

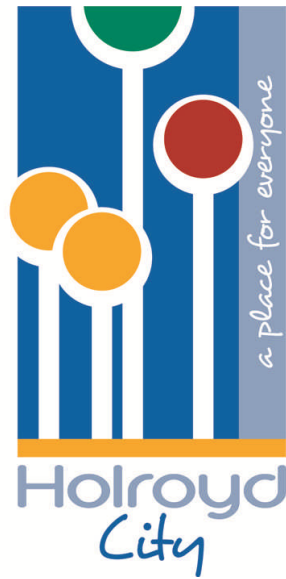
Charles Mance Reserve & Byron Park



Plan of Management

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1 Executive Summary

This document is a specific Plan of Management (POM) for two separate parks within the parkland open space area incorporating Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park in Merrylands.

The parklands provide a diverse variety of passive recreational facilities, a commemorative space and are a sanctuary for urban wildlife as well as the growing number of residents in the Merrylands area.

This Plan of Management sets out to protect the parklands, and provide recreational, community and cultural activities for the local Merrylands community, now and into the future.

It ensures the 6872 square metres of parkland will remain a vital green asset for Merrylands, including a Memorial in recognition of Charles Mance and veterans from World War 1 and a Community Garden.

2 Introduction

2.1 What is a Plan of Management?

A Plan of Management (POM) is a strategic document providing a planning and management framework for the future use, development and maintenance of multiple or individual areas of land in accordance with the NSW Local Government Act of 1993. While a POM is a requirement for all community land owned by Council, it also presents an opportunity to engage with the community and create vision and values that are consistent with the needs of the current population and establishes how the parks and reserves can be used in the future.

There are over 250 parks and reserves in the Holroyd Local Government Area (LGA) providing passive and active recreational opportunities. Plans of Management are required for all community land.

2.2 Holroyd Community Strategic Plan

The *Living Holroyd Strategic Community Plan* 2013 was developed in partnership with the Holroyd Community and identifies priorities, strategies and objectives for the long term vision of the Holroyd local government area.

The relevant strategies stated in the Plan that are consistent with the future management and development of the parklands incorporating Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park include:

- Integrate safety-by design into city planning and maintenance
- Provide city parks and facilities to meet lifestyle priorities
- Ensure equality of access and affordability of city park and facility usage
- Effectively communicate the range, availability and operation of city parks and facilities
- Enhance accessibility to all public spaces
- Identify and maintain City heritage and culture through planning and design
- Ensure all assets and infrastructure are effectively maintained to industry and community standards
- Ensure assets and infrastructure are effectively managed
- Preserve and enhance the natural assets of the city
- Provide access to open spaces and bushland and maintain the biodiversity of the city
- Deliver community education programs on implementation of environmentally sustainable initiatives
- Ensure that public consultation and participation is an integral part of Council's decision making process
- Implement programs to encourage the use and community ownership of public spaces
- Enhance response to graffiti, vandalism and disruption to cityscape
- Target reduction in city usage of non-renewable energy and natural resources

- Integrate the values of Living Holroyd into Council operations and management
- Resources are managed to meet city service provision and support
- Council maintains all legislative responsibilities
- Engage community bodies and associations in local decision making

The existing management of Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park is consistent with this plan which provides the vision shared by Council and the wider community and ensures that these ideals are implemented in all future plans and actions.

2.3 Land Covered under this Plan of Management

Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park are located in the suburb of Merrylands, south of the commercial precinct and the public transport hub associated with Merrylands Train Station (See Figure 1).

Charles Mance Reserve has an area of 1653 square metres bound by Newman Street to the north and Orana Lane to the west (See Figure 2). Orana Lane provides pedestrian access to Byron Park and St Ann Street to the south and access to Byron Park for maintenance. The remainder of Charles Mance Reserve is bounded by residential properties. Charles Mance Reserve is classified as Community Land and is zoned R4 High Density Residential in Holroyd Council LEP 2013.

Byron Park has an area of 4256 square metres and is enclosed by surrounding residential properties with the only link to the streets being by Orana Lane. The Park is Classified as Community Land and is zoned Recreation 1- Public Recreation in Holroyd Council LEP 2013

Orana Lane is a Road included in this Plan and has an area of 963 square metres. The road currently provides vehicular access to rear property garage at 5a St Ann Street.



Figure 1 Location of Land. (Aerial photo sourced from Google maps)



Figure 2 Area covered by this Plan of Management (Aerial photo sourced from Google maps)

2.4 Objectives of the Plan of Management

This Plan of Management defines the future management and development priorities for the open space area and includes amended requirements under the Local Government Act 1997 to identify those priorities as prescribed by its categorisation.

This Plan of Management is the first for Charles Mance Reserve and updates a previous plan prepared for Byron Park in 1997.

Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park have been developed by Holroyd Council as local parks for passive recreation. The landscape setting has been developed to include the Centenary Memorial and a memorial to Charles Mance, after whom the Reserve is named. A Community Garden has been developed in Byron Park. This POM aims to incorporate the varying needs of each of the groups associated with these facilities as well as the wider community into the future management and development of Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park.

General objectives of this POM are based on those objectives and programs incorporated in the Holroyd Community Strategic Plan as stated in Section 1.2 and design guidelines and principles in the Holroyd City Landscape Master Plan, along with Council policies, procedures and delegations.

The POM will formalise Charles Mance Reserve as a commemorative space in acknowledgement of Council's commitment to develop the Reserve as a Memorial to the War Veteran Charles Mance in 2003.

This POM addresses the core objectives for the open space management of community lands by formalising the category applied to the land parcels, such that:

- Charles Mance Reserve be categorised as 'Park' with the memorial identified as a cultural component of the Reserve.
- Byron Park be categorised as 'Park' with the Community Garden identified as an organised passive use within the site.

The specific objectives of the POM are to:

- Ensure that Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park are conserved for passive recreational purposes.
- Ensure the park is a visually attractive, safe environment, available and accessible for use by all sectors of the community
- Achieve a consistent and responsible approach to the management and maintenance of the park's resources
- Provide adequate, equitable, safe and appropriate services for the community that meet reasonable community expectations
- Manage, develop, protect, restore, enhance and conserve the environmental values of the park, to ensure it is sustainable for future generations while being visually attractive and pollution free, and operates with minimum impact on adjoining land holders
- Meet legislative requirements by categorising the land parcels.

2.5 Community Consultation

The Plan of Management was placed on public display as a Draft Plan for 28 days plus a 14 day ongoing response period (42 days in total) in accordance with Section 38 of the Local Government Act and a community forum was held to discuss the POM in accordance with Section 40A. The exhibition period and public hearing allowed interested parties an opportunity to comment on the POM with comments to be considered by Council.

3 Description of Land

3.1 Legal Description

Specifically this POM covers the land shown in Figure 2 and as listed in the following Tables.

