

STANWELL PARK RESERVE & BALD HILL LOOKOUT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT



Acknowledgement of Country

Wollongong City Council would like to show their respect and acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Land, Elders past and present, and to extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

Council acknowledges that the lands we live and work upon are Aboriginal lands, we embrace and celebrate the ongoing cultural tradition the Dharawal people bring to the Illawarra and surrounding regions.

Bald Hill, with its view of the Illawarra escarpment, provided a common meeting area for Aboriginal People during their journeys up and down the south coast. Bald Hill and surrounding areas such as Stanwell Park beach played a significant part of providing food, shelter, water and other natural resources that Aboriginal people used.

Council, in partnership with the Aboriginal community, has installed a Welcome to Country sign at the Bald Hill Lookout Observatory Deck along with Aboriginal artwork to celebrate this landmark and the cultural significance to the Aboriginal people.



Welcome to County Signage at Bald Hill Lookout Observatory Deck.

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1 Introduction

This Plan of Management (PoM) covers two of Wollongong's most stunning recreational and natural areas, Stanwell Park Beach and Bald Hill Lookout. The two areas share a history related to aeronautical pioneer Lawrence Hargrave. Para gliders and Hang gliders take off at Bald Hill in the suburb of Stanwell Tops and land at the beach in the suburb of Stanwell Park.

The PoM area at Stanwell Park includes the beach, parklands, lagoons, a surf club, tennis courts, children's centre/community centre and native vegetation. Despite the area's popularity, it is primarily a community hub for the village of Stanwell Park. A large portion of the PoM area at Stanwell Park is Crown land. Stanwell Park Reserve (R83095) was gazetted on 5 May 1961 with a reserve purpose of public recreation and is owned by the State of NSW as Crown land. The remainder of the PoM area at Stanwell Park is community land owned by Council.

The PoM area at Bald Hill is all community land owned by Council. Bald Hill includes an existing telecommunications tower, parking, an amenity block with a viewing platform, a kiosk and a mobile food van, seating and interpretive artwork along with take-off zones for para gliding and hang gliding. Figure 1 shows the entire PoM area and the area that is also Crown land.

The Crown Land Management Act 2016 (CLM Act) requires Council to manage Stanwell Park Reserve "as if the land was public land" under the Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act) because Council is the 'council crown land manager'. Public land is required to be classified as either 'community' land or 'operational' land and all community land requires further 'categorisation' under the LG Act through a PoM.

This PoM categorises the land in the following community land categories -

- Park
- Natural Area – Bushland
- Natural Area- Watercourse
- Area of Cultural Significance
- General Community Use
- Sportsground

Figure 2 (Stanwell Park) and Figure 3 (Bald Hill) show where the community land categories apply. Each category has its own legislated core objectives to guide its use and management. Core objectives are to guide any leases or licenses over the land. A PoM is the mechanism to categorise land. The core objectives of each category above are found in the PoM Action Plan.

2 Background to 2021 PoM

On 4 August 2009, Council adopted a PoM over Stanwell Park Reserve and Bald Hill Lookout then under the Crown Lands Act 1989 and the Local Government Act. Ten years ago, both the Beach Kiosk at Stanwell Park and Bald Hill Lookout were in poor condition. In recent years Council has invested significantly at both PoM areas by -

- Constructing the New Beach Kiosk at Stanwell Park Beach during 2018
- Building new Baird Park Public Toilets in 2018
- Redeveloping the Bald Hill Lookout in line with the Council endorsed Bald Hill Masterplan undertaken in stages between 2014 - 2017

The 2021 PoM reflects these improvements and the PoM Action Plan identifies management objectives, performance targets and means to achieve targets in line with both Council's Community Strategic Plan (Wollongong 2028) and the core objectives of the community land categories that apply to the land.

In 2009 Council did not have a Community Strategic Plan to guide all of Council's operations, services and capital improvements. Also, Crown land under the 2009 PoM was not given a community land category as is now required under the CLM Act. As circumstances change, plans of management should change.

Figure 1: Stanwell Park Reserve and Bald Hill Lookout PoM Areas – Location Context

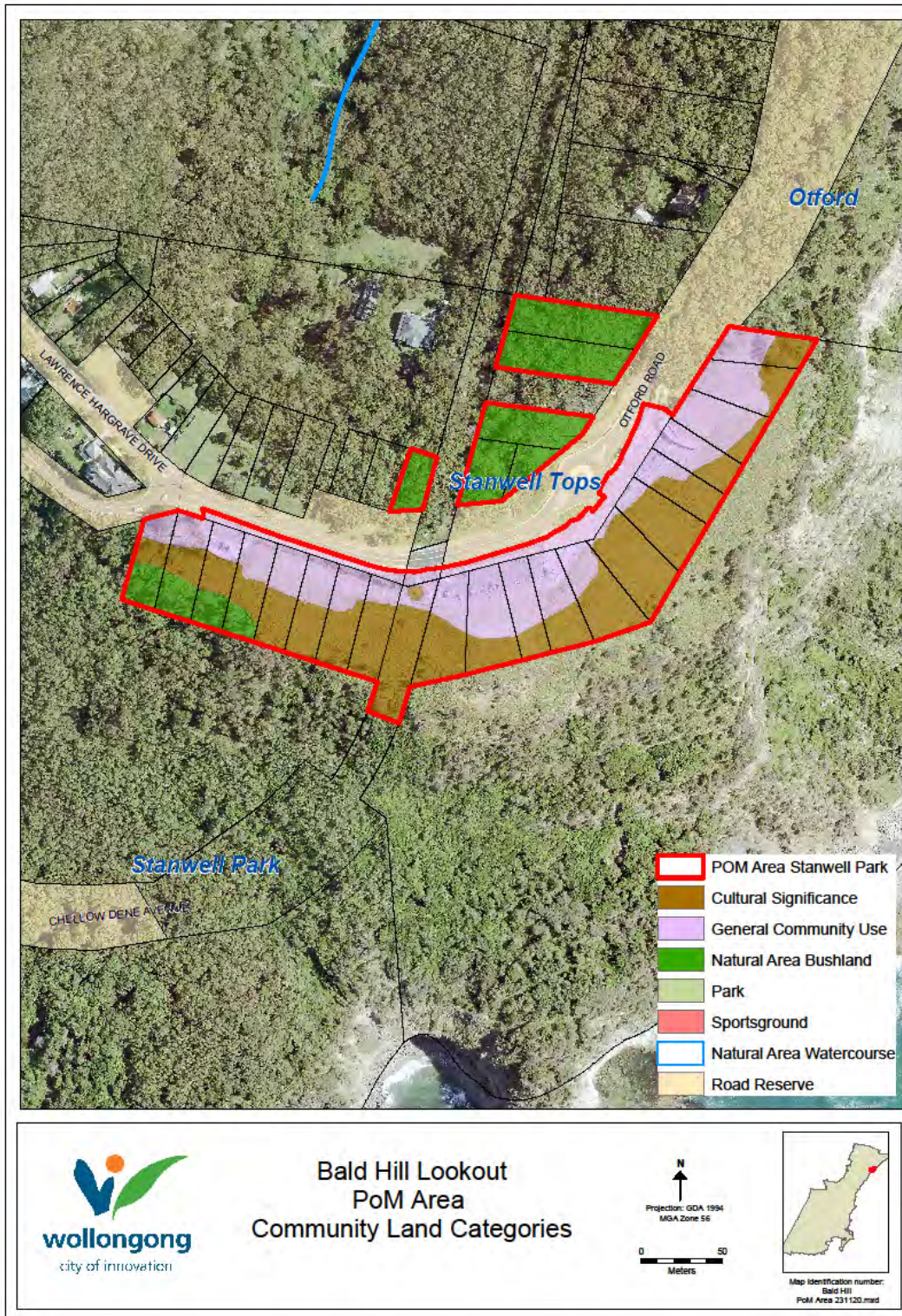


Figure 2 Stanwell Park Reserve PoM Area – Community Land Categories



The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment- Crown Lands gave consent to alter categorisation of the Reserve R83095 (Stanwell Park Reserve) as Park, Sportsground and Natural Area through this PoM on 20 October 2020. To the north is Hargraves Creek and to the south is Stanwell Creek.

Figure 3 – Map of Community Land Categories at Bald Hill Lookout



Interpretive signage and artwork within the General Community Use (GCU) area is also categorised as cultural significant. GCU are the “built” areas and the areas used for gliding activities. The “baldness” of Bald Hill is significant.

3 Purpose of the Plan of Management

The purpose of this PoM is to meet legislative requirements under the CLM Act which came into effect as of 1 July 2018 and to meet requirements under the LG Act as shown in Table 1.

Table 1 – How the PoM meets legislative Requirements under the LG Act and CLM Act

PoM Legislative Requirement	Where in the PoM	LG Act	CLM Act
Land covered under this PoM	Figure 1	✓	✓
Category and Classification of Land	Figures 2 and 3	✓	✓
Owner of the land	Section 1 - Introduction	✓	✓
Management of the land – condition and use of the land and structures in 2018	Table 1, Figures 4-33	✓	✓
Future use of the land – management objectives, performance targets, means to achieve targets and assess progress towards objectives <i>(The legislated core objectives of each community land category that applies to land under this PoM is included in the Action Plan as a management objective)</i>	Tables 4 and 5 PoM Action Plan	✓	✓
Future use of the land – future use and development of the land	Section 6, Table 2	✓	✓
Leases, licences and other estates	Section 8, Appendix 2	✓	✓
Approvals for activities on the Land	Table 2, Section 7, Appendix 1	✓	✓
Native Title Manager review and advice	Appendix 3	N/A	✓

PoM Legislative Requirement	Where in the PoM	LG Act	CLM Act
Minister approval to exhibit draft PoM	Minister's approval to exhibit the draft PoM granted on 20 Oct 2020.	N/A	✓
Council considers submissions received during the exhibition period and resolves to adopt the PoM with minor amendments subject to Ministerial consent with the General Manager delegated authority to adopt the PoM under LG Act and CLM Act	19 July 2021 Council Resolution. Minister's approval to adopt Draft PoM as amended obtained on 6 Sept 2021. General Manager exercises delegation to adopt on 21 September 2021.	✓	✓
Adopted PoM available on Council's website and a copy provided to the Minister.	22 September 2021.	N/A	✓

4 PoM Values

In 2009, Council adopted a PoM over Stanwell Park Reserve and Bald Hill Lookout. At that time residents and visitors told us:

- Stanwell Park Reserve is valued as a community hub and for its appeal as a tourist destination.
- Stanwell Park residents use the reserve as their meeting place while visitors are in awe of its environmental beauty and its relationship with human flight.
- Bald Hill is valued as a vantage point of worldwide popularity where the breathtaking scenic environmental beauty of the bush, cliffs and sea intersect with human ingenuity, be that with propelled flight (Hang gliding, Paragliding, Lawrence Hargrave experiments) or civil engineering (Sea Cliff Bridge)

In 2021 these values still hold true.

Council encourages everyone to visit both Stanwell Park Reserve and Bald Hill Lookout and learn more about the area's heritage. Bald Hill Lookout is heritage listed in Council's Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009 as Lawrence Hargrave Memorial Park. The site is a major local landmark, a vantage point, and includes a memorial statue of Mr Hargrave. For more information see the link below:

<https://www.hms.heritage.nsw.gov.au/App/Item/ViewItem?itemId=2700074>

Note about the structure of this document

As there are two geographical locations under the one PoM, the remainder of the PoM's maps and photographs are organised by location. First Stanwell Park Reserve maps and photographs are discussed then Bald Hill Look out maps and photographs follow.

Maps and photos assist in meeting legislative requirements of a PoM by providing a "snapshot" of the condition of the land and the improvements on the land at the time of the making of the PoM.

