



Report to Strategy Committee Meeting on 23 November 1999

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RELEASE OF THE DRAFT RED HILL AND GOLDEN GROVE PARKS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Purpose

To release the draft Red Hill and Golden Grove Parks Plan of Management for a public exhibition and submission period of 42 days in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and the amendments of 1998.

Summary

The draft Red Hill and Golden Grove Parks Plan of Management has been prepared by a consultant, Kiah Environmental Designers, and Council officers in conjunction with a steering committee consisting of representatives from Council's Services, Public Office and Strategy units. The draft Plan was developed following extensive community consultation with local residents, park users and other interested groups.

The draft Plan covers land categorised as Community Land as well as a parcel of land owned by the Crown. The draft Plan of Management has been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the amendments of 1998. Its release for public exhibition provides an opportunity for members of the community and park users to provide feedback to Council with regard to the future management of the Park.

The draft Red Hill and Golden Grove Parks Plan of Management has been circulated to Councillors under separate cover.

Recommendation of Director Strategy

That the draft Red Hill and Golden Grove Parks Plan of Management be released for a public exhibition and submission period of 42 days in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and amendments of 1998.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL by the General Manager.

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BODY OF REPORT

Reporting Officer

Manager Policy, Planning and Commissioning.

Management Plan

Program: Natural Environment
Program Goal: To protect and enhance Warringah's natural environment
Program Function: Environmental Planning
Strategy (if applicable): 1.6 Prepare plans for improvement and management of priority areas of the natural environment
Management Plan: warringah PLAN 1999-2003, page 4

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Background

This report relates to the draft Red Hill and Golden Grove Parks Plan of Management which has been circulated to Councillors under separate cover.

The draft Plan covers the land known as Red Hill Park, Golden Grove Park and additional land adjoining these parks, within the suburb of Beacon Hill. The land covers bushland areas, a portion of South Creek, a number of sedimentation ponds and a large cleared area which has previously been leased for filming. Figure One shows the land parcels covered by this Plan and the location of the area.



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From these values a number of issues were identified and raised during community meetings and workshops. The issues are summarised in Section 6.1 of the draft Plan of Management and the Performance Target (strategies) developed as a consequence of the issues are listed within the Actions Table in Section 7 of the Plan.

A Landscape Concept Plan identifies the physical locations of the actions to occur within the site area as a result of the values and issues raised during community consultation.

The consultation process raised some concerns in relation to the placement of walking trails, safety of the sedimentation ponds and the residents perception that a sportsground was to be developed on the Red Hill site.

- The placement of the Golden Grove to Guardian Parade walking trail was a contentious issue at the community meetings. There were concerns with the original placement of the trail due to lack of privacy for neighbouring land owners. The placement of the trail could not be resolved at the community meetings, consequently the consultant, in collaboration with Council officers, have re-aligned the trail to take into account environmental, social and design issues. A letter to community members participating in the meetings was sent out on 22 October 1998 to advise that the final recommendation of the placement of the trail would be made through this draft Plan of Management.
- The safety of the sedimentation ponds, built as a result of the Landcom subdivision development, was raised by local residents. The ponds are currently not fenced and are located in areas that are easily accessible by the public. Section 7 of the draft Plan of Management recommends that all existing ponds are to be reviewed and work is to be instigated to ensure compliance with regulations and to create safe water retardation ponds.
- There is perception by local residents that Section 94 funds were collected to develop a sportsground on the Red Hill site. Investigations have taken place and the funds were not collected for this purpose. Public consultation raised the issue of developing a sportsground on this site and all but one person agreed that they did not want the Red Hill park to be developed as a sportsground.

Consultation

In the preparation of the draft Plan of Management the following consultation was undertaken:

- Community meetings and workshops with local residents, interested parties and school students to discuss values, issues and future management options during the development of the Landscape Concept Plan and the draft Plan of Management;

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- A meeting with the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council was held to discuss the findings of the archaeological survey and the interpretation of Aboriginal sites within the trail network;
- A Council Working Group was established, consisting of staff from the Services, Public Office and Strategy Units, to provide input into the draft Plan.

When released for public exhibition, the draft Plan will be advertised by public notice in local papers and will be available for viewing in Council's Customer Service Centre, libraries and the local Beacon Hill Community Centre. All members of the public that participated in the community consultation will be advised of the exhibition by mail.

Options and Financial Considerations

1. Impact on Council Budget

Funds to cover the costs of exhibiting the Plan will be taken from the allocation of funds for Plans of Management.

2. Timing

To Council for approval to publicly exhibit the draft Plan	23 November 1999
Public exhibition and submission period	4 January 2000 through 25 February 2000
Report to Council for adoption	March 2000

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