BYRON PARK PROFILE	Land	Byron Park
	Title information	Lot C2 in DP 388139 and Lot 11D in DP 391185 Lot 14 in DP 1013443
	Ownership	Holroyd City Council
	Location	Byron Park is bounded by Orana lane to the east and residential properties fronting onto St Ann Street to the south, Memorial Avenue to the west and Newman Street to the north. Access to the Park is by way of Orana Lane.
	Total area	4256m ²
	Zoning	Recreation 1 – Public Recreation
	Classification	Community Land
	Community Land Categorisation	Park

CHARLES MANCE RESERVE PROFILE	Land	Charles Mance Reserve
	Title information	Lot 1 in DP 200274 and Lot 10B in DP 364655
	Ownership	Holroyd City Council
	Location	Charles Mance reserve is bound by Newman Street to the north and Orana Lane to the west. Residential properties are located on the eastern and southern boundaries which are accessed from Military Road.
	Total area	1653m ²
	Zoning	R4 – High Density Residential – recreation areas are included within this zoning. Refer to section 4.3.2 Zoning and Planning Controls.
	Classification	Community Land
	Community Land Categorisation	Park






ORANA LANE PROFILE	Land	Orana Lane
	Ownership	Holroyd City Council
	Location	Orana Lane is located between Newman Street to the north and St Ann Street to the south. Both Byron Park and Charles Mance Reserve front onto the Lane which is closed to vehicular traffic. Residences in St Anne Street and Newman Street have side boundaries onto the Lane. Properties in Military Road have rear boundaries onto the Lane.
	Total area	963m ²
	Zoning	Dedicated Public Road

Orana Lane is dedicated public road which currently provides pedestrian access between St Ann St and Newman St.




The Lane also provides vehicular access to the rear of property at 5a St Ann Street. The potential for the consolidation of parklands to include Orana Lane is subject to future development and direct vehicular access being provided from St Ann Street rather than the Lane.

3.2 Physical Description






The following table provides a description of the elements of Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park, their current condition and use in accordance with the requirements of clause 36 (3A) (a) (i) and 36 (3A) (a) (ii) of the Local Government Act.

	Item	Description	Condition	Current Use
BYRON PARK		Access gate to Byron Park	Good	Redundant
		Bollards - timber	Good	Redundant
		Children's playground – Byron Park	Good	Informal Children's play – for younger aged children upgraded in 2015
		Community Garden with storage, shade structure and perimeter fencing	Good	Passive recreation
		Light poles located throughout the parks	Good	Pedestrian and general purpose amenity lighting






BYRON PARK		Park Furniture	Good	Passive recreation and public amenity
				
				
		Pathway network	Good	Passive recreation and public amenity such as commuting.
		Signage	Good	Complies with Holroyd City Council's current corporate branding and Regulatory signage is in place


BYRON PARK		Tree guards for planting in grass	Good	Tree Protection
	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column;">   </div>	<p>Trees.</p> <p>There are 16 trees located in Byron Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 <i>Corymbia maculata</i> (Spotted Gum) • 2 <i>Corymbia citriodora</i> (Lemon Scented Gum) • 1 <i>Eucalyptus mollucana</i> (Grey Box) • 1 <i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> (Red Gum) • 1 <i>Eucalyptus sp</i> • 1 <i>Ficus microcarpa var Hillii</i> (Hills Weeping Fig) • 1 <i>Lagerstroemia indica</i> (Crape Myrtle) • 8 <i>Pistachia chinensis</i> (Chinese Pistachio) 4 recently planted • Stand <i>Corymbia citriodora</i> Self-seeded - all immature 	Trees to be assessed by a qualified Arborist	Biodiversity and landscape features

CHARLES MANCE RESERVE & BYRON PARK PLAN OF MANAGEMENT




CHARLES MANCE RESERVE	Item	Description	Condition	Current Use
		<p>Access Road – to Charles Mance Reserve from Newman Street</p>	<p>Good</p>	<p>Restricted vehicle access and pedestrian thoroughfare</p>
		<p>Bollards – stainless steel</p>	<p>Good</p>	<p>Vehicular barrier along Newman Street.</p>
		<p>Commemorative Artwork on the Newman Street frontage – Charles Mance Reserve</p>	<p>Good</p>	<p>Recognise national history</p>
		<p>Flag poles – Charles Mance Reserve</p>	<p>Good</p>	<p>Commemorative use</p>
	<p>Formal gardens – Charles Mance Reserve</p>	<p>Good</p>	<p>Landscape feature</p>	



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CHARLES MANCE RESERVE		<p>Light poles located throughout the parks</p>	<p>Good</p>	<p>Pedestrian and general purpose amenity lighting</p>
	   	<p>Memorial Wall - Signage</p> <p>With plaques commemorating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The naming of Charles Mance Reserve on 9th November 2003. • Charles Mance and • Centenary of the Anzac Landing 	<p>Good</p>	<p>Recognise local and national history.</p> <p>Regulatory signage is in place</p>

CHARLES MANCE RESERVE		<p>Trees.</p> <p>There are 15 trees located in Charles Mance Reserve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 <i>Brachychiton acerifolius</i> (Illawarra Flame Tree) • 3 <i>Backhousia citriodora</i> (Lemon Myrtle) • 1 <i>Corymbia citriodora</i> (Lemon scented Gum) • 7 <i>Corymbia maculata</i> (Spotted Gum) • 2 <i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> (Forest Red Gum) • 1 <i>Macadamia sp</i> (Macadamia) • 2 <i>Stenocarpus sinuatus</i> (Firewheel Tree) • 1 <i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i> (Jacaranda) • 2 <i>Lagerstroemia indica</i> (Crape Myrtle) • 1 <i>Quercus robur</i> (English Oak) 	<p>Trees to be assessed by a qualified Arborist</p>	<p>Biodiversity and landscape features</p>
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CHARLES MANCE RESERVE & BYRON PARK PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

CHARLES MANCE RESERVE		Park Furniture	Good	Passive recreation and public amenity
				
		Pathway network	Good	Passive recreation and public amenity such as commuting.

	Item	Description	Condition	Current Use
ORANA LANE		Access Road – to Byron park from Newman Street	Good	Restricted vehicle access and pedestrian thoroughfare
		Access Road to Community Garden from St Ann Street	Good	Vehicle access from St Ann Street to the rear of No 5A St Ann Street and the Community Garden

3.3 Access and Circulation

Access to the parklands is from the frontage of Charles Mance Reserve on Newman Street to the North and via Orana Lane off St Ann Street, to the south. Orana Lane provides restricted vehicle access to the parklands as well as providing a pedestrian thoroughfare for commuters to Merrylands Train Station and local resident access to the Merrylands Commercial Centre.

The existing path system is suitable for shared pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular maintenance access.

3.4 Culture and Heritage

Byron Park was originally named Cow Lane Park before submissions were made to rename it Orana Park in 1959. The name Orana is an Aboriginal word meaning welcome. The name was subsequently changed to Byron Park in 1984

On 10 December 1983, Mrs D. E. Grant of Merrylands, a descendent of William Ford and the Byron family, wrote to Holroyd Council on 10 December 1983, requesting that the park be renamed in recognition of the Byron family who had lived in the area for over 100 years and had owned the property that the park was located. Byron Park was bequeathed to Council by Councillor Byron for use as a public park. Holroyd Council resolved to rename the park, Byron Park on 7 February 1984.¹

Orana Lane was originally referred to as Cow Lane which can be found on earlier Land Titles and was renamed Orana Lane in 1976 by Government Gazette.

