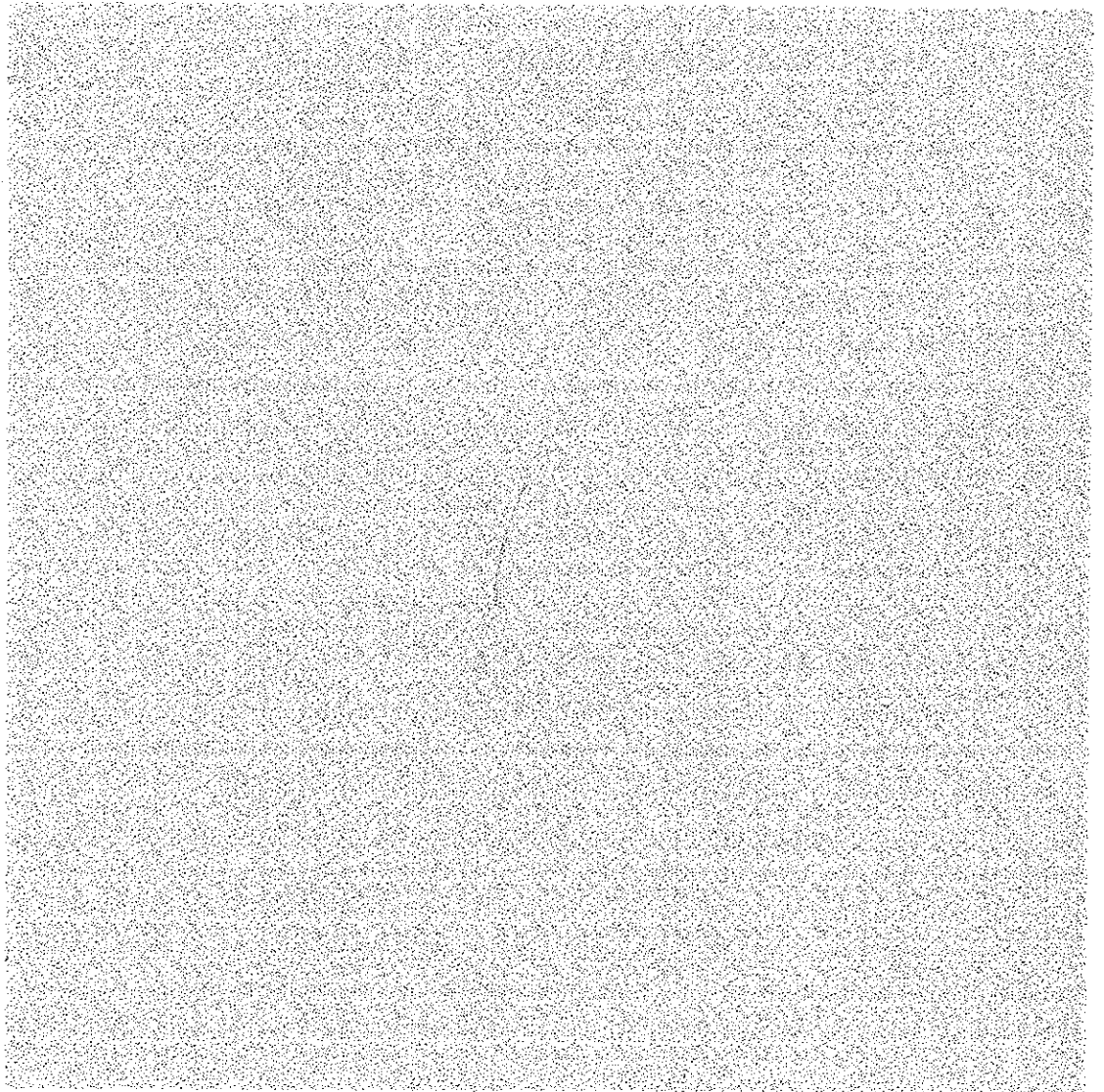


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# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 *Background*

In June 1993, the Local Government Act (1993) was enacted. The Act includes specific requirements relating to the preparation of Plans of Management for community land.

Plans of Management will regulate the use and management of the land. They do not replace existing legislation/systems relating to the approval of activities and development.

The Council is currently preparing Plans of Management for all of its community land. Each plan functions as a decision-making tool for Council and as a document to inform the local community of the future of parks and reserves in their area.

