

COMMUNITY LANDS OF

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PLAN OF MANAGEMENT



Plan of Management for Council owned Community Land categorised as Natural Area under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993

Moree Plains Shire Council

X Date of Adoption

1. Land covered under this Plan of Management

This plan of management applies to the parcels of land listed in **Schedule 1** below

2. Category and Classification of land

The land is categorised as Community Land under the Local Government Act 1993.

All the parcels of land covered by this plan are categorised as a *Natural Area*, with the sub-~~category~~ categories of *Watercourse* and Bushland.

~~This~~The categorisation of Watercourse is relative to ~~the~~those lands' proximity to the Mehi River (War Memorial Park, lot 1, DP 244630) and the Broadwater Creek (lot 8, DP 252497, lot 13, DP 262733 & lot 15, DP 1102065).

Lots 7323-7324 DP 1165010 are Crown land reserved for Preservation of Fauna and Public Recreation. The category of Bushland is applicable to these parcels.

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The lands are not declared by Council under s.36C of the Local Government Act as land containing significant natural features.

3. Owner of the land

Lot 8, DP 252497, lot 13, DP 262733 & lot 15, DP 1102065 ~~The land is~~ are owned by Moree Plains Shire Council

Lots 7323-7324 DP 1165010 are Crown land managed by Council as Crown land manager under provisions of the Crown Land Management Act 2016.

Interests of other parties under the provisions and implications of the Native Title Act, 1993 (Cwth) and the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (NSW) will need to be addressed with regard to any actions or proposals over Crown land.

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4. Management of the land.

The land is managed according to the objectives and methods set out in Table 1 below:

Table 1

Management Issues	Core Objectives s.36(3)(b)	Core Objectives s.36M (Watercourse)	Core Objectives s.36J (Bushland)	Performance Targets	Means of achievement of objectives s.36(3)(c)	Manner of assessment of performance s.36(3)(d)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weed management • Introduced species control • Feral animal control • Fire hazard control • Habitat preservation • Unauthorised camping/ occupation. • Anti-social behaviour, vandalism/ rubbish dumping • Neighbour amenity • Floodplain management and flow impediment 	<p>(a) To conserve biodiversity and maintain ecosystem function in respect of the land, or the feature or habitat in respect of which the land is categorised as a natural area.</p> <p>(b) To maintain the land, or that feature or habitat, in its natural state and setting.</p> <p>(c) To provide for restoration and regeneration</p> <p>(d) To provide for community use of and access to the land so as to minimise and mitigate any disturbance caused by human intrusion</p> <p>(e) To assist in and</p>	<p>(a) to manage watercourses so as to protect the biodiversity and ecological values of the instream environment, particularly in relation to water quality and water flows, and</p> <p>(b) to manage watercourses so as to protect the riparian environment, particularly in relation to riparian vegetation and habitats and bank stability, and</p> <p>(c) to restore</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (a) ensure the ongoing ecological viability of the land by protecting the ecological biodiversity and habitat values, the flora and fauna (including invertebrate fungi and micro-organisms) and other ecological values of the land, and • (b) to protect the aesthetic, recreational, heritage, educational and scientific values of the land, and • (c) to promote the management of the land in a manner that protects and enhances the values and quality of the land and facilitates public enjoyment of the land, and to implement measures directed to minimising or mitigating any disturbance caused by human intrusion, and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weed control in accordance with the requirements of the Noxious Weeds Act 1993. • Feral animal control to meet legislative & community standards. • No uncontrolled Fire events. • No activities that are detrimental to habitat preservation. • No camping or unauthorised occupation. • No rubbish or foreign 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular inspection, or reaction to notification. Appropriate response/ action. • Regular inspection, or reaction to notification. Appropriate response/ action. • Hazard reduction as appropriate • Undertake REF for any proposals affecting landform or vegetation • Appropriate compliance • Removal of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records of inspection of weed and feral animal infestations. • Number of public notification or complaints. • Records of fire hazard reduction activity. • Records of compliance activity • Instances and volumes of rubbish removed • Water flow is unimpeded during hi flow and flood events

