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PART A

Introduction + General Information



A.1

Introduction to the plan

A.1.1 Project overview

Coonamble Shire Council is required to prepare plans of management for all community land in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993. For Crown land managed by Council, Section 3.23 of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 requires the preparation of plans of management, as if they were community land under the Local Government Act 1993.

The Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve is Crown Land that has been managed by Coonamble Council under Crown Reserve No. 24511 since 1907. The subject land comprises Lot 701 DP 1030430, Lot 1 Section 14 DP 758282 and Lot 94 DP 44844. The area comprises 19.74 hectares of land. The land is currently subject to:

- + Reserve 24511 for the purpose of Public Recreation was first gazetted in 1896. Additions to Reserve 24511 vide Government Gazette dated 3 April 1980 and 18 June 1982.
- + Trustees appointed, being The Council of the Municipality of Coonamble, dated 13 February 1907.
- + Assigned a corporate name being Warrena Weir Recreation (R24511) Reserve Trust, dated 23 November 1990.

Upon commencement of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 on 1 July 2018, the above Reserve Trust was dissolved and Coonamble Shire Council was directly appointed as Crown Land Manager.

This Draft Plan of Management (POM) for Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve has been prepared by Coonamble Shire Council to comply with the requirements of the Crown Land Management Act 2016. The Draft POM has been prepared in accordance with Division 2 of Part 2 of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Act 1993 to provide clear direction as to the use, improvement and management of the recreation reserve. The Draft POM includes a Masterplan of the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve and an Active Transport Plan for connections to reserve from Coonamble township. The Draft POM also includes the framework for Council to follow in relation to the ongoing administration and management of the park, including the issuing of any leases, licenses, permits or approvals over the land.

The Draft POM for Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve is intended to be placed on public exhibition for community comment and consideration of issues prior to the finalisation of the Plan for adoption by Council. Once adopted, the Plan of Management for the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve will be reviewed as part of Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, including the preparation of works programs and budgets.

A.1.2 Project Introduction

Coonamble Shire Council is responsible for the care and control of many parcels of community land that are owned by the Crown. Council intends to manage these areas in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 and the Local Government Act 1993.

This Plan of Management has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 and Local Government Act 1993 to provide a framework for the future management, use and improvement of Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve for the enjoyment of all residents and visitors in Coonamble Shire.

A.1.3 What is a Plan of Management?

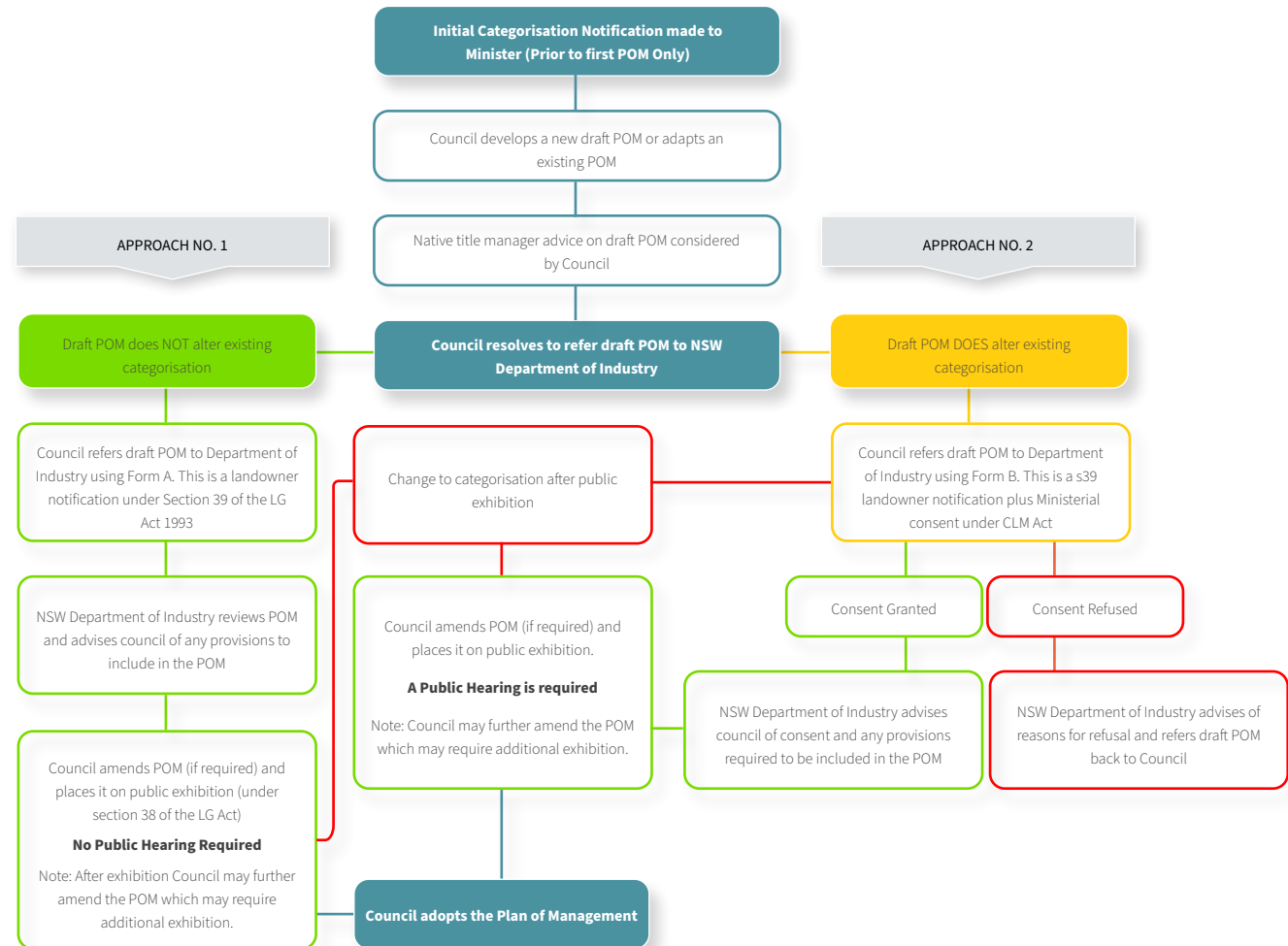
A Plan of Management outlines how Community land is to be used, improved and managed. It consolidates information about the land and its users and clearly states what, why, how and by whom the values of the land will be managed. A plan of management considers the purpose for the reserve as well as other guidelines, policies and legal requirements that may apply.



A.1.4 How is a Plan of Management made?

Division 2 of Part 2 of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Act 1993 sets out the process for making a Plan of Management. The main steps that a Council must follow before it adopts a Plan of Management are shown in Figure No. 1

Figure 1 - POM Process





A.1.5 About Country

The Castlereagh River catchment through Coonamble is home to the traditional custodians of the area, the Weilwan people. The Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council established in 1984 is a strong advocate on many issues in the Coonamble Shire, including land management, cultural development, housing, tourism and employment in Coonamble.

The riparian area of Warrena Creek that borders the northern boundary of present-day Coonamble is particularly important to Aboriginal people. In particular, an island settlement known as Tin Town and was home for many families during the early 1900s up to 1978 when the last family left the Island settlement. The Warrena Wier Recreation Reserve adjoins the north-eastern boundary of Tin Town and forms part of the riparian corridor associated with Country and historic settlement by local Aboriginal people.

The Coonamble LALC is interested and encouraging of Coonamble Shire Council to improve environmental management and access conditions at the Warrena Wier Recreation Area.

A.1.6 About Coonamble Shire

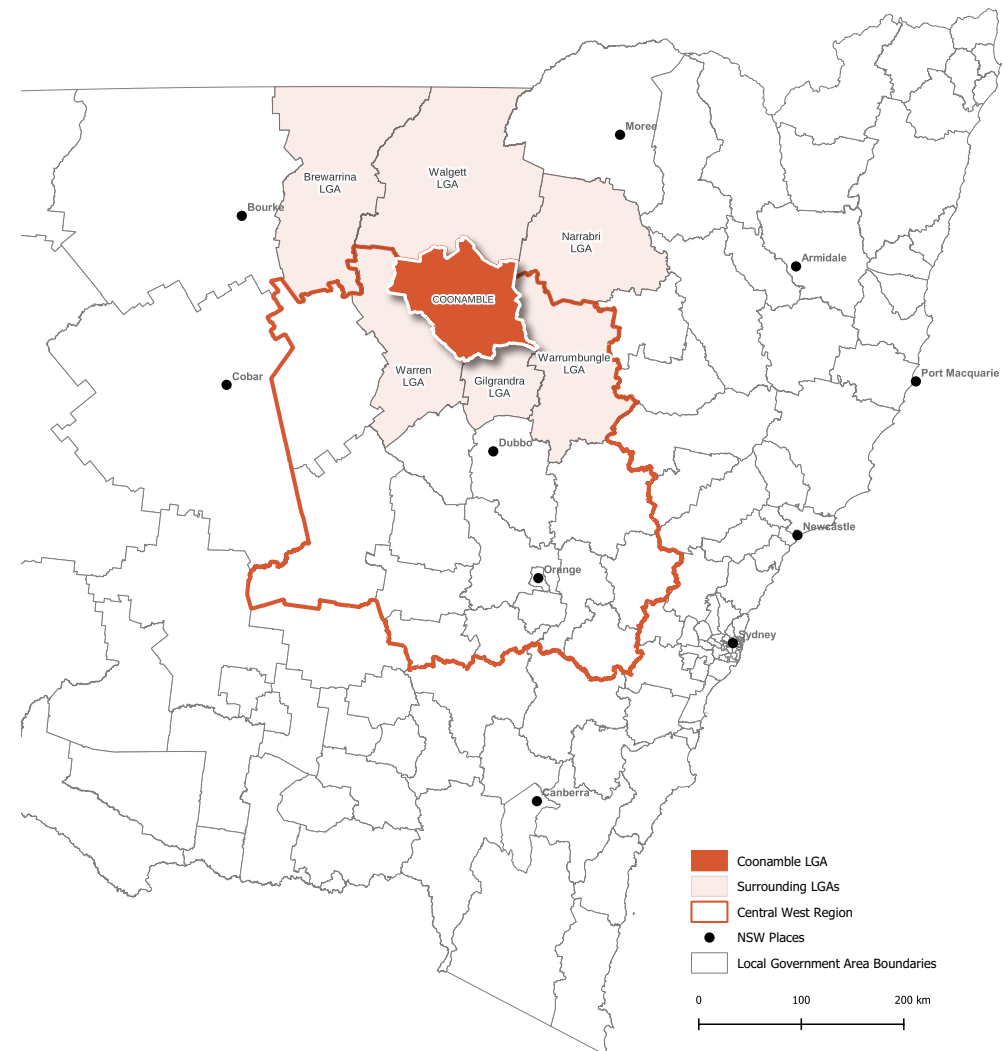
Coonamble Shire is a rural area located in the Orana Region of central northern New South Wales about 500-600km north-west of Sydney. The shire is known for its unique and diverse landscapes and rich biodiversity supported by the Castlereagh River, Macquarie Marshes, Piliga Forrest and Warrumbungle Ranges.