Charles Mance Reserve is comprised of two allotments purchased by Council for Recreational use in 2001. The land, 4-6 Newman Street, Merrylands, was initially purchased as an addition to Byron Park. Council Staff recall that the houses that existed on the site were demolished soon after purchase. The site was left undeveloped until it was officially named Charles Mance Reserve in November 2003 in recognition of *Lionel Charles Mance (3 February 1900 - 13 September 2001), World War I veteran, former President of the World War I Veterans Association, volunteer and resident of Merrylands for many years. The suggested change of name was publically advertised in October 2002 and assigned by the Geographic Names Board on 17 October 2002.²*

The following information is included on the plaque on the wall at the front of the Reserve:

Charles (Charlie) Mance
December 1900 – 13 September 2001

*Charles Mance enlisted in the 1st AIF on 12 April 1917 at the age of 16,
He was transferred into the 22nd Battalion in December 1917, In April*

¹ Information researched and provided by S. Coppins, Holroyd Council Librarian

² Information researched and provided by S. Coppins, Holroyd Council Librarian

1918 the Battalion took part in the 6th Brigade, 2nd Division's advance south of the Somme. Charlie was gassed in June 1918, but returned to the line in the following months. He was wounded a second time in August 1918 with shrapnel but remained on duty. Charlie and the 22nd Battalion fought in the grim battles of the German Spring Offensive on the Western Front, The Somme and Mont St Quentin.

The 22nd Battalion AIF were formed on the 26th March 1915 at Broadmeadows Camp in Victoria. They departed for Egypt on 8th May 1915 and were deployed to Gallipoli in the first week of September 1915, serving until evacuation in December 1915. In March 1916 they Embarked for France and were involved in the front line trench warfare until the battle of Montbrechain in October 1918.

*Charlie returned to Australia in February 1920 and was discharged in March. He moved to Merrylands in 1953. Charlie was decorated in 1998 with the Legion of Honour in France and in 1999 he was presented with the 80th Anniversary Armistice Remembrance Medal by the Prime Minister. He also received the British War Medal and Victory Medal. Charlie was the last survivor of the 22nd Battalion.
Lest we forget.*

A plaque to commemorate the naming of Charles Mance Reserve was installed in 2003. A garden bed in a diamond shape, planted with annuals in red and blue, was installed around the plaque to symbolise the 22nd Battalion colour patch. These colour patches were worn on soldiers sleeves to distinguish the different regiments.

During the upgrade in 2015 the naming plaque was relocated and placed on the granite memorial signage wall on the Newman Street frontage.

This wall was constructed as part of the redevelopment of Charles Mance Reserve to further recognise Charles Mance and to commemorate the Centenary of the ANZAC Landing at Gallipoli on the 25th April 1915. The Master Plan in Appendix B forms the basis for the redevelopment of the Reserve.

3.4.1 Public Art

The Commemorative Artwork at the frontage of Charles Mance Reserve was installed prior to the ANZAC Centenary Memorial service in April 2015. The artwork, a silhouette of the Diggers, was donated by local business proprietor and resident, Mr Terry Tisdale.

3.5 Maintenance

Ongoing maintenance is required to provide adequate service levels for general upkeep of the parklands including mowing operations, litter collection, graffiti removal and minor repairs and amendments.

Maintenance requests can be raised by staff or the general public through Council's Customer Services. Priority can be given to those issues that pose a safety hazard to the public.

Playgrounds need to be maintained to a regulatory standard which includes routine, operational and comprehensive inspections.

Proposed improvements to the parklands need to consider the quality and durability of materials within parks to facilitate the ease of maintenance. This may include delineation of open grassed areas from mulched and planted perimeter garden beds and associated tree planting. The aim is to suppress weed growth and improve urban habitat, thereby providing an area of urban respite for the health and wellbeing of the local community.

3.6 Physical Site Factors

3.6.1 Climate

The climate of Merrylands is typified by that received in the Western Suburbs of Sydney with averages in temperature ranging from 4 to 34 degrees Celsius. The area receives an average annual rainfall of 970mm with the highest rainfall in the period between January to June.

3.6.2 Landform and Drainage

The site falls 1200mm from the south west corner in Byron Park (RL23.4m) to the north east corner of Charles Mance Reserve (RL20.08m) on Newman Street. This equates to a constant slope of approximately 1:60 and ensures good drainage of the site.

Orana Lane has kerb and guttering on the eastern side which drains into pits in the stormwater system.

The 1:100 year flood map indicates that the area is subject to flooding. The flooding of the area though infrequent is of concern and any major development would require a flood assessment. A 1% Flood Extents Map of the area is shown in Appendix A of the Plan.

Located on the Blacktown Soil group overlying Wianamatta shales and Hawkesbury Sandstones, the soil tends to be clay with low fertility and generally suffers from poor drainage at times, however drainage is not expected to be an issue due to the natural fall of the site.

3.6.3 Vegetation

Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park are primarily maintained as grassed areas with tree and shrub plantings to create spaces for public amenity.

There is no remnant vegetation on the site. An aerial photo from 1943³ shows broad grass coverage with a few trees that are no longer present.

Charles Mance Reserve has some formality to the gardens as a result of the memorial upgrade. The existing mature trees were planted by the residents that

³ 1943 Aerial Photo accessed on Sydney 1943 Imagery on Six Maps

occupied the two parcels of land prior to 1998, and others were planted soon after the residences were demolished. Immature tree planting and shrub planting has been installed as part of the staged works for the Memorial.

Byron Park has a mixture of native tree species planted along the northern and western boundaries and a semicircle of exotic deciduous trees planted in association with the children's playground.

The Community Garden has some fruit trees and is characterised by raised garden beds planted with perennials and annual vegetables and flowers.

3.6.4 Fauna

The native tree planting found in the reserves provide limited habitat for bird species and fauna that have adapted to the urban environment.

3.6.5 Buildings and Structures

The Community Garden shade structure and storage facility are the only built structures currently on the site. The Community Garden structures provide

- Shelter and secure storage for maintenance equipment used by the gardeners
- Facility for workshops and training in gardening

Future stages of the Centenary Memorial Project include a proposed Memorial structure.

3.6.6 Services

Existing essential Services within the parklands include stormwater, sewer, street/park lighting and irrigation infrastructure.

3.7 Visual Character

The overall visual character of Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park is pleasing due to the recent partial upgrade of Charles Mance Reserve, the installation of the Community Garden and associated structure, new playground equipment and tree planting to the south of Byron Park. Both Parks are dominated by surrounding two and three storey residential development which is softened in areas by tree planting around the boundaries.

Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park are characterised by lawn areas divided into distinctive spaces by tree and shrub planting. The Memorial space occupies the majority of Charles Mance Reserve with an attractive seating area located beneath the trees to the rear of the reserve.

The Memorial provides a new focal point to the Reserve and the new furniture and planting enhance its appearance.

Byron Park is enclosed by the surrounding residential development with access along Orana Lane. On entering the Park from the south, the Community Garden has an identity of its own with repetitive garden beds in rows located within the confines of a perimeter fence. The Children's Play Area is surrounded by brick paving and a semi-circle of immature deciduous trees which delineates this area from the informal grass 'kick about' area which opens out within the middle of the surrounding built environment.

Potential improvements to the parkland area include:

- The continuity of residential boundary fences. Residential boundary fences are conditioned as part of development consent with the aim of forming a continuous fence type as seen around Charles Mance Reserve.
- Tree, shrub and ground cover planting that further delineate uses within the parkland area which further enhance the parkland setting.
- The continuity and quality of furniture.

