

# Crown reserve management news Crown land managers

Department of Planning and Environment



*Moama Lights at Horseshoe Lagoon (Crown land) on the Murray River at Moama/Echuca*



## Message from the Group Deputy Secretary

I am pleased to announce the launch of our new Crown Lands website and new URL [www.crownland.nsw.gov.au](http://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au). Our primary focus of the website redesign was to elevate the profile of Crown Lands and create a more customer-friendly user experience.

The new Crown Lands website aligns with the [Crown land 2031 State Strategic Plan](#), by strengthening community connections with Crown land and highlighting the importance of the involvement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the management of Crown land.

The primary focus of the website redesign was to deliver a customer-friendly site, making it easier to do business with us and to improve user experience with easy search and navigation. Resources to support our Crown land managers will continue to be available on our Reserve Manager website [www.reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au](http://www.reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au).

While we have been improving our digital services, over the last 3 months, our teams have been getting out and about to our regions to engage and reconnect face to face with our Crown land managers. Information sessions were organised for managers of caravan parks on Crown reserves while departmental managers and staff met with councils in the Far West and South West regions of NSW. Read on for more information about these workshops and information sessions.

**Melanie Hawyes, Deputy Secretary,  
Crown Lands and Local Government**

## Crown Caravan Park Industry - Information sessions



*View from Tuross Holiday Park*

In June, the department hit the road across NSW to engage with operators of caravan parks on Crown land, to better understand the opportunities that lie within this highly valuable sector. Around half of the Crown caravan park network turned out to have their say and help shape the strategic focus for future initiatives that will support and strengthen the industry.

The workshops highlighted the diversity across the network and a willingness to work together and learn from each other to achieve the outcomes of [Crown land 2031](#). Beyond the physical asset, people are at the heart of these operations and opportunities include tailored learning and development and business support. The network makes a significant contribution to regional economies and local jobs and greater insight will promote recognition of the Crown land estate in supporting the NSW visitor economy and local communities.

Want to hear what's next? Register your details with the tourism team to [Danielle.armour@crownland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Danielle.armour@crownland.nsw.gov.au) to stay across future updates. Also, check out the [Caravan and Camping on Crown Land NSW website](#).

## Council workshops in Far West and South West



*Workshop with 8 councils at Wagga Wagga City Council Chambers*

In June, the department met with Central Darling, Broken Hill and Wentworth councils. These workshops focussed on the Barkandji native title determination and how council's decisions on Crown land may impact on the native title rights of the Barkandji People.

Departmental staff were on the road again in early August to meet with councils in the South West. Seven workshops were held in Albury, Corowa, Moama, Darlington Point, Griffith, Narrandera and Wagga Wagga, where the team met with 19 councils over 5 days. The workshops covered development of plans of management and native title obligations to ensure awareness and understanding when planning for future projects on Crown reserves.

When developing plans of management for Crown reserves, we encourage councils to consult with their local aboriginal groups, to build relationships and gain cultural understanding of your local area.

Visit the [Council Crown land manager webpage](#) for information on plans of management and [native title resources](#).