The shire also makes a strong contribution to the agricultural sector and is renowned for its fertile soils, bumper crops in right conditions and livestock production. Coonamble has a number of attractions, including its rich cultural history, expansive Main street and historic buildings, river and heritage walks and the Warrena Weir Recreation Area.

Coonamble is a rural service centre with a population of around 3,000 people. The Coonamble Shire stretches from the western slopes of the Warrumbungle Range to the alluvial plains on either side of the Castlereagh River.

Figure 2 shows the location of the Coonamble Shire Local Government Area.

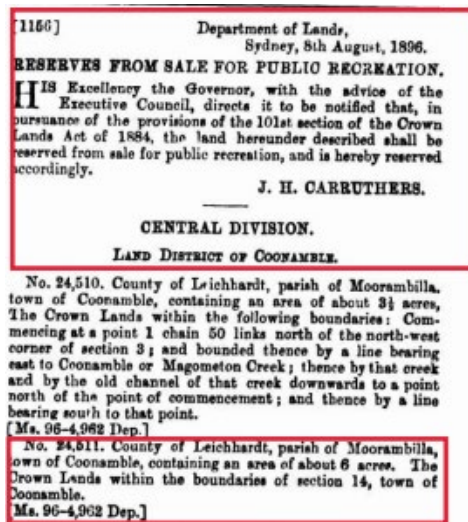
Figure 2 - Location Map of Coonamble Shire Local Government Area



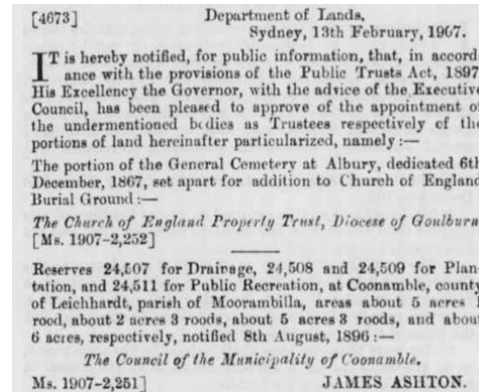


A.1.7 About Warrena Weir

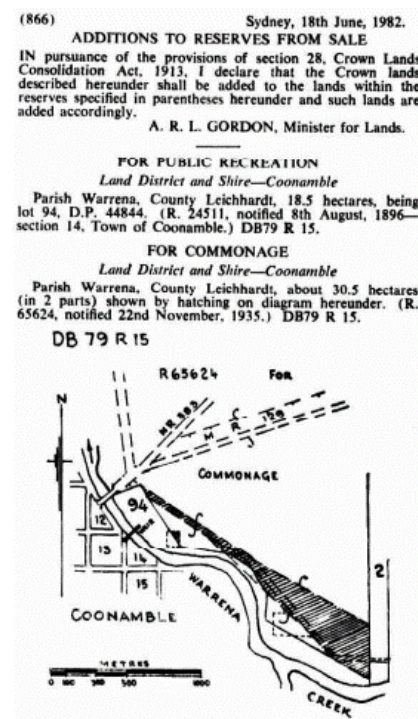
Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve is Crown Reserve 24511, with parts of the existing reserve (Section 14) being reserved from sale on 8th August 1886 for public recreation. An extract of the original government gazette notice of the reserve are shown in the extract below, sourced from the National Library of Australia:



The public recreation reserve has been expanded, with the addition of land to the north-east comprising a section of the Warrena Creek, as shown in the extract below sourced from the National Library of Australia:



In 1982, notice of further additions to R24511 was given, including a map of the reserve, as shown in the extract below, sourced from the National Library of Australia.



Coonamble Shire Council has categorized Warrena Weir as 'Park' as per the Local Government Act 1993 category guidance, in preparation of developing a Plan of Management for Warrena Weir.

In a letter dated 14 September 2022, the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) provided advice on the status of Reserve 24511. The advice confirms Coonamble Shire Council have continuously managed the reserve since 1907 and there has been no other management of this reserve by any other party. Advice has also been provided that State government funding of infrastructure on Reserve 24511 has been previously granted via the former Public Reserves Management Fund for an amenity block, solar panels, lighting, and CCTV security cameras.



A.2

Community vision + corporate objectives

A.2.1 Overview

Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve R24511 is highly valued in the Coonamble community. The area forms part of a larger riparian corridor associated with the Warrena Creek on the northern and eastern outskirts of Coonamble. The reserve provides green relief and public access to some areas of the creek for passive recreation opportunities for residents and visitors to Coonamble.

At the centre of the reserve is the Warrena Wier Aquatic Centre, which is currently managed by the Coonamble Aquatic Club. The Aquatic Centre has a boat ramp, barbecue and amenities facilities.

Coonamble Shire Council has plans to upgrade the Warrena Weir Recreation Area with modern recreational facilities and services that meet the needs of residents and visitors. Council also has plans to improve access conditions to the recreational reserve from nearby Coonamble Township.

A.2.2 Community Vision

Coonamble Shire is a strong agricultural region in the Central West and Orana Region of central northern New South Wales, approximately 600km north-west of Sydney. The Coonamble Local Government Area comprises the towns of Coonamble and Gulargambone and the village of Quambone and the localities of Combara, Gilgooma and Wingadee. It is the traditional home of Weilwan Aboriginal communities.

In recent community engagement processes, Coonamble Shire Council and community members have come together to determine the vision for the LGA and to map-out the framework for achieving this vision. This vision recognizes Coonamble as the largest centre in the Shire and its important contribution as a service centre to Quambone, Gullargambone and nearby settlements and farming properties.

Coonamble 2032 is the long-term plan that identifies the vision for the Shire and identifies the following five key themes:

1. Our People.
2. Our Economy.
3. Our Infrastructure
4. Our Environment.
5. Our Leadership.

The following key objectives / strategies are proposed under Coonamble 2032 that relate to the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve:

- + Develop Warrena Weir.
- + Share access to local facilities to fully realise the potential of local infrastructure.
- + Continue investment in levy management and utilise management techniques to investigate the potential for safe and appropriate expansion of water based recreational activities.
- + Investigate feasibility and potential for increased access to the levy for water based recreational activities.
- + Ensure process and procedure is in place for appropriate engagement of public facilities.
- + Ensure appropriate funding support is accessed.

A.1.3 Local Government Act Objectives

Section 35 of the Local Government Act 1993 states community land is required to be used and managed in accordance with the following:

- + The plan of management applying to the land.
- + Any law permitting the use of the land for a specified purpose or otherwise regulating the use of the land.
- + Division 2 of Part 2 of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The Local Government Act 1993 specify the core objectives for the management of community land categorized as 'park'. These core objectives are repeated below:

- + **36G** - The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a park are:
 - a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities, and
 - b) to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and
 - c) to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.



A.2.4 Warrena Weir Strategic Objectives

The Coonamble community has listed the development of the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve as a key strategic objective under its Coonamble Shire 2032 Community Strategic Plan.

Coonamble Shire Council intends to further develop and maintain the public open facilities at the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve to provide attractive and inviting public open spaces and community facilities for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Paramount to the development of the Plan of Management for Warrena Wier Recreation Reserve is the need to make facilities at reserve safe and accessible to all members of the public, including adults, parents with children, aged and disabled persons and visitors not necessarily familiar with the facility.

Council's strategic planning objectives for Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve are as follows:

- + To ensure a strategic approach to the use, improvement and maintenance of Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve through the implementation of the Warrena Weir Masterplan.
- + To support the continued operation of the Warrena Wier Aquatic Centre that helps to support the wider social and recreational needs of the Coonamble Shire community.
- + To provide high quality and accessible open spaces within the Warrena Wier Recreation Reserve, including new / upgraded toilets, storage shed, car park and picnic facilities.
- + To provide support infrastructure for parkland activities, including new / upgraded active transport links, access and parking, waste bins, signage and CCTV within the park.
- + To allow for other temporary uses, provided that Council is satisfied that the temporary use does not significantly affect the permanent use of the land.
- + To enhance biodiversity at the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve and within the wider riparian spaces of Warrena Creek, north and east of Coonamble Township.
- + To introduce water safety measures, including controls separating boating and water-skiing activities, swimming, fishing and other such activities.
- + To support the conservation and interpretation of heritage values of the reserve.
- + To manage / minimise potential for flooding, bushfire, weeds, feral animals and other activities that might cause land degradation and / or physical disturbance.
- + To protect and enhance significant trees and other important landscape features in the park.

Image Source: Coonamble Aquatic Club Facebook





Figure 3 - Map of Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve

A.3

Description of the land

General Description

This Plan of Management applies to Crown Reserve 24511, also known as Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve. Coonamble Shire Council is the manager of the reserve.

Description of Land Title

The Warrena Wier Reserve at Coonamble comprises the following land parcels:

- + Lot 701 DP 1030430
- + Lot 1 Section 14 DP 758282
- + Lot 94 DP 44844

The area comprises 19.74 hectares of land.

