

	RECREATION AREAS AND RESERVES MAINTENANCE POLICY	Doc No	
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POLICY OBJECTIVE: To provide guidelines for the maintenance of the recreation areas within the towns of Balranald and Euston having regards to:-

- Community amenity,
- Public risk,
- Practical limits of resources

CATEGORIES

Recreation areas fall into two categories.

Active recreation areas include facilities for ball sports, children's playgrounds, swimming facilities and cycleways.

Passive recreation areas include facilities such as walking tracks, picnic areas, and rest areas.

Council has developed the outdoor facilities to the present state commensurate with the financial and physical resources available over time. The restriction on water availability is a limiting factor for the future development and maintenance of the facilities.

Balranald

Active recreation:-

- Pony Club Grounds, O'Connor Street, maintained by Pony Club under agreement.
- Greenham Park facilities maintained by others under individual agreements :-
Tennis courts, Netball courts and Golf course.
- Greenham Park facilities maintained by Council include:-
Swimming pool, Football / Cricket ovals and Racecourse.

Passive recreation:-

- Lions Park, Turandurey Street
- Chinese Cemetery, Ballendella Street,
- Turandurey Street Recreation Reserve
- Swimming Bend Reserve,
- Riverbend reserve non frontage areas & Turandurey Street
- Riverbank in Court Street,
- War Memorial park, Court Street
- Heritage Park, Market Street
- O'Connor Street Park.

Euston

Active recreation

Euston Recreation Reserve

Passive recreation:-

- Riverfront Recreation Reserve, Nixon Street, maintained by Euston club.
- Anderson Park Perry Street;
- Berrett Park/ Euston Water Reserve, Perry Street;

Rural.

- Lake Benanee reserve,
- Kyalite Foreshore reserve, maintained by community.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Improvements to outdoor areas shall be carried out in accordance with the Management Plan as reviewed from time to time. The improvements generally comprise infrastructure upgrades, hard surface reconstruction, playground equipment upgrades.

MAINTENANCE.

The maintenance required for the outdoor recreation areas is generally confined to grassed surfaces, trees and shrubs, irrigation systems, signage, playground equipment, and any enclosed road surface.

Grassed surfaces require mowing at varying levels depending on the use.

Park type	Activity	Intervention level	Frequency
Sportsground playing field	Football	50 mm	Prematch
Sportsground playing field	Cricket	15 mm	Prematch
Sportsground outer	Spectator	50 mm	Fortnightly
Sportsground unused	Slashing	Fire hazard	Seasonal
Racetrack	Horse racing	150 mm	Fortnightly & pre-meeting
Playground	General	100 mm	Fortnightly
Parklands/ picnic areas	Picnicking	70 mm	Fortnightly
Benanee	Picnicking	200	Monthly

Mowing frequency may be altered dependent on weather effects from time to time.

Weed Control.

Weeds which would affect the intended use of the land shall be controlled to below nuisance level. Inspection for nuisance weeds shall occur during normal watering or mowing operations. Control actions shall be arranged to occur before setting or shedding of seeds or burrs.

Irrigation systems in the playing fields are tested at commencement of the watering season and checked at intervals thereafter. System defects affecting the proper operation of the system shall be promptly repaired.

Park type	Irrigation frequency	System Type	Quantity per session	Inspection frequency
Playing fields	Twice weekly	Auto	25 mm	Weekly
Sportsground outer	Twice weekly	Manual	25 mm	Weekly
Sportsground unused	None	None	None	Quarterly
Racetrack	Twice weekly	Auto	25 mm	Weekly
Parklands / picnic areas	Twice weekly	Manual/auto	25 mm	Weekly
Riverbend Reserve	Weekly	Manual	25 mm	weekly
Benanee	None	None	None	Weekly
Open areas	None	None	None	Quarterly

Watering frequency may be varied dependent on weather conditions from time to time.

Tree safety is to be constantly monitored during the normal course of activities and any suspected hazards assessed by a suitably qualified person to inspect and recommend action.

Playground equipment is to be inspected by operational staff fortnightly and a safety checklist completed. Defects shall be reported, action appropriate to the risk initiated. Softfall materials shall be inspected fortnightly and defects corrected immediately.

Signage and road surfaces are to be observed during maintenance activities and any defects reported. Defects shall be subject to risk analysis, action appropriate to the risk shall be initiated.

Hardcourt surfaces

Hardcourt surfacing is provided on netball and tennis courts. The netball courts are to be inspected prior to season commencement. Defects found or reported by users shall be subject to risk analysis; action appropriate to the risk shall be initiated.

Minimum Maintenance areas.

These are areas requiring little more than noxious weed control, fire hazard minimisation and clearance of hazards from walking tracks.

Included in this group are the following reserves:-

Caravan Park reserve, undeveloped area,
Balranald Water Supply Reserve,
Lions park Church Street frontage,
Balranald Common

Maps

Attached are maps of Balranald and Euston showing the reserve areas.