Figure 4 Stanwell Park Reserve PoM Area Map



* The PoM area excludes the south west portion of the Amenities Block. It is owned by Sydney Water

Examples of Infrastructure within Stanwell Park Reserve PoM Area

Figure 5: New Beach Kiosk at Stanwell Park Reserve



New Beach Kiosk - December 2018 – in same location as old kiosk shown below

Figure 6: Old Kiosk at Stanwell Park Reserve – replaced by new Kiosk in same location



The Old Kiosk

Figure 7: Amenities Block at Stanwell Park Reserve



Figure 8: Typical park infrastructure at Stanwell Park Reserve



Figure 9: Play equipment at Stanwell Park Reserve



Figure 10: Example of Natural Infrastructure (Trees) Maintenance Works from Dec 2018



Figure 11: Hargraves Creek



Figure 12: Natural Path Stanwell Park Reserve



Figure 13: Dune Vegetation damaged by deer at Stanwell Park Reserve



Figure 14: Tennis Courts and Club House at Stanwell Park Reserve



Figure 15: Natural Dunes at Stanwell Park Beach



Figure 16: Pedestrian Trail Markers and Glider landing Zone Markers at Beach



Figure 17: Public Place Signage

Figure 18: Multiple Safety Signs at Stanwell Park Beach



Figure 19: Emergency Vehicle Access to Beach near Surf Club/Baird Park



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Figure 20: Helensburgh Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club Building



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Figure 21: Typical Park Infrastructure at Baird Park at Stanwell Park Beach



Figure 22: Example of "Works in Progress" Community Notice from Baird Park Upgrades



Figure 23 – Stanwell Park Children’s Centre/Community Centre



Figure 24 – Room Configuration in 2020 of Children’s Centre/Community Centre

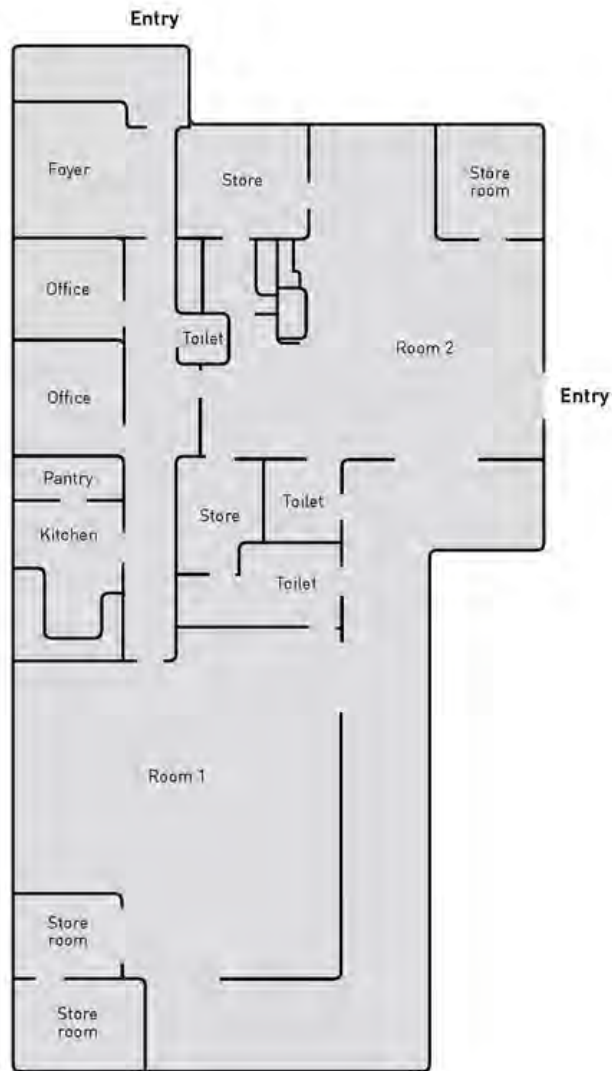


Figure 25: Map of Bald Hill Lookout PoM Area



Examples of Infrastructure at Bald Hill Lookout

Figure 26: Observation Deck, Public Toilets, Kiosk at Bald Hill Lookout



Figure 27: Outdoor Seating, Hang gliders, Mobile Food Van at Bald Hill Lookout



Figure 28: Lawrence Hargrave Interpretive Signage and Aboriginal Art at Bald Hill

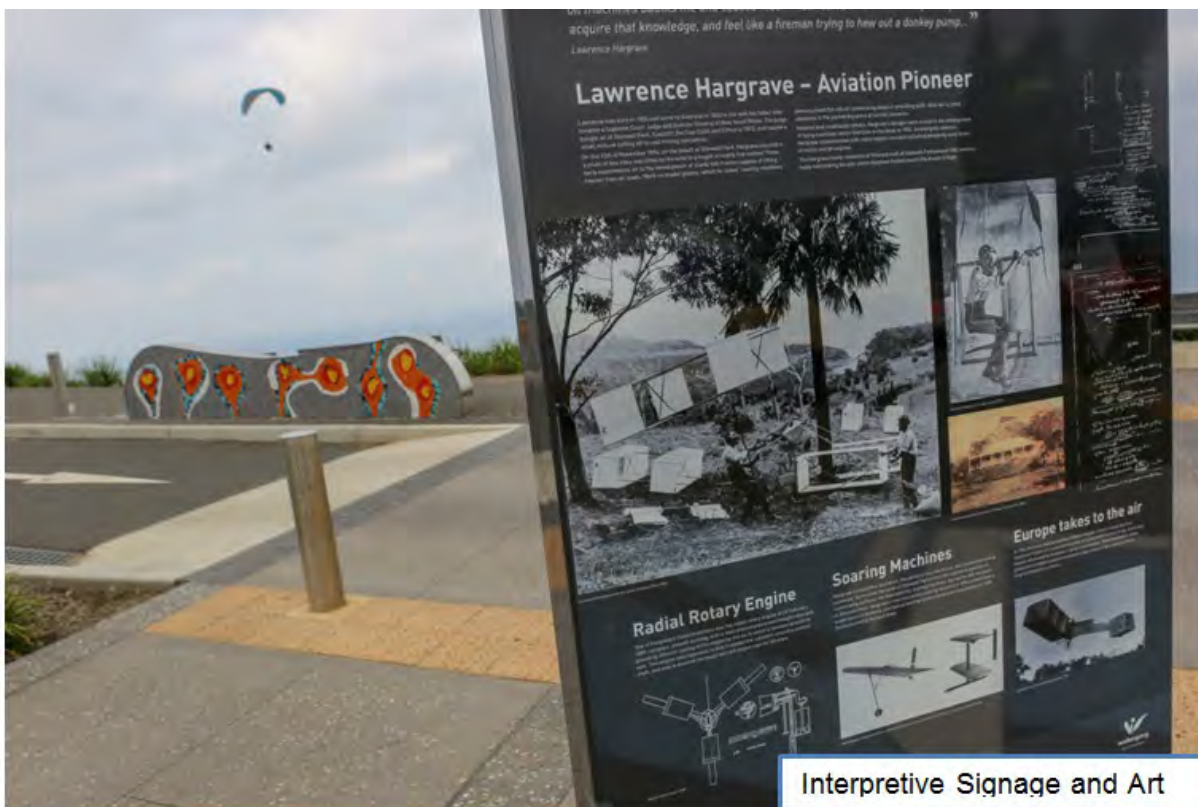


Figure 29: Lawrence Hargrave Memorial at Bald Hill Lookout



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Figure 31: Poor Condition of Gliding Launching Point at Bald Hill in 2019



Figure 32: Example of General Public in glider take off area at Bald Hill in exclusion zone



Figure 33: Telecommunications Tower at the southern end of the PoM area at Bald Hill



5 Management Observations

From site visits, to review of Council records including correspondence with users of the PoM area and discussions with staff the following observations have been made:

Signage

- Signage varies greatly in quantity, quality and effectiveness throughout the PoM area. This circumstance could be an outcome of the area's varied and high volume of uses and different attributes. The PoM area includes adventure sports, tennis courts, playgrounds, natural bushland and creeks, lagoons, patrolled beach, picnic areas, open space and dog off leash area.
- Signage relating to the patrolled beach needs particular attention given the dangerous surf conditions that prevail on the Stanwell Park Beach, prohibitive and warning signage should be prominent at Beach entry points and be single use signs. Signs relating to aquatic activities at Stanwell Park Beach should be in line with the Australian Aquatics Signage Manual. As shown in Figures 18 and 19 the beach signage is on sign posts with other signage. This should be changed as resources permit.

Condition of Built Assets

- The condition of built assets has been reviewed to inform the 2020 PoM. The built assets vary in condition, from excellent (New Beach Kiosk, Bald Hill Lookout Observation Deck / Public Toilets / Kiosk, Baird Park Public Toilets); to good (Stanwell Park Public Bathrooms / Shower, Stanwell Park Children Centre/Community Centre, Playground); to fair (Surf Club building, dune fencing, some signs, some tennis court facilities); to poor (some parking bollards, some signage, some tennis court facilities). The variation in condition reflects the age of the facility and Council's infrastructure priorities in recent years as demonstrated in Council's Delivery Plan. Additionally when facilities are leased or licensed by community or commercial organisations the lessor or licensor is responsible for maintenance and management of the asset in accordance with the terms of the license or lease so the condition of these assets reflects its management by those parties and their available financial resources.

Natural Assets

- Natural assets along the riparian corridors, near the playground, along the circle end of Stanwell Avenue, are in good condition. Some portions of the dune areas range from good (near surf club) to fair to poor condition (near amenities building carpark) due to the impacts of invasive flora and fauna on the native vegetation. Vegetation management works within the PoM area should at least be maintained at 2020 levels.

Gliding Activities

- As a result of fatalities that occurred on 24 September 2000, a coronial inquest made a number of recommendations regarding Council's management of Bald Hill, the hang gliding activities at that site, and the occupation of the site by Stanwell Park Hang Gliding Club. Those recommendations are reflected in the development consent with conditions granted by Council for "Use of Stanwell Park Beach and Bald Hill Reserve for Hang Gliding and Paragliding Activities" on 6 August 2007 (DA-2002/1821) and as modified on 13 April 2010 (DA-2002/1821/A) and the license conditions that allow the Stanwell Park Hang Gliding Club to land at Stanwell Park Beach today. Council's responses to those coronial inquest recommendations will continue to shape and influence this PoM and any future leases or licences for gliding activities.
- Hang gliding and Paragliding is a form of 'sport aviation'. The regulation of sport aviation is complex. Hang gliding and Paragliding at Bald Hill/Stanwell Park is a high risk activity and is undertaken by individuals, non-commercial and commercial organisations at their own risk.
- On 1 September 2008 the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) issued Instrument number CASA 433/08 providing an exemption (subject to conditions) from a CASA regulation that would otherwise prohibit gliding activities to occur at Bald Hill. The current exemption can be found on the Stanwell Park Hang gliding and paragliding club (SPHGPC) website (<https://www.flystanwell.com/>). The current exemption is issued by the Sports Aviation Federation of Australia (SAFA) because Australian sport aviation operates under self-administration. SAFA was formerly known as the Hang Gliding Federation of Australia. Self-administration means that CASA sets the regulations and then work with self-administering

organisations (such as SAFA) to ensure the regulations are applied and enforced. CASA requires that sport aviation participants wanting to undertake an exempted activity (such as hang gliding or paragliding at Bald Hill/Stanwell Park) must be members of a self-administering organisation. For more information on SAFA see their website at <https://www.safa.asn.au> . For more information on the Civil Aviation Safety Administration, see CASA's website at <https://www.casa.gov.au>

- The Stanwell Park Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club (SPHGPC) has been issued development consent for the use of Stanwell Park Beach and Bald Hill Reserve for Hang Gliding and Paragliding Activities. Council requires that anyone flying at Bald Hill / Stanwell Park is to be registered with SPHGPC and be familiar with the rules before flying the site.

