

# PLAN OF MANAGEMENT



## DONNELLY WELSH PLAYING FIELDS MACKSVILLE NSW 2447

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## DONNELLY WELSH PLAYING FIELDS – MACKSVILLE

### A *Background Information*

#### 1 Introduction

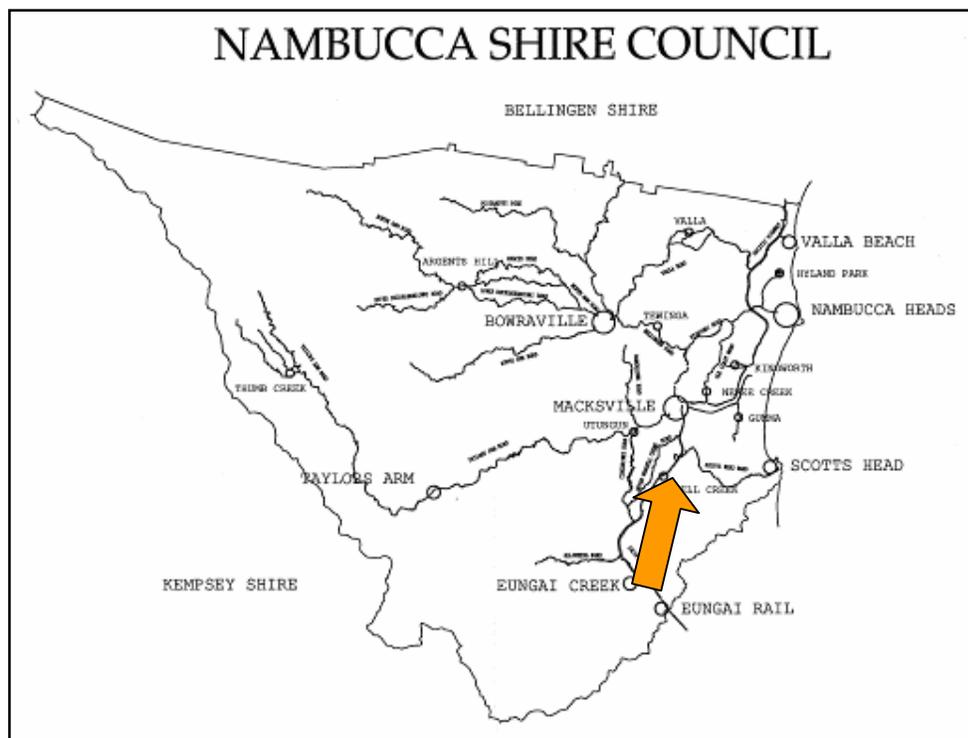
##### 1.1 Purpose

This Plan of Management has been prepared to document the environmental, economic, recreation and social values of the Donnelly Welsh Playing Fields and to guide the future use, development and management of the reserve.

Underpinning the preparation of the plan is the involvement of the community in determining what values are important and how these should be protected and enhanced.

##### 1.2 General Description

Donnelly Welsh Playing Fields is located in the township of Macksville on the North Coast of NSW (500 km north of Sydney) and is situated on the eastern side of the township at the end of Dudley Street. Macksville has a population of around 3,000 and enjoys a subtropical climate in a rural setting.



Location

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The reserve is principally a sports field facility with provision for cricket. In the past the fields were also used for polo. The available facilities on the reserve are:

- Cricket Oval (Synthetic Grass Wicket)
- Playground

In addition to sports facilities there are other items such as:

- Public Toilets
- Canteen, Change room and Storage Building

The reserve is an open space area on the eastern side the township and provides for sport, recreation and social events for the village community, district groups and schools.



*Locality*

The reserve comprises 3 lots being lot 16 DP 5954617, lot 9 DP 11590 and lot 10 DP 11590, Parish of Congarinni and County of Raleigh.

The intrinsic values of the reserve are high. The prime purpose being to:

- Provide a broad range of recreational uses for the township and district and provide facilities suitable for use by the broader sporting community.
- Provide passive use such as walking.
- Flexible uses to enable local festivals and events like a circus.

### 1.3 Land Description and Status

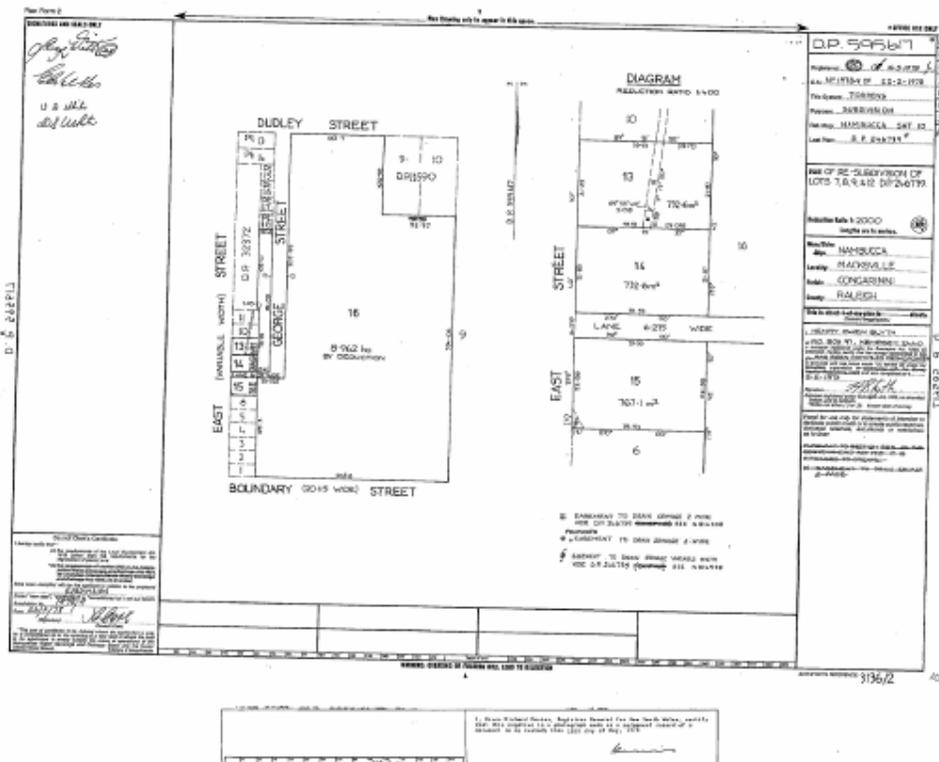
Lot 16 DP 595617 has an area of 8.982 ha, lot 9 DP 11590 has an area of 0.402 while lot 10 DP 11590 has an area of 0.527 ha. The total area from the three lots available to the Donnelly Welsh Playing Fields is 9.891 ha. The land is owned by Nambucca Shire Council PO Box 177 Macksville NSW 2447.

Under the Local Government Act, Division 2 Clause 36(4) the land is categorised as community land sub-category of Sportsground.

