in Concord, as shown on Figure 1.1.

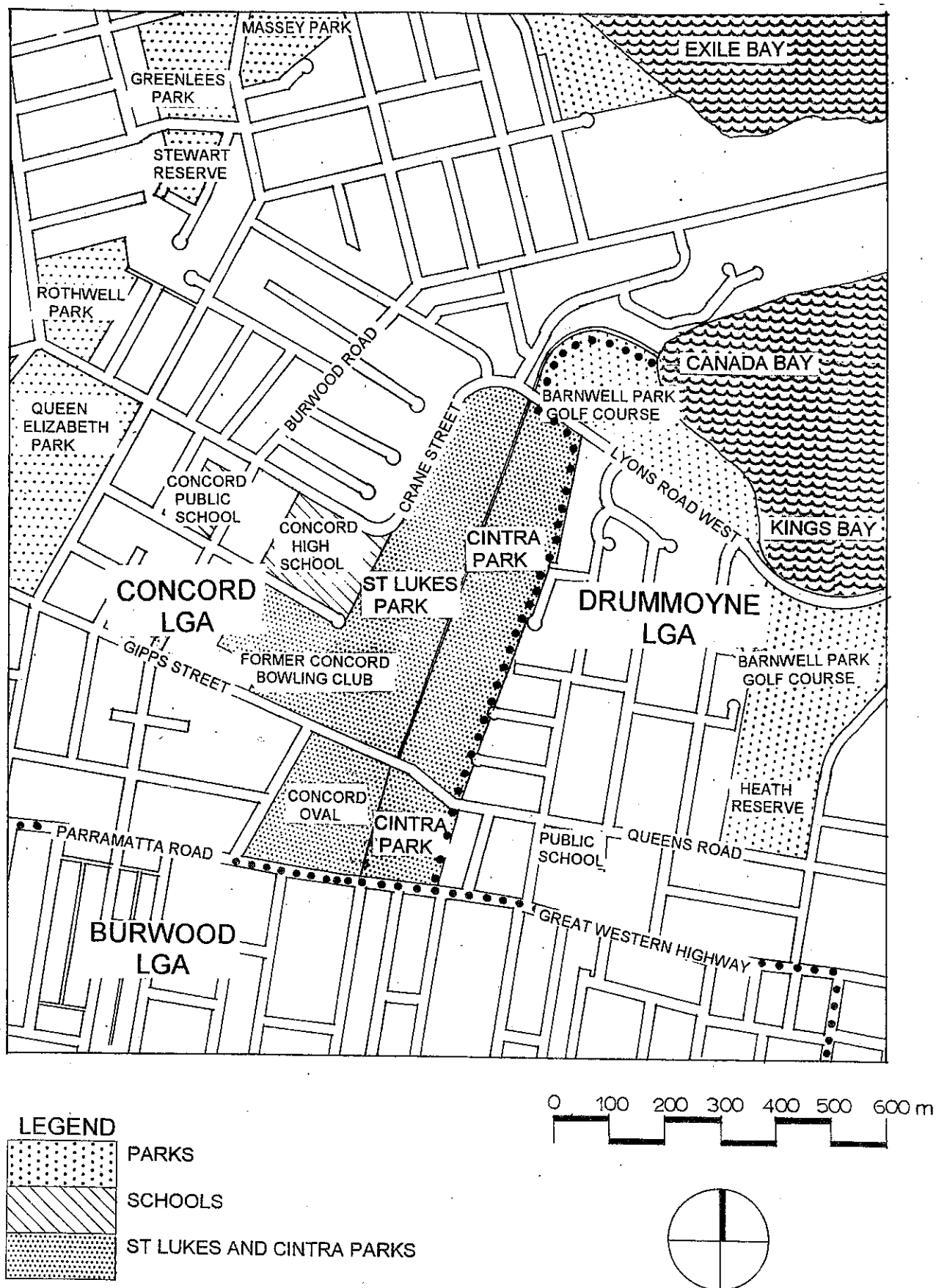
Both parks are considered in this Management Action Plan together, because:

- they adjoin each other. There is no officially recorded boundary between the parks, although the centreline of the stormwater canal is recognised as the line of demarcation.
- they have similar management and maintenance requirements.
- they share pedestrian linkages, both within the parks and also north to the foreshore trail.
- users of sporting facilities in one park use facilities in the other park. For example, users of the netball courts in Cintra Park use the car park in St Luke's Park.

The former East Concord Bowling Club site is not included in this Management Action Plan, because, although it is Crown land adjoining St Luke's Park, it is a separate parcel of land not within the boundaries of the park.

Concord Oval, also known as Waratah Stadium, is considered part of St Luke's Park. However, it is subject to a 40-year lease to the NSW Rugby Union for a further 30 years. Concord Oval is currently used for sporting purposes, and it is expected this will remain the case in future.

The building in north St Luke's Park that is subject to a 30-year lease to the Concord Family and Child-care Co-operative Ltd. for use as a regional children's care centre is not included as part of the park, because the land on which the building is located has been excised from the park by an Act of Parliament. However, access to and use of the child-care centre will impact on St Luke's Park.



1.4 Objectives of this Management Action Plan

Objectives of this Management Action Plan for St Luke's and Cintra Parks are to:

- reflect community values and expectations for future use of the parks.
- cater for the diverse recreation needs of the local community in an efficient and effective way.
- meet legislative requirements for the preparation of Plans of Management for Crown land.
- be consistent with Council's Management Plan, the generic Plan of Management for Concord's Parks, and other Concord Council strategies, plans and policies.
- develop detailed management actions.
- prepare a Landscape Master Plan that illustrates the actions required to implement proposed changes to the parks.

1.5 Process of preparing this Management Action Plan

The process of preparing this Management Action Plan, consultations with stakeholders and the community, and documents produced at each stage, are shown in **Figure 1.2**. A detailed record of the community consultations is outlined in the Consultation Report in **Appendix A**.

The community was given notice of the public exhibition of this Draft Plan of Management as required under Section 113(1) of the *Crown Lands Act, 1989*.

1.6 What is included in this Management Action Plan?

This Management Action Plan is divided into the following sections, as outlined in **Table 1.1**.

Table 1.1: Structure of this Management Action Plan

Section	For whom?	Time-frame	What does it include?
1. Introduction	All readers	up to 5 years	Background
2. Planning context	All readers	up to 5 years	State government planning legislation, local planning context
3. Description of St Luke's and Cintra Parks	All readers	up to 5 years	History, facilities, uses, physical description
4. Basis for Management	Decision-makers	20 years	Goals for managing parks in Concord, values of the community, vision, management objectives
5. Action Plan	Managers, on-site staff	up to 5 years	Landscape Master Plan, actions required to implement management strategies.
6. Implementation and review	Managers	up to 5 years	Leases and licences, future uses and developments, maintenance, review
Appendices	All readers	—	Consultation Report.

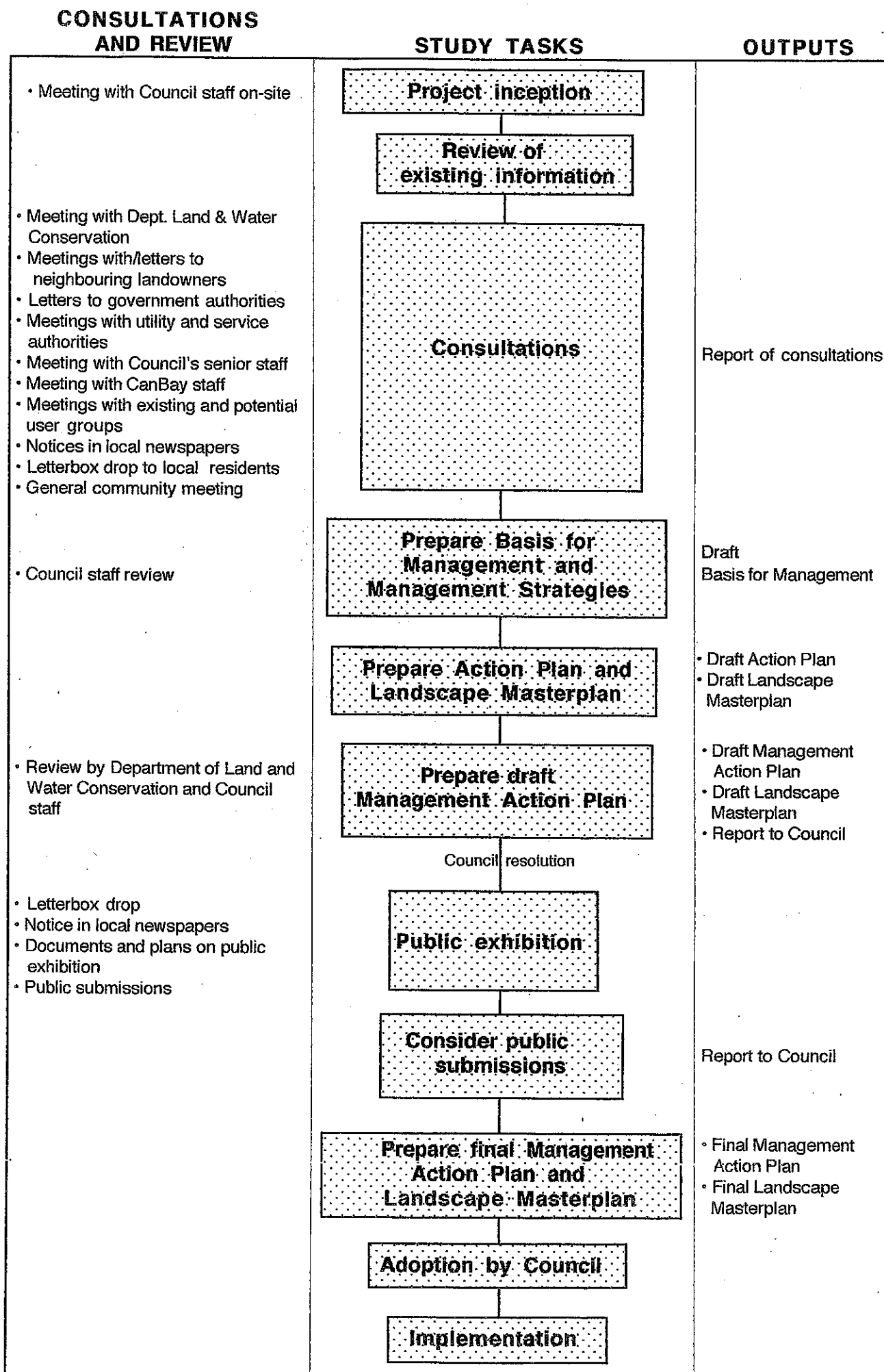


Figure 1.2:
 Process of preparing the Management Action Plan for St Luke's and Cintra Parke

2 PLANNING CONTEXT

2.1 Introduction

This document is called a Management Action Plan in order to differentiate this and other detailed plans for specific areas of community land in Concord from the Plan of Management for Concord's Parks (Manidis Roberts Consultants, 1999). That Plan of Management is currently being updated to meet the requirements of the *Local Government Amendment (Community Land Management) Act 1998*, and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 1999*. Where a reference is made to a Plan of Management below, it also refers to this Management Action Plan.

The State and local planning context of this document is outlined below.

2.2 State government planning legislation

2.2.1 Crown Lands Act

As St Luke's and Cintra Parks are Crown public reserves vested in Concord Council as trustee for their care, control and management, the *Crown Lands Act, 1989* applies to management of the parks. Although Concord Council is not obliged to prepare a Plan of Management for Crown reserves under its care, control and management, Council has requested that a Plan of Management be prepared for St Luke's and Cintra Parks to resolve management issues.

A Management Action Plan will satisfy the requirements of the *Crown Lands Act, 1989* if the following points are addressed:

- the Management Action Plan and its outcomes must incorporate the principles for Crown land management (refer to **Section 4.1**).
- any proposed uses, developments and management practices must conform to the public purpose for the reserve (refer to **Section 3.2**).
- the Management Action Plan must address any matters required by the Minister responsible for the *Crown Lands Act, 1989*. No such requirements have been received from the Minister.
- submissions regarding the draft Management Action Plan will need to be referred to both the Minister for Land and Water Conservation and Concord Council for consideration prior to adoption.

2.2.2 Unhealthy Building Land Act, 1990

The *Unhealthy Building Land Act, 1990* applies to land declared as Unhealthy Building Land by the Environment Protection Authority if the Authority considers it would be prejudicial to health if a building was erected on the land. Further details on how this Act applies to St Luke's and Cintra Parks are in **Section 3.4.2**.

2.3 Local planning context

2.3.1 Zoning and development controls

Uses of and development of facilities within St Luke's and Cintra Parks are governed by the *Concord Planning Scheme Ordinance, 1969* (refer to **Section 3.4**). Other planning controls relating to St Luke's and Cintra Parks are outlined in **Section 3.4**.

2.3.2 Plans of Management and Management Action Plans for Concord's parks

Concord Council has prepared a Plan of Management for Concord's Parks (Manidis Roberts Consultants, 1999) that is currently being updated. This "generic" Plan of Management contains management guidelines for all public (Crown and Council-owned) land in Concord, and specifically for sportsfields, foreshore parks, civic parks and small pocket parks. St Luke's and Cintra Parks are included in the generic Plan of Management for sportsfields, as both parks are used predominantly for sporting uses.

Council is now in the process of developing more detailed Management Action Plans for individual parks and reserves in accordance with the Plan of Management for Concord's Parks. This Management Action Plan follows on from the Plan of Management, being consistent with the values, management goals, desired outcomes, management strategies and actions for sports fields as outlined in the Plan of Management.

The Plan of Management states that Concord Council require Management Action Plans to:

- cover day-day activities that Council will engage in during the normal course of managing St Luke's and Cintra Parks.
- determine maintenance schedules.
- set a framework for design and installation of facilities in the parks.

The Management Action Plans and the Plan of Management are in turn guided by:

- the Concord Recreation Plan (Parkland Environmental Planners and Manidis Roberts Consultants, 1999) which was prepared to guide the provision of recreation facilities and services in Concord to meet existing and future community needs. Expenditure on recreation facilities and park improvements would be guided by Council's Capital Works Program.
- The Concord Social Plan.
- Council's Management Plan, which sets overall objectives and performance targets for recreation and open space management.

2.3.3 Green Web-Sydney

Concord Council has adopted *the Green Web-Sydney: A Vegetation Management Plan for the Sydney Region* (Seidlich, 1997). The document promotes the establishment of a "green web" of native vegetation to protect, conserve and enhance remnant bushland in the Sydney Region. Central to the plan is the establishment of habitat corridors, which link fragmented bushland areas to facilitate migration of wildlife and natural dispersal of native plants. There is an opportunity to implement this plan in St Luke's and Cintra Parks, with links to surrounding remnant bushland areas.

2.4 The Concord community

2.4.1 Characteristics of the community

Recent residential development has resulted in a diverse and rapidly changing community in Concord. The key characteristics of the Concord population in 1996 (Concord Council, 1999) are that it is:

- relatively stable, however increasing numbers of people are moving into new residential developments.
- dominated by older people, with increasing numbers of young couples and families moving into the area.
- ethnically diverse.

The population of Concord East, which includes both parks, has increased by 14% between 1986 and 1996 (Concord Council, 1999). Compared to Concord local government area as a whole, the population of Concord East has a higher proportion of young adults aged 15 to 24 years. There is also a concentration of one-parent families with dependent children, and a large number of single-person households.

Future residential development (especially medium density) in Concord is expected to result in a diverse and rapidly increasing and changing community in the next 25 years. The expected characteristics of the incoming population include an influx of young couples, single parents and couples with young children, "empty nesters", and people from non-English speaking cultural backgrounds, especially from Asia. The implications of demographic changes for the future role of parks and reserves in Concord is that they need to cater for a wide range of changing needs for recreation within the Concord community.

2.4.2 Use of parks in Concord

Use of parks by the Concord community was identified from surveys of residents conducted during the preparation of the Concord Recreation Plan (Parkland Environmental Planners and Manidis Roberts Consultants, 1999), and for the Plan of Management for Concord's Parks. Relevant findings of these surveys are:

- large parks are the second most popular recreation setting in Concord used by residents (58% of adults), after small parks. Sportsfields were used by 31% of adult respondents mainly aged 15 to 24 years, walking/cycling tracks (46% of adult residents), picnic areas (44%), children's playgrounds (27%), tennis courts (17%), and netball courts (5%).
- the most popular activities undertaken in Concord's parks are unstructured informal activities, particularly walking, walking the dog, picnics and barbecues, and children's play.

2.4.3 Suggested improvements to recreation provision in Concord

Residents' suggestions for improvements to Concord's parks and to address recreation needs and gaps in provision, derived from surveys, include:

- extensions to walking, cycling and jogging tracks.
- more and better play equipment, especially near sporting facilities to entertain children while adults play sport.
- recreational activities for youth, including BMX tracks, basketball courts, and opportunities for rollerblading and skateboarding.
- improvements to parks for informal recreation and sport (particularly lighting).
- improvements to and more sporting facilities for cricket, soccer and rugby.
- better management of sporting facilities.
- spaces for outdoor entertainment and events.

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3 DESCRIPTION OF ST LUKE'S AND CINTRA PARKS

3.1 History of the parks

The history of St Luke's and Cintra Parks outlined below in **Table 3.1** was mainly derived from Shaw (1933), Coupe (1983), Karskens (1986) and Council's archive files.

Table 3.1: History of St Luke's and Cintra Parks

pre-1778	Concord Municipality was inhabited by the Wangal clan of the Darug tribe. However, there is no physical evidence of Aboriginal occupation in the area of St Luke's and Cintra Parks. Pre-European vegetation was mangrove and saltmarsh.
1791-1794	The land route between Sydney and Parramatta, known as "The Path", was cleared. Governor Phillip selected a flat area of land along the path at the half-way point between Sydney and Parramatta (including the area now occupied by St Luke's Park, Cintra Park and Concord Oval) as the site for the Longbottom Stockade. Prisoners being transferred between Sydney and Parramatta in handcuffs, and some in leg-irons, were detained overnight in the log stockade (in the area now occupied by Waratah Stadium). The stockade, and government-owned land surrounding it, eventually included a prison, police barracks, government farm and timber mill, agistment land for police horses and government oxen, and a detention centre.
1840-1842	In March 1840, 58 French-Canadian rebels, exiled from Canada for their part in a political uprising in Quebec in 1837-38, were incarcerated in the detention centre due to its relative isolation. The prisoners were employed in timber-getting. They were released in November 1842, pardoned, and some returned to Canada in 1844. The Longbottom Stockade fell into disrepair and served as lockup, mainly for drunks picked up on the Parramatta Road. The stockade ceased its function when a new gaol was built south of Parramatta Road in Burwood.
1843	The Village of Longbottom was surveyed in 1843. Formal plans of the "Village of Longbottom", which included the "ramshackle" settlement that had occurred around the stockade and government farm, were laid before the NSW Executive Council. The village encompassed the area north of Parramatta Road to just beyond Crane Street. The boundaries of the stockade and farm are now occupied by St Luke's and Cintra Parks, but no above-ground remains of the stockade and farm are evident today.
1886	St Luke's and Cintra Parks were dedicated as Crown reserves for public recreation in the NSW Government Gazette on 8 May.
1889	Concord Council was appointed trustee of the parks on 18 January.
1895	The Western Suburbs District Cricket Club was established, playing at Concord Oval.
1900	Western Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club was formed, and used Concord Oval as their home ground for first grade rugby union.
1904	Western Suburbs Amateur Athletics Club was formed, with Concord Oval as their headquarters. The Western Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club started leasing Concord Oval.
early 1900s	Cintra Park was named after "Cintra", the family home of Mr. A.G. Friend of Croydon, a friend and business associate of Councillor Goddard of Concord Council.
1913	The Zoeller Memorial Gates were erected on the western side of Concord Oval at the then entrance to St Luke's Park on 31 December. The gates were dedicated and marked with plaques by the citizens of Concord to the memory of Daniel Zoeller, an alderman of Concord Council between 1883 (date of incorporation of Concord Council) and 1908.
1917-1918	The 1st Concord Scout Group moved from the school hall behind St Luke's Parish hall to committee rooms in the pavilion at St Luke's Oval. The Scout troop then moved to a permanent clubroom in Goddard Park.
early 1920s	A.G. Friend ran Cintra Cricket Club, which moved to St Luke's Park in the early 1920s. St Luke's Park was presumably named after St Luke's Church in Burton Street.

Table 3.1: History of St Luke's and Cintra Parks (cont.)

late 1920s	The mangrove and swamp flats of most of the low-lying land between Gipps Street and Canada Bay began to be reclaimed to "improve" the area. Some original swamp oaks (<i>Casuarina glauca</i>) from this area survive west of the tennis courts in Cintra Park. Reclamation led to the land being developed as a public park and sporting complex. Racehorses were trained there on a small track.
1932	Concord Oval was reconstructed and supplied with an updated lighting scheme, and was opened by B.S.B. Stevens, the Premier of New South Wales. At this time, all classes of sport, including cricket, rugby union and athletics, were being played at Concord Oval. The Western Suburbs District Cricket Club played first-grade cricket on Concord Oval, considering it equal to the Sydney Cricket Ground. The Concord Citizens Band also performed there.
1933	Cricket (on 3 turf and 8 concrete wickets), vigoro, football and hockey were being played at St Luke's Park. A trotting track was also in operation.
1948	I Zingari Cricket Club used Cintra Park, then moved to St Luke's Oval.
1957	Sydney All-Breeds Dog Training Club used St Luke's Park. The Concord Junior Rugby League Football Club's clubhouse was built.
1962	Concord Junior Rugby League Football Club began playing at St Luke's Park.
1966	The Western Suburbs District Netball Association was formed, originally playing on reclaimed land in St Luke's Park.
1967	The Western Suburbs Hardcourt Tennis Association began to use Cintra Park.
1968	Land reclamation was still occurring under the Canada Bay Improvement Scheme.
1972	Cintra Park was used for competitive and social cricket by clubs and schools. Other sports being played include junior rugby league, rugby union, soccer and social football. Western Suburbs Little Athletics Club was formed, and athletes competed at Concord Oval.
1975	Netball courts in Cintra Park (6 asphalt and 27 grass) were being used by the Western Suburbs District Netball Association. The Western Suburbs District Rugby Union Football Club signed a 20-year lease with Concord Council for custodianship of Concord Oval. The club built a grandstand, basketball court and pedestrian bridge into Cintra Park.
early-mid 80s	Western Suburbs Little Athletics Centre moved from Concord Oval to St Luke's Park.
1983	A night golf practice range was established in St Luke's Park.
1987	On 7 July, Mr Tom Uren, Federal Minister for Local Government and Administrative Services, planted a tree in the St Luke's Oval carpark to mark the contribution of the Federal and State government and Concord Council towards a Natural Areas Enhancement Scheme project in St Luke's and Cintra Parks. The project design concept aimed to improve the landscape linking Parramatta Road and the Parramatta River at its closest point by creating an urban woodland on the parkland.
1988	St Luke's Park, between Stanley and Gipps Streets, was registered as a solid waste landfill depot for receipt of local government engineering wastes.
1993	The golf driving range in north St Luke's Park began operations.
1994-1995	Locally-sourced indigenous native plants were planted in Cintra Park.
1996	The golf driving range at north St Luke's Park closed.
2000	Synthetic hockey field, regional childcare centre and athletics throwing facilities were constructed.

3.2 Land ownership

St Luke's and Cintra Parks comprise approximately 27 hectares of Crown land, which are owned by the Department of Land and Water Conservation. The parks were dedicated as Public Reserve No. 500466 for the purpose of Public Recreation in 1886. According to the Department of Land and Water Conservation, the definition of "public recreation" should be defined by this Management Action Plan. The parks have been managed by Concord Council in trust on behalf of the Crown since 1886.

Most of the park area is within Concord local government area, with one small section (Lot 33, DP 241803) on the eastern boundary of Cintra Park being within Drummoyne local government area.

Land has been removed from the parks since their dedication in 1886, for purposes such as road extensions and widening to Gipps Street, utility and service easements, and revocation of land from St Luke's Park in 1999 for a regional childcare centre.

3.3 Locational context

As shown in **Figure 1.1**, St Luke's and Cintra Parks are located in the south-east corner of Concord local government area, within the suburb of Concord. The parks adjoin Drummoyne local government area to the east, and Burwood local government area to the south.

Cintra Park is an elongated parcel of land measuring approximately 900 metres along its north-south axis by 130 metres across its east-west axis. Gipps Street separates what is referred to as south Cintra Park from the remainder of Cintra Park to the north.

