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# Section 1 – General

## Introduction – Why Does the Plan Exist?

The plan has been prepared by The Great Lakes Council under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993, which requires Councils to prepare plans of management for all land under Council ownership or control classified as community land. This Plan of Management also covers Crown land.

The use and management of the community land to which this plan applies is regulated by this plan of management. The Local Government Act, 1993 provides that community land is required to be used and managed in accordance with the plan of management.

The plan of management has been written to outline the ways that the land will be used and the objectives for management. It may be used to determine the allocation of priorities for use of resources and funds.

The procedure for the preparation of plans of management involves public exhibition and consultation processes. The final plan has to be adopted by the Council. The plan may be amended by a subsequent plan of management.

Plans of management are available for public inspection and purchase from the Council.

## Land to which the Plan applies

This plan applies to wherever community land is a Crown Reserve, the principles of the LGA will be adopted. The land covered by this plan is identified in Appendix 1.

1. Maintain flexibility of future decision making and to allow changes in community preferences.
2. To allow for temporary uses for private functions, provided Council is satisfied that the temporary use does not significantly affect the permanent use of the land.

## Category of Land and Dominant use

For the purposes of the Local Government Act, 1993 the land is categorised as ‘General Community Use’.

## Location

The Tuncurry Foreshore Reserves comprises of public reserves, road reserves, reserves for wharf and Crown land. The area is bounded by Wallis Lake, Coral Lane, Manning Street, Point Road, Rockpool Road and Leo Amato Road. The location plan of the Tuncurry Foreshore is located in Appendix 2.

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## Current uses

The area is currently used for the following purposes:-

- Community Events (>2000 people)
- Commercial moorings
- Lease premises – Fish Co-op, restaurant
- Entry feature to the area
- Public Park

## Existing facilities

- Park land
- Music Bowl
- Open grass land
- Slipway
- BBQ's
- Public amenities
- Mature trees
- Playground
- Carparking
- War memorial

A summary of the history, climate and the physical characteristics are attached as Appendix 3.

## General Objectives

The objectives of plan will be to:-

- Establish the park as a premier recreation area for residents and visitors to the area
- Create areas and identify infrastructure to cater for large community functions
- Cater for the ongoing supply of commercial port facilities for the local fishing industry
- Increase the amenity of the park with the provision of shade, protection from the wind, traffic noise whilst enhancing views
- Provide safe public access for the community

## Values

The main values of the area are:-

- Public open space on foreshore of Wallis Lake
- Central location within Forster-Tuncurry
- High visibility of site from main road
- Scenic views of Lake Wallis, Ocean Entrance and Forster Foreshores
- Commercial fishing port
- Ability to cater to travellers and tourist buses
- Existing public and commercial waterway infrastructure
- Recreational fishing
- Ability for multiple use of area
- Ability to cater for large community events
- Deep water access moorings and wharves

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## **Roles**

The main roles of the area are:-

- Passive recreation and Special events
- Walking/movement corridor
- Children's play area
- Commercial fishing port
- Link with Forster/Tuncurry CBD's and Foreshores
- Recreational fishing
- Foreshore picnicking
- Slipway access
- Deepwater boat mooring
- Heritage display/interpretation

## **Desired Outcomes**

The area is a major regional/district passive park and is to be managed to allow the existing uses to continue.

The overall desired outcome for the area is to allow upgrading and improvements to increase the ability of the area to sustain recreation, special events and commercial fishing interests compatible with the public recreation demands and uses of the area.

## **Planning Controls Applying**

The land to which this plan applies is subject to the provisions of Great Lakes Council Local Environmental Plan 1996. Development consent under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 is required. For development under the provisions of the Great Lakes Local Environmental Plan 1996.

Development Control Plans may also apply to the land.

The land has been categorised under the Local Government Act as "Community Land"

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as "General Community Use" are:-

- To promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:-
  - ◆ In relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public; and
  - ◆ In relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

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## **Management Authority**

For the purposes of this plan, the management authority is Great Lakes Council, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993.

The Council's responsibilities for management of land may be delegated to an undertaken by a Section 355 Committee, trusteeship, or other authorised persons or organisations. Where the Council's responsibilities have been delegated, the provisions of this management plan continue to apply.

