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Chifley Sports Reserve Plan of Management

Reserve 1014568 for Public Recreation and
Community Purposes

to ensure Crown Land is managed for the benefit of the
people of NSW (s.10 Crown Lands act 1989)

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Executive summary

Chifley Sports Reserve is a 7.7 ha Crown Reserve (Reserve No. 1014568) located on the corner of Bunnerong and Little Bay Roads, Chifley and originally notified under the Crown Lands Act 1989 on 2 December 1955 for the public purpose of "Athletic Sports (Women)". An adjacent former road reserve was incorporated into the Reserve in 2008.

The Reserve was renotified on 22 February 2008 for the general public purpose of 'Public recreation and community purposes' and care, control and management of the Chifley Sports Reserve was handed to the Chifley Sports Reserve Trust. Randwick City Council was then appointed to manage the affairs of the Trust. The previous trust managers (since 1955) were private entities. On 12 May 2009, Council, as the trust manager, resolved to prepare a plan of management for Chifley Sports Reserve.

The primary purpose of the Chifley Sports Reserve Plan of Management (PoM) is to provide the community, sporting groups and other user groups and Randwick City Council with a clear direction on the future use and management (short, medium and long term) of the Reserve.

The PoM outlines how Council proposes to upgrade the Reserve for public recreation and community purposes. It contains background information, a site analysis and a Landscape Concept Plan showing the indicative design and proposed layout of the Reserve. It also contains an Action Plan with the guiding actions to facilitate the upgrade and on going management.

Proposed works include remediation and a new layout to cater for a range of sports and passive recreation uses; upgrading and possible replacement of the existing amenities building; and providing new landscaping, car parking, playground, picnic areas, shared walking and bike paths and a youth/ skate park facility.

As a 'district park', the vision for the Reserve is to provide quality multipurpose sporting and passive recreation opportunities for the enjoyment of the community.

The PoM has been prepared to comply with the requirements of the Crown Lands Act 1989 (CLA 89). It identifies issues relating to the Reserve and strategies to guide its future management. The cost of preparing the PoM is estimated to be \$60 000 and the project was included in both Council's 2008/09 and 2009/10 Management Plan and Budget. Significant in-house resources have been used to prepare the Plan.

Endorsed by Council on 27 July 2010.

Forwarded to the NSW Land and Property Management Authority on 28 July 2010 for finalisation.

1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Plan of Management

Randwick City Council was appointed manager of the Chifley Reserve Trust on 22 February 2008. The Trust is charged with the care, control and management of the reserve under s.92 of the Crown Lands Act 1989, and Council manages the affairs of the Trust.

As Reserve Trust Manager, Randwick City Council has prepared this Plan of Management (PoM) to document the key values of Chifley Sports Reserve and guide its ongoing management, future use and development consistent with its identified purposes of public recreation and community purposes.

Under s. 112 of the Crown Lands Act 1989, on 12 May 2009 the Minister for Lands was notified of Council's intention to prepare a PoM for the Reserve and consent to prepare the PoM was granted.

This will be the first plan of management for the Chifley Sports Reserve. This PoM is based on the Plan of Management Template provided by the NSW Land and Property Management Authority (LPMA).

1.2 Land to which the Plan of Management applies

The PoM applies to Chifley Sports Reserve (Crown Reserve No. 1014568 for Public Recreation and Community Purposes) bounded by Hastings Avenue, Little Bay Road and Bunnerong Road, Chifley, as shown on Figure 1. The land is described as Lot 4686 of DP 752015 and Lot 7093 of DP 1120572, Parish of Botany, County of Cumberland. The PoM also covers the land directly adjoining the Reserve within the road reservations for Macquarie and Leichhardt Streets, Bunnerong and Little Bay Roads and Hastings Avenue, indicated by the dotted line.

1.3 Site description

Chifley Sports Reserve is located in Chifley NSW, approximately 14km southeast of the Sydney CBD on the corner of Bunnerong and Little Bay Roads, Chifley. The Reserve has an area of 7.7 hectares and is identified as a 'district park'.

Four softball/ baseball diamonds currently occupy the northern portion of the site and surround an amenities building (see fig 2). A cricket oval is located in the southern half of the site. An informal car park and vehicle access is off Bunnerong Road. The current configuration was implemented in the late 1980s.