- Daily hang gliding, paragliding activities are managed by development consent conditions, CASA regulations, and the PoM requirement that areas used for gliding activities are under a license. The Stanwell Park Hang gliding and paragliding club (SPHGPC) has a license for the use of Crown land Stanwell Park Reserve as a landing area until 31 December 2027.
 - Now that redevelopment of Bald Hill is complete, formalising a license agreement for gliding activities with SPHGPC is a priority. The land at Bald Hill for these activities is community land owned by Wollongong City Council.

 - SPHGPC has a new name, FlyStanwell Inc as notified to Council in writing on 22 February 2021.

 - Long Term management of hang gliding and paragliding activities requires consideration of further capital investment in the launching area at Bald Hill. A durable surface for the landing area would minimise cliff erosion and compliment the surroundings and the heritage significance of Bald Hill. Investment in the area will better accommodate both the gliding activities and the impact of increasing numbers of tourists who use the area when gliding activities are not occurring.

6 Permissible Uses, Development under the PoM

Table 2: Plan of Management Permissible Purpose/Use/Development Table

Permissible Purpose/Use/Development	Scale and Intensity
<p>Purposes, uses and development (new or existing) that are consistent with the PoM Values (Section 4 of PoM) are permissible.</p> <p>Existing uses (recreational, community, sporting, compatible commercial, natural area conservation activities to maintain or increase biodiversity, as of 2020), and existing developments (i.e. built buildings and structures on the land as of 2020) can be updated or expanded at Stanwell Park Reserve and Bald Hill if consistent with the PoM Values and with PoM scale and intensity requirements</p> <p>New uses and developments can be undertaken, built, updated or expanded if consistent with the PoM Values, PoM scale and intensity requirements and not prohibited as noted below in bold text:</p> <p>Activities that conflict with hang or para glider activities are not permitted.</p> <p>New Built park infrastructure that impedes medical evacuation helicopter access at Stanwell Park is not permitted. (In 2020 there is enough open space for such emergency responses) Only medical evacuation helicopter access is permitted.</p>	<p>A significant change to existing (as of 2020) uses and developments within the PoM area would require inclusion in a future Masterplan endorsed by Council resolution. <i>(see explanatory note for example of a significant change and a not significant change)</i></p> <p>Existing and new uses and developments are to be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliant with any law permitting the use of the land for a specified purpose or otherwise regulating the use of the land (usually development consent under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 or approval under section 68 of the LG Act, but other legislative or regulatory requirements may apply, for example the Heritage Act 1977 or Native Title Act 1993 or National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974) • Consistent with the intended function of the land, public safety, the known constraints and the wider community context and future needs • Consistent with relevant Council Policies, for example, walking your dog at Stanwell Beach (an existing recreational use) needs to comply with the Dogs on Beaches and Parks Council Policy

Explanatory Note: Significant Change verses Not Significant Change

Significant Change Examples	Not Significant Change Examples
<p>Adding a third story on any existing building within the PoM area</p> <p>A new building that is not a public toilet / amenities building</p>	<p>Adding an exterior entry ramp to improve access to any existing building within the PoM area to implement Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan</p> <p>Improvements to the playground</p> <p>Temporary, removable improvements related to holding community events that have development consent</p> <p>Mobile Lifeguard patrol tower on the beach</p>

7 Legislative Approvals of PoM Permissible Uses/Developments

Section 35 of the LG Act requires that the use and management of community land is to be in accordance with the following:

- The PoM applying to the land
- Any law permitting the use of the land for a specified purpose or otherwise regulating the use of the land
- Division 2 of Part 2 of Chapter 6 of the LG Act.

Appendix 1 is a listing of approvals from 2002 – 2018 for activities on the land in the PoM area in regard to Section 68, Part D of the LG Act and development application approvals under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. The approvals listed in Appendix 1 are typical of the way the land under this PoM has been used in the past by the community. These types of uses will continue under this PoM.

Obtaining the necessary legislative approvals for activities or development on community land may be simple or complex, depending on the nature of the activity or development and its location. The intent of section 35 of the LG Act is to make the general public aware that there are additional requirements to be met (the PoM, Division 2 of Part 2 of Chapter 6 of the LG Act) when undertaking activities or development on community land by any person or organisation. These additional requirements do not apply to privately owned land.

8 Leasing, Licensing and the Granting of Other Estates under the PoM

Leasing, licensing and the granting of other estates relating to permissible uses, developments, activities, events is expressly authorised under this PoM, subject to meeting the relevant legislative requirements under the LG and CLM Acts and Council policies. In particular, the leasing and licensing of Crown land must comply with Native Title legislation (see Appendix 3 for more information) and the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (see Appendix 4 for more information). Leasing and licensing of land or buildings can be for casual, short, medium or long term, not to exceed 30 years under this PoM.

Please refer to Appendix 2 for more details on –

- Legislative requirements under the LG Act 1993 for leasing and licensing
- Council's policies for leasing, licensing and granting other estates
- Council's existing leases and licenses over the land at Stanwell Park Reserve and Bald Hill Lookout

9 How Council and Others manage the land

Cooperation of others to manage the land

Council cannot manage community land without the cooperation of others, for example -

- Visitors to the park, sportsground or beach need to obey the signs and conduct themselves accordingly to the setting.
- Organisations or individuals (community and commercial) who have a casual booking or longer term license or lease to use an area or facility for a few hours, or few days or several years, need to comply with the conditions of their booking or license or lease agreement. The longer the use of the land or facility the more obligations are placed on the organisation or individual with the booking, license or lease. Council has policies relating to licensing and leasing of community land so that the processes and obligations relating to leasing and licensing are transparent and consistent throughout the Local Government Area. A list of existing leases and licenses within the PoM area and additional information regarding leasing and licensing of community land can be found in Appendix 2 at the end of this document.
- Volunteers enable Council to undertake activities to improve the condition of the area or facility that are not funded given all the other services and obligations placed on Council.




Council has many roles in managing the community land at Stanwell Park Reserve and Bald Hill Lookout. These include -

- Land Owner
- Lessor

- Licensor
- Council Crown land manager
- Services Provider (lifeguards, gardeners, lawn mowers, community centre operator, etc)
- Builder
- Land Use planner
- Land Use regulator
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Steward or caretaker of land for current and future generations
- Public Risk Manager.

Table 3 on the next page, demonstrates how Council manages (directly or through others) each natural feature, building or other improvement within the PoM area at the time of making this plan of management.

Table 3: Method of Management in 2020 (i.e. by Council alone or by Council and Others)

What	Council	Others
 Natural Features		
Open Space – mown lawns	✓	✗
Open Space – natural area – grasses or reeds not mown	✓	✓
Open Space – natural area – trees/shrubs	✓	✓
Open Space – natural area – dunes	✓	✓
Beach , lagoons	✓	✓
 Buildings		
Surf Club	✓	✓
Amenities Block – type – public toilets plus showers or change or storage areas	✓	✓
Community Building – type – multipurpose (Stanwell park children’s centre/community centre)	✓	✗
Community Building – type – single purpose (tennis club building)	✓	✓
Kiosk (take away refreshments – small size) (mobile food van)	✓	✓
Café (take away and outdoor seating – medium size)(flying high café, beach kiosk)	✓	✓
 Other Improvements		
Kids playground	✓	✗
Foot paths, pedestrian bridges	✓	✗
Tennis courts	✓	✓
Picnic tables or bench seating	✓	✗
Signage – regulatory or way finding or interpretation	✓	✗
Others – bubblers, bike racks, storm water and water quality devices, taps, bollards, etc	✓	✗
Art	✓	✗
Car parking	✓	✗
Lookout (Bald Hill Observation Deck)	✓	✗

How Council manages the public's use of the land and the improvements upon the land at Stanwell Park Reserve and Bald Hill Lookout is an example of how Council manages any of its operations, services and relationships with residents, business and visitors throughout the entire Local Government Area (LGA).

At the LGA level, Council has one plan, Wollongong 2028 is a ten year community strategic plan which provides direction for the delivery of Council projects and services. This PoM for Stanwell Park Reserve and Bald Hill Lookout is both an informing (legislative requirement) and supporting (strategy) document to enable the goals and objectives of Wollongong 2028.

Asset Management by Council

Across the LGA, Council is the custodian of over \$4 billion dollars' worth of physical assets. The asset types vary greatly, and include roads, bridges, footpaths, community centres, stormwater pipes, pools, playgrounds, waste facilities, public art and library books. To manage these assets, Council has an Asset Management Policy that sets a framework for the effective management of current and future assets to ensure that Council delivers safe, reliable and sustainable services to the community.

Council's Asset Management Policy is underpinned by the following -

- A Strategic Asset Management Plan which forms part of Councils Resourcing Strategy and supports the Community Strategic Plan (Wollongong 2028).
- Asset Management Plans for each key asset class.
- Asset Management Information Systems – which enable the following to be documented for each asset – inventory, condition assessment, valuation and depreciation, capital and maintenance costs, service level requirements, risk management plan, replacement and disposal plans.

Stanwell Park Reserve hosts a number of Council-owned infrastructure assets designed to deliver a range of services to users of the site. The condition of these assets will vary based on the life of the asset and service level identified in the relevant Asset Management Plan (AMP). Council invests in the operation, maintenance, renewal and upgrade of these assets based on the service levels identified in the AMP's and any associated leasing and licence

agreements. Figures 4-32 and 33-36 demonstrate the broad range of asset classes typically found on Council land.

Management of Recreational land and facilities by Council

The land and facilities at Stanwell Park and Bald Hill Lookout are primarily recreational assets.

Maintenance and upgrades of open space, parks, community centres and sporting facilities are undertaken by a variety of Council staff, community or commercial organisations, contractors or volunteers. Their actions are guided by Wollongong 2028, available budget and informing and supporting documents such as the Play Wollongong Strategy 2014-2024 for playgrounds or the Sportsground and Sporting Facilities Strategy 2017-2021 for sport facilities like the tennis courts at Stanwell Park. The strategies compliment the relevant asset management plans.

Across the land under this PoM the condition of land and physical assets varies widely, from poor to excellent, as evidenced by the figures and maps in this PoM. This is not an uncommon occurrence throughout the Local Government Area as Council is responsible for a vast array of areas and assets and has limited financial and social resources.

Lifeguard Services at Stanwell Park Beach

Council provides a lifeguard service at Stanwell Park Beach to provide a safe swimming area to residents and visitors. Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club volunteers provide a surf life saving service in accordance with Council's service level agreement with Surf Life Saving Illawarra. The lifesaving activities may incorporate the use of vehicles and lifesaving plant and equipment and the use of mobile observation towers.

Management of Lagoons and the northern cliff face at Stanwell Park

Two lagoons are located within the PoM area. The lagoons are the product of Stanwell and Hargrave Creeks. Lagoons can be attractive swimming places for members of public, particularly children, yet may have variable depths, submerged hazards and/or strong undercurrents. Historically there have been drownings and near drownings in lagoons at popular locations, (e.g. Terrigal and Avoca). Additionally, the water quality of lagoons can vary depending upon the amount and type of (stormwater and/or other) pollution entering the lagoon. Poor water quality may cause health issues for swimmers. At Stanwell Park/Baird Park there is existing signage about water quality which warning against swimming.

Additionally, at the northern end of the PoM area at Stanwell Park Beach is the cliff face adjoining the road named The Drive. Rock falls do occur at that location through each year and are generally unpredictable in terms of their size and when they may occur. Council's geotechnical team undertakes an annual inspection of that cliff face in relation to the risk of harm to members of the public who may congregate on the beach at the base of the cliff. The inspection is intended to identify any change in the rock fall risk profile as well as to assess the adequacy and condition of existing warning signage.