A maps of the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve is shown in Figure No. 3

- Lot 94 DP 44844
- Lot 701 DP 1030430
- Lot 1 Sec 14 DP 758282

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Owner of the land

The Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve is owned by the Crown and is currently managed by Coonamble Shire Council under Crown Reserve 24511.

Current land-use

Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve is currently used as a park. The Warrena Weir Aquatic Centre is located on the reserve, which comprises an amenity building (kiosk and toilets), covered picnic tables, playground, sealed driveways, grassed areas and established shade trees.

Categorisation of Crown Reserve

Under section 3.23(2) of the Crown Land Management Act 2016, Coonamble Shire Council must assign to all Crown land under its management, one or more initial of the categories of community land referred to in Section 36 of the Local Government Act 1993.

As the first step in preparing a new Plan of Management for the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve, Coonamble Shire Council has categorized land within the park as ‘Park’, using the Local Government Act 1993 category guidance.

Figure 4 is a map showing the categorisation of the land.

Figure 4 - Community Land Categories





Figure 5 - Warrena Weir Land Categorisation Map

A.4

Relevant legislation, policies + procedures

A.4.1 Overview

This POM for Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve has been prepared to guide the administration and management of Crown Land Reserve 24511, which is vested in the care and control of Coonamble Shire Council as Community Land and categorized as 'Park'.

Section 35 of the Local Government Act 1993 states community land is required to be used and managed in accordance with the following:

- + The plan of management applying to the land.
- + Any law permitting the use of the land for a specified purpose or otherwise regulating the use of the land.
- + Division 2 of Part 2 of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Act 1993.

This section reviews Commonwealth, State and local government laws that apply to Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve.

A.4.2 Federal Legislation

Native Title Act 1993

All activities on public reserves must address the issue of native title. Native title rights are considered to pre-date official recognition of native title rights, so Native title can be relevant to activities carried out on the land even if no native title claim has been made or registered. To properly address Native title, the Native Title Act 1993 (NT Act) provides the framework for determining Native title claims in Australia. The native title process must be considered for each activity on the land and a native title assessment must be undertaken.

Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve 24511 was reserved from sale in 1896 and has expanded in size of consecutive public notices to form the present-day reserve area of 19.74 hectares. According to Crown Land records, Coonamble Shire Council have continuously managed the reserve since 1907, and there has been no other management of this reserve by any other party.

The site is included in the Barkandji 2015 Native Title Determination, with a determination that non-exclusive Native Title exists. As the Crown Land Manager for a number of Crown Reserves subject to this determination, Council will continue its role as Crown Land Manager and undertake public works without impacting Native Title interests.

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

Part 3 of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999 states that an action which has, will or is likely to have a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance may not be undertaken without prior approval of the Commonwealth Minister for Environment and Heritage, as provided for under the provisions of Part 9 of the EPBC Act. The Act identifies the following as matters of national environmental significance for which Ministerial approval is required:

- + World heritage properties.
- + Wetlands of international significance.
- + Listed threatened species and communities.
- + Listed migratory species protected under international agreements.
- + National Heritage Places.
- + Protection of the environment from nuclear actions.
- + Commonwealth Marine environments.

All activities shown in the POM for the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve have been considered against the EPBC Act Significant Impact Guidelines 1.1 - Matters of National Environmental Significance. The conclusions of these considerations confirms the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve does not comprise an area of world or national environmental significance. An assessment of the flora and fauna impacts concludes no aspects of the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve POM will likely have a significant impact on threatened, critically endangered, endangered or vulnerable species and ecological communities.



A.4.3 NSW Legislation

Local Government Act 1993

Under section 36(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act) Plans of Management must be prepared for all community land. The minimum requirements for a Plan of Management are set out under section 36(3) of the LG Act. A Plan of Management must identify the following:

- + Category of the land.
- + Objectives and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land.
- + The means by which Council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plans objectives and performance targets.

Section 36(3A) specifies that a Plan of Management for a specific area must also describe the condition of the land as at the adoption of the plan, including a description of buildings (condition and use) and the purposes for which the land will be allowed to be used (scale and intensity of use).

This Plan of Management for Warrena Weir has been prepared in accordance with the LG Act, including the application of approved land categories, condition assessments of parkland assets, Master-planning of the park to guide its future development and performance modelling under Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.

Crown Land Management Act 2016

The Crown Land Management Act 2016 (CLM Act) commenced on 1 July 2018, consolidating eight pieces of legislation into one Act.

The CLM Act introduced significant changes to the management of Crown land by Local Government Authorities. Councils are now required to manage their dedicated or reserved land as if it were public land under the LG Act. Section 3.23(6) of the CLM Act requires Council Crown Land Managers to adopt a Plan of Management for any Crown reserve for which it is appointed Crown Land Manager. Division 3.6 of the CLM Act deals with the requirements that Council must meet in relation to Plans of Management. The CLM Act also provides a transition period to have these plans in place. This Plan of Management for Warrena Weir has been prepared in accordance with the CLM Act.

Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983

In NSW, Aboriginal Land Rights sits alongside native title and allows Aboriginal Land Council's to claim 'claimable' Crown land. Generally, the Aboriginal Land Rights Act is directed at allowing Land Council's to claim Crown land that is unlawfully used or occupied. Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve has been under the care and control of Coonamble Shire Council since 1907 when the Council was appointed the Trustee of the reserve.

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) forms the legal and policy platform for development assessment and approvals process in NSW. The objects of the EP&A Act are:

- a. to promote the social and economic welfare of the community and a better environment by the proper management, development and conservation of the State's natural and other resources,

- b. to facilitate ecologically sustainable development by integrating relevant economic, environmental and social considerations in decision-making about environmental planning and assessment,
- c. to promote the orderly and economic use and development of land,
- d. to promote the delivery and maintenance of affordable housing,
- e. to protect the environment, including the conservation of threatened and other species of native animals and plants, ecological communities and their habitats,
- f. to promote the sustainable management of built and cultural heritage (including Aboriginal cultural heritage),
- g. to promote good design and amenity of the built environment,
- h. to promote the proper construction and maintenance of buildings, including the protection of the health and safety of their occupants,
- i. to promote the sharing of the responsibility for environmental planning and assessment between the different levels of government in the State,
- j. to provide increased opportunity for community participation in environmental planning and assessment.

All activities shown in the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve POM have been considered in accordance with the objectives of the EP&A Act. Any new works requiring consent under the EP&A Act will be properly assessed against the requirements of the Act.

Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

The Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act) outlines the framework for assessment and approval of biodiversity impacts associated with developments that require consent under the EP&A Act. All activities shown in the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve POM have been against Part 7 of the BC Act, and there are no activities proposed in the POM that would likely significantly affect threatened species. The POM does not specifically propose any removal of native vegetation, as defined under the LLS Act that requires assessment under the BC Act.

Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997

The Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (POEO Act) regulates air, noise, land and water pollution. The Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve does not operate under an Environment Protection Licence (EPL) and Coonamble Shire Council is the Appropriate Regulatory Authority (ARA) for general pollution control matters in the Coonamble LGA.

The nature and scale of activities at the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve do not fall under the threshold triggers that would require licensing by EPA under the POEO Act.

Contaminated Land Management Act 1997

Coonamble Shire Council is required to notify the EPA if contamination is discovered that presents a significant risk of harm. Guidelines on the Duty to Report Contamination under the Contaminated Land Management Act 1997 are available on the EPA website. EPA notification has never been an issue at Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve. Coonamble Shire Council intend to continue to manage the reserve in a manner that does not require intervention by EPA under the Contaminated Land Management Act 1997.



Water Management Act 2000

The aim of the NSW Water Management Act 2000 (WM Act) is the sustainable and integrated management of the State's water for the benefit of both present and future generations.

Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve requires only limited supplies of water for landscaping, toilets and drinking water purposes. An approval under the WM Act is not required to be obtained for continued / future operations at Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve in accordance with the WM Act.

Biosecurity Act 2015

The NSW Biosecurity Act 2015 (Biosecurity Act) outlines mandatory measures that persons are to take with respect to biosecurity matters including the management of weeds (Part 2, Division 8 including Weeds of National Significance (WoNS)).

Under the Biosecurity Act, the responsibilities for weed management by public and private landholders are consistent, reflecting that weed management is a shared community responsibility. The Biosecurity Act is administered by NSW Department of Primary Industries, which determines the weed species covered by regulatory tools including Prohibited Matters, Control Orders and Biosecurity Zones.

Coonamble Shire Council is the Local Control Authority responsible for enforcing weed legislation. Weed management has been included in Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve POM, consistent with current legislation and guidelines. Council staff are available to implement weed control measures to prevent the spread and occurrence of noxious weeds at the reserve.

Noxious Weeds Act 2003

The NSW Noxious Weeds Act 2003 provides for the identification and control of noxious weeds and specifies the duties of public and private landholders to control noxious weeds. The Act stipulates that an occupier of land must take steps to control noxious weeds on their land. Appropriate methods for controlling noxious weed species are defined under the control category or categories for particular species of weeds.

Coonamble Shire Council is the Local Control Authority responsible for enforcing weed legislation. Weed management has been included in the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve POM, consistent with current legislation and guidelines. Council staff are available to implement weed control measures to prevent the spread and occurrence of noxious weeds at the reserve.

Local Land Services Act 2013

The NSW Local Land Services Act 2013 (LLS Act) includes the management of natural resources in the consideration of the principles of Ecological Sustainable Development (ESD).

Vegetation clearing provisions are considered under Part 5A of the LLS Act. The LLS Act regulates the clearing of native vegetation on all land in NSW mapped as Category 2 – Regulated Land as mapped on the Native Vegetation Regulatory Map. It does not include Excluded Land and Category 1 Exempt Land mapped on the Native Vegetation Regulatory Map. The Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve POM does not specifically propose any removal of native vegetation, as defined under the LLS Act.

