Dear Sir/madam,

As you continue to progress in your development of Plans of Management (PoMs), we would like to remind you of the resources available to guide you through each step. Read on for information on:

- a refresher on the process for developing PoMs,
- Native Title Manager training opportunities,
- new funding opportunities,
- free webinars and upcoming resources and
- a spotlight story on Newcastle's famous Bogey Hole - a much-loved Crown reserve!

Developing PoMs - which stage are you up to?

Thanks to all councils who have been working with us throughout the various stages of the PoM development process. There is still some work to do, with 13 per cent of councils required to categorise reserves, and 74 per cent of councils yet to submit draft PoMs.

We have heard the concerns of councils regarding the deadline of 30 June 2021 for the submissions of PoMs. We have acted in response, and are preparing a regulation amendment to provide more time for councils to prepare PoMs. We hope to share an update with you on this in April.

Crown Lands is here to help and has a dedicated Council Crown Land Manager (CCLM) team to assist CCLMs in the development of PoMs.

As a CCLM, you can follow a four-step process while developing PoMs for Crown reserves within your local government area. These are:

1. Check which Crown reserves your council manages using the Council CLM Reserves Portal.
2. Confirm community land classification of Crown reserves or seek operational classification if appropriate. You can access a range of resources to help you with this on the Council Crown land manager web page.
3. Assign an initial category for community land Crown reserves and notify the Minister using the template provided on the Council Crown land manager web page. If there are multiple categorisations across a reserve, you must provide a map delineating the categories with different colours. If you assign 'Natural Area' as a category, you will also need to indicate the sub-category/ies within the 'Natural Area' (i.e. watercourse, bushland, escarpment, wetland, and/or foreshore). You can view a webcast to help you with the Classification and Categorisation process.
4. Councils must prepare PoMs for all community land. View this guideline to ensure you are including all required information within your PoM. There are a number of forms, resources and templates to help you complete this process on the Council Crown land manager web page

If you have any questions or need further support regarding this process, please get in touch with us at council.clm@crownland.nsw.gov.au or 1300 886 235.

Native Title Manager training

Credit: Destination NSW

PoMs must include advice from a qualified Native Title Manager, and we are seeking Expressions of Interest for Native Title Manager training this year. Spots are limited, and preference will be given to councils who do not have a current Native Title Manager. We'll share information on dates for training soon.

New funding opportunities

Regional Events Acceleration Fund

To support the social and economic recovery of our regions, the NSW Government's $20 million Regional Events Acceleration Fund will help organisations attract new major international and domestic events to regional areas, and support existing regional events. Applications close on Friday 17 December 2021, or when funding is fully committed.

2021 NAIDOC Grants

NAIDOC Grant funding is provided by Aboriginal Affairs NSW to support activities and events in NSW held during **NAIDOC Week (4 – 11 July 2021)** that celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements. Applications close Friday 23 April 2021.

Tune in to a free webinar

Credit: Destination NSW

Crown Lands is collaborating with the Institute of Community Directors Australia to deliver a free Crown Land Manager (CLM) Governance Development Program for all NSW CLMs, starting with online webinars.

The program has already received positive feedback, and more than 1,850 people have registered to attend webinars. We encourage you to share this opportunity broadly with your colleagues and any community minded people involved in the management of a Crown reserve. Visit the Reserve Manager website to find out more and to register to attend.

Webinar topics include Aboriginal cultural awareness and engagement, understanding Aboriginal Land Rights and Native Title, Aboriginal land care practices, strategies for resolving conflict, Crown reserve promotion and communication, working with Crown Land volunteers, employees and contractors, creating funding frameworks for Crown Land and unlocking the potential of the Crown reserves you manage. Even if you can't attend on the day, by registering you will receive a copy of the webinar

New resources for Council CLMs on the way

We are working on some new resources to help you in your development of PoMs. We'll soon share fact sheets regarding the classification of cemeteries and crematoria, and answers to frequently asked questions.

Crown reserve in focus - the Bogey Hole, Newcastle

Credit: Destination NSW

Hand-cut by convicts out of a rock shelf in 1819 for use as a personal swimming pool by the Commandant of Newcastle Major James Morisset, Newcastle's famous Bogey Hole is a sight to behold.

Managed by the City of Newcastle, the heritage-listed ocean bath is nestled into a cliff and framed by the expansive ocean blues of the Newcastle coastline, and when

the swell is big, is engulfed by crashing waves.

The name 'Bogey Hole' is said to come from the Dharawal word meaning 'to bathe', and as the oldest ocean pool on the East coast of Australia, it's well worth a visit for a dip, or simply to admire the majestic coastal views.

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