Figure 34 Signage relating to Creeks and Lagoons



Signage relating to Creeks and Lagoons within PoM area at Stanwell Park

Natural Area management in recreational asset areas

Many of Council's recreational areas, like the land at Stanwell Park, have natural values. Stanwell Park, in contrast to the "baldness" of Bald Hill, is a mixture of tree canopy and open park land, befitting its "village in the escarpment" location. Three Endangered Ecological Communities (EEC) occur with the PoM area at Stanwell Park in the locations shown in Figure 33 -

- Littoral Rainforest in the New South Wales North Coast, Sydney Basin and South East Corner Bioregions (Stanwell Park PoM area) (MU5)
- Sydney Freshwater Wetlands (Stanwell Park PoM area) (MU53)
- Themeda grassland on seacliffs and coastal headlands in the NSW North Coast, Sydney Basin and South East Corner Bioregions (Bald Hill Lookout PoM area)

While there are EECs present in the PoM area, none of the PoM area includes any land that is directly affected by a recovery plan or threat abatement plan

and there is no critical habitat listed in the Wollongong LGA . The location of the EECs is mapped to assist Council in its management of these significant vegetation areas. Figure 33 shows the location of EECs within the PoM area.

Throughout the LGA 236 areas (1,230 hectares) of Council owned community land is predominately naturally vegetated.

Council manages its natural areas by adherence to relevant legislation, in particular -

- Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (NSW legislation)
- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (National level legislation)
- Fisheries Management Act 1994 (NSW legislation)
- Biosecurity Act 2015 (NSW legislation)
- Coastal Management Act 2016 and the associated State Environmental Planning Policy – SEPP- Coastal Management) 2018

Environmental planning and environment and conservation services

Council manages natural areas across the LGA by providing environmental planning and environment and conservation services. Environmental planning by Council has resulted in the following adopted environmental strategies and policies:

- Urban Greening Strategy 2018
- Council Tree and Vegetation Vandalism Policy 2018
- Illawarra Escarpment Strategic Management Plan 2015
- Wollongong Dune Management Strategy for the Patrolled Swimming Areas of 17 Beaches 2014
- Illawarra Biodiversity Strategy 2011 (Wollongong City Council, 2011)
- Public Tree Management Policy 2018

Protecting biodiversity, managing weeds, maintaining riparian corridors, combatting erosion, undertaking and promoting better feral animal control, safe guarding heritage, addressing bush fire threat, and asset management are all considered when Council undertakes management activities.

Council's environment and conservation services include:

- Natural Area Restoration (by weed control, pest control, mulching and revegetation) by contractors or Bushcare volunteers.
 - o To restore riparian corridors
 - o To protect remnant vegetation
 - o To improve connectivity between local remnant bushland fragments
- Dune Vegetation Management at Patrolled Beaches (by weed control, pest control, mulching, fencing and revegetation) by contractors, Dunecare volunteers or Council's Dune crew
 - o To manage noxious and invasive weeds and monocultures of *Acacia longifolia* (Coastal Wattle)
 - o To promote diversity of native species appropriate to the management zone according to the Dune Management Strategy for the Patrolled Areas at 17 Beaches 2014.

Both natural area restoration and dune vegetation management at patrolled beaches at Stanwell Park Reserve activities include both areas of coastal wetland and littoral rainforest and their respective buffer zones as mapped under the Coastal Management State Environmental Planning Policy. Therefore natural area management activities (i.e. environmental protection works) meet Coastal Management Act 2016 objectives for coastal wetland and littoral rainforest management areas.

These objectives are -

- To protect coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests in their natural state, including biological diversity and ecosystem integrity
- To promote the rehabilitation and restoration of degraded coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests

- To improve the resilience of coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests to the impacts of climate change, including opportunities for migration
- To support the social and cultural values of coastal wetlands and littoral rainforest
- to promote the objectives of State policies and programs for wetlands or littoral rainforest management.

Typical environmental protection works to improve the condition and protection of coastal wetland and littoral rainforest coastal management areas and associated buffer zones include:

- Primary and secondary weeding, including chemical and manual removal of weeds
- Revegetation activities – planting of seed and tube stock
- Tree protection measures– stakes, guards, mulching and watering of newly planted vegetation.

Please see Figure 36 for areas currently under active natural area management by Council staff, ecological contractors or volunteers in 2020. In the future areas of active natural area management may change as many areas at Stanwell Park have natural values.

Please see Figure 37 for the extent across the PoM area where areas of coastal wetland and littoral rainforest and their respective buffer zones are mapped under the Coastal Management State Environmental Planning Policy 2018.

The management objectives under the relevant legislation (Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016, Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, Fisheries Management Act 1994, Biosecurity Act 2015, Coastal Management Act 2016 and the associated State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018) will guide Council's natural area management within the PoM area. If environmental restoration works are to occur in any PoM area with EECs, (Littoral Rainforest in the New South Wales North Coast, Sydney Basin and South East Corner Bioregions, Sydney Freshwater Wetlands) Assessments of Significance will need to be undertaken under the BC Act 2016 and if necessary under the EPBC Act.

Figure 35: Endangered Ecological Communities within and near the PoM areas



Figure 36: Natural Area Management Areas –Stanwell Park



Figure 37: Map of Areas of coastal wetland and littoral rainforest and their respective buffer zones as mapped under the Coastal Management State Environmental Planning Policy at the time of making this PoM.



Figure 38: Map of Stormwater Assets at the time of making this PoM.



10 PoM Action Plan Management Objectives

(Tables 4 and 5 are the PoM Action Plan)

Council will manage the land under this PoM toward these objectives:

Table 4: PoM Action Plan Management Objectives

#	Stanwell Park Reserve and Bald Hill Lookout Management Objectives	Source
1	We value and protect our environment	Wollongong 2028 Goal
2	We have an innovative and sustainable economy	As above
3	We have a creative, vibrant city	As above
4	We are a connected and engaged community	As above
5	We have a healthy community in a liveable city	As above
6	To encourage, promote, and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities	Community Land Category Park Core Objective
7	To provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games	As above
8	To improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management	As above
9	To encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games.	Sportsground Core Objectives
10	To ensure that activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.	As above
11	To conserve biodiversity and maintain ecosystem function in respect of the land, or the feature or habitat in respect of which the land is categorised as a natural area.	Natural Area Core Objective
12	To maintain the land, or that feature or habitat, in its natural state and setting.	As above
13	To provide for the restoration and regeneration of the land.	As above
14	To provide for community use of and access to the land in such a manner as will minimise and mitigate any disturbance caused by human intrusion.	As above
15	To assist in and facilitate the implementation of any provisions restricting the use and management of the land that are set out in a recovery plan or threat abatement plan prepared under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 (<i>please note this legislation has been replaced with the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 – but the LGA Act has not been updated</i>) or the Fisheries Management Act 1994.	As above

#	Stanwell Park Reserve and Bald Hill Lookout Management Objectives	Source
16	To manage watercourses so as to protect the biodiversity and ecological values of the instream environment, particularly in relation to water quality and water flows.	Natural Area Watercourse Core Objective
17	To manage watercourses so as to protect the riparian environment, particularly in relation to riparian vegetation and habitats and bank stability.	As above
18	To manage watercourses so as to protect the riparian environment, particularly in relation to riparian vegetation and habitats and bank stability.	As above
19	To restore degraded watercourses.	As above
20	To promote community education, and community access to and use of the watercourse, without compromising the other core objectives of the category	As above
21	To promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).	Core Objectives for land categorised as General Community Use
22	Provide sustainable assets for the community by recognising and considering the full cost of Council acquiring and operating assets throughout their lifecycle and managing these assets in line with the Council's adopted strategic directions in order to respond to the needs of our community	Asset Management – Council Policy
23	To ensure the ongoing ecological viability of the land by protecting the ecological biodiversity and habitat values of the land, the flora and fauna (including invertebrates, fungi and micro-organisms) of the land and other ecological values of the land	Natural Area Bushland Core Objective
24	To protect the aesthetic, heritage, recreational, educational and scientific values of the land	Natural Area Bushland Core Objective
25	To promote the management of the land in a manner that protects and enhances the values and quality of the land and facilitates public enjoyment of the land	Natural Area Bushland Core Objective
26	To implement measures directed to minimising or mitigating any disturbance caused by human intrusion	Natural Area Bushland Core Objective
27	To restore degraded bushland	Natural Area Bushland Core Objective

#	Stanwell Park Reserve and Bald Hill Lookout Management Objectives	Source
28	To protect existing landforms such as natural drainage lines, watercourses and foreshores	Natural Area Bushland Core Objective
29	To retain bushland in parcels of a size and configuration that will enable the existing plant and animal communities to survive in the long term	Natural Area Bushland Core Objective
30	To protect bushland as a natural stabiliser of the soil surface	Natural Area Bushland Core Objective
31	To retain and enhance the cultural significance of the area (namely its Aboriginal, aesthetic, archaeological, historical, technical or research or social significance) for past, present or future generations by the active use of conservation methods. Conservation methods may include any or all of the methods specified in section 36 H of the Local Government Act 1993.	Area of Cultural Significance Core Objective

Table 5: PoM Action Plan

#	Objective (an end towards which efforts are directed)	Performance Target (an objective or goal to be performed)	Means of Achievement – Actions (How Council or the community can achieve the objective and performance targets)	Delivery Stream	Performance Measure (How Council can assess the performance of the means of achievement)
1	<p>We value and protect our environment</p> <p>(Please see Management Objectives 11 -23 and 26 to 30 in Table 4 for more detail – they all apply to the broader Management Objective 1 above)</p>	<p>The existing natural values of the area are maintained or improved from conditions in 2020 into the future</p> <p>The natural area bushland and watercourse areas and riparian land provide support for the Illawarra’s biodiversity.</p> <p>The Littoral rainforest and coastal wetland areas (including buffers) as mapped in the State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018 are maintained or improved from its condition in 2018.</p> <p>Themeda grassland on seacliffs are maintained</p>	<p>1.1 Environmental restoration activities are managed by Wollongong City Council, and undertaken by Contractors and volunteers through the implementation of vegetation or site management plans. Activities include primary and secondary weeding, revegetation and tree protection measures for new plantings. This includes works in coastal wetland and littoral rainforest as mapped under the Coastal Management SEPP to protect and enhance these environments.</p> <p>1.2 Bushfire Asset Protection Zones within Stanwell Park Reserve are appropriately managed</p> <p>1.3 Consideration of the coastal hazard risks to property and the environment as identified in Coastal Zone Management Plan for the management of coastal assets.</p>	<p>Infrastructure and Works - Open Space and Environmental Services</p> <p>City Strategy- Environmental Planning</p> <p>Beach and Aquatic Services</p> <p>Recreational Planning and Sportsfield Management</p>	<p>Environmental restoration activities are continued by volunteer bushcare groups or contractors</p> <p>Total Restoration area</p> <p>Total number of hours of Bushcare or Dunecare groups activity</p> <p>Recreational water quality at Stanwell Park Beach maintains a good to very good rating in the Annual State of the Beaches report prepared by Office of Environment and Heritage</p> <p>Development of a coordinated signage</p>

#	Objective (an end towards which efforts are directed)	Performance Target (an objective or goal to be performed)	Means of Achievement – Actions (How Council or the community can achieve the objective and performance targets)	Delivery Stream	Performance Measure (How Council can assess the performance of the means of achievement)
		<p>or improved from its condition in 2018</p> <p>Signage relating to natural area management encourages people to value and protect the environmental on an individual basis</p>	<p>1.4 Wollongong City Council continues to monitor recreational water quality at Stanwell Park Beach as part of the Beachwatch program.</p> <p>1.5 Signage relating to natural area management is incorporated into a future coordinated signage strategy that applies to Stanwell Park Reserve and possibly other similar areas across the LGA. Site specific signage audits could inform such a strategy.</p> <p>1.6 Council supports an integrated deer management program that operates over public and private land and can be deployed to priority sites to reduce deer impacts where feasible following safety assessment.</p>		<p>strategy that applies to Stanwell Park</p> <p>Contributing to the future NSW Government Local Land Services regional pest management plan currently being developed by Local Land Services and supporting and enhancing the existing pest management programs addressing pest impacts.</p>
2	<p>We have an innovative and sustainable economy</p> <p>(Please see Management Objectives 21, 24, and 25 in Table 4</p>	<p>The beach kiosk at Stanwell Park and the Bald Hill Lookout kiosk and mobile food van operates successfully in line with values in the permissible uses, development table.</p>	<p>2.1 Continue the use of Stanwell Park as a place to hold community, social and cultural events</p> <p>2.2 Ensure that leasing and licensing of permissible uses and activities is current and in line with Council policies.</p>	<p>Community Cultural and Cultural Development</p> <p>Economic Development</p>	<p>Number of community, social and cultural events held in the PoM area remains the same or increases from 2019</p> <p>Areas or buildings under regular use are under a booking, license or</p>

