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Crown reserve management news Crown Land Managers

Department of Planning, Industry and Environment



Centennial Park, Sydney – Image: Destination NSW



Message from the Deputy Secretary, Crown Lands

As NSW and the rest of Australia continues in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, I wanted to acknowledge the work of Crown land managers and the many valued

volunteers who continue to manage and maintain Crown reserves during this difficult and challenging time.

Our local outdoor spaces have taken centre stage as places to prioritise our mental and physical health, and the significant benefits of Crown land to the public have never been so tangible.

The diverse range of Crown land – from beaches and parks, to nature reserves and coastal lands, have been sanctuaries for communities across the country as we work to overcome the challenges brought about by the pandemic.

Sydney's Centennial Park, pictured above, is just one example of the 35,000 Crown reserves across NSW that provide some serenity, to help people to stay active, mentally well and socially connected.

I also acknowledge the challenges and disappointments that communities have faced in having to temporarily close some facilities on Crown land, such as community halls, caravan parks, sportsgrounds and camping sites.

To all Crown land managers, in whatever capacity you help to ensure the public can access and benefit from Crown land, I would like to express my sincerest thanks.

Melanie Hawyes
Deputy Secretary, Crown Lands

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Crown Land Commissioner's report on the CLM Act 2016

A key responsibility of the NSW Crown Land Commissioner was to undertake an independent evaluation of the implementation of the reform activities under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* (the Act). A Discussion Paper, released in February this year, gave stakeholders an opportunity to have their say on how the Crown estate in NSW is being managed following the commencement of the CLM Act in 2018.

Between February and July 2021, over 85 submissions were received as part of the review. Feedback directly contributed towards the final findings and recommendations detailed in the Commissioner's [report on the evaluation of the CLM Act 2016](#). The evaluation identifies how effectively and efficiently the reform activities have achieved their intended objectives and benefits. [Find out more](#).



Photo of Ashby Hall provided by Barbara Winters

Ashby Hall's sunny outlook in Clarence Valley

Volunteer board members at Ashby Hall are looking forward to the sun shining and easing restrictions at their reserve in the Clarence Valley, Northern NSW.

For land manager Peter Mather, a 10-year dream of installing solar panels on the roof of the hall recently became a reality when co-managers Barbara Winters and George Kriflik joined the hall's community board. "We all came together to make sure this solar project saw the light of day. George sourced the quotes and Barbara applied to a few different grant programs", said Peter. [Find out more](#)



Have your say on risk management

Non-council Crown land managers are invited to provide feedback regarding Crown Lands' support for risk management on reserves. [Share your feedback](#) on the Risk Register tool on the [Reserve Manager Portal](#), launched in mid-2020, before 31 October 2021.



Notes Payable	32,062	30,653	20,658	13,096
Accrued Expense	112,000	92,756	98,871	75,000
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	255,000	175,416	245,600	147,910
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES :	35,260	28,445	30,526	25,600
Long - Term Loan from Financial	434,322	327,270	395,655	260,560
Debtenture	500,000	400,000	500,000	400,000
	350,000	200,000	350,000	200,000
	850,000	600,000	850,000	600,000
	1,284,322	927,270	1,245,655	860,560

Annual reporting reminder for non-council Crown land managers

Non-council Crown land managers are reminded to submit their annual report for the 2020-21 financial year by 31 October 2021, which is a legislated requirement. Information submitted provides a health check on Crown reserves, helping the department to identify areas of support required. Annual reports are usually prepared by a land manager's Treasurer and is submitted via the [Reserve Manager Portal](#).

Support available:

- A quick reference guide is available on the [Reserve Manager website](#).
- If you require further assistance, contact Crown Lands at reserves@crowmland.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 886 235



Heffron Centre - Artist impression

Plan of Management adopted for Heffron Park

More than 45 hectares of public land at Maroubra will serve the future recreational and sporting needs of the eastern suburbs' community following the adoption of a new Plan of Management for Heffron Park by Randwick City Council. The plan includes the construction of the new 'Heffron Centre', which will feature new gymnastics and indoor sports centres, a South Sydney Rabbitohs Community and High-Performance Centre, and a nearby NRL standard Showcase Field.



Don't forget to notify the Minister of native title managers

Council Crown land managers are reminded to advise the Minister of their nominated native title manager/s, as required each year under section 8.8 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. To notify the Minister, please email the name/s of native title manager/s along with their email address and phone number to council.clm@crownland.nsw.gov.au before 31 October 2021.



Online workshops for councils managing Crown reserves

The Crown Land Manager Governance Development program is offering four interactive online workshops from 29 September 2021. The workshops will explore relevant legislation and responsibilities of Council Crown land managers, with a focus on volunteer management and community engagement. The two-hour session will also provide the opportunity for facilitated discussion on some of the biggest issues facing these land managers and possible solutions. Places are limited, with one representative from every

council in NSW able to attend one of the four workshops, so please register your attendance as soon as possible. [Find out more and register.](#)



Councils to help achieve Electric Vehicle targets

The NSW Government's Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy aims to drive sales of EVs to more than 50 per cent of new car sales by 2030-31, preparing the NSW road network for a low-emissions future.

Councils have a big role to play in this transition, and the NSW Government will work with Local Government to support pilots of roadside charging infrastructure in conjunction with kerbside parking for EVs. This partnership will also ensure carparks are adapted to include features like priority parking spots for EVs to recharge. Council Crown land managers are encouraged to consider provisions for tenures for EV stations in key parts of their Local Government Area, such as tourist destinations or near townships, when developing their Plans of Management.

**Prohibited activity
symbols**



**Warning
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**Permitted
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Signage resources for Crown land

Crown Lands has developed guidance to support Crown land managers in designing and erecting general signage (non-regulatory) as well as regulatory signage and notices on Crown land.

If you're updating or creating signage on Crown land, you can access the [Crown land signage symbol library](#) to assist with developing signage. The *Crown Land Management Act 2016* and *Crown Land Management Regulation 2018* allow for Crown land managers

to put up signs or public notices if they need to restrict visitor activities or access to a Crown reserve. [Find out more.](#)

New resources and reminders for Council Crown land managers

The following new resources are available for Council Crown land managers:

- Updated [Plan of Management Guideline](#)
- An updated fact sheet on [leases and licenses](#)
- A fact sheet on [council compliance and enforcement functions on Crown land](#).

Acquiring roads on Crown reserves

Crown Lands recommends that councils acquire any roads on Crown reserves they manage under the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* to protect these assets. Roads identified for acquisition need to be identified in the relevant Plan of Management for the land. More information can be accessed [online](#) or by emailing the Crown Lands acquisition team at cl.acquisitions@crowland.nsw.gov.au

Site-specific Plan of Management required for Area of Cultural Significance

Councils are reminded that reserves categorised as Area of Cultural significance require a Council resolution and the development of a site-specific Plan of Management. Proof of the Council resolution must be provided to Crown Lands. You can access a site-specific Plan of Management template on the [Council Crown land manager web page](#).

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