Nambucca Shire Council is the Local Government Authority and is charged with the care, control and management of the reserve and adjacent Dudley Street under the Local Government Act 1993.

Section 36F of the Local Government Act defines the core objectives for management of community land that is categorised as a sportsground as follows:

- To encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities,
- To ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.



Registered Survey Plan DP 595617

Shire of Nambucca  
A 877234 22.10.77  
Substituted Plan

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DP 11590

of subdivision of part of Portion 8  
being the land comprised in Certs. of Title Vol. 2865 10/1423/143  
Parish of Congarinni - County of Raleigh

Scale 2 chains to an inch.

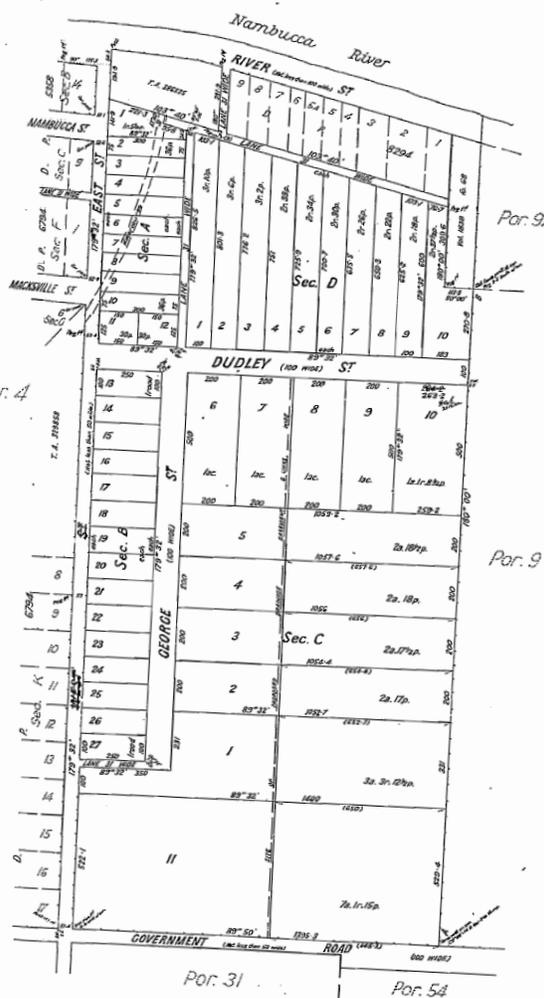
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Subscribed and declared before me at Belconnen  
this first day of August A.D. 1922.

I, Herbert Arthur Evans of Belconnen, Licensed Surveyor, solemnly affirmed under the Real Property Act,  
do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that the boundaries and measurements shown on this plan are correct to the  
best of my knowledge and belief, and that the survey of the land is correct. The plan contains has been made by me, and I make  
this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Statute in that behalf.

N. Hall J.P.

H. A. Evans  
Licensed Surveyor

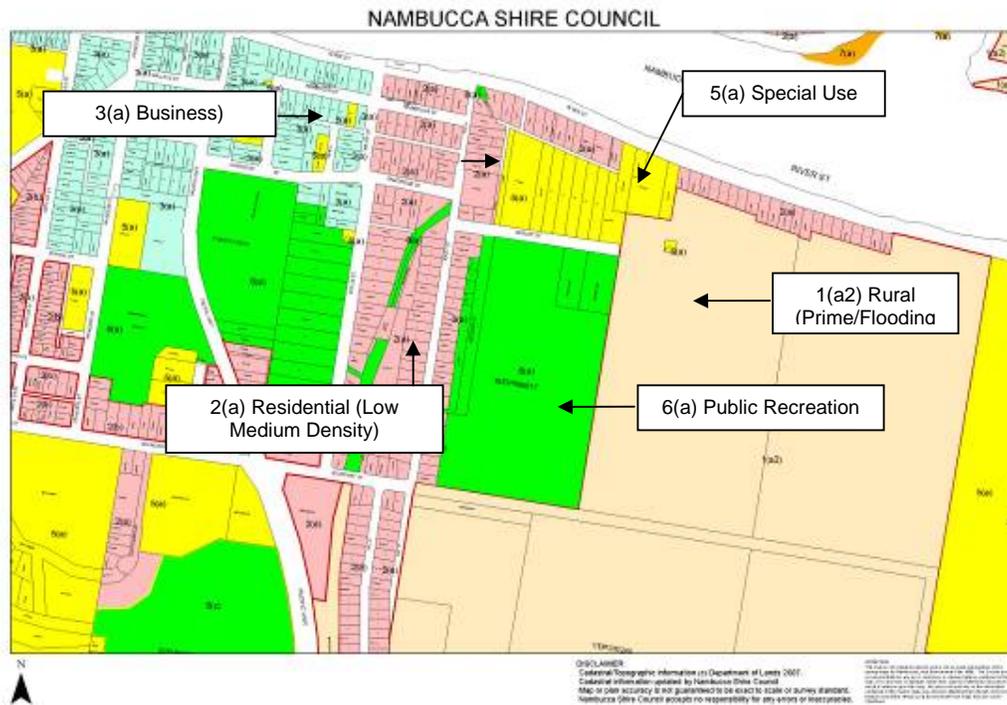
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## 1.4 Land Use Zoning

The land is presently zoned 6(a) Public Recreation under the Nambucca Local Environmental Plan 1995. The existing use is a public recreation area with both active and passive activities.

The residential area is zoned 2(a) Residential (Low Medium Density) and the surrounding land is zoned 1(a2) Rural (Prime/Flooding).



Planning Zones

## 1.5 Surrounding Land use

Immediately adjacent to the reserve on the northern side is Thistle Park. This land is leased to the Nambucca-Bellingen Cricket Association from the Department of Education. It is not a Council controlled facility.

On the western side is residential housing.

The eastern and southern boundaries front farmland. The following photographs give an indication of the adjacent land use.



*Northern Boundary*



*Southern Boundary*



*Eastern Boundary*



*Western Boundary*



*Private School*

## **1.6 Legal Framework**

This Plan of Management has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Division 2 Clause 36 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The Act includes the core objectives to be taken into account when determining management guidelines. The core objectives for sportsgrounds is stated in Clause 36F which reads as follows:

- To encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games, and
- To ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.