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	for more detail – they all apply to broader Management Objective 2 above)	<p>Recreational pursuits such as hang gliding, paragliding, learning to surf, personal fitness trainers are successfully operating in line with council policy and development consents</p> <p>Events are held at Stanwell Park that are suitable for the setting that provide innovative and sustainable economic opportunities</p>	<p>2.3 Consider ways relevant Council Supporting Documents such as, but not limited to, the ones listed below can be applied to the PoM area in ways fitting with the PoM values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Development Strategy 2013-2023 • Cultural Tourism Strategy 2018 (draft) • Creative Wollongong 2019-2024 • Public Art Strategy 2016-2021 	<p>Property Services</p> <p>Recreation Planning and Sportsfield Management</p> <p>Development Assessment</p>	<p>lease agreement according to relevant council policies for type of activity</p>
3	We have a creative, vibrant city	<p>Events are held at Stanwell Park that are suitable for the setting and provide creative and vibrant opportunities for the community</p> <p>The creative Infrastructure at Stanwell Park and Bald Hill is well maintained or improved (art works, monument, heritage signage)</p>	<p>3.1 Include the creative infrastructure at Stanwell Park and Bald Hill in the future heritage asset plan and heritage strategy</p> <p>3.2 Signage relating to heritage or art is incorporated into a future coordinated signage strategy that applies to Stanwell Park Reserve and possibly other similar areas across the LGA. Site specific signage audits could inform such a strategy. (related to Action 1.5)</p>	<p>Infrastructure Strategy</p> <p>Land Use Planning</p> <p>Marketing</p>	<p>Development of a coordinated signage strategy that applies to Stanwell Park</p>

#	Objective (an end towards which efforts are directed)	Performance Target (an objective or goal to be performed)	Means of Achievement – Actions (How Council or the community can achieve the objective and performance targets)	Delivery Stream	Performance Measure (How Council can assess the performance of the means of achievement)
4	We are a connected and engaged community	The community is informed and has an opportunity to be engaged with events, plans and projects at Stanwell Park Reserve and Bald Hill Lookout	<p>4.1 Exhibition of the draft PoM for public comment prior to finalising the PoM occurs</p> <p>4.2 Leasing and Licensing within the PoM area will meet the public exhibition requirements of section 47 and 47A of the LG Act and consider submissions made during exhibition.</p> <p>4.2 Events, Infrastructure Projects within the PoM area information is accessible via Council's website and social media outlets to keep the public informed</p>	<p>Land Use Planning</p> <p>Communications and Engagement</p> <p>Property Services</p>	<p>Exhibition of the Draft PoM occurs and comments are received and considered by Council</p> <p>Exhibition of leasing and licensing within the PoM area occurs and comments are received and considered by Council</p>
5	We have a healthy community in a liveable city (Please see Management Objectives 6 -10 in Table 4 for more detail – they all apply to the broader Management)	<p>Community members use Stanwell Park and Bald Hill for active and passive recreational and community pursuits</p> <p>Uses of the land are regulated by Council policy, development consent, license or lease agreement</p>	<p>5.1 Continue to maintain the PoM area to a standard that encourages the community to exercise, be social and enjoy the natural setting.</p> <p>5.2 (same as 2.2) Ensure that leasing and licensing of permissible uses and activities is current and in line with Council policies.</p> <p>5.3 Manage playgrounds in the PoM area in accordance with the Play Wollongong Strategy 2014 -2024.</p>	<p>Recreation Planning and Sportsfield Management</p> <p>Property Services</p> <p>City Works</p> <p>Open Space and</p>	<p>People continue to use Stanwell Park Reserve for their community, social, recreational and sporting needs</p>

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	Objective 5 above)		<p>5.4 Sports facilities in the PoM area are managed in accordance with the Sportsground and Sporting Facilities Strategy 2017 -2021. The PoM area has local level tennis facilities in 2020.</p> <p>5.5 Community Facilities in the PoM area are managed in accordance with the Places for People Wollongong Social Infrastructure Planning Framework 2018 – 2028.</p> <p>5.6 Public Art, Heritage Assets are managed in line with Creative Wollongong 2019 – 2024 and Council’s Heritage Strategy 2019-2022</p> <p>5.7 The Grand Pacific Walk Masterplan is implemented as appropriate within the PoM area</p>	<p>Environmental Services</p> <p>Infrastructure Strategy and Planning</p> <p>Community and Cultural Development</p> <p>Development Assessment</p> <p>Regulation and Enforcement</p>	Bald Hill Lookout continues to be a tourist attraction and iconic Wollongong location maintained to a high standard steeped in history and natural beauty.
22	Provide sustainable assets for the community by recognising and considering the full cost of	Community Facilities are managed in line with Places for People Wollongong Social Infrastructure Planning Framework 2018-2020	22.1 Manage Council’s varied assets in line with the associated asset management plan and strategy document	Infrastructure Strategy and Planning	Performance measures in the associated asset management plan and strategy document are met.

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	Council acquiring and operating assets throughout their lifecycle and managing these assets in line with the Council's adopted strategic directions in order to respond to the needs of our community	<p>Sports facilities in the PoM area are managed in accordance with the Sportsground and Sporting Facilities Strategy 2017 – 2028</p> <p>Playgrounds in the PoM area are managed in accordance with the Play Wollongong Strategy 2014 -2024.</p>	<p>22.2 The public domain is maintained to a high standard. Assessment of Customer Requests at Stanwell Park Reserve over the last ten years (2008 to 2018) reveals the following:</p> <p>Council responded to 300 requests with most relating to maintenance, trees, rubbish, graffiti or drainage as noted below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance Requests = 186 (18.6 a year) • Tree Related Requests = 16 (1.6 a year) • Animal Related Requests = 14 (1.4 a year) • Graffiti Related Requests = 13 (1.3 a year) • Rubbish related Requests = 9 (less than 1 a year) • Drainage, Flooding, Related Requests = 8 (less than 1 a year) 		The rate of customer service requires within the PoM area decreases compared with the average rate from 2008 to 2018
31	To retain and enhance the cultural significance of the area (namely its	The Lawrence Hargrave Memorial Statue is maintained to a high standard, free of graffiti,	31. 1 The current level of service provision be maintained for the statue and any other associated signage or art work relating to the area's association with Hargrave or any	Recreation Planning and Sportsfield Management	Anyone who visits Stanwell Park or Bald Hill, resident, tourist or worker understands the heritage of the PoM

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	<p>Aboriginal, aesthetic, archaeological, historical, technical or research or social significance) for past, present or future generations by the active use of conservation methods. Conservation methods may include any or all of the methods specified in section 36 H of the Local Government Act 1993.</p>	<p>or signs of poor maintenance.</p> <p>All art and interpretive signage within Stanwell Park Reserve and Bald Hill Lookout is maintained to a high standard, free of graffiti or signs of poor maintenance.</p> <p>The “Bald” nature of Bald Hill is retained now and into the future.</p> <p>The areas used for gliding activities in accordance with development consent are maintained to a high standard</p>	<p>other art work or interpretive signage that explains the history of the area pre and post 1788.</p> <p>31.2 Art work, signage or activities related to the PoM’s area link to Aboriginal heritage and culture is to be managed in consultation with the Aboriginal community.</p> <p>31. 3 Signage relating to the area’s heritage is incorporated into a future coordinated signage strategy that applies to Stanwell Park Reserve and possibly other similar areas across the LGA. Site specific signage audits could inform such a strategy. (see 1.5 and 3.2)</p> <p>31.4 Further capital investment into the launching area for gliding activity be investigated and programmed subject to funding</p>	<p>Property Services</p> <p>City Works</p> <p>Open Space and Environmental Services</p> <p>Infrastructure Strategy and Planning</p> <p>Community and Cultural Development</p>	<p>area and appreciates its environmental and heritage value.</p> <p>Gliding activities inspired by Lawrence Hargrave’s experiments continue with improved launching area</p>

11 Developing the Plan



Step 1: Review of 2009 PoM , Council data



Step 2: Draft 2020 PoM prepared , informed by community feedback from 8 Oct 2019 to 8 Nov 2019 on proposed community land categories for 46 Crown reserves and step 1.



Step 3: Council resolves to exhibit draft PoM and seek approval of Minister to exhibit



Step 4: Public Exhibition of Draft PoM for public comment and public meeting



Step 5: Consideration of submissions.



Step 6: Council resolves to adopt PoM with minor amendments in light of submissions **or** Council resolves to re exhibit a revised draft PoM with major changes for further public exhibition for public comment (go back to step 4)

Consultation Activities during the Public Exhibition Period

Council activities during the exhibition will included the following:

- Two public meeting sessions were held on 16 February 2021 (via online because of Covid). The independent chairperson provided Council with a report of the issues raised at the public meeting regarding the contents of the draft PoM that formed part of the exhibition results report to Council on 28 June 2021.
- Hard copies of the draft PoM were available upon request by contacting Council on 4227 7111
- Digital copies of draft PoM were available on Council's website
- Letters/emails to notify the start of the exhibition period were sent to current lease or license holders, Native Title Claimants, Council's Aboriginal Reference Group, Council's Heritage Reference Group, Neighborhood forums and those who provided feedback on the proposed community land categories for 46 Crown reserves exhibition (includes NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service and Roads and Maritime Services).
- Letters were sent to residents adjoining the PoM area boundaries

12 Delivering the Plan of Management

This PoM will be used to help Council make decisions:

- When considering requests by the community to use the land – Please see the PoM Permissible Uses and Developments Table (Table 2)
- Actions that need funding will be considered as part of Council's Delivery Program and Annual Plan (i.e. considered in Wollongong 2028 implementation processes) - Please see the PoM Action Plan (Tables 4 and 5).
 - Actions that may require additional funding are:
 - Conducting a site-specific signage audit within the PoM area and developing a future coordinated signage strategy that applies to Stanwell Park Reserve and possibly other similar areas across the LGA (Actions 1.5,3.2, 31.3) and implementing improvements related to findings of a future signage audit.
 - Further capital investment into the launching area where gliding activities occur. (Action 31.4)
 - Implementation of the Grand Pacific Walk Masterplan as appropriate within the PoM area. (The Grand Pacific Walk is a long term strategy to make a pathway so people can walk or ride along our coast between the Royal National Park to Lake Illawarra, Bald Hill and Stanwell Park are focal points along the way) (Action 5.7)
 - Undertaking (or assisting community organisations with lease or licenses within the PoM area to undertake) any Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessments, surveys or approvals under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 for PoM permissible activities and future improvements.
 - Typically, these assessments are the responsibility of the lease or license holder, not Council. Council undertakes these assessments on a project basis in line with Delivery Program project design/plan/deliver schedules for Council projects. A due diligence assessment under the NPWS Act was completed by Council for the Bald Hill Lookout redevelopment for example. Working with

Aboriginal site monitors in culturally valued areas where there are no recorded sites on the Heritage NSW Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (such as the dunes, creeks and lagoons at Stanwell Park Reserve) could be considered by Council or lease or license holders as a means to manage intangible cultural value. Council received three submissions from Aboriginal community members during the exhibition period recommending the use of Aboriginal site monitors at Stanwell Park if the Surf Club is upgraded to extend beyond its current footprint in the future. Currently if there is a project proposed by a lease or license holder that may trigger NPW Act requirements, Council makes the proponent aware of the need to complete their own due diligence (at their own cost) and the need to meet all legislative requirements that may be triggered. During the exhibition period the surf club has confirmed it will be seeking development consent to upgrade the surf club soon.