3.8 Current Recreational Use

Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park provide passive recreational facilities to local residents.

Specifically, Charles Mance Reserve is a place of cultural significance with associated commemorative space for memorial services.

Generally, the parks are used by organised groups for memorial services, education, communal gardening and informal play, whilst individuals and informal groups use the park for informal play, relaxation and exercise.

The major groups using the park's facilities include:

- Merrylands RSL
- Community Garden group
- School groups, notably Merrylands East Public School

The parks provide an important pedestrian/bicycle link for local residents and commuters.

3.8.1 Charles Mance and Centenary Memorial

The Reserve has been formally recognised as a location for memorial services associated with World War 1 in particular ANZAC Day which occurs on the 25th April and Remembrance Day which falls on the 11th November each year. Other commemorative services may be held as required. The first stage of the Memorial development included flag poles, electricity supply, lighting and access paths.

Further development of the Reserve includes a formal Memorial which has been considered by local residents, the Merrylands RSL and Holroyd City Council. The Charles Mance Reserve Master Plan is shown in Appendix B of the plan.

3.8.2 Community Garden

The Community Garden is an area of 877 square metres located on the southern boundary of Byron Park. The garden is regularly frequented by key users and is still developing under the supervision of Holroyd City Council. The aim of the garden is to encourage local residents to be active and connected with each other and there is potential for further membership. It is an attractive and well-appointed facility and it is anticipated that the Community Garden will be well utilised as the population increases with the redevelopment of the area.

The storage and shade structure ensures the secure storage of tools and materials associated with garden maintenance. The building's large eaves and shaded forecourt provides protection for gardeners as a place to meet, shelter during inclement weather and allows Council to run workshops for the local residents on sustainable gardening.

Raised garden beds and lower plots are provided for individuals with differing access requirements.

A chain wire fence surrounds the garden for security and vehicle access is provided along Orana Lane from St Ann Street.

It is anticipated that the Community Garden will be placed in the care of a S355 Committee in accordance with Council's policies

3.8.3 Playground

A playground upgraded in 2015 for younger aged children is used regularly by the families of residents with young children. The enclosed Park is well suited for use by this age group away from roads and is a good mix of equipment for the age group.

Consideration could be given to the provision of a play item for older aged children, such as a rope/slide combo, to the west of the existing playground, to cater for a greater variety of age groups, skills and abilities.

3.9 Current Leasing Agreements

There are no lease agreements current for any part of Charles Mance Reserve or Byron Park.

3.10 Staffing

Maintenance of Charles Mance, Byron Park and Orana Lane is carried out by Council as discussed in Section 3.5. Maintenance.

The Community Garden is presently co-ordinated by Council.

3.11 Funding

The majority of funding for general maintenance and improvement works at these parks comes from general rate revenue.

Improvement works are also funded by S94 contributions and/or partnership funding.

Funding for recent works in Charles Mance Reserve was supplemented by contributions from the Merrylands RSL.

4 Planning Context and Categorisation

4.1 Categorisation

This Plan of Management is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993. It provides a strategic framework for the future management and use of Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park.

Public Land under the control of Council must be classified as either "community" or "operational" land. Land classified as "community" reflects the importance to the community in that the land is for use by the general public. All community land requires a plan of management to govern and manage the use of the land. The plan of management must include the following:

- the category of the land;
- objectives and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land;
- the means by which Council proposed to achieve the plan's objectives and performance targets;
- the manner in which council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plan's objectives and performance targets;
- the condition of the land and of any buildings or other improvements on the land;
- the use of the land and of any buildings or improvements as at the date of adoption;
- specify the purposes for which the land and any buildings or improvements will be permitted to be used;
- specify the purposes for which any further development of the land will be permitted, whether under lease or licence or otherwise; and
- describe the scale and intensity of any such permitted use or development.

The land must be categorised as one of more of the following:

- a natural area;
- a sportsground;
- a park;
- an area of cultural significance; and
- general community use.

This Plan of Management categorises the community land in Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park as:

Land Category	Core Objectives
<p>Park (LGA 1993, Section 36F) Land which is, or proposed to be, improved by landscaping, gardens or the provision of non-sporting equipment and facilities, and for uses which are mainly passive or active recreational, social, educational and cultural pursuits that not unduly intrude on the peaceful enjoyment of the land by others.</p>	<p>a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities, and</p> <p>b) to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and</p> <p>c) to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management, and</p>

4.1.1 How this Plan addresses the requirements of the Local Government Act

Core Objectives	Performance Criteria	Means	Assessment
PARK			
a) Encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities	Passive recreational use of park for local and district community is maintained and enhanced	Protect park open space and landscape character	Park area conserved
		Ensure the community is aware of park availability and facilities and has the choice to use the Park	Park is used by all those who would benefit / be intending on using it
		Improve quality of facilities where necessary ensuring that they adequately address sustainable usage levels and needs	Park usage enhanced within the limitations of available space and its carrying capacity
(b) Provide for passive recreational activities and pastimes and for the casual playing of games;	Where possible, the passive recreational amenity of the Park is improved	Enhance visibility and attractiveness of park area for passive recreational use	Progressive evolution of attractive and sustainable park character
(c) Improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management. (Clause 36G)	Park management and improvements to realise multiple objectives where possible	Provide for long term flexibility and adaptability of the park to address community passive recreation needs	Park planning and provision of facilities cater for ongoing evolution of park use and adaptability to changing community needs
		Integrate use of flexible / temporary elements and park facilities where applicable to facilitate future flexibility	Park reflects a combination of long and short term elements maximising long term flexibility

4.2 Other Relevant Legislation

Environment Protection & Assessment Act (1979) - Council as the owner of the land and the 'Consent Authority' is required to take into consideration those matters listed under Section 79C(1) of the Environment Protection & Assessment Act (1979) which are of relevance to development in the Parks.

Portion of the Parks are a Medium risk 1% of flooding which under the SEPP (Exempt and Complying Development Codes 2008 Clauses 3.30C) requires a Development Application.

4.3 Local Planning Context

4.3.1 Adjacent Land Use

Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park are located in the suburb of Merrylands and are approximately 400m from the Merrylands train station. King Park is 500m to the west along Newman and St Ann Streets.

The residential area immediately around the park from Newman Street to St Ann Street is shown as being zoned R4 High Density Residential on the LEP zoning map dated 2015. This area is presently characterised by two and three storey residential buildings of varying age. The majority of housing stock along Military Road are older two storey unit developments while larger more modern three story buildings are seen fronting Memorial Avenue. Some single storey buildings are found on the St Ann Street frontage and Military Road and it is anticipated that high rise residential development will replace these and older buildings around the Reserve.

The zoning on the northern side of Newman Street allows commercial redevelopment up to 6 storeys high. The adjacent Central Business District can accommodate a building 20 storeys high.

To the south of St Ann Street the area has been zoned R3 Residential. Again higher density development will gradually replace existing single residential dwellings that exist in this area.