Fisheries Management Act 1994

Under the NSW Fisheries Management Act 1994 (FMA Act) the Minister for Primary Industries is required to be consulted over any dredging or reclamation works carried out, or proposed to be authorised, by a public authority. The Department of Primary Industries must also be consulted regarding any activity that will result in the temporary or permanent blockage of fish passage within a waterway and a permit may be required for these activities. The FMA Act (through Fish Habitat Protection Plan No. 1) also requires notifying the Minister for Primary Industries of any proposal to remove or relocate snags, in particular fallen trees or rocks. The Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve POM does not specifically propose any specific works on or near a waterway.

Work Health and Safety Act 2011

The management and handling of hazardous substances and dangerous goods in NSW is controlled under the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 and the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011. There are also Hazardous and Offensive Development Application Guidelines published by the Department of Planning and Environment that apply. An approval under this legislation and policy framework is not required to be obtained.

Roads Act 1993

Under Section 138 of the NSW Roads Act 1993 a person must not 'erect a structure or carry out a work in, on or over a public road, or dig up or disturb the surface of a public road' otherwise than with the consent of the appropriate roads authority. Coonamble Shire Council is the relevant authority for works on roads surrounding the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve and will issue appropriate authorisations for any required road works.

Rural Fires Act 1997

A permit must be obtained for any open burning of cleared vegetation where required. No open burning will be allowed within Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve.

Companion Animals Act 1998

The Companion Animals Act 1998 provides for the identification, registration and control of companion animals (cats and dogs) and the duties and responsibilities of their owners for the purposes of the Act. Coonamble Shire Council is responsible for administering the Act in its local government area. Signage and the provision of adequate facilities to support companion animal owners in the park are important features of the administration / management of the reserve.



A.5

Existing development and use

The use and management of Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve is currently regulated by the Coonamble Shire Council without the benefit of a Plan of Management.

Coonamble Shire Council proposes to adopt a Plan of Management (this draft document). Once adopted by Council, the use and management of Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve is to be regulated by this Plan of Management.

Coonamble Shire Council's ongoing commitment to the development and maintenance of Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve depends on financial resources and forward planning. The maintenance of existing assets and services within the reserve, as detailed in this Plan of Management, are generally able to be delivered within Council's annual Operational Plan and Budget. Council may seek to obtain funding from other sources to assist in delivering capital works projects, including large scale maintenance, wherever this is practical and fiscally responsible to do so.

A.5.1 Existing site conditions

A site analysis plan has been undertaken for the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve. It is based off Council GIS data and site analysis of the main activity areas, pedestrian movement pathways, constraints and other opportunities.

A series of maps have been developed to show the locations of relevant site features and conditions at the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve, including:

- + General location and spatial relationship to the adjoining urban area of Coonamble Township.
- + Location and description of vegetation and biodiversity resources.
- + Location and description of buildings and structures.
- + Location and classification of roads and access, both within and adjoining the Crown Reserve.
- + Location and description of recreation areas and facilities.

The maps are shown in Figures 5 to 10.



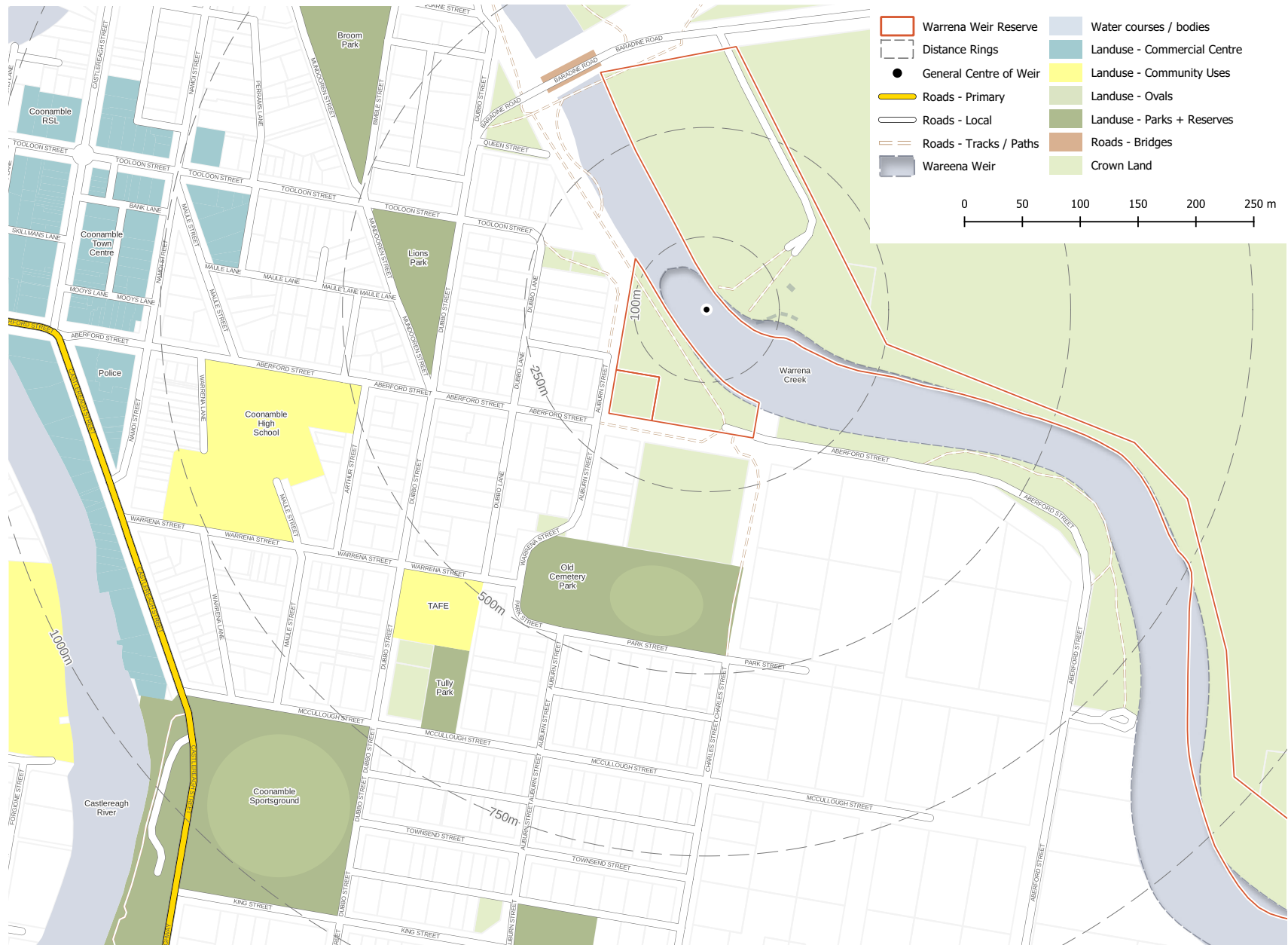
General location

The Warrena Weir is located on the eastern edge of the Coonamble Township and acts as a dam controlling the level of surface water in the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve. The site is relatively flat and drains in a westerly direction.

The proximity of the Warrena Weir to the Coonamble Township means that the land is highly accessible to the general population.

Figure 5 shows the general location of the Warrena Weir in relation to key land-use activities within Coonamble Township including commercial, community and recreation uses as well as land that is also under Crown Land ownership.

Figure 5 - Warrena Weir - Location & Site Context Map





Vegetation and Biodiversity Resources

The site analysis shows the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve forms part of a larger riparian corridor associated with the Warrena Creek. The area contains pockets of important native vegetation and biodiversity resources. Most of the vegetation can be categorised as native riparian vegetation which are important to environmental functions within the reserve area.

Figure 6 shows the general locations of this vegetation, focused on the northern area of the reserve where primary reserve access and use occurs.

Figure 6 - Vegetation and Biodiversity Resources Map





Buildings and Structures

There are a number of existing buildings and structures located within the Warrena Reserve. These buildings are located wholly within the property boundary to Lot 94 DP 44844 and include:

- + A single amenities building (and associated rainwater collection tank).
- + Four separate free standing, open sided picnic shelters.
- + Fencing installations, including a gate located at southern end of reserve access road.
- + Boat ramp.

This infrastructure compliments the continued use of the reserve as a public recreation facility. Public use of these facilities is currently controlled by locked gates.

Figure 7 shows the general locations of structures.

Image Source: Coonamble Aquatic Club Facebook



Figure 7 - Warrena Weir - Roads and Access Map





Road and Access

The proximity of the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve to the north-eastern edge of the Coonamble Township makes it highly accessible to the local community by road and / or pedestrian paths.

Primary road access to the reserve is gained via an existing sealed road off Baradine Road, which is part of the local road network owned and maintained by Coonamble Shire Council.

At present, access to the boat ramp is controlled by a gate that is locked at the entrance to the Warrena Weir Aquatic Centre.

There are a number of informal tracks-in-use which also provide uncontrolled vehicle and pedestrian access to the western edge of the reserve.

Figure 8 shows the general access arrangements to the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve under existing conditions.

Figure 8 - Roads and Access Map



Image Source: Coonamble Aquatic Club Facebook





Recreation Areas and Facilities

Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve comprises a large area of parkland that is used generally for outdoor recreational activities, including water skiing, swimming, fishing, walking, cycling, bird watching and the like.

Boating and skiing are the primary active recreation uses within the reserve area. These uses commence from the boat ramp located within Lot 94 DP 44844.

The Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve is also used for swimming by local residents and this is primarily occurring within the northern parts of the waterway closer to the physical weir location where access is proximal to Coonamble Township.

Figure 9 shows the general location of recreation areas and facilities within the reserve.

Figure 9 - Warrena Weir - Recreation Areas and Facilities



Image Source: Coonamble Aquatic Club Facebook





Cultural Heritage

There are no known indigenous heritage sites located on the site or within close proximity of the site.

There is a likelihood of Aboriginal cultural heritage and non-Aboriginal heritage sites / artefacts along the riparian corridor north-east of Coonamble Township, including land within the Warrena Wier Recreation Reserve.

Prior to the adoption of the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve POM it is recommended that a heritage study be undertaken.

