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Crown reserve management news Crown land managers

Department of Planning and Environment



Avoca & North Avoca Beaches – R53288 – CLM Central Coast Council

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

Message from the Group Deputy Secretary

As we head towards the summer holidays, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to you all for your commitment to managing Crown land through yet another challenging year. I wish you all the very best for a well-earned break over Christmas.

For those Crown land managers (CLMs) impacted by floods, our Area Managers in the [Regional offices](#) are always there to help. You can also, contact the Crown Lands Flood Recovery Program team at floodrecovery@crownland.nsw.gov.au or phone 1300 886 235.

Keep well, stay safe and we look forward to working with you in 2023.

Community Achievement Award Winners

Congratulations to the 2022 NSW/ACT Community Achievement Award winners of the Crown reserve manager awards announced on 25 November. There were finalists across 2 award categories for our community reserve manager partners and one award category for councils.



2022 Crown land manager Community Achievement Award winners and Crown Lands staff

Crown Land Manager Excellence Award Winner



Members of the Oberon Showground Land Manager board and Sarah Lees, Director, Programs & Partnerships, Crown Lands

Oberon Showground Land Manager manage the reserve, which includes sheep and cattle yards, horse stables, trotting tracks and rodeo/camp draft yards, and a multipurpose hall. Recent installation of sensor security lighting throughout the grounds, establishing [online booking](#), employing a full-time cleaner and installing new water taps in the camping area have seen an increase in users. A community [Facebook page](#) keeps the local area up to date.

Individual Excellence in Crown Land Management Award Winner



Jone Pavelic and Sarah Lees, Director, Programs & Partnerships

Jone Pavelic is the Chairperson of Temora Showground Land Manager. [Temora Showground](#) is a multi-use community facility comprising traditional showground activities and a camping area. Jone is the point of contact for all facility bookings and site bookings for the Caravan Park. Jone carries out the role of onsite manager making daily visit to ensure facilities are well managed and visitors are looked after.

Council Crown Land Management Excellence Award Winner



Ku-ring-gai Council Mayor Jeff Pettett and Sarah Lees, Director, Programs & Partnership

Ku-ring-gai Council is the CLM for 36 Crown reserves, including the St Ives Showground. Council has shown strong commitment to the principles of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 and encourage a variety of uses for this significant regional recreational reserve. Council actively promotes and supports activities on the reserve including sport, outdoor recreation, cultural and heritage community events, while considering environmental values. Council also implemented a new booking system, funded upgrades, and opened new features such as the Treetops Adventure Park in November 2021.

Congratulations to all winners!

[Read more](#)

Councils to submit OLG PoM progress funding reports

Councils are reminded that their Crown Lands Plans of Management (PoM) progress funding reports for the Office of Local Government (OLG) are now due by 16 December 2022. Councils can submit their progress report via councilcrownland@olg.nsw.gov.au. An annual progress report is a requirement of the PoM Funding Support Program that councils entered into with OLG.

More information about this funding support program can be accessed via the OLG circular [here](#) .

Have your say



Crown Lands is always looking at how we can better support our highly valued CLMs. We have partnered with Astrolabe Group to engage with non-Council CLMs to help inform a deeper understanding of Crown land management across NSW.

We will be conducting focus groups in February 2023 to hear insights from CLMs. If you would like to be involved, fill out our [contact form](#) and we will be in touch in the New Year.

Contact

Council Crown land managers: council.clm@crowmland.nsw.gov.au

Non-council Crown land managers: reserves@crowmland.nsw.gov.au

Phone: 1300 886 235

www.reservemanager.crowmland.nsw.gov.au

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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