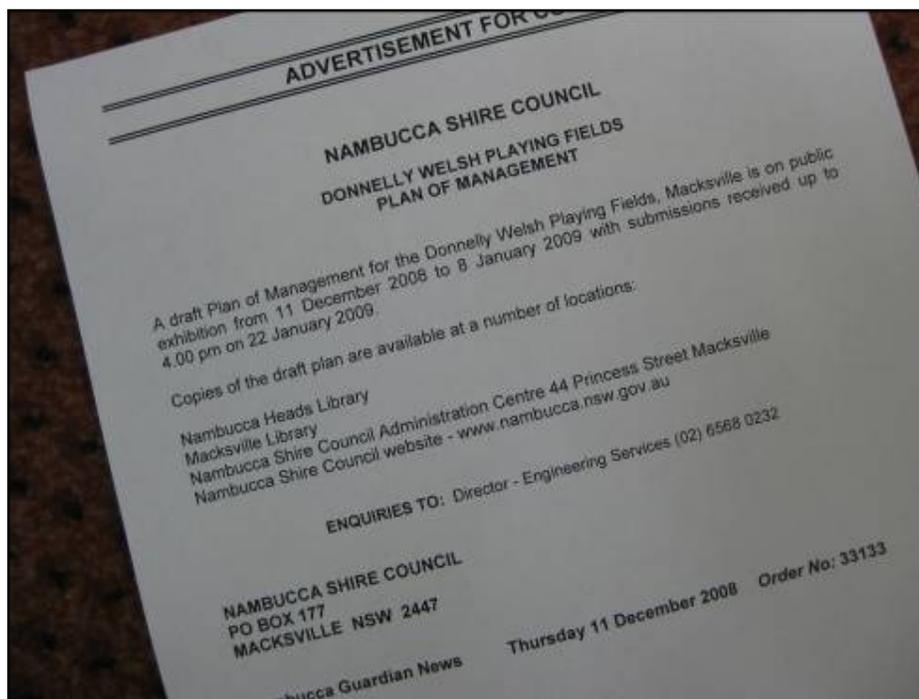
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## 1.7 Community Consultation

Community consultation forms an integral part of the process of preparing a Plan of Management. Continuous review and incorporation of community attitudes expectations and requirements into the ongoing management of the Reserve is also paramount.

Under the requirements of Division 2 Clause 38 of the Local Government Act 1993 the Plan of Management was placed on public exhibition during which times submissions were invited to be made to the Council.

The plan was on display from the 17 December 2009 to the 14 January 2010 with submissions received up to 4.00 pm on the 28 January 2010. Public notice of this exhibition was published in the local print media on the 11 December 2009 and detailed where and when the plan was on display and invited submissions from interested members of the public. During the exhibition period, the plan was available for perusal at the offices of the Nambucca Shire Council, Princess Street Macksville the Macksville and Nambucca Heads Libraries and on Councils Website.



## 1.8 Implementation

Following the adoption of the Plan by the Council it will not allow any operations or development, which is not permitted by the Plan. Amendments of the adopted plan is covered by Division 2 Clause 41 of the Local Government Act 1993 and may be required at regular periods to keep abreast of the changing expectations and requirements of the community and ensure the Plan remains useful and relevant.

Funding for management of the Reserve will be sought from a range of Government, Council and community sources.

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Council as Manager may enter into a lease or licence for both public and non public purpose for the whole or part of the lands to which this Plan of Management applies provided that:

- o Management of the land is in accordance with this Plan of Management and Council policies and guidelines.
- o The use and/or occupation of the land is considered to be in the public interest.
- o That licensing or leasing is undertaken in accordance with the Local Government Act Sections 46 and 47:

Section 46 states that a lease or licence or other estate in respect of community land:

1(a) may be granted for the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities, or

1(a1) may be granted for the purpose of providing pipes, conduits or other connections under the surface of the ground for the connection of premises adjoining the community land to a facility of the Council or other public utility provider. or

1(b) may be granted, in accordance with an express authorisation in the plan of management and such provisions of the plan of management as apply to the granting of the lease, licence or other estate:

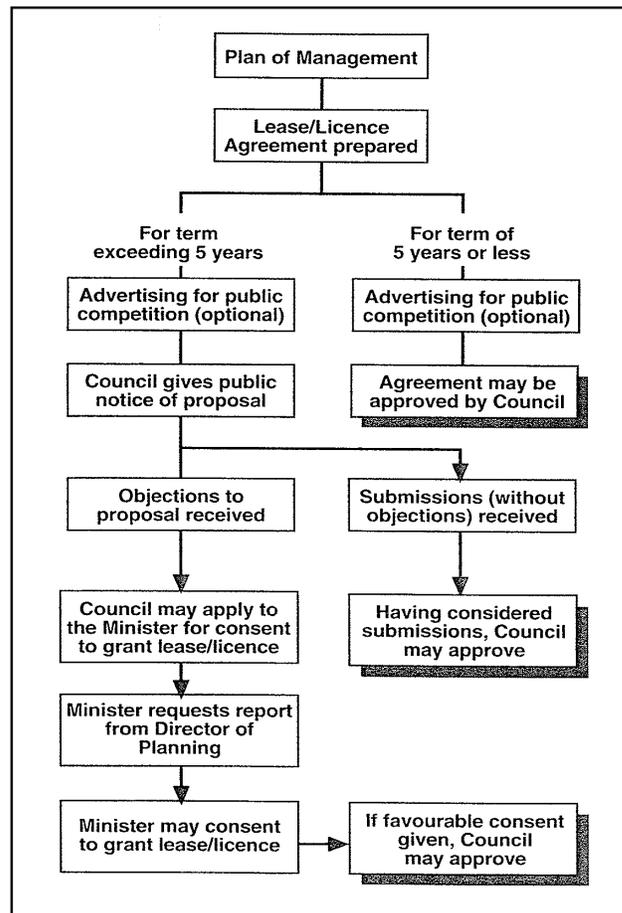
- i) "....."as a core objective of the categorisation of the land concerned,  
or
- ii) For the purpose prescribed by the regulations, if the plan of management applies to several areas of community land,  
or
- iii) For a short-term, casual purpose prescribed by the regulations,  
or
- iv) For a residential purpose in relation to housing owned by the Council.

1(c) may be granted in order to allow a filming project to be carried out, whether or not the project is in accordance with the plan of management or is consistent with the core objectives of the categorisation of the land concerned.

Leases and licences on Donnelly Welsh Playing Fields may be granted for short term periods of up to 14 days.

The Council determined on the 17 August 2006 that any application for longer periods must be publicly exhibited with the normal 28 days for exhibition and a further 14 days for submissions which are then referred to Council for determination.

The following figure defines the procedure



## 1.9 Accountability

The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1999 aims to ensure that Councils adopt current contemporary best practice accounting policies and procedures, to enhance the ability to compare the financial performance of Councils, to ensure the effective management of Council finances and to ensure accountability and transparency.

## 1.10 Development Proposal Assessment

Issues to be considered by the Manager (Council) when deciding whether a particular land use or development is appropriate include:

- The permissibility of the use under Councils Nambucca LEP 1995,
- The compatibility of the proposal with the notified purpose of the reserve;
- The compatibility of the proposal with adjoining land uses;
- the impact on the existing use of the reserve;
- the compatibility with the Vision and Management Principles for the reserve;

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- the need for the proposal and whether it will promote and be ancillary to the use and enjoyment of the reserve, as distinct from satisfying a requirement generated by an adjoining property or by an unassociated community need;
  - the advantage and benefit that the development would bring to the normal reserve user;
  - the management responsibility and public availability of the development to reserve users;
  - the need for a lease and its terms, conditions and rental that would apply.