St Luke's Park is a T-shaped parcel of land approximately 950 metres north-south by 380 metres east-west.

St Luke's and Cintra Parks are adjoined by a variety of land uses. To the west is the former Concord East Bowling Club, which is Crown land under care, control and management of Concord Council for use as a multi-purpose community centre. Expressions of Interest have been received from community groups wishing to use the building. On-site car parking is planned to be provided.

Residential flats and houses are located on the southern side of Stanley Street. Concord High School is also located in Stanley Street. Walk-up flats are located west of Crane Road around Finch, Evelyn and Corby Avenues.

The Barnwell Park Golf Course is located to the north of the parks. Detached houses within Drummoyne local government area adjoin the eastern side of Cintra Park south to Parramatta Road. Commercial uses are located south of Parramatta Road. On the western side of Waratah Stadium, to the south of St Luke's Park, are residential dwellings.

Recent development of townhouses has occurred to the north of the parks east of Burwood Road. Some residential infill development within walking distance of the parks may occur in future.

3.4 Zoning and planning controls

3.4.1 Zoning and land use controls

Under the *Concord Planning Scheme Ordinance, 1969*, St Luke's and Cintra Parks are zoned 6(a) Open Space (Recreation Existing), except for the stormwater canal dividing the parks. Part of Crane Street adjoining north St Luke's Park is also zoned 6(a), due to a change in the alignment of Crane Street after the *Concord Planning Scheme Ordinance, 1969* was gazetted.

Works that are permitted without development approval within a 6(a) zone are for the purposes of gardening, landscaping or bushfire hazard control. Purposes for which buildings or works may be erected or carried out or used on 6(a) zoned land, subject to conditions imposed by Concord Council, include racecourses, showgrounds and sportsgrounds, parks, children's playgrounds, drill-grounds, gardens, musical entertainment, public refreshment rooms, buildings for public entertainment, grandstands, pavilions, seats, shelter sheds, picnic kiosks, toilets, public baths and dressing facilities. Purposes that may be carried out only with development consent from Concord Council are agriculture, caravan parks, child care, forestry, roads, and utility installations other than for gas. All other purposes are prohibited.

Land within the parks adjoining Gipps Street to the north and south is a "Suspended Area" under *Interim Development Order No. 18 - Municipality of Concord*, which was gazetted on 6 June 1980.

3.4.2 Environmental planning controls

Contaminated land

The NSW Environment Protection Authority has subjected St Luke's and Cintra Parks to Section 55(1) of the *Public Health Act, 1902* which classifies land as "Unhealthy Building Land", which can only be built on with the expressed permission of the NSW Department of Health. Any structures proposed to be erected within an Unhealthy Building Land area will require written formal approval from the Environment Protection Authority under the *Unhealthy Building Land Act, 1990* prior to erection of any structures.

Acid sulfate soils

St Luke's and Cintra Parks are subject to Council's Acid Sulfate Soils Local Environmental Plan. The provisions of the Local Environmental Plan regarding works that involve disturbance of more than one tonne of soil, or are likely to lower the water table, are as follows:

Class of acid sulfate soils	Area affected	Works that require Council consent
2	North St Luke's Park and St Luke's Oval. North Cintra Park and Cintra Park. South Cintra Park, except for narrow strip of land on the eastern side.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works below the natural ground surface. • Works by which the water table is likely to be lowered.
5	St Luke's 1 and 2. Waratah Stadium. Narrow strip of land on the eastern side of Cintra Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works within 500 metres of adjacent Class 1, 2, 3 or 4 land which are likely to lower the water table below 1 metre AHD on adjacent Class 1, 2, 3 or 4 land.

Consent for carrying out the above works is not required if:

- a copy of a preliminary assessment of the proposed works undertaken in accordance with the Acid Sulfate Soils Assessment and Management Guidelines has been given to the Council, and
- Council has provided written advice to the person proposing to carry out works confirming that results of the preliminary assessment indicate that the proposed works need not be carried out pursuant to an acid sulfate soils management plan prepared in accordance with the Acid Sulfate Soils Assessment and Management Guidelines.

3.4.3 Heritage controls

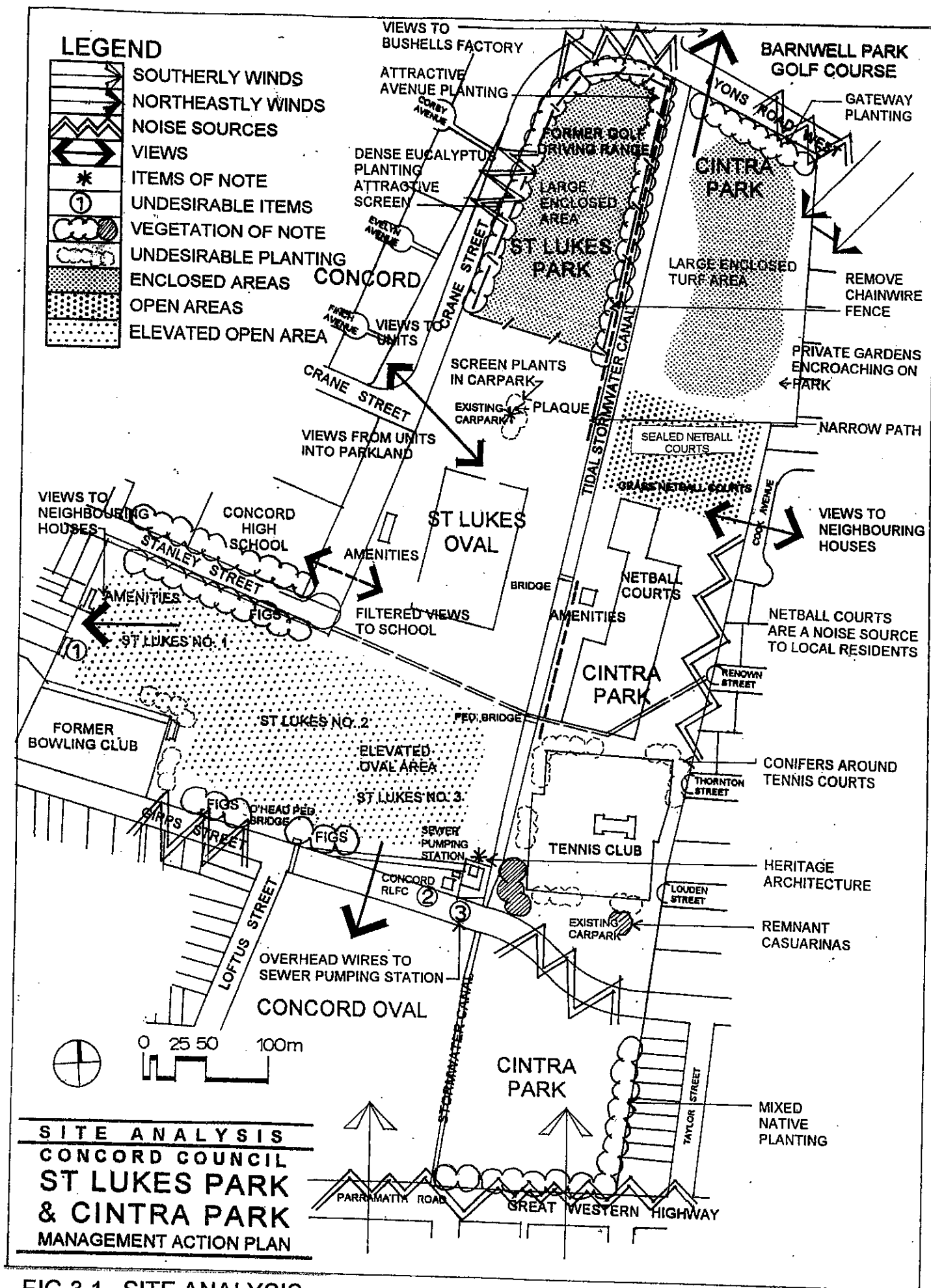
The gates at the former entrance to St Luke's Park have been listed in Schedule 1 of the *Concord Local Environmental Plan No. 103 (Heritage)*.

3.5 Physical description and site appreciation

A physical site analysis of the parks is shown in **Figure 3.1**.

3.5.1 Microclimate

Climatological information was obtained from Sydney Observatory Hill, being the closest weather station to St Luke's and Cintra Parks. Meteorological stations at Homebush Bay and Canterbury have not long been in operation, so meteorological data from these locations would not be as reliable or as long-term as from Observatory Hill.



January is the hottest month, with a mean daily maximum temperature of 25.8°C and a mean daily minimum of 18.6°C. July is the coldest month with a mean daily maximum temperature of 16.1°C and a mean daily minimum of 8.0°C. During winter months the mean daily terrestrial minimum is approximately 5.0°C.

The mean daily hours of sunshine per day ranges from 7.7 hours in November to 5.4 hours in July.

The months from March to June are the wettest on average, with approximately 125mm mean monthly rainfall.

From October to March morning winds are predominantly from the south. From April to September morning winds are from the west and north-west.

In the afternoon from September to April the winds are variable from the north-east sector around to the south, with the dominant winds being north-easterlies. From May to August the dominant winds are from the south and west.

St Luke's and Cintra Parks have an open northerly aspect. Little shade protection is afforded by the established trees located around the perimeters of the spaces.

The parks are very open to the northerly winds. The existing *Ficus* plantings along Gipps Street and Parramatta Road provide some protection to the site from southerly winds. However generally the site is quite open and exposed to the prevailing winds of that season.

3.5.2 Geology and soils

The Sydney 1:100 000 Geological Series Sheet shows the parks are underlain by stream alluvial and estuarine deposits, and deep clay soils of Wianamatta Shale.

All of St Luke's and Cintra Parks, apart from a small area around the bowling club adjoining St Luke's Park have been filled at some time. Much of the park area is formed over reclaimed mangrove and wetland areas, and have been filled with a combination of domestic waste, hard and clean fill.

The filling operations were undertaken in a number of stages. The Canada Bay Improvement Scheme, a joint project between Concord and Drummoyne Councils, was undertaken in the late 1960's and involved the filling of Cintra Park north of Thornton Street with a mix of domestic waste and hard fill from Council projects for the formation of open space.

Soils within the parks are variable as they are derived from the imported fill material. However, clean fill is being used for the south Cintra Park playing fields. Many of the fields have a thin topping of imported topsoil which in places has worn through, exposing the underlying fill materials.

In October 1973, St Luke's Park and Cintra Park were declared Unhealthy Building Land by the Department of Health. Tests undertaken by Woodward Clyde have revealed that parts of the site are affected by hot landfill gas and water vapour. The implications are that measures to reduce the impact of landfill gases and soil contamination must be put in place for future developments within the parks.

3.5.3 Landform and drainage

Most of the park area is reasonably flat and low-lying, ranging from 2.8 metres AHD on St Luke's Oval to just over 10.0 metres AHD near the bowling club on Gipps Street. St Luke's 1,2 and 3 fields were filled in 1988 with solid waste landfill and are at a higher level overlooking St Luke's Oval and Cintra Park.

As much of the parks are formed over reclaimed mangrove swamps, the area is unstable and prone to settlement. Some subsidence has occurred on St Luke's 2.

The cross-fall on the parks generally falls towards the Sydney Water stormwater drainage canal from south Cintra Park to the Gipps Street bridge (the tidal limit), downstream to Lyons Road West/Crane Road, then draining into Canada Bay. A stormwater channel drains from Stanley Street east to the stormwater canal. The field at south Cintra Park also drains to the stormwater canal.

Due to the low-lying nature of the parks, the nature of fill and the shallow grade of the ovals, the sporting fields do not drain well, and are very slow to dry out after prolonged rain periods. Water tends to accumulate after rain on St Luke's Oval, in the stormwater channel south of St Luke's Oval, and in north St Luke's Park.

3.5.4 Flora and fauna

Flora

Prior to land reclamation in the 1960s, the estuary draining into Canada Bay is likely to have supported Grey Mangrove (*Avicennia marina*) in the tidal areas, and River Mangrove (*Aegiceras corniculatum*) further inland where the tidal influence ceased. Saltmarshes landward of the mangroves would have comprised *Sarcocornia quinqueflora* and *Sueda australis*, with *Juncus kraussii* and *Casuarina* around the edges. Swamp Oak (*Casuarina glauca*) river-flat forests would have lined the creeks on the shale-based soils, and Swamp Mahogany (*Eucalyptus robusta*) forests would have grown on the sandier soils.

No significant natural vegetation or habitat remains after land reclamation activities. However, remnants of indigenous Swamp She-oak (*Casuarina glauca*) remain near the tennis courts, where Gipps Street passes over the stormwater canal.

Planting within the parks is a mixture of recently-planted endemic vegetation and older style park planting. Much of the endemic planting has occurred recently and has been undertaken by Greening Australia. This planting is located along Lyons Road West and consists of plantings of *Ficus* sp., *Eucalyptus* sp., *Angophora* sp., *Casuarina* sp., *Melaleuca* sp., and *Acacia* sp. An extensive Council planting program was undertaken in North Cintra Park in the late 1980's utilising similar species to those mentioned above. Existing vegetation around north St Luke's Park is a mix of natives with a few exotic species such as Crepe Myrtle intermixed. Other plantings throughout the parks utilise endemic species and appear to have been planted since the early 1990's.

The dominant trees on the site are those trees that line Stanley and Gipps Street and the east side of Cintra Park south and Parramatta Road. These trees consist of species such as Hills Weeping Fig (*Ficus microcarpa* var. *Hilli*), Brush Box (*Lophostemon confertus*), and *Araucaria* sp.

The entrance to Waratah Stadium is flanked by mature trees, including Moreton Bay Fig and Brush Box.

Council is concerned with the performance of a number of species and planting areas, as a number of species and planting areas are failing suddenly after appearing to establish well. Their initial concern is that the underlying fill material may be affecting the growth of maturing tree plantings.

Sydney Water has placed constraints on planting within the 1:100 flood limit, within 5 metres of the stormwater canal.

The dominant ground cover over the parks is turf grass consisting of kikuyu and couch species.

Fauna

No fauna surveys of the parks have been undertaken. The treed and grassed areas of the parks provide opportunities for fauna feeding and habitat. The parks attract birds, with sightings of ibis, plovers and wild budgerigars among the bird species reported within the parks.

3.5.5 Visual assessment

St Luke's and Cintra Parks form part of the eastern gateway into Concord local government area, from Lyons Road West and Gipps Street. The heavily vegetated areas to the north of St Luke's and Cintra Parks along Lyons Road West and Crane Streets pose an attractive gateway into Concord local government area. The Gipps Street gateway into Concord is less attractive, with the untidy overhead power lines servicing the sewer pumping station, the Concord Junior Rugby League Football Club clubhouse, the unresolved access into the tennis club, and inappropriate fencing styles to the road.

The parks are very open and there is little spatial definition throughout. Recent landscape plantings in north Cintra Park and north St Luke's Park have provided a sense of enclosure.

As the parks and surrounding areas are relatively flat, and there is a perimeter of established trees, there are few views out of the parks, as shown in **Figure 3.1**. Views to the east are of the houses in Canada Bay that back on to the parks. From within the parks, the two landmarks that stand out are the Waratah Stadium grandstands to the south, and the Bushells factory to the north.

3.6 Current facilities and use

3.6.1 Current facilities

Table 3.2 outlines the major and associated facilities in each section of the parks.

Table 3.2: Existing facilities within St Luke's and Cintra Parks

Location	Major facilities	Associated facilities
St Luke's Park		
North St Luke's Park	Carpark between St Luke's Oval and north St Luke's Park. Concord Community Food Services building.	Sealed access road to netball courts in Cintra Park. Unsealed access track to St Luke's Oval amenities block. Shade structure.
St Luke's Oval	Sporting field, including turf cricket wicket, 400 metre athletics track.	Amenities block. Fence around oval. Lighting towers Long-jump pits Throwing circles
St Luke's No. 1	Synthetic cricket wicket Sydney All Breeds Dog Training Club clubhouse. Burwood Pigeon Club clubhouse.	
St Luke's No. 2	Turf cricket wicket Amenities block	3 light towers
St Luke's No. 3	Clubhouse (Concord United Junior Rugby League Football Club) Sewer pumping station	
Concord Oval	Waratah Stadium (rugby field and grandstands for spectators, offices)	Light towers
Between the parks		
	Fenced tidal stormwater canal Walking/cycling path	2 pedestrian bridges across canal.
Cintra Park		
North Cintra Park	Landscaped informal area	
Cintra Park	Netball courts - 16 sealed asphalt, 19 grass Tennis courts - 14 synthetic hardcourt	Clubhouse Lighting Clubhouse Carpark
South Cintra Park	Synthetic hockey field.	Amenities building. Lighting.

3.6.2 Current uses of the parks

Activities

St Luke's and Cintra Parks are used for a variety of sporting and unstructured activities, with a district and local catchment of users.

Responses to a letterbox drop undertaken for this Management Action Plan showed that local residents use the parks for the following activities (in approximate order of popularity):

- Walking.
- Exercising dogs and pets.
- Bike riding on paths and netball courts.
- Running/jogging.
- Children's activities.
- Informal ball games.
- Tennis.
- Watching games and sport.
- Netball.
- School sports - soccer, softball, netball.
- Dog training.
- Cricket.
- Family activities.
- Flying kites.
- Little Athletics.
- Relaxing.
- Basketball.
- Rollerskating/rollerblading.
- Visit circus.
- Watch dog training.
- Watch birds.

Residents adjoining the park, between Cooks Avenue and Lyons Road north, also use the parks as extended gardens.

Seasonal hirers

Current seasonal hirers of facilities within the parks are outlined in **Table 3.3** below.

Table 3.3: Seasonal hirers of St Luke's and Cintra Parks

Fields/ facility	Group	Sport/ activity	Season
St Luke's Oval	I Zingari	Cricket	Summer
	Western Suburbs Little Athletics	Athletics	Summer
	Australian Football League	AFL training	Winter
	West Harbour Rugby Union	Rugby union	Winter
St Luke's No. 1	West Harbour Rugby Union	Rugby union	Winter
	City and Suburban Cricket Association	Cricket	Summer
	St Luke's Concord Cricket Club	Cricket	Summer
	Sydney All Breeds Dog Training Club	Dog training	All year
St Luke's No. 2	West Harbour Rugby Union	Rugby union	Winter
St Luke's No. 3	City and Suburban Cricket Association	Cricket	Summer
	West Harbour Rugby Union	Rugby union	Winter
	Concord Junior Rugby League Football Club	Rugby league	Winter
South Cintra Park	Briars Hockey Club	Hockey	Winter
Cintra Park tennis courts	Western Suburbs Hardcourt Tennis Association	Tennis	All year
Cintra Park netball courts	Inner Western Suburbs District Netball Association	Netball	Winter

Sporting fields are used 3 to 5 nights a week, as well as during the day on weekends.

Infrequent users of north St Luke's Park include the Stardust Circus.

Concord High School use St Luke's 1, 2 and 3 and the netball courts for school sport, and both parks for cross-country running.

3.6.2 Planned facilities and settings

Planned facilities and recreational opportunities that have been planned or approved by Council within the parks are:

- a regional bike track through Cintra Park to Crane Street and north to the foreshore walk as indicated in the Concord Bike Plan (Concord Council, 1998).
- an unleashed dog area designated in north Cintra Park under the *Companion Animals Act*, 1998.

3.7 Leases and licences

Current leases applying to St Luke's and Cintra Parks are outlined in Table 3.4.

Table 3.4: Current leases over St Luke's and Cintra Parks

No.	Leaseholder	Location	Term	Current contract rate	Comments
516	Western Suburbs Hardcourt Tennis Inc.	Cintra Park - part	20 years from 1/1/92	\$35,265 per annum, plus CPI	—
743	Concord United Junior Rugby League Football Club	Portion of St Luke's Park	No fixed term.	\$10 per annum	No formal lease. Permission granted in 1962.
908	Sydney All Breeds Dog Club	St Luke's Park - amenities building	Monthly tenancy	\$240 per annum	—
996	NSW Rugby Union	Concord Oval	40 years from 1/1/90	\$35,375 per annum	—

Source: Concord Council Management Plan 1999-2002.

The Burwood Pigeon Club is thought to have a lease over the building the club uses on St Luke's 1, although Concord Council and the Department of Land and Water Conservation have no record of the lease agreement.

Concord Community Food Services is a permissible occupancy of the building they use in north St Luke's Park, and so does not require a lease.

Licences are granted by Council for sporting activities, tent events and other short-term uses of the parks.

3.8 Access, circulation and parking

Access to, and circulation and parking within St Luke's and Cintra Parks are shown on Figure 3.2.

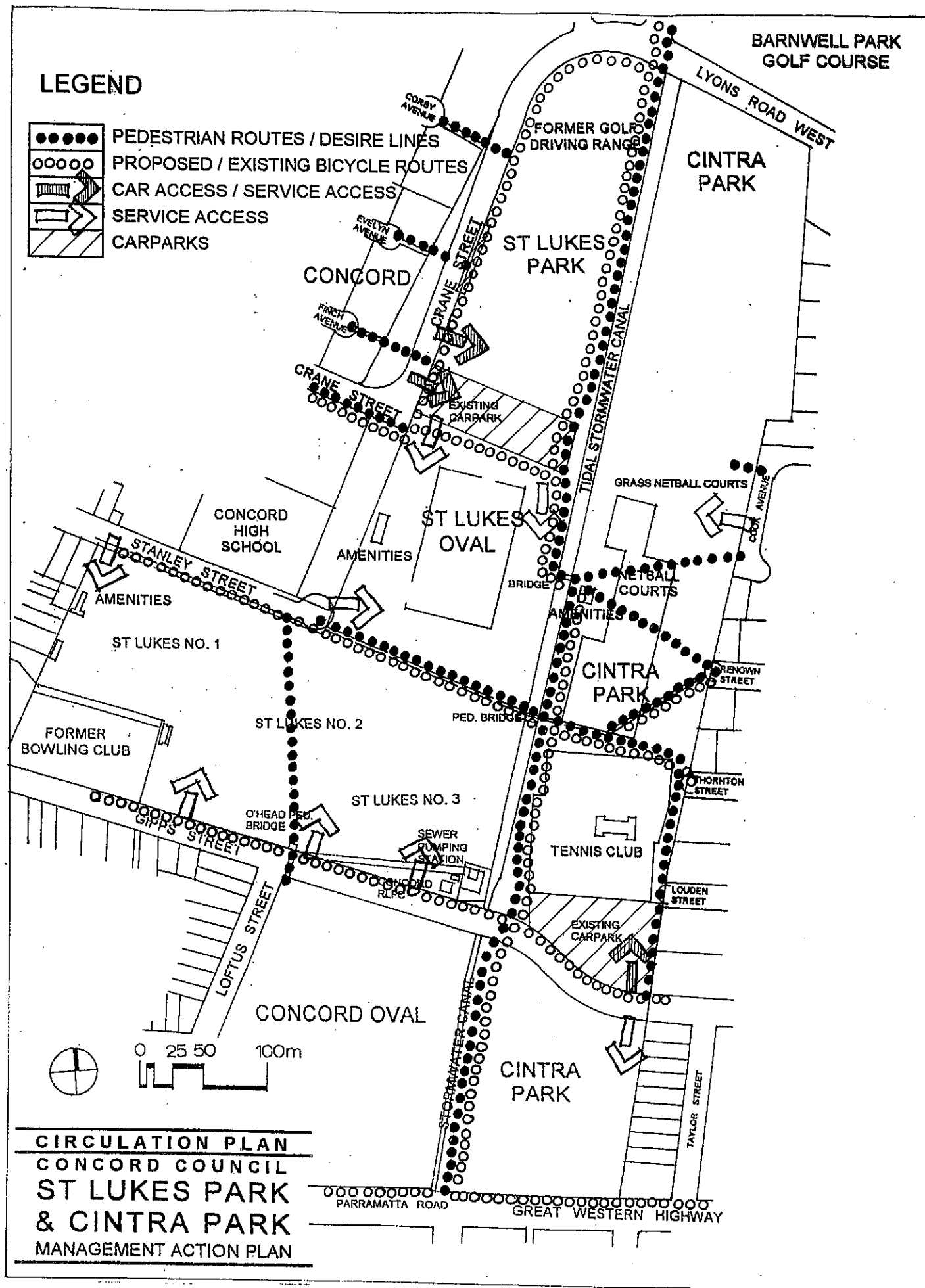


FIG 3.2 CIRCULATION PLAN

3.8.1 Access to the parks

St Luke's and Cintra Parks are easily accessed by private and public transport from surrounding suburbs. Major vehicle thoroughfares adjoining or traversing the parks east-west are Parramatta Road to the south, Gipps Street, and Crane Road/Lyons Road west to the north. Public bus routes operate along Parramatta Road and Burwood Road.

