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DRAFT HOLROYD SPORTSGROUND PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

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SUMMARY

Cumberland Council has recently completed a process to prepare a draft Plan of Management in accordance with the legislative requirements of the NSW *Local Government Act* (1993), for Holroyd Sportsground in Merrylands.

As required by the NSW *Local Government Act* (1993), the draft Plan of Management is to be advertised for public exhibition for a period of not less than twenty eight (28) days and to allow for public submissions for a period of not less than forty two (42) days. Council is also required to hold a public hearing on the draft Plan of Management during this period as altering of the categorisation of community land has occurred under Section 36(d) of the Act.

This report summarises the preparation process for the Plan of Management and Landscape Masterplan and recommends that the draft Holroyd Sportsground Plan of Management be placed on public exhibition.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Place on public exhibition the *draft Holroyd Sportsground Plan of Management* for a period of 42 days, in accordance with Section 38 of the *NSW Local Government Act* (1993).
2. Provide a report to Council following the conclusion of the exhibition period detailing the results of submissions made along with a final version of the Plan of Management.

REPORT

The NSW *Local Government Act* (1993) (the Act) requires Councils to prepare Plans of Management (PoM) for all areas of community land to guide the future planning, ongoing management and development of these open space areas. Community land as defined by regulation includes parks, sportsgrounds, natural areas, areas of cultural significance and land for general community use, and may be developed on a generic, site specific or geographical basis.

The PoM provides a coordinated framework for decision making, enhancement and management of the open space and aims to integrate the vision and needs of the community and Council. A PoM has a nominal lifespan of approximately five (5) to ten (10) years. One of the purposes of this PoM is in part to identify and implement priorities for works to be undertaken at Holroyd Sportsground.

Holroyd Sportsground is located on the corner of Robert and Peel Streets, Holroyd. The ground is bordered by the M4 Motorway along the northern edge and industrial areas and A'Becketts Creek to the south.

The site features athletic track and field facilities, sporting field, amenities building, car park, shared pathways and an advertising sign.

The first PoM for Holroyd Sportsground was prepared by EDAW in 1997. A review of this original PoM and preparation of a new PoM was undertaken by Manidis Roberts Consultants in 2004. As part of Council's ongoing review of Plans of Management, Holroyd Sportsground PoM has subsequently been identified for its next review.

In addition to addressing the requirements of the NSW *Local Government Act* (1993), Council's objectives for the development of the Plan of Management are to:

- Meet the legislative requirements for community land under *the NSW Local Government Act* 1993.
- Identify relevant planning instruments
- Identify appropriate categorisations for the study area
- Incorporate site analysis, research and diagrammatic information
- Incorporate a landscape masterplan
- Include clear, achievable management strategies which reflect Council's corporate and planning goals and policies
- Reflect the values and desired outcomes of engagement with the community, local residents and other stakeholders
- Identify and consider cultural heritage, environmental, open space and recreational values and balancing of such.
- Set out how Holroyd Sportsground will be used, improved, maintained and managed in to the future.
- Identify improvements, existing assets and maintenance requirements and provide a list of actions and priorities.

Land Categorisation

In accordance with Section 36 of the NSW *Local Government Act* (1993) and the outcome of the preparation process and public hearing, the community land within the open space study area has been identified and re-categorised from the previous PoM to Sportsground, General Community Use and Natural Area – Watercourse.

In the Holroyd Sportsground Plan of Management 1997, Holroyd Sports Ground is defined as category - Sportsground. This category has been revised and expanded to encompass and take into consideration community land (advertising sign) and Natural Area- Watercourse (A'Becketts Creek and canal) along the perimeter of the sportsground area.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The process for preparing the draft Plan of Management commenced in June 2018 and included two consultation and engagement workshops including an internal Council workshop and consultations with primary stakeholders including the Holroyd Little Athletics Club, Merrylands Rugby Union Club and Holroyd Sportsground Local Parks Committee.

In accordance with the NSW *Local Government Act (1993)*, draft Plans of Management must be advertised for public exhibition for a period of not less than twenty eight (28) days, with an additional fourteen (14) days to allow for public submissions. The *draft Holroyd Sportsground Plan of Management* will be available for review and comment by the community over a forty two (42) day public exhibition period.

Community engagement activities for the period of public exhibition will include a “Have Your Say” page, notification to community members who have engaged in this project, newspaper advertisements and notification to key stakeholders and surrounding residents.

Council is also required to hold a public hearing in regard to the draft Plan of Management.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no implications on existing Council policies and no requirement to create new policies as a result of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The *draft Holroyd Sportsground Plan of Management* will provide strategic planning and good governance for the management and use of Holroyd Sportsground. Following adoption, having this Plan of Management in place ensures Council is complying with the requirements of the *Local Government Act (1993)*.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Actions identified in the *draft Holroyd Sportsground Plan of Management* will be considered in the development of Council’s future Capital Works programs and will be funded by Council revenue and developer contributions, as well as grant funding contributions when available.

CONCLUSION

The *draft Holroyd Sportsground Plan of Management* has been prepared to guide the ongoing management and development of Holroyd Sportsground in compliance with the requirements of the NSW *Local Government Act (1993)*.

This report recommends that the *draft Holroyd Sportsground Plan of Management and Landscape Masterplan* be placed on public exhibition for further consultation with the community.