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## **B Basis for Management**

### **2 Values**

There are four (4) main values to be considered. These broad categories are:

- Conservation
- Economic
- Recreation; and
- Social

To manage the Donnelly Welsh Playing Fields effectively, it is essential that these values are identified and that their significance in terms of the management of the Reserve is determined. Further to this significance, the role of these values at a local and regional reserve level is important.

#### **2.1 Conservation**

##### *2.1.1 Natural Heritage*

Issues to be considered by the Manager (Council) when deciding whether a particular land use or development is appropriate include:

##### *i Geology/Soils*

The reserve is composed of alluvial soil typical of a river flat situation.

##### *ii Climate*

The North Coast region enjoys a subtropical climate with mild average temperatures and relatively high rainfall. This rainfall is variable, however, and may be low to moderate some years while high intensity summer rainfall in other years has caused various levels of flooding throughout the history of the area.

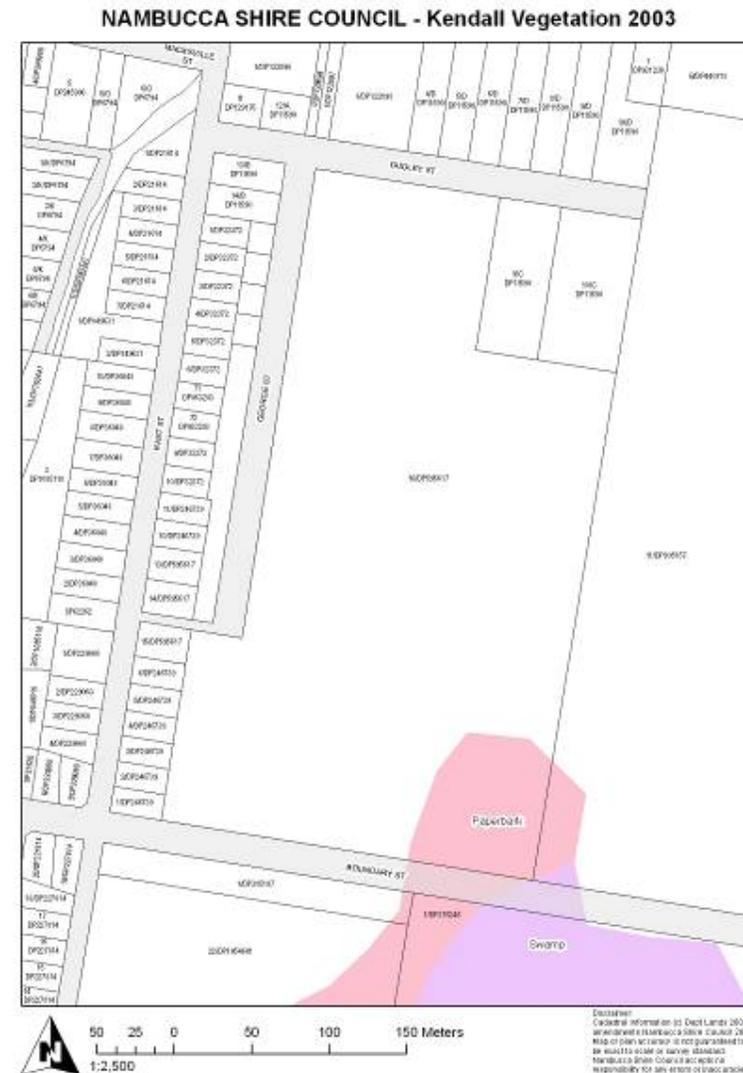
##### *iii Flora*

Tree planting on the reserve is limited to a short stand planted on the roadside and not the actual reserve. These trees are a collection of Callistemon, Camphor Laurel, Melaleuca and Willow.

The reserve is essentially a grassed parcel of land. Natural vegetation is none existent over the majority of the site however the south-east corner has a stand of Melaleuca that should be retained. This vegetation is identified in a study by Kendall and Kendall



Trees on Road Reserve



Vegetation Mapping by Kendall and Kendall Ecological Services Pty Ltd



*Melaleuca*

iv Fauna

The landscape consists of open sporting fields and built facilities such as buildings, and a playground which do not provide or encourage native fauna.

v Scenic and Landscape Values

The reserve provides an open park outlook within the township. It also acts a buffer between the residential and rural land uses. It is the main cricket venue in the district when used with Thistle Park.

2.1.2 *Cultural Heritage*

i) Aboriginal History

Advice sought from the Unkya Aboriginal Local Land Council and the Department of Environment and Conservation (National Parks & Wildlife Service Cultural Heritage Division Coffs Harbour PO Box J200 Coffs Harbour NSW, phone 66520900). No response was received from the Unkya Aboriginal Local Land Council at the time of adoption. Any information provided will be included in future reprints.

ii) European History

No history identified. Information sought. Any information provided will be included in future reprints.

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## **2.2 Economic**

### *2.2.1 Land and Facilities*

The following buildings are constructed on the reserve:

- Kiosk, Change room and Storage Building
- Amenities Building

The facilities on the reserve are:

- Cricket Field (Synthetic Wicket)
- Potable Water Supply
- Playground



*Amenities*



*Kiosk & Storage Building*



*Playground*

The values of the assets at the time of preparing the plan are as follows:

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Amenities                                | \$ 60,000 |
| Kiosk, Change rooms and Storage Building | \$ 40,000 |
| Cricket Wicket                           | \$ 5,000  |
| TOTAL                                    | \$105,000 |

### *2.2.2 Business Development*

There are no current leases or licences affecting the Reserve, however it is acceptable for licences to be issued for temporary use. Such use to be assessed by the issues stated in Clause 1.10.

The reserve is able to be licensed for concerts, fairs and travelling performers ( eg circus) use to support the cultural experience of Macksville. The fees charged will be set by Council and collected and kept by the Committee of Management for use on the grounds to both maintain and improve facilities.

There is a significant area of land that is not at this stage utilised for sport. This land could be leased for a use that enhances the sporting opportunities or is compatible with the adjacent residential land use. Agricultural use would not meet the criteria of compatibility.

### *2.2.3 Signage*

Signage on the site is limited to addressing the following issues:

- Name of the reserve
- Dangers and safety issues
- Prohibited Dog Use
- No Camping
- Parking restrictions and access control
- Contact with Management
- Other signage as approved by Council.

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### 2.2.4 *Intrinsic*

The intrinsic values of the reserve include the aspects of visual, scenic, pleasant atmosphere for recreational uses and ease of access for the community.