Figure 10 shows the general location of the riparian corridor which should be investigated for cultural heritage importance.

Figure 10 - Cultural Heritage





A.5.2 Existing Building Asset Condition

The use and management of Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve is currently regulated by the Coonamble Shire Council without the benefit of a Plan of Management.

Coonamble Shire Council proposes to adopt a Plan of Management (this draft document). Once adopted by Council, the use and management of Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve is to be regulated by this Plan of Management.

Coonamble Shire Council's ongoing commitment to the development and maintenance of Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve depends on financial resources and forward planning. The maintenance of existing assets and services within the reserve, as detailed in this Plan of Management, are generally able to be delivered within Council's annual Operational Plan and Budget. Council may seek to obtain funding from other sources to assist in delivering capital works projects, including large scale maintenance, wherever this is practical and fiscally responsible to do so.

Table 1 - Warrena Weir Building Condition Rating Index

	New	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	
Building Description	Condition Rating					Category Listing / Comment
Amenities building – masonry walls with corrugate ion roof.			X			The building is occupied by the Coonamble Aquatic Club and is used for meetings, social activities and small events.
Shade shelters - Open sided steel structures with concrete peer foundations and corrugated iron roofing.		X				Park asset. Structurally sound steel construction.
Boat ramp – concrete slab.			X			Park asset. Structurally sound concrete foundation.
Gates - steel construction with concrete peer foundations			X			Park asset. Structurally sound steel construction.



A.5.3 Heritage Assets

A.5.3.1 Indigenous Significance

The Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve is not declared as having Aboriginal significance under section 84 of the National Park and Wildlife Act 1974. There are no Aboriginal sites / artefacts currently identified on the site.

Coonamble Shire Council intends to develop an Aboriginal heritage study of the Warrena Creek riparian corridor in close proximity to Coonamble Township, including Tin Town and the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve.

The Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve Masterplan has been developed as an interim strategy to assist with the management of riparian land east of the historic weir structure. Minor maintenance and construction works are intended to be undertaken with caution. If sub-surface or other Aboriginal heritage items are ever uncovered during the maintenance or construction works, all works in the vicinity of the find must cease and an archaeologist contacted immediately.

A.5.3.2 Non-indigenous Significance

There are no sites within the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve that are listed as a heritage item under Coonamble Local Environmental Plan 2011. The Warrena Weir may have local heritage significance, given its connections to heritage theme – Building Settlements, towns and cities.

A heritage study is proposed to be developed for the Warrena Creek riparian corridor in close proximity to Coonamble Township, including the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve.

The Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve Masterplan has been developed as an interim strategy to assist with the management of riparian land east of the historic weir structure. Minor maintenance and construction works are intended to be undertaken with advice from a suitably qualified heritage advisor.

A.5.4 Flora and Fauna Conditions

Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve is not land reserved under the NPW Act and does not affect land or development regulated by a State Environmental Planning Policy that aims to protect ecosystems.

The dominant vegetation community found at Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve and surrounds contains a high proportion of native vegetation.

A preliminary assessment of the likelihood of the proposed activities causing a significant impact on Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) has been carried out in accordance with the EPBC Act. The preliminary assessment also takes into account potential environmental constraints, including threatened flora and fauna species, populations and ecological communities listed under the BC Act. It is assessed the proposed activities in the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve POM and Masterplan do not have any significant effects on:

- + Areas of Outstanding Biodiversity Value (AOBV).
- + Critical habitat' as defined by the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act), and the
- + Fisheries Management Act 1994 (FM Act).
- + Species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats (as listed under the BC Act and FM Act).
- + Other protected fauna or protected native plants listed under the NPW Act.

Consequently, a Species Impact Statement and Referral to the Minister is not required.



A.5.5 Other special site features

There are no other special site features that need to be considered in the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve Plan of Management.



A.6

Proposed development and use

A.6.1 Overview

The management of Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve is currently vested with Coonamble Shire Council without the benefit of a Plan of Management. Crown land records show no management of this reserve by any other party.

Coonamble Shire Council proposes to adopt a Plan of Management (this draft document). Once adopted by Council, the use and management of Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve is to be regulated by this Plan of Management.

Council is willing to work with existing and potential users to expand the usage of Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve and this Plan of Management will provide an operational and strategic framework to effectively take advantage of those opportunities.

A.6.2 Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve Objectives

Council's strategic planning objectives for Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve are as follows:

- + To ensure a strategic approach to the use, improvement and maintenance of Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve through the implementation of the Warrena Weir Masterplan.
- + To ensure the continued use of passive recreation at the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve, including fishing, boating, swimming, walking and cycling activities.
- + To ensure the continued use and operation of the Warrena Weir Aquatic Centre for community events and / or services that help to support the recreation and social needs of the Coonamble community.
- + To provide high quality and accessible open spaces within the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve, including new / upgraded toilets, car park and picnic facilities.
- + To provide support infrastructure for public recreation activities, including new equipment storage shed new / upgraded footpaths, irrigation, CCTV and signage within the park.
- + To prevent land degradation and to minimise physical disturbance to the land.

- + To support the conservation and interpretation of heritage values of the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve.
- + To protect significant trees and other important landscape features in the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve.
- + To allow for temporary uses for private functions, provided that Council is satisfied that the temporary use does not significantly affect the permanent use of the land.

A.6.3 Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve Masterplan

A Masterplan for Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve has been prepared by Coonamble Shire Council as part of this Plan of Management. In developing the Masterplan for the proposed upgrades to Warrena Weir, the following aspects were considered:

- + Safety.
- + Stakeholders.
- + Active spaces of the park.
- + All weather vehicular access.
- + Heritage buildings / items.
- + Re-use of existing infrastructure.
- + Efficiency and flexibility.
- + Low maintenance.
- + Nearby land-uses.
- + Environmental performance.

The Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve Masterplan is provided in Figure 8.

The Masterplan provides a comprehensive site development plan and a landscape management plan to ensure a strategic approach to the development of Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve.



Figure 11 - Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve Master Plan

The Masterplan also shows the layout of the proposed facilities, including upgrades to public toilets, car park and pathways. Any works proposed in the Masterplan are subject to the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and other legislation.

Key features of the site layout plan are:

- + Public use of the reserve during daylight hours only.
- + Public access to the reserve is to be maintained via the existing access from Baradine Road.
- + Installation of a new gated entrance to the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve, controlled by Coonamble Shire Council staff.
- + Installation of a new boom rope with floats that can be used to physically separate water skiing and swimming activities.
- + Installation of new warning, wayfinding and interpretation signage.
- + Widening of internal access road to form a new car park at the Warrena Weir Aquatic Centre.
- + Refurbishment of amenities building at the Warrena Weir Aquatic Centre.
- + Construction of a small council equipment storage shed (approximate dimensions 6 metres long x 6 metres wide x 3.5 metres high).
- + Installation of new shared paths linking attractions at Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve to existing active transport network in Coonamble Township.
- + Installation of security lighting, CCTV and other security measures at Warrena Weir Aquatic Centre.
- + No removal of significant mature trees or native vegetation is required.
- + No large excavations or earthmoving operations are required.





A.6.4 Permitted use and future use

Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve will be used in the future for park use, with public right of access to all outdoor areas.

Council will issue a new lease to the Coonamble Aquatic Club to ensure their operations are in accordance with this Plan of Management.

Council will permit the erection of buildings and other structures in accordance with the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve Masterplan and as permitted under relevant environmental planning instruments applying to the land.

A.6.5 Additional Matters

It is intended that leases will be granted / maintained for the use of the amenities and storage buildings by the Coonamble Aquatic Club.

There are no other matters that are particularly relevant to the use of Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve. All activities being carried out in the Park are confined within the boundaries of the site.



A.7

Plan of Management Overview

Strategic Planning Framework

The Draft Plan of Management for Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve forms part of Coonamble Shire Council's strategic planning framework for the provision of quality open spaces and community facilities within budgetary constraints. The Plan of Management will be referenced by Council in making important decisions on the day-to-day management of the park as well as new developments within the park, licence and leasing arrangements and to monitor and review performance.

Reclassification

At this stage it is not envisaged that the land categories will change from their current categorisation of 'park'. In the event that a reclassification of the land is required, Council will undertake a review of the Plan of Management in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Government Act 1993.

Review of this plan

Coonamble Shire Council's ongoing commitment to the development and maintenance of Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve depends on financial resources and forward planning. The maintenance of existing assets and services within the park, as detailed in this Plan, are currently able to be delivered within Council's annual Operational Plans and Budgets. Some capital works may be subject to external funding and longer time frames.

Council will undertake a review of this Plan as part of its Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. The first review of this Plan of Management should take place in the 2024/25 Financial Year, to coincide with Council's 2025 Delivery Program.

Community Consultation

Consultation with the community is an important part of the preparation of this Plan of Management. Consultation gives Council a better understanding of the range of local issues affecting the use and enjoyment of the land to which this Plan of Management applies and gives all sectors of the community the chance to have an input into the direction of policy development being undertaken by Council.

All stakeholders are given the opportunity to express their opinions and provide relevant information in relation to the planned management of the land, however, as the land is Crown land, final approval for the Plan of Management rests with the Minister administering the Crown Lands Management Act 2016 as owner of the land.

Council is required to submit the Draft Plan of Management to the relevant Crown Land authority, as the representative of the owner of the land under Section 39 of the Local Government Act 1993. Approval of the land categories for Warrena Weir has already been granted by the Department, which has allowed the development of this Draft Plan of Management.

Council intends to place the Draft Plan of Management for Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve on public exhibition for a period not less than 28 days for comment. If after public consultation there is no change to categorisation and no additional purpose needs to be added to the reserve, no additional ministerial consent is required, and Council will proceed to adopt the Plan of Management for Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve.

If there is a proposed change to the categorisation of the land following public consultation the Plan of Management must again be referred to the Minister Administering the Crown Lands Act 2016 for further evaluation.

