



DUNGOG SHIRE COUNCIL

Plan Of Management

For

PATERSON SPORTSGROUND

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Vision

It is Council's vision that Paterson Sportsground will continue to provide for a balance of opportunities for structured and unstructured recreation, and contribute to community life in the Paterson Planning District by fulfilling the recreational, social and environmental needs of the population.

Key Strategies

- Facilitate appropriate management of the Sportsground's facilities
- Provide for the maintenance and upgrading of existing facilities.
- Facilitate controlled future development for the purpose of structured and unstructured public recreation
- Provide for the preservation and enhancement of the Sportsground's natural features and visual quality
- Improve opportunities for unstructured recreation.

The Plan of Management includes the following information:

Background Information - Provides an overview of the history and location of the Sportsground, as well as a demographic profile of the Paterson Planning District

Description of the Sportsground - Provides an overview of existing development at the Sportsground and the relevant stakeholders

Planning Issues Relevant to the Sportsground - Identifies the development and management issues identified by stakeholders, community and previous planning processes

Management Strategies - Is the implementation component of the Plan of Management. Sets out the strategies that Council will adopt to address planning issues over the next five years. The actions are given a high, medium or low priority, and costs are estimated based on standard costs of labour and materials (*2001 prices*).

Monitoring and Evaluation - Describes the process for evaluating Council's performance with regard to achievement of the management strategies set out in the Plan, and the process for review of the Plan.

This Plan of Management will be reviewed regularly. An annual review will assess implementation and performance and a review after five years will allow policy and planning issues to be updated.

2. INTRODUCTION

2.1 The Plan of Management

The Local Government Act of 1993 requires all land vested in Council to be classified as either community or operational. A Plan of Management is required to identify the category of the land, objectives and performance targets, the means by which Council will achieve its performance targets and the manner in which Council proposes to assess its performance.

Open space is recognised as an important component of the rural and urban environment, providing opportunities for recreation and leisure. A Plan of Management aims to:-

- Provide clear guidelines for the effective short and long term management of all land owned by Council or under Council's control.
- Provide a framework within which Council can develop a balanced response to current opportunities and address future pressures
- Identify clear objectives and establishes directions for planning, resource management of public open space
- Clarify Council policy and direction, both to Council staff and the general public and allows Council to be more publicly accountable
- Provide a basis for assigning priorities in works programming and budgeting.

2.2 *Purpose of This Plan of Management*

This Plan of Management marks the first attempt to carry out planning for Paterson Sportsground in a comprehensive and holistic manner. The Plan has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Crowns Lands Act, 1989 and the Local Government Act, 1993 for final approval and adoption by the Minister for Land & Water Conservation. It provides Council with clear directions for future development and management of the Paterson Sportsground for the period 2001-2006.

The rationale for preparation of this Plan of Management stems from a lack of controlled development, increasing demands from the community, conflicting pressures and other community expectations for the Paterson Sportsground, most of which have emerged over the past ten years. Accordingly, Council has recognised the need to produce a consistent and useful set of guidelines governing the direction of management of the facility. The Plan reflects the views of the Department of Land and Water Conservation (*as owner of the Sportsground*), Dungog Shire Council (*as Trustee of the Sportsground*), Paterson Sportsground Committee (*as Manager's of the facility*), community groups who use the facilities within the Sportsground, and local residents (*as users and neighbours of the Sportsground*).

3. **BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PATERSON DISTRICT**

Colonel William Paterson first surveyed the area along what is now known as the Paterson River in 1801. The first settlers in the area were cedar getters who commenced settlement along the Paterson River in 1812. These were mostly convict cedar cutting gangs sent to the forests along the banks of the river. The settlement at Paterson was built, and mainly inhabited by convicts. In 1821, the first land grant was made in the area, paving the way for free settlers and subsequent further development.

The village of Paterson is the largest urban centre in Paterson Planning District, and the earliest recorded settlement in the Dungog Shire. Paterson is located 61km north of Newcastle and 19km north of Maitland, and is situated on the Paterson River below its confluence with the Allyn. In the early 1800's, after a period of local agitation, Susannah Ward surrendered 90 acres of her estate for the purpose of establishing a town, and the settlers petitioned the Government for a wharf, which became the focal point around which Paterson grew. The wharf was established in 1877. Although Paterson was the Hunter Region's third town site to be surveyed (in 1833 after Newcastle and Maitland), it was not proclaimed as a town until 1885. The town became an important trading post for boats from Newcastle and Morpeth, and a market centre for farmers north of the town to bring produce. The Paterson Steamship Company was formed to facilitate this. Paterson developed rapidly, due to its importance as a centre for trade based on port facilities. Produce was transported from the fertile Paterson Valley to Newcastle mostly in the form of citrus fruits, tobacco, grains and wine.

As the years went on, ship building became prominent, and two ship yards were established. River trade however declined in the 1850's as the road to Maitland was improved. The town continued to develop in spite of this, outgrowing its original survey site. Timber mills were established in the Paterson area in the 1870's. In the 1890's the building of the North Coast Railway further reduced the importance of the river trade and even though the railway eventually linked Paterson with Dungog, it brought few benefits to the town. Throughout the 1900's agriculture became the major economic activity in the Paterson area. Today Paterson is a small rural village, with many points of historical interest and a growing tourist base.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 Location of Paterson Sportsground

Paterson Sportsground is located within the town of Paterson with access from Webbers Creek Road. It is a portion of Crown Land comprising lots 80 and 81 in DP 823698, covering an area of 32.90 hectares and is gazetted as Reserve number 700034 for Public Recreation. In May 2001, a further survey was carried out on the Reserve for the purpose of development of this Plan.

Figure 1 shows the location of Paterson Sportsground in relation to Dungog Shire, *Figure 2* shows the location of the Sportsground in relation to the Town of Paterson, and *Figure 3* shows the survey plan of the Sportsground to which this Plan of Management relates.

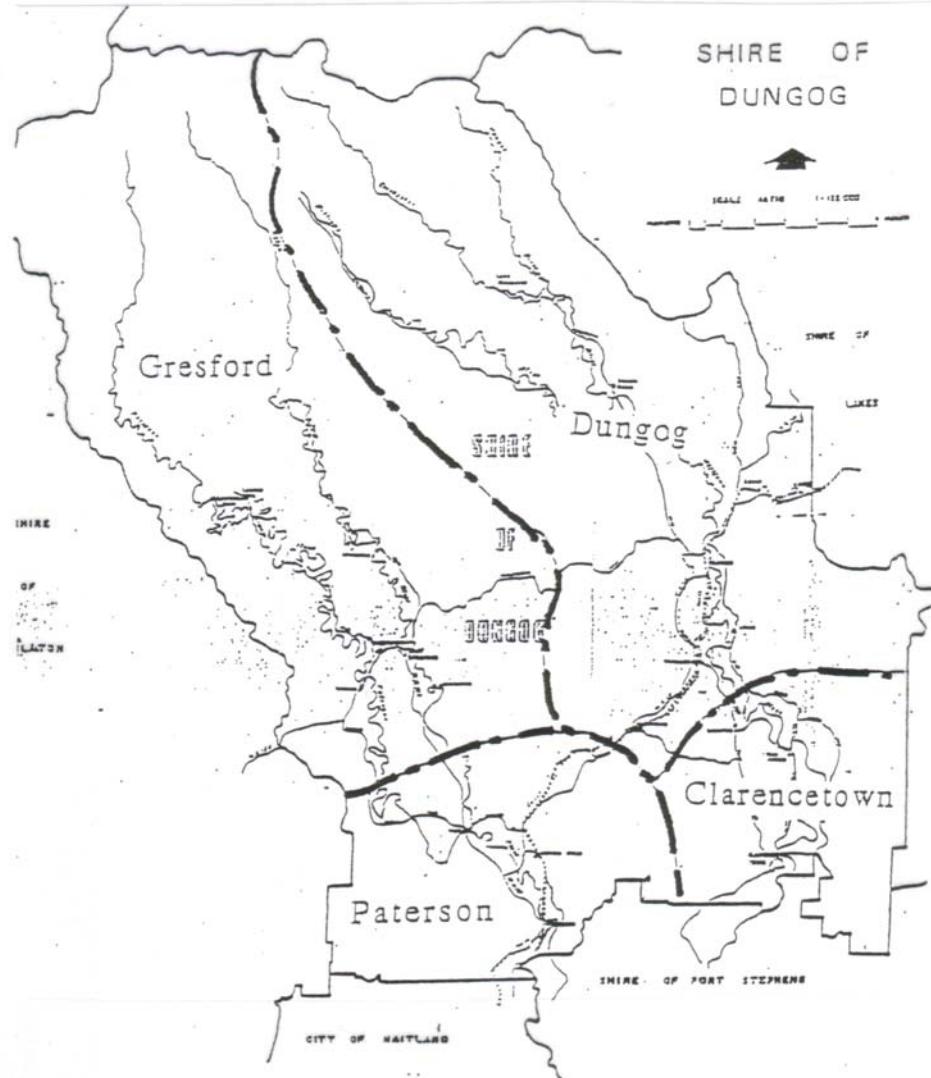


Figure 1 - Location of Paterson Sportsground in Dungog Shire

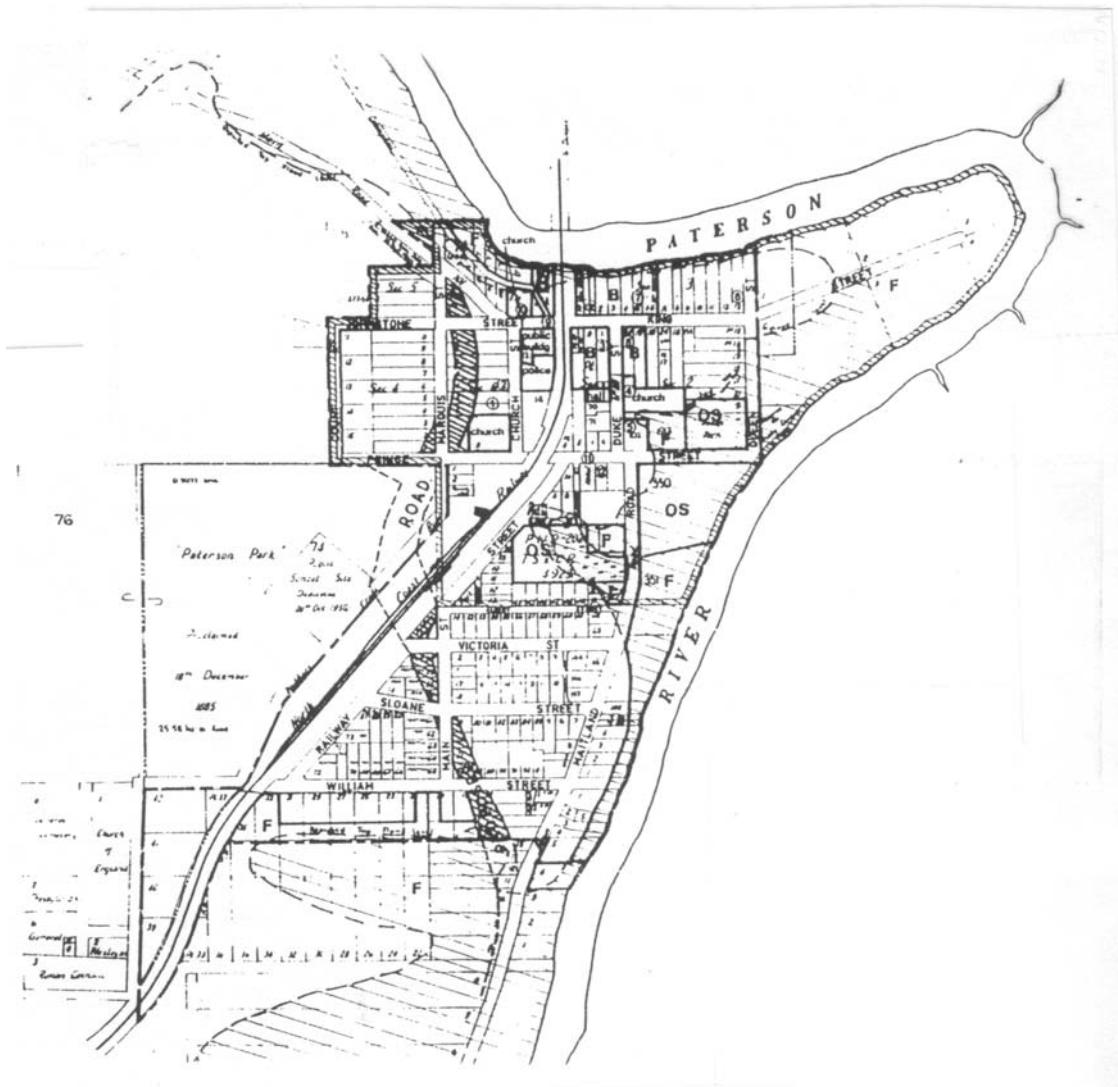


Figure 2 - Location of Paterson Sportsground in Paterson Township



Figure 3 -Plan of Survey of Paterson Sportsground to Which this Plan of Management Relates

4.2 History of Paterson Sportsground

The land now known as Paterson Sportsground, was originally owned by Captain James Phillips and formed part of the grant of 2090 acres allotted to him on his arrival in the Colony in 1823. The northern boundary of the grant would in time lie adjacent to Prince and Marquis streets when Paterson township was laid out in 1833. For many years a racecourse operated on the land, however the village of Paterson had no designated area for Public Recreation. In 1879 land was purchased by the State Government for the purpose of Public Recreation and in 1885 the current sportsground was gazetted as Paterson Park.