## 2.3 **Recreation**

### 2.3.1 *Active Recreation*

Provision exists on the reserve for one main sport. The largest user of the reserve in terms of area is cricket. There is a standard cricket oval with a synthetic pitch.



*Cricket Oval*

### 2.3.2 *Passive Recreation*

The reserve includes a small children's playground. This needs to be further developed.



*Playground*

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## **2.4 Social**

### *2.4.1 Meeting Place*

This large open area within the urban area and has the potential to provide a suitable meeting area for large events.

## **3 Issues**

### **3.1 Access**

Access to the reserve is via Dudley Street. Informal car parking exists on the roadside of Dudley Street as there is no defined carpark.

There are no vehicular access roads developed on the reserve. Care has to be taken to restrict such use to prevent damage to the grassed surface. The reserve has Dudley Street on the northern perimeter and an unformed road on the western boundary.

Temporary access across the reserve can be permitted provided an agreement is entered into that defines conditions of use.

Residents that have a back access from the unformed George Street use it for vehicle passage to enter their property. This will continue to be permitted. Other uses such as for gardens and trailer storage are not permitted. Residents will be required to remove encroachments such as gardens, storage of trailers etc where there is no private property frontage to the unformed George Street.



*Dudley Street*

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### **3.2 Leases**

A lease, licence or other estate in respect of this community land may be granted through this authorisation for the purpose of:

- a) The provision of goods, services and facilities and the carrying out of activities, appropriate to the current and future needs within the local community and of the wider public in relation to any of the following:
  - i) Public recreation
  - ii) The physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of persons for these purposes — men's shed or similar activity.

The reserve is not fully developed for recreational use. The surplus land could be leased out. Any lease must be compatible with the existing sports field and adjoining land use. The adjoining land use includes residential housing and farmland.

Sport Use – The provision by a third party of facilities that would benefit and be used by the sporting teams at that ground is acceptable.

Rural Use – **Not permitted** as the activities associated with livestock is incompatible with sporting grounds (damage to surface) and to residential use (animal and machinery noise).

Residential Use – Only associated with the reserve use such as a caretakers residence.

Any income so derived is to be utilised by Council to off-set current operational costs or used to improve and develop the reserve.

### **3.3 Camping**

Council may grant permission for camping on the reserve in association with events such as festivals and concerts. Approval must be sought from Council for each event and will be subject to fees set by Council, payment of damage bonds and Public Liability Insurance to indemnify Council.

### **3.4 Forward Plans**

The Nambucca/Bellingen Cricket Association have developed a development plan for the reserve. The plan involves abandoning the current wicket location and creating two field side by side. One with a turf wicket and the other with a synthetic wicket. Cricket practice nets are also proposed.

This planning is necessary because of the uncertain future ownership of Thistle Park which currently houses the cricket field and the need to relocate the cricket practice nets from Willis Street, Macksville away from housing. The Committee of Management not just the Cricket Club need to formally adopt this proposal.

A large area of the reserve is not being used so a review of future needs such as additional sports fields, the potential for surplus land to provide development funding or revegetation to create a carbon offset opportunity are included in the actions.



*Concept Plan*

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## **C Plan of Management**

The Plan of Management is based on a Vision Statement, which will guide the Reserve Managers in its decision making role. It is supported by Management Principles, which determine the aims and strategies for the management of the Reserve.

### **4 Vision Statement**

The Vision for the management of the Donnelly Welsh Playing Fields is that the land be managed to provide an outstanding asset for the recreational, social and educational benefit of the community.

### **5 Management Principles**

The following principles establish the broad direction the Reserve Management will follow in protecting and enhancing the values of the Donnelly Welsh Playing Fields to achieve the Vision.

- a Identification and preservation of the values of the natural environment.
- b Recognition, protection and enhancement of the unique recreational values the location offers.
- c Maintenance of reserve to ensure safe, accessible and enjoyable use.
- d Control of infrastructure.
- e Rehabilitation of areas unsuitable for other uses.

## 6 Action Plan

### 6.1 Natural Environment

#### 6.1.1 Desired Outcomes:

- i Protection and enhancement of the area's natural flora and fauna;
- ii Protection of soils to control erosion and minimise the effect of acid sulphate soils;
- iii Exclusion of vehicles from sensitive areas;
- iv Removal of weeds to minimise the impact on the natural environment.

#### 6.1.2 Management Strategy

| Action   | Person/unit responsible:    | Capital Cost: | Recurrent Cost: | Funding Source: | Priority: | Means of Achievement:   |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|---|
| 6.1.2.1 Inspect for dangerous trees (eg termite infestations, dead branches etc).  | Council<br>Parks Supervisor | \$0           | \$200           | Council         | High      | Vegetation is maintained in a safe condition by pest treatment and dead tree branches are lopped and removed.                               |
| Improve native vegetation.   | Council<br>Parks Supervisor |               |                 |                 | Low       | Not applicable to this reserve as open spaces are required for sports field.  |
| 6.1.2.2 Identify native wildlife of the Reserve through DECC consultation.   | Council<br>Parks Supervisor | \$0           | \$100           | Council         | High      | Wildlife using the Reserve is considered in any management actions.   |
| 6.1.2.3 Prevent and repair erosion and remove flood debris. Control runoff from road drainage. Inspect Reserve within three (3) days of major rainfall events. | Council<br>Overseer         | \$0           | \$200           | Council         | Medium    | Reserve receives minimal erosion damage during storm and flood events. Any flood debris is removed within seven (7) days of rainfall event. |

| <b>Action</b>   | <b>Person/unit responsible:</b>    | <b>Capital Cost:</b> | <b>Recurrent Cost:</b> | <b>Funding Source:</b> | <b>Priority:</b> | <b>Means of Achievement:</b>   |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--|
| 6.1.2.4 Protect park from damage by vehicles, pedestrians and intrusion by adjacent properties.   | Council<br>Parks Supervisor        | \$5000               | \$0                    | Council                | Medium           | Restrict vehicular access to identified areas by erecting bollards and/or fencing and signage if required.   |
|   |                                    |                      |                        |                        | Low              | Temporary access across the reserve can be permitted provided an agreement is entered into that defines conditions of use.   |
|   |                                    |                      |                        |                        | Medium           | Residents that have a back access from the unformed George Street use it for vehicle passage to enter their property. This should continue to be permitted. Other uses such as for gardens and trailer storage are not permitted.<br><br>Require removal of encroachments from neighbouring properties such as gardens, storage of trailers etc where there is no private property frontage to the unformed George Street. |
| 6.1.2.5 Manage the invasion of environmental weeds and remove noxious plants through a regular control program initially targeting those, which are not serving a purpose (eg shade, bank stabilisation etc). | Council<br>Noxious Weeds Inspector | \$0                  | \$200                  | Council                | High             | A reduction in exotic plants and the implementation of an annual weed control program.   |

| <b>Action</b>                           | <b>Person/unit responsible:</b> | <b>Capital Cost:</b> | <b>Recurrent Cost:</b> | <b>Funding Source:</b> | <b>Priority:</b> | <b>Means of Achievement:</b>  |
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| 6.1.2.6 Protect significant vegetation. | Council                         | \$0                  |                        |                        |                  | Natural vegetation is virtually none existent over the majority of the site however the south-east corner has been mapped as a "Paperbark Swamp" (being a stand of Melaleuca) that is to be retained and no clearing permitted. This vegetation is identified in the Nambucca Catchment Vegetation Survey (Kendall and Kendall Ecological Services Pty Ltd. |

## 6.2 Recreation

### 6.2.1 Desired Outcomes:

- i) Extension and improvement of recreational facilities to provide for the needs of the neighbourhood as well as the broader community;
- ii) Provision of clean, safe and accessible facilities that reflect the needs of parks users;
- iii) Minimal visual impact of structures on the scenic values of the Reserve;
- iv) Encouragement of use of the reserve by people with access limitations;
- v) Provision of focal point for social interaction.