## **Council Plans of Management update**

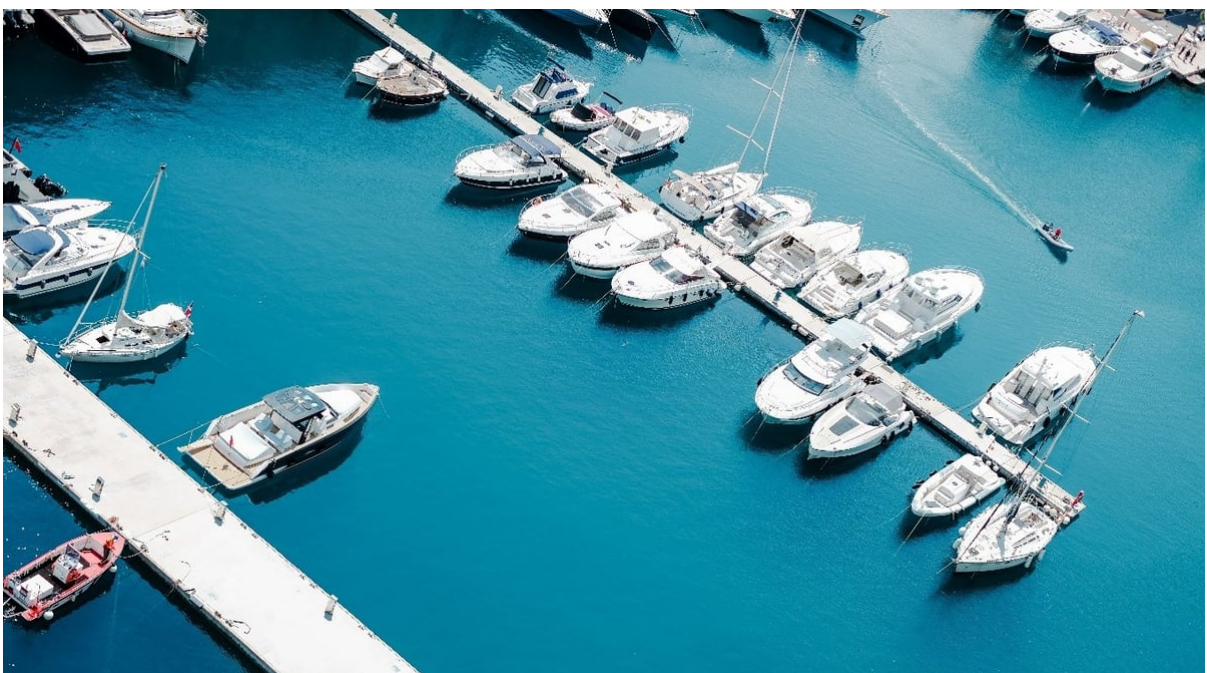


*South Hay reserve (R11036) includes natural area bushland on the Murrumbidgee River*

To date, 341 Plans of Management (PoM) have been submitted by councils, of these 226 have been assessed by the department and 118 have been finalised and adopted. An example is Hay Shire Council's Generic PoM for all 25 Crown reserves and council-owned community land, which was adopted by council on 28 June 2022 and is available to view on the council's [website](#).

A reminder councils must submit a copy of the draft PoM for review and notify the department (as landowner), prior to public exhibition, by completing the [Notice of Plan\(s\) of Management FORM](#). The form is also used to seek Minister's consent to adopt the PoM, pending no changes are made following public exhibition. Refer to information on the [Council CLM webpage](#).

## Lease reforms to boost regional marinas



Regional marinas operating on Crown land in NSW will be offered extended leases of up to 40 years in return for commitments to invest in upgraded facilities, to deliver world-class boating precincts for the benefit of local communities, businesses and visitors.

Minister for Lands and Water, Kevin Anderson, announced marina leasing reforms by Crown Lands on 23 August during a visit to Soldiers Point Marina at Port Stephens.

Following a recent review of the framework for marina leasing, a new model is being implemented, which delivers on the priorities of the [First Action Plan](#) for *Crown land 2031*, and will include:

- A standard lease term of 40 years (up from 20 years) with marina operators able to extend leases, subject to meeting operating conditions, including a commitment to reinvest in facilities that will remain Crown land marinas.
- A new standard lease template to provide certainty for marina operators, simplify financing decisions for investors and make marina businesses more marketable.
- Rent calculations for marinas will be transparent and more predictable with the rent rationale and breakdown being made publicly available on the Crown Lands website.

Read more [crownland.nsw.gov.au/news/reforms-regional-marinas](https://crownland.nsw.gov.au/news/reforms-regional-marinas)

## Compliance on Crown reserves



*Mountain bike riding on the bike track at Dungog Common NSW*

The department's Compliance Strategy and Monitoring team can offer advice about managing the use of the reserve and setting visitor expectations. We can also support you to make sure adequate regulations are in place that promote the appropriate uses of the reserve to ensure compliance is achieved. Information is available on the [Reserve Manager website](#). If you have any queries, contact the team at [cl.compliance@crownland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cl.compliance@crownland.nsw.gov.au).

Look out for the upcoming [Using Crown reserves: Compliance Matters](#) training as part of the Governance Development Program.