## **General Management Issues**

The management of the land must take into account the dominant use and the purpose for which the land is classified as community land and the following matters:-

- Recreation Activities
- Buildings and Amenities
- Infrastructure
- Access and Occupation
- Development Activities
- Pollution Control
- Trees, Vegetation and Landscape
- Information, Monitoring and Research
- Administration
- General Issues

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## **Section 2 – General Management Guidelines**

### **Acceptable Activities and uses**

This plan of management authorises activities, including and directly associated with the dominant use of the land, provided that the associated activities do not compromise the identified dominant use of the land.

Uses and activities not specifically authorised under this plan may be carried out where development consent has been obtained for the use or activity under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and where the dominant use of the land is not altered.

### **Management Policies and Guidelines**

The management policies and guidelines applying to the land are outlined in this section of the plan. Common general principles apply to the management of all categories of land but may not apply in all specific situations.

#### **1. Recreation Activities, Building and Amenities**

The main value of the land is for recreational purposes, both active and passive. As far as possible, a high standard of facilities will be provided to meet community needs for recreational facilities.

Buildings and amenities may be provided where consistent with the need to facilitate the recreational use of the land. Buildings and amenities are to be maintained to the highest possible standard.

##### **Public Toilets and Amenities**

Where appropriate, public toilets and amenities shall be provided and maintained.

##### **Play Equipment and Recreation Equipment**

Play equipment shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the relevant Australian Standard and may be replaced or removed as required.

New playground equipment can be installed in areas where the core objectives permit development. All new playgrounds are to be the subject of a Development Application.

##### **Outdoor Furniture (seats, bubblers, barbecues, etc)**

Outdoor furniture shall be provided as required and maintained to a safe standard condition.

##### **Private Buildings**

Private buildings may only be constructed where there is a lease from the Council and that lease specifically makes provision for the use or erection of a private building. Private buildings shall be fully maintained by the user.

##### **Public Buildings**

Public buildings may be on community land unless unauthorised under a specific Plan of Management.

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### **Removal of Buildings or Utilities**

The Council may remove buildings or utilities on the land where these are no longer required. The land is to be rehabilitated to a manageable condition following removal.

### **Domestic Pets**

Domestic pets may use the land, provided that they are under the control of responsible person at all times and do not cause a loss of amenity to other users of the land, except where specifically publicly notified. Dogs must be registered and leashed, unless where specific consent has been given for 'off-leash areas'.

### **Mowing**

Mowing shall be regularly undertaken as required in accordance with any adopted Council procedures manual or as identified within current maintenance programs.

### **Cleaning**

Buildings and amenities will be regularly cleaned and maintained in a tidy condition in accordance with any adopted Council procedures or lease arrangements.

### **Reseeding or Turfing**

In areas of concentrated use reseeded or turfing may be undertaken as required.

## **2. Infrastructure**

Any necessary infrastructure to service the recreational use of the land may be constructed.

### **Services and Utilities**

Services and utilities (such as water supply, sewerage, electricity supply, gas and telecommunications) may be constructed, maintained or repaired on the land.

### **Maintenance**

Maintenance will match the level and type of use and wherever possible, users will be encouraged to help. Areas held under lease, licence or regular occupancy shall be maintained by the regular occupant. Existing assets on the land shall be identified and measures taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. The Council may make arrangements for community groups to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on the Council's behalf.

### **Lighting**

Where appropriate, adequate lighting shall be provided on the land to ensure public safety and security for buildings and amenities as far as possible. Consideration for lighting will be made on an individual need basis.

### **Fences**

Fences may be constructed and shall be in accordance with any standards or guidelines adopted by the Council. Normally, as provided for in the Dividing Fences Act, boundary fences are the responsibility of adjoining owners to construct and maintain and Council does not contribute to fencing boundaries to private land.

### **Signs**

Signs may be erected on the land in accordance with the Council's Sign Code and any adopted sign policy or manual, or where considered necessary to regulate the use of a path.

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### **3. Access and Occupation**

The plan seeks to facilitate access to the land to enable its use for recreational purposes.

#### **Access**

General Community access must be maintained along the extent of the foreshore. Council may limit access to the land at times where this may interfere with works or may have an adverse effect on the land. Equal access provision will be supplied where development can be economically undertaken.