### 6.2.2 Management Strategy

| <b>Action</b>   | <b>Person/unit responsible:</b>   | <b>Capital Cost:</b> | <b>Recurrent Cost:</b> | <b>Funding Source:</b> | <b>Priority:</b> | <b>Means of Achievement:</b>   |
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| 6.2.2.1 Ensure all new equipment and facilities are compatible for use by people with access limitations. | Council<br>Manager<br>Civil Works | \$ To be assessed    |                        | Council                | High             | Visitors with access limitations (eg wheelchairs) are able to access and utilise as much of the Reserve's values as the general community. |

| <b>Action</b>  | <b>Person/unit responsible:</b>                          | <b>Capital Cost:</b> | <b>Recurrent Cost:</b> | <b>Funding Source:</b>             | <b>Priority:</b> | <b>Means of Achievement:</b>  |
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| 6.2.2.2 Provide safe and interesting play equipment.   | Council<br>Parks Supervisor                              | \$10,000             | \$100                  | Council                            | High             | A comprehensive register is established and updated on a regular basis.   |
|  |  |                      | \$100                  |                                    | High             | Inspect for wear and tear and update inspection report at least every six months or as required by Councils risk management policies.         |
|  |  |                      | \$500                  |                                    | High             | New equipment to comply with Australian Standards.  |
| 6.2.2.3 Provide accessible and safe toilet facilities during the period that facilities are in use for sport and events which are monitored regularly and maintained effectively | Council<br>Assistant Overseer<br>Committee of Management | \$0                  | \$1,000                | Council<br>Committee of Management | High             | Clean and safe toilet facilities are available to all Reserve users. Access is controlled by keys.  |
|  |  |                      |                        |                                    | High             | Committee of Management to arrange regular cleaning.  |
| 6.2.2.4 Undertake regular inspections to ensure all facilities are in a clean, safe and good working order.  | Council<br>Parks Supervisor                              | \$0                  | \$500                  | Council                            | High             | Inspections are conducted on items such as seating, fencing and buildings. Any repairs reported and maintenance undertaken where necessary.   |
| 6.2.2.5 Minimise the visual impact of structures.  | Council<br>Parks Supervisor                              | \$0                  | \$500                  | Council                            | Medium           | Construct suitable shelters and buildings that are compatible with the natural environment of the reserve.                                    |
| 6.2.2.6 Ensure safety in all aspects of the Reserve and minimise public liability. Erect appropriate signage for user's information and safety.                                  | Council<br>Parks Supervisor                              | \$500                | \$100                  | Council                            | High             | Warning and safety signage is prepared and erected.<br><br>Golf and Golf practice is not permitted because of the danger to other park users. |

| <b>Action</b>   | <b>Person/unit responsible:</b>   | <b>Capital Cost:</b> | <b>Recurrent Cost:</b> | <b>Funding Source:</b> | <b>Priority:</b> | <b>Means of Achievement:</b>  |
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| 6.2.2.7 Provide and maintain sporting fields          | Council                           | \$0                  | \$3,000                | Council                | High             | Involve Committee of Management in determining level of service for maintenance.  |
|   | Parks Supervisor                  |                      |                        |                        | High             | Regular mowing.   |
|   | Mowing Contractor if appointed    |                      |                        |                        | High             | Close sports fields to use in periods of wet weather. Committee of Management to determine and erect signs.   |
|   | Committee of Management           |                      |                        |                        | Low              | Committee of Management to review the current layout of sporting fields to ensure that current and future needs are met.  |
|   | Council & Committee of Management |                      |                        |                        | Low              | Council and Committee to review the area needed for current and future sporting use. Surplus land may be identified that could be used for development or revegetation. |
|   | Council                           |                      |                        |                        |                  | Council after review to determine the best use of the surplus land whether sale, lease, rehabilitation of vegetation or alternate community use.                        |
|   |                                   |                      |                        |                        |                  |   |
| 6.2.2.8 Provide a focal point for social interaction. | Council                           | \$0                  | \$100                  | Council                | High             | Reserve keep maintained and clean for events.   |
|   | Parks Supervisor                  |                      |                        |                        | Medium           | Organise local events.  |
|   | Committee of Management           |                      |                        |                        | Medium           | Permit use by travelling performers.  |
|   |                                   |                      |                        |                        |                  |   |
|   |                                   |                      |                        |                        |                  |   |

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| 6.2.2.9 Allow event camping on the reserve to raise funding for the reserve management and improvements. | Council<br>Manager<br>Civil Works<br><br>Committee of Management | \$0                  | \$0                    | Private Enterprise     | High                         | Camping for events associated with the reserve is to subject to assessment and approval as per Clause 1.10.<br><br>The Council will set the fees for event camping.   |
|  |  |                      |                        |                        |                              |   |
| 6.2.2.10 Animals are not permitted on the reserve.   | Council  | \$200                | \$200                  |                        | High<br><br>High<br><br>High | Dogs are not permitted on the reserve in accordance with Councils Policy on Playing Fields.<br><br>Horses are not permitted on the reserve due to the damage they may cause to the field surface and the associated trip hazards.<br><br>Erect signage. |
|  |  |                      |                        |                        |                              |   |
| 6.2.2.11 Parking   | Council<br>Manager<br>Civil Works                                | \$ To be determined  | \$ To be determined    |                        | Low                          | Develop controlled parking areas over time that are fenced and hard standing.   |
|  |  |                      |                        |                        |                              |   |