- Actions that currently occur within existing Delivery Program and Annual Plan budgets (such as building/playground maintenance, lifeguard services, natural area management) will continue at current levels subject to future needs or directions of Council.
- Council may apply for external funding to help deliver actions in this Plan.

Evaluation and Reporting

- The PoM Action Plan includes measures to assess our progress towards delivering the PoM management objectives. Our progress towards objectives will be reported as part of Council's annual reporting processes to implement Wollongong 2028 (Council's Community Strategic Plan for all Council services and capital improvements)

- A review of the PoM will be undertaken five years after adoption of the PoM to assess if the needs of the community or legislative requirements require amending the plan.

13 APPENDIXES

Appendix 1: Approvals on the land

Appendix 2: Information Regarding Leases and Licenses

Appendix 3: Plans of Management and Native Title

Appendix 4: NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act – Crown Land

Appendix 5: Land Parcels in this PoM

Appendix 6: Heritage Considerations within the PoM Area

14 Appendix 1: Approvals for activities on the land in the PoM Area

Section 68, Part D, of the Local Government Act 1993 requires approvals issued by Council for certain activities on community land. A review of Council's electronic records has indicated the following Section 68 Approvals under the LG Act and Development Application approvals under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 have been issued over this land under this PoM in the table below:

Appendix 1, Table 1: Approvals – 2002 – 2018 – Stanwell Park Reserve and Bald Hill Lookout PoM area

Application	Description	Application Type	Decision	Decision Date	Applicant
Stanwell Park Reserve PoM Area Approvals					
DA-2018/600	Two (2) live performance events in August and three (3) live performance events in September 2018 in open air setting	Development Application	Approved	Jun 29 2018	Stanwell Park Arts Theatre
CC-2018/18	Construction of cafe including deck area and landscape works	Construction Certificate Application	Approved	Jun 12 2018	Wollongong City Council
LG-2017/88	Festival of Flight - music market stalls amusement ride, displays	LGA Section 68 Application	Approved	Oct 25 2017	(Individual)
DA-2016/1786	Demolition of existing kiosk and residence, tree removals and installation of pre-fabricated café including deck area and landscape works	Development Application	Approved	Jun 7 2017	Wollongong City Council
LG-2015/83	Installation of a mobile kiosk at Stanwell Park Reserve adjacent to existing kiosk	LGA Section 68 Application	Approved	Dec 7 2015	Wollongong City Council
LG-2015/38	Festival of flight. Stage, market stalls, displays and amusement rides. To be held 15 November 2015.	LGA Section 68 Application	Approved	Jul 29 2015	(Individual)

Application	Description	Application Type	Decision	Decision Date	Applicant
DA-2014/597	Commercial - refurbishment of kiosk including a new cool room and store room, works also including improving paving in the courtyard to private seating area for kiosk patrons	Development Application	Approved	Jul 16 2014	Wollongong City Council
LG-2014/33	Festival of Flight held annually on a Sunday of November - displays, market stalls, music and amusement rides	LGA Section 68 Application	Approved	Oct 28 2014	Country Womens Association of NSW
DA-2014/229	Use of public open space for commercial fitness training activities	Development Application	Approved	April 14 2014	Wollongong City Council
LG-2013/40	Mechanical ride for soccer presentation on 13 October 2013	LGA Section 68 Application	Approved	Sep 26 2013	Heathcote Waratah Football Club Inc
DA-2012/922	Annual Event - Festival of Flight 2nd Sunday of November for five year period for 5 year period starting 2012	Development Application	Approved	Sep 25 2012	Country Womens Association of NSW
DA- 2012/922/A	Annual Event - Festival of Flight 2nd Sunday of November for five year period for 5 year period starting 2012 Modification A - seek approval to hold event annually on any Sunday in November	Development Application	Approved	Jun 5 2014	Country Womens Association of NSW
DA-2012/922/B	Annual Event - Festival of Flight 2nd Sunday of November for five year period for 5 year period starting 2012 Modification B - extension of consent for further 5 years 2017 to 2021 inclusive	Development Application	Approved	Jul 14 2017	CWA of NSW Stanwell Park Branch
LG-2012/26	Mechanical Ride	LGA Section 68 Application	Approved	Oct 3 2012	Heathcote Waratah Football Club Inc

Application	Description	Application Type	Decision	Decision Date	Applicant
LG-2012/21	Festival of Flight Event - November 2012	LGA Section 68 Application	Approved	Oct 15 2012	Country Womens Association of NSW
DA-2011/586	Commercial - surf school activities on Stanwell Park Beach	Development Application	Approved	Jul 19 2011	Wollongong City Council
DA-2011/1044	Replace awning over eastern stairway and balcony	Development Application	Approved	Oct 7 2011	Helensburgh Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club
LG-2010/49	Lawrence Hargrave memorial Kite Day for public schools	LGA Section 68 Application	Approved	Oct 12 2010	Lawrence Hargrave School
DA-2010/1314	Proposed Upgrade to Wollongong City Council Lifeguard Amenities	Development Application	Approved	Nov 19 2010	Wollongong City Council
DA-2009/1613/A	Use of land for hot rod show - modification to alter existing incorrect event dates to 6/2/2011, 5/2/2012, 3/2/2013 and 2/2/2014	Development Application	Approved	Jul 12 2010	Bay Area Hot Rod Club
DA-2009/1613/B	Use of land for hot rod show - modification to change date for 2012 only to 25 March 2012	Development Application	Approved	Mar 19 2012	Bay Area Hot Rod Club
DA-2009/1613	Use of land for hot rod show	Development Application	Approved	Jan 27 2010	Bay Area Hot Rod Club
DA-2009/1613/C	Use of land for hot rod show - modification to change date for 2012 only to 23 September 2012	Development Application	Approved	Sep 20 2012	Bay Area Hot Rod Club
DA-2009/488	Construction of storage facility for Council Lifeguards	Development Application	Approved	June 22 2009	Wollongong City Council
DA-2009/93	Use of public open space for commercial fitness training	Development Application	Approved	Aug 4 2009	Wollongong City Council
DA-2009/93/B	Use of public open space for commercial fitness training - modification to condition 11 to allow activities to occur from Monday to	Development Application	Approved	Dec 8 2009	Wollongong City Council

Application	Description	Application Type	Decision	Decision Date	Applicant
	Saturday 6am to 8pm and Sunday 7am to 10am all year around				
Bald Hill Lookout PoM Area					
DA-2015/187	Demolition of existing amenities block, construction of a new amenities block, kiosk and a roof top observation deck (Bald Hill Masterplan) and use of kiosk	Development Application	Approved	May 28 2015	Wollongong City Council
DA-2002/1821/A	Use of Stanwell Park Beach and Bald Hill Reserve for hang gliding and paragliding activities. Modification A - modification to some conditions of consent	Development Application	Approved	Apr 13 2010	Stanwell Park Hang Gliding Paragliding Club
DA-2002/1821	Use Of Stanwell Park Beach And Bald Hill Reserve For Hang Gliding And Paragliding Activities	Development Application	Approved	Aug 6 2007	Stanwell Park Hang Gliding Paragliding Club
FP-2016/209	Licence Type – Food Business	Health	Approved	27/10/2016	The Bald Hill Company Pty Ltd - Flying High Cafe

These approvals from 2002 – 2018 (ie age of electronic records) are typical of the way the land under this PoM has been used in the past by the community. These types of uses will continue under this PoM.

15 Appendix 2: Information regarding Leases and Licenses

The purpose of this Appendix 2 is to provide more information on the following:

- Legislative requirements under the LG Act 1993 for leasing and licensing
- Council's policies for leasing, licensing and granting of other estates
- Council's existing leases and licenses over the land at Stanwell Park Reserve and Bald Hill Lookout.

Legislative Requirements relating to leases and licenses

When community land is leased or licensed, depending on the nature of the terms of the lease or license, it may be reserved for the exclusive use of one group or person. Because the granting of a lease or license could limit the ability of the general community from using the land, the Local Government Act 1993 contains important restrictions on the ability of Council to grant leases, licences and other estates over community land and there are requirements for Council to publicly exhibit proposals to lease or license community land and to consider any community feedback on the proposals. Leases and licences over community land are to be consistent with the core objectives of the community land category that applies to that land and expressly authorised under a plan of management.

Public Notice requirements for proposals to lease or licence community land

Proposals to lease or licence community land for periods longer than a casual short term use, require public notice and consideration by Council in accordance with sections 47 and 47 A of the LG Act.

Public notice involves -

- A written notice on Council's website or in local newspaper
- Exhibiting the notice on the land to which the proposal relates
- Give notice of the proposal to such persons as appear to it to own or occupy the land adjoining the community land
- Give notice of the proposal to any other person, appearing to the council to be the owner or occupier of land in the vicinity of the community land, if in the opinion of the council the land the subject of the proposal is likely to form the primary focus of the person's enjoyment of community land.

- The notice is to include -
 - Information sufficient to identify the community land concerned
 - The purpose for which the land will be used under the proposed lease, licence or other estate
 - The term of the proposed lease, licence or other estate (including particulars of any options for renewal)
 - The name of the person to whom it is proposed to grant the lease, licence or other estate (if known)
 - A statement that submissions in writing may be made to the council concerning the proposal within a period, not less than 28 days, specified in the notice.
 - Any person may make a submission in writing to the council during the period specified for the purpose in the notice.

Consideration by Council of submissions relating to leases or licenses

Before granting the lease, licence or other estate, the council must consider all submissions duly made to it.

Consideration of a proposed lease or licence for a term of 5 years or less:

- Consideration can be made by Council staff in accordance with delegations under the LGA Act.

Consideration of a proposed lease or licence for more than 5 years and up to 21 years -

- Consideration can be made by Council staff in accordance with delegations under the LGA Act if there are no objections
- Consideration at a meeting of Council if there are written objections received during the exhibition period

Consideration of a proposed lease or licence that exceeds 21 years:

- Consideration at a meeting of Council

Role of Ministerial Consent for leases or licences over community land:

The consent of the Minister for Local Government is required to grant any lease or license term over community land that exceeds 21 years and in some circumstances it may be required for lesser terms. Seeking Ministerial consent requires a resolution of Council.

Appendix 2, Table 1: Leases and Licenses within the PoM area as of December 2019 longer than a casual booking

Lease or License	Activity or Development leased or licensed	Dates
Licence to Stanwell Park Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club Inc	Landing zone for hang gliding and paragliding activities, parking and pack up area at Stanwell Park Reserve	1 January 2018 – 31 December 2027
License to Wollongong Tennis Courts Administration Inc of the Stanwell Park Tennis Courts and Club building	The tennis facilities at Stanwell Park are part of a lease or license of several tennis courts and tennis facilities across the Local Government Area	1 January 1992 – 31 December 2011 and holding over for Lot 7304 DP 1142283
Advanced Catering Systems Holdings Pty Limited	Licence of Stanwell Park Kiosk "The Pantry @ Stanwell Park", Station Street, Stanwell Park Beach	18 December 2018 to 17 December 2020. Part of Lot 7304 DP 1142283
License to WIN Television Pty Ltd	Use of existing telecommunications tower at Bald Hill	1 June 2019 to 31 May 2024
Lease to Helensburgh-Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club for the Surf Club building	Surf Life Saving Club and associated activities in accordance with the lease.	1 November 2018 – 31 October 2039
License to Helensburgh-Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club for small portion of Surf Club Building that is occupying Crown Land	Surf Life Saving and associated activities	19 December 2019 – 31 October 2020
License to The Bald Hill Company Pty Ltd for Kiosk and mobile food van at Bald Hill Lookout	Kiosk and mobile food van at Bald Hill Lookout	2 Dec 2016 – 01 Dec 2021

Appendix 2, Table 2: Council Policies regarding the leasing and licensing of community land.