Trumper Park, which possesses features and facilities suitable for both active and passive recreation, acts as an important resource for the local community and visitors outside the Municipality. The importance of Trumper Park within Woollahra's open space system necessitates this plan.

## 1.2 *Aims*

This plan aims to establish objectives and priorities which will inform the short and long term management of Trumper Park. It is intended as a framework for future works programming, resource management and budgeting.

## 1.3 *Council's Land Management Goals*

- \* To ensure the preservation of open space as a community resource for public access and recreation.
- \* To encourage community participation in the management of open space.
- \* To satisfy district and regional needs for sporting and recreation facilities.

## 1.4 *Land Covered by the Plan*

Community land covered by this Plan of Management is detailed in the attached map.

### *1.5 Category of Land*

Trumper Park is classified as community land and is categorised under the Local Government Act (1993) as:

- (a) a natural area (bushland)
- (b) a sportsground
- (c) a park
- (d) general community use

### *1.6 Structure of the Plan of Management*

The structure of this Plan of Management has been developed to facilitate its implementation.

The first part of the plan traces the history of Trumper Park. This is followed by a review of the current function, character and value of the park. Management issues are identified on the basis of the park's function and value.

An action plan, formulating a practical response to each management issue, features in the final section of the document. It clearly sets out future actions, the department responsible for these actions, and priorities. Performance objectives and evaluation methods are presented to measure the effectiveness of all actions carried out.

The action plan is complemented by an indicative works program, which plots an estimated time frame for each action.

## 2 HISTORY

Trumper Park was established in 1897 by old Paddington Council. The park was previously named Hampden Park after Henry Robert Brand Viscount Hampden, Governor of New South Wales from 1895 to 1899. The original stone posts bearing the name *Hampden Park* are still located at the park's entrance.

The area was renamed Trumper Park in 1931 after Victor Trumper, a famous local cricketer who played for the state and Australian teams from 1899-1914. Trumper was a leading figure among the many notable players belonging to the Paddington Cricket Club, based at Trumper Park.

In the 1860s the site was covered by dense bush and scrub. This original vegetation has since been overtaken by exotic species and weed growth.

The low lying area where Trumper Oval now stands was originally swamp land. The swamp was first used as a rubbish dump and later filled to create public parkland and a sportsground.

The eastern section of the parkland was used as a sandstone quarry and then as an ash and rubbish dump.

## 3 EXISTING SITUATION

Trumper Park is divided into two areas differentiated by type of use. Part of the park is a passive recreation area and the remainder is an active organised open space with provision for spectators.

The eastern section of the park is one of the few areas of open space available to residents of Paddington and Edgecliff for passive recreation. Densely vegetated slopes offer a 'bushland' environment from which residential Paddington and the city skyline can be observed.

Trumper Park Oval, located in the north-west corner of the park, occupies approximately one-third of the land.

Council's Quarry Street Depot is situated at the entrance to Trumper Park. The depot is on Crown Land under Special Lease to Council. It provides a vital storage space for park equipment, which is used in the maintenance and enhancement of all existing parks under Council control.

A small nursery is situated inside the park which is used and maintained by Council. The nursery provides many of the plantings used in Council's bush regeneration and revegetation

programs.

A Bowling Club is situated at the entrance to Trumper Park and is leased from the Crown.

### *3.1 Location*

Trumper Park is located along the border of Hampden Street and Cascade Street, Paddington. It sits between two high density residential areas - Paddington and Edgecliff.

### *3.2 Area*

Approximately 6.78 hectares.

### *3.3 Ownership*

Crown land controlled by Council.

### *3.4 Facilities*

The park's facilities include two grandstands, kiosk, amenities building, cricket nets and pitches, long jump pit, running track, football and cricket oval, children's play structures, walking tracks, scoreboard, floodlights, and goal posts.

Single seats and garbage bins are located around the oval and park. Toilet facilities are provided.

Lighting exists for the oval and paths throughout the park.

### *3.5 Improvements Undertaken*

Since its establishment, Trumper Park has undergone continuous redevelopment, including the rehabilitation of topsoil; planting of 'native' trees and shrubs; weed eradication; and improvements to sporting facilities.

Oval facilities, including the amenities block and boundaries, have been upgraded in recent years. Improvements have also been made to playground structures.