3.8.2 Pedestrian and cycle routes

There are numerous walking and cycleway links through the parks. Pedestrian and cycle access is available from local streets, including Stanley Street, Gipps Street, Crane Road, Lyons Road West, Loftus Street, Loudon Street, Thornton Street, Renown Street and Cook Avenue.

The walking and cycling path from Gipps Street (adjacent to the stormwater canal) through St Luke's and Cintra Parks links with the foreshore trail north to Prince Edward Park.

A footbridge connects Concord Oval and St Luke's Park across Gipps Street.

Access conflicts occur for pedestrians between Marceau Drive across Crane Road/Lyons Road West to the parks.

3.8.3 Car parking

There are three formal car parks within the parks — south of the tennis courts in Cintra Park, north of St Luke's Oval, and north of Concord Oval, which is linked to St Luke's 1, 2 and 3 by a pedestrian bridge over Gipps Street. St Luke's 1, 2 and 3, the carpark north of Concord Oval, and the carpark area for the tennis courts are used as formal parking areas for major sporting fixtures at Concord Oval.

There are no formal parking areas for users of the netball courts. Residents in Renown Road, Loudon Street and Cooks Avenue have registered complaints about these streets being used by netball players for parking.

Park visitors park their vehicles in local streets, resulting in conflicts with local residents.

Residents in Concord complain about the carpark north of St Luke's Oval being used to dump rubbish, car racing activities at night, and other anti-social behaviour.

3.9 Services and infrastructure

A variety of buildings servicing the playing fields and courts, including change rooms, toilets, kiosks, clubhouses and storage sheds, are located throughout the parks. These buildings, designed and constructed by Concord Council, are generally sound structures, and have been engineered to take into account the possibility of differential settlement of the unstable fill material under the buildings. The notable exception is the Concord Junior Rugby League Football Club clubhouse, which has substantial structural cracks in the brickwork due to settlement of the foundations.

The location of utility services within the parks are shown in **Figure 3.3**. Utility services within the parks include Sydney Water water mains, sewer pumping station and sewer pipes, stormwater channels, Energy Australia electricity power lines and easements, Telstra telephone lines, and AGL gas lines.

Although it is important to consider all service authorities in future works in St Luke's and Cintra Parks, the following additional constraints require consideration:

- **Sydney Water:** Access for tankers and crane trucks is required at all times along the easement from Gipps Street to the sewer pumping station. Sewer pipes throughout St Luke's and Cintra Parks are brittle, and are prone to rupture if additional loading is placed on them. Access to pipes and manholes should be maintained for servicing.

LEGEND

	ELECTRICAL SERVICES
	WATER SERVICES
	SEWER SERVICES
	TELSTRA SERVICES
	STORMWATER LINES
	GAS LINES

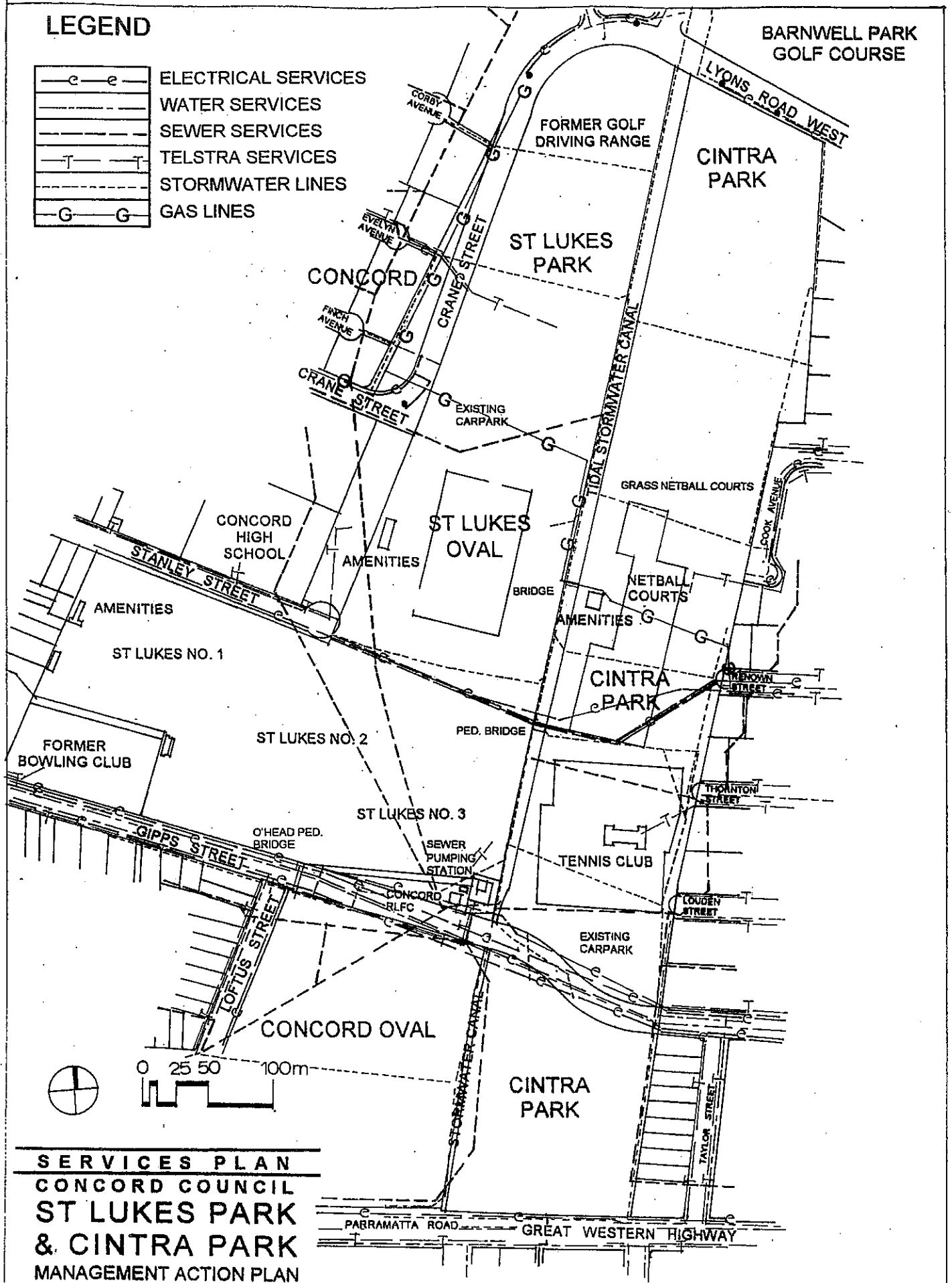


FIG 3.3 SERVICES PLAN

Sydney Water have requested that no shrub planting be undertaken within 5 metres of the stormwater canal, which represents the 100-year flood limit of the canal.

- **Energy Australia:** A 132 kv line passes through St Luke's and Cintra Parks from Stanley Street to Renown Street.
- **AGL:** A high pressure secondary gas main (1050 kPa) passes through St Luke's and Cintra Parks from Crane Street through the carpark to Renown Street.

3.10 Maintenance regime

Maintenance of St Luke's and Cintra Parks is contracted to CanBay, who are responsible for maintenance of all aspects of the park, including but not limited to grass cutting, weed removal, fertilising, top-dressing, watering, rubbish removal, minor repairs, line marking and minor landscape planting. CanBay currently contract out plumbing, cleaning toilets, weed control (bindii and clover), and graffiti removal.

Maintenance involves the following activities undertaken at the stated frequencies:

- Mowing once per week during summer, once per month during winter. Grass must be mowed before it attains a height of 150mm.
- Weeding occurs quarterly.
- Watering of turf pitches occurs regularly during summer, otherwise no watering occurs.
- Picking up litter by hand twice per week.
- Emptying garbage bins on Mondays/Tuesdays, with minor collection on Thursday/Friday. Other garbage collections occur after major events.
- Cleaning toilets daily.
- Cleaning change rooms prior to match days, ie once weekly.
- Line marking as required.
- Fertilising of all fields occurs once a year. Cricket pitches are fertilised more regularly.
- Soil testing once a year on cricket wickets, and once every two years on outfield areas.
- Topdressing occurs as required.
- Mulching of garden beds occurs on an annual basis.
- Pruning of trees occurs as required.
- Graffiti removal occurs as required.
- Painting of amenities buildings occurs every 2 to 3 years.
- Re-sheeting carparks every 7 years, and line marking carparks every 3 1/2 years.

4 BASIS FOR MANAGEMENT

4.1 Goals and objectives for managing St Luke's and Cintra Parks

4.1.1 State government objectives

Principles for managing Crown land

The philosophy of the Department of Land and Water Conservation regarding land management directly relates to the principles of Crown land management listed in Section 11 of the *Crown Lands Act, 1989*; which are to:

- observe environmental protection principles in relation to the management and administration of Crown land.
- conserve the natural resources of Crown land (including water, soil, flora, fauna and scenic quality) wherever possible.
- encourage public use and enjoyment of appropriate Crown land.
- encourage multiple use of Crown land, where appropriate.
- use and manage Crown land in such a way that both the land and its resources are sustained in perpetuity, where appropriate.
- occupy, use, sell, lease, licence or otherwise deal with Crown land in the best interests of the State, consistent with the above principles.

The Department of Land and Water Conservation consider that the core objectives for management of categories of community land under the *Local Government Act, 1993* are applicable to management of St Luke's and Cintra Parks. These objectives are outlined below in Table 4.1.

Table 4.1: State government objectives for managing community land

Category	Core objectives
Sportsground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games, and • to ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on surrounding or nearby residences.
Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities, and • to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and • to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.
General community use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 community and of the wider public: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and — in relation to the 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 facilities).

4.1.2 Objectives of Concord Council

This Management Action Plan reflects the directions already established in previous open space and recreation planning undertaken by Concord Council. The vision for Concord, from the Concord Management Plan 1999-2002, is:

"A well managed, financially viable consultative Council providing ... an extensive network of parks, gardens and walkways linking foreshores, residential areas and "village" shopping precincts ... a clean, safe environment with the Parramatta River returned to its natural state, providing the focus for community activity ... adherence to the principles of ecologically sustainable development (ESD) to ensure that the natural and built environment that it bequeaths to future generations is enhanced."

To realise this vision, Council made a commitment in the Management Plan to achieve the following goal and related objectives for foreshore and open space management:

GOAL	OBJECTIVES
"provide, promote maintain and enhance open space and improve public access along the foreshore, identifying and developing enhancement plans for foreshore activities and developing links between foreshores and other recreation areas/networks throughout the Municipality encouraging biodiversity."	"Manage open space in order to prepare for a wider range of recreational opportunities for the safe enjoyment of all sectors of the community."
	"Enhance current levels of open space by ensuring that adequate additional space accompanies new developments and to establish pedestrian/cycle links between foreshore areas and other areas."
	"Continue to provide additional public access to foreshores in the future and identify types of activity appropriate to each other."
	"Effectively manage urban bushland and mangrove areas and encourage regeneration."
	"Promote the diversity of native fauna and flora species and habitats within Concord."

Council's commitment to environmental management in the Management Plan is set out by the following goal and objectives:

GOAL	OBJECTIVES
"Take an active role in the environmental management of the Municipality and the Region."	"Take an active role in the management of the Parramatta River Catchment, and in particular, to ensure the minimisation of adverse impact on water quality."
	"Ensure stormwater from the Concord Council area is of an optimal standard."
	"Improve public awareness and participation in Council's Environmental Management initiatives."
	"Minimise waste and promote recycling."
	"Ensure remediation of contaminated land."
	"Promote practices, which ensure improvement in air and water quality and minimise noise pollution."
	"Promote community health."

This Management Action Plan is consistent with Council's vision and goals, and the NSW Government's principles and objectives relating to Crown land, as outlined above.

4.2 Community values of St Luke's and Cintra Parks

The Concord community values various aspects of St Luke's and Cintra Parks for different reasons. The community has expressed how the parks are important to them by articulating their values during community consultation in preparation of this Management Action Plan (refer to Consultation Report in **Appendix A**). By understanding the reasons why the community values the parks, the role that the community expects St Luke's and Cintra Parks to play in the future may be determined. As this Management Action Plan is based on the community's values, desired outcomes, management strategies and actions have been developed that are consistent with these values.

Values of Concord's sportsfields are outlined in the Plan of Management for Concord's Parks, and this Management Action Plan is consistent with those values. The more specific values of St Luke's and Cintra Parks are related to the general values of Concord's parks and reserves in **Table 4.2** below. Some values of St Luke's and Cintra Parks were rated more highly than for Concord's parks and reserves in general, so the order of values in the Plan of Management has been changed to reflect the values of St Luke's and Cintra Parks, however, the nature of the values remain the same.

Based on the community consultation for this Management Action Plan, another value was added to reflect the community's strong desire for quality recreational facilities and opportunities in St Luke's and Cintra Parks.

Table 4.2: Community values of St Luke's and Cintra Parks

Value	Significance	Explanation
Open space	Local	The large open area of the parks is particularly valued. The open space is considered a buffer from urban development. There is also enough space available for various sports and informal activities in an urban area where such space is limited. Retaining the parks as open space for public recreational purposes is also important. The size of the parks means that they are rarely crowded, only when sport is being played.
Variety of opportunities	District	The parks offer opportunities for people of all ages to participate in organised sporting activities, and informal recreational activities. The parks are an important venue for community sport for children and adults. The sporting facilities, such as cricket wickets/fields, and tennis and netball courts, are considered relatively high quality and are well used. The number of fields means that large local sporting clubs can be accommodated in one area. "Passive" activities, particularly walking and exercising pets, are also popular recreational activities that can be enjoyed in the parks.
Quality recreational opportunities	District	A high standard of recreational facilities and settings, and maintenance of those facilities and settings, are valued.
Trees and greenery	Local	The green appearance of the parks, resulting from groves of trees that provide shade and expanses of grass, is valued. Recent tree plantings are starting to provide extra shade and vegetation, particularly at north Cintra Park. Trees in the parks encourage native birds. Local residents like looking at the view over the park, and the pleasant scenery is a reason why some people live adjacent to the parks.
Clean and tidy environment	Local	The parks are relatively clean, neat and tidy. Regular maintenance, particularly grass mowing, is appreciated.
Access	Local	Local residents appreciate having the parks close to their home and consider them as their "back-yard", as they can easily use them for recreational activities. Easy access to the parks is a reason why some people live close to the parks. Access to the parks for use by and enjoyment of the whole community is also important. Pedestrian and cycle linkages between the parks, the foreshore walk and other pathways, local streets and residential areas are important.

Table 4.2: Community values of St Luke's and Cintra Parks (cont.)

Value	Significance	Explanation
Peace and quiet	Local	Local residents appreciate that the parks are a peaceful place for informal activities, or simply having a quiet space to think or for solitude. The parks are generally quiet and a welcome "haven" from busy roads, but noise from sport sometimes intrudes.
Safety	Local	The parks are a safe environment, especially as a place for children to play away from roads. Lighting and the fenced stormwater canal are safety features that are appreciated.
Natural environment	Local	Not applicable
Social interaction	Local	The parks provide an area for family activities and a place to meet people.
Children's play	Local	Children are able to participate in a variety of active recreational activities close to their homes.
Community involvement	Local	Local residents wish to be consulted and involved in decisions regarding future changes to the parks.

4.3 Future roles of the parks

The future roles for St Luke's and Cintra Parks were broadly defined in the Plan of Management for Concord's Parks (Manidis Roberts Consultants, 1999) as follows:

- **Visitor catchment:** St Luke's Park is expected to attract a regional visitor catchment, while Cintra Park will largely attract a local catchment of users.
- **Recreational activities** to be catered for in the parks include organised sport, dog exercising, children's play facilities, tennis, and possibly indoor recreation.
- **Social activities** to be catered for include picnics and barbecues, community social events, and eating in a kiosk/cafe/restaurant.
- **Cultural events** to be catered for in the parks include community cultural events.

Further community consultation for this Management Action Plan showed that the local community desire the future role of St Luke's and Cintra Parks is to incorporate a range of recreation opportunities to meet community needs. These needs include:

- organised and informal sporting activities.
- unstructured activities.
- family recreation and entertainment.
- pedestrian and cycle links to surrounding areas.
- dog exercising.

4.4 Community objectives for the parks

Following on from the community's values of St Luke's and Cintra Parks, the local community expressed its objectives and desired outcomes for the parks through written comments to Council, at the general community meeting, and through consultations with user groups (refer to **Appendix A**). Their key objectives and desired outcomes for the parks are to:

- maintain public access to the parks.
- minimise development of additional buildings.
- minimise impacts on surrounding residents from traffic, parking and noise.

- remove unnecessary fences.
- complete construction of south Cintra Park.
- establish a family recreation area at north St Luke's Park, including picnic and barbecue facilities, a children's playground and bicycle track.
- ensure sporting facilities meet the needs of sporting groups, and the design and quality requirements of parent sporting bodies.
- provide additional opportunities for walking and cycling.
- improve facilities for players and spectators, including amenities, seating and shade.
- plant more trees for shade in the parks.
- improve maintenance of the parks.

4.5 Vision for the future

Consideration of Council's corporate goals, community values, and the desired outcomes of the community for the park outlined above have culminated in a vision for the future of St Luke's and Cintra Parks:

St Luke's and Cintra Parks will be the premier sporting complex in Concord, while also providing quality multi-purpose facilities and settings for diverse active sporting and informal recreational activities involving people and animals for the Concord and inner west community.

Section 5 outlines specific strategies and actions to achieve the vision and objectives for the parks outlined above, consistent with the community's values.

5 ACTION PLAN

5.1 Landscape Master Plan

The Landscape Master Plan for St Luke's and Cintra Parks is presented in **Figure 5.1**. The Landscape Master Plan illustrates the works and actions in the following Action Plan that are proposed to be implemented to achieve the objectives and desired outcomes for the parks.

5.2 Action Plan

The management strategies and actions to resolve management issues (consistent with the community's values for the park) and to implement the Landscape Master Plan are presented in the following tables. Table headings are explained as follows:

Value – community values of the parks, as described in **Section 4.2**.

Objective - goal for each value.

Issue - management issue to be addressed.

Desired outcome - goal, objective or performance target for addressing issues.

Strategy - broad direction for actions to achieve desired outcome.

Action - specific task or action required to achieve the desired outcome, consistent with the strategy.

Priority - importance or urgency of the action, rated as:

Immediate
High
Medium
Low

Responsibility - staff position within Council, or another organisation responsible for implementing the action.

Cost - Capital and recurrent costs of each action, including costs of staff time.

Performance indicator - how Council intends to measure its performance in implementing and achieving the action.

Status - to enable progress of implementing the action plan to be tracked. The status is to be filled in by hand by Council staff when required or when the action is achieved.

Abbreviations for Council positions and other organisations referred to in the Action Plan are as follows:

Council staff

AGMEPD	Assistant General Manager, Environmental Planning and Development
AGMES	Assistant General Manager, Engineering Services
DROS	Designer, Recreation and Open Space
HRM	Human Resources Manager
MA	Manager, Approvals
MBC	Manager, Building and Cleansing
MCS	Manager, Community Services
MES	Manager, Environmental Services
MI	Manager, Infrastructure
MSP	Manager, Strategic Planning
MTTS	Manager, Technical and Transport Services
QOROS	Quality Officer, Recreation and Open Space

Other organisations

CJRLFC	Concord Junior Rugby League Football Club
DLWC	Department of Land and Water Conservation
DUAP	Department of Urban Affairs and Planning
EPA	Environment Protection Authority
IWSDNA	Inner Western Suburbs District Netball Association
NSWRU	New South Wales Rugby Union
RTA	Roads and Traffic Authority
WSHTA	Western Suburbs Hardcourt Tennis Association

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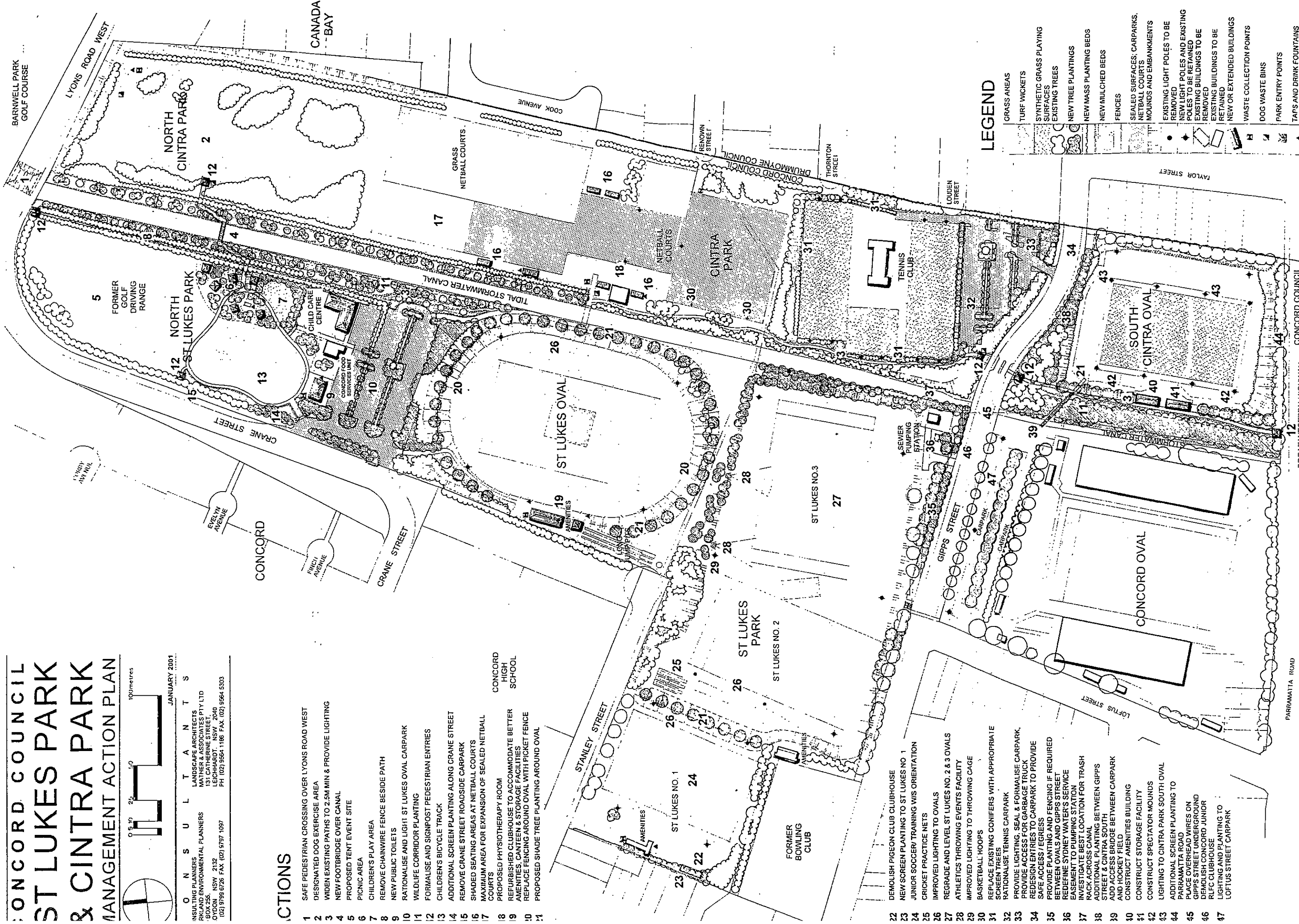
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ACTIONS

- 1 SAFE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OVER LYONS ROAD WEST
- 2 DESIGNATED DOG EXERCISE AREA
- 3 WIDEN EXISTING PATHS TO 2.5M MIN & PROVIDE LIGHTING
- 4 NEW FOOTBRIDGE OVER CANAL
- 5 PROPOSED TENT EVENT SITE
- 6 PICNIC AREA
- 7 CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA
- 8 REMOVE CHAINWIRE FENCE BESIDE PATH
- 9 NEW PUBLIC TOILETS
- 10 RATIONALISE AND LIGHT ST LUKES OVAL CARPARK
- 11 WILDLIFE CORRIDOR PLANTING
- 12 FORMALISE AND SIGNPOST PEDESTRIAN ENTRIES
- 13 CHILDREN'S BICYCLE TRACK
- 14 ADDITIONAL SCREEN PLANTING ALONG CRANE STREET
- 15 REMOVE CRANE STREET ROADSIDE CARPARK
- 16 SHADED SEATING AREAS AT NETBALL COURTS
- 17 MAXIMUM AREA FOR EXPANSION OF SEALED NETBALL COURTS
- 18 PROPOSED PHYSIOTHERAPY ROOM
- 19 REFURBISHED CLUBHOUSE TO ACCOMMODATE BETTER AMENITIES, CANTEN & STORAGE FACILITIES
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Open space