In 1950 an area of 4 acres was excised from the Reserve for the purpose of construction of a Public School, thereafter known as Portion 74. In 1986, the Reserve was gazetted as "Sportsground".

In 1991, as the result of requests to provide land for a pre school and bushfire shed, a Land Assessment was carried out on the Sportsground by the Department of Land and Water Conservation. The Assessment recommended the allocation of parts of the reserve for these purposes and a revised survey of the Reserve was carried out and registered as Deposited Plan 823698:-

Lot No.	Area	Usage
77	2790 sq m	Dedicated in 1997 as Reserve 700032 for Community Purposes (Kindergarten) and excised from original reserve
78	2170 sq m	Dedicated in 1997 as Reserve 700033 for Community Purposes (Bushfire Brigade) and excised from original reserve
79	2054 sq m	Acquired by the Education Department for use of the Public School

80	23.26 ha	Dedicated in 1997 for the purpose of Public Recreation
81	9.644 ha	Dedicated in 1997 for the purpose of Public Recreation

Table 1- Summary of Deposited Plan 823698

This Plan of Management is concerned with lots 80 and 81, which remain as the only lots now comprising the Paterson Sportsground. Lots 77 and 78, being reserves in their own right, do not form part of this Plan of Management and Lot 79 has been acquired by the Education Department. The road between lots 80 and 81 was closed in 1995 and vested in the Crown- it is now amalgamated with the rest of the reserve. It is now known as Lot 81, with the balance of the reserve known as Lot 80.

Usage History

During its history Paterson Park has been the subject of a variety of active recreation uses:-

Cricket - Cricket has had the longest use of any activity in the Reserve. At the time the Reserve was proclaimed, a cricket ground was already laid out and a pavilion (no longer in existence) had been erected. The cricket pitch was subsequently moved to the centre of the oval. Strong senior and junior cricket clubs exist today and the oval is regularly used by both senior and junior teams.

Tennis - The Tennis Club was formed in Paterson in 1905, with the original courts located near what was then the main entrance to the reserve. New clay courts were laid down in the mid 1970s, funded by the community and Dungog Council with the assistance of a government grant. A synthetic surface was laid on the courts by the tennis Club in 2000, once again with the assistance of funds from Dungog Council and the Department of Sport and Recreation. The courts are now in excellent condition and regularly used. A strong Tennis Club exists in Paterson today.

Golf - It is believed that a golf course was in use on the reserve as early as 1919, however no evidence of its location can be found. It is known that a course was in use in the mid-1930s, however once again its exact location is not known. The present 9 hole course was constructed by Paterson Golf Club from 1991. The golf course is well maintained by the Club and attracts a strong support from the local and surrounding communities.

Little Athletics - Little Athletics have used a section of the reserve, adjacent to the oval, for a number of years. The club is in recess at present but will remain as a user of the area in the future.

Netball - Grass netball courts and posts are still in existence in the reserve, however they are not used. Paterson does not at present have an active netball club, although there are verbal indications of a move to re-establish it. Upgrading of the courts would be required to bring them to competition standard.

Showground - The Park became known as the Paterson Showground when the Paterson and District Agricultural and Horticultural Association formed in the late 1940s. The first Show was held in February 1949, and was held every year until the last show in 1968.

Badminton - Dungog Shire Council constructed a large corrugated iron shed on the park for the use of the Paterson Show Association as exhibition space for entries. It was also used as headquarters for the Paterson Badminton Club, which has since disbanded. The 'Badminton Shed' is now regularly used by the Paterson Scout Group and by the local community for parties and social functions.

The following observations are made regarding present usage of the Sportsground:-

Most users of the Sportsground engage in structured (*or 'active'*) recreation activities, principally cricket, tennis and golf. Users tend to come from the Paterson district or are visiting competitors. A lesser number of visitors engage in unstructured (*or 'passive'*) recreation - those that do tend to come mostly from the surrounding neighbourhood.

The areas of the Reserve that are used for active recreation are extensively and intensively used, with peak use occurring after school hours (*for training*) and on weekends (*for competition sport*). For those engaging in unstructured activities, visits to the reserve tend to be reasonably brief, with most people spending about 30 minutes or less in the Reserve.

4.3 Zoning

The reserve is zoned 6(a) Recreation under the Dungog Local Environmental Plan 1990.

4.4 Demographic Profile of the Paterson Planning District

Council has created four notional Planning Districts in the Dungog Shire to provide a general framework for planning. The area covered by Paterson Planning District, in which the Paterson Sportsground is located, is shown in figure 4.



Figure 4 - Area covered by Paterson Planning District

The Paterson District is characterised by its rural environment. A combination of prime agricultural lands and undisturbed areas of vegetation have provided habitat for many species of wildlife. It is recognised that the district has a very large variety of birdlife - this is a drawcard for passive recreational users.

Population Trends

Table 2 shows a comparison of population of the Paterson Planning District according to the 1991 and 1996 Census.

1991 Census

Paterson	0-4	5-14	15-19	20-24	25-64	65-74	75+	Total
Urban Population	29	63	19	17	153	18	8	307
Rural Population	64	124	55	33	428	58	30	792
Total	93	187	74	50	581	76	38	1099

1996 Census

Paterson	0-4	5-14	15-19	20-24	25-64	65-74	75+	Total
Urban Population	31	61	27	9	181	27	16	352
Rural Population	96	219	89	52	704	93	33	1286
Total	127	280	116	61	885	120	49	1638

Table 2- Population Characteristics of Paterson Planning District (Source: Dungog Shire Council Community Profile 1999)

The data would indicate that there have been significant population increases in both males and females and across all age groups in the Planning District in the five years to 1996. This increase is evident in both the township and the rural hinterland. A comparison with other Shire planning districts indicates that the Paterson District has the highest rate of population growth in the Shire. This is thought to be a direct result of the demand for subdivided land and the availability of small acreages in the District. Since 1996, restrictions have been placed on further subdivision in the Paterson Valley pending the completion of a Rural Settlement Strategy for the district, however it is expected that considerable development will take place after this process is completed, and that a return to previous rates of population growth is expected.

The Paterson Sportsground is one of the principal areas of land set aside for public recreation in the Paterson Valley, and therefore the population increase in the Paterson District has significant implications for this Plan of Management.

Settlement Pattern

Table 2 also shows the rural/urban split of the population of Paterson Planning District. Paterson town is the largest urban settlement in the Planning District, with a population of approximately 350 people. Smaller urban concentrations can be found at Vacy and Martins Creek. The balance of the population reside on rural properties of various size, all within 20 kilometres of Paterson. Paterson township is approximately 20 minutes drive from Maitland and 40 minutes from Newcastle.

4.5 Recreation Trends in Paterson Planning District

Recreation can either be structured (ie organised sport or activity) or unstructured (such as visiting parks, walking for pleasure, walking the dog, and picnics and BBQs). There is evidence that in most western countries participation in unstructured recreation is increasing. According to national recreation participation data prepared by the Federal Department of Arts, Sport, Environment and Territories (DASET, 1991):-

- Age is the most important characteristic to influence recreation patterns. Gender is also a major determinant of recreational preference.
- Unstructured (*or ‘passive’*) recreational activities, particularly are more popular than structured recreation (*such as organised sport*) among females.
- Unstructured recreation is more popular than structured recreation with the population as a whole and this popularity is growing.
- The popularity of unstructured recreation will continue to grow as the average age of the national population grows.

Dungog Shire has a particularly high participation rate by residents in active recreation, and this trend is as evident in Paterson District as in other parts of the Shire. Evidence suggests that unstructured/informal activities are also important to residents of the Shire. Informal activities, particularly walking for pleasure, tend to have an older usage profile, consistent with the increase in the population of older people in the Paterson District and the Shire as a whole demonstrated in the last two census periods. It is thought that walking for pleasure is the most popular unstructured recreation activity in Dungog Shire.

These factors would appear to have significance for the Paterson District, given that population trends indicate significant increases in the 65-74 and 75+ age group in both the urban and rural part of the district, as well as a consistent female population.

5. PATERSON SPORTSGROUND

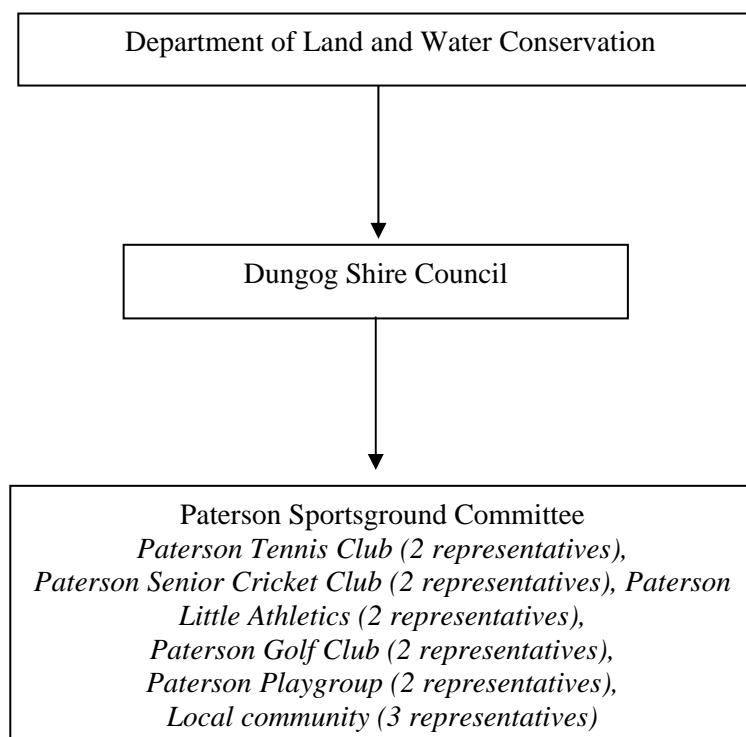
5.1 Function

The primary function of Paterson Sportsground is to act as a centre of active recreation in the Paterson District.

