



Community Land Management Plan – Cooke Reserve Wetlands

Name and Address of Property	Cooke Reserve Wetlands – Cooke Crescent ROYAL PARK
Ownership	City of Charles Sturt
Legal Description	Lot 947 in DP 3242 (Certificate of Title Vol 5718 Fol 681)
Location	Bordering Cooke Crescent, Forest Avenue and Frederick Road ROYAL PARK
Trust, Dedication or Restriction	Nil
Leases or Licences Issued	Refer Lease/Licence Register of Community Land
Open Space Category	District
Open Space Types	Wetland Area
Endorsed by Council	Item 4.04 – 22 February 2021
Relevant Policies/By Laws (no order of priority is intended)	Environmental Sustainability Policy Path Policy Play Space Policy Public Art Policy Public Open Space Water Consumption Policy Tree and Landscape Policy Telecommunication and Electricity Infrastructure on Council Land Policy Council By-Law No. 1 – Permits and Penalties Council By-Law No. 3 – Local Government Land Council By-Law No. 5 – Dogs and Cats

General description of the lands

Cooke Reserve Wetlands is shown in the 'Site Map' of this Community Land Management Plan. The Wetlands Reserve supports the collection, treatment and distribution of recycled stormwater as part of Council's operations licenced under the Water Industry Act 2013. The Reserve and land parcel (except for any part of the land, where relevant, that is subject to any lease/licence as granted by Council in accordance with Section 202 of the Local Government Act) is categorised as District Open Space and Wetland Area in the Types and Hierarchy explained in [Community Land Management Plans – An introduction](#).

Purpose for which the land is held

The Council holds this land for the primary purpose of maintaining a wetlands system that supports the operation of Council's Stormwater Harvest and Reuse Scheme with integrated educational and community facilities for the enjoyment of the broader community and which may be utilised for complementary business purposes from time to time. The Council also holds these lands for secondary purposes associated with addressing environmental, urban design, heritage and stormwater management needs (in no particular order of precedence).



Lease or Licence Permissions

Council may grant or renew leases and/or licences over any part or parts of the Cooke Reserve Wetlands.

Any lease or licence granted or proposed to be granted must be consistent with the uses and purposes for which the Council holds the Wetland Reserves, and its objectives for the Wetland Reserves, as outlined in this Community Land Management Plan. They may be issued to recreation, business, social or community clubs or groups for the use of open space within the Reserves whose activities cater for the local or broader community.

The Council may grant leases and licences of any length, and on any terms, to organisations established for recreation or wetland management/health purposes over any land to which this Community Land Management Plan relates.

Council may issue a permit to allow access over the Reserve or to allow for an activity of a short-term nature. Uses of land prohibited by Council by laws without approval may be approved in relation the Reserve.

Council may issue an authorisation for commercial activities under Section 200 of the Local Government Act 1999. Authorised activities must be consistent with the purposes for which the Reserve is held. Approvals may be given on conditions the Council considers appropriate.

An example of activities Council considers relevant to the purposes of the Reserve when considering lease, licence or permit requests are (without limitation)

- Community activities catering to all ages and cultural groups whose focused activity relates to biodiversity and nature activities.
- Educational and community awareness events that support wetland activities, wetland health and biodiversity.

Permits, licences or easements may be granted by Council to public service provider authorities, within delegations of a relevant Act, for the purposes of provision of electricity, gas, water, internet and telecommunications services (except for above ground telecommunications towers).



Management Objectives for the lands (in no particular order of precedence)

- To provide a healthy and connected wetland system and biodiversity area that supports Council’s Stormwater Harvest and Reuse Scheme and facilitates educational opportunities and increased environmental benefits for the community.
- To provide a connected network of open space areas that facilitates and encourages pedestrian and bike access/movement around the wetland area.
- To address specific environmental, heritage and urban design objectives.
- To utilise the Reserve for stormwater management purposes.

Proposal for managing the lands

The management of Cooke Reserve Wetlands is to be consistent with the descriptions and guiding principles for use and development identified in District Open Space Hierarchy and Wetland Area Open Space Type as described in Community Land Management Plans – An introduction.

Performance Targets and Measures for the lands

The performance targets and measures for Cooke Reserve Wetlands are outlined below. They do not indicate an order of hierarchy or priority.

Performance Targets	Performance Measures
Maintain a healthy wetlands system that supports Council’s Stormwater Harvest and Reuse Scheme.	Consistent volumes, and improved water quality, of harvested stormwater stored and distributed as measured by annual reporting in corporate key performance indicators.
Improved environmental benefits and biodiversity outcomes to support wetland operations.	Increased habitat and biodiversity health as measured by an audit of biodiversity inspection reports as conducted from time to time.
To support a connected network of pedestrian/bike access and recreational facilities within the Wetland Reserve for community use.	Increased usage of, and satisfaction with, pedestrian/bike corridors, connected open space and facilities as measured by an audit of Council’s customer feedback platforms and transport movement studies as conducted from time to time.
Renew/upgrade wetland areas, assets, recreational facilities and associated infrastructure as outlined in the relevant Asset Management Plan.	Completed upgrade/renewal works reported to Council and AMS Committee in quarterly reports.
Provide a safe environment for visitors and users of the Wetland Reserves.	Reduction in security incident reports to Council as measured by an audit of Council’s customer feedback platforms.



Site Map