Objective: *Minimise encroachments of built structures and exclusive uses on the park area.*

Issue	Desired outcome	Strategy	Action	Priority	Responsibility	Capital cost \$	Recurrent cost \$	Performance indicator	Method of measurement	Status
Land has recently been revoked from St Luke's Park for exclusive use as a regional child care centre. Construction of the child-care centre has been completed.	No further single-purpose developments for private activities that are not related to the Crown reservation for recreation within St Luke's and Cintra Parks.	Ensure any further buildings constructed within the parks are used for recreation-related activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refuse applications for non-recreation related structures within the parks. 	High	MA	—	—	No structures not related to recreation activities are constructed in the parks.	—	
Use of the Concord Community Food Services building for meal distribution is an inappropriate use that is not conducive or ancillary to the reservation of St Luke's Park for public recreation.	Buildings within the parks are used for recreation-related activities.	Ensure buildings within the parks are used for recreation-related activities or are on appropriately-reserved land.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out a land assessment of the Concord Community Food Services building. Change the reservation of land occupied by the Concord Community Food Services building to "Community Services". 	Medium	MA	—	—	Land assessment completed.	—	
Overflow car parking from events at Waratah Stadium intrudes on the recreation use of St Luke's 1, 2 and 3 and Cintra Park.	Overflow car parking from Waratah Stadium has minimal impact on sporting fields.	Confine overflow car parking to St Luke's 1, 2 and 3, and Cintra Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage parking on St Luke's 1, 2 and 3 and Cintra Park on event days. 	High	MTTS	—	—	Minimal parking in residential streets on event days. Orderly parking on St Luke's 1,2,3 and Cintra Park.	Complaints from residents. Feedback from people attending events at Waratah Stadium.	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that any damage to St Luke's 1, 2 and 3 and Cintra Park sustained on event days at Waratah Stadium is repaired at the leaseholder's expense. 	High	AGMES	—	—	Fields are not damaged by vehicle parking.	Inspections by Council rangers after events.	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure any rubbish left on St Luke's 1, 2 and 3 and Cintra Park on event days at Waratah Stadium is removed at the leaseholder's expense. 	High	MBC	—	—	Rubbish is not left on fields.	Inspections by Council rangers after events.	
The clubhouses used by the Burwood Pigeon Club and the Concord Junior Rugby League Football Club are in poor structural condition.	Structures within the parks are in usable and safe condition.	Remove or replace structures within the parks that are in poor structural condition.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demolish the Burwood Pigeon Club clubhouse. Liaise with the Burwood Pigeon Club regarding relocating their activities to a nearby building. Demolish the CJRFC clubhouse. 	Medium	MI	15,000	—	Burwood Pigeon Club clubhouse is demolished.	—	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with the Burwood Pigeon Club regarding relocating their activities to a nearby building. 	Medium	AGMES, MCS	—	—	Burwood Pigeon Club activities are relocated.	—	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demolish the CJRFC clubhouse. 	Medium	AGMES	20,000	—	CJRFC clubhouse is demolished.	—	
High fences interrupt the "open" visual aspect of the park, and circulation within the parks.	Fences do not interrupt views into and within the parks, or circulation within the parks.	Remove unnecessary high fences within the parks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove the fence surrounding the former golf driving range at north St Luke's Park. 	Medium	MI	8,000	—	Fence surrounding north St Luke's Park is removed.	—	
Extensions to residential backyards for gardens on the eastern boundary of Cintra Park encroach on to the park.	No further encroachment of residential backyards into Cintra Park.	Ensure no further encroachment of residential backyards into the park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with local residents regarding maintenance of existing gardens, and that no further private gardens within the park will be permitted. 	Low	DROS	—	—	No further extension of residential backyards into Cintra Park.	Inspections of Cintra Park.	

Variety of opportunities

Objective: Provide facilities and settings within the parks for a variety of recreational activities.

Issue	Desired outcome	Strategy	Action	Priority	Responsibility	Capital cost \$	Recurrent cost \$	Performance indicator	Method of measurement	Status
Development of the new synthetic hockey field and associated facilities at south Cintra Park is proceeding.	Completion of the synthetic hockey field and associated facilities at south Cintra Park. Improved facilities for hockey and other compatible sports, including volleyball, tennis, handball, cricket and soccer training, and wheelchair sports.	Establish a synthetic pitch for hockey and compatible sports and associated facilities at south Cintra Park.	• Construct an amenities building.	High	MI	150,000	—	Amenities block constructed.	—	
			• Construct spectator mounds.	Medium	MROS	40,000	—	Spectator seating mounds constructed.	—	
			• Construct a maintenance equipment storage facility.	Medium	MI	40,000	—	Maintenance equipment storage facility constructed.	—	
Strong community demand for a family recreation and entertainment area on the former golf driving range site at north St Luke's Park.	Family recreation area, including picnic and barbecue facilities, children's playground and an area for family entertainment is developed at north St Luke's Park.	Develop a family recreation and entertainment area at north St Luke's Park.	• Prepare a geotechnical report for north St Luke's Park.	High	AGMES	25,000	—	Soil contamination report prepared.	—	
			• Implement the recommendations of the geotechnical report.	High	AGMES	dependent on findings of report	dependent on findings of report	Recommendations of soil contamination report implemented.	Regular monitoring of recommendations of soil contamination report.	
			• Fill and re-grade the site to provide satisfactory drainage.	High	AGMES	200,000	—	Site is filled and re-graded.	Assessment of adequacy of drainage.	
			• Turf the site.	High	AGMES	10,000	ongoing maintenance	Grass cover on the site.	—	
			• Accommodate the space requirements of tent events on the site.	High	DROS	—	—	Tent events are accommodated on the site.	Feedback from tent event operators.	
			• Install children's play equipment and soft-fall to Australian standards, and a fence around the playground.	High	DROS	60,000	6,000 / year	Children's play equipment, soft-fall and fence installed.	Compliance with Australian standards.	
			• Construct children's bicycle track.	High	DROS	30,000	—	Children's bicycle track constructed.	Feedback from users.	
			• Install 6 covered picnic tables and 2 barbecues on the eastern side of north St Luke's Park.	High	DROS	80,000	4,000 / year	Picnic tables and barbecues installed.	Positive comments from children and carers.	
			• Construct public toilets adjacent to the Concord Food Services building.	High	MI	120,000	ongoing maintenance	Public toilets constructed.	—	
			• Install park furniture in north St Luke's Park, including seats, lighting, paving, bubblers, etc.	High	DROS	150,000	ongoing maintenance	North St Luke's Park is furnished.	Positive comments from park users.	
Lack of dedicated facilities for athletics throwing events at St Luke's Oval.	Dedicated facilities for shot put and discus are located close to St Luke's Oval.	Establish facilities for throwing events south of St Luke's Oval.	• Install a new light on the lighting tower to light the throwing cages.	High	DROS	10,000	—	Light installed.	Positive comments from users.	
Lack of facilities within the parks for young people not interested in organised sport.	Provision of recreational opportunities for young people not interested in organised sport.	Provide opportunities for informal sporting activities for young people within the parks.	• Liaise with IWSDNA regarding installation of basketball hoops and permitting rollerblading/roller hockey on netball courts.	Medium	DROS	—	—	IWSDNA consulted about installation of basketball hoops and use of courts for rollerblading/ roller hockey.	—	
			• Install basketball hoops on courts on the western side of the netball complex.	Medium	DROS	4,000	800 / year	Basketball hoops installed.	—	
			• Permit rollerblading and roller hockey on the sealed netball courts.	Medium	DROS	—	—	Rollerblading and roller hockey permitted on sealed courts.	Comments from IWSDNA and court users.	
Lack of spectator seating at the netball courts.	Improved facilities for netball players and spectators in Cintra Park.	Improve seating for netball players and spectators in Cintra Park.	• Install shaded seating near the netball courts.	High	DROS	10,000	—	Shaded seating installed near netball courts.	Positive feedback from IWSDNA.	
IWSDNA wish to extend the canteen to create a physiotherapy room and an awning at the front of the amenities building.	Improved facilities for netball players and spectators in Cintra Park.	Improve facilities for netball players and spectators in Cintra Park.	• Permit IWSDNA to extend the canteen for a physiotherapy room and awning.	Medium	MA	50,000	—	Physiotherapy room and awning constructed.	—	
Additional sealed netball courts may be required if demand for netball increases. In response to requests from adjacent residents, Council has resolved that there will be no further extension of sealed netball courts adjacent to residential areas.	Additional sealed netball courts provided if required in future, away from residences as shown on the Landscape Master Plan, and with a green surface to better blend aesthetically with grass.	Provide additional sealed netball courts if required, while restricting construction of additional sealed netball courts to the area shown on the Landscape Master Plan.	• Construct additional netball courts if required in the area shown on the Landscape Master Plan.	Low	DROS	\$15,000 per court	—	Sealed netball courts constructed with green surface.	—	

Variety of opportunities (cont.)

Issue	Desired outcome	Strategy	Action	Priority	Responsibility	Capital cost \$	Recurrent cost \$	Performance indicator	Method of measurement	Status
Designation of north Cintra Park by Concord Council as an off-leash dog area under the <i>Companion Animals Act</i> , 1998.	North Cintra Park is established as an off-leash dog exercise and training area, with parking area, clubhouse and amenities block.	Establish north Cintra Park as a dog exercise and training area.	• Install signs at park entry points indicating that north Cintra Park is a designated exercise area for dogs off the leash.	Immediate	DROS	6,000	—	Signs installed at park entry points.	—	—
			• Install 2 dog waste disposal bins in north Cintra Park.	Immediate	DROS	800	service costs	Dog waste disposal bins installed.	—	—
	Dogs are permitted in the parks only on a leash (except in north Cintra Park).	Enforce the Companion Animals Act in terms of the responsibilities of dog owners.	• Enforce the requirement for dogs to be on a leash in the parks (except north Cintra Park).	High	MES	—	—	Dogs are on a leash in the parks (except north Cintra Park).	Comments to Council from park users.	—
Inadequate canteen and storage space for sporting equipment at St Luke's Oval.	Secure storage space and larger canteen facilities at St Luke's Oval for Little Athletics, cricket and other sports.	Ensure sufficient storage space and larger canteen facilities in the amenities building at St Luke's Oval.	• Determine needs of sporting groups using St Luke's Oval for additional storage space.	High	DROS	—	—	Needs for storage space at St Luke's Oval amenities building are established.	Feedback from sporting groups.	—
			• Undertake internal renovation to the St Luke's Oval amenities building to accommodate larger canteen facilities and additional storage space.	High	MI	50,000	—	Increased canteen and storage space in the St Luke's Oval amenities building.	Positive comments from building users.	—
Cricket practice nets between St Luke's 1 and 2 face north, which is undesirable in summer.	Cricket practice nets face south.	Relocate the cricket practice nets to a southerly orientation.	• Relocate the cricket practice nets to the northwest of St Luke's 2.	Low	DROS	10,000	—	Cricket practice nets relocated.	Positive comments from cricket players.	—

Quality

Objective: *Provide facilities and settings within the parks to a high standard to meet the needs of park users.*

Issue	Desired outcome	Strategy	Action	Priority	Responsibility	Capital cost \$	Recurrent cost \$	Performance indicator	Method of measurement	Status
The level of maintenance of St Luke's Oval and St Luke's 1 is perceived to be poor.	Quality sporting fields that meet the needs of users.	Improve maintenance of sporting fields.	• Review frequency of maintenance activities.	High	AGMES	—	—	Review of maintenance activities completed.	—	—
			• Increase contract administration and inspections of maintenance quality.	High	AGMES	—	—	Maintenance carried out to specifications in contract.	Positive comments from sporting groups.	—
			• Ensure a full-time grounds-person for all fields in St Luke's Park.	Medium	AGMES	—	70,000 / year	Full-time grounds-person for St Luke's Park.	—	—
Poor drainage of fields and courts.	Efficient drainage of fields and courts to maintain field quality and usability after wet weather.	Ensure efficient drainage of fields and courts.	• Engage an engineering consultant to review court and oval drainage and recommend improvements.	High	AGMES	8,000	—	Engineering report completed.	—	—
			• Implement recommendations of engineering report.	High	AGMES	depends on report	depends on report	Improved drainage of fields and courts.	Feedback from IWSDNA, and sporting groups. Site inspections.	—
Sprinklers on St Luke's Oval and St Luke's 2 are inadequate. Broken and exposed sprinkler heads reduce the effectiveness of watering, and pose risks to player safety.	All fields are adequately watered to ensure grass cover.	Improve effectiveness of irrigation of sporting fields.	• Prepare a report investigating the standard and effectiveness of existing irrigation systems of all sporting fields in St Luke's Park.	High	AGMES	5,000	—	The standard and effectiveness of existing irrigation systems of all sporting fields in St Luke's Park is determined.	—	—
			• Implement recommendations of the irrigation systems report.	High	AGMES	depends on report	depends on report	Recommendations of irrigation systems report are implemented.	Inspections of condition and grass cover of sporting fields.	—
Irregular surface of grass ovals, athletics track and grass netball courts.	Surface of sporting fields and courts is level.	Ensure surfaces of sporting fields and courts are level.	• Re-grade and level St Luke's 2 and 3.	High	AGMES	4,000	—	St Luke's 2 and 3 are levelled and re-graded.	Survey of St Luke's 2 and 3.	—
			• Maintain the edges of the synthetic cricket wicket on St Luke's 1.	Medium	AGMES	—	500	Smooth edges of synthetic cricket wicket on St Luke's 1.	Positive comments from cricket clubs.	—
			• Top-dress the athletics track between the winter and summer seasons.	Medium	AGMES	—	2,000 / year	Athletics track is top-dressed between the winter and summer seasons.	Positive comments from sporting groups.	—
			• Re-surface the grass netball courts before the winter season.	Medium	AGMES	2,000	—	Even surface of grass netball courts.	Positive comments from IWSDNA.	—



Quality (cont.)

Issue	Desired outcome	Strategy	Action	Priority	Respons- ibility	Capital cost \$	Recurrent cost \$	Performance indicator	Method of measurement	Status
The standard of the turf cricket wicket on St Luke's Oval has deteriorated in recent years.	Top-class turf cricket wicket on St Luke's Oval.	Increased pitch preparation and maintenance of the turf cricket wicket on St Luke's Oval.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase level of ongoing maintenance and level of wicket preparation. 	Medium	AGMES	—	—	Top-class turf cricket wicket on St Luke's Oval.	Positive comments from cricket clubs.	
Unsatisfactory player and spectator amenities at St Luke's Oval.	Amenities that meet the needs of players and spectators.	Upgrade the amenities building at St Luke's Oval.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade the canteen, toilets and change rooms at the St Luke's Oval amenities building. 	High	MI	120,000	—	Upgraded amenities at St Luke's Oval.	Positive comments from sporting groups.	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install taps and drinking fountains around St Luke's Oval. 	Medium	DROS	10,000	—	Taps and drinking fountains installed around St Luke's Oval.	—	
Lack of shade and shelter at amenities buildings within the parks.	Shade and shelter adjacent to amenities buildings within the parks.	Provide shade and shelter at amenities buildings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocate part of the shelter from the former golf driving range to the netball amenities building. 	Medium	DROS	12,000	—	Shelter installed near the netball courts.	—	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plant suitable shade trees near St Luke's Oval and St Luke's 1, 2 and 3. 	Medium	DROS	2,000	—	Shade trees planted around all sporting fields.	—	
Limited and poor quality lighting of sports fields limits use at night, and wear on areas of the fields that are lit.	Complete lighting coverage of all sporting facilities to Australian standards for competition and/or training as appropriate, while minimising impacts of light spill on adjoining residential areas.	Install focused lighting to Australian standards to all sporting fields and facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult with sporting groups to determine lighting requirements for all fields and courts. 	High	DROS	—	—	Sporting groups consulted regarding lighting needs.	—	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare a report regarding provision of additional lighting and upgrading existing lighting. 	High	DROS	6,000	—	Lighting report prepared.	—	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the findings of the lighting report for St Luke's Oval, St Luke's 1, 2 and 3, and the netball and tennis courts. 	High	DROS	depends on report	depends on report	Findings of the lighting report are implemented.	Positive comments from sporting groups.	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shade the lights on the lighting towers that light the netball courts closest to Renown Street. 	High	DROS	5,000	—	Lights for the netball courts closest to Renown Street are shaded.	No complains about light spill from residents.	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regularly replace blown light globes in lights within the parks. 	Medium	DROS	—	—	Blown light globes are replaced as soon as possible.	Minimal complaints from sporting groups.	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use different colours for field markings. 	Medium	DROS	—	—	Field markings are clearly differentiated.	Positive feedback from sporting groups.	
Field markings on St Luke's Oval confuse players.	Clear field markings for different sports.	Ensure field markings on St Luke's Oval for each sport are clearly differentiated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use different colours for field markings. 	Medium	DROS	—	—	Field markings are clearly differentiated.	Positive feedback from sporting groups.	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to remove trees that are lifting the tennis courts. 	High	QOROS	1,200 per tree	—	Removal of trees that lift the tennis courts.	—	
Tree roots are lifting the tennis courts.	Tennis courts are not affected by tree roots.	Ensure trees adjacent to the tennis courts do not have vigorous root systems that lift the tennis courts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plant appropriate screen species adjacent to the tennis courts. 	High	QOROS	40,000	—	Appropriate screen species planted adjacent to the tennis courts.	No further reports from WSHA about trees lifting the tennis courts.	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orient St Luke's 1 north-south for Junior soccer and training. 	Medium	DROS	2,000	—	St Luke's 1 oriented north-south.	—	
Field orientations do not meet requirements of sporting codes.	Fields meet requirements of sporting codes for north-south oriented fields where space permits.	Orient fields north-south where possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct spectator viewing mounds on the eastern side of St Luke's 1. 	Low	DROS	10,000	—	Spectator viewing mounds constructed.	—	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install vehicle barriers between the St Luke's Oval carpark and the family recreation area and St Luke's Oval. 	Medium	DROS	10,000	—	Vehicle barriers between the St Luke's Oval carpark and the family recreation area and St Luke's Oval are installed.	—	
Vehicles on sporting fields cause damage.	No vehicle access to sporting fields, except during events at Waratah Stadium, and for emergency and maintenance vehicles.	Prevent unauthorised vehicle access from parking areas to sporting fields and recreation areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install vehicle barriers between the St Luke's Oval carpark and the family recreation area and St Luke's Oval. 	Medium	DROS	10,000	—	Vehicle barriers between the St Luke's Oval carpark and the family recreation area and St Luke's Oval are installed.	—	
The septic tank serving the netball amenities building sometimes overloads.	Adequate waste disposal service to the netball amenities building.	Upgrade the waste disposal system at the netball amenities building, and adopt new waste disposal technology as it becomes available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade the existing septic system serving the netball amenities building. 	High	MI	12,000	—	Upgraded septic system to the netball amenities building. Reduction in frequency of system overload.	—	
Grass is sometimes too long for sporting events and championships.	Grass is cut to user requirements for sporting activities.	Ensure fields and courts are mowed to users' satisfaction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with sporting groups to determine any special mowing requirements. 	Medium	DROS	—	—	Mowing requirements of sporting groups are determined.	Reduction in complaints about mowing from sporting groups.	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review frequency of mowing with Canbay. 	Medium	DROS	—	—	Mowing frequency is reviewed.	—	
Bindiis in the grass affects players of contact sports.	No bindiis in grass.	Ensure no bindiis in grass.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regularly spray bindiis. 	Medium	QOROS	2,500	2,500	Bindiis are sprayed regularly.	Reduction in complaints from sporting groups.	

Trees and greenery

Objective: Enhance the green appearance of the parks with trees and shrubs.

Issue	Desired outcome	Strategy	Action	Priority	Responsibility	Capital cost \$	Recurrent cost \$	Performance indicator	Method of measurement	Status
Increased shade is requested by park users.	Additional landscaped areas, and shade trees for spectators around playing fields.	Increase plantings within the parks.	• Prepare an overall park planting program.	Medium	DROS	12,000	—	Park planting plan prepared.	—	
			• Implement the park planting plan.	Medium	DROS, QOROS	100,000	maintenance	Additional trees planted within the parks.	—	
Implementation of the "wildlife corridor" between Sydney Harbour and Parramatta Road that was proposed in 1987.	Wildlife corridor established between Canada Bay and Parramatta Road.	Undertake a major planting program along the stormwater canal.	• Plant endemic trees and shrubs along the stormwater channel as part of the 2000 Trees project.	Medium	DROS	150,000	—	Planting established along the stormwater channel.	Increased wildlife species and numbers noted in the parks.	
"Untidy" gateways to Concord along Crane Street and Gipps Street.	Attractive and welcoming gateways to Concord on Gipps Street and Crane Street.	Plant trees and shrubs at gateways.	• Prepare a landscape plan to address gateways into Concord.	Medium	DROS	6,000	—	Landscape plan for gateways prepared.	—	
			• Plant additional screen planting on the edge of St Luke's Park and Crane Street.	Medium	DROS	50,000	—	Attractive northern gateway to Concord.	Positive comments from residents and visitors.	
			• Plant additional screen planting between Gipps Street and south Cintra Park.	Medium	DROS	30,000	—	Attractive southern gateway to Concord.	Positive comments from residents and visitors.	
			• Re-position overhead wires over Gipps Street to underground supply.	Low	MI	15,000	—	No overhead wires around or in parks.	—	
Unhealthy trees along the pathways in the parks.	Plantings in good condition.	Assess health of trees along paths.	• Undertake a comprehensive tree survey of all trees in the parks.	Medium	DROS, QOROS	12,000	—	Healthy trees line paths in the parks.	Regular inspection.	
			• Replace conifers north and west of the tennis courts with appropriate screen trees.	Medium	DROS	8,000	—	Conifers removed. Screen planting adjacent to tennis courts.	—	
Potential vegetation distress due to landfill gases.	Healthy plantings on filled land.	Prevent vegetation distress in plantings on former landfill areas due to landfill gases, soil erosion and ponded water.	• Ensure an adequate final surface cover thickness.	Medium	AGMEPD	—	—	Minimal vegetated areas in the parks subject to poor health due to landfill gas.	No complaints about dead patches of grass.	
			• Grade the final surface cover.	Medium	AGMEPD	—	—	Final surface cover graded.	—	

Clean and tidy environment

Objective: Ensure the park environment and facilities are kept clean and tidy.

Issue	Desired outcome	Strategy	Action	Priority	Responsibility	Capital cost \$	Recurrent cost \$	Performance indicator	Method of measurement	Status
Litter is left in the parks after sporting events.	No litter in the park.	Ensure litter is frequently picked up, and provide opportunities for disposal of litter.	• Increase frequency of picking up litter and emptying bins, particularly after weekend sport.	Immediate	AGMES	—	—	Parks observed as neat and tidy at all times.	Inspections. Comments from residents and park users.	
			• Install more garbage bins near the netball amenities building, east of the netball courts adjacent to residences, and at St Luke's Oval.	High	DROS	2,000	—	More garbage bins installed near netball amenities building, east of the netball courts, and at St Luke's Oval.	—	
			• Charge sporting groups a fee if litter is not picked up after sporting activities.	High	AGMES	—	—	Sporting groups charged a fee if litter is not picked up after use.	Inspections.	
			• Rangers fine people who litter.	High	MBC	—	—	People who litter in the parks are fined.	—	
Cleaning of amenities is not always satisfactory to sporting groups.	Clean amenities buildings and toilets.	Ensure amenities are clean.	• Liaise with Canbay to increase frequency of cleaning amenities buildings and toilets.	High	MBC	—	—	Toilets always clean.	Comments from users.	
Rubbish in the stormwater canal.	No rubbish in the canal.	Ensure rubbish is collected before entering the canal.	• Liaise with Sydney Water regarding the best location for a trash rack across the stormwater canal between the tennis courts and the sewer pumping station.	Medium	AGMES, Sydney Water	—	—	Reduced amount of litter in stormwater canal.	—	
Rubbish is dumped in the St Luke's Oval car park.	St Luke's Oval carpark is free from rubbish.	Increased surveillance of St Luke's Oval carpark.	• Increase lighting in St Luke's Oval carpark.	Medium	MI	30,000	1,500	No illegal rubbish dumping in St Luke's Oval carpark.	Inspections. Reports from residents.	
			• Reduce amount of screen planting in carparks.	Medium	DROS	3,000	—	No illegal rubbish dumping in St Luke's Oval carpark.	Inspections. Reports from residents.	
Vandalism of buildings	Reduced incidence of vandalism of buildings.	Reduce opportunities for vandalism of buildings.	• Improve lighting around buildings.	Medium	MI	10,000	500	Reduced vandalism and break-ins.	Inspections.	

