

# **Community Land Management Plan – Thomas Harkness Reserve**

Name and Address of Property	Thomas Harkness Reserve – Spurs Avenue BROMPTON
Ownership	City of Charles Sturt
Legal Description	Lot 1001 in DP 79746 (Certificate of Title Vol 6136 Fol
	968)
	Lot 1002 in DP 79145 (Certificate of Title Vol 6136 Fol
	969)
Location	Bordering Spurs Avenue, Cappers Drive and Mann Drive
	BROMPTON
Trust, Dedication or Restriction	Nil
Leases or Licences Issued	Refer Lease/Licence Register of Community Land
Open Space Category	Neighbourhood
Open Space Types	Recreation Park
Endorsed by Council	Item 4.04 – 22 February 2021
Relevant Policies/By Laws	Community Gardens Policy
(no order of priority is intended)	Environmental Sustainability Policy
	Memorials Policy
	Path Policy
	Play Space Policy
	Public Art Policy
	Public Environment – Smoke Free Policy
	Public Open Space Water Consumption Policy
	Tree and Streetscape Policy
	Telecommunication and Electricity Infrastructure on Council
	Land Policy
	Use of Public Reserves for Commercial Fitness Activities 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**

Thomas Harkness Reserve is a collective group of land parcels that together form the Reserve as shown in the 'Site Map' of this Community Land Management Plan. The Reserve and all land parcels contained within the Reserve (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 Neighbourhood Open Space and Recreation Park in the Types and Hierarchy explained in Community Land Management Plans – An introduction.

## Purpose for which the land is held

The Council holds these lands for the primary purpose of providing open space, recreation and community facilities and services for community use and spaces that may be utilised from time to time for complementary business purposes. 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 Thomas Harkness Reserve.

Any lease or licence granted or proposed to be granted must be consistent with the uses and purposes for which the Council holds the Reserve, and its objectives for the Reserve, as outlined in this Community Land Management Plan. They may be issued to various sporting, recreation, business, social or community clubs or groups for the use of open space within the Reserve 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 sporting, recreation, social and/or community purposes over any land to which this Community Land Management Plan relates.

Council may grant balcony encroachment permissions and licences to Community Corporations of adjoining multilevel residential units located at 16 Mann Drive for timeframes permitted under the Local Government Act 1999 for purposes pertaining to urban design.

Council may issue a licence and/or permit to allow access over the Reserve, or to allow for an activity of a short-term nature. Uses of the land prohibited by Council by laws without approval or uses not identified in this management plan may be approved in relation to the Reserve for instances such as, but not limited to, access to adjoining properties during building construction work.

Council may issue an authorisation for short term 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, authorisation or permit requests are (without limitation)

- Community activities and/or services catering to all ages and cultural groups ie child play groups, dog training, historical studies, gardening, biodiversity and nature activities etc.
- Fundraising, educational and community awareness events that support cultural diversity, health, fitness and general community wellbeing.
- Activities of a passive or active nature that promotes a healthy active lifestyle ie tai chi, yoga, outdoor fitness training groups.
- Small family celebratory events.
- Balcony encroachments from adjoining multilevel unit complex.

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 an open space area that facilitates and encourages pedestrian and bike access/movement, community participation in formal and informal recreational, cultural and community pursuits and to maximise the use of the lands for these purposes.
- To provide facilities that support opportunities for community activities such as, but not limited to, play, physical activity, picnics, walking, bike riding, dog exercising, gardening, historic studies, nature and biodiversity pursuits and gatherings.
- To address specific environmental, heritage and urban design objectives.
- To utilise a portion of the Reserve for stormwater management purposes.

#### Proposal for managing the lands

The management of Thomas Harkness Reserve is to be consistent with the descriptions and guiding principles for use and development identified in Neighbourhood Open Space Hierarchy and Recreation Park Open Space Type as described in <a href="Community Land">Community Land</a> Management Plans – An introduction.

### **Performance Targets and Measures for the lands**

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

Performance Targets	Performance Measures
To develop and pursue opportunities for community participation in passive or active, formal or informal, recreational, cultural and community-based pursuits.	Increased visitation and use of Council's open space areas and facilities as measured by an audit of Council's customer feedback platforms and customer surveys as conducted from time to time and reported to Asset Management Committee.
To develop and pursue opportunities for optimal/shared use of open space areas and facilities that support the recreational and community uses for the lands (including but not limited to facilities such as seating, shade, shelter, fitness and play equipment, lighting, paths, fencing, art works and cultural heritage references etc.)	Increased community satisfaction with, and use of, Council's open space areas and recreational facilities measured by an audit of customer feedback platforms, issued permits, registers and customer surveys as conducted from time to time and reported to Asset Management Committee.
Renew/upgrade/develop landscaped areas, building assets, recreational facilities and associated infrastructure as outlined in the relevant Asset Management Plan.	Completed works reported to Asset Management Committee.



Maintain balcony encroachment licences/permissions with adjoining Community Corporations.

Provide a safe environment for visitors and users of the Reserve.

Audit of Community Land Lease/Licence Register with results of noncompliance reported to Asset Management Committee.

Reduction in security incidents reported to Council as measured by an audit of Council's customer feedback platforms as conducted from time to time.

# Site Map