#### **Temporary Uses/Specific Events**

The council may allow temporary use of any of the land to which this plan applies up to a maximum continuous period of one month in any calendar year, provided it is satisfied that the use does not significantly adversely affect the permanent uses of the land and conforms to the objectives of the plan. In allowing such a temporary use, the Council will have regard to the environmental impact of the use, as provided for in the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 and requirements under Local Government Act 1993.

#### **Public Access**

Public access to land to which this plan applies can be denied to assist rehabilitation or protection of special items of significance or where a lease has been granted, but shall not otherwise be denied.

#### **Roads and Parking**

Roads and parking areas may be constructed or reconstructed to a safe and all-weather standard. New roads and parking areas may be constructed. In cases where significant new roadworks are proposed, a master plan should be prepared for the individual parcel of land and the works constructed in accordance with that plan.

#### **Cycleways**

Where a cycleway has been identified as being located on the land, the cycleway shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with any adopted Council plans and guidelines.

#### **Commercial Activities (eg. selling food and drinks)**

Commercial activities may be carried out on the land to which this plan applies, provided that such use is ancillary to the use of land for a purpose authorised under this plan and subject to prior Council consent.

#### **Emergencies**

This plan authorises any necessary activities to be carried out during declared emergencies as may be decided by the General Manager. Following the carrying out of any activities, periodic monitoring will be undertaken and rehabilitation works undertaken if necessary.

### **4. Development Activities**

#### **Construction Works**

Any construction work undertaken on land identified in this plan is to comply with the necessary provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1997.

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### **Stockpiling of Materials**

Materials and soil may be stockpiled but only on a temporary basis and provided that measures are taken to prevent adverse affects such as soil erosion, introduction of weed species, soil compaction and the like. Stockpiles are to be more than 5 metres from trees.

### **Nutrients Leached from Building Materials**

Materials (including concrete, gravel, topsoil, etc) shall be stockpiled in such a way as to prevent nutrients from leaching into watercourses or into groundwater systems.

### **Protection of Trees**

Trees to be protected shall be identified prior to construction and marked appropriately. Measures are to be taken to prevent damage and disturbance to tree roots by cutting or roots, loss of water, soil compaction or build up of soil. Clearing works are to be in accordance with any additional procedures manuals or adopted policies.

### **New Development Works**

New development works (such as construction of roads, parking areas, cycleways, etc) may be undertaken where the works are consistent with the objectives of this plan and where necessary approvals have been obtained under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 or the Local Government Act 1993.

### **Filling**

As far as possible, no fill should be deposited on the land unless it comes from the same area of parkland and adequate measures are taken to stabilise the fill. Works are to be in accordance with any additional procedures manuals or adopted policies.

Filling is not to be undertaken unless specific Development Consent has been obtained.

## **5. Pollution Control**

### **Soil Erosion and Sedimentation**

All activities are to ensure adequate controls to prevent soil erosion and sedimentation and are to be inspected periodically.

### **Nutrients**

Measures shall be taken to minimise and to control nutrients entering watercourses, water bodies or groundwater.

### **Environment Protection (noise control, dust, chemicals, etc)**

Measures shall be taken during any construction or maintenance works on the land to ensure that normal environmental protection, pollution control and health guidelines re complied with.

### **Litter**

Litter shall be regularly collected and removed. Provision shall be made for the provision of litterbins as required. It is the responsibility of all users to ensure that recreation areas are left in a tidy manner after use.

### **Rubbish Dumping**

Rubbish dumping is not permitted. Any lawn clippings or garden cuttings are to be disposed of in a manner that does not affect natural vegetation, or encourage the spread of weeds.

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### **Irrigation**

Irrigation is to be designed and operated to maximise growth and lawn establishment, whilst avoiding excess runoff.

### **Watercourses**

Natural hydrological processes are to be maintained where possible, including natural vegetation and the flow regimes to maintain creek line stability and health of terrestrial and aquatic plant communities.

### **Noise from Events**

Noise from events shall be required to comply with normal noise pollution control requirements.

### **Drainage (eg. Requirements, detention basins)**

Drainage works are allowed on the land to which this plan applies. Any works within defined watercourses are to be minimised and are to comply with any environmental management guidelines adopted by the Council to minimise the flow of nutrients and pollutants into watercourses.