## Lighthouse volunteer recognised for contribution



*Norah Head Reserve Land Manager volunteer Tony Dean and the Norah Head Lighthouse*

Norah Head Reserve Land Manager volunteer Tony Dean's hard work and dedication has been rewarded. Tony was recently awarded the Central Coast's Volunteer of the Year for his continual effects in stabilising the bush slopes surrounding the light house and cottages. Playing a vital role in keeping the historical lighthouse open to the public. View story on [NBN News](#)

## **30 Councils attend Native Title Manager training**



*Council staff at Native Title Manager training*

The department recently hosted over 50 participants (from 30 councils) at Native Title Manager training in Sydney on 12 and 13 July 2022. The course featured a mix of presentations and activities to provide further context for councils in relation to native title obligations and Plans of Management.

Participant feedback was extremely positive and provided the opportunity to network with Native Title Managers from different councils. One participant noted: *'I have come away with a greater understanding and empathy in relation to Native Title. I have made new contacts to network with when I feel I need assistance with decision making and where to locate resources and relevant information'*.

If you or someone in your council require this training, please contact us at [council.cim@crowland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council.cim@crowland.nsw.gov.au).

Resources are available on the Council CLM [webpage](#) including a [Quick Reference Guide](#) and [videos](#) on the Council CLM training portal. The [Native Title Manager e-learning resource](#) is also available for councils to access at any time.

## Report of Native Title Manager due 31 October

Council and Category 1 Crown land managers are reminded that under section 8.8 (1) and (2) of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* (CLM Act), they must give notice annually of their “employed or engaged” Native Title Manager, including the individuals name and contact details, to the department.

The reporting period is 30 June to 31 October 2022. Notification of Native Title Manager should be sent to the department at [council.clm@crowland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council.clm@crowland.nsw.gov.au).

## Sanctuary’s survival is all about connections



*Volunteers are actively involved in managing the reserve at Katandra Bushland Sanctuary*

On an escarpment just up the hill from Mona Vale, sits the beautiful 12 hectares of the Katandra Bushland Sanctuary. The sanctuary is almost free of any invasive weeds and features rainforest remnants, creeks meandering through fern-ringed pools, and more than 350 types of flora and fauna.

The secret to the success of the generations of volunteers who manage the sanctuary is their commitment to building strong relationships with stakeholders and participating in knowledge development programs. The group’s recent participation in the Aboriginal Cultural awareness training as part of the Governance Development Program has focused the sanctuary on increasing the potential to strengthen involvement with First Nations groups.

Read more on the [Katandra Bushland Sanctuary](#).

## Nominate to join a Crown reserve community board

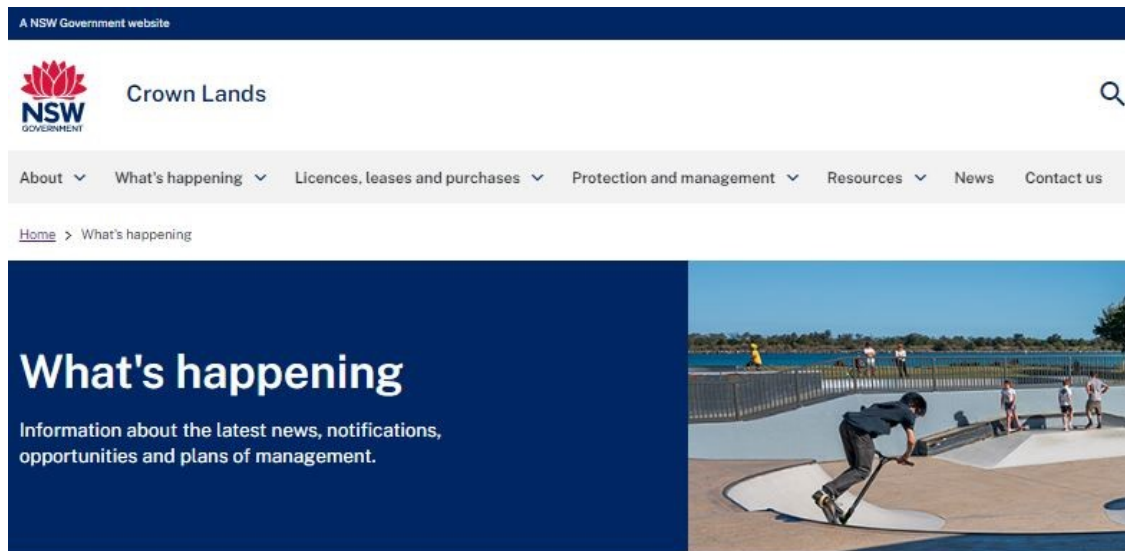
Do you know anyone who would be suitable to get involved in managing Crown reserves? Applications are now open for the following community boards:

