



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

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**DSS4 DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT –
FREDERICKTON PARKS AND SPORTS FIELDS
GROUND AND DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT
– SOUTH WEST ROCKS PARKS
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the progress of the preparation of the Plan of Management – Frederickton Parks and Sportsground and the Plan of Management – South West Rocks Parks.

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BACKGROUND:

In 2004 Council commissioned a study to undertake an open space needs analysis for South West Rocks. The study recommended the sale of several parks as surplus to the communities needs with funds to be reallocated to making improvements and providing facilities for other parks.

It was further recommended that a management plan be prepared for the provision of a cycleway/walkway along the reserve on the western side of the golf course.

Council resolved to prepare a draft Local Environmental Plan to reclassify certain reserves from community land to operational land. In order to demonstrate that sufficient open space would still be available to meet the needs of the community and that Council had definite plans for the expenditure of the proceeds from the sales, Plans of Management should be prepared.

As it is necessary to demonstrate the strategic context of the proposed sales of the reserves, it was determined that a Plan of Management for all parks and the sporting field within Frederickton, and a Plan of Management for all parks within South West Rocks would be the most useful in influencing decision making over time.

These Plans of Management are part of a proposed series of plans aimed at managing the open space in the Kempsey Shire in an effective and efficient manner.

A copy of the Plan of Management will be distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Applicable legislation, plans and policies relating to environmental implications are listed and environmental values are addressed in the plans.

- ***Social***

The plans recognise the valuable contribution open space makes to the social fabric of a community and implementation of the plans will enhance social values identified in the plans.

- ***Economic (Financial)***

It is anticipated that the embellishments proposed at the sites identified in the plans will be funded from the proceeds from the sale of other lands in each catchment. Maintenance costs will increase as each site is developed. In general terms annual maintenance costs equate to 10% of the capital improvement cost.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

The plans have been prepared to meet the requirements of Section 36 of the Local Government Act 1993 to prepare plans of management for Council owned Community classified lands. For Crown land dedicated or reserved for public purposes the Crown Lands Act states that a plan of management may be prepared that addresses the principles of Crown land management. These principles have been addressed in each plan. In accordance with Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993 the plans should be placed on public exhibition for 28 days as part of the community consultation process.

- ***Director's Review***

The draft Plans of Management identify the open space available to meet the needs of the community and the proposals to develop and embellish these reserves.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Draft Plan of Management Frederickton Parks and Sporting Fields and the Draft Plan of Management South West Rocks Parks be placed on public exhibition.

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