### **Fertilisers, Pesticides and Herbicides**

The use of fertilisers, pesticides and herbicides may be permitted on land to which this plan applies, but only where no suitable alternatives exist and an environmental assessment demonstrates that no adverse environmental impact is likely to occur. New landscape designs are to minimise the need for these.

### **Removal of Silt**

Silt shall be removed from drains and silt traps as necessary.

## **6. Trees and Vegetation and Landscape**

Proper management of landscaping measures, trees and vegetation is important to provide a high degree of amenity on the land.

### **Trees**

Trees will be maintained, as will maintenance of appropriate growing conditions involving management of soil compaction and other encroachments. Trees are to be regarded as a capital asset requiring appropriate maintenance.

### **Weed Control**

Weed control shall be by both taking preventative measures and active control measures. Prevention of weed infestation shall be by minimising actions that disturb the ground surface and discouraging the conditions, which encourage weeds. Measures shall be taken to prevent the dispersion of weeds by fill or the transport of seeds on machinery. Active control measures, which are acceptable include physical removal or slashing, accepted biological control techniques, bush regeneration, or chemical spraying where the Council is satisfied that there will be no adverse residual effects and no adverse effect on human health may occur.

### **Tree Planting and Removal**

Trees may be planted, removed or replaced. In replacing trees, regard will be had to endorsed plans and any adopted policies outlining preferred species. Tree planting, maintenance,

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removal and replacement shall be in accordance with adopted standards, codes, manuals or policies.

**Tree Protection**

Appropriate protection such as guards and barriers shall generally be provided for all new planting's as may be required.

**Landscape Design**

Landscape design will be in accordance with any design guidelines adopted by the Council.

**Gardens**

Gardens may be constructed and maintained on the land.

## **7. Information, Monitoring and Research**

Monitoring and collection of information relating to the land to which the plan applies are important to enable good management.

**Education and Research**

Where a demonstrated need has been identified, an educational programme shall be developed to encourage appropriate recreational use of all or part of the land to which this plan applies.

**Monitoring**

Management arrangements shall be implemented to regularly monitor the usage of the land, environmental conditions and facilities.

**Surveys**

Surveys of visitation and/or satisfaction with recreational facilities may be undertaken to facilitate the management and use of the land.

## **8. Administration**

Administrative issues have an important influence on the way in which the land is managed.

**Staff Resources**

The Council shall seek to provide adequate staff resources for the management of the land in accordance with this plan. Staff shall have appropriate qualifications and/or experience.

**Environmental Impact Assessment of Activities**

The environmental impact of activities carried out on the land will be assessed having regard to the requirements under Part V of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

**Role of Other Authorities (eg. Dept Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources)**

Other government authorities may have responsibilities or involvement in the management of the land or of immediately adjacent land. This will be taken into account and where appropriate, consultation will take place with relevant authorities.

**Activities carried out by other Authorities**

Where activities are carried out on the land by other authorities, the Council will make such authorities aware of the provisions of this plan and as far as possible shall seek to ensure that any activities are compatible with the objectives and guidelines of this plan.

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### **Community Involvement in Management**

Where appropriate, the Council may undertake community consultation subsequent to the making of this plan and may give community groups a role in management

### **Contract and Volunteer Labour**

In managing the land the Council may use contract and volunteer labour but shall ensure that supervisors have appropriate qualifications and/or experience and are made aware of the requirements of this plan.

### **Delegation of Management Responsibilities**

Where the Council delegates management responsibilities a requirement of the delegation shall be that the provisions of this plan of management are complied with.

### **Leasing**

The plan authorises the Council to lease land to which this plan applies for a purpose for which the land was being used at the date of commencement of the plan, or for any other purpose, which is specifically allowed under the terms of this management plan. Any leases are to be in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993.

### **Easements**

The Council may grant easements for the provision of services over, or on land to which this plan applies.

## **9. General Issues**

### **Maintenance**

Existing assets on the land shall be identified and measures taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. The Council may make arrangements for community groups to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on the Council's behalf.

### **Energy Efficiency**

Measures shall be taken to improve the energy efficiency of all buildings and activities carried out on the land to which this plan applies. Measures shall include use of energy efficient lighting, periodic auditing of energy use and appropriate orientation of any new buildings to incorporate passive solar design principles.