The redevelopment of these neighbouring properties is expected to have the following impacts on the parklands:

- Increased population in the vicinity of the park and thus increased numbers of people using the park for passive recreation purposes, requiring improved facilities, in particular the ability for surfaces to cope with increased foot traffic and improved safety and amenity through landscape settings
- Potential to modify fences fronting onto the park to a uniform material and colour
- Potential to remove vehicle access to properties along Orana Lane

4.3.2 Zoning and Planning Controls

Byron Park is zoned RE1 Public Recreation and is classified as Community Land.

The Holroyd LEP identifies the aims of the RE1 Public Recreation zoning to:

- Enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes.
- Provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses.
- Protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.

Within these areas the following works are permitted without consent:

- Include environmental protection works

The following activities are permitted with consent:

Child care centres; Community facilities; Environmental facilities; Information and education facilities; Kiosks; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (indoor); Recreation facilities (major); Recreation facilities (outdoor); Respite day care centres; Roads; Signage; Water recreation structures

Purposes other than those listed are prohibited in areas zoned RE1 Public Recreation.

Charles Mance Reserve is shown as being zoned R4 High Density Residential on the latest LEP zoning map dated 2015. In accordance with Holroyd LEP 2013 recreation areas are permitted within the R4 zoning. Charles Mance Reserve was acquired for the purpose of Community Land.

The Holroyd LEP defines a recreation area within the R4 High Density Residential zoning as a place used for outdoor recreation that is normally open to the public, and includes:

- A children's playground
- An area used for community sporting activities
- A public park, reserve or garden or the like, and any ancillary buildings, but does not include a recreation facility (indoor), recreation facility (major) or recreation facility (outdoor)

In accordance with this zoning this POM specifically nominates the installation of a Memorial structure in Charles Mance Reserve.

Orana Lane is a road and is therefore classified as Operational Land. At present a driveway from 5A St Ann Street is accessed off the Lane and until that use is relinquished the Lane will remain a road.

5 Management of the Parklands

Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park provide the community with a variety of passive recreation opportunities. Whilst providing passive facilities, Charles Mance Reserve is recognised by the local community as a commemorative space where services are held in recognition of Charles Mance, ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day. The Parklands are well used by the community, nonetheless there are a few functional issues which have been highlighted. This section of the Plan of Management outlines the challenges and design issues within the Parklands as well as the opportunities and constraints which have formed the development of a Concept Plan for Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park Figure 3. The Concept Plan delineates zones of land use in which the elements are subject to change to accommodate detailed design constraints and other unforeseen changes provided the overall objectives of the POM remain unchanged.

5.1 Management Philosophy

Council's management philosophy for Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park will be aligned with the aims for areas zoned RE1 'Public Recreation' and 'recreation area' within the R4 High Density Residential zoning as outlined in Section 4.3.2 and the objectives listed in Section 1.2 of this report.

5.2 Community Values, Roles and Issues

The Holroyd Community value various aspects of their local area and public spaces for different reasons. The community values were identified in the 'Living Holroyd Community Strategic Plan' 2013 and include the values applicable to open space below:

Table 5.1

Values	Open Space Value	Role
Safety	Parks are valued as places for people to meet. Well maintained and safe parks are appreciated as venues for family gatherings.	Residents like to share time with their family and friends outdoors in a pleasant and non-threatening environment. Picnic facilities in Byron Park facilitate social gatherings and interaction. The park is used after dark, with lighting to cater for movement through the park by workers to and from the rail station and shops.
Accessibility and connectivity	The community places a high value on the ease of access to community land, regardless of age or physical ability.	The park is accessible for recreation activities, being close to homes and public transport.

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<p>Accessibility and connectivity continued</p>	<p>The community also value equal access to recreational opportunities.</p>	<p>With the development of the park, the site has become more accessible by people with physical disabilities.</p> <p>The park is also valued as an access route between the Merrylands Railway Station and the Central Business District and the southern residential area</p>
<p>Aesthetics</p>	<p>The community values community land as attractive places to visit and view, providing a sense of place, and character for nearby neighborhoods.</p>	<p>Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park pleasantly contrasts with the dwellings, other buildings and traffic associated within the `cityscape`</p> <p>The parklands are valued for their structured and intimate character. They include small shaded seating areas and open grassed areas creating a visually pleasing setting.</p> <p>The commemorative elements provide a focal point for visitors.</p>
<p>Lifestyle priorities</p>	<p>The community values community land as a place to promote good health, and as an avenue for cultural activities, and events.</p>	<p>Open areas in the park provide a sense of openness and freedom of movement to walk, run and exercise, leading to a sense of wellbeing.</p> <p>Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park are valued as a supplement to private space, especially to adjoining residents, many of whom live in apartments.</p> <p>Byron Park is also appreciated as a venue for the community garden where people can socialise and produce healthy food.</p>
<p>Recreation</p>	<p>The community values the wide range of quality recreation and leisure experiences offered on community land.</p>	<p>Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park can be enjoyed for informal activities such as walking, jogging, children's play and playing games.</p> <p>Recreational settings vary from passive seating and formal commemorative spaces to community gardens and a children's playground.</p>

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<p>Maintenance and management</p>	<p>The community values community land that is well-maintained and managed.</p> <p>Communication of the range, availability and operation of facilities in Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park is valued by the community.</p>	<p>That the parks are maintained to community and industry standards. The parks should appear well kept.</p> <p>Response to graffiti, and vandalism should be prompt to discourage further destructive behavior.</p> <p>That the facilities are easily identified through clear signage. Information on web sites clearly defines how and when the facilities can be accessed. The Community Garden would benefit from a higher profile in the community.</p>
<p>Education</p>	<p>Some parks are valued as places for learning about the ecology and history of the area.</p>	<p>Byron Park offers the opportunity for learning about recycling, food production and healthy eating within the Community Garden.</p> <p>Other education programs on environmentally sustainable initiatives are provided through workshops within the Community Garden</p> <p>Presently used by schools as an outdoor classroom</p> <p>Charles Mance Reserve interpretive information provides an understanding of local history.</p>
<p>Ecology and Sustainability</p>	<p>The community values the natural assets, and there is a strong desire to preserve and enhance natural areas.</p> <p>Trees are highly valued, and there is a general view that more trees be planted.</p>	<p>The parklands provide wildlife habitat, although diversity is challenged by the capability of the small area to provide diverse environments, this will be overcome with quality planting and care.</p> <p>As the park has developed, a greater focus on the provision of biodiversity through plant selection is apparent.</p>

5.3 Provision of Facilities

The existing configuration and integration of Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park with the Orana Lane linkage provide a variety of passive recreational uses. The existing uses developed by Council provide adequate opportunities for local residents and the broader community to enjoy the Parks. Whilst the uses of the parks are already clearly defined the following development and maintenance objectives will need to be considered:

- Improving the visual amenity by provision of screening and understorey planting along the western and northern boundary of Byron Park
- Provision of formal maintenance edges between maintained grass and vegetation
- Infill tree planting especially adjacent to older trees or those with defects that may need removal in the future
- Maintain solar access to the Community Garden
- Removal of redundant fixtures

Further improvements expected to enhance the existing uses include:

- Install a memorial in Charles Mance Reserve as indicated in the Master Plan
- Provision of facilities adjacent to the children's playground for use by residents and the Community Garden members for group functions
- Investigate the integration of Orana Lane into the Byron Park. Whilst not a specific action to be defined and implemented by this Plan of Management this will be considered as part of the longer term objectives of the parklands, in association with surrounding residential development

Community Garden

The Community Garden facilities are of a high quality. The facility is not presently used to its full capacity as it is still gaining momentum having commenced in 2013. As the population increases in the area it is envisaged that there will be a lot more people interested in the garden facility.