Leases, Licences and other estates

Leases, Licences and other estates formalise the use of community land by groups such as sporting clubs and non-profit organisations, or by commercial organisations and individuals providing facilities and services for public use. Occupation of the land other than by lease or licence or other estate or for a permitted purpose listed in the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 is prohibited.

The terms of the authorisation for a lease licence or other estate should include Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1994 and should include advice that the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. The authorisation should ensure the proper management and maintenance of the land and the interests of Council and the public are protected. A lease is normally issued where exclusive control of all or part of an area by a user is proposed. In all other instances a licence or short term licence or hire agreement will be issued.

Activities must be compatible with the zoning and reservation purpose of the land and provide benefits and services for facilities to the users of the land.

This Plan of Management expressly authorises the issue of Leases, Licences and other Estates over the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve, provided that:

- + The purpose is consistent with the core objectives for the category of the land.
- + The lease, licence or other estate is for a permitted purpose listed in the Local Government Act 1993 or the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021.
- + The lease, licence or other estate is for a permitted use listed under the relevant Environmental Planning Instrument applying to the land / development.
- + The land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.
- + The issue of the lease, licence or other estate and the provisions of the lease, licence or other estate can be validated by the provisions of the Native Title Act 1993.
- + The lease, licence or other estate is granted and notified in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 or the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021.
- + The issue of the lease, licence or other estate will not materially harm the use of the land for any of the purposes for which it was dedicated or reserved.

Areas held under lease, license or regular occupancy shall be maintained by the user. The user will be responsible for maintenance and outgoings as defined in the lease or license or agreement for use.



PART B

POM Administration



B.1

POM administration

B.1.1 Overview

A wide variety of management and administrative matters will be presented to Coonamble Shire Council in the day-to-day management of Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve. This section documents Council's general approach to administering the Draft Plan of Management for Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve.

B.1.2 Administration

Administrative issues have an important influence on the way in which the land is managed. Key focusing issues are presented below:

Staff Resources

Council shall seek to provide adequate staff resources for the management of the land in accordance with this Plan of Management. Staff shall have appropriate qualifications and/or experience.

Environmental Assessment of Activities

The environmental impact of activities carried out on the land will be assessed having regard to the requirements under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Role of Other Authorities

Other government authorities may have responsibilities or involvement in the management of the land or of immediately adjacent land. This will be taken into account and, where appropriate, consultation will take place with relevant authorities.

Activities Carried Out by Other Authorities

Other government authorities may have responsibilities or involvement in the management of the land or of immediately adjacent land. This will be taken into account and, where appropriate, consultation will take place with relevant authorities.

Principles for the development on adjoining land

Council's development control practices aim to minimize the impacts upon adjoining land parcels. Council will consider the impacts of activities carried out on the reserve on adjoining land.

Community Involvement in Management

Where appropriate Council may undertake community consultation subsequent to the making of this Plan of Management and may give community groups a role in management.

Contract and Volunteer Labour

In managing the land Council may use contract and volunteer labour but shall ensure that supervisors have appropriate qualifications and/or experience and are made aware of the requirements of this plan.

Delegation of Management Responsibilities

Where management responsibilities are delegated by the Council a requirement of the delegation shall be that the provisions of this Plan of Management are complied with.

Easements

The Council may grant easements for the provision of services over, or on the land provided that a Native Title assessment has been carried out by Council's Native Title Manager, the land is not subject to a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 and the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Crown Land Management Act 2016 have been complied with.

Existing Assets

Existing assets on the land shall be identified and measures taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. Council may make arrangement for community groups and users to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on Council's behalf.

Public Liability

Council will maintain public liability insurance for the land. All users of the land will be required to take out public liability insurance for a sum of not less than \$20m.

Commercial Activities

Commercial activities may be carried out on the land, provided that the activity is ancillary to the purpose of the land or for a purpose authorised under this Plan of Management. Any commercial activity is subject to prior Council consent.



Emergencies

This Plan of Management authorises necessary activities to be carried out during declared emergencies as may be decided by the General Manager or delegate. Following carrying out of any activities, periodic monitoring will be undertaken, and rehabilitation works undertaken if necessary.

Land Proposed for Future Development

Land proposed in any of Council's plans for future development for a specific purpose may be utilized for other purposes on an interim basis until required for that purpose.

Undeveloped Land

Land to which this Plan of Management applies that is undeveloped and unused for the purpose of the land may upon assessment be used for any activity that does not prevent or inhibit future use for the purpose of the land, including tree planting and mowing.

Information Monitoring and Research

Monitoring and collection of information relating to the land to which the Plan of Management applies are important to enable good management. Where a demonstrated need has been identified, an educational programme shall be developed to encourage use appropriate to the purpose to all or part of the land to which this Plan of Management applies. Management arrangements shall be implemented to regularly monitor the use of the land, environmental conditions and facilities. Surveys of visitation and / or satisfaction with the facilities may be undertaken to facilitate the management and use of the land.

B.1.3 Management Guidelines

Based on legislative and corporate goals, as well as community needs and expectations, the following Management Guidelines have been identified. The Guidelines apply to all areas and categories of Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve unless otherwise identified.

Alcohol

Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve is signposted as an alcohol free zone in accordance with Section 632 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Companion Animals

Companion Animals as defined under the Companions Animals Act 1998 may use Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve where authorised by signage, provided they are under the effective control by a competent person at all times. People wishing to bring pets or animals (other than cats and dogs) onto Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve must seek Council permission.

Dogs must be on a leash within the park areas of Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve. It is a requirement of the Companions Animals Act 1998 that dogs must be under effective control by a competent person. The competent person in charge of a dog must observe the following distances from other facilities in the park:

- + Set aside for the playing of organised games, or
- + 10 metres of a children's playing apparatus, or
- + 10 metres of cooking or eating facilities.

Dog clubs are required to seek Council permission to conduct dog obedience and training activities on all community land.

Parking

Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve attracts numerous user groups / individuals and car parking is required to be provided within the reserve. It is intended to improve car parking at the Warrena Weir Aquatic Centre.

Buildings and Amenities

Existing building assets at Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve are listed in Table 1. It is not intended to demolish any existing buildings located in Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve. Existing building assets are intended to be maintained to a good standard, as per the Building Condition Rating Index in Table 1.

The following new building upgrades are proposed:

- + Refurbishment of existing amenities building and toilet facilities (approximate dimensions 10 metres long x 7 metres wide x 4.5 metres high).
- + Maintenance equipment storage shed (approximate dimensions 6 metres long x 6 metres wide x 3.5 metres high) will be constructed near the car park.
- + Installation of lighting, CCTV and other security measures at Warrena Weir Aquatic Centre.

A Native Title assessment has been carried out by Council's Native Title Manager. The site is included in the Barkandji 2015 Native Title Determination, with a determination that non-exclusive Native Title exists. A search of the Aboriginal Land Claims register has been conducted and Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve is not subject to any undetermined Aboriginal Land Claims. As the Crown Land Manager for a number of Crown Reserves subject to the Barkandji 2015 Native Title Determination, it is Council's understanding that it is able to maintain and undertake new building works in support of its ongoing management of the parkland without impacting Native Title interests.

Infrastructure

Existing infrastructure assets at Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve have been identified and described in this plan. It is not intended to disconnect any of the existing utility services currently connected to the park. Existing infrastructure assets are intended to be maintained to the levels of service.

The following new infrastructure upgrades are proposed:

- + Installation of gated entrance is to be installed at the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve, controlled by Coonamble Shire Council staff.
- + Installation of a new boom rope with floats that can be used to physically separate water skiing and swimming activities, controlled by Coonamble Shire Council.
- + Installation of new way finding and interpretation signage.
- + Widening of internal access road to form a new car park at the Warrena Weir Aquatic Centre.
- + Installation of new shared paths linking attractions at Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve to existing active transport network in Coonamble Township.

General Maintenance

General maintenance will match the level and type of use by Council staff. Areas held under lease, licence or regular occupancy shall be maintained by the user where appropriate. Council may make arrangements for community groups to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on Council's behalf.



Access

This Plan of Management seeks to facilitate access to the land to enable its use for the purposes of park use.

Development Activities

Development activities shall be properly assessed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to ensure all necessary approvals are obtained, and to comply with any requirements of such approvals.

During any construction phase, all work involving the use of electric or pneumatic tools or other noisy operations shall be carried out only between 7am and 6pm on weekdays and 8am and 1pm on Saturdays. No work on Sundays or Public Holidays is permitted.

Pollution Control

Coonamble Shire Council is the Appropriate Regulatory Authority (ARA) for general pollution control matters in the Coonamble LGA as regulated under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (POEO Act). The nature and scale of park activities proposed under the Plan of Management falls under the threshold triggers that would require licensing by EPA under the POEO Act.

Coonamble Shire Council is required to notify the EPA if contamination is discovered that presents a significant risk of harm. Guidelines on the Duty to Report Contamination under the NSW Contaminated Land Management Act 1997 are available on the EPA website. EPA notification is not required to be obtained for the proposed activities at the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve.

No hazardous goods will be stored at Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve. Waste bins are to be established in the park. All litter is to be collected in suitable receptacles and disposed of appropriately.

Additional waste receptacles can be provided during any construction phase. The re-fuelling of plant and equipment will not occur on-site. Vehicle wash-down is not to occur on-site.

Public Safety

Reasonable measures will be taken by Coonamble Shire Council to ensure and maintain the public safety of persons using the land.

During any construction phase, adequate warning signage and safety fencing shall be installed around any work site where Council assesses a risk to worker / public safety. Machinery will be required to arrive on site in a clean and well-maintained condition. Any construction site is to be left safe, clean and tidy at the end of each workday.

Neighbour Notification

Council shall consult with adjoining landowners in respect of the development of new Plans of Management for community land.

Trees Vegetation and Landscape

Trees will be maintained, as will maintenance of appropriate growing conditions involving management of soil compaction and other encroachments, in accordance with Council's Tree Management Policy. Heavy vehicles are not to be parked under tree drip lines / leaf canopy to avoid compaction of soil, which is damaging to mature native trees and can cause dieback or tree mortality.