### **Neighbours**

The Council shall endeavour to be a good neighbour and as far as possible shall consult with adjoining owners in respect of management activities which may affect them.

### **Public Liability**

The Council will maintain public liability insurance for the land to which the plan applies.

### **Public Safety**

Reasonable measures will be taken by the Council to ensure and maintain the public safety of persons using the land.

### **User Charges**

Subject to any provisions in the Local Government Act 1993 user charges for the use of facilities may be imposed by the Council.

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### **Undeveloped Areas**

Land to which this plan applies that is undeveloped and unused for recreational purposes may be used for any activity that does not prevent or inhibit its future recreational use and is in line with the general objectives of the categorisation of the land. Construction work or filling of the land is not authorised by this plan unless as part of an adopted master plan.

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## Section 3 - Tuncurry Foreshore Landscape Master Plan

This Landscape Master Plan (LMP) is prepared to identify specific strategies and actions for the day to day and future management of the reserve along Tuncurry Foreshore. The LMP provides information on the existing issues, strategies and a graphic representation of proposed works. A copy of the Landscape Master Plan is attached as Appendix 3.

### Specific Issues to the Tuncurry Foreshore

The main issues for the area:-

#### Foreshore Park Layout

The existing foreshore design has resulted in distinctive areas. This is not the most desirable use of public space however does allow for the segregation of functions as required and the creation of theme recreation areas.

The existing toilet and BBQ facilities dominate the southern section of John Wright Park and the music facility dominates the northern sections. This has resulted in reduced areas for public use and raises the issue of safe pedestrian movement between each section.

*Action:*

- *Maintain existing layout of all reserves*
- *Enhance existing sections of John Wright Park through boundary planting's*
- *Create shared access through John Wright Park*
- *Prepare defined pedestrian crossing areas*
- *Remove existing BBQ and replace*

#### Access – Pedestrian

There is no continuous formal pathway along the foreshore. Interruption of foreshore access occurs with the Fishing Co-op building and loading wharves and the slipway.

Potential safety issues arise where public attempt to access working areas of the Co-op and also where fishing activities spill over into public access areas.

Potential safety issues occur in Ray Street/Leo Amato area where parking, two-way traffic and pedestrians share a busy thoroughfare.

*Action:*

- *Provide a continuous footpath along the foreshore, where possible, that allows clear and safe passage throughout each reserve.*
- *Provide formed pathways to all built infrastructure.*

#### Access – Disabled

Accessible paths and parking areas are yet to be provided throughout the areas. Lack of pram ramps interrupts general access to facilities and parkland.

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*Action:*

- *Provide safe set down areas, parking and pathways throughout the reserve.*
- *Provide equal access facilities.*
- *Replace existing pedestrian bridge to accommodate equal access issues.*

### **Access – Vehicular**

As identified potential safety issues exist in the Ray Street/Leo Amato Lane area where two-way traffic, working trucks and forklifts, tourist parking and pedestrians share small spaces. The Great Lakes Traffic Committee has recommended consideration of one way traffic through this area.

Potential conflicts also exist with the access road through John Wright Park separating main activity area and public amenities.

*Action:*

- *Create one way passage along Leo Amato Lane.*
- *Through landscaping reduce safety issues relating to pedestrian movement between significant areas of the reserves.*
- *Reduce traffic movement along the northern section of John Wright Park to emergency traffic only.*
- *Emergency access to provided for all reserves that enables maintenance and emergency vehicle to reach moorings and foreshore locations.*

### **Parking**

During events and holiday periods parking in the area is at a premium. A recent traffic study of Tuncurry Main Street recommended restricting parking in Manning Street during major events, to reduce congestion in the area. The traffic study recommended provision of parallel parking in the current slip lane from Wharf Street to Manning Lane and cutting off the slip lane. Additional parking on John Wright Park was also suggested.

The Wallis Lake Fishermen's Co-op has requested formalising car parking for patrons of the Co-op and additional car park spaces in the vicinity.

*Action:*

- *Create additional parking within reserves.*
- *Create parking along slip lane parallel to Manning Street.*
- *Create separate parking for patrons of the Slip Way.*
- *Allow access for maintenance vehicle for the Slip Way and moorings.*
- *Create formalised parking near public boat jetty.*
- *Provide specific Coach and caravan parking areas*

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## Exposure

The park is exposed to strong winds from the northeast in summer and the west in winter and southerlies throughout the year. There is little shade on the park and excessive exposure to the sun is a problem in summer.