In the early 1970s, Council implemented a rehabilitation program which involved covering the site with topsoil and planting native trees and shrubs. The survival of the new plantings was limited due to competition from weeds. To treat this problem, a weed clearance program



## 4 BASIS FOR MANAGEMENT

### 4.1 *Value and Role of Trumper Park*

Woollahra Council has formulated an overall management objective for Trumper Park which reflects its community value and role within Woollahra's open space system.

Trumper Park fulfils the role of a multi-purpose open space area catering to both passive and active recreation pursuits. It offers sporting facilities which attract local community members and visitors from the wider metropolitan area. The park also provides an escape from city life and visual relief for residents of the heavily populated adjoining suburbs.

Trumper Park is valued as a community resource for the following aspects:

- \* **Recreation.** Trumper Park is valued for recreation because it:
  - Is the most important sporting amenity in the Paddington area.
  - Caters for both local and non-local sporting teams.
  - Is a multi-purpose park, providing for a range of recreation activities.
  - Provides playground structures for children.
  
- \* **Physical environment.** The valued physical features of the park include:
  - Dense vegetation and greenery, which forms a natural setting removed from the adjoining urban landscape.
  - Presence of native flora and fauna can provide an educational resource for the local community.
  - Open views of the city and Paddington.
  
- \* **Convenience.** Trumper Park is used by local residents as a:
  - Direct thoroughfare to Edgecliff Station and shopping centre.

was commenced in 1990, which is now being complemented by a native plant revegetation program.

### *3.6 Present Usage*

Trumper Park Oval is used for a wide range of sporting activities, including football, cricket, lacrosse, Australian Rules Football, athletics, hockey and baseball. Cricket and athletics are the main activities conducted during summer and Australian Rules is played in winter. Many clubs, schools and associations rely on the oval for weekday training and weekend matches. Sporting teams from throughout Sydney use the park's facilities.

The park is heavily used as a thoroughfare by local commuters walking to and from Edgecliff Station and shopping centre in the early morning and late afternoon. Outside of these periods, few people can be seen in the park.

Walking is the major recreation activity undertaken by local park users.

### *3.7 Current Leases*

The current lease term for the Trumper Park tennis courts is 5 years. The existing lease expires on 31 August 1997.

The Quarry Street Depot is under Special Lease to Council.

The Bowling Club is leased from the Crown.

## 4.2 MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE

The overall management objective for Trumper Park is to preserve it as a local and regional community resource. This can be achieved by maintaining and strengthening the park's features and facilities to maximise opportunities for active and passive recreation.

No significant changes to the function or character of the park are proposed.

## 5 MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Issues relating to the management of Trumper Park have been identified following consultation with park staff, and a review of previous reports and letters from the community.

These issues relate to the valued aspects of Trumper Park. They provide an agenda for future decision-making and actions affecting the park.

### 5.1 *Landscaping*

The park is divided into four distinct areas. A plateau is the site for leased tennis courts and areas for sitting. At the base of steep slopes, terraces and lower slopes provide space for passive recreation. Reasonably flat lower ground functions as a site for Trumper Oval.

Trumper Park derives its character from the views and spaces formed by these landscape elements.

Densely vegetated slopes form a major feature of the park's overall landscape, providing a sense of enclosure for park users and a visual contrast to surrounding urban terraces and flats.

Soil erosion is currently a problem affecting these slopes. To solve this problem, cleared areas should be stabilised through revegetation and improvements to the current drainage system. Certain tracks need to be upgraded and new tracks should be prevented from forming.

Erosion also affects the pond located at the base of the slopes. The pond forms part of the park's drainage system as a detention basin. It is a potentially attractive feature of the park and attracts local wildlife. Falling sand and debris from the slopes have collected in the pond, affecting its physical appearance and usefulness. Before the pond is refurbished major effort will be applied to stabilising the slopes above.

### 5.2 *Indigenous Plantings*

Native plant regeneration is currently being conducted in bushland areas of Trumper Park.

The aim is to reinstate the natural area with local species and create a suitable environment for native fauna. The establishment of such areas is becoming increasingly important given the rapid decline in indigenous vegetation throughout the Municipality since European settlement.

A report titled *Trumper Park Revegetation Program (1991)* outlines a schedule of activities for the project. Major tasks involve the planting of original endemic flora from the Paddington area, which will be complemented by soil stabilisation and weed control.