- A S355 committee is to be facilitated to manage the site. Local involvement in the garden will generate further interest in the facility.
- Ensure that provision is made for a fully accessible facility.
- Investigate the provision of a unisex toilet within the Community Garden.

Presently people using the Community Garden have to access amenities at the Library on the northern side of Newman Street. The Library building is only open between certain hours and this may limit use of the facility after business hours during 'Daylight' saving and on weekends.

Charles Mance and Centenary Memorial

The Plan of Management formalises the integration of a commemorative site within Charles Mance Reserve. Council has envisaged that a memorial be constructed in the Reserve since it was named in 2003.

The master plans prepared for Charles Mance Reserve in 2007 and again in 2015 both incorporate a memorial in the design along with interpretive information regarding Charles Mance and the Centenary of ANZAC in World War 1. Refer to Appendix B.

The objectives for the memorial include:

- Provision of Charles Mance Memorial and Centenary Memorial
- Provision of paving to access the memorial

It is anticipated that the structure for the memorial is constructed as part of the future staged development of the commemorative site which will benefit from a focal point as shown in the master plan in Appendix B of the Plan.

The 2015 Master Plan (refer Appendix B) indicates a Memorial structure, located on a slight plinth with circular ramps allowing access to a low memorial placed in the centre of the structure. The further development and following stages of the memorial project will need to consider mitigating solutions to impacts upon the 1% flood level.

Byron Park Children's Playground

The children's playground upgraded in 2015 includes the provision of new equipment for children aged in the under 9 age group. The playground is contained within the residential boundaries of the park, the Community Garden to the south and Orana Lane to the east. Whilst not fenced the playground offers a secure site for young children and their carers.

- The future development of the park may consider the integration of a play item for older aged children, such as a rope/slide combo, to the west of the existing playground, to cater for a greater variety of age groups, skills and abilities.

5.3.1 Access

Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park have convenient access to and throughout the parklands. This plan aims to improve safety of pedestrians and circulation by identifying objectives and proposing solutions to key issues.

The main access and key thoroughfare is Orana Lane. This concrete path provides pedestrian, bicycle and restricted vehicle access into and through Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park. Vehicle access can be gained from Newman Street for maintenance and emergency vehicles to the Parks. The St Ann Street entrance allows restricted vehicle entry to the Community Garden.

Removable bollards are located at the access point from Newman Street on Orana Lane.

The access to the Parks is presently very good however some additional strategies will further enhance the appearance of the Parklands and reduce conflict between vehicles and pedestrians:

- The boom gate and timber bollards at the transition from Charles Mance to Byron Park are redundant and consideration should be given to their removal.
- At present 5A St Ann Street uses Orana Lane to access a garage at the rear of the property. In the event of redevelopment of this property consideration should be given to restricting vehicle access to private properties.

5.3.2 Health and Safety

There are few health and safety issues arising from the condition of the park as it is well maintained however the confined nature of the site has raised safety concerns. Items that need to be monitored within the future development of the parklands include:

- Maintaining visibility from passive surveillance throughout the parklands
- Further activation of Byron Park by increased patronage of the Community Garden
- The need for adequate provision of shade whilst ensuring that solar access to the Community Garden is maintained.

5.3.3 Maintenance

In general the standard maintenance of Charles Mance and Byron Park is satisfactory. Maintenance issues that could be addressed include:

- Provision of formal maintenance edge between maintained grass and vegetation around the Byron Park boundary.
- Reduce the extent of difficult to maintain areas. Grass in heavy shade to be planted with suitable native species or replaced with mulch.

Irrigation

Irrigation has been incorporated within the Centenary Memorial project 2015 to meet the community's expectations of a high profile memorial for remembrance and ceremonial services.

5.3.4 Planning Issues

Adjoining Land Use

The surrounding urban and residential areas are expected to evolve since rezoning occurred in 2015 as outlined in Section 4.3.1. Infill development with high density residential is expected to increase the local population with related increased demand on the limited open space resources.

6 Action Plan

Value/Strategic Principle	Symbol	Values of the park, as described in Section 5
Objective		Issue to be addressed consistent with the Value
Action		- A specific task required to resolve issues, consistent with the value and strategy.
Priority		
High priority (short term)	H	- Safety issues where there is a high risk of injury; - Maintain essential function; and - Environmental problems.
Moderate priority (medium term)	M	- Other capital works improvements - Preventative and remedial maintenance; - Resolve a conflict; - Ameliorate adverse environmental conditions; - Enhancing public enjoyment of the park.
Low priority (long term)	L	- Improving the aesthetic quality of the parklands - Reducing overall maintenance costs.
Status		
Ongoing	O	- Action to be carried out on a regular basis for the life of this Plan of Management.
Proposed	P	- works proposed in this Plan of Management, but work has not commenced.
Commenced	Co	- this refers to activities for which work has begun
Complete	Cp	- this refers to activities which have been completed (their performance indicators have been fulfilled) since the last POM review
Performance target		- The desired outcome in implementing the action.
Means of assessment		- How the desired outcome in implementing an action can be measured and assessed.

The following action plan should be reviewed annually for the purpose of scheduling works for inclusion in Council's annual works program, as well as for monitoring of performance indicators.

6.1 Byron Park

No	Objective	Action	Priority	Performance measure	Status
0.0 Safety					
0.1	Provide improved landscape amenity that allows increased passive surveillance and deters anti-social behaviour.	Ensure future tree planting allows for surveillance of Byron Park by surrounding residents	H	Increased usage and decreased reports of security issues	P
0.2	Activation of Byron Park through increased usage of the Community Garden to improve passive surveillance.	Promote increased usage of the Community Garden by a management body such as a S355 Committee	H	Increased usage of the Community Garden. Decreased reports of security issues	P
0.3	Provide shade over the children's play ground	Provide additional tree planting that will ensure long term provision of sun protection	H	Plantings provide improved shade amenity	Co
0.4	Minimise vehicle /pedestrian conflict within the Parks	Close general vehicle access to Orana Lane at St Ann Street when redevelopment of 5A St Ann Street occurs	L	Pedestrian access will be the main use of Orana Lane with access for vehicles for deliveries, maintenance and emergencies only	TBA
1.0 Accessibility and connectivity					
1.1	Ensure all facilities are accessible by people of differing ages and ability	Ensure that accessibility is maximised with upgrades to buildings, structures, park furniture and other infrastructure.	M	Accessibility to future works maintained and improved	O
1.2	Provision is made for increased use of passive open space areas and playground area due to increase in population	Investigate provision of additional play equipment.	M	Additional play equipment provided to meet the needs of local children	P