5.2 Management

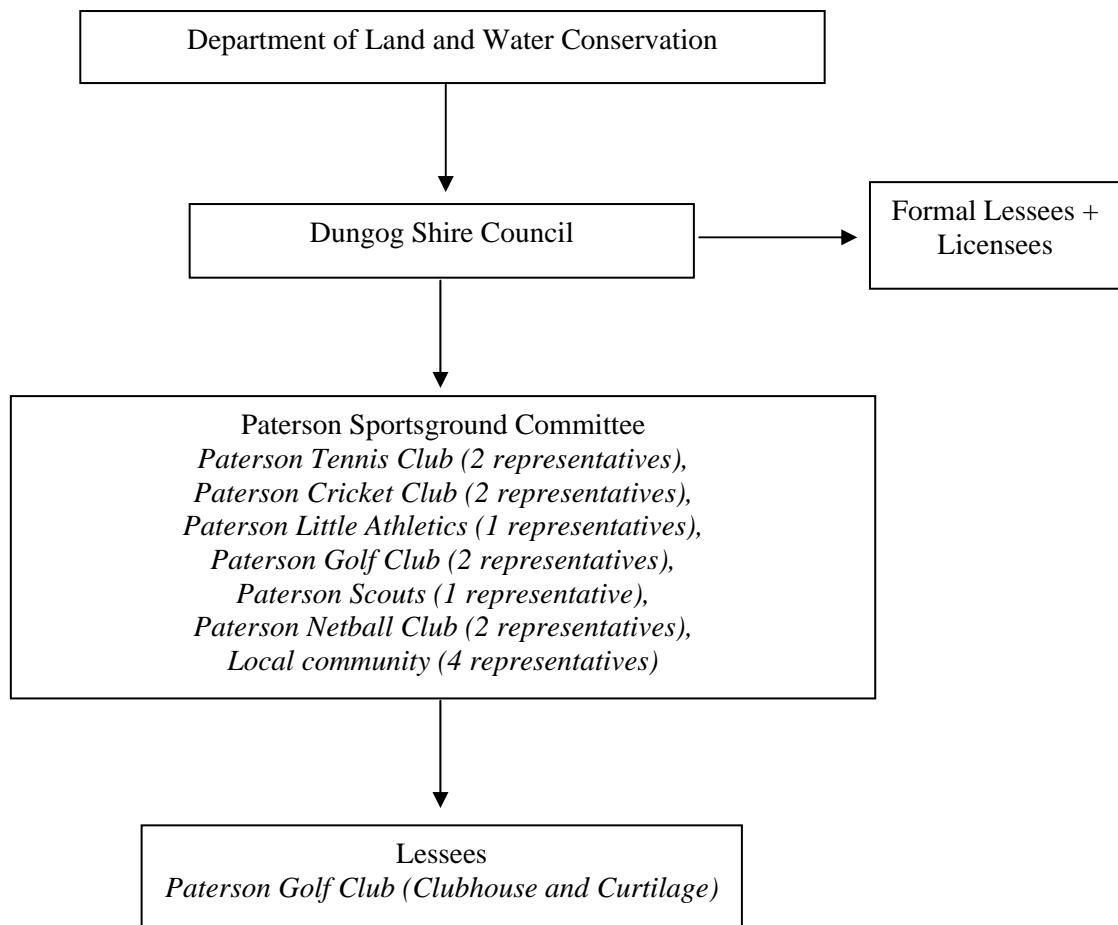
Figure 5 shows the present management structure of Paterson Sportsground and Figure 6 shows the management structure proposed under this Plan:

Figure 5 - Current Management Structure



Note: there has been some change to the membership of the Committee since the drafting of the Constitution. Playgroup is no longer a user of the reserve and have been replaced by Scouts and the Cricket Club now includes both senior and junior grades.

Figure 6 - Proposed Management Structure



Day to day management of issues relating to users of the Reserve is to be delegated to the Sportsground Committee. Discussion has taken place with the Committee regarding their role in dealing with issues arising from the environmental strategies set out in this Plan, particularly those relating to Lot 1. It is the Committee's view that such issues should be directed to Council, as the body with a greater degree of expertise in environmental issues.

The Paterson Sportsground Reserve is owned by the Department of Land and Water Conservation. Care, control and management of the Sportsground is vested in Council as Corporate Trustee, with care, control and management and the day to day functions of operating and maintaining the Reserve delegated by Council to the Paterson Sportsground Committee under Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993. The Paterson Sportsground Committee is a constituted Committee of Council, with representation made up of user groups and community representatives.

5.3 Public Liability Insurance

All regular users that are Incorporated bodies, Sporting Clubs or Associations of any kind that utilise the Sportsground and its facilities are required to hold public liability insurance in the amount of \$10,000,000, with Dungog Shire Council noted as a Principal on the policy.

A copy of the policy is to be provided to Council in the first instance for review and to ensure acceptability of the provisions of the policy by Councils' insurance brokers.

Dungog Shire Council may require further information from respective regular users of the facility to enable a risk assessment to be undertaken and additional clauses may need to be added to the respective lease/licence with regards indemnity.

5.4 Relation of Paterson Sportsground to Other Open Space Areas in the District

There are ten recreation facilities in Paterson Planning District, five of which are devoted to active recreation. Paterson Sportsground is one of only two designated active recreation areas in the district, the second being an oval located at Vacy. All active recreation facilities in Paterson are located on Paterson Sportsground, with three parks in Paterson catering for passive recreation.

Open Space and Recreation Areas in the Planning District (Excluding Paterson Sportsground)

Park	Purpose and Description
John Tucker Park	Former Queens Wharf reserve, adjacent to Paterson River. The main reserve came under care of Dungog Shire Council in 1962, with two smaller adjoining reserves in 1965 and 1970. The park includes public amenities, children's playground, picnic tables, BBQs.
Kings Wharf Park	Located on the Paterson River upstream from John Tucker Park. The park includes a small amenities block and picnic facilities and is maintained by Paterson Rotary Club.
Vacy Park	One oval with concrete pitch, lighting and football posts. Includes picnic tables, BBQs, public conveniences Purchased by Council in 1997. Managed by Vacy Sportsground Committee.
Skipline Park Martins Creek	Originally part of land on which former blue metal quarry was situated, this small parcel was purchased by Dungog Council in 1998. It now includes a children's playground and cricket practice net.
Martins Creek Tennis Courts	The first tennis court was built in approximately 1922 for use by workers at Newcastle Council quarry, with use continuing after the closure of the quarry. Lights, second court and new fencing installed in 1962. Purchased by Dungog Council from Newcastle Council in 1981, this complex now includes two sealed tennis courts and a clubhouse.
SRA Oval Martins Creek	One disused oval with concrete cricket pitch.
Paterson Lagoon Reserve	Certificate of Title of this reserve was transferred to Dungog Council in 1990, for public recreation. Wetlands were constructed by the community as a bicentennial project. The reserve is now maintained by Council with the assistance of the community.
Paterson War Memorial Reserve	Care, control and management of this reserve was given to Dungog Council in 1997. The only structure on the reserve is a monument to local people who served in both World Wars.

Table 3 Purpose And Description Of Parks In Paterson Planning District

5.5 Principal Stakeholders

The principal stakeholders of the Sportsground are listed as follows:

- Department of Land & Water Conservation
- Dungog Shire Council
- Paterson Sportsground Committee
- Paterson Cricket Club
- Paterson Tennis Club
- Paterson Golf Club
- Paterson Scout Group
- Paterson Little Athletics
- Paterson Community

USER GROUP PROFILES

As part of the process of Plan of Management preparation it was agreed that the individual user groups would provide profiles of their Clubs. These are included as follows:

5.5.1 PATERSON RIVER NETBALL CLUB INC

History of the Club

The Paterson Netball Club has been in operation continuously since 1987 when the first teams joined with Clarence Town, Vacy and Dungog to form a competition. At that time games were held in each of the towns so Dungog Shire Council donated the area for eight courts within the Paterson Showground boundaries. The Council also helped set up the courts. Over the years competition was played on these courts until all games changed to a permanent central venue in Dungog. Paterson Netball continued to play in this competition until 1993 when the Club expanded to over fifty players and it was deemed more competition was available at the closer location of Maitland. At this point the Club had many players from the wider Paterson River area so was renamed. As the Maitland competition and night competitions are played at a central venue the Paterson Courts were then maintained as practice courts and have been used for this purpose until the end of the 2000 season.

Size of the Club

The Club currently has over seventy playing members, an active executive and managers and coaches bring the total club membership to almost one hundred. Teams range from A grade level seniors to the learners who are six and seven years old. Over the years the Club has also had many district representatives who have played at state competitions.

Operating Seasons

Although the Club is involved in the outdoor winter competition between March and September each year it also fields night competition teams at the Maitland Basketball Courts, Maitland Park and various indoor venues when competitions are held.

Use of the Paterson District Netball Courts Located inside the Paterson Showground Boundaries

A. Past

Originally these courts were set up as part of an inter-town competition.

B. Present

These courts are currently in a poor state and can only be used by younger players who train on them in the early afternoon. Our younger team coached by Mrs Robyn Pritchard was able to use one court in 2000 before sunset. This season, 2001 teams use the courts when Tocal Hall is unavailable. Currently the main concern of coaches for our younger teams is the quality of the surface of the Paterson courts. Many of our older players cannot train until after dark and as there is no lighting at these courts senior practices have been moved to Tocal Hall

C. Future

While the value of Tocal Hall is not questioned it is not available to us each week, it does not have a non-slip floor, can only accommodate one team at a time and it does not have netball rings or markings so is not an ideal practice location. For these reasons the PRNC members have been fundraising for, and researching the practicality of, hard surfacing one of the Paterson Netball courts and resurfacing another so that all practices can occur on the courts at the Showground. This will also require lighting. It is hoped to have these facilities available for the 2002 or 2003 season.

License

When these courts are complete the Club intends to apply for a license and leave them unfenced so the public may use them and, if required in the future, by the neighbouring school.

Volunteer Participation

PRNC is run entirely by volunteer labour and has been since its inception. Ms Sue Walker was a founding member and continued since that time as Secretary-Treasurer and today as President. The Executive Committee consists of twelve very active members and there are seven volunteer coaches, umpires and eight managers. Umpiring is done on a voluntary basis from within the Club as are development and umpiring clinics.

Our Club Secretary, Mrs Dianne Gray also volunteers her house for Executive meetings and Tocal College donate a room for public meetings.

Insurances

A. Players and Associate Members

Each player and Associate Member pays a registration fee, which covers their insurance during competition and practices. This insurance is organised through NSW Netball via the Maitland District Netball Association.

B. Public Liability

As an incorporated Club we are required to hold public liability insurance. This is organised through Maitland District Netball Association as we are an affiliated club with that Association.

Fundraising

Over the years fundraising has provided each player with a subsidised shirt, an end of season trophy or prize, free development days, umpiring lectures and free use of practice venues. Representative players were also given a gift as a reward for their success in being selected at district level. The main ways that the Club raised money until 2000 was sponsorships, raffles, delivering catalogues, discos and chocolate drives. However, in 2000 the executive became aware that through the Department of Sport and Recreation they could apply for a grant to help them improve at least two of the courts. At this point additional fundraising was added which includes catering for local functions such as the local dramatic society play night. These additional fundraisers have allowed the Club to bring forward its goal of improving the Paterson courts.

Maintenance

Over the years parents, ex-parents, the neighbouring school and coaches have maintained the Paterson Netball courts. This has included mowing, marking, draining and repairing posts. Dungog Shire also helped in the initial years. However the court surfaces are no longer safe and need to be upgraded. Once the new surfaces are complete maintenance will be reduced but maintenance will continue to be by volunteer labour.

5.5.2 PATERSON TENNIS CLUB INC

Building

Paterson Tennis Club Inc has a small brick building as its Clubhouse. This building was constructed in 1994 as white ants had destroyed the previous timber structure.

The building is in good repair and we don't plan any extension in the near future. The building has yet to be lined. The Club has the material for this and as soon as the volunteer labour can be organised this will be done.

A small galvanised iron shed is located beside the tennis courts to house the motorised roller, this building is in good condition and we believe this shall remain as is in the future.

A wire fence which encloses the actual playing surface, will require new wire on the western and eastern sides at some time, this could possibly be within a 5 year period.

Insurance

Paterson Tennis Club in an Incorporated body has compulsory Public Liability Policy, through Tennis NSW and with SLE Worldwide Aust Pty Ltd Policy No 20001064.

Paterson Tennis Club is affiliated with Maitland Tennis Association, and through NSW Tennis the insurance covers players while playing competition matches.

Fundraising

Over the years Paterson Tennis Club has raised funds through volunteers organising various fundraising activities such as bus trips, dances and tennis fun days.

We have supplied new lighting, a motorised roller, brick clubhouse and most recently resurfacing the tennis courts with synthetic grass. This has been a mammoth effort by those involved. We have had support from Dungog Council and the Department of Sport and Recreation.

Maintenance

All maintenance is carried out by a small number of members and over the years have managed to keep the courts up to competition standards required by Maitland Tennis Association.

5.5.3 PATERSON RIVER LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB

The inaugural meeting of the Club was held in the early 1980's when the Scholes family decided to extend the opportunities for local community athletics from just school participation in the athletics carnival. The move proved successful and the Club was well patronised by Paterson, Vacy and surrounding districts youngsters. Emma Scholes became a state representative in long distance running (1500) as a direct result of her participation and commitment to the Club.