Clean and tidy environment (cont.)

Issue	Desired outcome	Strategy	Action	Priority	Responsibility	Capital cost \$	Recurrent cost \$	Performance indicator	Method of measurement	Status
Graffiti on park buildings.	No graffiti on buildings and structures.	Reduce opportunities for graffiti.	• Paint new buildings with graffiti-proof paint.	Medium	MI	8,000	2,000	Buildings are kept free of graffiti.	Inspections.	
			• Regularly clean off graffiti from buildings.	Medium	MBC	—	—	Buildings are kept free of graffiti.	Inspections.	
Weeds grow in gardens and around plantings.	Gardens and plantings are free of weeds.	Regular gardening and weed removal.	• Liaise with CanBay regarding the frequency of gardening and weed removal.	High	QOROS	—	—	Garden beds are weed-free.	Observations.	
The St Luke's Oval fence is damaged.	The fence around St Luke's Oval is in good condition.	Replace the existing fence around St Luke's Oval.	• Remove the existing chain wire fence around St Luke's Oval.	Medium	DROS	3,000	—	Fence around St Luke's Oval removed.	—	
			• Install a wooden picket fence around St Luke's Oval.	Medium	DROS	25,000	2,000	Wooden picket fence in place.	—	
Storage of mulch and construction materials for a long period of time within St Luke's Park.	Mulch and construction materials are temporarily stored in designated areas.	Designate a specific area for temporary storage of mulch and construction materials.	• Store mulch and construction materials in a designated area within the parks.	Medium	AGMES	—	—	Mulch and construction materials are neatly stockpiled in designated areas.	—	
Dog faeces on paths and in grass.	No dog faeces on paths or in grass.	Encourage dog owners to clean up after their dogs.	• Install dog waste disposal bins along footpaths within the parks.	High	MES	3,200	—	No dog waste is evident on paths and playing areas.	Comments from users.	
			• Continue the requirement for the Sydney All Breeds Dog Training Club to clean up after their dogs.	ongoing	MES	—	—	No dog waste is evident on paths and playing areas.	Comments from users.	

Access

Objective: All buildings and areas within the park are accessible to everyone in the community.

Issue	Desired outcome	Strategy	Action	Priority	Responsibility	Capital cost \$	Recurrent cost \$	Performance indicator	Method of measurement	Status
Insufficient on-site car parking affects residents in local streets.	Adequate off-street parking within the parks to minimise impacts on surrounding residents, while not encroaching greatly on the park area.	Improve existing car parking areas within the parks.	• Rationalise parking spaces within the existing St Luke's Oval carpark.	High	MTTS	80,000	5,000	Increased parking spaces in the St Luke's Oval carpark.	—	
			• Install lighting for the St Luke's Oval carpark.	Medium	MI	60,000	—	Lighting installed in St Luke's Oval carpark.	—	
			• Remove the roadside carpark in north St Luke's Park adjacent to Crane Street, and replace with trees and shrubs.	Medium	MTTS	30,000	—	Roadside carpark removed. Trees and shrubs planted.	Inspections.	
			• Seal and formalise the tennis court carpark, while providing access for garbage disposal vehicles.	Medium	MTTS	30,000	—	More orderly parking within the tennis courts carpark. Access for garbage disposal vehicles.	Feedback from tennis court users.	
			• Seal the carpark south of the tennis courts for netball players.	Medium	MTTS	180,000	9,000	Carpark south of the tennis courts is sealed, and used by netball players.	Survey of netball players.	
	Ensure local residents are not inconvenienced by parking in local streets.		• Signpost the tennis court carpark.	Medium	MI	1,000	—	Tennis court carpark is signposted.	—	
			• Monitor no-standing zones and vehicles parked across driveways in local streets on Saturdays in winter.	High	MTTS	—	—	No standing zones and driveways in local streets are monitored on Saturdays in winter.	Comments from local residents.	
			• Continue to allow parking on St Luke's 1, 2 and 3 and in Cintra Park when estimated crowds at Waratah Stadium will exceed 10,000 people.	High	MTTS, AGMES	—	—	Parking on St Luke's 1, 2 and 3 and in Cintra Park on event days is continued.	—	
	Increase awareness of available parking locations within the parks.		• Install signage on access roads indicating parking areas.	High	MTTS	4,000	—	Signage on access roads indicating parking areas is installed.	—	
			• Advise sporting groups to publicise available parking areas to their members.	High	AGMES	—	—	Sporting groups advise their members about available parking areas in the parks.	Reduction in complaints to Council from other sporting groups and local residents.	
			• Encourage netball players to use the St Luke's Oval carpark.	High	AGMES	—	—	Increase in number of netball players using the St Luke's Oval carpark.	Reduced complaints to Council from sporting groups and residents.	

Access (cont.)

Issue	Desired outcome	Strategy	Action	Priority	Responsibility	Capital cost \$	Recurrent cost \$	Performance indicator	Method of measurement	Status
Pedestrian access to north Cintra Park from north St Luke's Park.	Easy access between north Cintra Park and north St Luke's Park.	Ensure easy access between north Cintra Park and the St Luke's Oval carpark.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct a footbridge across the stormwater canal between north Cintra Park and north St Luke's Park. 	Medium	ML, Sydney Water	45,000	9,000	Bridge constructed across stormwater channel.	—	—
Access to the child-care centre is required through a public reserve.	Legal access to the child-care centre through St Luke's Park.	Resolve access to the childcare centre through St Luke's and Cintra Parks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with DLWC to establish the legality of access to the child-care centre from Crane Street through a public recreation reserve. If access is illegal, a land assessment is required to be carried out, and a reserve for urban services, access and recreation created over the St Luke's Oval carpark. 	High	MTTS	—	—	Access to the child care centre through St Luke's Park is resolved.	Feedback from DLWC and lessee of child care centre.	—
Access for people with disabilities to park buildings and areas within the parks.	Access to all facilities in the parks for people with disabilities.	Ensure facilities within the parks are accessible for people with disabilities according to the Disability Discrimination Act.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out an Access Audit of the parks. Address any shortcomings in access to facilities within the parks for people with disabilities. 	High	MCS	—	—	Access Audit completed.	—	—
A steep slope between Renown Street and Cintra Park limits pedestrian access.	Safe pedestrian access between Cintra Park and Renown Street.	Ensure safe pedestrian access between Cintra Park and Renown Street.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place gravel or crushed stone on the path into Cintra Park from the end of Renown Street. 	Medium	AGMES	2,000	—	Gravel or crushed stone placed on path between Renown Street and Cintra Park.	—	—
Fields are closed in wet weather when they are perceived by sporting groups as being suitable to play on.	Flexibility regarding wet weather usage, while avoiding short- and long-term damage to the fields.	Increase the use of fields in wet weather when appropriate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage a turf consultant to advise on the condition of the fields and recommend methods to improve availability of fields in wet weather. Implement recommendations of the turf consultant. 	High	AGMES	4,000	—	Report from turf consultant.	—	—
Pathways in the park are not uniform in style.	Pathways in the park are consistent in design and materials.	Ensure pathways in the park are consistent in design and materials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine a uniform colour, width and surface of new pathways within the parks. Progressively replace existing pathways in the uniform style when required. 	Low	DROS	—	—	Uniform colour, width and surface of new pathways within the parks is determined.	—	—
Opportunities for increased access to and use of the parks for walking and cycling.	Increased use of the parks for walking and cycling.	Extend the pathway from Gipps Street to Parramatta Road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct a walking/cycle path at a minimum of 2.5 metres wide from Gipps Street, west to the footbridge across Gipps Street, and hence to Parramatta Road. Provide lighting along the pathway from Gipps Street to Parramatta Road. 	Medium	AGMES	50,000	—	Walking and cycling path constructed from Gipps Street to Parramatta Road.	—	—
		Widen the existing path from Lyons Road West to Gipps Street to allow for multiple use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Widen the path from Lyons Road West to Gipps Street to a minimum of 2.5 metres. Provide lighting along the pathway from Lyons Road West to Gipps Street. 	Medium	AGMES	70,000	—	Path from Lyons Road West to Gipps Street is 2.5 metres wide.	—	—
		Implement the recommendations of the Concord Bike Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install bike racks at all amenities buildings within the parks. 	Medium	DROS	4,000	—	Bike racks installed at all amenities buildings.	—	—
Rangers ask cricket players to leave St Luke's Oval at 6.30pm on Saturdays.	Cricket players are able to use the grounds until sunset in summer.	Ensure access to cricket fields until sunset in summer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise rangers of extended time for players to leave the ground. 	Medium	AGMES	—	—	Cricket players have access cricket fields until sunset in summer.	Positive feedback from cricket players.	—
Dressing rooms, showers and women's toilets at St Luke's Oval are often locked. Amenities buildings are not open in time for sport on Saturdays.	Access by sporting groups to amenities for training and competition.	Ensure access by sporting groups to amenities for training and competition.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide keys to clubs hiring fields and facilities for access to amenities buildings. Install different locks on amenities buildings at the end of the winter and summer seasons to avoid clubs having to return keys. 	Medium	AGMES	—	—	Keys issued to clubs.	—	—
Ground hire fees are perceived by sporting groups to be expensive.	Ground hire fees reflect the cost to Council of providing and maintaining grounds, and are comparable to fees charged by other Councils.	Ensure ground hire fees are acceptable to user groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review ground hire fees. Liaise with sporting groups regarding any changes in fees. 	Medium	AGMES	—	—	Review of ground hire fees completed.	—	—
				Medium	AGMES	—	—	Sporting groups are advised of any changes in fees.	—	—

Access (cont.)

Issue	Desired outcome	Strategy	Action	Priority	Responsibility	Capital cost \$	Recurrent cost \$	Performance indicator	Method of measurement	Status
Ground hire fees are not advised to sporting clubs in time to set membership fees well before the beginning of the season.	Sporting clubs are given adequate notice of ground hire fees.	Ensure sporting clubs are given adequate notice of ground hire fees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise sporting groups of ground hire fees at least one month before the season begins. 	Medium	AGMES	—	—	Sporting groups are advised of ground hire fees one month before the season begins.	Positive feedback from sporting groups.	
Fields are sometimes booked, but are not used, limiting access by potential users.	Fields are used if booked.	Implement a licence system (days and times) for the use of fields.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with sporting groups twice a year, before the summer and winter seasons, to discuss booking needs. Enter into licence agreements with sporting groups regarding days and times of use of sporting facilities. 	High	AGMES	—	—	Meetings with sporting groups held twice a year.	—	
Lack of clearly defined access or locational signage.	Clear and consistent directional and information signage at pedestrian/cycle access points within the parks, particularly at Parramatta Road, Gipps Street and Crane Street.	Ensure signage within the parks is consistent with the signage strategy for Concord's open spaces.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design standard pedestrian/cycle access points into the parks, incorporating interpretive signage, notice boards, and seating. Implement design for pedestrian/cycle access points. 	Medium	DROS	—	—	Licence agreements between Council and sporting groups for use of sporting facilities.	—	
Service authorities request permanent access to utility services.	Service vehicle access to all services and utilities at all times.	Ensure service vehicle access to all services and utilities at all times.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate legal rights for access from Gipps Street to the sewer pumping station. Revoke the diagonal easement for vehicle access from Gipps Street to the sewer pumping station in St Luke's Park. Redefine a new easement for vehicle access from Gipps Street north to the sewer pumping station. Consider provision for service vehicle access to all utility services in all future developments within the parks. 	High	AGMES	—	—	Pedestrian and cycle access points designed.	—	
				Medium	DROS	dependent on design	dependent on design	Clearly defined park entries constructed.	Positive comments from users.	
				High	AGMES	—	—	Legal access rights are established.	Written confirmation from Sydney Water and DLWC.	
				High	DLWC	—	—	Existing service easement from Gipps Street to sewer pumping station is revoked.	—	
				High	DLWC	—	—	New easement from Gipps Street to sewer pumping station created.	—	
				High	AGMEPD, MI	—	—	Provision of vehicle access to all utility services within the parks.	No complaints from utility service authorities.	
Access is required across the stormwater channel between the carpark north of Concord Oval and the hockey field.	Access for pedestrians and people with disabilities across the stormwater channel between the carpark north of Concord Oval and the hockey field.	Ensure the pathway between the Concord Oval carpark and the hockey field is accessible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct an accessible bridge across the stormwater channel between the Concord Oval carpark and the hockey field. 	Immediate	AGMES	20,000	—	Accessible bridge constructed.	Positive comments from pedestrians and people with disabilities.	

Peace and quiet

Objective: Ensure local residents and park users are not unreasonably affected by noise.

Issue	Desired outcome	Strategy	Action	Priority	Responsibility	Capital cost \$	Recurrent cost \$	Performance indicator	Method of measurement	Status
Noise from public address systems and whistles used for netball affects local residents.	Local residents are not unreasonably affected by noise from activities within the parks.	Minimise impacts of noise from activities within the parks on local residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with sporting groups and local residents to determine an acceptable level of noise. Act on resident complaints about noise. 	Medium	MES	—	—	An acceptable level of noise is determined.	Reduction in complaints to Council about noise.	
Noise from tent events and activities in north St Luke's Park affects local residents near Crane Street.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plant screening vegetation between the netball and tennis courts and adjoining houses. 	Medium	DROS	20,000	4,000	Response to all resident complaints about noise in the parks.	Reduction in complaints to Council about noise.	
Noise from sporting activities affects residents in Stanley Street and Gipps Street.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plant screening vegetation outside and inside the fenceline at Crane Street. Set noise limits in conditions of development consent for lease/ licence agreements for use of north St Luke's Park. Plant screening vegetation west of St Luke's 1. 	Medium	DROS	20,000	4,000	Screen vegetation between courts and adjoining houses is planted.	—	
				Medium	MA	—	—	Screen vegetation along Crane Street fenceline is planted.	—	
				Medium	DROS	12,000	2,000	Noise limits set for users of north St Luke's Park.	—	
Noise from traffic on Parramatta Road would affect sporting activities on Cintra Park south.	Users of Cintra Park south are not unreasonably affected by noise from traffic on Parramatta Road.	Minimise noise from Parramatta Road to south Cintra Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plant additional screening vegetation south of Cintra Park fronting Parramatta Road. 	Medium	DROS	15,000	1,500	Screening vegetation is planted west of St Luke's 1.	—	
								Screening vegetation is planted south of Cintra Park along Parramatta Road.	—	

Safety

Objective: *Ensure the safety and security of all park users and structures.*

Issue	Desired outcome	Strategy	Action	Priority	Respons- ibility	Capital cost \$	Recurrent cost \$	Performance indicator	Method of measurement	Status
Contamination of St Luke's and Cintra Parks due to landfill.	Park users and staff do not come into contact with any leachate or contaminated soil or waste in the landfill or adjacent to it.	Ensure park users and staff do not come into contact with contaminated soil or waste.	• Engage a consultant to prepare a report on the extent and nature of landfill gases and soil contamination for solid waste landfills according to EPA guidelines, specifying measures to prevent landfill gas accumulation within enclosed structures and buried building services, and if necessary, adjacent to the landfill.	Immediate	AGMEPD, AGMES	40,000	—	Soil contamination report prepared according to EPA guidelines.	Feedback from the EPA regarding compliance of the report with their guidelines.	
			• Obtain written formal approval from the EPA under the requirements of the <i>Unhealthy Building Land Act, 1990</i> prior to the erection of any structures within UBL Area no. 810.	High	AGMEPD	—	—	Formal approval sought from EPA prior to erecting structures in contaminated areas.	—	
			• Ensure Canbay have developed an appropriate Occupational Health and Safety Plan for park staff with the WorkCover Authority.	High	HRM, Canbay	5,000	—	Occupational Health and Safety Plan for park staff prepared.	—	
			• Notify the history, investigation and remediation of the site on any Section 149 certificates issued regarding developments in the parks in accordance with DUAP/EPA guidelines for managing and remediating contaminated land.	High	AGMEPD	—	—	Site history is notified on Section 149 certificates.	—	
	Landfill will not cause any off-site environmental impacts in the future.	Minimise contaminated groundwater leaving the landfill.	• Develop a long-term strategy to monitor groundwater leaving the landfill.	Medium	AGMES, AGMEPD	5,000	—	Groundwater monitoring strategy prepared.	—	
		Minimise soil erosion and promote surface runoff into surface drains.	• Ensure an adequate final surface cover thickness of contaminated land is maintained. • Grade the final surface cover to ensure good cross flows of stormwater and to prevent ponding.	High High	AGMES AGMES	— 10,000	— —	Surface cover does not expose contaminated land. Final surface cover is graded. Limited ponding of stormwater.	Regular inspections. Regular inspections.	
Users of the park do not feel safe at night.	Secure environment for park users at night.	Improve lighting of carparks, pathways and buildings within the park.	• Install and improve lighting in the St Luke's Oval carpark.	High	DROS	30,000	—	Lighting installed in St Luke's Oval carpark.	—	
			• Install bollard lighting along all pathways.	High	MROS	50,000	—	Bollard lighting installed along all pathways.	—	
			• Install security lighting on all park buildings.	Medium	MI	10,000	500	Security lighting installed on all park buildings.	—	
Dangerous car activities occur in the St Luke's Oval carpark at night.	Dangerous car activities do not occur in the parks.	Restrict vehicle access within the St Luke's Oval carpark at night.	• Re-design the carpark to incorporate speed humps to slow down cars.	Low	MTTS	80,000	5,000	Speed humps installed in St Luke's Oval carpark.	—	
Drug needles are left in the tennis court carpark.	Reduced opportunities for drug use in the parks.	Ensure plantings and lighting enable visibility into and within the parks.	• Thin the shrubs east of the tennis court carpark.	Medium	DROS	5,000	—	Shrubs east of the tennis court carpark are thinned.	—	
			• Install lighting in the tennis court carpark.	Medium	MI	20,000	1,000	Lighting installed in tennis court carpark.	—	
Limited opportunity for safe crossing of Lyons Road West for pedestrians and cyclists.	Safe crossing of Lyons Road West between Marceau Drive and the parks for pedestrians and cyclists.	Ensure safe crossing of Lyons Road West and Crane Street for pedestrians and cyclists.	• Liaise with the Roads and Traffic Authority regarding an appropriate traffic control/ pedestrian refuge measure across Lyons Road West at Marceau Drive.	High	MTTS	—	—	An appropriate traffic control/ pedestrian refuge measure between Lyons Road West and Marceau Drive is determined.	—	
			• Implement appropriate traffic control measure.	High	MTTS	8,000	—	Appropriate traffic control measure installed.	—	
Exposed sprinklers on St Luke's Oval are dangerous.	No exposed sprinklers on sports fields.	Ensure exposed sprinklers are covered.	• Implement the findings of the irrigation report.	High	AGMES	depends on report	depends on report	Findings of irrigation report are implemented.	—	
Poor sightlines and visibility of oncoming traffic on Gipps Street for drivers exiting the tennis court carpark.	Clear vision of Gipps Street and safe vehicle exit from the tennis court carpark.	Re-design the entry/exit from the tennis court carpark at Gipps Street.	• Consult with the RTA to re-design the entry/exit to the tennis court carpark.	High	MTTS, AGMES	—	—	Entry point off Gipps Street resolved.	—	
			• Remove some trees fronting Gipps Street at the tennis court entry/exit.	Medium	DROS	—	—	Improved visibility of Gipps Street at tennis court entry/ exit.	—	
			• Implement entry point design and lighting.	Medium	MTTS	depends on design	depends on design	Entry point at tennis courts is constructed.	—	

Safety (cont.)

Issue	Desired outcome	Strategy	Action	Priority	Responsibility	Capital cost \$	Recurrent cost \$	Performance indicator	Method of measurement	Status
Balls from games on St Luke's 2 and 3 go onto Gipps Street.	Traffic on Gipps Street is not affected by balls on the road, and players do not have to retrieve balls from the road.	Ensure balls do not fall from St Luke's 2 and 3 on to Gipps Street.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install a low fence if required and planting south of St Luke's Park from the sewer pumping station to the footbridge, while retaining the gate adjacent to the community centre for vehicle and service access. Plant trees on the slope south of St Luke's 2 and 3 while retaining the accessway to the sewer pumping station. 	Medium	MI	15,000	1,000	Fence installed if required, and planting established.	—	—
Fencing along the stormwater canal is in poor condition and is dangerous in places.	Fence along the stormwater canal is secure with no openings, to prevent access to the canal.	Ensure the fence along the canal is secure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with Sydney Water to repair fencing along the stormwater canal. 	Medium	MI, Sydney Water	20,000	—	Fencing along the stormwater canal is repaired.	Inspection of the fence.	—
Lids on the stormwater drains require repair.	Lids on the stormwater drains are secure.	Ensure lids on the stormwater drains are secure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair lids on stormwater drains more frequently. 	Medium	MI, Sydney Water	—	5,000	Lids on the stormwater drains are in good repair.	Inspection of stormwater drains.	—
Poor security on the doors of the St Luke's Oval amenities block and canteen.	Buildings in the park are not broken into.	Improve security of the St Luke's Oval clubhouse and canteen.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install more effective security locks and doors on the St Luke's Oval amenities block and canteen. 	Medium	MBC	10,000	—	Security locks and doors are installed on the St Luke's Oval amenities block and canteen.	Reduction in reports of break-ins to the amenities building and canteen.	—
Lighting of the carpark at the corner of Loftus Street and Gipps Street is required for safety of carpark users.	The carpark at the corner of Gipps Street and Loftus Street is lit.	Ensure the safety of carpark users and security of property.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install lights in the carpark at the corner of Loftus Street and Gipps Street. 	High	MI	20,000	—	Lights installed.	—	—
Cars exiting the roadside carpark along Crane Street is unsafe for motorists on Crane Street.	Users of north St Luke's Park use the carpark north of St Luke's Oval. One safe vehicle entry to St Luke's Park.	Encourage park users to park their cars in the St Luke's Oval carpark.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove the surface of and landscape over the Crane Street roadside carpark. 	Medium	DROS	10,000	—	Planting established over former carpark.	Regular monitoring of plantings.	—

Social interaction

Objective: *Maximise opportunities for social interaction within the parks.*

Issue	Desired outcome	Strategy	Action	Priority	Responsibility	Capital cost \$	Recurrent cost \$	Performance indicator	Method of measurement	Status
Limited opportunities for sporting group social activities and meetings within the parks.	Sporting groups are able to use facilities within or adjacent to the parks for social activities and meetings.	Improve opportunities for social activities and meetings within and adjacent to the parks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage sporting groups to book the former East Concord Bowling Club building for meetings. Liaise with the Department of Land and Water Conservation to add the former East Concord Bowling Club land into St Luke's Park. 	High	MCS, AGMES	—	—	Meetings of groups that use St Luke's and Cintra Parks in the former East Concord Bowling Club building.	Requests to Council for bookings.	—
There are no facilities for cooking and eating in the parks.	Picnic and barbecue facilities within the parks.	Provide picnic facilities and barbecues in the family recreation area in north St Luke's Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install picnic tables and barbecues. 	High	AGMCS	—	—	The former East Concord Bowling Club land is added to St Luke's Park.	Written confirmation from DLWC.	—
Refer to "Variety of opportunities"										

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Children's play

Objective: *Provide opportunities for children's play within the parks.*

Issue	Desired outcome	Strategy	Action	Priority	Responsibility	Capital cost \$	Recurrent cost \$	Performance indicator	Method of measurement	Status
No informal children's play facilities or area within the parks.	Informal children's play facilities are provided in the parks.	Provide opportunities for informal children's play in the family recreation area in north St Luke's Park.	• Install children's play equipment.					Refer to "Variety of opportunities"		
			• Construct children's bike track.					Refer to "Variety of opportunities"		

Community involvement

Objective: *Provide opportunities for community involvement in planning and managing the parks.*

Issue	Desired outcome	Strategy	Action	Priority	Responsibility	Capital cost \$	Recurrent cost \$	Performance indicator	Method of measurement	Status
The community wish to be involved in planning and managing the parks.	Community involvement in planning and management of the parks.	Ensure representative community involvement in planning and managing the parks.	• Establish a St Luke's and Cintra Parks Management Committee, comprising user groups, local residents and Council staff.	High	AGMES	—	—	St Luke's and Cintra Parks Management Committee established.	—	
	Local residents are informed of planned developments within the parks.	Provide information to and seek comments from local residents regarding proposed and ongoing developments.	• Regularly letterbox-drop a newsletter to local residents about proposed and actual changes to the parks.	High	DROS	\$500 / 1,500 households	—	Regular letterbox drop to local residents.	Positive feedback from local residents.	
			• Hold community meetings regarding improvements and proposed developments in the parks when necessary.	High	DROS	—	—	Community meetings held to discuss improvements and proposed developments in the parks.	Positive feedback from local residents.	