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No	Objective	Action	Priority	Performance measure	Status
2.0 Aesthetics					
2.1	Ensure that the existing open character of Byron Park is retained whilst enhancing the existing facilities.	Tree planting and low shrub planting should soften the adjacent built form along the north and western boundaries.	H	Maintain existing tree canopy	P
2.2		Rationalise existing park furniture to be consistent throughout the two parks	H	Redundant bollards and boom gate removed.	P
3.0 Lifestyle priorities					
3.1	Byron Park is valued by residents as a supplement to private open space at home.	Provide facilities for family gatherings and for groups from the Community Garden such as tables and seating.	L	Facilities for family gatherings provided	P
3.2		Maintain open space for informal children's play	M	Grass area maintained	O
3.4		Provide additional play equipment for older aged children, refer action 1.3	M	Additional play equipment for older children provided	P
3.5	The Community Garden is a centre for wellness allowing people to socialise in an informal setting while developing healthy habits of exercise and production of healthy food.	Provide on site toilet amenities for users of the Community Garden.	M	Small unisex facility provided.	P
4.0 Recreation					
4.1	The range of passive recreational provided in Byron Park is enjoyed by the local community.	The variety of recreational setting provided in the Park is presently considered adequate and any additional facilities should be ancillary to the main use.	L	No requests for additional facilities	O
4.2	The range of passive recreational provided in Byron Park is enjoyed by the local community.	Review of ancillary facilities that may be included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional seating • Outdoor fitness equipment 	L	Ancillary facilities provided	P

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No	Objective	Action	Priority	Performance measure	Status
5.0 Maintenance and Management					
5.1	The Parks are managed and maintained to community and industry standards	Use POM and Landscape Concept Plan to source funding for capital works improvements	H	Budget for capital works improvements	P
5.2		Preventative maintenance such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> regular assessment of playground equipment and tree maintenance and inspections by qualified Arborist painting removal of graffiti 	M	Park adequately maintained. Minimal calls from the community reporting defects/ failures in the Park's facilities.	O
5.3		General maintenance is performed to ensure that the parks are clean and safe for all users	M	Park adequately maintained	O
5.4	Upgrade Park facilities to improve maintenance outcomes	Areas beneath tree canopy should be planted with suitable shade tolerant native species and/or mulched.	M	Bare areas beneath trees replaced with low planting or mulch beds. Improved tree health.	P
5.5	Engage the community through clear information about facilities in Byron Park	Clear signage identifying the parks and install directional signage if required.	L	Facilities easily identified	Co
5.6	Engage the community through clear information about facilities in Byron Park	The Community identity should be reinforced by consistent signage styles, unifying park furniture and colours.	L	Community identity reinforced	O
5.7		Ensure that relevant regulatory signage is in place and located appropriately.	L	Signage is in place	O
5.8		Increase community awareness of the community garden	M	Increased usage of facilities. The Community Garden would benefit from easily accessed information about the facility.	O

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No	Objective	Action	Priority	Performance measure	Status
5.9	Ensure ongoing development of the Community Garden through increased Community involvement	Provide support for the commencement of a S355 committee. Develop clear guidelines for the management of the garden	H	Increased usage of the facility and a clear organisational philosophy is available to the community	P
5.10	Consolidate Orana Lane in to Byron Park if the opportunity arises when 5A St Ann Street is redeveloped	Desirable for any future redevelopment at 5A St Ann Street to relinquish access to the rear of the property from Orana Lane.	L	Access to vehicles restricted to delivery, maintenance and emergency vehicles.	P
6.0 Education					
6.1	Provide educational programs and opportunities in the park and community garden	Provide educational programs in the form of workshops about recycling, food production, healthy eating	H	Regular workshops and training held in Community Garden complex	Co
6.2		Liaison with schools to encourage the continued use of the parks as an outdoor classroom.	L	School groups use the park as an outdoor classroom. Additional seating provided within the paved area adjacent to the playground.	P
7.0 Ecology and Sustainability					
7.1	Maintain and enhance the natural biodiversity of Byron Park.	Investigate opportunities and establish native garden beds with mid and ground layer structures, around existing mature trees in appropriate and strategic locations within the park.	L	Additional habitat created and new species of fauna identified.	P
7.2	Trees are valued for their provision of shade and contribution to diversity	Plant additional trees where appropriate. Consideration is to be given to aesthetic and security requirements of the parks. Species should be diverse so as to provide additional food sources for native birds and animals.	L	Additional trees installed	P

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No	Objective	Action	Priority	Performance measure	Status
7.3	Recycling of waste	Work with all park users to increase the recovery of recyclable materials and reduce waste leaving the site.	L	Increased recovery of recyclable waste.	P

6.2 Charles Mance Reserve

No	Objective	Action	Priority	Performance measure	Status
0.0 Safety					
0.1	Provide improved landscape amenity that allows increased passive surveillance and deters anti-social behaviour.	Ensure future tree planting allows for surveillance of the Reserve by surrounding residents	H	Increased usage and decreased reports of security issues	P
1.0 Accessibility and connectivity					
1.1	Ensure all facilities are accessible by people of differing ages and ability	Ensure that accessibility is maximised with upgrades to buildings, structures, park furniture and other infrastructure.	M	Accessibility to future works maintained and improved	P
2.0 Aesthetics					
2.1	Charles Mance Memorial and Centenary Memorial to provide an attractive commemorative focal point in Charles Mance Reserve	Prepare a design for the Charles Mance and Centenary Memorial	H	Design for the Memorial is finalised and preliminary costings determined.	P
3.0 Lifestyle priorities					
3.1	Charles Mance Reserve is valued by residents and nearby workers as a place to relax.	Maintain passive seating area	M	Seating area maintained	O
3.2	Charles Mance Reserve is a cultural site and designated commemorative space	Provide suitable facilities to enable services of remembrance to be held in the Reserve.	H	Facilities are provided that accommodate events	Co
3.3		Liaison with the Merrylands RSL to ensure that staff are informed of commemorative services	H	Facilities are prepared for each service	O
4.0 Recreation					
4.1	Maintain the range of passive recreation provided in Charles Mance Reserve.	The variety of recreational settings provided in the park is presently found to be adequate. Any additional facilities should be ancillary to the core use.	H	No requests for additional facilities	O

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No	Objective	Action	Priority	Performance measure	Status
4.2	The range of passive recreational provided in Charles Mance Reserve is enjoyed by the local community.	Review of ancillary facilities that may be included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • additional seating • memorial structures 	L	List of ancillary and costing of proposed facilities that may be included in the Parks when funding permits	P
5.0 Maintenance and Management					
5.1	The Parks are managed and maintained to community expectations and industry standards	Use POM and Concept Plan to source funding for capital works improvements	H	Budget for capital works improvements	P
5.2		Preventative maintenance such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree maintenance and assessment by qualified Arborist • Painting • Removal of graffiti 	M	Park adequately maintained. Minimal calls from the community reporting defects/ failures in the Park facilities.	O
5.3		General maintenance is performed to ensure that the parks are clean and safe for all users	M	Park adequately maintained	O
5.4		All maintenance activities are programmed to minimise impacts on informal and organised users of the facilities.	M	Liaison undertaken with users to minimise impact on users of the park.	O
5.5		Sustainable maintenance costs	M	Funding reviewed annually	O
5.6	Upgrade Park facilities to improve maintenance outcomes	Areas beneath tree canopy should be planted with suitable shade tolerant native species and/or mulched.	L	Turf areas beneath trees replaced with low planting or mulch beds. Improved tree health.	P
5.7	Engage the community through clear information about facilities in Charles Mance Reserve	Clear signage identifying the parklands and install directional signage if required.	L	Facilities easily identified	Co