When the Scholes family left the area in the mid 1980's the Club lost some of its impetus and went into recess for two years. It was then revived in the late 1980's, again to complement school carnivals and further the abilities of local children.

During this time the Club catered for athletics ranging from 50-75 in number across the age groups 6-14 years, utilising Paterson oval for both running and field events (although long jump was held on the external pit on the top side of the oval) each Thursday afternoon from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm. The season usually commenced after the third term school break and continued until the end of the first term break of the following year (October - April). Being affiliated with Little Athletics NSW, athlete memberships incorporated a compulsory personal insurance scheme.

As a continuous member of the Paterson Sportsground Committee, the Club was invited to make proposals to be incorporated in the Draft Management Plan which began in the mid- 1990's. A series of waist high posts had been installed from the roadway to the oval fence which safeguarded the long jump pit and the old netball courts from young "hoons" who used this area to do skids and spins, particularly in the wet. This line of posts delineated an area which became the field events area for the Club as no use of the netball courts had been occurred for some time. The long jump pit runway was cemented and topped off with synthetic grass and sand infill, discus and shot put circles marked and investigations into the erection of a discus cage were made. Discussion on upgrading the one light (currently unused) to allow twilight meetings rather than in the heat of the day were made. These improvements were dealt with by the Paterson Sportsground Committee and became incorporated in the proposed Management Plan as a designated area for Little Athletics.

As with most organisations of this nature, ground preparation and improvements were all done with volunteer labour. The construction of the amenities block led to the housing of Little Athletics equipment in the storeroom, which was to be shared by the Cricket Club, rather than at the school. Council supplied the field marking paint and marking was carried out by the membership as was mowing. This was done in conjunction with the Cricket Club and at times utilised the Council community mower.

Unfortunately, after some very hot summers, the Club went into recess during the 1999-2000 season due to a lack of numbers to run a viable competition. This again occurred in the 2000-2001 season. The Club has still continued to mow and prepare the markings for track and field on the oval for school based athletics carnivals during these years of recess.

Current indications through students at the school suggest that the Club may have success in reconvening later this year for the 2001-2002 season.

5.5.4 PATERSON GOLF CLUB

The Golf Club is operating in the absence of a Development Consent. An application has been prepared and will be lodged with Council for assessment after the adoption of the Plan of Management. This is on the advice of Department of Land & Water Conservation. In the event that the application is refused then the Plan of Management will require amendment deleting any reference to the Golf Club.

History of Paterson Sportsground and Paterson Golf Club

1. Historical records show that a “Public Recreation Ground” was proclaimed by the State Government in December 1880. (This area of land was renamed “Paterson Showground” in 1948, and then Paterson Sportsground in 1980).
2. Local residents state that a three hole Golf Course was first established on part of the current site in 1919.
3. It has been stated that during World War Two (1939-1945) the Australian Army took control of the “Public Recreation Ground” area for its troops, and that they played golf on the “course” for recreation.
4. On 18th June 1971 a group of interested local residents held a meeting and as a result proceeded to develop a three hole Golf Course.
5. In 1991 an application was put forward to the Sportsground Committee to reconstruct a three hole course - no objections were raised and the project was given approval.
6. Late in 1993 Dungog Council donated a building, which was moved direct from Tucker Park to Paterson Golf Club and was used as a storage area. This shed has subsequently been replaced by a new storage shed for equipment such as lawn mowers etc.
7. The then Local Member for the NSW State Government notified Paterson Golf Club on 6th January 1994 of a grant for \$2,500 for development of Tees and Greens for Paterson Golf Course.
8. On 30th October 1994 the first five holes were completed and the Golf course was officially opened.
9. In 1995 a small house (one room) was donated to the Golf Club and this would become the nucleus of a Golf clubhouse.
10. The final four holes were completed in February 1996 and the nine hole course officially opened on 22nd September 1996.
11. On the 11th November 1997, Dungog Council wrote to Paterson Golf Club notifying - sic “by virtue of its Membership of the Paterson Sportsground Committee it was permitted occupation of the site”.
12. The Grounds have been enhanced by Native Australian Trees and Shrubs, that have been planted in recent years.
13. Golf Courses today are normally “18 holes” however there are some with only nine holes. Paterson Club with nine holes is now accepted and affiliated with the following Golfing Authorities, namely, The Hunter District Golf Association Inc, The New South Wales Golf Association Ltd, and Women’s Golf NSW Inc.

14. Paterson Golf Club was Incorporated in New South Wales on 16th November 1994 under the Associations Incorporation Act 1984. Registration Number - Y2071641.
15. Australian Business Number - Paterson Golf Club Inc has been issued with an ABN No 42.495.607.267.

Membership

Paterson Golf Club's last return submitted on 26th February 2001 to The Hunter District Golf Association for Affiliation Fees records eighty eight Members and five Junior Members. At the same time the return to "Women's Golf New South Wales", records twenty members with handicaps.

Casual Players - We also have those who play golf on a casual basis and are hopeful of increasing our membership numbers in the future.

Youth Involvement

To date a number of our senior members have given free lessons to "potential" young golfers and our President has held discussions with the Principal of our local school with a view to having the sport "Golf" as part of their School's sport curriculum.

As stated before we also have a junior section of membership for the younger people in our community.

Membership Cost

We are informed that our annual fees are one of the lowest in New South Wales, and bearing in mind that the total population of Paterson is 350 persons, we can be justly proud of our current membership numbers.

Lease and Licence

In formalising the current Plan of Management we request the following:

1. Licence

We as Members of the Paterson Golf Club request a Licence for the area of land encompassing the actual nine hole golf course - as marked on the Plans which were prepared by Scott and Crisp in May 2001.

2. Lease

We as Members of Paterson Golf Club request a Lease for the area encompassing the buildings ie Clubhouse, Work Shed, a Carpark.

Future Development of the Clubhouse

It is intended that in years to come we will build a Clubhouse that is worthy of the Paterson area. It is envisaged that the proposed Clubhouse would have change rooms, a lounge area, office and kitchen etc.

Licensed Club

It is proposed that in years to come after building the new Clubhouse, we would then apply for a Liquor Licence in line with other Golf Clubs.

Maintenance and Beautification of the Golf Course Area

We have recently employed a Greenkeeper for 30 hours per week. This will ensure that our Greens etc are maintained in the best of condition.

As one would imagine there is an enormous amount of time spent in ensuring that the fairways are also in “tip top” condition and this will be achieved by volunteer labour for the benefit of all who visit Paterson Golf Club.

Who Benefits

The residents, business houses and visitors to Paterson.

The golf course continues to be a great asset to the area. Many people daily walk around the Golf Course for exercise.

As the actual nine hole course would be licensed (not leased) to the Golf Club. Those members of the public who need a level area to walk on would continue to have access.

Those who wish to play golf will through the work of volunteers continue to enjoy the local facility.

Bringing people such as golfers (visitors) into the area from far and wide, from all over our country and on occasions from overseas is of benefit to us all. One other important factor is that the local businesses gain patronage from these visitors and this in turn helps our local community.

5.5.5 ROTARY CLUB OF PATERSON INC

The Rotary Club of Paterson Inc will seek permission to build a BMX track on land owned by the Department of Land and Water Conservation and under the control of Dungog Shire Council.

The said land is located at Paterson on the area known as Paterson Sportsground. (The actual area for the track would be in the top north-east corner of the ground). A Development Application is required before this use can commence.

Usage

It is to be noted that this track will only be for pushbikes.

Material

To build this track the only material to be used will be soil. (The soil has been kindly donated by Maitland Soil and Sand).

Plans for the Track

These will be prepared by Architect Mr Erich Kladnig.

Transport of Materials

Trucks for transporting the soil have been kindly donated by Mr Allan Fairhall.

Building of Track

Members of the Rotary Club of Paterson Inc, with equipment supplied and operated by Mr David Latter of Alligator Constructions.

Access

It is proposed that the path which runs behind the school from the Paterson Oval area will be used for access to the track.

Who Benefits

The project is to be built for the young people of Paterson.

1. Paterson Primary School is located less than 100 metres from the proposed site and it has been ascertained that most of the 106 school children at this school have access to a pushbike.
2. Those children who attend other schools and reside at Paterson will use and benefit from this Community Project.

Rotary Project

Members of the Rotary Club of Paterson are pleased to be involved in the construction of this very worthwhile community project.

Ground Preparation

The track will be located on some of the land which is currently mown by Dungog Council staff and no trees will be removed.

Signage

Appropriate signage will be in place before the track is used and the General Manager of Dungog Council Mr Andrew Evans, has offered to assist by obtaining details for these signs from his previous Council.

Maintenance Options

A BMX Committee will be formed by interested parties prior to Development Application submission to gauge interest and they would maintain the track. This Committee would then apply for representation on the Paterson Sportsground Committee.

5.5.6 1ST PATERSON-BOLWARRA SCOUT TROOP

We thank you for this opportunity to be included in the Draft Plan of Management for Paterson Sportsground. Although we appear only to be a regular hirer of the shed, the Scouts of Paterson have had a history with this sportsground, as you will see.

- 1st Paterson Scouts were formed in 1948, (when joined with Bolwarra is unknown).
- 1st Paterson Scouts first used the shed and sportsgrounds somewhere around the late 1960's. (Prior to this were various sheds or church halls around Paterson).
- During this 30 year plus history, the Scouts have used the shed on a regular basis (except for a short recess), there has been District and Regional activities and camps held at the sportsground, as well as Regional Training courses and it has been a popular overnight stop for hikes.

- The Scouts have also been heavily involved in the upkeep of the sportsground shed in the past 30 odd years. The Scouts were involved in the replacement of the guttering around 1978/9, rebuilding the seating along the internal wall of the shed after stands collapsed, and have been represented at most working bees on the shed. This continues to this day with keeping the hall clean, light tubes replaced, iron wall panels refitted that others have ripped off, as well as additional new equipment, ie blackboard.
- The Scouts were also instrumental in organising the DA on the shed through Council, as the shed had to have Council approval for our insurance purposes.
- To this day we still have 4 lockable cupboards inside the shed for our equipment.

We hope this history is of some help to you, and look to the future with the continued association between the sportsground, its Committee and our Scouts.

6. PLANNING ISSUES

This section outlines the factors that have determined the management strategies which have been included in this Plan of Management. It lists the issues raised by the stakeholders in the reserve during the preparation of this Plan of Management.

6.1 *Significance, Values and Roles of the Sportsground in the Paterson Community*

Values of the Sportsground

The inclusion of community values in this Plan of Management ensures that there is a correlation between community expectations and the management strategies that have been included in the Plan. The Sportsground is considered to have four core values, each of equal significance. These are:

- As a *sports venue* for general and specific sporting competitors and the local school.
- As a *large area of ‘passive’ open space* where local residents may undertake unstructured recreation.
- As a facility which provides a *desirable landscape and visual focus* in which to undertake structured and unstructured recreation.
- As a facility which contains a *natural area* of remnant bushland.

A number of more *specific values* have also been expressed by the Sportsground Committee, with respect to the Paterson Sportsground. These are:-

- Open parkland setting
- All facilities and activities can be run at the one time.
- Landscape – trees screen off adjoining areas.
- Proximity to school and community.
- Managed by the local community
- Availability of quality facilities
- Keeping facilities up to date.
- Corridor of trees on north side to reduce noise and visual intrusion.

Roles of the Sportsground

It is the opinion of the Sportsground Committee that the Paterson Sportsground has the following roles:-

- A major focus for *organised sport*.
- A major focus for *unstructured recreation* in the local area.
- An accessible *environmental area*.

Qualitative Assessment of Paterson Sportsground

The following is an assessment of the quality of the Paterson Sportsground as seen by the Sportsground Committee and Council:

Criteria	High	Medium	Low
Visual quality		V	
Ability to service a variety of structured and unstructured recreation needs	V		
Alienation of public land for exclusive use			V
General maintenance		V	
Safety		V	
Drainage			V
Vegetation cover and shade		V	
Management structure	V		
Potential	V		

Table 4 Qualitative Assessment Of Paterson Sportsground

6.2 Heritage Conservation Issues

The history of Paterson Sportsground indicates that the Reserve as a place of Public Recreation has significant historical significance for the Paterson town and district. Despite this, none of the structures on the reserve are listed as having historical significance. The Badminton Shed is considered by Council to have local significance because of its previous connection to the Paterson Show Society.