6 IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW

6.1 Future uses and development permitted in St Luke's and Cintra Parks

Crown land must be used and managed in accordance with the principles of Crown land management as set out in Section 11 of the *Crown Lands Act, 1989* (refer to **Section 4.1.1**). As St Luke's and Cintra Parks are reserved for public recreation, the parks must provide some public benefit for recreation. Reserve uses, activities, developments and agreements should be broadly defined by the purpose of Public Recreation. The permitted land uses are then more specifically defined by either a statutory mechanism (a Plan of Management), contractual agreement (leases and licences), or a combination of both.

The Department of Land and Water Conservation has stated that the definition of "public recreation" is to be determined in this Management Action Plan. Public recreation is thus defined as active sporting and informal passive recreational and leisure activities.

Case law judgements influence the policy and practice of the Department of Land and Water Conservation and Concord Council as the reserve's Trust Manager. The case law specifically relates to land uses on public recreation lands, or direct that land uses need to be supportive of or ancillary to the public purpose. The body of case law that helps define acceptable uses and activities on public recreation reserves provides the following guidance:

- improvements and developments to land which is reserved or dedicated are confined to those which support, or are conducive or ancillary to, the public purpose of the reservation for Public Recreation. This includes uses that are ancillary to or supportive of the reserve purpose, such as a kiosk on public recreation land. A reserve cannot be used for an activity that is occurring off the reserve and that is not consistent with the reserve purpose, for example carparking on a Crown reserve for public recreation that serves an adjoining land use.
- land reserved or dedicated for public recreation must be open to the public generally as a right. Exclusive use of the reserve should be minimised to avoid sections of the community becoming alienated from using the reserve. The public may only be restricted from access to parts of the reserve and buildings thereon if it is necessary for the public's enjoyment of the reserve or for health and safety reasons to be excluded, for example a workshop or equipment storage area.
- access as of right does not mean entirely free access. Reasonable entry fees and charges may be imposed, as well as other legal constraints to entry that relate to health and safety.

In order to change a reservation of Crown land, a land assessment is required under the *Crown Lands Act, 1989*. The Minister can waive an assessment if it is in the public interest, and if it is consistent with the principles of Crown land management (refer to **Section 4.1.1**).

Placement of fill on a Crown recreation reserve must be associated with the creation of a proposed recreation facility, or improvement of an existing recreation facility. Soil may also be temporarily stored on the reserve for topdressing sporting fields. Storage of fill for any other purpose on the Crown reserve is not permitted.

Any proposed use of the Crown reserve in St Luke's and Cintra Parks must be consistent with the above guidelines.

6.2 Authorisation of leases and licences

6.2.1 What are leases and licences?

A lease will be typically required where exclusive use or control of all or part of St Luke's and Cintra Parks is desirable for effective management. A lease may also be required due to the scale of investment in facilities, the necessity for security measures, or where the relationship between a major user and facilities in the parks justify such security of tenure.

Licences allow multiple and non-exclusive use of an area. A licence may be required where intermittent or short-term use or control of all or part of the parks is proposed. A number of licences for different users can apply to the same area at the same time, provided there is no conflict of interest.

6.2.2 Existing leases and licences

This Management Action Plan authorises existing leases and licences which have been granted by Concord Council over St Luke's and Cintra Parks for the agreed term of that lease or licence, and according to any conditions associated with the lease or licence.

6.2.3 Authorisation of future leases and licences

All tenures over part or all of a Crown reserve are made between the Reserve Trust and the lessee/licensee, and are subject to the provisions of the *Crown Lands Act, 1989*. Lease agreements are modelled on the standard Crown lease conditions applying to the leasing of Crown land under Section 34 of the *Crown Lands Act, 1989*.

A lease or licence over a Crown public reserve must be consistent with the reason or purpose of the land's reservation or dedication. As such, any lease or licence granted over St Luke's and Cintra Parks must be consistent with the definition of Public Recreation and guidelines for use of Crown reserves in **Section 5.1.1**, otherwise the Minister cannot approve any leases or licences granted by the Reserve Trust.

Under any lease, the construction of facilities on Crown land will be permitted, provided:

- the facilities that are proposed to be constructed are in accordance with a Plan of Management adopted for the reserve under the *Crown Lands Act, 1989*.
- any lessee will obtain the consent of both the Minister and the Reserve Trust to any development applications or proposals for activity made by it to enable the construction of the premises.

The Department of Land and Water Conservation prefer licence rather than lease arrangements for use of Crown reserves. Consent must be obtained from the Minister for Land and Water Conservation before any long-term licence on Crown land is granted. A temporary licence can be granted only for the purposes prescribed under the *Crown Lands Regulation, 1990*, which includes activities such as grazing, advertising, camping, catering, hiring of equipment, entertainment, equestrian events, exhibition functions, markets, meetings, sales, shows, sporting activities and stabling of horses. A temporary licence does not require the Minister's consent, but can only be granted for a maximum period of one year.

Concord Council prefer that all licences for ground hire are for a period of one year, unless a formal lease is in place. Priority for ground hire will be given to Concord-based organisations.

In considering whether to grant any lease or licence Council should take into account the consistency of the proposal with the values and management strategies of this Management Action Plan, particularly regarding:

- whether the use/activity is in the public interest.

- whether the use/activity would not cause any significant detrimental impact on the parks or on the local community.
- the impact of the lease/licence on the public/private space use of the parks.
- the impact on maintaining the parks as one cohesive open space.
- compatibility with zoning or other Council requirements.
- provision of benefits and services or facilities for the users of the land.
- responsibility of the lessee/licensee for ensuring the area is maintained to a standard which is acceptable to Council.
- the need to define the times the land or facility will be available for use by the lessee/licensee.
- any fixed or temporary outdoor lighting of areas to be allowed only between the hours identified in the lease/licence.

Further considerations that may affect leases and licences are:

- fees can be charged as part of a lease or licence and can be commercially based.
- the lessee or licensee should take out public risk insurance and produce notices of policy as required on renewal.
- use of the premises by the lessee or licensee is restricted to only those activities authorised in the lease or licence.
- any alteration, transfer or sub-letting etc should not be permitted without Council's consent.
- ownership of improvements should be dealt within the lease or licence.
- a lease (5 years or more) should be registered on the land title.
- a licence can be terminated by either party.

Council must register any leases and licences with the Department of Land and Water Conservation.

6.3 Proposed developments and building works

Concord Council is the consent authority for developments and activities within the parks. All proposed development and building works consistent with the values, desired outcomes, strategies and actions in this Management Action Plan (excluding activities associated with landscaping, gardening or bushfire hazard reduction, which are permitted without development consent under the *Concord Planning Scheme Ordinance, 1969* and the Section 117 Direction of the Director of Urban Affairs and Planning) would be subject to normal development and building applications in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* and the *Concord Planning Scheme Ordinance, 1969*. This Management Action Plan and Landscape Master Plan would form an important part of the required Development and Building Applications for the proposed works.

All proposals for development of buildings on land designated as Unhealthy Building Land should be referred to the Environment Protection Authority for approval.

6.4 Maintenance regime

The current level of maintenance as outlined in the Concord Council and CanBay maintenance agreement would appear to be a sufficient level of maintenance for parks of their nature. However, it would appear from the number of requests from user groups and from site inspections that this maintenance procedure is not strictly adhered to. Therefore, it would appear that additional administration of this contract is required by Concord Council to ensure that the maintenance contractor performs to the level required within the contract.

6.5 Review of this Management Action Plan

Table 1.1 showed indicative time-frames for each section of this Management Action Plan. This Management Action Plan should be reviewed every five years, and updated as necessary according to changing circumstances and to reflect changing community and Council priorities and issues. Review of this Management Action Plan should also take into account the outcomes of concurrent reviews of the Concord Recreation Plan, Section 94 Contributions Plan, and other relevant plans and policies.

The Action Plan tables have a shorter life and therefore require more frequent reviews and updating. The Action Plan tables should be reviewed and revised every year in accordance with Council's budgets and changing priorities.

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Appendix A

Consultation Report

CONCORD COUNCIL

MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN AND
LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN
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ST LUKE'S AND CINTRA PARKS

CONSULTATION REPORT

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1 INTRODUCTION

A consultation program was carried out in the process of preparing a Management Action Plan and Landscape Master Plan for St Luke's and Cintra Parks for the following reasons:

- The local Concord community has an interest in the future of St Luke's and Cintra Parks.
- Concord Council believes community participation is essential to ensure the success of managing community land.
- to comply with the requirements of the *Crown Lands Act, 1989* for community involvement in the preparation of a plan of management for Crown land.

This report outlines the process of gaining community and other stakeholder input into preparing the Management Action Plan for St Luke's and Cintra Parks, and the results of that process.

2 PROCESS OF CONSULTATIONS

The methods used to consult the community and other stakeholders in the planning process, in approximate order of their timing, were:

- Meeting with CanBay on 10 September 1998, to discuss maintenance activities and issues.
- On-site meeting with Council's recreation, open space and engineering staff on 15 September 1998 to discuss proposed improvements and issues to be addressed in the management action plan.
- Meetings and/or telephone conversations with groups that lease or hire facilities in the parks in September/October 1998. These groups included West Harbour Rugby Union, NSW Rugby, City and Suburban Cricket Association, Sydney All Breeds dog training club, I Zingari Cricket Club, Western Suburbs Little Athletics Club, Western Suburbs Hardcourt Tennis Association, and Western Suburbs District Netball Association. Each group was asked about their use of the facilities in the parks, membership trends, and needs for facilities and park improvements.
- Meetings with senior Council staff in September, October and November 1998 to discuss issues and proposed facilities.
- Letters sent to stakeholders, including the Department of Land and Water Conservation, Drummoyne Council, Environment Protection Authority, Sydney Water, and Energy Australia in late September 1998.
- Posters placed on buildings within the parks and at the Council's One Stop Shop to advise park users about the community meeting on 12 October 1998 and how to make any written comments (refer to **Attachment 1**).
- Leaflet distributed to letterboxes of 1,250 residences in the area bounded by Regatta Road, Canada Bay, Burwood Road, Broughton Street and Parramatta Road. The leaflet (**Attachment 2**) advised local residents about the community meeting. A tear-off questionnaire in the leaflet contained a series of questions about resident's current use of the parks, future use of the parks, values, and issues to be addressed. 49 completed questionnaires were received. A summary of responses is in **Attachment 3**.
- Media releases and text for Council's column in local newspapers advising of the community meeting were distributed to local newspapers. A notice appeared in the *Glebe and Inner Western Weekly* on 7 October 1998 (**Attachment 4**).
- A general community meeting held on 12 October 1998. Refer to **Attachment 5** for agenda, support material and minutes of the meeting. Written submissions were invited from people unable to attend the meeting. No written submissions were received from people unable to attend the meeting.

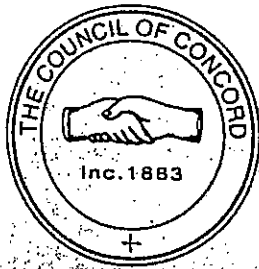
- Meeting with Department of Land and Water Conservation on 3 November 1998 regarding DLWC requirements for the Management Action Plan.
- Public exhibition of the draft Management Action Plan and Landscape Master Plan for a period of at least 28 days, with an additional 14 days to receive written submissions. The public exhibition period meets the requirements of the *Crown Lands Act 1989* and is consistent with the *Local Government 1993* requirements for public exhibition of draft Plans of Management and receipt of written comments.

The draft Management Action Plan and Landscape Master Plan was placed on public exhibition at Council's One Stop Shop between 24 May and 21 June 2000, and written submissions received until 5 July 2000. A notice was placed in Council's column in local newspapers on 24 May 2000, and notices placed in letterboxes of residents surrounding the parks to advise the community about the public exhibition arrangements (**Attachment 6**). A notice was also placed in the NSW Government Gazette, and letters were sent to groups that use the parks regarding the public exhibition.

- A summary of written submissions from the public exhibition is in **Attachment 7**.

Attachment 1

Poster



Concord Council

MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN FOR ST LUKE'S and CINTRA PARKS

***Have your say on the future use and management
of St Luke's and Cintra Parks***

Concord Council is preparing a Management Action Plan for St Luke's and Cintra Parks to guide the future use and management of both parks.

Council is encouraging people that use St Luke's and Cintra Parks, local residents and the Concord community to comment on the ***importance and values of the parks, issues regarding future use and management of the parks*** that you think should be included in the Management Action Plan, and ***suggestions to address these issues***.

You can comment in two ways:

Attend a community meeting on Monday 12 October 1998

at 7.00pm

in the Concord Council Chambers,
corner Wellbank and Flavelle Streets,
Concord

You are warmly invited to attend this meeting to put forward your views on the values and importance of St Luke's and Cintra Parks, and issues regarding their use and management.

The process of preparing the Management Action Plan and the content of the Plan will be explained at the meeting.

Write to Council by Friday 16 October 1998

addressing your letter to:

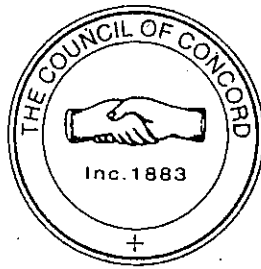
The General Manager
Concord Council
PO Box 28
CONCORD NSW 2137
Attention: Robert Hook

For further enquiries about the community meeting and the Management Action Plan, please telephone Robert Hook at Concord Council on 9736 4700.

Your views and comments will be valuable in preparing the Management Action Plan, and will be greatly appreciated by Concord Council.

Attachment 2

Leaflet delivered to letterboxes



Concord Council

ST LUKE'S AND CINTRA PARKS MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN

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St Luke's and Cintra Parks*

Concord Council, in association with Parkland Environmental Planners and Mather and Associates (Landscape Architects) is preparing a Management Action Plan for St Luke's and Cintra Parks in Concord.

The Management Action Plan will guide the future use and management of the parks according to the needs of park users and the community.

One of the key issues to be addressed in the Management Action Plan is the future use of the former golf driving range in St Luke's Park.

Concord Council would like to invite local residents, users of St Luke's and Cintra Parks, and interested members of the community to a **community meeting**:

on Monday 12 October
at 7.00 pm
in the Concord Council Chambers,
corner Wellbank and Flavelle Streets, Concord

Council particularly invites residents' comments at the meeting about:

- **what is important about St Luke's and Cintra Parks?**
- **how should the parks be used in the next 20 years?**
- **what issues or concerns should be addressed in the Management Action Plan?**
- **how can these issues or concerns be resolved?**

People unable to attend the meeting are invited to return the attached question sheet, or to write to Council with any comments **by Friday 16 October**.

Question sheets and/or written submissions should be addressed to:

The General Manager
Concord Council
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Attention: Robert Hook

Further enquiries about the Management Action Plan and the community meeting can be directed to Robert Hook at Concord Council on 9736 4700.

ENGLISH

If you do not understand this correspondence, please come to Council or contact the Telephone Interpreter Service (TIS) on 13 1450 and ask them to connect you to Council on 9736 4700. We will try to answer your enquiries by using an interpreter.

CHINESE

如果您不明白本信件的内容，請到市議會來，或撥 13 1450 同電話傳譯服務聯絡，請他們替您接通市議會電話 9736 4700 我們將通過電話傳譯員回答您的有關問題及查詢。

SPANISH

Si Ud. no entiende esta correspondencia, le rogamos concurrir al Concejo Municipal o llamar al Servicio Telefónico de Intérpretes (TIS) al 13 1450 y pedirles que le comuniquen con el Concejo en el 9736 4700. Trataremos de contestar sus consultas usando un intérprete.

ITALIAN

Se non riuscite a comprendere questa corrispondenza, siete pregati di venire al Comune o rivolgervi al Servizio telefonico interpreti (TIS) al numero 13 1450 chiedendo a quest'ultimo di mettervi in contatto con il Comune al numero telefonico 9736 4700. Cercheremo di dare una risposta alle vostre domande usando un interprete.

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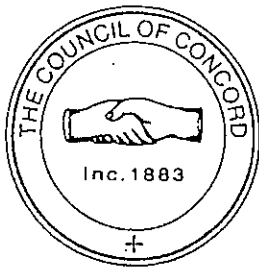
Αν δεν καταλαβαίνετε την επιστολή αυτή, παρακαλείστε να έρθετε στο Δημαρχείο (Council) ή επικοινωνήστε με την τηλεφωνική Υπηρεσία Διερμηνέων (Telephone Interpreter Service ή TIS) στον αριθμό 13 1450 και ζητήστε να σας συνδέσουν με το Δημαρχείο, στον αριθμό 9736 4700. Θα προσπαθήσουμε να απαντήσουμε σε ό,τι μάς ρωτήσετε, χρησιμοποιώντας διερμηνέα.

VIETNAMESE

Nếu bạn không hiểu tờ thông tư này, xin bạn hãy đến Council (Hội Đồng Thành Phố) hoặc liên lạc với Dịch Vụ Thông Ngôn Điện Thoại (Telephone Interpreter Service, TIS) số 13 1450 và xin họ bắt điện thoại cho bạn với Council ở số 9736 4700. Chúng tôi sẽ cố gắng giải đáp thắc mắc của bạn qua người thông ngôn.

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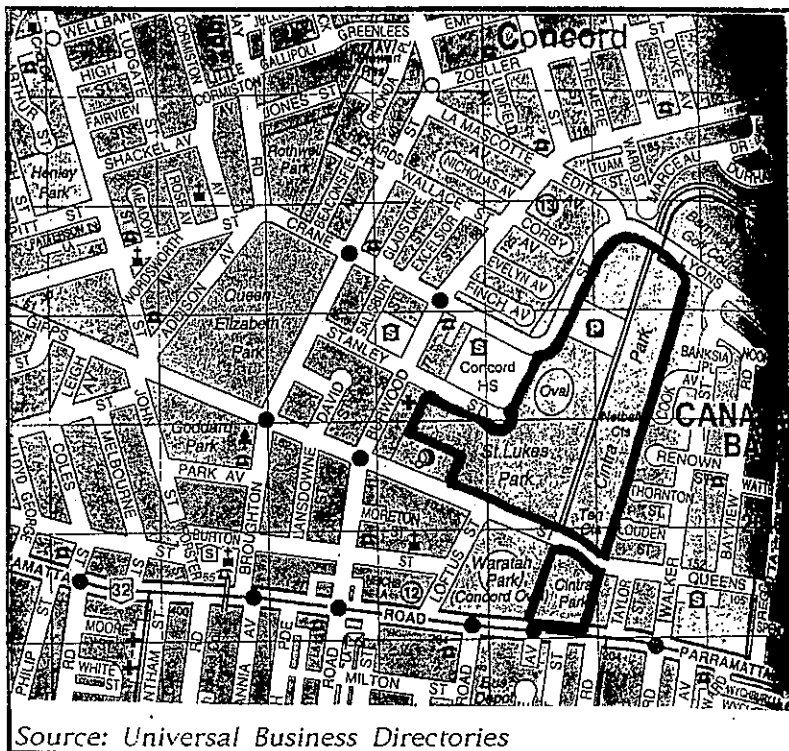
إن لم تفهم هذه المراسلة، فالرجاء الحضور إلى المجلس أو الاتصال مع خدمة الترجمة الهاتفية (TIS) على الرقم 13 1450 واطلب منهم ربطك هاتفياً مع المجلس على الرقم 9736 4700. سنحاول الإجابة على استفسارتك باستعمال مترجم.



Concord Council

ST LUKE'S AND CINTRA PARKS MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN

*Have your say about the future use and management of
St Luke's and Cintra Parks*



Please complete the following questions, attach extra pages if necessary, and post or fax to:

The General Manager
Concord Council
PO Box 28
CONCORD NSW 2137
Attention: Robert Hook

Robert Hook
Project Officer
Concord Council
Fax: 9736 4702

1. Do you use St Luke's and Cintra Parks?

If **yes**, why do use the parks? What activities do you like to do in the parks?

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If **no**, why don't you use the parks?

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2. What aspects or features of St Luke's and Cintra Parks are important to you?

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**3. Are there any issues that you think we should address in the Management Action Plan regarding use and management of the parks?
How do you think these issues might be resolved?**

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4. Can you suggest any improvements that should be made to St Luke's and Cintra Parks?

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5. Do you have any ideas about how the former golf driving range at the northern end of St Luke's Park might be used in the future?

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6. Do you have any other comments about St Luke's and Cintra Parks?

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Thank you for your comments.

Optional

If you would like your name and address to be added to a mailing list to keep you informed about the progress of the Management Action Plan for St Luke's and Cintra Parks, please complete the details below:

Name:

Postal address:
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Attachment 3

Comments received from letterbox leaflet

1. Do you use St Luke's and Cintra Parks?

If yes, why do you use the parks?

Cut through the park to walk to and from Burwood and Concord.
Because it is next to us and available.
Park is close to where we live and is very open.
It's wonderful to have an extensive green parkland so close to home.
Exercising in the open air.

If yes, what activities do you like to do in the parks?

Basketball (1)
Bike riding (5) - on paths
Bike riding - children (5) - on netball courts
Children's activities - ball games, etc. (7)
Cricket - competition (2)
Dog training (2)
Enjoy the vast greenery (1)
Family activities (2)
Flying kites (2)
Informal ball games (5)
Little Athletics (2) - use running track and long jump pit on- and off-season.
Netball (6)
Relax (1)
Rollerskating/rollerblading (1)
Running/jogging (8) - around the track/oval
School sports (3) - soccer, softball, netball.
Tennis (8)
Visit circus (1)
Walking (28)
Walking/exercising dogs and pets (10)
Watch dog training (1)
Watch games/sport (2)
Watch netball (1)
Watch rugby (3)
Watch birds (1)

If no, why don't you use the parks at all or more often?

We use Edwards Park and Ron Routley at present, which are sufficient for our needs at this time, although that could very soon change.

Turned off by the amount of unrestrained dogs allowed to wander freely, also the amount of dog poo that is everywhere.

Use is declining due to the large increase in dog owners using these parks as big dog toilets. Most owners never have their dogs on leads and never clean up the dog poo. Encountering rottweilers and dobermans running loose when in the park with my grandkids is no joke. However, it is never policed by rangers, etc.

Do not use St Luke's Park as it is just a big tip at present.

I did use the parks to walk my dog until it became a rubble heap over 2 years ago.

There are no swings or bike track for the children to play.

I did use the parks, played golf and played soccer on Cintra Park (Waratah Park side), but that was a while ago.

Sport I play (hockey) is not available.

2. What aspects or features of St Luke's and Cintra Parks are important to you?

Large open space, not crowded (23)

Open spaces (11)
The open area (4) for recreational activities.
Wide open.
The green open area for enjoyment.
Openness.
Large green open space.
Large expanses of grass.
Room to walk and play with the children.
Size - it doesn't get too crowded (except when the netball is on).
Not crowded.

Cleanliness, neat and tidy (16)

Clean (3)
No rubbish (3)
The areas are neat.
Neat and tidy.
Cleanness of the parks.
Cleanness.
Cleanliness.
Well kept lawns.
The grass is green - not muddy.
Grass is cut and mowed.
Relatively clean and maintained.
Maintenance (mowing regularly) of all of our precious open spaces.

Natural setting, trees, wildlife (13)

Trees.
Growing clumps of trees.
Groves of trees.
Trees/shade.
Recent tree plantings that are beginning to provide extra shade and vegetation.
I like the bush area towards the Lyons Road end.
Well treed.
Native birds.
The birds are coming back because of the trees.
Wild budgerigars and other birds - friends from England were amazed to see so many different birds.
Enjoy bird life such as galahs and ibis that visit the park from time to time.
It is important to keep it natural as Concord is losing its parklands due to development.
Living in the inner western suburbs is made more pleasant by virtue of parks like these with plenty of grassland and trees for shade.

Visual, aesthetics, green (12)

Beauty.
Attractive.
Lovely to look out on.
Visual space.
Green.
Green atmosphere.
Looking at the green park is pleasant.
Grass, greenery and scenery.
The overall look of the parks, as I live opposite the park.
A green environment in the inner city is essential.
Nice fresh outlook seeing people jogging and walking around in a park free of cars, etc. or backs of houses.
The view was a major reason why I bought a unit overlooking St Luke's Park.