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No	Objective	Action	Priority	Performance measure	Status
5.8		The Community identity should be reinforced by consistent signage styles, unifying park furniture and colours.	M	Community identity reinforced	O
5.9		Ensure that relevant regulatory signage is in place and located appropriately.	L	Signage is in place	O
5.10		Increase community awareness of the facilities in Charles Mance Reserve	M	Increased usage of facilities.	O
6.0 Education					
6.1	Local history should be inseminated through the provision of interpretive information	Provide interpretive information about World War 1 and Charles Mance for educational purposes.	L	Interpretive information placed in Charles Mance Reserve in appropriate locations around the Memorial	P
7.0 Ecology and Sustainability					
7.1	Improve the wildlife habitat in the Parks	Investigate opportunities and establish informal and formal native garden beds with mid and ground layer structures, around existing mature trees in appropriate locations within the park.	L	Additional habitat created and new species of fauna identified.	P
7.2	Recycling of waste	Work with all park users to increase the recovery of recyclable materials and reduce waste leaving the site.	M	Increased recovery of recyclable waste.	P

6.3 Concept Plan



Figure 3. Concept Plan (Aerial photo sourced from Google maps)

7 Implementation and Review

The existing management structure of Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park has been effective in the care and control of this local open space resource, however future management decisions will need to be addressed in the context of this Plan of Management. Implementation of the Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park Plan will be an ongoing process in response to community expectations, user requirements the availability of funding and other circumstances as they arise.

7.1 Management Structure

The management of Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park has been relatively straight forward having been the sole responsibility of Holroyd City Council.

Community requests and concerns have been addressed by Holroyd Council as they arise.

It is envisaged that a S355 committee will be put in place to assist with the running of the Community Garden. It is essential that this committee has a clear understanding of the management responsibilities and extent of those responsibilities relating to the Community Garden. The committee requires a range of people with management skills and experience.

The groups involved in the future governance of the parks is summarised below. It should be noted that some of the responsibilities described encompass current management practices.

Holroyd City Council

- Core responsibility for development and management of Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park
- Budget allocation for development and maintenance of Charles Mance Reserve and Byron Park
- Allocation of resources for effective development of the parklands
- Identifying sources of funding
- Assessment of applications for development of recreation facilities where required
- Maintenance of landscape works and passive recreation facilities in the parks
- Maintenance of Community Garden and associated facilities

Proposed Community Garden Committee

The Community Garden Committee is proposed in Section 3.8.2

- Seeking opinions, expectations and needs of the community in relation to the Community Garden and associated open space
- Providing advice to Council on the requirements of the community as well as those of relevant authorities and organisations
- Contributing to improvements where possible and appropriate

- Management of the day to day Community Garden activities and its associated facilities.
- Co-ordination of the Community Garden's members.
- Facilitation and liaison with Council for training and workshops
- Reporting vandalism and misuse of the park to Council and proposing preventative actions.
- Presentation of requests and proposals to Council
- Accommodate inclusive use by the community

The Community

- Liaison with Council regarding use of the parklands
- Presentation of written requests and proposals to Council

7.2 Funding

Funding is integral to implementing this plan and falls into two categories:

- Capital works involving the development of new facilities
- Maintenance of existing facilities within the parklands

The implementation of this Plan of Management is achieved through its linkage with the City's Management Plan, Operational Budget, and Capital Works Program.

Council currently funds management and maintenance costs through its annual budget allocation, and uses capital funds and section 94 funding for capital and non- recurrent works.

Funding for the construction of new facilities is generally through the annual budgeting process and special projects may be supplemented with partnership funding as opportunities for grant funding arise.

Priority actions are listed which assist in preparing forward open space work programs and annual budgets. The action plan tables should be reviewed and revised in accordance with Council's budgets, capital works program and priorities.

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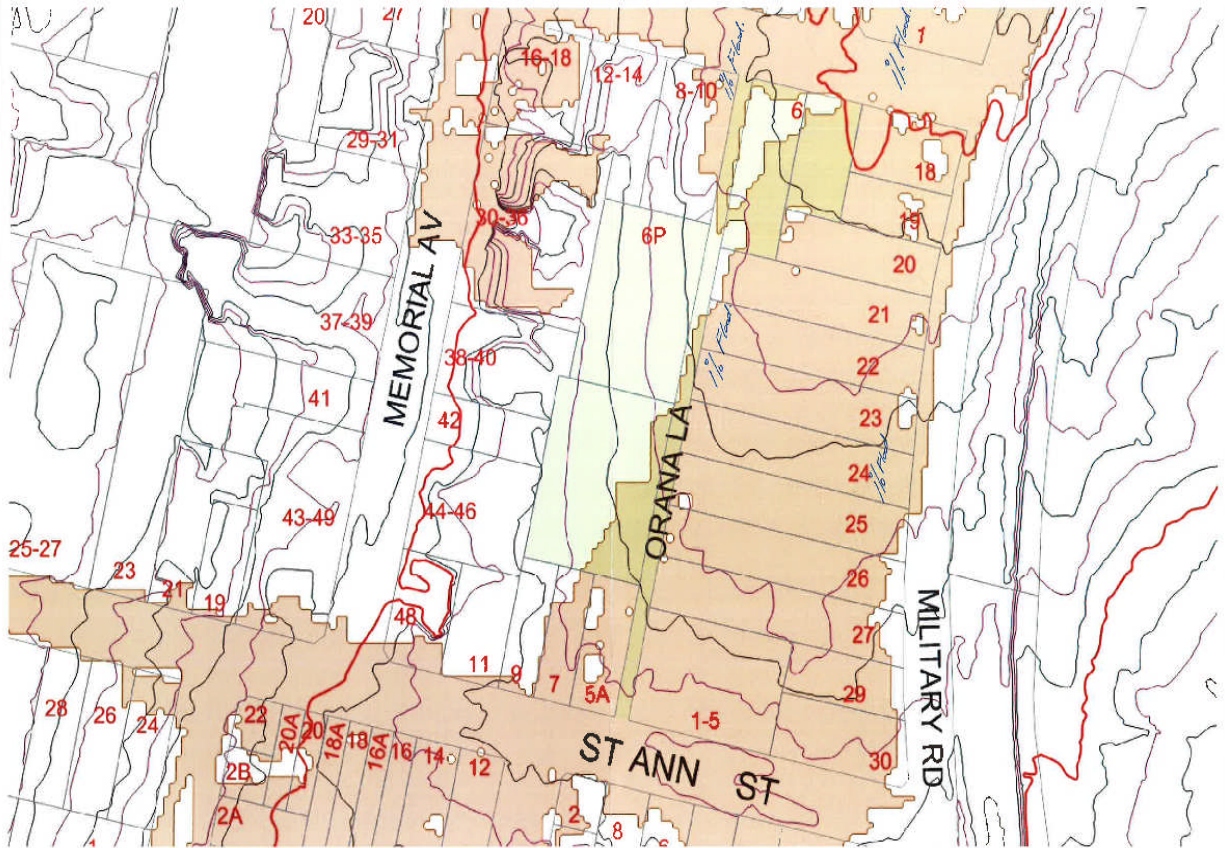
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Appendix A – 1% Flood Extents Map



Extract taken from the 1% Flood Extents Map dated July 2013.