The southern half of the site has been filled, resulting in a large embankment along the Bunnerong and Little Bay Road frontages. There is no significant vegetation, consisting mostly of weeds and introduced species, particularly along the embankment and boundaries of the Reserve.

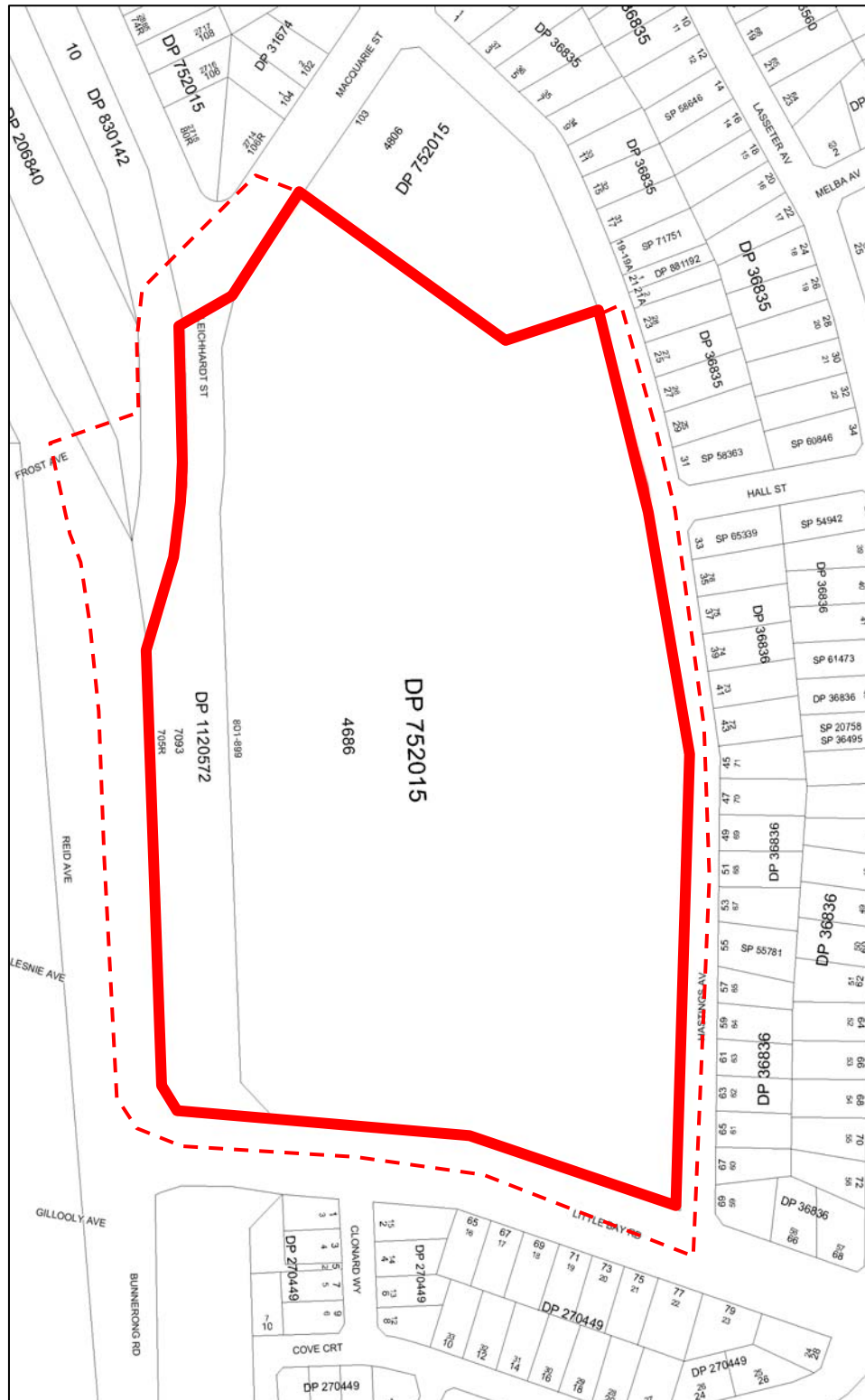


Fig 1: Land covered by the Chifley Sports Reserve Plan of Management



Fig 2: Aerial Photo showing current layout and adjoining uses