The success of this program depends on co-operation from the community. Park users will be encouraged to preserve new growth by keeping away from revegetated areas. Dog owners will be urged to keep their pets off the area, given that dog droppings significantly increase soil nutrient levels, encouraging weed growth. This can be achieved by partitioning off new growth areas and generating public awareness of the program by increasing signage.

Acting on community concerns regarding the 1990 weed clearance program, Council will endeavour to implement the revegetation program without dramatically affecting the Trumper Park landscape. Recognising that much of the exotic mixed woodland, shrubs and ground covers on the slopes of the park are considered by residents as visually attractive, Council will not pursue total eradication of exotic weed species. Instead, weed clearance will involve selective eradication of particularly aggressive species and control of remaining weeds to allow the establishment of indigenous plants.

### 5.3 *Drainage*

Trumper Park receives overland stormwater flows during heavy rain. This contributes to the erosion of topsoil on the steep slopes. This is caused mainly by run off from paved and unpaved paths and overflow from road gutters.

Wherever possible, water should be redirected to existing stormwater drains. Regular inspections of stormwater drains will ensure that any obstructions are detected and treated promptly.

### 5.4 *Cleanliness, Safety and Accessibility*

To ensure public enjoyment and comfort at Trumper Park, every attempt will be made to establish a clean, safe and accessible public open space. To achieve this, Council will:

- \* Maintain clean public facilities and keep the grounds of the park clear of litter and refuse.
- \* Protect the safety of park users by providing safe facilities and equipment.
- \* Provide adequate lighting to enhance the security of park users.

- \* Ensure that public access to the park is not restricted, placing special emphasis on improving wheelchair access.

### 5.5 *Maintenance*

Maintenance activity at Trumper Park should focus on preserving or enhancing the condition of existing park features and facilities.

Maintenance for Trumper Oval and adjoining facilities will aim to achieve cleanliness, safety and an attractive public space.

The effectiveness of the Trumper Park Revegetation Program will depend on a regular maintenance program dedicated to effective weed control and indigenous planting. The aim of maintaining revegetated areas is to remove weeds before they begin to compete with the re-established native plants, and before they set seed.

Community involvement in maintenance programs greatly assists in enhancing the quality of open space areas and should be encouraged.

### 5.6 *Views and Vistas*

Attention should be focussed on maintaining the view of Paddington and the city skyline, visible from a lookout near the tennis courts at Trumper Park.

When considering future development proposals, Council should be mindful of preserving the park's viewing arc (accessed from the western end of the tennis courts) for public use and enjoyment.

These views should be protected and wherever possible improved by tree pruning and lopping if necessary.

### 5.7 *Encroachment*

Use of public open space for purposes other than recreation remains a problem in some parks. This either takes the form of private land owners utilising public space for the storage of material and dumping of rubbish or private property boundaries extending into public space. Both of these activities restrict public access to open space and are to be discouraged.

Rubbish dumping occurs in the vegetated slopes of Trumper Park, tainting its overall visual appearance. This problem should be addressed with prohibitive signs and measures.

### 5.8 Residential Amenity

The privacy of the residential area surrounding Trumper Park should be respected and maintained.

Residents should also be consulted of any future park developments which may affect them.

### 5.9 Heritage Significance

Trumper Park has heritage value as:

- \* The site of old Woollahra Quarry.
- \* Early dedicated open space, signified by the original stone posts still standing at the park's entrance.

The heritage value of the park should be preserved by maintaining the original character of the park and planning future improvements that are sympathetic to its historic origins.

All heritage items should be conserved.

### 5.10 Permissible Uses

Council occasionally grants sporting groups and schools permission to use the facilities at Trumper Park.

The use of the park for organised games or sports or for organised activities without the prior approval of the Council is not permitted.

Application for approval for organised games or sports or for organised activities is to be made in the approved form. Approval, if granted, may be subject to conditions and costs. If the activity involves a commercial element an appropriate fee will be charged.

### 5.11 Leases and Licences

In issuing leases for the use of areas in Trumper Park, Woollahra Council will ensure that the land be used for a public purpose and remain available for general community use.

## ACTION PLAN

MANAGEMENT ISSUE	OBJECTIVE	ACTION	DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE	PRIORITY	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
Landscaping	Maximise and enhance the park's landscape features.	Implement the existing landscape program.	Technical Services (Parks & Landscape)	Ongoing	Visual assessment of landscape quality.  Regular review of program.
Indigenous Plantings	Effectively implement the <i>Trumper Park Revegetation Program (1991)</i> .	Undertake program activities within the proposed time frame.	Technical Services (Parks & Landscape)	Short-term	Monitor weed levels; indigenous plant growth; soil erosion.