6.3 Significance for Aboriginal Population

No sites of Koori significance have been identified within the reserve.

6.4 Department of Land and Water Conservation Land Capability Assessment 1991

In developing this Plan of Management, Council is bound by the Land Capability Assessment conducted by the Department of Land & Water Conservation on the Paterson Sportsground in 1991. Two mapping Units were defined by the Department in the Land Capability Assessment, as shown in Figure 7:-

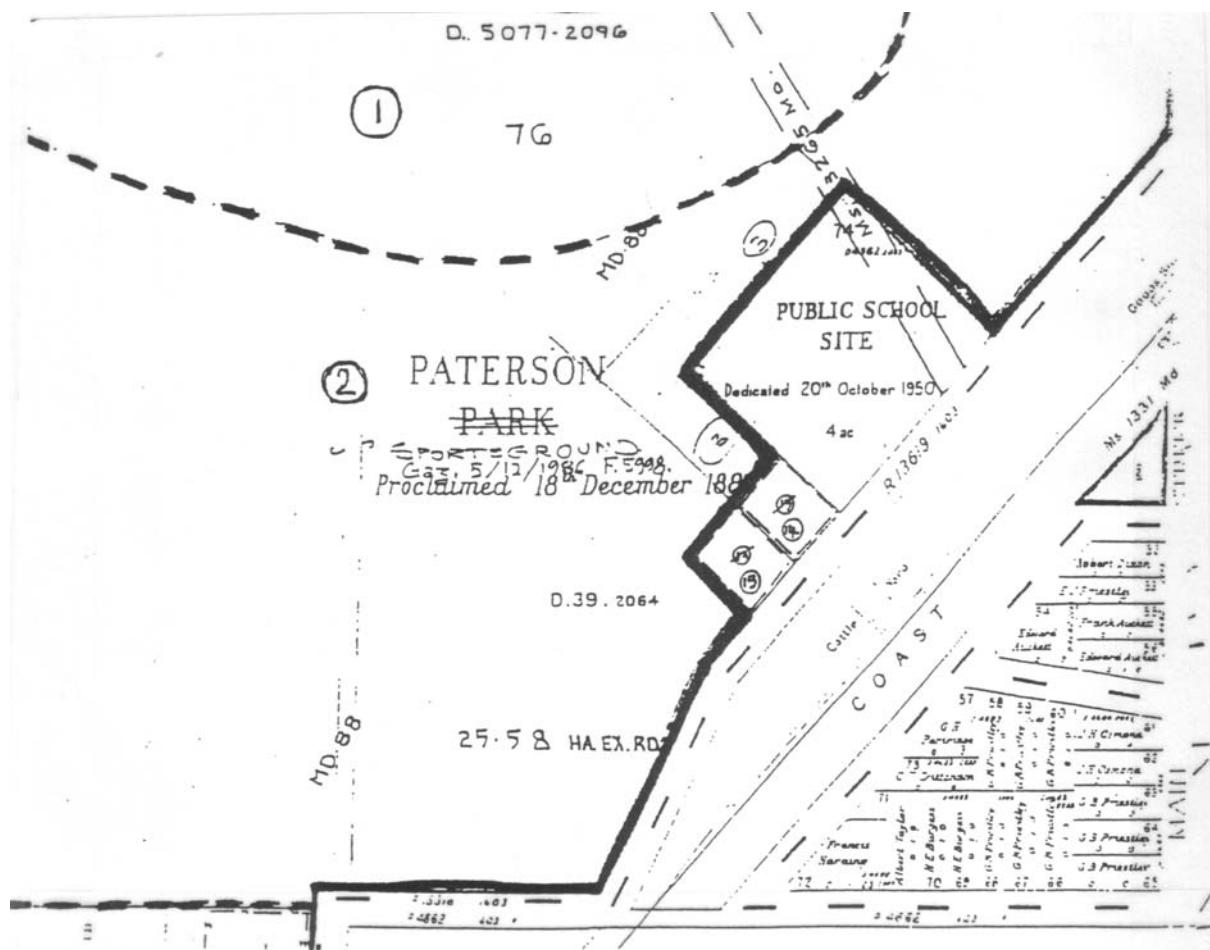


Figure 7 - Mapping Units Used in Land Capability Assessment 1991

6.4.1 Mapping Unit 1 (Approximately Delineated by Lot 1 in the Survey Plan at Figure 3)

Located at the northern area of the Reserve, the predominant features of this area of the reserve are the steeper slopes and isolated remnant of dry sclerophyll forest. This area was assessed by the Department as having regional significance for environmental protection and a high rating for natural recreation. Its proximity to Paterson Public School and corresponding suitability for educational studies and interpretative walks was also noted. Suitable uses of this area are described by the Department as being environmental protection, nature conservation, recreation and educational activities.

The *Natural Resources Inventory* of Mapping Unit 1, carried out as part of the Land Capability Assessment, identified dry sclerophyll forest with trees of height 10-25 metres in natural state, giving the area a distinctive scenic quality with high landscape sensitivity. No rare or endangered species of flora and fauna were evident in the assessment. Landform is described as being hilly @ 8-11 degrees with high soil erodability. The Newcastle 1:100,000 sheet, 1995 describes soils in MU1 as George Trig (gt) landscape type which are '*comprising soils shallow to moderately deep (<50 – 100cm) well to poorly drained Lithosols ... soils underlain by an impermeable bedrock pavement*'. No salting evident. The area is identified as a high fire hazard, with a low flood susceptibility of >100 years. No land use is evident in the area, although power, water and telephone nearby. Access to the area is by an unformed crown road via the golf course or through a cleared area on the eastern end of Lot 1 in Figure 3.

Mapping Unit 1 has been allocated a high classification as a natural area and is considered by the Department to be of regional significance for environmental protection and local significance for nature conservation. Mapping Unit 1 is described as having limited capacity for development with suitable possible development limited to service easements or water reservoir sites.

6.4.2 *Mapping Unit 2 (Lots 2, 3 and 4 in the Survey Plan at Figure 3)*

Mapping Unit 2 comprises the greatest part of the reserve. This area is predominantly used for recreational activities, and comprises a sports oval, golf course, tennis courts and outdoor picnic facilities. This area was considered by the Department to have a very high capability rating for intensive/urban recreation and intensive development. Suitable uses of this area are described as being environmental protection, recreation, public utilities and community purpose.

The *Natural Resources Inventory* of Mapping Unit 2 identified dry sclerophyll forest with trees of height 10-25 metres, extensively cleared. The area is described as having common scenic quality and high landscape sensitivity, as well as a medium rating as fire hazard. No rare or endangered species were evident in the assessment. Landform within the Mapping Unit is plain (1-3 degrees) to undulating (3-8 degrees). The area is well-drained, with moderate soil erodability, and no evident salinity. Present land use within the Mapping Unit includes buildings of local significance and community facilities. Power and water are available within the area, with telephone cables located nearby. Access to the area is by sealed road and within area by unsealed track. Adjoining land uses include grazing, school, pre school and fire brigade.

Mapping Unit 2 is considered by the Department to have a low significance for environmental protection and nature conservation and a very high potential for intensive/urban recreation and intensive development.

It was also noted that the site has significant heritage value for the Paterson River area.

Recommendations of the Land Capability Assessment

With respect to the two Mapping Units the Department made the following management recommendations:

- The standard of facilities and amenities within the Park requires to be lifted as they are of considerable age. Eventually the construction of a grandstand/clubhouse amenity block will be necessary. This would replace the existing toilets, galvanised shed and “Badminton Club” buildings. This would provide a building that is versatile enough to cater for a larger range of community activities, catering for both indoor and outdoor sports and for meetings of local organisations.
- Mapping Unit 1 to be protected from any intensive forms of development
- The Park not to be used for grazing, as permanent rural activities would not be compatible with the Park’s prime use of recreation and environmental protection

6.5 *Legislative Requirements*

The core objectives for management of Community Land as defined by the Local Government Act are

- To promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land
- To provide facilities on the land to meet the current and future needs of the local community and the wider public

The issues raised by stakeholders and included in the Action Plan are consistent with the core objectives.

6.6 Issues Raised by Department of Land and Water Conservation

In the development of this Plan of Management, Council is required to take into account the views of the Department of Land and Water Conservation. With respect to the Paterson Sportsground, these visions are contained within the recommendations arising from the Land Capability Assessment. However, the Department's concern over the uncontrolled approach to development on the reserve and the need to mitigate against this in the future is also noted and has also been incorporated into the Management Strategies developed for this Plan.

6.7 Issues Raised by Paterson Sportsground Committee

The Paterson Sportsground Committee, which comprises representatives of all regular user bodies of Paterson Sportsground, has been consulted closely regarding its desired outcomes from the Plan of Management. The following outcomes are considered by the Committee to be desirable:

Overall Issues

- Clubs with representation on Paterson Sportsground Committee should continue to submit grant applications.
- Council should ensure that its revised Section 94 Plan for the Paterson area meets the needs for active recreation facilities at the Sportsground.
- A greater effort should be made to generate more community involvement for the whole of the Sportsground.
- Continuation of Council's support of the Sportsground Committee as the controlling body.
- Promotion of growth of membership by individual clubs to fund additional activities
- Provision of simplified road access.
- Preparation of a conceptual plan of improvements.
- Sportsground Committee to maintain control of the area, including proposed and existing facilities.
- Conservation of remnant vegetation in Mapping Unit 1.
- Tenure of dedicated areas within the reserve are the subject of a lease or licence agreements between the Trust and owner.
- Introduction of other sporting facilities if open parkland is not compromised.
- Facilities should not be overcrowded.
- Upgrading of facilities- lack of funds, poor roads, surface netball court, upgrade public toilet, fence transpiration area.
- Provision of BMX or skateboard facility.
- Playground equipment for children of people attending sporting events.
- Rehabilitation of netball courts and provision of parking.
- Improve overland drainage.

Issues Regarding Preparation of Leases and Licences

- It is a condition of lease/license and usage agents that organisation maintain their membership on the Sportsground Committee.
- It is recognised that there will be a period of negotiation regarding lease/licence fees and conditions during the life of this Plan. There are conflicting views for the process of setting lease fees.
- It should be a condition of lease/licence and usage agreements that organizations maintain their membership on the Sportsground Committee. The Committee should retain the authority to deal with issues arising from lease/licence or usage arrangements.
- Separate metering and costs of all utilities will be the responsibility of the lessee/licensee. This will occur once lease/licence agreements are finalised.

- Details of insurances are required to be submitted prior to formal agreements being entered into.
- The Lessee/Licensee shall pay the lessors/licences reasonable legal costs and disbursements in connection with the preparation, stamping and registration of any agreements and the obtaining of any necessary consents.

Issues Specific to Tennis Club

- Provision for future expansion of tennis courts.

Issues Specific to Golf Club

- Possible future licenced premises.

Issues Specific to Little Athletics Club

- Retention of little athletics area.
- Erection of safety netting.

Issues Specific to Cricket Club

No issues identified concerning cricket, except for the continued availability of the oval.

Issues Specific to Netball Club

- Provision of hard stand court.
- Rectification of and future maintenance of drainage in vicinity of courts.

6.8 Issues Raised by Council

During the year 2000, Council carried out an audit of all community facilities in the Dungog Shire as part of the revision of its Section 94 Contributions Plan. The following is a summary of issues identified by Council with respect to the Paterson Sportsground. These relate principally to maintenance and upgrading of existing facilities and provision of additional facilities.

Issues Arising from Section 94 Inspections

- Provision of improved seating.
- Refurbishment of tennis club house and kitchen.
- Provide lighting on sporting field.
- Construct new amenities block.
- Install new doors on badminton shed and carry out safety improvements.
- Upgrade netball courts.
- Resurfacing of tennis courts.
- Construct BBQ and shelter.
- General landscaping and appearance.

Overall Issues

- Lack of cohesive planning- Appropriate management proposals for new facilities- encroachment/alienation by sportsground users.
- Retrospective approval for unapproved development in the reserve.
- Review of function and reporting mechanism of Committee in light of the Plan of Management.