Wollongong City Council Policies that may relate to the leasing and licensing of Community Land	Year Adopted	Responsible Council Division
Allocation of Community Facilities to Community Groups	2017	Library and Community Services
Community and Sporting Group Rentals	2015	Property and Recreation
Commercial Fitness Training Activities on Public Open Space	2015	Property and Recreation
Commercial Surf School Activities on Foreshore Public Open Space	2016	Property and Recreation
Leases and Licences of Council Owned and Managed Land, Buildings and Public Roads	2017	Property and Recreation
Legal Costs Payable by Lessees and Licensees of Council Premises other than Retail Premises	2015	Governance and Customer Service

Appendix 3: Plans of Management and Native Title

Native title is the name given to the traditional ownership of land and waters that have always belonged to Aboriginal people according to their traditions, laws and customs. The Native Title Act 1993 sets out how native title rights are recognised and protected.

A search of the National Native Title Tribunal Register reveals that there is no land within the Wollongong Local Government Area that has been subject to a determination of native title by the Federal Court (or the High Court on appeal), but there is a registered claim that includes the Wollongong Local Government Area that has not been determined by the court system yet. Registered claimants have procedural rights under Native Title legislation if Native Title may be affected. Information on the registered claim can be found at the following link –

http://www.nntt.gov.au/searchRegApps/NativeTitleRegisters/Pages/RNTC_details.aspx?NNTT_FileNo=NC2017/003

As a Crown land manager under the CLM Act, section 8.7 (1)(d) of the Act requires that Council obtain the written advice of Council's Native Title Manager that the draft PoM complies with the applicable provisions of the native title legislation. Council has received and considered written advice from Council's Native Title Manager in relation to the Plan of Management for Stanwell Park Reserve and Bald Hill Lookout in accordance with Section 8.7 of the CLM Act.

Section 8.7 of CLM Act

- (1) A responsible person for relevant land cannot do any of the following unless the person has first obtained the written advice of at least one of the person's native title managers that it complies with any applicable provisions of the native title legislation -
- (a) grant leases, licences, permits, forestry rights, easements or rights of way over the land
 - (b) mortgage the land or allow it to be mortgaged
 - (c) impose, require or agree to covenants, conditions or other restrictions on use (or remove or release, or agree to remove or release, covenants, conditions or other restrictions on use) in connection with dealings involving the land

(d) approve (or submit for approval) a plan of management for the land that authorises or permits any of the kinds of dealings referred to in paragraph (a), (b) or (c).

(2) However, the written advice of a native title manager is not required for the sale or other disposal of the land.

Appendix 4 – Aboriginal Land Claims under the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983

“There are fundamental differences between land rights and native title. Land rights are rights created by the Australian, state or territory governments. Land rights usually comprise of a grant of freehold or perpetual lease title to Indigenous Australians. By contrast, native title arises as a result of the recognition, under Australian common law, of pre-existing Indigenous rights and interests according to traditional laws and customs. Native title is not a grant or right created by governments.”

(source: <https://www.ag.gov.au/nativetitle>)

Aboriginal Land Councils constituted under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (NSW) can claim Crown Land as compensation for historic dispossession of land and to support the social and economic development of Aboriginal communities. Broadly, Crown Land is claimable if it is not needed for an essential public purpose or being legally used and/or occupied at the time a claim is made. If a claim is successful, the relevant Crown Land parcel is transferred to the claimant Aboriginal Land Council as freehold title.

In December 2016, an Aboriginal Land Claim was lodged over all Crown reserves within the Wollongong LGA. This ‘blanket claim’ includes Lot 7304 Crown DP 1142283, a large Crown Reserve in Stanwell Park covered under this PoM. Page 58 includes a map of this land parcel.

The existence of an undetermined claim over this land gives rise to the need for certain additional procedural steps to be undertaken before any lease or licence can be granted or before any development, which will change the physical condition of the land, can take place. In this regard, as the need arises, Council will work cooperatively with the NSW Aboriginal Land Claim Investigation Unit and the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (the claimant).

It is worth noting that Council has no role in determining whether a particular parcel of Crown Land is claimable. However, in the case of Crown Land which Council manages, when requested, Council provides information to the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016 relating the way the land is used and/or occupied. Further information regarding Aboriginal Land Claims can be obtained from the following State Government website - <https://www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au/land-rights/land-claims>

Appendix 5 – Land Parcels in the Plan of Management

(Crown land parcels that are classified as community land are in **bold** and are shaded in blue in Figure 1 of the PoM. Otherwise, the land parcels listed below are community land owned by Wollongong City Council)

Considerations of Native Title (Appendix 3) and Aboriginal Land Rights legislation (Appendix 4) apply to Crown land parcels.

Parcel Details	Property Address
Lot 20 DP 7871	Helensburgh-Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club, 1 Beach Road STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 21 DP 7871	Helensburgh-Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club, 1 Beach Road STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 2 DP 1028355	Helensburgh-Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club, 1 Beach Road STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 60 DP 1174246	Helensburgh-Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club, 1 Beach Road STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 76 DP 7664	Baird Park, Lower Coast Road STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 77 DP 7664	Baird Park, Lower Coast Road STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 78 DP 7664	Baird Park, Lower Coast Road STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 79 DP 7664	Baird Park, Lower Coast Road STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 202 DP 5858	Lot 202 Otford Road STANWELL TOPS NSW 2508
Lot 203 DP 5858	Lot 203 Otford Road STANWELL TOPS NSW 2508
Lot 204 DP 5858	Lot 204 Otford Road STANWELL TOPS NSW 2508
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Pt Lot 206 DP 5858	Pt Lot 206 Otford Road STANWELL TOPS NSW 2508
Lot 1 DP 309491	Bald Hill Lookout, Otford Road STANWELL TOPS NSW 2508
Lot 230 DP 5858	Bald Hill Lookout, Otford Road STANWELL TOPS NSW 2508
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Lot 1 DP 1180011	Bald Hill Lookout, Otford Road STANWELL TOPS NSW 2508
Lot 237 DP 1155156	Bald Hill Lookout, Otford Road STANWELL TOPS NSW 2508
Lot 238 DP 1155156	Bald Hill Lookout, Otford Road STANWELL TOPS NSW 2508
Lot 239 DP 1155165	Bald Hill Lookout, Otford Road STANWELL TOPS NSW 2508

Parcel Details	Property Address
Lot 240 DP 1155165	Bald Hill Lookout, Otford Road STANWELL TOPS NSW 2508
Lot 1 DP 1030435	Lot 1 Otford Road STANWELL TOPS NSW 2508
Lot 2 DP 1030435	Lot 2 Otford Road STANWELL TOPS NSW 2508
Lot 1 DP 118841	Bald Hill Lookout, Otford Road STANWELL TOPS NSW 2508
Lot 1 DP 118842	Bald Hill Lookout, Otford Road STANWELL TOPS NSW 2508
Lot 243 DP 658560	Bald Hill Lookout, Otford Road STANWELL TOPS NSW 2508
Lot 244 DP 658561	Bald Hill Lookout, Otford Road STANWELL TOPS NSW 2508
Lot 245 DP 658562	Bald Hill Lookout, Otford Road STANWELL TOPS NSW 2508
Lot 246 DP 658563	Bald Hill Lookout, Otford Road STANWELL TOPS NSW 2508
Lot 247 DP 658564	Bald Hill Lookout, Otford Road STANWELL TOPS NSW 2508
Lot 248 DP 658565	Bald Hill Lookout, Otford Road STANWELL TOPS NSW 2508
Lot 22 DP 7871	43 Stanwell Avenue STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 23 DP 7871	45 Stanwell Avenue STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 24 DP 7871	47 Stanwell Avenue STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 25 DP 7871	49 Stanwell Avenue STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 26 DP 7871	51 Stanwell Avenue STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 27 DP 7871	53 Stanwell Avenue STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 28 DP 7871	55 Stanwell Avenue STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 1 DP 1028355	Stanwell Park Recreation Area, 35A Stanwell Avenue STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 1 DP 7871	Stanwell Park Recreation Area, 1-17 Stanwell Avenue STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 2 DP 7871	Stanwell Park Recreation Area, 1-17 Stanwell Avenue STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 3 DP 7871	Stanwell Park Recreation Area, 1-17 Stanwell Avenue STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 4 DP 7871	Stanwell Park Recreation Area, 1-17 Stanwell Avenue STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 5 DP 7871	Stanwell Park Recreation Area, 1-17 Stanwell Avenue STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 6 DP 7871	Stanwell Park Recreation Area, 1-17 Stanwell Avenue STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 7 DP 7871	Stanwell Park Recreation Area, 1-17 Stanwell Avenue STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 8 DP 7871	Stanwell Park Recreation Area, 1-17 Stanwell Avenue STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 9 DP 7871	Stanwell Park Recreation Area, 1-17 Stanwell Avenue STANWELL PARK NSW 2508

Parcel Details	Property Address
Lot 11 DP 7871	Stanwell Park Recreation Area, 21 Stanwell Avenue STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 12 DP 7871	23-27 Stanwell Avenue STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 13 DP 7871	23-27 Stanwell Avenue STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 14 DP 7871	23-27 Stanwell Avenue STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 15 DP 7871	23-27 Stanwell Avenue STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 17 DP 7871	33 Stanwell Avenue STANWELL PARK NSW 2508
Lot 7304 Crown DP 1142283 (see Map)	Stanwell Park Recreation Area, 2A Station Street STANWELL PARK NSW 2508 (R83095 – Reserve Purpose Public Recreation – Gazetted – 5/05/1961, Parish- Southend, County - Cumberland
Lot 189 DP 5275	Stanwell Park Recreation Area, The Drive STANWELL PARK NSW 2508

Appendix 6 – Heritage Considerations within the PoM Area

The Stanwell Park and Bald Hill areas are situated within landforms with potential for Aboriginal cultural heritage to be present and the area is known to hold cultural heritage values to the local Aboriginal Community. The public use of the area, the installation of new and existing infrastructure, management of erosion and vegetation and any other activity that may result in disturbance of the ground has the potential to impact upon presently unrecorded Aboriginal cultural heritage sites.

