

PLAN 6

RECREATION AND SPORT

Plan 6 – Community Land Management Plan for Recreation and Sport 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.

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

Land in the Recreation and Sport category has well developed and maintained formal sporting facilities. A wide range of sports are catered for, including netball, tennis, football, soccer, cricket, lawn bowls, petanque, golf and equestrian activities.

The sports that may be catered for are not restricted to those currently using Council's recreation and sport reserves. Any other sport for teams or individuals will be acceptable on land in this category provided the facilities are suitable and can be available for the use of that sport. In the event that a sport would require significant resource inputs before it could use land in this category, a comprehensive business case must be presented to Council for its decision.

The usage of the land in this category must be sufficiently flexible to permit for changing community requirements. This can include the increase or decrease in playing surface area for any particular sport, the expansion of playing or club facilities at any particular site and the extension of hours of use through the lighting of playing surfaces.

The land in this category is intended to be leased either directly to not for profit sporting organisations, or to not for profit local community organisations that may then sub-licence to individual sporting organisations. All such agreements will clearly define the respective responsibilities of Council and the relevant organisation.

Where an organisation has an exclusive lease over clubrooms, it may use the premises for functions beyond its own members, subject to meeting all requirements relating to liquor licencing and noise levels.

Playing areas may be licenced for the use of a sporting club and that club will have exclusive use of the surface during all times that are booked for playing or practicing the sport. The public has access to these areas at all other times.

Land in this category may be utilised as bushfire Safer Places or Last Resort Refuges, as designated by the South Australian Country Fire Service.

Not all recreation and sport facilities within the Council area are owned by Adelaide Hills Council and those in other ownership are not subject to This Management Plan. One of the objectives for land in this category is to provide equitable access to sporting facilities across the Council area. Any assessment of equity will include access to recreation and sporting facilities not in the ownership of Council but available to local communities.

Improvements on land in the Recreation and Sport category

A wide range of improvements associated with recreation and sport activities are envisaged on land in this category. The following are acceptable, subject to formal development approval where required:

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- Grassed playing surfaces
- Sealed courts for sports such as netball and tennis
- Other playing surfaces consistent with the requirements of any sport authorised by lease or licence to occupy or use land in this category
- Fencing of sufficient scale to prevent balls from exiting the site to adjoining properties or roads, where necessary to minimise nuisance or risk
- Clubrooms, incorporating any or all of change rooms, meeting rooms, kitchen and bar facilities and dining areas
- Spectator seating and shelters
- Toilets
- Lighting for evening use of sports facilities
- Storage sheds or buildings for housing maintenance equipment
- Driveways and car parking areas
- Spectator seating, including grandstands

Objectives

- To provide facilities for organised sporting activities strategically located across the area of Adelaide Hills Council.
- To provide equitable access to sporting facilities to clubs within the area of Adelaide Hills Council.
- To provide occupation rights for organised sport by way of leases, licences or management agreements.
- To facilitate the development, redevelopment or expansion of recreational and sporting facilities for the community on land in this category.
- To provide bushfire Safe Places and Last Resort Refuge sites where appropriate.

Performance Targets

- There is an equitable spread of recreation and sporting facilities across the Adelaide Hills Council area, to the extent that it is within the capacity of Council to provide such facilities.
- There are long term occupation or management agreements with not for profit organisations to facilitate the management of sites.
- Playing surfaces that are the responsibility of Adelaide Hills Council are maintained to a standard that is safe for the playing of the sports intended for those surfaces.
- Facilities that are the responsibility of Council are part of Council's asset management programs.

Performance Measures

- All Adelaide Hills Council communities have access to sport and recreation facilities, although not every community will necessarily have access to facilities for every sport.
- Playing surfaces that are the responsibility of Adelaide Hills Council are safe for playing the sport or sports intended for that surface.
- Facilities are maintained in accordance with Council's asset management programs.