- Provision of accessible areas for unstructured recreation in Paterson.

6.9 Issues From The General Community

As at the date of adoption of this Draft Plan the general public in Paterson District have not been surveyed to gain opinions of future directions with the Sportsground. However, the Sportsground Committee are considered to be representative of the community and the opinions of the wider Paterson community will be sought via a public launch of the draft Plan of Management at the beginning of its public exhibition phase and through the public submissions process. Community comment which is additional to the current contents of the Plan will be considered for incorporation into the final document.

6.10 Council's Comments on Existing Developments

Paterson Golf Course

The golf course, golf club house and golf club workshop do not have development approval. The golf course takes up a large area of the reserve and its impacts on other users is significant. This Plan includes strategies for development approval to be considered.

With respect to the golf course, a significant discrepancy exists between the Land Capability Assessment carried out by the Department of Land and Water Conservation and the current layout of facilities at the Sportsground, in that construction of fairways by the Golf Club has encroached onto the fringe areas of Mapping Unit 1 for the purpose of completing the 9 hole course MU1 has an area of approximately 5 ha and fairway No. 4 has encroached onto MU1. Whilst the department did not define the boundary between MU1 and MU2 by survey the extent of the encroachment is estimated at 1 ha. In this respect, Council acknowledges that the Plan of Management does not wholly comply with the Department's Land Capability Assessment. The encroachment of the golf course into Mapping Unit 1 is shown in diagrammatic form in Figure 8:-

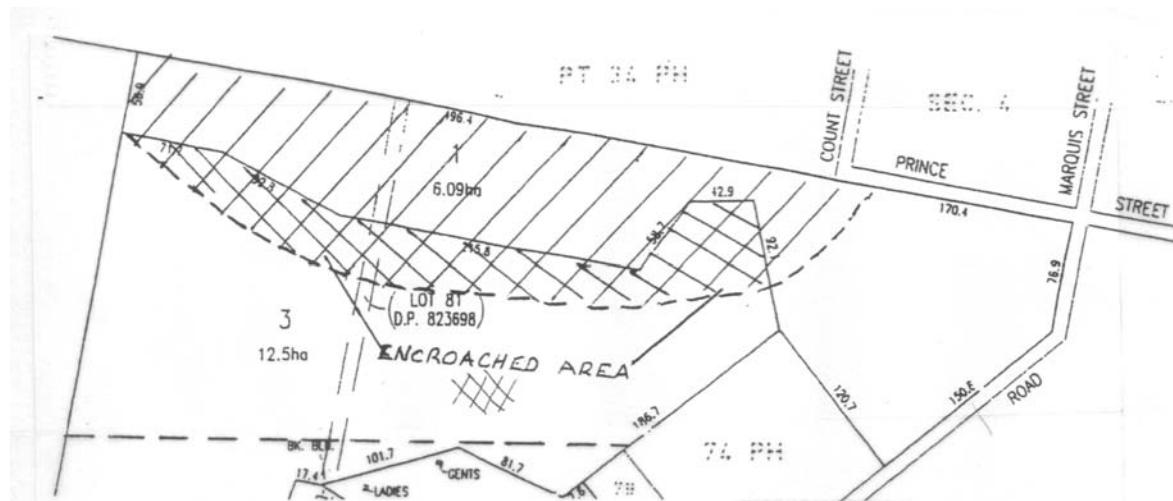


Figure 8 - Encroachment of Paterson Golf Course Into Mapping Unit 1

Given that the course has general acceptance by the community, and no further extension in area is planned for the golf course, it is not recommended in this Plan that the encroached area be resumed. Issues which may need to be addressed during the development approval process for the golf course include, but are not limited to, construction of high fence along proposed walkway between Lot 1 and remainder of reserve for safety of children and the general public, safety of users of the tennis courts and drainage from and storage of fertiliser.

The Golf Club has prepared a Development Application for determination by Council.

Paterson Tennis Courts and Club House

Development consent has been provided for the tennis club house.

The present tennis courts in the reserve were constructed in the early 1970s. Consent for the construction of the tennis courts would have been required under the Interim Development Order process, however records indicate that an approval for consent was not lodged. It is likely that the courts were considered to be an ancillary development at the time. Because of the small area taken up by the courts and the minimal impact on the visual amenity of the reserve Council would not consider it necessary to pursue further development consent.

Badminton Shed

The badminton shed was constructed by Council in the 1940s and development consent would not have been required at that time.

Cricket Practice Nets

Development approval has been provided for the practice nets adjacent to the oval.

Paterson River Netball Club

Development Consent has not been obtained by the Netball Club and is not required at this stage.

6.11 Environmental Assessment January 2001

As part of the preparation of this Plan of Management, an environmental assessment of Mapping Unit 1 (Lot 1), was carried out by Council and a professional consultant. A summary of the assessment follows:

6.11.1 Terrain

Terrain is sloping and soil appears drier on the western side. Some evidence of previous bulldozing exists at the boundary with Lot 3 comprising construction of two shallow dams. Evidence of previous clearing for tracks exists in other locations. Considerable regrowth has occurred in previously disturbed areas.

Recommendations

- The dams provide drinking water for fauna and as such do not detract from the area - removal of these dams not considered necessary.

6.11.2 Flora

A significant number of slaty red gum trees (*eucalyptus glaucescens*) are evident on the eastern end of Lot 1 and throughout Lot 3 between the golf course fairways. These trees are threatened species. Evidence of considerable regeneration of this species is evident throughout Lot 1. Other species include spotted gum, grey gum, iron bark, stringy bark and thick-leaved mahogany. Tea-tree on eastern side denotes more soil moisture on this side. Grey gums are a potential koala habitat, although not enough trees are evident to meet SEPP 44 requirements. Koalas have previously been sighted in Paterson township and it is possible that they may enter Lot 1 in the future. Good availability of native grasses and understorey shrubs is evident, as well as good regrowth of young eucalypts. Although not sighted, Casuarina (forest oak) could exist in Lot 1 and would be a significant species if found.

A severe infestation of lantana and african olive has occurred over many years, and is evident throughout Lot 1.

An endangered orchid (*Diuris (pallens)* now *pedunculata*) was found on the lower slope of the reserve, within one kilometre of the cemetery, in 1926 but has not been seen since. This species flowers in November for approximately two weeks.

Recommendations

- Young and mature slaty red gums throughout the reserve should be retained as this is a vulnerable species.
- No large trees should be removed.
- Removal of lantana and African olive. Burning of removed vegetation should not be encouraged- preferable cut it up and spread around.
- Careful observation for evidence of pedunculata species.
- Retention of dead trees in Lot 1 for wildlife habitat.
- Construction of a walking track in Lot 1 to allow greater appreciation and usage.

Suggested Conditions on construction of walking track

- Track should not be placed too close to dead trees.
- Large trees are not to be removed.
- Mapping of a suitable route needs to be undertaken. Possibly start at base and work upwards and around in a figure 8.
- Because Lot 1 is a high fire risk area, it would be appropriate to construct the walking track of sufficient width to allow access by fire tanker.

6.11.3 Fauna

Lot 1 is a significant wildlife corridor, which extends into the adjacent portion on the western end. Although not sighted on the reserve, koalas have been previously sighted in Paterson township. Wallaby tracks are evident in Lot 1, with movement from top of slope to bottom. Lot 1 is also a possible tiger quoll habitat. There is evidence of considerable bird life in Lot 1.

Recommendations

- Careful observation for evidence of koalas in the reserve.
- Retention of adjacent wildlife corridor if possible.
- Walking of dogs in Lot 1 would pose no threat to fauna providing there is no evident koala population.

It is suggested that Council's environmental strategies for the reserve incorporate the recommendations in this report.

6.12 Management Objectives

Based on the issues raised, the values placed on the Sportsground and legislative requirements, the following broad, primary management objectives, have been developed to guide policy development and formulation of the management strategies set out in Section 7 of this Plan:

- Facilitate appropriate management of the Sportsground's facilities.
- Provide for the maintenance and upgrading of existing facilities.
- Facilitate controlled future development for the purpose of structured and unstructured public recreation.
- Provide for the preservation and enhancement of the Sportsground's natural features and visual quality.

6.13 Prioritisation of Issues

In the Management Strategies set out in Section 7 of this Plan, priorities are allocated to issues in the following manner:

- **Short Term Issues-** *Strategies should be completed within 2 years.*
- **Medium Term Issues-** *Strategies should be completed within 5 years.*
- **Long Term Issues-** *Strategies may be commenced during the life of the Plan of Management, however completion of the issue is not expected within five years.*
- **Ongoing Issues-** *Strategies are carried out on a regular basis for the life of the Plan of Management.*
- **Commenced-** *Strategies have commenced as at the time of the adoption of the Plan of Management.*
- **Completed-** *Strategies have been completed as at the time of the adoption of the Plan of Management.*

The priority ratings are subject to the availability of necessary resources and may require modification when the Plan of Management is reviewed.

6.14 Definitions

In the following management strategies Mapping Unit 1 approximately equates to the area covered by Lot 1 in the survey plan at figure 3 and Mapping Unit 2 approximately equates to the balance of the reserve (ie Lots 2, 3 and 4).

7. MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES 2001-2006

7.1 MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Issue	Comments	Strategies	Responsibility	Performance Indicators
Short Term Priorities				
Survey Plan completed and approved by the Paterson Sportsground Committee	The development of lease or usage agreements for user groups having sole use of parts of the reserve or on a commercial basis is a requirement of the Department of Land and Water Conservation. In the case of Paterson Sportsground the two user groups affected by this requirement are Paterson Tennis Club and Paterson Golf Club. Other users of intensive recreational areas will occupy the remainder of the Reserve as ' <i>tenants in common</i> '. Lease areas must be defined by subdivision when in excess of a 5 year term. The proposed lease areas include Lot 3 (Golf Club) and Lot 2 (Tennis Club). Alternatively, usage agreements for the areas in question may be considered.	<p>Finalise a Survey Plan which shows the areas of the reserve of which user sporting and recreational groups have sole or commercial use-specifically Paterson Golf Club and Paterson Tennis Club</p> <p>Develop leasing terms which are acceptable to the user groups and which take into account the long term impact on the Sportsground, the public interest and any proposed capital improvements by the lessee.</p> <p>Develop leasing fees which reflect the need for contributions for maintenance of common areas of the reserve</p> <p>Ensure that public access is not adversely affected through the preparation of leases</p>	Council Council in consultation with the Golf and Tennis Clubs Council in consultation with the Golf and Tennis Clubs Council in consultation with the Committee	
The roles and responsibilities of the Paterson Sportsground Committee need to reflect the desired outcomes of this Plan	The Paterson Sportsground Committee's current Constitution was approved in 1992. As Council's agent in the management of this reserve the roles and responsibilities of the Committee	<p>Negotiate roles and responsibilities with the Committee</p> <p>Revise relevant sections of the Committee's Constitution if required</p> <p>Empower Committee to establish sub-</p>	Council in consultation with the Committee Council in consultation with the Committee Council	Committee's roles and responsibilities clarified and documented Committee's Constitution revised to reflect its roles and responsibilities in relation to the

Issue	Comments	Strategies	Responsibility	Performance Indicators
	need to reflect the strategies set out in this Plan.	groups to deal with relevant issues if required		Plan of Management Revised Constitution approved by the Committee and Council Sub-groups established by the Committee as appropriate
Ongoing Priorities				
Paterson Sportsground Committee to manage the reserve on behalf of Council	Care, control and management of the reserve is delegated to the Paterson Sportsground Committee. The Committee will have the role of overseeing all strategies set out in this Plan except those relating to environmental issues. This is seen by Council as the most effective way of managing the reserve.	Continuation of Council's support of the Sportsground Committee as the controlling body Sportsground Committee to maintain control of the area, including identifying and meeting user needs and resolving differences between users. Inclusion of the Plan of Management in the Committee's roles and responsibilities Development of a process for the Committee to refer environmental issues to Council	Council Committee Council Council in consultation with the Committee	Support provided to the Committee by Council as required and appropriate Committee in place and fulfilling duties as set out in its Constitution Constitution of the Committee revised to reflect the requirements of the Plan of Management Procedure for referral of environmental issues established
A greater effort should be made to generate more community involvement for the whole of the Sportsground	Council sees community involvement as of great importance in the management of and the carrying out of improvements to the reserve. This is best achieved by ensuring community representation on the Committee,	Ensure that the community representative places on the Sportsground Committee are filled. Actively seek involvement of the community in implementing the action strategies of this Plan	Council Sportsground Committee and Council	Community representative places on the Committee filled Instances where the involvement of the community has been sought documented