| <b>Action</b>                 | <b>Person/unit responsible:</b>              | <b>Capital Cost:</b> | <b>Recurrent Cost:</b> | <b>Funding Source:</b> | <b>Priority:</b> | <b>Means of Achievement:</b>   |
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| 6.2.2.12<br>Leasing/Licensing | Council<br><br>Senior Administrative Officer | \$0                  | \$50                   |                        | Low              | <p>Leases and licences may be granted in accordance with clause 1.10 for short term periods up to 14 days.</p> <p>Any application for longer periods must be publicly exhibited with the normal 28 days for exhibition and a further 14 days for submissions which are then referred to Council for determination.</p> <p>Leases are to comply with Clause 46 of the Local Government Act.</p> <p>Examples of leases able to be authorised include:</p> <p><i>i) Public recreation</i><br/><i>li The physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of persons for these purposes—men's shed or similar activity".</i></p> <p>Leases are to be compatible with the use of the reserve and adjoining residential and rural lands</p> <p>Examples of leases and licences may include building use, tennis courts, school use, markets, festivals, a caretaker in residence and the keeping of animals.</p> <p>The undeveloped and unused portion of the reserve could be leased to generate funds for operational commitments and upgrading of the fields provide they comply with the core values of the reserve.</p> |
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| <b>Action</b>                    | <b>Person/unit responsible:</b>                | <b>Capital Cost:</b> | <b>Recurrent Cost:</b> | <b>Funding Source:</b> | <b>Priority:</b> | <b>Means of Achievement:</b>   |
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| 6.2.2.13 Emergency Use           | Council<br>Manager<br>Civil Works              | \$0                  | \$0                    |                        | High             | Helicopters may use the reserve in the event of an emergency.  |
|                                  |  |                      |                        |                        | High             | Emergency vehicles may assemble on the reserve during an emergency.  |
|                                  |  |                      |                        |                        |                  |  |
| 6.2.2.14 Utilities               | Council<br>Director<br>Engineering<br>Services | \$0                  | \$0                    |                        | Medium           | Allow the installation of utility services such as underground pipelines for stormwater, sewerage and water supply.<br><br>Private utility lines must be assessed for their impact on the reserve.<br><br>Allow services such as electricity, telephone to be installed above or below the ground. |
|                                  |  |                      |                        |                        |                  |  |
| 6.2.2.15 Private property access | Council<br>Manager<br>Civil Works              | \$0                  | \$0                    |                        | Medium           | Access across the reserve to reach private property is not permitted.  |
|                                  |  |                      |                        |                        |                  |  |
| 6.2.2.16 Income                  | Committee of Management                        | \$0                  | \$ To be determined    |                        | Medium           | Committee of Management to allocate fields and set fees for use of the cricket field, building hire and other sporting events.   |
|                                  |  |                      |                        |                        | Medium           | Committee of Management to consider and recommend to Council applicable fees for uses of the facilities on the reserve.  |
|                                  |  |                      |                        |                        | High             | Council to set fees for major events when determining the Annual Fees and Charges.   |
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| <b>Action</b>        | <b>Person/unit responsible:</b> | <b>Capital Cost:</b> | <b>Recurrent Cost:</b> | <b>Funding Source:</b> | <b>Priority:</b>   | <b>Means of Achievement:</b>  |
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| 6.2.2.17 Helicopters | Council                         | \$0                  | \$0                    | Private Enterprise     | High               | Joy rides are not permitted.<br>The reserve is too close to residential housing to allow such use.  |
|                      |                                 |                      |                        |                        |                    |   |
| 6.2.2.18 Buildings   | Council                         | \$ To be determined  | \$ To be determined    | Sport & Rec Council    | High<br><br>Medium | The erection of new buildings and the modification of existing ones are permitted subject to Development Approval.<br><br>The type of buildings permitted includes amenities, meeting rooms, sports club rooms, storage rooms, kiosk, grandstands, tiered seating and caretaker's cottage.<br>More than one building may be built for the above purposes. |
|                      |                                 |                      |                        |                        |                    |   |
| 6.2.2.19 Fencing     | Council                         | \$To be determined   | \$100                  | Sport & Rec Council    | Med                | Fence the perimeter of the reserve to define the boundaries.<br><br>Retain a fence along Dudley Street to prevent unauthorised vehicle access and potential damage to the fields.   |
|                      |                                 |                      |                        |                        |                    |   |

## 6.3 Cultural

### 6.3.1 Desired Outcomes:

- i) Identification of the significance of the reserve to the Aboriginal community;
- ii) Education of the community in relation Aboriginal heritage;
- iii) Identification of the European values of the Reserve;
- iv) Protection of any Indigenous and or European cultural heritage.

### 6.3.2 Management Strategy

| <b>Action</b>   | <b>Person/unit responsible:</b>          | <b>Capital Cost:</b> | <b>Recurrent Cost:</b> | <b>Funding Source:</b> | <b>Priority:</b> | <b>Means of Achievement:</b>   |
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| 3.3.2.1 Investigate the Aboriginal and European history of the reserve. | Council<br>Director Engineering Services | \$0                  | \$0                    | Council                | High             | Seek advice from Muurraby Language and Cultural Co-op Ltd on Aboriginal heritage. Seek information from history groups, local residents and reference books on European history. |
| 3.3.2.2 Identify any significant Indigenous areas.                      | Council<br>Director Engineering Services | \$0                  | \$0                    | Council                | High             | Consult with the Dept of Environment & Climate Change (National Parks and Wildlife Service Cultural Heritage Unit). Consult with the local Aboriginal Community.                 |
| 3.3.2.3 Recognise and protect Indigenous cultural heritage              | Council<br>Director Engineering Services | \$0                  | \$0                    | Council                | High             | Liaise with the local Aboriginal Land Council. Liaise with Muurraby Language and Cultural Co-op Ltd.   |
| 3.3.2.4 Protect significant areas                                       | Council<br>Director Engineering Services | \$500                | \$50                   | Council                | High             | Erect fencing and place interpretative signage.  |

## 7 References

| <b>Instrument:</b>  | <b>Principal Agency:</b>                        | <b>Purpose:</b>  | <b>Application:</b>  |
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| <b>Federal:</b>   |   |  |  |
| Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 | Environment Australia                           | Regulates the assessment and approval of activities which have a significant impact on 'matters of national environmental significance', activities by Commonwealth government agencies anywhere in the world, and activities by any person on Commonwealth land. Protects biodiversity by creating and regulating protected areas such as World Heritage properties and National Parks. Outlines the listing and management of threatened species and ecological communities. |  |
| National Coastal Action Plan ( 1993 )                         | Commonwealth Resource Assessment Commission     | Fair and equitable public and commercial use of coastal resources which maintains public access, coastal areas and features, biological diversity, water quality and recognises indigenous interests.  |  |
| National Ecotourism Strategy ( 1993 )                         | Federal Department of Tourism                   | Develop and promote the sustainable delivery of eco-tourism products.  |  |
| <b>State:</b>   |   |  |  |
| Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979                  | Department of Planning,<br><br>Local Government | Assess the environmental, social and economic impact of proposed developments and plans.   | Environmental planning instruments including Local Environment Plans (LEP), Regional Environment Plans (REP) and State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPP). Environmental impact assessment procedures. |
| National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974                          | Department of Environment & Climate Change.     | Management of National Parks, protection of flora and fauna. Protection of aboriginal sites.   | Permits and/or licences required for damage to Aboriginal sites, holding of native fauna, removing flora.  |