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Drainage	Establish an improved drainage system that is able to cope with stormwater flows.	Prevent overland stormwater flows during heavy rain by redirecting flows to existing stormwater drains.  Refurbish the detention basin. Ensure that refurbishment is undertaken after the slopes are stabilised and is completed within a reasonable period.	Technical Services	Short-term  Short-term	Monitor stormwater flows during heavy rain.  Review its effectiveness by:  * monitoring water quality, levels of sedimentation, increases in fauna numbers and species.  * feedback from local residents.



MANAGEMENT ISSUE	OBJECTIVE	ACTION	DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE	PRIORITY	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
Cleanliness, Safety and Accessibility	Ensure that the park is clean, safe and accessible.	<p>Clean litter and refuse quickly and effectively.</p> <p>Maintain and wherever possible upgrade facilities and structures such as playgrounds, fencing, lighting and pathways.</p> <p>Wherever possible, improve disabled access.</p>	Technical Services (Parks & Landscape)	Ongoing	<p>Regular checks to ensure rubbish bins are emptied and litter collected.</p> <p>Check that park facilities meet the security and safety needs of park users.</p> <p>Explore opportunities for improving disabled access.</p>
Maintenance	Maintain and improve facilities where possible to ensure a clean, safe and attractive recreational area.	Preparation of a maintenance schedule. Implementation of routine maintenance procedures to meet maintenance schedule objectives.	Technical Services (Parks & Landscape)	Ongoing	<p>Assessment of condition of assets.</p> <p>Review maintenance priorities and standards.</p>

MANAGEMENT ISSUE	OBJECTIVE	ACTION	DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE	PRIORITY	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
Views and Vistas	Maintain view from lookout near the tennis courts.	<p>Preserve view by tree pruning and lopping, if necessary.</p> <p>Ensure that any future developments do not obstruct or impinge on the viewing arc accessed from the tennis courts.</p>	Technical Services (Parks & Landscape)	Ongoing	Check regularly for obstructions to view.
Encroachment	Prohibit private property boundaries extending into public open space and the dumping of rubbish.	Educate the community to this effect by the placement of signs.	Technical Services (Parks & Landscape)	Ongoing	Regular inspections to ensure that restrictions are abided by.
Residential Amenity	Maintain the amenity of surrounding residential areas.	Consider the impact on local residents when open space facility improvements are proposed.	Technical Services (Parks & Landscape)	Ongoing	Obtain feedback from local residents on proposed developments.