Issue	Comments	Strategies	Responsibility	Performance Indicators
	supporting the Committee's initiatives and providing support when needed. Under its current Constitution three places are allocated for community representatives on the Sportsground Committee.	Provide support to the Committee when needed	Council	Issues raised by the Committee are responded to promptly
The trustee (Council) to maintain an awareness of the activities and needs of the Sportsground Committee	As trust manager, Council needs to be as aware as possible of the activities and needs of the Committee, in order to provide support in the implementation of the strategies in this Plan. Areas of significance for Council include finance, maintenance activities and planning for new facilities	Annual financial reports and usage data to be provided to Council Annual budget allocation for roads and public facilities in the reserve to be considered	Committee Council	Reporting requirements set out in Committee's Constitution Annual reports received Annual budget allocations for maintenance made by Council
The Park should not be used for grazing, as permanent rural activity is not compatible with the Park's prime use of recreation and environmental protection	This is a recommendation of the Department of Land and Water Conservation's Land Capability Assessment of 1991. Council would suggest that the cleared area on the eastern end of Lot 1 (approx half a hectare) could be used for grazing purposes, until a suitable recreation use is found, as a means of raising revenue for improvements on the reserve. The land is currently unused and presents a maintenance problem.	Seek permission from the Department to develop short term grazing lease (12 months) over the cleared section of Lot 1 Carry out fencing of the section to ensure that the bushland area of Lot 1 is not affected Maintain an awareness of community need to enable future usage of the section for recreation purposes	Council Lessee Council	Permission for grazing of section of Lot 1 received and short term lease in place Revenue for leasing quarantined for future improvements within the reserve Fencing of section of Lot 1 carried out Possible uses of the section explored and documented

7.2 MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADING OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Issue	Comments	Strategy	Responsibility	Performance Indicators
Short Term Priorities				
Source funds for upgrading of facilities	All facilities at the Sportsground are concerned with active recreation. Council makes a budget allocation for annual maintenance at Paterson Sportsground, with the Committee meeting the balance of costs. This allows for works to be carried out. There are few or no funds available to carry out major upgrading of facilities.	Council should ensure that its revised Section 94 Plan meets the needs for active recreation facilities at the Sportsground and that expenditure of Section 94 contributions on facilities occurs as per the priorities identified with the Plan of Management	Council	An appropriate Section 94 levy for recreation in Paterson is included in Council's revised Section 94 Contributions Plan. Expenditure of Section 94 funds is in accordance with Management Strategies
Existing roads poor, provision of central road access and simplification of road network	There are two internal roads leading from the entrance to Paterson Sportsground to its facilities. It has been proposed that the topmost road be terminated at the Badminton Shed and that the lower road be used as main access to the oval, tennis courts and golf course. It is noted that the lower road is not shown on the survey plan at Figure 3.	Include simplified road network included in survey plan for future planning Prepare estimates for proposed improvements to road network	Council in consultation with the Committee Council and Committee	Revised road network included in survey plan Estimates for improvements to road network prepared
Retain and improve little athletics area	There is a designated area for little athletics within Lot 4. This area is used for athletics practice and local and district competitions. The Paterson Little Athletics Club is in recess at the time of preparation of this Plan, however the need has been expressed for the current area to be maintained and for safety netting for discus and shot put	Retain present little athletics area Source costings for safety netting and carry out installation	Council Little Athletics Club with support of Council	Designated Little Athletics area retained Costings for safety netting for little athletics obtained Installation of safety netting for little athletics carried out

Issue	Comments	Strategy	Responsibility	Performance Indicators
	to be constructed.			
Provision of improved seating at perimeter of playing surface	There is an inadequate amount of seating on the perimeter of the playing surface, and no covered seating at all.	Prepare estimates for installation of additional seating for up to 500 spectators on northern end of playing field perimeter.	Council and Sportsground Committee	Plans and estimates prepared for provision of additional seating at the perimeter of the oval Additional seating installed at oval
Improve overland drainage	Because of the slope of the reserve a considerable amount of runoff water collects on the southern end of Lot 4 as a result of sheet flow across the reserve. Drainage needs to ensure that water is redirected from access roads and the playing surface. There are existing drains along the topmost access road.	Develop a plan for drainage improvements within Lot 4. Develop a plan for an improved system of controlling overland water flow from the timbered area and the top edge of No. 4 fairway.	Council in consultation with users of Lot 4. Council in consultation with Paterson Golf Club	Drainage plan completed and estimates for works prepared.
Medium Term Priorities				
Provide lighting on sporting field and ensure adequate lighting within the reserve	There is no lighting on the playing surface, which reduces the use of the facility for evening sporting activities. Lighting needs to be improved in the area around the tennis courts, golf club house and badminton shed for safety purposes. Lighting would be advantageous for evening sessions of little athletics- at present sessions have to be held in the heat of the afternoon which is a detriment to participation rates and activities that can take place. Bolwarra Soccer Club use the oval for practice sessions- most juniors come from Paterson.	Develop a lighting plan and estimates for installation. Investigate funding options for installation	Sportsground Committee with support of Council Committee with support of Council	Lighting plan for reserve completed Estimates for lighting improvements prepared Funding options for lighting pursued

Issue	Comments	Strategy	Responsibility	Performance Indicators
	Training has to be limited to daylight hours.			
Upgrade netball courts and provide parking area	<p>It is proposed that a hard surface with area for 2 netball courts be established, to international standard, on the site of the existing Courts for the purpose of netball and other hard surface games for local and district competition. Netball has not been active in Paterson in recent years, however there appears to be some interest in the sport as present. The proximity of the courts to Paterson School also makes them a desirable asset. There is at present no representative for netball on the Sportsground Committee.</p>	<p>Preserve existing netball area in future planning</p> <p>Prepare a plan and estimates for two sealed netball courts and parking area for 26 cars and one coach</p> <p>Seek a representative from netball for the Sportsground Committee</p>	<p>Council or Committee</p> <p>Council</p> <p>Committee</p>	<p>Area for netball courts preserved</p> <p>Plan and estimates for two sealed netball courts and parking area prepared</p> <p>Representative from netball obtained for the Committee</p>
Refurbishment of tennis club house and kitchen	There are a number of minor works to be carried out on the tennis club house. The Tennis Club have indicated that these are in hand and will be carried out as the Club's resources allow. None require development approval.	Nil	Tennis Club	Minor works on tennis club house completed
Upgrade Badminton Shed	<p>The Badminton Shed, although of considerable age, is considered to be a desirable venue for indoor recreational activities. The structure requires new doors and fire safety improvements. A new concrete floor was completed in 1999.</p>	<p>Install new doors on building</p> <p>Carry out a safety audit on building and develop a plan for future improvement</p> <p>Encourage greater use of the building for recreational purposes.</p>	<p>Council</p> <p>Council in consultation with the Sportsground Committee</p> <p>Council and Sportsground Committee</p>	<p>New doors installed on Badminton Shed</p> <p>Safety audit and plan of improvements completed for Badminton Shed</p> <p>Initiatives aimed at generating increased usage of the Badminton Shed documented.</p>

Issue	Comments	Strategy	Responsibility	Performance Indicators
Long Term Priorities				
Allowance for future expansion of tennis courts	The two synthetic courts are considered adequate for the needs of the Planning District's population at present. However given likely population increases in coming years it is considered appropriate that allowance be made for provision of at least one additional tennis court in the future	Allow space in the revised survey plan for future expansion of the tennis courts	Council in consultation with Paterson Tennis club	Area for additional tennis courts reserved in survey plan
Defined area for parking	While a defined parking area is achievable at the proposed netball courts, there is some difficulty in surveying sufficient space for two parking areas adjacent to the tennis and golf facilities. It is the Sportsground Committee's recommendation that multi-use parking for vehicles be allowed in Lot 4 as near to both facilities as is practicable, without surveying a defined parking area at this stage.	Allow parking to continue as currently takes place	Council	Current arrangements for parking at the sportsground continue
Construct new amenities block	The current public amenities at the reserve are located in Lot 4, of timber construction. Minor structural repairs to the ladies amenities were carried out by Council in early 2001. The amenities are available to the general public and to competitors at district and regional sporting events. While both amenities are satisfactory in the short term, Council would consider the	Develop plans and costings for new amenities block to be constructed in Lot 4 Carry out ongoing maintenance and repairs to existing amenities	Council in consultation with Sportsground Committee Council	Plans and costings for new amenities block prepared. Maintenance funds allocated to amenities and expended as funding becomes available

Issue	Comments	Strategy	Responsibility	Performance Indicators
	construction of a new amenities block, including provision for disabled access, to be an appropriate long-term strategy.			
Install watering system	Council's inspections of the oval in 2000 revealed that there is no watering system in place on the oval. The Sportsground Committee do not see the installation of a watering system on the oval as being of great importance	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ongoing Priorities				
Source external funding for improvements to facilities at the Sportsground	Clubs with representation on Paterson Sportsground Committee should continue to submit grant applications	Provide information to user groups regarding the availability of funding Assist with completion of funding applications	User bodies with support of Council	Information is provided to user bodies on the availability of grants Applications are completed by user bodies, with assistance from Council if required
Maintain field for cricket	The playing field at the sportsground has a synthetic wicket and is used for district and regional competition. Practice nets for district use have been constructed, with development approval, on the western side of the playing field. It is considered essential to ensure that the availability of the playing field for cricket is maintained. No maintenance or upgrading issues have been identified by the Cricket Club with respect to their facilities	Retention of the oval for cricket	Committee	Oval is available for cricket
Completed Issues				
Resurfacing of tennis courts	Completed by the Tennis Club in 2000.	Nil		
Preparation of a conceptual plan of	The Action Strategies in this	Nil		

Issue	Comments	Strategy	Responsibility	Performance Indicators
improvements	Plan should be considered as the conceptual plan of improvements for the reserve			

7.3 PLANNING ISSUES

Issue	Comments	Strategy	Responsibility	Performance Indicators
Short Term Priorities				
Retrospective approval for unapproved development in the reserve	Council does not necessarily consider any of the facilities on the reserve to be an inappropriate use of the land, however it is essential that an application is considered for those facilities for which it has not previously been provided, as a means of ensuring that the activities of applicants continue to be in keeping with the purpose of the Reserve and the requirements of this Plan.	Seek and process Development Applications for the following developments: Golf course Golf club house Golf club workshop	Council	Development Applications for Paterson golf course, golf club house, golf club workshop received and processed. Development conditions met by applicants
Lack of cohesive planning- Develop appropriate management proposals for new facilities	It is considered essential to ensure that all developments which occur on the reserve in the future are the subject of an approvals process and consultation with the Sportsground Committee.	Not allow future development on the site without prior approval and consultation with the Sportsground Committee. Factors to be considered in approving new developments include: <i>Effects on vegetation Effect of visual amenity Proximity to existing facilities</i>	Council	No further unapproved development on the reserve
Mapping Unit 1 (Lot 1) to be protected from any intensive forms of development	Mapping Unit 1, which covers the approximate area of Lot 1 in Figure 3, is recognised by the Department of Land and Water Conservation as an area of environmental significance. As such, it is deemed unsuitable for development of	Not approve developments for Mapping Unit/Lot 1	Council	No developments approved in Lot 1

Issue	Comments	Strategy	Responsibility	Performance Indicators
	facilities.			
Provide access to rear of reserve	An unformed road (shown as Lot 81 on the survey plan at figure 3) separated Lots 80 and 81 and provided future access to Lot 1 and properties beyond. This road was closed in 1995 and is now known as Lot 81 and forms part of the reserve. Council would see it as desirable that access to Mapping Unit 1 is maintained.	<p>Investigate provision of future vehicular access to Mapping Unit 1. Options include:</p> <p><i>Creation of an alternative access off Webbers Creek Road along western boundary of the reserve</i></p> <p><i>Creation of an alternative access off Webbers Creek Road at eastern end of Lot 1</i></p> <p><i>Creation of access from Prince Street via adjacent property should the opportunity arise</i></p>	Council	Options for creation of access to Mapping Unit 1 investigated and documented
Medium Term Priorities				
Develop additional facilities on the reserve for unstructured recreation.	Given the growing population of the Paterson Valley it is considered appropriate to plan for future provision of accessible areas for unstructured recreation in the Paterson district. It is Council's opinion that there is sufficient unutilised open space within Lot 4 to allow the development of additional facilities providing that the open parkland setting of the reserve is not compromised and facilities do not become overcrowded.	<p>Develop a concept plan for establishment of additional facilities with appropriate placement. Plan to include</p> <p><i>BMX/skateboard area</i></p> <p><i>Childrens playground</i></p>	Council in consultation with Sportsground Committee	Concept plan completed which includes BMX/skateboard area and childrens playground

