



Crown reserve management news



This news update is for community members involved in the management of NSW Crown reserves. In this update we announce the release of Crown Lands' draft State Strategic Plan, call for nominations for the Regional Achievement and Community Awards, detail the upcoming Reserve Manager Portal, announce more training opportunities to build governance skills, provide a reminder on the closing date for this year's Crown Reserve Improvement Fund and provide information on COVID-19 support for eligible lease holders.

State Strategic Plan for Crown Land – A Vision for Crown Land



A draft State Strategic Plan for Crown land has been released. The draft plan sets out a proposed vision for the next decade of Crown land management, and we encourage all our Crown land managers to take a look at the plan.

Following recent events of drought, bushfires, floods and now COVID-19, we made the decision to release the draft plan for information purposes in advance of a formal submissions period.

By releasing the draft plan early, communities and stakeholders will have more time to gather their thoughts

ahead of the formal submissions period while balancing other priorities.

Further information on the draft plan and other resources, including an introductory video, are available on the [Crown Lands website](#).

If you can't find an answer to your question, please contact us at cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au

Award nominations open for Crown land managers

Crown land managers (CLMs) provide a valuable contribution to communities across NSW through their stewardship of Crown land. Their efforts help to ensure that Crown reserves are enjoyed now and for future generations.

It is time to acknowledge and reward these valuable contributions.

The NSW/ACT Regional Achievement Community Awards has two awards dedicated to excellence in the management of Crown reserves:

Crown Land Manager Excellence Award

This award recognises a Crown land manager that exemplifies outstanding community service ethos, dedication and commitment to their communities.

Individual Excellence in Crown Land Management Award

This award recognises an individual volunteer involved in the management of Crown land that exemplifies outstanding community service ethos, dedication and commitment to their communities.

For more information and to nominate for an award category, visit the Awards Australia website.

An Awards Gala Dinner Presentation will be held on 20 November, at the Fairmont Resort & Spa, Blue Mountains. Prizes will be awarded to award category winners at the event.

Nominations close **28 July, 2020**.

Want to recognise someone but don't have the time?

No problem, simply refer someone to the award organiser — it takes only two minutes to complete the form and the award organiser does the rest! Nominees will be contacted to have them complete the questions. It's that easy!

View the Youtube video - Nominations for the 2020 NSW/ACT Regional Achievement and Community Awards are open.



Coming soon – Reserve Manager Portal

Non-council Crown land managers will soon be able to connect with the department online to undertake a range of tasks in managing their reserves. The Reserve Manager Portal will be rolled out to all non-council Crown land managers in the coming months, just in time for the 2019-2020 annual reporting requirements.

Key features of the Portal are:

- updating contact details
- accessing data about the reserve/s you manage, including map capability
- record keeping functionality

The Portal is also the new platform for non-council Crown land manager annual reporting. The annual reporting process will look different to previous years, but the system steps you through each question and you are able to save and come back to it as many times as needed.

Over the coming weeks the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the department) will be providing login details, reference guides to help you use the system, and information to help you with your annual report.

More governance training courses on offer for Crown reserve management



The department is pleased to announce that more governance training opportunities are now available for community members interested in Crown reserve management.

Due to popular demand, the department will run another three-day online course on the **Foundations of Directorship**, conducted by the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

The course is tailored to support participants in the management of Crown land and focuses on the topics of governance, finance, strategy and risk. On completion participants will be able to do an assessment task to gain their certificate.

The three-day online course will be held **27-29 July, 2020**.

The course is open to community minded applicants that **are currently, or would like to** participate in the management of Crown land across regional NSW.

To apply for the course, community members are required to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) form. This opportunity is a competitive, merit-based process and applicants will be considered based on their EOI.

Applicants who were not successful in the first training course held in June **do not** need to resubmit an EOI. Your application will be automatically included for consideration.

Applications close **5pm Friday, 3 July 2020**.

[Apply now](#)

Closing soon – 2020-2021 Crown Reserves Improvement Fund Program

The 2020-21 Crown Reserves Improvement Fund (CRIF) annual funding round has been announced and is accepting applications online via the [CRIF Funding page](#) on the Crown Reserve Manager website.

The CRIF provides grants and loans to Crown land managers for the development, maintenance and improvement of public reserves.

Applications must be submitted by **5pm Friday, 10 July 2020**.

COVID-19 rent relief for lease holders on Crown land

To support commercial tenancies, the NSW Government has adopted a new code of conduct introduced by Australia's National Cabinet to support commercial tenancies in response to the impacts of COVID-19. The new code sets out good-faith leasing principles for commercial tenancies, where the tenant is an eligible business for the purpose of the Australian Government's JobKeeper program. The new code applies to Crown land managers and their eligible commercial tenants. If you are a Crown land manager and need further advice on the impacts of this initiative, please contact us.

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