*Action:*

- *Shade trees are placed for amenity purposes and where impact on views is minimised.*
- *Specific shade structures are located in each reserve to provide shade and shelter. Location is to be sympathetic with park use and views.*

## Retaining Walls – Stability

A concrete/rock retaining wall extends along the full foreshore with openings at the slipway and to the small tidal pool in John Oxley Park.

The sand island in the channel opposite the Co-op is mobile and appears to be eroding. There is potential for increase in wave action along the foreshore during high tide/ocean surges and strong winds.

Inundation by saltwater regularly occurs on the slipway surrounds. Sinkholes regularly occur along the foreshore edges and require filling for safety. It is likely that major maintenance or reconstruction of the wall will be required within 10 years.

*Action:*

- *A structural engineer is to be engaged to assess the current condition of the sea wall and identify any necessary maintenance practices required.*

## Noise: In the Park

The traffic noise from the adjoining roads and the bridge approach can disturb potential uses of the park.

*Action:*

- *Low-planted mounds are to be created along the perimeter of the reserves to aid in the dissipation of traffic noise.*

## Noise: Out of the Park

Noise generated by use of the park for community events and carnivals can affect adjoining residents.

*Action:*

- *All activities are assessed through the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.*

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## **Fishing Storage and Access requirements**

The area is critical to the local fishing industry and access to moorings and areas for storage of equipment are essential.

There has been a history of the Co-op extending activities outside of its tenured area for storage of equipment and bins, gas cylinders, especially to the north of the leased area.

Conflicts arise between the recreational use and amenity of the area and the working habits and nature of the fishing industry. Visual presentation of these areas is poor.

Conflicts also arise with the need for mending of fishing nets. The Co-op requires an additional leased area for installation of cable drawing facility. Their preferred site is the northern side of the existing slipway extending to the former "Police Jetty". This extension of leased area is subject to negotiations.

*Action:*

- *Periodic access to the reserve is supplied through the Fishing Co-op for mending of fishing nets, etc.*
- *Fishing Co-op is to keep all business activities within the identified leased area.*
- *Screen planting is to be created to reduce visual impact of building and activities.*

## **Use of the Public Wharf**

Council manages a public wharf adjoining Ray Street. In recent times this wharf has been commandeered by tuna boats for loading and temporary mooring.

The Wharf availability for public use has been significantly affected by this constant use.

*Action:*

- *Maintain the wharf for public use.*
- *Enhance usage through extensions to existing facility.*

## **Tuncurry Slipway**

A slipway with deep-water access is essential infrastructure for the commercial fishing industry of the area. It also provides interest for locals.

The existing slipway requires upgrading to improve ability to handle pollution control and other requirements of the EPA. A major requirement of these guidelines is establishment of a collection mechanism above the high water mark. This would require extension of the western end of the slipway by several metres. Details are to be developed between Department Sustainable and Natural Resources and Wallis Lake Fishermen's Co-op and approved by Great Lakes Council in keeping with this Plan of Management.

The area also experiences regular sand infill and damage by wave action in storm surges. Access improvements are required.

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There is conflict between the use of the reserve fronting Andy's Waterfront Restaurant and Ray Street and vehicular access to the slipway. Vehicular access to the slipway may be more appropriate from the southern side of the slipway once the cable drawing facility is installed to the north. This may require alteration to gates etc, within the slipway. The condition of the grass in the park is degraded by extensive vehicle use and also saltwater inundation.

*Action:*

- *Provide alternative parking for the Slip way within the reserve.*
- *Ensure appropriate access for large vehicles as required..*
- *Provide additional space for proposed cabling requirements.*
- *Approach Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Natural Resources regarding leasing the additional areas of the reserve required to facilitate the needs of the Slipway.*

### **Future needs of the Co-op**

The Co-op buildings are aged and in varying stages of decline. A review of future needs and existing leased areas is required. Potential for consolidation of areas may exist. The opportunity for improved public access to the foreshore should be considered in this process.

