

**PLAN 3**

**INFORMAL RECREATION RESERVES**

**Plan 3 - Community Land Management Plan for Informal Recreation Reserves**



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This Management Plan should be read in conjunction to the Introductory Information in Plan 1, which includes general information that relates to each individual plan.

Adelaide Hills Council has a large number of informal recreation reserves spread across the entire Council area. Reserves in this category display a wide range of features. Many of these reserves are largely undeveloped and provide public open space. Others are developed with playgrounds, park furniture, footpaths and amenity plantings. The level of development and standard of maintenance for any reserve in this category is site specific in that what is appropriate varies widely between locations. Informal recreation reserves in urban areas are generally developed to a greater extent and maintained to a higher level than informal recreation reserves outside of urban areas. Land in this category may be suitable for informal recreational sport, but does not have fully developed sports facilities that are suitable for club and competitive sporting activities.

This Management Plan pertains to all community land that has been placed into the category Informal Recreation including that portion of multi-use sites that have an Informal Recreation component.

Leases on Informal Recreation reserves are not consistent with the purpose of land in this category as a lease would prevent the land from being available to the public. Licences for the purpose of grazing to control bushfire risks can be appropriate for reserves in this category that are currently largely undeveloped.

**Improvements on Informal Recreation Reserves**

A wide range of improvements are appropriate on reserves in this category:

- Playgrounds
- Skateboard park
- BMX track
- Public toilets
- Park furniture, including benches and tables
- Rubbish bins
- Space for unstructured and informal sport activities
- Public barbecues
- Walking tracks and footpaths
- Fencing
- Off leash dog parks, fenced or unfenced
- Car parking for visitors

**Objectives**

- To provide public open space to communities across the area of Adelaide Hills Council.
- To provide opportunities for a wide range of informal recreational activities, including passive activities and unstructured sport.
- To provide playgrounds and play spaces for children that meet Australian standards across the area of Adelaide Hills Council.
- To provide appropriate spaces for the exercising of dogs in accordance with Councils Dog and Cat Animal Management Plan 2018 – 2022.

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**Performance Targets**

- There is a spread of public open space across the area of Adelaide Hills Council.
- Playgrounds are safe for children to play on.
- Reserves do not present an unacceptable fire risk.
- Dog access is managed consistent with Council's Dog and Cat Animal Management Plan 2018 – 2022 or its successors.
- Public toilets are regularly cleaned and maintained.

**Performance Measures**

- All Adelaide Hills communities have access to public open space.
- All playgrounds meet current Australian Standards.
- Damaged play equipment is rendered unusable until it is repaired.
- Development of playspaces is consistent with Council's Play Space Policy.
- Vegetation near playgrounds or in high use areas does not present as snake habitat.
- Vegetation is managed to reduce fire risk to an acceptable level.
- Reserves in this category that have high levels of use for walking and exercising dogs have dog tidy bag dispensers that are refilled on a regular basis available at all times.
- Regulatory Services staff respond promptly to reports of aggressive or other unacceptable dog or dog owner activity.
- Public toilets are maintained in an acceptable condition.