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	facilitate the implementation of any provisions restricting the use and management of the land that are set out in a recovery plan or threat abatement plan prepared under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 or Fisheries Management Act 1994 .	degraded watercourses, and (d) promote community education, and community access to and use of the watercourse, without compromising the other core objectives of the category.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (d) restore degraded bushland, and • (e) to protect existing landforms such as natural drainage lines, watercourses and foreshores, and • (f) retain bushland in parcels of a size and configuration that will enable existing plant & animal communities to survive in the long term, and • (g) to protect bushland as a natural stabiliser of the soil surface. 	materials retained on site. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unrestricted water flow, ingress and egress 	rubbish within 2 weeks of notification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revue of any proposed works and structures • Erect signage to provide direction and notify of restricted activities. 	
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5. Future use of the land

The highest and best use of the land identified [as watercourse](#) in the attached schedule is for the support of natural drainage and the preservation of the natural riparian environment contained therein. Public access and use that is not inconsistent with these purposes is permissible.

Public access may be restricted, in order to limit activities that may be detrimental to the core objectives and/or performance targets of this plan.

Public access for the purposes of fishing, bait gathering, nature study, bird watching, photography, bush walking, orienteering, bushcraft or other similar or related recreational activities is permissible under this plan.

Grazing of the lands may be permissible where such activity assists with land management requirements such as fire hazard reduction, ground cover management and enhancement of water flow potential.

Previously disturbed areas adjacent to private lands may be improved and maintained as a buffer zone, provided that such use does not involve exclusive occupation.

Opportunities to remove introduced plant species and encourage rehabilitation with indigenous native species should be encouraged.

[Development of the areas reserved for Preservation of Fauna and Public Recreation is permissible under this plan where such development is for the purposes of site enhancement for public access to and enjoyment of the natural attributes, and historic significance of this site.](#)

[NOTE: Lot 7324, DP 1165010 adjoins the northern boundary of the Moree Sewerage Treatment works and contains improvements and occupations associated with a long term proposal for acquisition of this site for extension of the plant. Prior authorisations have been given in that regard and this PoM is not contradictory in that potential outcome in accordance with compulsory acquisition provisions.](#)

Proposed developments need to be in accordance with the Future Act provisions of the Native Title Act, 1993 (Cwth) and any current interests under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (NSW) where applicable to any Crown land included in this plan.

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6. Leases, licences and other estates.

Council may authorise leases and/or licences and/or other estates over the land, provided such tenures are not detrimental to the land, or in conflict with the Core objectives and/or the identified future uses of the land.

Proposed occupations and entitlements need to be in accordance with the Future Act provisions of the Native Title Act, 1993 (Cwth) and any current interests under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (NSW) where applicable to any Crown land included in this plan.

SCHEDULE 1

COMMUNITY LANDS CATEGORISED AS NATURAL AREA - WATERCOURSE.

PROPERTY	ADDRESS	LOT	DP	R	ZONING	CLASSIFICATION	CATEGORY	IMPROVEMENTS
Open Space - Lower Bank Broadwater Creek	Stonnington Lane	8	252497	MPSC	RU4 Primary Production Small Lots	Community	NATURAL AREA WATERCOURSE	nil
Land along Broadwater Creek	Olive Street - Part of 12 Webb Avenue subdivision	15	1102065	MPSC	R1 - General Residential	Community	NATURAL AREA WATERCOURSE	nil
War Memorial Park - Mehi River Bank	5 Albert Street Moree	1	244630	MPSC	RE1 - Public Recreation	Community	NATURAL AREA WATERCOURSE	nil
Park	Broadwater Place Moree	13	262733	MPSC	RE1 - Public Recreation	Community	NATURAL AREA WATERCOURSE	nil

BUSHLAND

Reserve 88463 for Preservation of Fauna & Public Recreation	Chinaman's Lane, Moree	7323 7324	1165010	MPSC	E3 - Environmental Protection	Community	NATURAL AREA BUSHLAND	Fencing, tracks, parking, signage, art installations. Condition -FAIR - (significant maintenance required)
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