*Action:*

- *Keep informed on development intensions of the Fishing Co-op.*
- *Support where possible.*

### **Park Roads through Oxley Park**

Part of Leo Amato close is not a formal public road, but part of the public reserve. Current rear access to many of the residential blocks behind section 37 is unapproved and does not provide legal access under the Crown Lands Act. The status of this roadway needs to be reviewed and where appropriate formalised.

*Action:*

- *Pursue extension of Leo Amato Close to join Pallman Street.*
- *Provide only emergency access to allotments behind Section 37.*
- *Liase with the Department of Lands regarding the appropriateness of proposal.*

### **Boat Storage at Tidal Inlet in Oxley Park**

Local residents currently store dinghies in the tidal inlet at John Oxley Park. This use is unapproved and informal. For safety of park patrons it may be necessary to restrict this use or better control through provision of storage facilities.

*Action:*

- *Discourage use for moorings of dinghies.*
- *Monitor usage.*
- *Reduce erosion of existing bank*

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## **Commercial use of the Park**

The use of the southern section of John Wright Park for carnivals has generated complaints. Many of the issues causing the complaints such as excessive noise have been addressed by operators and complaints have reduced greatly in recent times. The issue of alienation or loss of public open space at a time of high use has been raised.

The temporary licensing of the area provides income towards development of the park. It also provides an additional recreational attraction for holiday makers and is felt to have positive spin off for adjoining commercial areas. Consideration of compatible commercial uses is recommended.

The existing Andy's waterfront restaurant and Co-op food outlet have requested outdoor eating areas to supplement their existing operations.

*Action:*

- *Create a Policy for community events be created for the designated area that takes into consideration the implications of temporary commercial use.*
- *Council pursues the development of an outdoors eating area for the existing restaurant.*

## **Historical and Tourist Associations of the Area.**

Opportunities exist for historic interpretation of the parks. This could be incorporated with an interpretive walk along Tuncurry foreshores. Details for this can be developed with assistance from the Co-op and the local historical society.

*Action:*

- *Create interpretive signage for the reserve.*

## **Existing Services**

Existing electricity supply to the area has reached capacity but additional demands for service need to be met. An upgrade of supply to the area is necessary.

The park area is dissected by overhead and underground services including electricity lines, water and sewerage mains and major drains servicing the adjoining CBD.

These services restrict above ground development.

*Action:*

- *Upgrade electricity supply to meet future needs.*

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## Unsuitable Existing Planting's

A number of the existing trees in the park are considered unsuitable for the area. These are:

### **Coral Trees**

These are not favoured for park planting's due to the sharp thorns found over the trees and their propensity to self seed in the local bushland areas. They are now classed as environmental weeds in the Great Lakes. These trees are also over mature and have started to decline in vigour and safety. They will require replacement, the coral trees do have heritage value as the adjoining roadway is named Coral Avenue after the trees. Choice of replacement species is an issue.

### **Norfolk Island Hibiscus**

These trees are not favoured for park planting's as their seedpods contain hairs, which cause extreme irritation. They are generally healthy trees and could be retained until replacement planting's have matured.

### **Cocos Palms**

These are not favoured as park planting's due to their drop of large seedpods and their propensity to self-seed in bushland areas. They are now classed as Environmental Weeds in the Great Lakes. They will require replacement.

*Action:*

- *Progressively remove and replace Coral Trees with a more appropriate species.*
- *As required, due to death, disease or damage, replace Norfolk Island Pines.*
- *Progressively remove and replace Cocos Palms.*
- *Ensure there is no overall loss in tree numbers.*

## Condition of Existing Infrastructure

Much of the existing infrastructure in the park is aged and in a deteriorated condition. This includes roadways, kerb and guttering, park furniture, pathways and the public toilets.

The replacement of this infrastructure could be staged and could incorporate changes recommended in this plan.

*Action:*

- *Upgrade existing toilet facilities*
- *Remove and replace existing BBQ facilities*
- *Progressively replace existing park furniture*
- *Replace all hard surfaces, as funds become available.*
- *Remove and replace the existing playground.*

## Future Landscaping

The Tuncurry Foreshore is currently undeveloped with respect to soft landscaping. Efforts need to be employed to soften high use areas and create theme planting's throughout the reserves

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*Action:*

- *Create low mounded boundary planting to soften edges of reserve.*
- *Create theme planting along entrance to the Bridge to offer area of interest when entering the area.*
- *Planting's are not to compromise the intended multi purpose use of the reserves.*
- *Planting's are to undertaken where views are not dramatically impacted upon.*
- *Incorporate significant trees to frame views where possible.*

Table 1.1 summarises the Tuncurry Foreshore Master Plan by priority and performance measures.