During any construction phase, Council's representative will identify and appropriately mark out any trees to be retained and protected in accordance with AS 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites.

Weed Control

Weed control shall be by both taking preventative measures and active control measures. Prevention of weed infestation shall be by minimising actions that disturb the ground surface and discouraging the conditions that encourage weeds.

Measures shall be taken to prevent the dispersion of weeds by fill or the transport of seeds on machinery. All machinery and vehicles entering Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve (other than at the designated car park) are to be clean and inspected prior to arriving on-site to reduce the spread of weeds and disease.



PART C

Management Framework



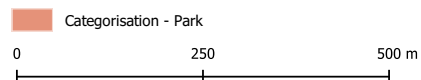
Figure 12 - Warrena Weir Land Category Map

C.1

Management Framework 'Park' Categorisation

C.1.1 Overview

Warrena Weir is categorized as 'Park' as shown in Figure 12. This section provides a more detailed examination of the management of the parkland.





C.1.2 Core objectives for parkland

Sections 36G of the Local Government Act 1993 specifies the core objectives for the management of community land categorized as 'park'. These core objectives are repeated below:

- a. to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities, and
- a. to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and
- a. to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.

Council's specific objectives for Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve are as follows:

- + To ensure a strategic approach to the use, improvement and maintenance of Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve through the implementation of the Warrena Weir Masterplan.
- + To support the continued operation of the Warrena Wier Aquatic Centre that help to support the social and recreational needs of the Coonamble Shire community.
- + To provide high quality and accessible open spaces within the Warrena Wier Recreation Reserve, including new / upgraded playground, toilets, car park and picnic facilities.
- + To provide support infrastructure for parkland activities, including new / upgraded footpaths, irrigation, parking, CCTV and signage within the park.
- + To allow for temporary uses, provided that Council is satisfied that the temporary use does not significantly affect the permanent use of the land.

- + To enhance biodiversity at the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve and within the wider riparian spaces of Warrena Creek, north and east of Coonamble Township.
- + To introduce water safety measures, including controls separating boating and water-skiing activities, swimming, fishing and other such activities.
- + To support the conservation and interpretation of heritage values of the reserve.
- + To manage / minimise potential for flooding, bushfire, weeds, feral animals and other activities that might cause land degradation and / or physical disturbance.
- + To protect and enhance significant trees and other important landscape features in the park.



C.1.3 General administration guidelines for Parkland

A wide variety of administrative matters will be presented to Coonamble Shire Council in the day-to-day management of parkland uses within Warrena Weir Recreation Area.

Table 3 documents Council's standard response to regular administration matters.

Table 3 - Administration Guidelines for Parkland

Key Focus Area	Management Control
Staff resources	Council shall seek to provide adequate staff resources for the management of the land in accordance with this Plan of Management. Staff shall have appropriate qualifications and / or experience.
Environmental assessment of activities	The environmental impact of activities carried out on the land will be assessed having regard to the requirements under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
On-site underground irrigation	Other government authorities may have responsibilities or involvement in the management of the land or of immediately adjacent land. This will be taken into account and, where appropriate, consultation will take place with relevant authorities.
Role of Other Authorities	Other government authorities may have responsibilities or involvement in the management of the land or of immediately adjacent land. This will be taken into account and, where appropriate, consultation will take place with relevant authorities.
Activities Carried Out by Other Authorities	Where activities are carried out on the land by other authorities, Council will make the authorities aware of the provisions of this Plan of Management and will seek to ensure that any activities are compatible with the objectives and guidelines of this Plan of Management.
Community Involvement in Management	Where appropriate Council may undertake community consultation subsequent to the making of this Plan of Management and may give community groups a role in management.
Contract and Volunteer Labour	In managing the land Council may use contract and volunteer labour but shall ensure that supervisors have appropriate.
Delegation of Management Responsibilities	Where management responsibilities are delegated by the Council a requirement of the delegation shall be that the provisions of this Plan of Management are complied with.
Easements	The Council may grant easements for the provision of services over, or on the land provided that the land is not subject to Aboriginal Land Claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 and a Native Title assessment has been carried out by Council's Native Title Manager. The provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Crown Land Management Act 2016 must be complied with.
Existing Assets	Existing assets on the land shall be identified and measures taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. Council may make arrangement for community groups and users to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on Council's behalf.
Public Liability	Council will maintain public liability insurance for the land. All users of the land will be required to take out public liability insurance for a sum of not less than \$20m.
Public Safety	Reasonable measures will be taken by Council to ensure and maintain the public safety of persons using the land.



Table 3 - Administration Guidelines for Parkland (cont.)

Key Focus Area	Management Control
Commercial Activities	Limited temporary commercial activities may be carried out on the land, provided that such is ancillary of the land for a purpose authorised under this Plan of Management and is subject to prior Council consent.
Emergencies	This Plan of Management authorises any necessary activities to be carried out during declared emergencies as may be decided by the General Manager or delegate. Following carrying out of any activities, periodic monitoring will be undertaken, and rehabilitation works undertaken if necessary.
Occupation by Adjoining Land Owners	Where Council is aware of occupation or encroachment by private landowners onto the land, measure will be taken to prevent this occurring.
Land Proposed for Future Development	Land proposed in any of Council's plans for future development for a specific purpose may be utilized for other purposes on an interim basis until required for that purpose.
Undeveloped Areas	Land to which this Plan of Management applies that is undeveloped and unused for the purpose of the land may upon assessment be used for any activity that does not prevent or inhibit future use for the purpose of the land, including tree planting and mowing.
Information monitoring and Research	Monitoring and collection of information relating to the land to which the Plan of Management applies are important to enable good management.
Education and Research	Where a demonstrated need has been identified, an educational programme shall be developed to encourage use appropriate to the purpose to all or part of the land to which this Plan of Management applies.
Monitoring	Management arrangements shall be implemented to regularly monitor the use of the land, environmental conditions and facilities.
Surveys	Surveys of visitation and/or satisfaction with the facilities may be undertaken to facilitate the management and use of the land.



C.1.4 General Management Guidelines for Parkland

The management policies and guidelines applying to parkland are outlined in this section of the Plan of Management.

Some matters are subject to additional adopted policies and procedures and these are to apply where appropriate.

Table 4 documents Council's specific guidelines for the management of parkland within Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve.

Table 4 - General Management Guidelines for Parkland

Park Management Activity	Management Control
Mowing	Mowing shall be regularly undertaken as required in accordance with any adopted Council procedures manual.
Watering	Watering of the park areas shall be undertaken as required and according to any specific water restrictions.
Cleaning	Buildings and amenities will be regularly cleaned and maintained in a tidy condition in accordance with any adopted Council procedure manual.
Hours of Operation	Council may restrict the hours of operation of any area of the park at its discretion.
Alcohol	Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve is to be maintained as an alcohol free zone in accordance with Section 632 of the Local Government Act 1993.
Pets	Companion Animals, as defined under the Companions Animals Act 1998, are permitted, provided they are under the effective control by a competent person at all times. People wishing to bring pets or animals (other than cats and dogs) onto the park must seek prior written permission of Council.
Use of Playground Equipment	Use of playground equipment is subject to signage displayed by Council.



C.1.5 Development and use of Parkland

The continued use of parkland within Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve will generally be guided by this Plan of Management.

Day-to-day parkland uses will be managed by signage displayed within Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve and directions of authorised officers administering various Acts and procedures. For example, The reserve will be subject to signage displayed within the park and the powers delegated to Council Rangers under the Companion Animals Act 1998. The onsite car park will be subject to signage and the Australian Road Rules. The consumption of alcohol within the park will be prohibited by alcohol Free Zone signage and the powers delegated to Police Officers under the Local Government Act 1993.

Proposed new developments / activities within Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve will generally be guided by the activities shown in the Warrena Weir Masterplan. However, any development / activity permitted under an environmental planning instrument applying to Warrena Weir may be granted approval by Coonamble Shire Council within the parkland. The Coonamble Local Environmental Plan 2011 and State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 are the current applicable environmental planning instruments.

No new development / activities are permitted within Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve without prior written approval from Coonamble Shire Council. All new development / activity proposals must comply with the provisions of relevant legislation.

Table 5 documents Council's specific guidelines for the management of buildings and other structures at Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve.

Table 5 - Management of Buildings and Structures at Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve

Parkland Buildings + Structures	Management Control
Public Buildings	Existing building assets at Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve are to be maintained in good condition, as per the Building Condition Rating Index in Table 1. Council will maintain parkland assets without impacting Native Title interests. Any changes to existing buildings / structures identified as having heritage significance must be approved by Council. Prior to any approval of new buildings, a Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 is to be carried out by Council's Native Title Manager. Proposed new buildings must be generally in accordance with the Warrena Weir Masterplan and subject to the relevant approval(s) being granted, including assessment of Native Title and search of the Aboriginal Land Claims register to confirm the land can be further developed. All building work shall be in accordance with the Building Code of Australia.
Private Buildings	Private buildings may only be constructed where they are shown on the Warrena Weir Masterplan and there is a lease or licence from Council and that lease or licence specifically makes provision for the use or erection of a private building. Prior to any approval for new private buildings, a Native Title assessment and validation under the Native Title Act 1993 is to be carried out by Council's Native Title Manager. Prior to any approval for new buildings, a search of the Aboriginal Land Claims register must be undertaken to confirm that the land is not subject to an Aboriginal Land Claim. If a claim is registered on the land, no new building work can commence until the claim is resolved. No permanent residential occupation of private buildings shall be permitted. All building work shall be in accordance with the Building Code of Australia. Private buildings and the lease areas are to be fully maintained by the user.
Public Toilets and Amenities	New public toilets are proposed generally in accordance with the Warrena Weir Masterplan. All building work shall be in accordance with the Building Code of Australia.
Play Equipment and Recreation Equipment	New playground equipment and a new mini-railway are proposed to be installed in a new location as per the Warrena Weir Masterplan. Play equipment shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the relevant standards and may be replaced or removed as required.