Sporting opportunities (8)

Sports of ratepayers and visitors.
Large areas of land for our possible future sporting uses (summer and winter seasons).
The ovals - I like to play soccer there.
The sporting facilities ie. tennis courts, ovals, netball courts are adequate and well used.
Tennis club, rugby club, basketball.
Tennis courts and netball courts for activities.
Cricket wicket.
Cricket field is very good.

Safe environment (8)

Safe.

Safety (2) - lighting.

Off main roads.

Safe for the kids to play.

Safe and secure for children to run (no busy roads)

Excellent with fencing around the canal now.

Stormwater canal is well fenced.

Close to home, easily accessible (8)

Close to home.

They are both close to our home.

We have this park on our doorstep.

Easy to exercise with the park adjacent to my home.

Accessibility to our residence.

The use of land for recreation close to residents.

All my kids grow up using the parks as their backyard.

Accessibility of open space was a major reason why I bought a unit overlooking St Luke's Park, although this accessibility has been lost since the development of the golf driving range and building of a fence around St Luke's Park.

Peace and quiet (5)

Peaceful.

Solitude.

Quiet atmosphere in the street.

The whole park is a quiet haven between extremely busy roads.

Enjoy the peace and quiet of the northern end of Cintra Park. As there are no sporting activities in this area, it is the only corner of the whole complex which maintains an atmosphere of tranquillity. Hopefully it will stay that way.

Informal passive activities, exercise (4)

Passive space.

Good for walking.

I feel it is one of the few unspoiled parks in this area where we can walk our dogs and exercise daily.

Dog training is a healthy activity, and we perform a public service by encouraging responsible dog ownership.

Public access, available to everyone to use (3)

Available to all the public.

For the use of everyone.

Enjoyment of all the community to make use of this space.

Variety of recreational opportunities (2)

Very unique and offer different respite and recreation for all ages.

Variety offered to children. We are encouraging our future leaders and generation to be active.

Linkages (2)

I like how the path leads down to the harbour foreshore walk.

Connections to pathways.

**3. Are there any issues that you think we should address in the Management Action Plan regarding use and management of the parks?
How do you think these issues might be resolved?**

Issue	Suggestion to resolve issue
Impacts on local residents	
Impacts of use of the park on local residents, as many people live in units in close proximity to St Luke's Park.	
Car parking. Parking for activities in the park. The impact of the tennis and netball on local residents (parking) is quite disruptive. Local streets are "parked out" by participants, especially netball. At times of sporting events, people park across driveways, and in the no-standing zones in the cul-de-sac streets, which is inconvenient for residents to enter and exit driveways. It is important that people use the carpark and not the streets surrounding the park.	More parking. More off-street parking. Supply parking for the inconsiderate netballers to park their cars. Any more use the park should be for organised sport should be away from residential areas, towards the centre area. Increase the awareness of available parking facilities. Increase parking police patrol of the area. Encourage sporting associations that use the park to make their members more aware of being considerate to the residents and their co-members. Park in allocated areas.
Noise The impact of the tennis and netball on local residents (noise) is quite disruptive. Noise from the PA announcements when netball is on. Loud speakers are too loud - local residents affected.	Delay the opening netball matches to a more considerate hour (9-10am). Try to convince the netball people that their PA system does not have to be loud enough to reach Parramatta Road. Any more use the park should be for organised sport should be away from residential areas, towards the centre area.
Practising ball games Children play with footballs right up close to houses.	Ban children playing or practising with footballs or soccer balls in front of housing. Plant flowers near boundaries of houses.
Dogs	
Unrestrained dogs.	Dogs on leashes.
Area to exercise dogs.	Need an area where dogs are able to run free. Special areas where dog owners can exercise their dogs and where they can clean up after their pets.
The park is used by many dog owners.	Crack down on dog owners who let their dogs foul the parks everywhere and never have their dogs on leads.
Dog owners let their dogs mess everywhere.	Provide lots of bins for dog droppings (2). More rangers fining people who let their dogs mess and don't clean it up. Have dog droppings stations.
Rubbish	
Rubbish left in the gutters, roadway and front lawns. Rubbish is thrown outside houses adjoining the park.	More rubbish bins in the park (3). More rangers fining people who litter. Arrange regular rubbish pickups in the park and among trees especially, not only after sport.
Litter from netballers is atrocious.	Netballers take responsibility to clean up after themselves. Paper pickups immediately after netball, or fines (after suitable deterrent) for clubs using facilities or allowing members to leave mess.
Rubbish dumped in the car park.	
Canal	Canal should have a rubbish catcher as it enters the bay.

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Issue	Suggestion to resolve issue
Maintenance	
General In comparison to other parks in Concord, these parks are sadly neglected.	Regular maintenance / upkeep (2)
Maintenance of Cintra Park has recently declined, particularly poor mowing and not maintaining the toilet block.	
Netball courts.	Tidy up the netball court area.
Cleaning	More cleaning (2).
Toilets	Regular maintenance. Cleaner toilets, like the ones in Queen Elizabeth Park.
Cricket wickets	Keep the synthetic cricket wicket in a safe playing condition, with grass mowed regularly.
Mowing.	More mowing. Grass should be mowed more frequently.
Paths.	Maintain paths.
Gardening.	Regular gardening (2)
Canal.	Fix up fencing on the canal and lids on drains more often. Sydney Water should be informed more often or quicker.
Mulch heaps have been there for months.	Mulch under trees could be spread out quicker.
Improvements to facilities	
Both grounds need upgrading.	
Poor toilet facilities.	
Ovals/track.	Upgrade and modernise St Luke's Oval for our budding sporting stars. Running track needs a new improved surface. Make the soccer pitch area clean, and plant softer grass.
Creek.	Turn the canal into a "creek" like at Toongabbie - very successful.
Change rooms.	Improve the change rooms at the tennis courts.
Quality of facilities	
Netball courts.	
The grassed netball area has deteriorated in the last 12 months. Netball courts shouldn't have so many ditches - should be smoother.	
Soccer fields.	
Tennis carpark.	Seal the tennis carpark.
Plantings	
Carpark entry.	
The garden put in by Council at the entry to the tennis courts in Cintra Park is dangerous, as it obscures traffic when exiting the park.	Remove plants at the entry. Remove greenery from exit of carpark, which obscures the view of oncoming traffic - a very dangerous exit.
More trees/shade	Plant more trees (2) for shady areas. More shade. More trees and bushes to encourage birds.
Development of Cintra Park	
Development of Cintra Park. When are the current changes to Cintra Park going to be complete? When the notice to residents came out, it led us to believe it was a short inconvenience. This park has been under construction for over two years.	Complete whatever is planned for Cintra Park as soon as possible. If there are no plans, then make it usable by the public again by putting in some children's amusements, such as swings. Not over the top, just so there are facilities available.
Resident consultation	
Proposals for development of the parks.	Ask the residents, especially owners of properties around the park areas for their input, and keep them informed.

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Issue	Suggestion to resolve issue
Opportunities for all ages	
More for teenagers.	
The parks only tend to cater for older children and adults.	Playground for younger children with swings, etc.
Safety and security	
General	Install lights along the path so people can walk at night.
Cars using the carpark at night. Passengers drop rubbish and burn bins, etc.	Better lighting at night. Lights in the carpark (2) as the majority of people who park there are women. Safety checks (2)
Crossing Lyons Road.	Zebra crossing at Lyons Road near Marceau Drive. An underpass to link the walkway by the side of the old golf range to go under Lyons Road to Marceau Drive. This would then allow access to the walkway by the bay and make it easier for families walking and cycling. An underpass under Lyons Road would link the parks with the harbour foreshore walk. It is a dangerous corner to cross the road at.
Vandalism of facilities.	More visits by rangers to keep out the undesirables.
Keep children from Concord High School using drugs.	Patrolled by the ranger or police.
Golf driving range	
Former golf driving range is an eyesore (2), attracting a lot of rubbish, and is uninviting to walk around.	Planning to improve this area. Clean up the area around the golf range.
Hire fees	
Fees for playing cricket are expensive.	Review fees. Reduce the lease fees for sporting activities.
Better use of facilities	
Netball courts are not being used to full extent.	
Access to facilities	
Opening of amenities.	Open toilets by 8.30am each Saturday.
Permitted activities.	
Not sure if we're allowed on the oval to jog.	Signs encouraging jogging.
Conflicts between sports	
Car parking	Instruct the netball authorities to have their people use their carpark instead of the tennis court carpark. The tennis people paid for their carpark.
Other	
	Take away all the unused netball goals.
	Some steps leading into the park from Renown Street would be good for elderly residents as the slope is very steep.
	Canteen at Cintra Park (tennis courts) should be bigger.
	More friendly staff at Cintra tennis courts.

4 (a) Can you suggest any improvements that should be made to St Luke's and Cintra Parks?

Leave as is, as it is working.
Leave the park as a recreation centre.

Other suggestions have been included in Question 3 - resolution of issues.

4 (b) Can you suggest any additional facilities that should be provided in St Luke's and Cintra Parks?

Walking and cycling tracks/paths (8)

Bicycle track/pathways (2)

Walking/cycling track.

More walkways are needed.

Add a cycle and pedestrian division line down the centre of the bike path.

A big bike track winding around and through it for bigger kids and adults.

No BMX - just a plain bike track.

An area similar to Timbrell Park, ie. bike track for the kids.

Picnic and barbecue facilities (7)

More seats, barbecues.

Barbecue area (2)

Install barbecues and gazebos.

Benches and/or tables spread throughout the park.

Picnic area.

An area similar to Timbrell Park - family picnic areas with seating, etc.

Children's play equipment (4)

More play areas.

Play area for children. with swings etc. in Cintra Park.

Children's playground/equipment should be included in the park facilities.

Children's playground with swings, slippery dips, climbing equipment.

Swimming pool (1)

Swimming pool.

Cricket (1)

More synthetic cricket pitches are required, as St Luke's Concord Cricket Club has nine teams trying to use the one wicket.

Restaurant (1)

Restaurant, which would be away from traffic noise.

Bike ramps (1)

Bike ramps.

Amenities (1)

Small amenities block so families can use the park for picnics.

Bubblers (1)

Bubblers for people, and bubblers at a low level for dogs.

Other

Additional clubs for sport and serving as a home ground, particularly local soccer club for school boys and girls, rugby club, AFL club. Establish an AFL club as I have not heard of an AFL club in Concord.

More coaching facilities.

5. Do you have any ideas about how the former golf driving range at the northern end of St Luke's Park might be used in the future?

Family recreation area - picnic area, children's playground, bike track (15)

Recreational activities, eg. bike track, barbecue area, play equipment.

Family picnic area with barbecues, cycling track and walkway.

For a low noise recreation area for families eg. playground, barbecues.

Bicycle track with barbecue facilities.

Playground for kids.

A children's play area (would need to be fenced from the road) or a pond.

Children's adventure playground.

Park grounds should be landscaped and a play area for kids built.

It would be a good picnic area with appropriate facilities.

Barbecues.

A bike area.

Bike tracks.

Bicycle track with a barbecue area and children's swings, slippery dips, etc. so young families can have more use of this area (similar to Timbrell Park in Five Dock).

This would be perfect for a little kids' bike track, some play equipment, a couple of barbecues, picnic tables, etc. Leave the high fence there.

Build a family park to cater for all ages, with barbecue facilities, benches and a bike track like Timbrell Park in Five Dock and near Koala Park at Cherrybrook around the outside, and climbing equipment and swings etc. in the middle with barbecue facilities etc. in it.

Public parkland (8)

Left as is.

Return to how it was for the use of the general public and citizens of Concord.

The park would best be returned to open space freely accessible to local residents.

Turn it back into the parkland it was before the golf range.

Remove the golf driving range.

It should be parkland with trees and bushes. Don't use it for more parking.

Back to the people for use of all, instead of a few.

It was a disgrace to commandeer this area of public park and turn it over to private commercial use. It was even more disgraceful to double-cross the lessee by approving another driving range in the area and sending them broke. Leave it as a public park.

Sporting fields/ facilities (4)

Upgraded sporting facilities.

Cricket practice area.

More synthetic cricket pitches.

AFL field which could also be used for cricket games.

Swimming pool (4)

Swimming pools.

Swimming pool (2) for community.

Public swimming complex - indoor and heated.

Teenage area (4)

Teenage area only.

Turn it into a place for teenagers eg. movies, swimming pool, go-kart track, etc.

A place for teenagers, because there is nowhere in Concord for teenagers to hang out.

Clubhouse / drop-in centre for youth.

Child care centre (3)

Child care centre.

Day care centre.

The building could be put to use as a day care centre.

Natural setting (3)

A green corridor between the bay and Parramatta Road should be maintained.

Bushland, with bike/walking paths through it.

It should be left as a bird sanctuary, as this area is fenced in and there has been some birds that have had chicks there.

Mini-golf (3)

Mini-golf.
Mini-golf course.
Putt putt golf.

Restaurant / cafe / bike hire (3)

Restaurant area
Small cafe, outdoor garden area for afternoon teas.
The building could house a bike shop/cafe etc. if a bike track was built.

Garden (2)

Scented garden.
Rehabilitate the area and turn it into a nice garden with native trees and plants.

Cinemas (2)

Synthetic multi-purpose pitch (2)

Synthetic hockey field.

Council would win the youth vote by installing a synthetic multi-purpose pitch on the old driving range. It would be used by local clubs and schools for hockey, volleyball, handball, netball. It could generate funds from outside users, and perhaps be used as an Olympic training venue.

Area for unleashed dogs (1)

Model railway (1)

A very large small-scale (N 160:1) model railway undercover with a large-scale railway circuiting the open parkland/picnic area. Happy to talk with Council on this proposal as we are currently constructing a large exhibition-style model railway, and will in the New Year be searching for a permanent location.

Dirt bike area (1)

Dirt-bike or bike arena.

Wetland (1)

Create a wetlands zone - it sort of is now.

Amphitheatre (1)

An open-air amphitheatre structure could be built for functions and activities held by the local community, ie. schools, sporting groups, clubs, etc. Possible functions and activities include carols by candlelight, open air concerts, visiting circus, school functions, occasional markets, fairs, etc. Plumbing facilities are already in place and these facilities could be modified appropriately.

Skateboard/rollerblade facility (1)

Skateboard/rollerblade track for children.

Golf driving range (1)

Golf range returned, with perhaps improved fencing to prevent golf balls running onto other properties.

Circus (1)

I have no objections to the circus using the grounds.

Community centre (1)

Community centre for yoga, aerobics, crafts, scouts.

Area for informal ball games (1)

Practice area for ball games for kids away from homes facing the parks.

Bocce pitch (1)

Use the area as a bocce pitch.

Shopping centre (1)

Other comments

Remove fence to increase access

The fence should be removed to allow residents access to the parkland.
Take away the ugly fence.
Fences taken down and the park returned to the people.
Take down the wire fences.

Inappropriate activities and structures

Activities that attract large numbers of people (such as the recent circus) are not appropriate because of the small size of the park.

A huge structure is not appropriate due to the filled land.

6. Do you have any other comments about St Luke's and Cintra Parks?

Positive comments to Council

My kids often coerce me into taking them down to Cintra while they ride and skate, and always my initial reluctance turns into sheer enjoyment at being in a wide-open, peaceful wonderful space, and so close to home.

Fantastic facility - well done. Keep up the good work. It's great to have this great mass of parkland.

They are a great community resource.

It is a great asset to the residents here.

I have enjoyed the area for many years, and would hope to continue.

St Luke's and Cintra Parks are very unique and offer different respite and recreation for all ages and therefore should be preserved.

Promote its use on weekends for leisure for the family.

The state and use of the park at this stage is reasonably well maintained.

The occasional times I have been to St Luke's and Cintra Parks they do seem to have been well maintained.

From our limited experience in the general management of the park, we are of the opinion that Council does a good job. As we face on to the northern end of Cintra Park, we are more than pleased with the landscaping improvements that have taken place in recent times.

I'm glad Council is developing a plan for their use.

Public ownership and access

Keep it for the community.

I feel the parks should be left as open space for the use of everyone.

We want the parks to remain in public ownership, and want it used for recreation for families in the area.

With the increasing amount of higher density housing being built in surrounding areas, it is important that a long term plan keeps these parks available for the use of residents, and that no developments are contemplated that would reduce access to those areas.

Please maintain public access to these parks. Do not lease or otherwise commandeer parts of these parks and deprive us of the use, as with the golf range, etc.

No development, keep as parkland

Keep open spaces.

Do not do anything that will attract too much outside public other than locals.

Don't let it be developed into any housing developments.

Keep it green as much as possible.

Just leave the park so that is natural. Basically, leave it alone.

Council disregarded our wishes by allowing a golf driving range which was a menace to everyone around the area, so please no more.

Make sure that it remains as open/public areas, not given over to housing development or non-public use.

My association with the area goes back 50 years to the days when the riding school was in St Luke's Park, and the trotting track on the golf range. I would like to see it left, not built on.

Please keep them as parkland. There are so many sites around this area that are being developed into "resort-style" accommodation, eg. old Hycraft location, and at the end of Burwood Road. We do not have the roads or access to public transport. Keep Concord the Parkland Suburb. Stop over-developing.

Consultation about future proposals for the parks

We wish to be fully consulted about any proposal for future redevelopment of the park area.

Council should listen to feedback from residents, especially those living near the parks.

Attachment 4

Newspaper article regarding community meeting

Have your say on park use

CONCORD citizens are asked to put forward their ideas for uses of Cintra and St Luke's Park.

Council is preparing a management action plan that will guide the future use and management of the parks.

Both parks are now used for activities including cricket, rugby, soccer, dog training, cycling and walking.

St Luke's Park is also the venue for the controversial circus.

Council's engineering services manager Lewis Oldfield said: "We would

like to know if there are any community groups that require additional land for a particular activity."

A public meeting will be held on Monday, October 12, at 7pm in the Concord Council Chambers, corner Wellbank and Flavelle Sts, Concord.

Those unable to attend the meeting should send their suggestions by October 15 to the General Manager, Concord Council, PO Box 28, Concord, 2137. Attention: Robert Hook. For details phone 9736 4700.

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Attachment 5

Minutes of community meeting

St Luke's and Cintra Parks Management Action Plan

Community meeting

7.00pm, Monday 12 October 1998

Facilitator: Sandra Hoy, Parkland Environmental Planners

Registration

Welcome and introductions

Tonight's agenda

Background

- What is a Management Action Plan?
- Why is a Management Action Plan being prepared for St Luke's and Cintra Parks?
- What will the Management Action Plan include?
- How is the Management Action Plan being prepared?

Group exercise

- What is important or special about St Luke's and Cintra Parks?
- What are the values of the parks?
- In 20 years time, what should be the role of St Luke's and Cintra Parks, and how should they be used?

BREAK - refreshments

Small groups:

- What issues should be addressed in the Management Action Plan?
- How should these issues be addressed or resolved?
- Ideas for future use of St Luke's Park (former golf driving range site)

Summary of small group discussions

What happens now?

Thanks and close

23 people were present at the meeting. They represented the following groups and interests:

- Local residents / not members of user groups (10)
- Sydney All Breeds Dog Club (3)
- Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association (2)
- Western Suburbs Little Athletics (2)
- Wests Junior Rugby (1)
- West Harbour Rugby (1)
- Concord Access (1)
- NSW Rugby Union (1)
- St Luke's Concord Cricket and Soccer Club (1)
- Concord Councillor (1)

What is a Management Action Plan ?

- **sets out framework and specific guidelines for planning and management in the short and long terms**
 - **consistent with:**
 - **Crown Lands Act**
 - **Local Government Act**
 - **Council's "generic" Plans of Management for community land**
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Why is a Management Action Plan being prepared for St Luke's and Cintra Parks?

- **there is not a detailed plan for managing the parks in place**
- **decisions regarding use of St Luke's and Cintra Parks have been postponed pending the preparation of a plan**
- **Council needs guidelines to assess future uses of the parks, and for making improvements to the parks**

Contents of the Management Action Plan for St Luke's and Cintra Parks

Introduction

Why prepare a Management Action Plan?
Planning context
History of the parks
Physical description/site appreciation
Current uses
Methodology/planning process, including community consultation
Contents of the Management Action Plan

Basis for Management

Management goals/ objectives
Values of the parks

Strategic plan

Vision for the future
Future roles of the parks
Desired outcomes
Management issues

Action Plan

Tables with columns headed:

- Value
- Management issue
- Desired outcome
- Strategy
- Action
- Priority
- Responsibility for implementation
- Capital cost, recurrent costs per year
- Performance standards/indicators to measure performance in achieving action
- Methods of monitoring achievement of actions over time
- Status/completion

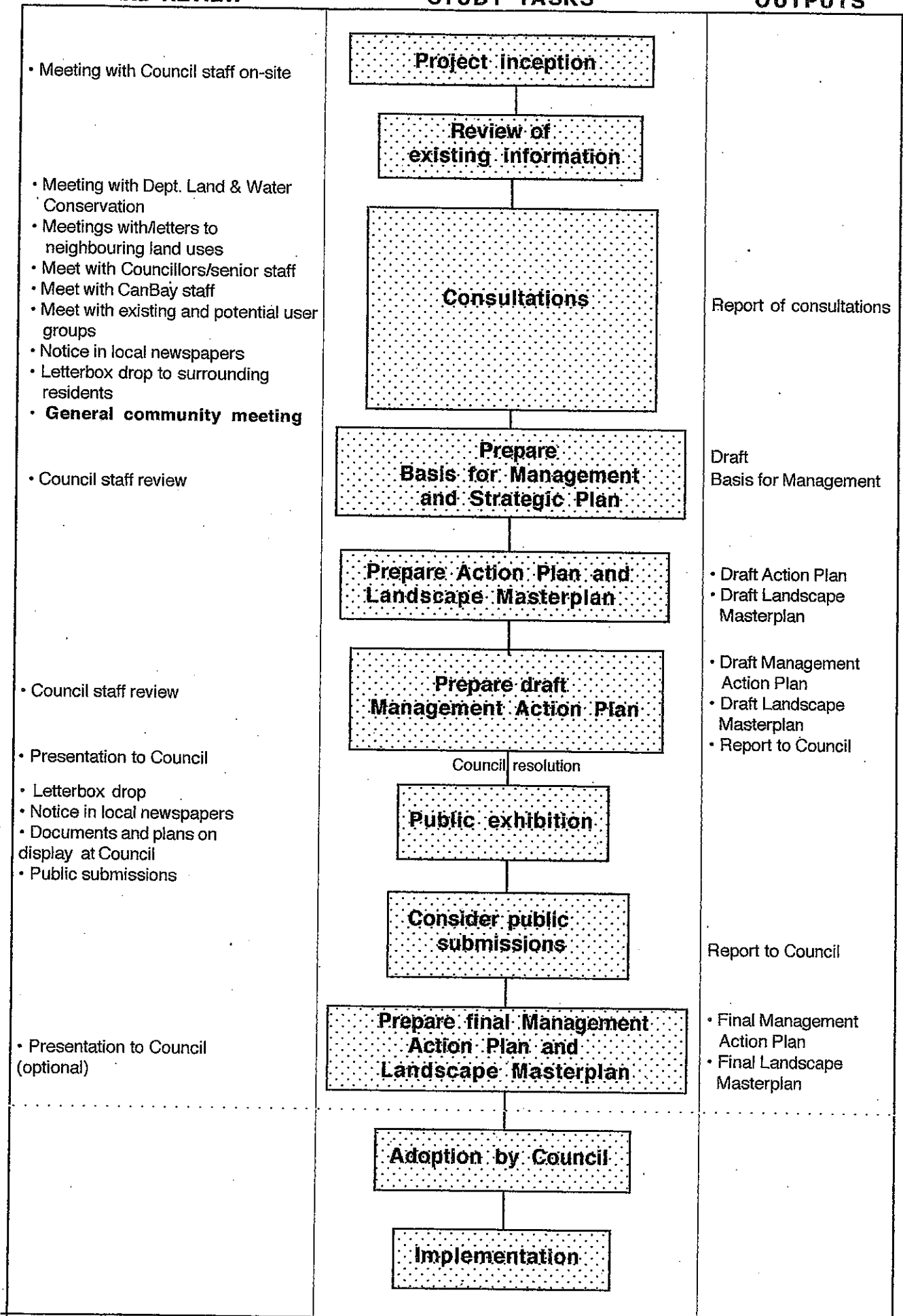
Implementation and review

Appendices

CONSULTATIONS AND REVIEW

STUDY TASKS

OUTPUTS



Process of preparing the Management Action Plan for St Luke's and Cintra Parks

What is important or special about St Luke's and Cintra Parks?