Council acknowledges that additional Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment may need to be undertaken to support works that require ground disturbance in sensitive areas. Assessment needs to be in line with the following NSW Heritage guidelines:

- *Guide to investigating, assessing and reporting on Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW*. OEH 2011. Available online at:

<https://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/assets/Uploads/files/Guide-to-Investigating-Assessing-and-Reporting-on-Aboriginal-Cultural-Heritage-in-New-South-Wales.pdf>

Code of practice for archaeological investigation of Aboriginal objects in New South Wales, DECCW 2010. Available online at:

<https://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/assets/Code-of-Practice-for-Archaeological-Investigation-in-NSW.pdf>

- *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010*. DECCW 2010. Available online at:

<https://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/assets/Uploads/files/Aboriginal-Cultural-Heritage-Consultation-Requirements-for-Proponents.pdf>

- *Applying for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit guide for applicants*, OEH (2011). Available online at:

<https://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/assets/Uploads/files/Applying-for-an-Aboriginal-Heritage-Impact-Permit-Guide-for-applicants..pdf> "

In response to the NSW Heritage Submission to the POM dated 5 March 2021 Council undertook the following preliminary investigations in relation to the Aboriginal Heritage values of the PoM Area:

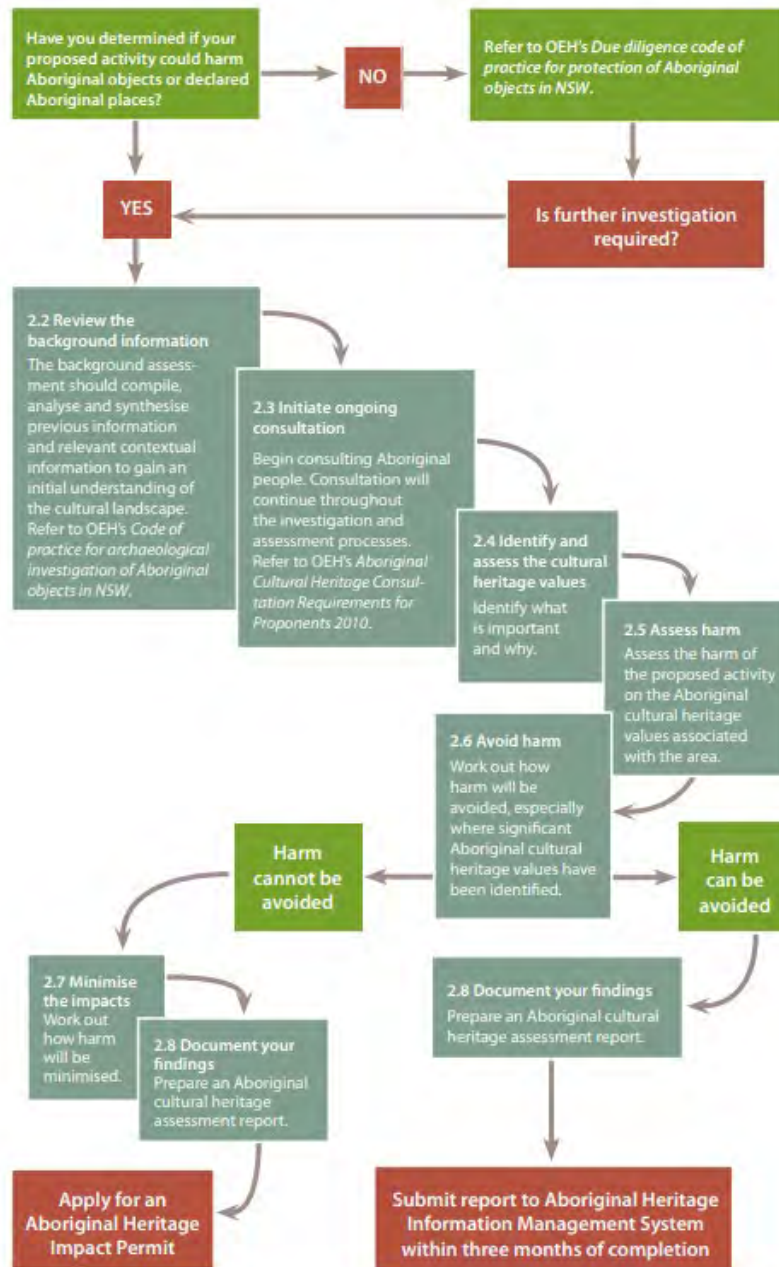
- Conducted a basic search of the Heritage NSW Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) for all land parcels within the PoM area in April 2021 to confirm the location of any known Aboriginal site in the POM area;
- Reviewed the 1998 Heritage Study of the Stanwell Park Recreation Reserve, prepared by HLA-Envirosciences Pty Limited, which identified heritage values for the area that informed the existing interpretive material at Stanwell Park;
- Reviewed the recommendations of the Aboriginal Due Diligence Assessment of Bald Hill prepared by Biosis in 2015 in support of the construction of the Bald Hill Masterplan works;
- Consulted with local Aboriginal Community members who identified cultural values of the Illawarra Coastline. In response to the Community feedback Council intends to engage Aboriginal site monitors where ground disturbance is proposed of any dune system or bank during any future upgrade of the surf club at Stanwell Park Beach. This is seen as a proactive measure by the Aboriginal Community regardless of the level of past disturbance revealed by any future assessments or legislative requirements under the NPW Act.
- Council notified the Stanwell Park Surf Club of the Heritage NSW advice and advised that an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment may be required as part of the development assessment of any future development application lodged by the club to upgrade the building.

Updated the PoM to identify the Aboriginal heritage considerations to be considered as part of any future works, as set out in this Appendix and in Section 12 – Delivering the Plan of Management.

Investigating and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

The following extracts illustrate the process for investigating Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW.

Figure 1: The process for investigating and assessing Aboriginal cultural heritage



Extract from Guide to investigating, assessing, and reporting on Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW from NSW Government April 2011

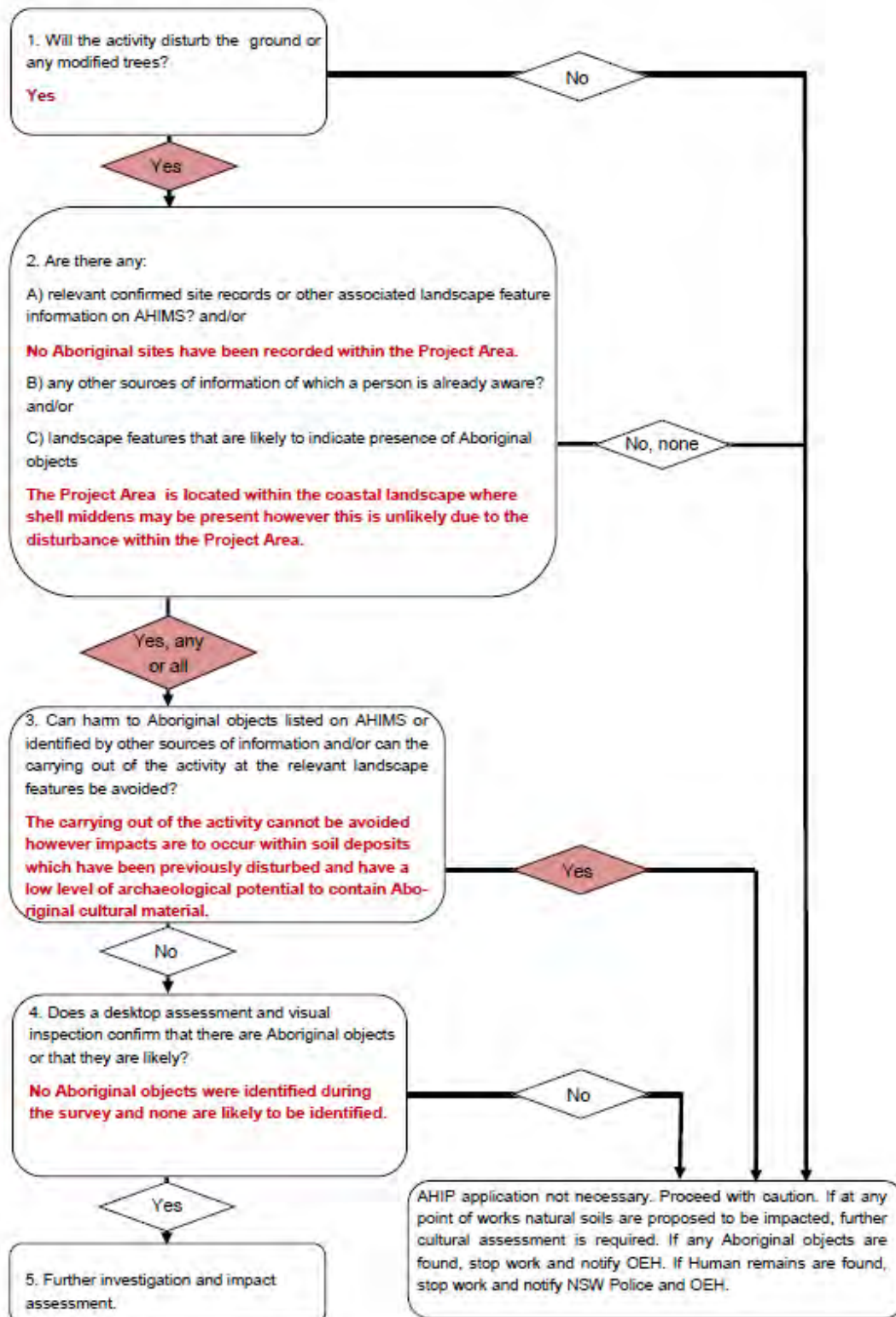
Link to Entire Report is below:

[Heritage NSW Guide-to-Investigating-Assessing-and-Reporting-on-Aboriginal-Cultural-Heritage-in-NSW](#)

Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects 2010

For any project within the Stanwell Park Reserve and Bald Hill Lookout PoM Area, an Aboriginal Due Diligence assessment is required.

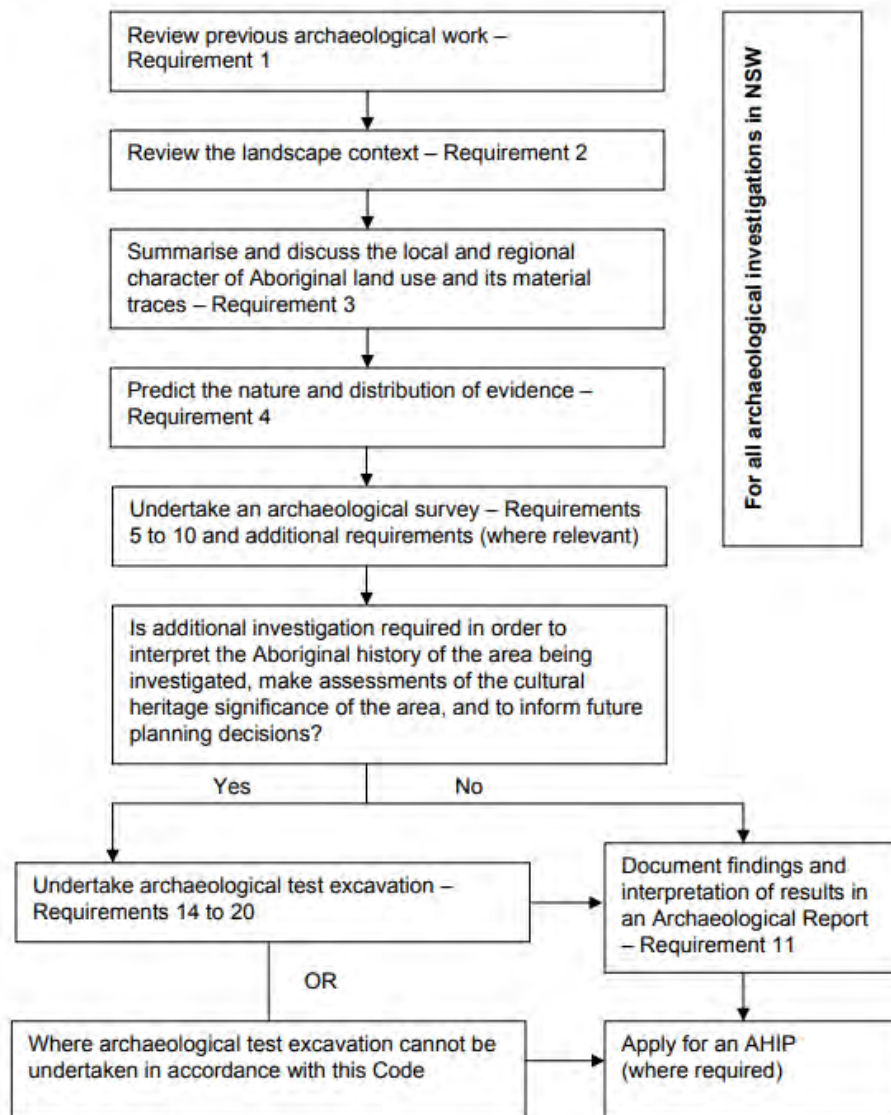
Chart 1: Due Diligence Process



Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects

Due Diligence may result in requirements for further investigation under the Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW applies.

Figure 1: Requirements of the Code



Link to entire Code of Practice document: [Code-of-Practice-for-Archaeological-Investigation-in-NSW](#).

The Code of Practice Archaeological Investigations may result in the need to apply for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit under the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974. For more information: [Applying-for-an-Aboriginal-Heritage-Impact-Permit-Guide-for-applicants](#)