Table 5 - Management of Buildings and Structures at Warrena Weir (continued)

Parkland Buildings + Structures	Management Control
Outdoor Furniture	Outdoor furniture shall be provided as required by Council. Installation of outdoor furniture shall be in accordance with manufacturer’s specifications. Furniture shall be maintained to a good standard
Removal of Buildings	Buildings or utilities that are no longer required may be demolished / removed by Council, and subject to the relevant approval(s) being granted. The land is to be rehabilitated following demolition / removal of any buildings or structures.



C.1.6 Provision of Infrastructure and Services in Parkland

The continued investment in parkland infrastructure and public facilities that support the approved uses within Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve will generally be guided by the Plan of Management for Warrena Weir as well as the procedures documented by respective service authorities.

No new infrastructure or public facilities are permitted within Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve without prior written approval from Coonamble Shire Council.

All new infrastructure / public facility projects must comply with the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Local Government Act 1993, Crown Land Management Act 2016 and the Native Title Act 1993.

Table 6 documents Council's specific guidelines for the management of existing and proposed new infrastructure and services in Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve:

Table 6 - Guidelines for the management of existing and proposed new infrastructure and services at Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve

Park Infrastructure	Management Control
Infrastructure (generally)	Any necessary infrastructure to service purpose of the land may be constructed with Council approval.
Utility Services	Services and utilities such as water supply, sewerage, electricity supply, gas and telecommunications may be constructed, maintained or repaired on the land with Council approval.
General Maintenance	General maintenance will match the level and type of use and wherever possible users will be encouraged to help. Areas held under lease, licence or regular occupancy shall be maintained by the user. Existing assets on the land shall be identified and measures taken to maintain them in a satisfactory manner. The Council may make arrangements for community groups to undertake maintenance for specific facilities on Council's behalf.
Energy Efficiency	Measures shall be taken to improve the energy efficiency of all buildings and activities carried out on the land. Measures shall include use of energy efficient lighting, periodic auditing of energy use, and appropriate orientation of any new buildings to incorporate passive solar design principles.
Lighting	Where appropriate, adequate lighting shall be provided on the land to ensure public safety and security for buildings and amenities as far as possible. Lighting shall be designed and operated to minimize glare and spillage of light to adjoining properties and roads in accordance with Australian Standard AS1158: Lighting for Roads and Public Spaces and Australian Standard AS 4282: Control of Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting.
Fences	Fences may be constructed and shall be in accordance with any relevant standards.
Signs	Signs may be erected on the land by Council to advise parkland facilities, services and rules.



C.1.7 Site Management of Parkland

A wide variety of general management duties / issues will be presented to Coonamble Shire Council in the day-to-day management of parkland uses within Warrena Weir.

Table 7 documents Council's standard response to regular management issues:

Table 7 - Guidelines for the management of parkland at Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve

Key Focus Area	Management Control
Development Activities	Development activities shall be undertaken in a way that minimises the area, degree and duration of disturbance. All disturbed areas shall be restored to the greatest extent practicable.
Construction Works	Progressive site stabilisation and restoration shall be undertaken during the construction process.
Stockpiling of Materials	Works are to be completed in stages (clearing, topsoil stripping, relocation of topsoil, mulching, planting etc) and shall follow the principle of isolating stockpiles of different materials to prevent contamination. Materials and soil may be stockpiled but only on a temporary basis and provided that measures are taken to prevent adverse effects such as soil erosion, introduction of weed species, soil compaction and the like. Stockpiles are to be more than 5 meters from trees.
Nutrients Leached from vehicles	All machinery and vehicles are to be clean and inspected prior to arriving on-site to reduce the spread of weeds and disease.
Nutrients Leached from Building Materials	Materials (including concrete, gravel, topsoil, etc) shall be stockpiled in such a way as to prevent nutrients from leaching into watercourses or into ground water systems.
Protection of Trees	Trees to be protected shall be identified by Council prior to any construction and marked appropriately. Tree removal shall be subject to the provisions of Coonamble Shire Council's Development Control Plan No. 1 Township and Surrounds. Measures are to be taken to prevent damage and disturbance to tree roots by cutting of roots, loss of water, soil compaction or build-up of soil. Heavy vehicles are not to be parked under tree drip lines / leaf canopy to avoid compaction of soil, which is damaging to mature native trees and can cause dieback or tree mortality.
New Development Works	New development works such as construction or roads, parking areas and pathways may be undertaken where the works are consistent with the objectives of this plan of management and where any necessary approvals and assessments have been obtained.
Fill	No fill shall be deposited on the land unless it is certified VENM by the service provider.
Soil Compaction	Measures shall be undertaken to avoid soil compaction arising from construction works and earthworks. Any compaction will be relieved by appropriate methods which may include the use of soil aeration equipment.



C.1.8 Access

The parkland spaces within Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve are generally open to the community to enjoy, with the exception of the amenities at the Warrena Weir Aquatic Club.

Table 8 documents Council's specific guidelines relating to public access to specific parkland areas in Warrena Weir:

Table 8 - Guidelines relating to public access to specific parkland areas at Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve

Parkland access	Management Control
Access and Occupation	The Plan of Management seeks to facilitate access to the land to enable its use for parkland use.
Public Access	Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve is generally open to public access for parkland activities. Public access to parkland can be denied by Council to assist rehabilitation or protection of special items of significance or where a lease has been granted.
Disability Access	Proposed new works shall comply with the Access to Premises Code.
Limiting Access	Access to the Warrena Creek east of the boat ramp is restricted when water skiing boats are operated on the water body by Coonamble Aquatic Club members. Access to other parkland may be limited by Council at times where this may interfere with works or may have an adverse effect on the land.
Occupation by Adjoining Land Owners	Where Council is aware of occupation or encroachment by private landowners onto the land, measures will be taken to prevent this occurring.
Roads and Parking	Access to existing car parking on-site and within adjoining streets shall be maintained where practical.



C.1.9 Pollution Control

Table 9 documents Council's specific guidelines relating to minimising pollution from Warrena Weir:

Table 9 - Guidelines for pollution control at Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve

Key Focus Area	Management Control
Pollution Control	Management should seek to ensure that no pollution is generated on the land and that adequate measures are taken to prevent adverse impacts from adjoining land.
Soil Erosion and Sedimentation	All activities are to ensure adequate controls to prevent soil erosion and sedimentation and are to be inspected periodically.
Nutrients	Measures shall be taken to minimise and to control nutrients entering watercourses, water bodies or groundwater.
Environmental Protection (noise control, dust, chemicals etc)	Measures shall be taken during any construction or maintenance works on the land to ensure that normal environmental protection, pollution control and health guidelines are met.
Litter	Litter in parkland spaces shall be regularly collected and removed by Council. Provision shall be made for the provision of litter bins at various locations. It is the responsibility of all users to ensure that the area and surrounds are left in a tidy manner after use.
Rubbish Dumping	Rubbish dumping is not permitted. Grass clippings or garden waste is to be disposed of in a manner that does not affect natural vegetation or encourage the spread of weeds.
Irrigation	Irrigation is to be managed on any grassed or mown areas to avoid runoff and a raised water table.
Noise	Noise from events shall be required to comply with noise pollution control requirements in accordance the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 and the Protection of the Environment (Noise Control) Regulation 2017.
Drainage	Drainage works by Council are allowed on the land to which this Plan of Management applies. Any works are to comply with any environmental management guidelines adopted by Council to minimise the flow of nutrients and pollutants into watercourses.
Fertilisers and Pesticides	The use of fertilisers and pesticides may be permitted on land to which this Plan of Management applies, but only where no suitable alternatives exist, and no adverse environmental impact is likely to occur. New landscape designs are to minimise the need for pesticides. Notification of use must be given in accordance with a Pesticide Use Notification Plan.
Removal of Silt	Silt shall be removed from drains and silt traps as necessary.



C.1.10 Trees, Vegetation and Landscape

Table 10 documents Council’s specific guidelines relating to managing the landscaped features of parkland in Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve:

Table 10 - Guidelines relating to trees, vegetation and landscape management at Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve

Key Focus Area	Management Control
Trees, Vegetation and Landscape	Proper management of landscaping measures, trees and vegetation is important to provide a high degree of amenity on the land.
Trees	Trees will be maintained, as will maintenance of appropriate growing conditions involving management of soil compaction and other encroachments, in accordance with Council’s Tree Management Policy.
Tree Planting and Removal	Trees may be planted, removed or replaced by Council. In replacing trees, regard will be had to endorsed plans and policies outlining preferred species. Tree planting maintenance, removal and replacement shall be in accordance with adopted standards, codes, manuals or policies.
Tree Protection	Appropriate protection such as guards and barriers shall generally be provided for all new plantings as may be required.
Landscape Design	Landscape design will be subject to approval by Council.
Weed Control	Weed control shall be by both taking preventative measures and active control measures. Prevention of weed infestation shall be by minimizing actions that disturb the ground surface and discouraging the conditions that encourage weeds. Measures shall be taken to prevent the dispersion of weeds by fill or the transport of seeds on machinery. Control measures which are acceptable include physical removal or slashing, accepted biological control techniques, bush regeneration, or chemical spraying where Council is satisfied that there will be no adverse residual effects and no adverse effect on human health will occur.
Bushfire Hazard Reduction	Where a fire hazard is identified on the land measures shall be taken to reduce the hazard.



C.1.11 Information, Monitoring and Research

Table 11 documents Council’s approach to monitoring activities and operations being carried on at Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve as well as Council’s performance in managing the parkland:

Table 11 - Guidelines for the monitoring of activities and operations at Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve

Key Focus Area	Management Control
Information monitoring and Research	Monitoring and collection of information relating to the land to which the Plan of Management applies are important to enable good management.
Education and Research	Where a demonstrated need has been identified, an educational programme shall be developed to encourage use appropriate to the purpose to all or part of the land to which this Plan of Management applies.
Monitoring	Management arrangements shall be implemented to regularly monitor the use of the land, environmental conditions and facilities.
Surveys	Surveys of visitation and/or satisfaction with the facilities may be undertaken to facilitate the management and use of the land.

