



Willoughby City Council

**AMENDMENT TO:
SPORTSFIELDS PLAN OF
MANAGEMENT - ROTARY ATHLETIC
FIELD AND GORE HILL PARK**

FOR:

**Chatswood Rotary Memorial Athletic
Field**

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INTRODUCTION

The Local Government Act 1993 as amended (the Act) requires all community land to be subject to a plan of management. Willoughby City Council has 150 open space areas covering approximately 428 hectares.

This Plan pertains to Chatswood Rotary Memorial Athletic Field, Mowbray Road, Chatswood West.

This Plan amends and should be read in conjunction with the Sportsfields Plan of Management - Rotary Athletic Field and Gore Hill Park (1996).

DESCRIPTION OF LAND

Chatswood Rotary Memorial Athletic Field is located on Mowbray Road, Chatswood West. The site is 4.546 hectares in area, and consists of level land, partly filled, adjacent to the Lane Cove River. The site is developed as a regional sportsground for athletics; with grass running and hurdles tracks, long jump pits, pole vault and throwing cage. Ancillary facilities include public toilets and change-rooms, car parks, equipment storage, gymnasium, canteen and ground maintenance store.

THE CATEGORY OF THE LAND

The site is classified **Community Land**, and categorised a “**sportsground**” under Section 36(4) of the Act.

ISSUES PERTINENT TO THE LAND

The issues pertinent to the site have been canvassed in the Plan of Management – Sportsfields: Rotary Athletic Field and Gore Hill Park (1996).

In summary the issues are:

- Landscape Character
- Recreation uses
- Facilities/ Developments
- Bushland
- Access and parking
- Relationship with adjoining land
- Control of water
- Maintenance
- Linkages
- Licence and casual hire

BASIS FOR MANAGEMENT

Core Objectives

In accordance with Section 36(F) of the Act, the core objectives for the management of the site are:

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

Other Relevant Objectives

For other relevant objectives pertaining to this site refer to the general and specific objectives listed in Section 7 of the Plan of Management – Sportsfields: Rotary Athletic Field and Gore Hill Park (1996).

Additional Objective Provided For Under This Amendment

An additional objective is to minimise the financial burden to the ratepayers of Willoughby for the maintenance costs of the Chatswood Rotary Athletic Field by providing for the entering into of contractual (including leasing and licensing) arrangements. This augments the existing Objective 9.10 *Licence and Casual Hire* included in Section 7 of the Plan of Management – Sportsfields: Rotary Athletic Field and Gore Hill Park (1996).

PERFORMANCE TARGETS

The performance target of this Plan is:

- (a) To carry out the recommended actions for the Rotary Memorial Athletic Field as per the Plan of Management 1996,

MEANS OF ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

Council proposes to achieve the objectives and performance targets of the Plan by:

- (a) Providing adequate resources within the Council's Open Space Maintenance budget to maintain the field and surrounds on a regular basis.
- (b) Implementing the improvements as recommended in the Plan of Management – Sportsfields: Rotary Athletic Field and Gore Hill Park (1996) in the Council's Capital Works Program.
- (c) Entering into contractual (including leasing and licensing) arrangements for the hiring of the field and its ancillary structures which will: –
 - make available funds for the maintenance of the field;
 - specify the times and days when a hirer has exclusive use of the field only;

- ensure that members of the public have access to the site;
- ensure that the field is available for casual hiring.

The granting of leases for terms not exceeding five (5) years for the land comprising the athletic field and the use of the ancillary structures when athletics is played on the field is hereby expressly authorised

ASSESSMENT

- (a) Council will consider whether the financial returns are offsetting the maintenance costs of the Chatswood Rotary Athletic Field
- (b) Council will consider whether the Rotary Athletic Field and surrounds is meeting the recreation needs of the district and regional residents and whether the surrounding parkland is being enjoyed and used by local residents.

REFERENCES

Plan of Management – Sportsfields: Rotary Athletic Field and Gore Hill Park (1996).
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