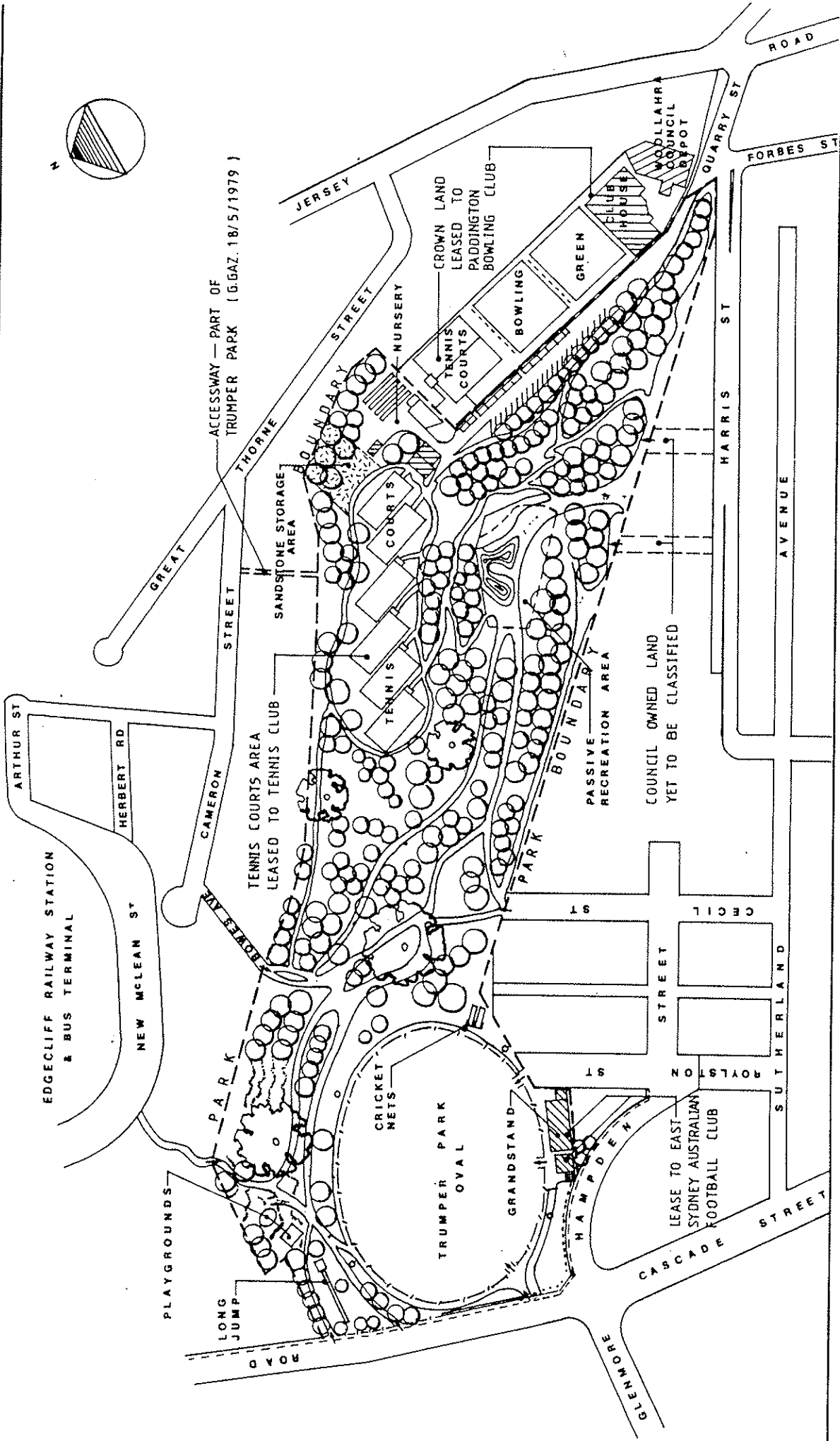
MANAGEMENT ISSUE	OBJECTIVE	ACTION	DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE	PRIORITY	MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
Heritage Significance	Conserve items of heritage significance wherever possible.	Maintain and enhance heritage aspects of park in an appropriate manner. Consider impact of future developments on the park's heritage aspects.	Technical Services (Parks & Landscape)	Ongoing	Assess whether the heritage value of the park has been maintained.
Permissible Uses	Facilitate organised games and activities of a short-term nature.	Approval of such uses subject to conditions and costs.	Technical Services (Parks & Landscape)	Ongoing	Monitor and evaluate these activities.
Leases and Licences	Ensure that occupiers of public lands satisfy the terms of their leases and do not create a nuisance to others.	At each lease renewal consider the need to continue the land use and whether community has adequate access to Tennis Centre facilities.	Technical Services (Property)	Ongoing	Periodic assessment of whether community needs are met by current lease arrangements.

**INDICATIVE WORKS PROGRAM**

<b>WORKS/ACTION</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>LANDSCAPING</b>					
Implement existing landscape program.					
<b>INDIGENOUS PLANTINGS</b>					
Implement <i>Trumper Park Revegetation Program</i> .					
<b>DRAINAGE</b>					
Redirect stormwater flows to existing stormwater drains.					
Refurbish detention basin.					
<b>CLEANLINESS, SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY</b>					
Clean litter and refuse.					
Maintain and upgrade facilities and structures.					
Explore opportunities for improving disabled access.					

<b>WORKS/ACTION</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>					
Prepare and implement maintenance schedule.					
<b>VIEWS AND VISTAS</b>					
Preserve view by tree pruning and lopping, if necessary.					
<b>ENCROACHMENT</b>					
Place prohibitive signs throughout park.					
<b>RESIDENTIAL AMENITY</b>					
Consider impact of future proposed developments on local residents.					
<b>HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE</b>					
Maintain and enhance heritage aspects of park.					
<b>PERMISSIBLE USES</b>					
Facilitate organised games and activities.					

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