- Robertson Showground Land Manager
- Bundarra Showground Land Manager
- Murwillumbah Showground Land Manager
- Coffs Harbour Showground & Public Recreation Land Manager

- Tabulam Public Hall Reserve Land Manager
- Tabulam Racecourse Land Manager
- Reids Flat Recreation Reserve Land Manager
- Yarrie Lake Flora and Fauna Reserve Land Manager
- Glenbrook Native Plant Reserve Land Manager

Visit the [Reserve Manager website](#) for more information and to apply.

## New Crown Lands website launched



With the launch of the new [Crown Lands website](#), Crown land managers now have easier access to information and [resources](#), the latest Crown Land [news](#) and updates on the [Crown land 2031 State Strategic Plan](#). Keep up to date with [what's happening](#) across your local government area. Check out [crownland.nsw.gov.au](http://crownland.nsw.gov.au) for yourself and share it with your teams. Specific resources to support our Crown land managers will continue to be available on our Reserve Manager website [www.reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au](http://www.reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au).

## Get Ready – NSW ban on plastic items from 1 Nov



From 1 November 2022, certain single-use plastic items will be banned from sale and supply in NSW by businesses, government and community organisations. Single-use plastic items banned as follows:

- plastic straws and stirrers
- plastic cutlery including forks, spoons, knives, sporks, chopsticks and food picks
- plastic plates and bowls without spill proof lids
- food ware and cups made from expanded polystyrene (EPS)



- plastic cotton buds
- rinse-off personal care products containing plastic microbeads.

If a Crown reserve you manage operates a kiosk, café, canteen, markets or hosts events, it's time to get ready and use up your existing stock of single use plastic items. Banned items cannot be sold or given away for free after 1 November. The ban applies even if the items are made from biodegradable, compostable, or bioplastics, this includes those made from Australian certified compostable plastic.

Lightweight plastics bags (35 microns or less) with handles were banned on 1 June 2022.

For more information visit [dpe.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/plastics-ban-nsw](https://dpe.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/plastics-ban-nsw).

## Annual Reporting now open

The department has now completed upgrades to the annual reporting system to make the submission process easier for our non-Council Crown land managers. Access to the 2021-2022 Financial Year through the [Reserve Manager Portal](#) will be available from 1 September 2022. When you commence this year's report, data from your previous report will pre-populate into the appropriate areas. You will be able to change and add items as required.

Remember Annual reports are a requirement under the [Crown Land Management Act 2016](#) and are due via the [Reserve Manager Portal](#) annually by 31 October.

## Governance Development Program

Following the success of the CLM Passport Program, a new range of webinars will be available over the coming 12-months. Topics include:

- Should I stay or go? Succession planning
- Using Crown reserves: compliance matters
- Aboriginal Heritage
- Asset Management

[Register now](#)

Prefer face-to-face training? The team will be coming to a town near you to build on the momentum of the online program. The dates and locations for these sessions are as follows:

- Maitland on Monday, 12 September 2022
- Armidale on Tuesday, 13 September 2022
- Grafton on Wednesday, 14 September 2022
- Moree on Thursday, 15 September 2022
- Dubbo on Friday, 11 November 2022
- Orange on Tuesday, 14 March 2023
- Goulburn on Wednesday, 15 March 2023
- Wagga Wagga on Thursday, 16 March 2023

[Register now](#)

Scholarships to study the Diploma of Governance are also back, offering fully funded positions to CLMs in this second round. [Find out more](#)

## Share your stories

Sharing stories is a great way to learn from each other and acknowledge CLMs work in managing Crown reserves for the benefit of communities. If you would like to contribute a story, please email us at [reserves@crowmland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:reserves@crowmland.nsw.gov.au).

## Contact

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The Department of Planning and Environment acknowledges that it stands on Aboriginal land.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and we show our respect for elders past, present and emerging through thoughtful and collaborative approaches to our work, seeking to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to providing places in which Aboriginal people are included socially, culturally and economically.



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