7.4 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Issue	Comments	Strategies	Responsibility	Performance Indicators
Medium Term Priorities				
Mitigation of soil erosion in Lot 1	Because the steeply sloping ground has very shallow soil depth with rock close to the surface, no more trees should be removed from the remaining timber stand in MU1. Increased effort is required to establish protective groundcover on all bare earth surfaces at the top edge of No. 4 fairway. No removal of trees should take place in Lot 1	Include in development conditions for the Golf Course that ground cover species be established on bare areas along the top edge of fairway no. 4 Not allow removal of trees in Lot 1	Paterson Golf Club Sportsground Committee with support of Council	Ground cover established on bare areas on top side of fairway no. 4 No trees removed from Lot 1
Long Term Priorities				
Facilitation of greater access to and appreciation of Lot 1	Under the conditions of the Department's Land Capability Assessment no intensive development is to be permitted on Lot 1. However, the area is described as being suitable for the establishment of interpretive walks for educational purposes- this is seen as being an appropriate recreational use of the land. An environmental assessment carried out on Lot 1 in January 2001 has made recommendations regarding the construction of a walking trail which should be followed should	Develop a plan for a walking trail in Lot 1 Support community initiatives for controlled construction of walking/fire trail	Council, Committee, community organizations Council, Committee, community organizations	Plan for walking trail completed Initiatives for construction of a walking trail in Lot 1 explored

Issue	Comments	Strategies	Responsibility	Performance Indicators
	such a project proceed.			
Mitigate against fire risk	Lot 1 is recognised in the Land Capability Assessment as being an area of fire risk. There is at present no access for fire tankers into Lot 1 and it would be difficult to halt a fire travelling from west to east.	Incorporate fire trail into plans for walking track	Council in consultation with Paterson Rural Fire Service	Fire trail included in planning for walking trail
Ongoing Priorities				
Conservation of remnant vegetation in Mapping Unit 1 (Lot 1) and conservation of vegetation in other parts of the reserve	The remaining bushland on the reserve needs to be conserved in its natural state. Lot 1 comprises an area of remnant bushland, with several varieties of eucalypt and understorey vegetation. The area has a moderate to heavy infestation of introduced species, most notably lantana and African olive. It is unlikely that Council will be able to fund removal of the infestation, however community initiatives in this regard would be considered worthy of support	Not allow the removal of young and mature trees on Lot 1 Support controlled strategies aimed at removing lantana and African olive Document and report observation of endangered species-notably casuarina, pedunculata and koalas	Committee Committee with support of Council Committee, users and Council	No trees removed from Lot 1 Community initiatives aimed at removing unwanted vegetation species in Lot 1 supported and documented Observations of endangered species of flora documented
Conservation of native trees throughout the reserve	A significant number of young and mature slaty red gum trees have been found to exist in the reserve, principally in Lots 1 and 3. As these are a vulnerable	Not allow the removal of young and mature trees on any part of the reserve without approval from Council	Committee	No native trees removed from the reserve unless approval is received from Council

Issue	Comments	Strategies	Responsibility	Performance Indicators
	species, their conservation is seen to be a significant issue.			
Facilitate protection of fauna throughout the reserve, particularly in Lot 1	<p>It is seen as important to protect habitat for animals and birds in Lot 1 as it is an area of environmental significance. Existing habitat includes hollow logs on the ground, standing dead trees and understorey growth</p>	<p>Encourage native animal habitat by allowing hollow logs on the ground and standing dead trees to remain, providing no safety risk is posed to the public</p> <p>Facilitate the regeneration of native grasses and shrubs in the understorey of Lot 1</p>	<p>Committee with support of Council</p> <p>Committee with support of Council</p>	<p>No dead trees or hollow logs removed from the reserve unless a safety risk is identified</p> <p>Support given to community initiatives aimed at facilitating regeneration of native shrubs and grasses in Lot 1</p>
Improve general landscaping and appearance	<p>It is considered important to make the Sportsground appear welcoming to the public and to visitors by improving the look of the perimeter, entries and signs as well as strategic planting of native shrubs and trees. It is felt that these works would be of a minor nature, but would require a coordinated approach</p>	Prepare a landscaping plan for the reserve to guide future beautification strategies	Committee	Landscaping plan completed for the reserve
Preserve Lot 1 as buffer area for adjacent land use	<p>It is important that the remnant vegetation along the northern boundary be retained for its ecological values but also as a buffer to future landuse on land to the north.</p>	Adhere to strategies outlined in the Plan for conservation of Lot 1 to ensure its function as a buffer area continues	Committee and Council	Strategies for Lot 1 are adhered to preserve its role as a buffer area

7.5 ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW FACILITIES

Issue	Comments	Strategies	Responsibility	Performance Indicators
Short Term Priorities				
Allowance for construction of licenced golf club house	The construction of licenced premises on the reserve is not considered by the Department of Land and Water Conservation as an appropriate usage of the reserve. However although the licenced club is unlikely to be constructed in the short term, it has been raised by the Golf Club as a possible future development and it is considered appropriate to allow for its future construction through the creation of a lot which can be excised from the reserve if required in the future. There appears to be little broader support for the establishment of a licenced sports club house on the reserve at this stage.	Inclusion of additional lot for golf club house in survey plan to allow for future removal from the reserve if licenced premises are constructed	Council	Separate allotment created for future licenced premises
Medium Term Priorities				
Playground equipment with fenced enclosure for children of	The installation of a playground catering for children aged	Include a childrens playground in a concept plan for provision of additional facilities	Council in consultation with Committee	Childrens playground included in concept plan for future development at the Sportsground Plan and costings for childrens

Issue	Comments	Strategies	Responsibility	Performance Indicators
people attending sporting events	0-12 is seen as a desirable development, both for casual visitors to the reserve and those using the reserve for active recreation, and who require entertainment for their children. According to the Census the childrens population in the Paterson Planning District is increasing. There is sufficient space to construct a playground where it will not interfere with existing facilities.	Prepare a plan for a suitable playground unit and estimates for purchase and installation Source possible grant and Council funding for installation of playground	Committee with support of Council Council and Committee	playground prepared Funding options for childrens playground investigated
Construct BBQ and shelter	There are no public picnic facilities in the reserve. It is felt that a dedicated picnic/BBQ area with shelters and strategically placed shade trees in Lot 4 would enhance the use of the reserve for unstructured recreation for the local community as well as visitors.	Include a picnic shelter and BBQ in a concept plan for future developments in the reserve Prepare a plan and estimates for a picnic shelter and electric BBQ	Council in consultation with Committee Council	Picnic shelter and BBQ area included in concept plan for future improvements in the reserve Plan and estimates for picnic shelter and BBQ area prepared
Provision of BMX or skateboard facility	The construction of an area for skateboards and/or BMX would open up the reserve for	Include a BMX/skateboard facility in a concept plan for future developments in the reserve	Council in consultation with the Committee	BMX/skateboard facility included in a concept plan for future developments in the reserve Plan and estimates for a BMX/skateboard facility

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	unstructured recreation by local young people. It is felt that this would be an appropriate development which is in keeping with the reserve's purpose	Prepare a plan and estimates for a BMX/skateboard facility	Committee with support of Council	prepared

7.6 SUMMARY OF ACTIONS AND PRIORITIES

The following are the actions included in the management strategies, with priorities further defined.

7.6.1 Short Term Actions (To Be Completed Within Two Years)

- Survey Plan completed and approved by the Paterson Sportsground Committee.
- Lease or usage agreements developed and signed by the Paterson Golf Club and Paterson Tennis Club.
- Satisfactory lease fees negotiated and paid by the Paterson Golf Club and Paterson Tennis Club.
- Public access to the reserve is maintained.
- Committees roles and responsibilities clarified and documented.
- Committee Constitution revised to reflect its roles and responsibilities in relation to the Plan of Management.
- Revised Constitution approved by the Committee and Council.
- An appropriate Section 94 levy for recreation in Paterson is included in Council's revised Section 94 Contributions Plan.
- Revised road network including in survey plan.
- Designated Little Athletics area retained.
- Drainage plan completed.
- Development Applications for Paterson Golf Course, golf clubhouse, golf club workshop BMX Track and tennis facilities received and processed.
- Fencing of section of Lot 1 carried out.
- Groundcover established on bare areas on top side of fairway No. 4 in Lot 3.
- Separate allotment created for future licensed premises.
- Lighting plan for the reserve completed.
- Area reserved for netball courts.
- Representatives for netball obtained for Committee.
- New doors installed in badminton shed.
- Safety audit and plan of improvements completed for badminton shed.
- Concept plan completed which includes a concept plan for BMX/skateboard area and children's playground.
- Picnic shelter and BBQ area included in concept plan for future improvements in the reserve.
- Area for additional tennis courts included in survey plan.

7.6.2 Medium Term Actions (To Be Completed Within Five Years)

- Estimates for improvements to road network prepared.
- Costings for safety netting in little athletics area obtained and installation carried out.
- Plans and estimates prepared for installation of additional seating.
- Additional seating installed.
- Estimates for drainage works prepared.
- Options for creation of access to Mapping Unit 1 investigated and documented.
- Estimates for lighting improvements prepared.
- Funding options for lighting improvements pursued.
- Plan and estimates for two sealed netball courts and parking area prepared.
- Minor works on tennis club house completed.
- Plan and costings for children's playground completed.
- Plan and estimates for picnic shelter and BBQ area prepared.
- Plan and estimates for a BMX skateboard facility prepared.
- Siting options for self care units identified.

- Landscaping plan completed for the Reserve.

7.6.3 Long Term Actions (May be Commenced but not necessarily Completed During the Life of this Plan)

- Plans and costings for new amenities block prepared.
- Plan for walking trail completed.
- Initiatives for construction of a walking trail in Lot 1 explored.
- Fire trail included in planning for walking trail.

7.6.4 Ongoing Actions

- Sub-groups established by the Committee as appropriate.
- Expenditure of Section 94 Funds is in accordance with management strategies.
- Development conditions met by applicants.
- No further unapproved development on the reserve.
- No developments approved in Lot 1.
- Initiatives aimed at generating additional usage of Badminton Shed documented.
- No trees removed from Lot 1.
- Funding options for children's playground investigated.
- Present parking arrangements continue.
- Maintenance funds allocated to amenities and expended as required.
- Information is provided to user bodies on the availability of grants.
- Applications are completed by user bodies with assistance from Council if required.
- Support provided to the Committee by Council as required and appropriate.
- Committee in place and fulfilling duties as set out in its Constitution.
- Community representative places filled.
- Instances where the involvement of the community has been sought are documented.
- Issues raised by the Committee are responded to promptly.
- Annual reports received by Council.
- Annual budget allocations for maintenance made by Council.
- Revenue for leasing quarantined for future improvements within the reserve.
- Possible uses of the eastern end of Lot 1 explored and documented.
- Expenditure of Section 94 funds is in accordance with Management Strategies.
- Oval is available for cricket.
- Community initiatives aimed at removing an unwanted species in Lot 1 supported and documented.
- Observations of endangered species documented.
- No native trees removed from the Reserve unless approval is received.
- No dead trees or hollow logs removed from the Reserve unless a safety risk is identified.
- Support given to community initiatives aimed at facilitating regeneration of native shrubs and grasses in Lot 1.
- Strategies for Lot 1 are adhered to preserve its role as a buffer area.

8. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

This Plan of Management has a life of five years and will be due for a comprehensive review in 2006. Council and the Sportsground Committee will undertake an annual review of the Plan in accordance with the actions set out in section 7.6 of the Plan. A full report on the outcomes of the Plan will be provided to the Department of Land and Water Conservation after this time.