**Table 1.1 Tuncurry Foreshore Master Plan by priority and performance measures.**

ISSUE	ACTION	PRIORITY	PERFORMANCE MEASURES
Foreshore Park Layout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance existing sections of John Wright Park through boundary planting's</li> <li>• Prepare defended pedestrian crossing areas</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plantings undertaken</li> <li>• Crossings prepared</li> </ul>
Access – Pedestrian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a continuous footpath along the foreshore, where possible, that allows clear and safe passage throughout each reserve.</li> <li>• Provide formed pathways to all built infrastructure.</li> </ul>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pathways created</li> </ul>
Access – Disabled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide safe set down areas, parking and pathways throughout the reserve.</li> <li>• Replace existing pedestrian bridge to accommodate equal access issues.</li> </ul>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridge constructed</li> </ul>
Access – Vehicular	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create one way passage along Leo Amato Lane.</li> <li>• Reduce traffic movement along the northern section of John Wright Park to emergency traffic only.</li> </ul>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage erected</li> </ul>
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create additional parking within reserves.</li> <li>• Create parking along slip lane parallel to Manning Street.</li> <li>• Create separate parking for patrons of the Slip Way.</li> <li>• Provide specific Coach and caravan parking areas.</li> </ul>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking created</li> </ul>
Exposure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide shade structures in each reserve</li> <li>• Shade trees are placed for amenity purposes and where impact on views is minimised</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plantings completed</li> </ul>
Retaining Walls – Stability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A structural engineer is to be engaged to assess the current condition of the sea wall and identify any necessary maintenance practices required.</li> </ul>	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Condition report undertaken</li> </ul>
Noise – In the park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low-planted mounds are to be created along the perimeter of the reserves to aid in the dissipation of traffic noise</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plantings completed</li> </ul>

Fishing Storage & Access Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Screen planting is to be created to reduce visual impact of building and activities.</li> </ul>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plantings completed</li> </ul>
Use of the Public Wharf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhance usage through extensions to existing facility.</li> </ul>	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wharf/Upgraded</li> </ul>
Tuncurry Slipway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide additional space for proposed cabling requirements.</li> </ul>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional facilities provided</li> </ul>
Park Roads through Oxley Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursue extension of Leo Amato Close to join Pallman Street.</li> <li>Provide only emergency access to allotments behind Section 37</li> </ul>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Road created</li> <li>Signage erected</li> </ul>
Commercial use of the park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create a Policy for community events be created for the designated area that takes into consideration the implications of temporary commercial use.</li> <li>Council pursues the development of an outdoors eating area for the existing restaurant.</li> </ul>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy prepared</li> </ul>
Historical & Tourist Associations of the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create interpretive signage for the reserve.</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signage created</li> </ul>
Existing Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade electricity supply to meet future needs.</li> </ul>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supply upgraded</li> </ul>
Unsuitable Existing Planting's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progressively remove and replace Coral Trees with a more appropriate species.</li> <li>Progressively remove and replace Cocos Palms.</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plantings undertaken</li> </ul>
Condition of Existing Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade existing toilet facilities</li> <li>Remove and replace existing BBQ facilities</li> <li>Progressively replace existing park furniture</li> <li>Remove and replace the existing playground.</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilities upgraded</li> <li>Facilities replaced</li> </ul>

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# Appendixes

## Appendix 1

### Schedule 1: Area covered by Plan of Management

Area	Area identifier	Owner/Occupier
John Oxley Park	Res 37212, Res 87183 Res 52463, Res 69453 Res 69455, Res 69457 Res 17512	Devolved to Council Devolved to Council Dept Lands Dept Lands Dept Lands Dept Lands Gazetted to CI 1893
John Wright Park	RES 83697 Pt Lot 231 DP 753207,	Council Trust Manager Council Public Road
Memorial Park	Res 88846	Council Trust Manager

## Appendix 2

### Location of Plan