| <b>Instrument:</b>                       | <b>Principal Agency:</b>                  | <b>Purpose:</b>  | <b>Application:</b>  |
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| Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 | Department of Environment & Conservation. | Ensure developers consider threatened species and their habitat in planning process.                                   | A licence to “harm” or “pick” a threatened species is required from the Director General where development impacts on a threatened species, population or ecological community or damages their habitat.   |
| Crown Lands Act 1989                     | Department of Lands                       | Ownership and management of Crown Lands eg grazing, extraction, reservation for various purposes.                      | Outlines that Crown Land is managed for the benefit of the people of NSW. Details the Principles for Crown Land Management and outlines the Plan of Management process.  |
| Soil Conservation Act 1986               | Department of Natural Resources.          | Protects sensitive areas from tree removal. Prevention of land degradation and erosion.                                | Permit required to remove trees within 20 metres of the banks of a prescribed stream and in other designated protected areas.  |
| Local Government Act 1993                | Local Government.                         | Allow local government to undertake a range of functions and responsibilities.   | Allows opportunities for work such as drainage, removal of obstructions, erosion control, and protection of roads.   |
| Rural Fires Act 1997                     | Rural Fire Service, Local Government.     | Outlines responsibilities of landholders in terms of minimising fire hazard and controlling fires on their properties. | All fire ignitions to be suppressed or at least prevented from spreading from one land tenure to another. Landholders must implement fuel hazard reduction programs as per their local Fire Management Plan or direction from the Bushfire Management Committee. |

| <b>Instrument:</b>   | <b>Principal Agency:</b>  | <b>Purpose:</b>   | <b>Application:</b>  |
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| Native Vegetation Conservation Act 2003                          | Department of Natural Resources.<br><br>Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority. | To conserve native vegetation in NSW  | Controls the clearing of native vegetation and protects habitats and threatened species. Clearing for fire suppression exempt. |
| Catchment Management Act 1989                                    | Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority.   | Implement Total Catchment Management (TCM)  | Catchment Management committees coordinate policies, programs and activities as they relate to TCM.                            |
| Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1996                | Department of Environment & Conservation.   | Overhaul of EPA legislation including the Clean Air, Clean Waters, Noise Control and other Act.   | Provides for the protection of air and water quality and outlines enforcement and penalties.                                   |
| Coastal Planning and Management in NSW 1991                      | NSW Standing Committee on State Development   | Pro-active planning to ensure ecologically sustainable coastal development with public participation and effective coordination between government agencies.  |  |
| NSW Coastal Policy 1997  | NSW Government  | <b>Not applicable at this location.</b><br>Manage coastal and foreshore areas to ensure environmental protection, community access and minimal impact on ecosystems and other values.   |  |
| State Strategy for Natural Resource Management in NSW 1992       | NSW Total Catchment Management  | <i>Vision:</i> for everyone to understand and act to achieve sustainable natural resource management while maintaining quality of life both now and in the future.  |  |
| State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) 14 (Coastal Wetlands) | Department of Planning,<br><br>Local Government.  | Protect major coastal wetlands.<br><br>Refers to wetland maps copies of which are held by Council Most are zoned for environmental protection by local Councils. Sets out procedures for processing development applications. |  |

| <b>Instrument:</b>  | <b>Principal Agency:</b>                     | <b>Purpose:</b>  | <b>Application:</b> |
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| SEPP 26 (Littoral Rainforests)                            | Department of Planning,<br>Local Government. | Protect littoral rainforest vegetation.<br><br>Refers to littoral rainforest maps copies of which are available at Council. Provides for 100 metre wide buffer zones around each area. Sets out procedures for processing development applications.              |                     |
| SEPP 44 (Koala Habitat Protection)                        | Department of Planning,<br>Local Government. | Protect Koala habitat.<br><br>Applies to local government areas where Koalas are known to occur. Requires studies to accompany Development Applications eg if certain Koala food trees are present.  |                     |
| Coastal Crown Lands Policy 1989                           | Department of Lands                          | Retain, conserve and maintain coastal Crown Lands and their intrinsic, environmental and cultural qualities in public ownership. Maintain public access, rehabilitate lands where necessary and acquire further significant coastal lands for future public use. |                     |
| NSW Open Space Strategy 1992                              | NSW Government                               | Planning for open space and facilities which is equitable, ensures public access and protects significant features.  |                     |
| NSW Biodiversity Conservation Goals and Strategies (1992) | Department of Environment & Climate Change.  | Conserving biodiversity in perpetuity through managing threats, increasing knowledge and understanding and developing community awareness and support.   |                     |

| <b>Instrument:</b>  | <b>Principal Agency:</b>                   | <b>Purpose:</b>   | <b>Application:</b> |
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| <b>Local:</b>   |  |   |                     |
| North Coast Crown Reserves Management Strategy 1994         | Department of Lands                        |   |                     |
| North Coast Coastal Urban Planning Strategy 1995            | Department of Planning                     | Identify, reserve and manage the conservation, environmental and cultural significance of lands of the North Coast while providing for increasing recreational use. Promotion of eco-tourism and environmentally sensitive employment.                            |                     |
| North Coast Region Tourism Development Strategy 1987        | Tourism NSW                                | Develop the tourism potential of national parks, state forests, state recreation areas, crown reserves, rivers, dams and waterways. Preserve coastal holiday villages and their capability to service a growing tourism industry. Upgrade existing caravan parks. |                     |
| Northern Rivers Regional Economic Development Strategy Plan | Northern Rivers Regional Development Board | Develop a local industry, which caters for domestic tourism via development of facilities with a focus on the middle and lower ends of the market rather than on high priced international style resort development.  |                     |
| Conservation Strategy for the North Coast 1993              | North Coast Environment Council            | <i>Vision:</i> 'Clean air, water and soils and a safe place to live work and play'. Understand, protect and care for the remaining natural environment.   |                     |
| Local Environment Plan (LEP)                                | Nambucca Shire Council                     | The main means of development control with zoning maps and a written instrument categorising developments as either permissible or prohibited.  |                     |
| Regional Environment Plan (REP)                             | Department of Planning                     | Deals with issues relating to the North Coast region as a whole allowing for a regional approach to matters such as environmental protection and the provision of service corridors.  |                     |

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| <p>Nambucca Catchment<br/>Vegetation Survey 2003</p> <p>TRIM 19391/2008</p> | <p>Kendall &amp; Kendall<br/>Ecological Services<br/>Pty Ltd</p> | <p>Study with the following broad outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Map of the native vegetation communities within the catchment</li> <li>• Identify vegetation communities with high conservation values</li> <li>• Identify possibly occurring rare, threatened and significant plant species and</li> <li>• Contribute to the data set collected within the catchment</li> </ul> |
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