Sporting facilities

Flat level playing fields.

Good sports venues.

Provides a large area of open space for the development of sport in the inner west.

Has been an area dedicated to sport for the past century.

Caters for large clubs in one area with several fields available.

Provides sporting events to occupy children's attention.

Provision of community sport facilities.

Venue for sports.

Areas that allow young people to enjoy their sport.

Enhanced sporting facilities.

Usable sporting facilities.

Open space

Space.

Open space (2)

Large open area.

Open space rather than developed.

Open space buffer between roads and houses.

Very open.

Space available for various sports in an area where such space is very limited.

Peace and quiet

Minimal noise, but sport is OK.

Generally quiet most of the year.

Minimum noise.

Passive space to have quiet space to think.

Currently is a haven of peace for walkers, joggers, children playing.

Informal recreation opportunities

Picnic/outdoor area.

An area for family activities.

Recreation

Other comments

A place to meet people.

Safe environment for all to use and enjoy.

Important to keep parks for public recreational purposes.

Greenery.

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Notice

BLACKMAN, Ailsa Mae.
23.04.1938 - 12.07.2012

Ailsa passed peacefully into God's presence on July 12, 2012, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She was the loving wife of Max for 54 years, and his sweetheart before that. A loving mother of Catherine and Linda, mother-in-law of Doug and Carl and dearly loved grandmother of Eliza, Holly, Tim, Carl-Joshua and Kate. Ailsa considered her wider family to include many life-long friends at Five Dock Uniting Church.

We will lovingly remember and hugely miss Ailsa's smile, her unwavering faith, her love and her care.

Family and friends are invited to join us in celebrating and honouring Ailsa's life at Five Dock Uniting Church, 5 Garfield Street, Five Dock, on Friday, July 20, 2012, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

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Media

How do you see the parks in 10 to 20 years' time?

Finish Cintra Park urgently - priority of those attending the meeting.

Finalise Cintra Park now!

Complete Cintra Park as soon as possible.

Minimal changes and development

- Still the way they are, minimal development.
- Little change from present.
- Parks basically taking on similar roles to the present, with improvements in the overall facilities ie. amenities blocks, playing surfaces, lighting and parking.

Other comments:

Upgraded sporting facilities.

Family recreation.

Fantastic first impression of Concord Council for people driving west.

Walking track.

Well established parkland with trees, etc.

More use of residents for picnic etc.

More local use.

Green space utilised by local community for all sorts of sports.

Hopefully a greater number of people using them.

No animal circus.

Uses not changing annually (sport).

Majority of open space.

Good facilities for sport and passive recreation.

Improved facilities.

In good repair (netball courts and carpark).

Dedicated sporting arenas.

More parking off-road.

Co-ordinated lighting of areas.

More extensive tree shading.

Questions for small group exercise

What issues should be addressed in the Management Action Plan?

Issues may be about:

- uses of the parks
- facilities
- improvements
- planning
- management

How should those issues be addressed or resolved?

How should the former golf driving range site be used?

Issues and suggestions for resolving issues

Issues should be resolved by high quality work rather than short term solutions.

Issue	Suggestion
Cintra Park	
	Urgent development of Cintra Park.
Cintra Park - concerns about finished design, levels and facilities eg. seating, upgrading of toilets and change rooms.	
North Cintra has no use at present. Spread the load from St Luke's to north Cintra.	North Cintra could be used for kids soccer or junior sport.
Maintenance	
Maintenance levels of St Luke's Oval and St Luke's No. 1 are sub-standard.	Full-time groundsperson for the area.
Bins, litter management	More garbage bins, and remove rubbish regularly.
Facilities and amenities	
Facilities eg. canteen, toilets, change rooms at St Luke's Oval not satisfactory to meet park needs. Kids can also get on top of sheds easily.	More facilities are needed, eg. toilets, drinking fountains, benches, rubbish removal.
	Amenity sheds should have extensive covered areas.
	Regular cleaning of amenities.
Better lighting and security.	Co-ordinated lighting for all fields, and secondary night lights.
Ground surface	
Grass cutting and bindies on St Luke's No. 1	Keep lawns cut and bindies sprayed.
Inadequate watering capacity on St Luke's Oval.	
Exposed and broken sprinkler heads on St Luke's Oval, and St Luke's 2 and 3.	
	St Luke's 2 and 3 need levelling.
	Re-surface netball courts.
	Surface the entry path at St Luke's Oval.
Ground marking	
Rutting of running tracks is dangerous for both athletics and union.	
Marking inadequate for union fields - confusing with athletics marking.	
Car parking	
Existing parking is insufficient.	Need a bigger space for parking.
Discourage misuse (wheelies, hooligans, etc.)	Restricted access to carpark.
	Re-surface car park.
Other comments	
	Demolish rugby league club at the bottom of St Luke's No. 3.
	Permanent sound system on St Luke's Oval.
Need space for sports such as shot put, discus, field athletics.	
	Dedicated space to specific sports at St Luke's, and focus "picnic" type parks on the foreshore.
Flexibility for wet weather usage.	
Canal collection barrier	
Sewer	
Vandalism	
Shade	Landscaped areas and shade trees.
Create a good first impression on the initial view of Concord Council as you come down Crane Street.	

Suggestions for future use of the former golf driving range area

Demolish existing fence and erect lower fence on Crane Street and Lyons Road west.

Thin trees in Lyons Road to improve security.

Bike and walking track with barbecues and seating.

Landscape around the road.

Astro-turf hockey field.

Maybe increase parking facilities.

Reinstate golf driving range (not agreed by rest of group).

Playing field / oval.

Community plant nursery run by Council.

Picnic area.

Family oriented.

Electric barbecues.

Playground for kids (shaded) with mini-bike area eg. Timbrell Park.

Walkway/bikeway around the edge of park. Possible link to bikeway already established along the Bay.

St Luke's and Cintra Parks Management Action Plan

What did you think about the meeting tonight?

We would appreciate your comments about the meeting tonight to assist Council with organising and running future community meetings.

19 evaluation forms were received at the end of the meeting.

1 How did you know or hear about this meeting?

please tick appropriate box:

- 1 Newspaper article
- 6 Letter to user group or community group that you are a member of
- 1 Personal letter
- 3 Saw a notice at St Luke's and Cintra Parks
- 9 Pamphlet in letterbox
- Other — please specify:

2 Did you find the meeting informative?

- 18 Yes
- 0 No

If yes, what aspect(s) of the meeting was particularly informative?

- Group discussions and able to talk to Council representatives.
- Ideas of all participants.
- Good input and discussion from other residents in the area concerning needs for the parks.
- General discussion.
- The uses the groups proposed.
- The wide concerns of others, which is the same as mine.
- General input by all.
- Diverse group with different points of view and ideas.
- The work needed by Council to improve these parks.
- Hearing the views of the other user groups and the residents.
- Robert Hook's explanation of usage of Cintra Park - needs urgent development.
- Other people's views.
- Sharing of ideas with other people.
- Other people's concerns.

3 Was the process of preparing the Management Action Plan clearly explained?

- 13 Yes
- 3 No

If no, what could have been better explained?

- An urgent reply to an immediate finish date at Cintra Park.
- Explain what has happened so far. Better description what stage currently at. Time frame for Management Plan.

4 Did you have an adequate opportunity to present your views?

18 Yes
0 No

5 Is there anything that you didn't mention in the meeting about St Luke's and Cintra Parks that you would like to tell us?

- Cannot emphasise enough the urgency of completing Cintra Park - to not only complete, but something to be proud of for our area.
- Parking and garbage needs attention.
- The bridge at Cintra could use an upgrade.
- Upgrading of the bridge from St Luke's to Cintra Park.
- Action on ideas presented.
- Parking amenities need improving.
- Parking on and off Gipps Street will lead to fatalities.

6 Did you think the facilitators were effective in running the meeting?

17 Yes

- Everybody given an opportunity to express their views - useful to see that many concerns were relevant to all user groups.
- Need to clarify the purpose when people get emotional.

1 No

- Explain how long the meeting will last.

7 If you were the organiser of this meeting, would you change anything for future community meetings in Concord?

5 Yes

If yes, what would you change?

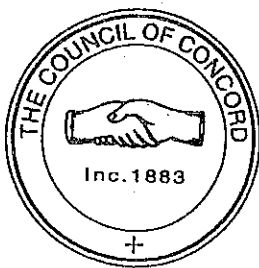
- Would have a brief update of what Council is doing up to the point of the meeting, eg. Cintra Park. Landfill has increased in recent years and it would have been nice to know background to this action.
- Attempt to convey to meetings more information from Council.
- More input on Council's thinking and more time for interaction.
- Provide statistics on usage of fields.
- Time control of meeting - how long will meeting last?

9 No

- Meeting was OK.

Attachment 6

Notices regarding public exhibition



PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DRAFT MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN FOR ST LUKE'S AND CINTRA PARKS

*Have your say about the future use and management of
St Luke's and Cintra Parks*

Concord Council has prepared a Draft Management Action Plan for St Luke's and Cintra Parks. The draft plan identifies the community's needs for recreation opportunities, and includes recommendations to satisfy those needs.

Council would like to invite comments from the community on the Draft Management Action Plan. It will be on public exhibition at Council's "One Stop Shop" at the Concord Council administration building, corner of Wellbank and Flavelle Streets, Concord, during office hours from Wednesday 24 May until Wednesday 21 June 2000. A reduction of the Landscape Master Plan included in the Draft Management Action Plan is on the reverse side of this page.

Written comments on the Draft Management Action Plan will be received until 5 July 2000. Submissions should be addressed to:

The General Manager
Concord Council
PO Box 28
Concord NSW 2137
Attention: Karin Schicht
(please refer to file numbers P.5, P.6 and P.19 in the submission)

Written comments will be considered by Council when finalising the Management Action Plan.

For further enquiries, please telephone Council's Landscape Architect, Karin Schicht on 9736 4700.

ENGLISH

If you do not understand this correspondence, please come to Council or contact the Telephone Interpreter Service (TIS) on 13 1450 and ask them to connect you to Council on 9736 4700. We will try to answer your enquiries by using an interpreter.

CHINESE

如果您不明白本信件的内容，請到市議會來，或撥 13 1450 同電話傳譯服務聯絡，請他們替您接通市議會電話 9736 4700 我們將通過電話傳譯員回答您的有關問題及查詢。

SPANISH

Si Ud. no entiende esta correspondencia, le rogamos concurrir al Concejo Municipal o llamar al Servicio Telefónico de Interpretes (TIS) al 13 1450 y pedirles que le comuniquen con el Concejo en el 9736 4700. Trataremos de contestar sus consultas usando un intérprete.

ITALIAN

Se non riuscite a comprendere questa corrispondenza, siete pregati di venire al Comune o rivolgervi al Servizio telefonico interpreti (TIS) al numero 13 1450 chiedendo a quest'ultimo di mettervi in contatto con il Comune al numero telefonico 9736 4700. Cercheremo di dare una risposta alle vostre domande usando un interprete.

GREEK

Αν δεν καταλαβαίνετε την επιστολή αυτή, παρακαλείστε να έρθετε στο Δημαρχείο (Council) ή επικοινωνήστε με την τηλεφωνική Υπηρεσία Διερμηνέων (Telephone Interpreter Service ή TIS) στον αριθμό 13 1450 και ζητήστε να σας συνδέσουν με το Δημαρχείο, -τον αριθμό 9736 4700. Θα προσπαθήσουμε να απαντήσουμε σε ό,τι μάς ρωτήσετε, χρησιμοποιώντας διερμηνέα.

VIETNAMESE

Nếu bạn không hiểu từ thông tư này, xin bạn hãy đến Council (Hội Đồng Thành Phố) hoặc liên lạc với Dịch Vụ Thông Ngôn Điện Thoại (Telephone Interpreter Service, TIS) số 13 1450 và xin họ bắt điện thoại cho bạn với Council ở số 9736 4700. Chúng tôi sẽ cố gắng giải đáp thắc mắc của bạn qua người thông ngôn.

ARABIC

إن لم تفهم هذه المراسلة، فالرجاء الحضور الى المجلس او الاتصال مع خدمة الترجمة الهاتفية (TIS) على الرقم 13 1450 وطلب منهم ربطك هاتفيا مع المجلس على الرقم 9736 4700. سنحاول الاجابة على استفساراتك باستعمال مترجم.

CONCORD COUNCIL ST LUKES PARK & CINTRA PARK MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN



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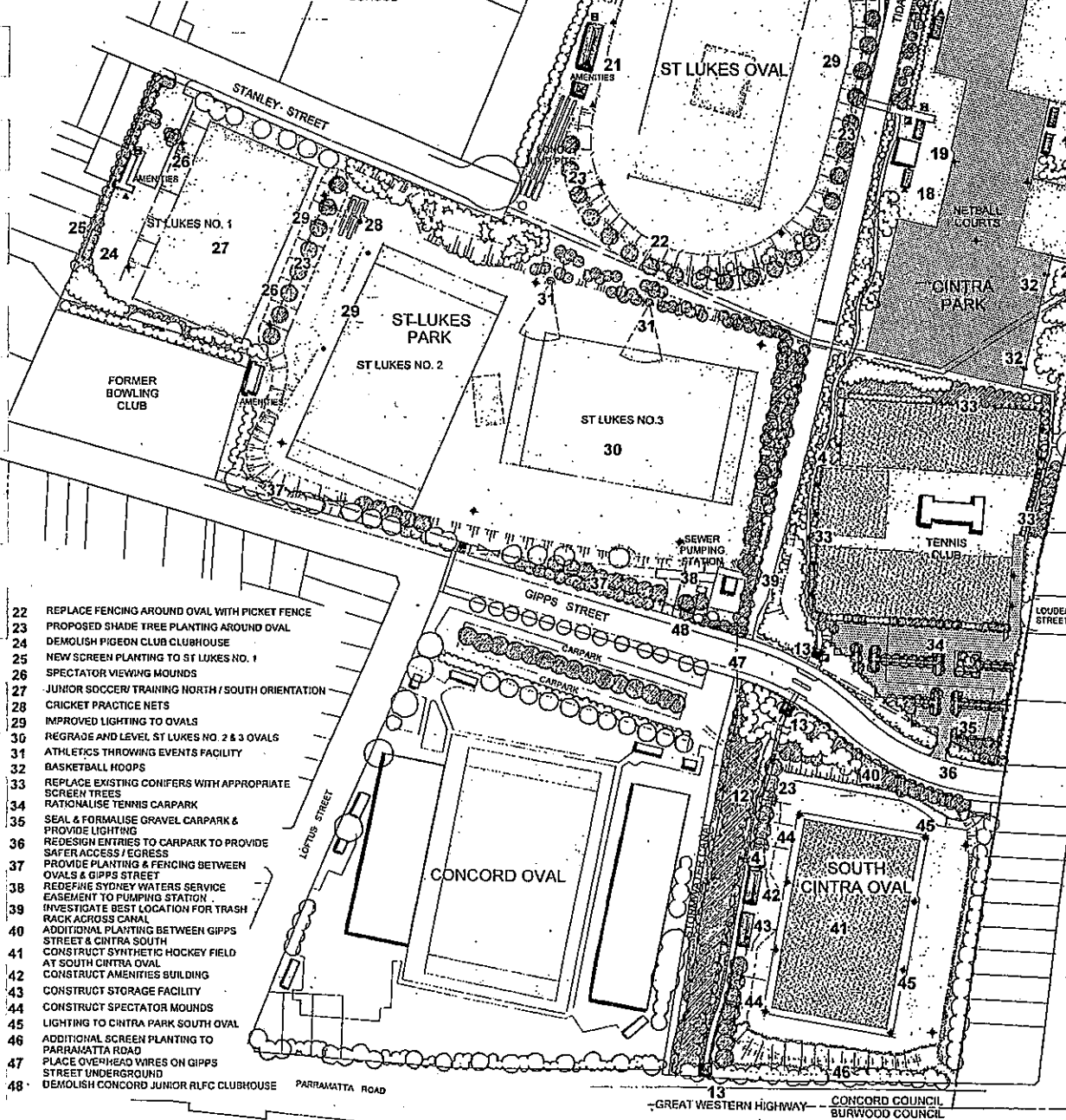
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ACTIONS

- 1 SAFE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OVER LYONS ROAD WEST
- 2 DESIGNATED DOG EXERCISE AREA
- 3 NORTH CINTRA AMENITIES BUILDING AND CAR PARK (18 CARS)
- 4 WIDEN EXISTING PATHS TO 2.5M MIN & PROVIDE LIGHTING
- 5 NEW FOOTBRIDGE OVER CANAL
- 6 PROPOSED TENT EVENT SITE
- 7 PICNIC AREA
- 8 CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA
- 9 CONSTRUCT CHILD CARE CENTRE
- 10 NEW PUBLIC TOILETS
- 11 RATIONALISE AND LIGHT ST LUKES OVAL CARPARK
- 12 WILDLIFE CORRIDOR PLANTING
- 13 FORMALISE AND SIGNPOST PEDESTRIAN ENTRIES
- 14 CHILDREN'S BICYCLE TRACK
- 15 ADDITIONAL SCREEN PLANTING ALONG CRANE STREET
- 16 REMOVE CRANE STREET ROADSIDE CARPARK
- 17 THIS AREA MAY ACCOMMODATE CIVIC PURPOSES INCLUDING RECREATION FACILITIES
- 18 SHADED SEATING AREAS AT NETBALL COURTS
- 19 PROPOSED PHYSIOTHERAPY ROOM
- 20 NEW SEALED PATH FROM RENOWN ST TO COURTS
- 21 REFURBISHED CLUBHOUSE TO ACCOMMODATE BETTER AMENITIES, CANTEN & STORAGE FACILITIES

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LEGEND

- GRASS AREAS
- TURF WICKETS
- SYNTHETIC GRASS PLAYING SURFACES
- EXISTING TREES
- NEW TREE PLANTINGS
- NEW MASS PLANTING BEDS
- NEW MULCHED BEDS
- FENCES
- SEALED SURFACES, CARPARKS, NETBALL COURTS
- MOUNDS AND EMBANKMENTS
- EXISTING LIGHT POLES TO BE REMOVED
- NEW LIGHT POLES AND EXISTING POLES TO BE RETAINED
- EXISTING BUILDINGS TO BE REMOVED
- EXISTING BUILDINGS TO BE RETAINED
- NEW OR EXTENDED BUILDINGS
- WASTE COLLECTION POINTS
- DOG WASTE BINS
- PARK ENTRY POINTS
- TAPS AND DRINK FOUNTAINS



CONCORD COUNCIL

PUBLIC NOTICE

Concord Council

DRAFT ST LUKES AND CINTRA PARKS MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN

Concord Council has prepared a combined Draft Management Action Plan for St Lukes Park and Cintra Park (located at Crane Street and Gipps Street, Concord). It identifies the community's needs for recreation opportunities, and includes recommendations to satisfy those needs.

Council would like to invite comments from the community on the draft Plan. It will be on public exhibition at Council's 'One Stop Shop' during office hours from Wednesday 24 May until Wednesday 21 June 2000.

Written comments on the draft plan will be received until 5 July 2000 and should be addressed to the General Manager, Concord Council, PO Box 28 Concord NSW 2137, attention Karin Schicht and reference made to file numbers P.19, P.6 and P.5. Submissions will be considered by Council when finalising the Plan.

For further enquiries, please telephone Council's Landscape Architect, Karin Schicht on 9736 4700.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CONCORD COUNCIL

ADOPTION OF SECTION 94 CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN AND FEE

Notice given in accordance with Clauses 22 and 30 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation and Section 612 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

On 16 May 2000, Concord Council adopted Concord Section 94 Contributions Plan 2000 with alterations and adopted a fee of \$250 for the lodgement of a bank guarantee to defer payment of contributions.

The Plan and fee will come into effect on 24 May 2000.

Development Control Plan No. 3, Concord Section 94 Contributions Plan (adopted in 1993) and Concord Section 94 Contributions Plan No. 2 (adopted in 1997) are repealed from that day, because the provisions of these documents are superseded by the Concord Section 94 Contributions Plan 2000.

Copies of the Plan are available at Council's offices, corner of Flavelle and Wellbank Streets, Concord.

Should you have any further queries, please contact Mr. Rene Miesen on 9736 4700 during office hours.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Council has prepared a Draft Management Plan and invites its residents and ratepayers to inspect and comment on the Plan. The Plan is available for inspection at Council's One Stop Shop, Council Chambers and at the Concord and Concord West Libraries from Wednesday, 24th May, 2000, until Tuesday, 20th June 2000. Written comments are invited and should be submitted and received by Council no later than 5.00 pm on 20th June 2000.

The Draft Management Plan, together with any comments received will be submitted to Council for consideration.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Ordinary Council meetings of Council are normally held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. A 'Committee of the Whole' meeting of Council is also normally held on the third Tuesday of the month. Members of the public are most welcome to attend these meetings of Council and are advised to contact 'The One Stop Shop' on Ph: 9736 4700 for further information.

Council Chambers
Cnr Flavelle & Wellbank Sts
Concord

L.J. Hullick
General Manager

Attachment 7

Summary of written submissions from public exhibition

Summary of issues raised from public exhibition

Issue	How dealt with in final plan
North St Luke's Park	
Remove "Future Civic and Recreation Purposes" from the Landscape Plan, as civic purposes are not permitted on a Crown reserve for recreation.	"Future Civic and Recreation Purposes" removed from the Landscape Plan.
A skate park should be included in the proposed family picnic area for teenagers.	Skate park not included in proposed family picnic area due to space restrictions and possible conflict with picnic/ barbecue area and children's bike track.
Relocate the proposed amenities building at north St Luke's Park to the northern end of this area.	Shown on Landscape Plan.
St Luke's Oval	
A larger and more secure canteen at St Luke's Oval is needed.	Stated in Action Plan.
St Luke's Oval is subject to wear from increasing use.	The Action Plan states actions to improve the quality of the St Luke's Oval playing surface.
An additional light is required on the new lighting tower to light the throwing cage.	Stated in Action Plan.
Exposed sprinklers on St Luke's Oval.	Stated in Action Plan.
A synthetic athletics track is needed.	Not recommended, due to the oval is too small to accommodate a 400-metre track, and the conflict of a synthetic surface with football codes and cricket on St Luke's Oval.
Support for new fencing and practice wickets at St Luke's Oval.	Comments noted.
Request for further consultation with users of the St Luke's Oval amenities building when the building is to be refurbished.	Comments noted.
St Luke's Park	
Remove viewing mound on St Luke's 1.	Viewing mound removed.
Request to retain the <i>Photinia</i> hedge at 2 Stanley Street, and concern regarding tree plantings in the same area.	Comments noted.
Request for lighting of the Loftus Street/Gipps Street carpark.	Stated in Action Plan.
North Cintra Park	
Relocate the proposed amenities building and carpark at north Cintra Park away from residences. Concerns included noise, litter, attraction of undesirables and compromised security, close proximity to residences, loss of amenity and privacy, lighting, reduction in value of properties.	Amenities building and carpark relocated.
Request for footpath along Lyons Road West.	Comments noted.
Pedestrian refuge across Crane Street is not safe - request for footbridge or traffic lights.	Comments noted. Crane Street is outside land covered in this plan.
Cintra Park	
Focused lighting required on netball courts to minimise inconvenience to residents.	Stated in Action Plan.
Proposed basketball hoops should be away from residences.	Stated in Action Plan.

Summary of issues raised from public exhibition (cont.)

Issue	How dealt with in final plan
Cintra Park (cont.)	
Paths and shaded seating areas at the netball courts would disrupt use of the park by residents.	Comments noted.
The area for netball is increasing - leases and licences for netball should be questioned.	Comments noted.
Proposed sealed path from Renown Street to netball courts opposed, as it would encourage netball players to park in adjacent streets rather than designated carparks.	Proposed sealed path deleted from Action Plan.
More rubbish bins are needed at the netball courts adjacent to local residences as litter is a problem.	Stated in Action Plan.
The proposed design of the tennis court carpark does not allow for removal of rubbish by truck.	Tennis carpark re-designed.
Separation of the leased portion of the tennis court carpark from that accessible to other park users.	Tennis carpark re-designed.
Support for relocation of entrance to tennis court carpark from Gipps Street.	Comments noted.
South Cintra Park	
The hockey field should be accessible from the Cintra Park carpark.	Construction of accessible footbridge across stormwater channel is in the Action Plan.
General	
Signage on local streets is needed to direct park users to designated carparks.	Stated in Action Plan.
Safety of children using footbridges across the stormwater channel needs to be improved by Sydney Water.	Stated in Action Plan.
Request for consultation with local cyclists at the detailed design stage of improved cycling facilities.	Comments noted.

