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This Plan of Management details Crown Reserves classified Community land in the Shire with various categories including General Community Use, Park, Sportsground, Area of Cultural Significance and Natural Area: Bushland.

This Plan repeals relevant parts of the *Warrumbungle Shire Council Plan of Management for Community Land 2016*.

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RESERVES COVERED IN THIS PLAN

RESERVE NUMBER	RESERVE NAME	LOCATION
89960	Reserve Baradine	Between Baradine Creek and eastern edge of Baradine town
90694	Greenbah Creek Recreation	Wingabutta Road, Greenbah
31715	Queensborough Park	Central park in Coolah (1 of 3 reserves for same park)
51177	Queensborough Park West	Central park in Coolah (2 of 3 reserves for same park)
11 (1001873)	Queensborough Park Coolah	As above, (3 of 3 reserves for same park)
83250	Three Corner Park	Binnaway St Coolah
14138	Rifle Range	Riverside park Coonabarabran
49164	Rifle Range	Adjacent to park and playground, riverside in Coonabarabran
520072	Rifle Range	Timor Road Coonabarabran (near Water Filtration Plant)
56732	Rifle Range	Namoi St Coonabarabran
86082	Rifle Range	Gordon/Hill St Coonabarabran
88128	Rifle Range	Western edge of Coonabarabran
88348	Rifle Range	Castlereagh River Coonabarabran
89680	Playground Coonabarabran	Ulamambri St Coonabarabran
90768	Masters Park	Adjacent to Coonabarabran Showground
97723	Reserve Coonabarabran	Dalgarno St Coonabarabran
17798	(previously) Police Purposes	Riverside Park, central Coonabarabran
86105	Rifle Range	Dandry Creek, Coonabarabran north
89668	Reserve Rocky Glen	Oxley Highway, Rocky Glen
1997	Reserve Rocky Glen	Oxley Highway/Borah Creek Road
91389	Reserve Warkton	Newell Highway Wattle Springs
92335	Reserve Ulamambri	Warrumbungles Way/Castlereagh River, Coonabarabran
97307	Reserve Deringula	Jack Halls Creek
76398	Belar Creek Recreation	Jack Halls Creek Tannabar
86978	Rifle Range	Warkton Rd Coonabarabran
91071	Baby Creek Reserve	Baby Creek Ulamambri
53797	Frog Hollow	Low point in Ulamabri in town
68100	Robertson Park	Fronts Talbragar River, Dunedoo town
81962	Dunedoo War Memorial Baths	Town Pool in Dunedoo
89588	Dunedoo Riverside Park	Large park, follows river on northern side of Dunedoo
90681	Reserve Green bah Creek	Junction of Greenbah and Wingabutta Creeks
98063	Nullen Rest Area	Highway rest area, Golden Highway
1591	Mendooran Cricket Oval	Brambil/Benewa St Mendooran
1592	Brambil Park	Southern edge of Mendooran
73370	Mendooran Camping Area	Castlereagh River Mendooran
77108	Mendooran Park	Bandulla St Mendooran
76877	Merrygoen Parl/Tennis Courts	Cnr Biamble & Merrygoen Sts Merrygoen
78473	[None]	Merrygoen

80278	Neilrex Playground	Neilrex locality
1205	Timor Rock Reserve	Timor Road, Timor Rock
46646	Coonabarabran Racecourse	Coonabarabran
47760	Coonabarabran Racecourse	Coonabarabran. Refer to Map at attachment 1 for area in green managed by Council.
68452	Baradine Recreation and Camping	Along Creek on northern side of Baradine
65440	Binnaway Showground	Eastern edge of Binnaway
81773	Jorrock's Park	Black Stump Way, Coolah
96923	Native Grove Cemetery	North of Coonabarabran
47862	Chip's Reserve	Belar Creek, west of Coonabarabran
520049	Jubilee Memorial Hall	Belar St Dunedoo
85661	Goolhi Public Hall	Cnr Goolhi and Booloola Rd, Goolhi
87118	Hobbins Gully Resting Place	Leadville
95872	Talbragar Cemetery	Leadville, near rest area on Golden Highway
85682	Beni Crossing Resting Place	Southern side of River near Beni Crossing
97167	Public Hall Weetaliba	Weetaliba
89626	Coonabarabran Flora Reserve	Baradine Road Coonabarabran
36127	Preservation of Graves	Black Stump Way, via Coolah
71749	Bowen Oval	Coolah

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Plan of Management has been prepared for the Council-managed Crown Reserves in the Warrumbungle LGA. With the introduction of the Crown Lands Management Act, all NSW Councils have been handed the care and control of not only physical management and maintenance of Crown Reserves, but also the responsibility to categorise and prepare Plans of Management for their current and future uses.

This Plan contains three distinct sections:

Section 1: Details WHY Council is conducting this work and writing the Plan of Management;

Section 2: Sets the scene to outline WHAT the Warrumbungle Shire is like – WHERE it is, its people and major trends;

Section 3 Outlines HOW Council and community intend to see their Crown Reserves managed now and into the future (THE PLAN).

Warrumbungle Shire has 56 Crown reserves in this Plan under its care as Crown Land Manager. This is in addition to Council-owned parcels of community land which Council manages on behalf of the community.

Of the above reserves:

Twenty three have been categorised as Natural Area – Bushland;

Twenty four have been categorised Park;

Seven have been categorised General Community Use;

Five have been categorised Sportsground; and

Three have more than one category (eg. Park/Sportsground).

This generic plan of management identifies the lots, explains how they intend to be managed in the future and how Council will ensure that its performance as land manager is kept to the standard outlined in this document.

This plan has been linked to Council's other strategic documents where common intentions and linkages can be identified.

This generic plan of management welcomes feedback on its content and intentions, particularly the end users being Warrumbungle Shire's communities and visitors. Consultation of this and other plans of management will be carried out in accordance with the LG Act and Regulations.



Plate 1: Reserve 65440: Multipurpose Arena at Binnaway Showground.

Source: Binnaway Show Committee.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Changes introduced with the Crown Land Management Act 2016 (CLM Act) means that NSW Councils have been handed the management of certain Crown Reserves and dedications with Reserve Trusts now abolished. This Plan of Management details existing improvements and future plans for the Reserves under Warrumbungle Shire's care and control in accordance with the above Act and the Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act). It is intended that section 1 of the plan outline **why** Council is conducting this work and preparing this Plan of Management.

1.1 Process of Preparing this Plan of Management

The following steps outline the process of preparing this Plan of Management (from this point on):

1. Prepare draft Plan of Management
2. Council resolution to refer to Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (Crown Lands) for endorsement prior to publicly exhibiting the Plan of Management
3. Public exhibition and public hearing (where necessary)
4. Report to Council outlining submissions & preparation of final Plan of Management
5. Adoption by Council

Consultation within the Plan began early with user groups consulted at the outset and during formal consultation to allow ample time for input with the Plan's direction and content.

1.2 Scope of this Plan of Management

This Plan of Management is generic, meaning that it has been written for a number of Reserves, condensed into the one document. The LG Act allows for the preparation of generic plans of management for community land.

This Plan of Management captures the Crown Reserves which were previously a Reserve Trust, comprising Crown Reserves with a gazetted community/public purpose or Crown land dedicated to Council. These Reserves are now managed as community land under the Local Government Act 1993 and Council is termed 'Crown Land Manager' under the Crown Land Management Act 2016.

This generic plan of management establishes clear direction for the Reserves and responsibilities for Council and the users of the community land. This plan also provides a basis for assigning priorities in works programming and budgeting within Council's financial capacity.

Any works at the sites identified must be in accordance with the plan of management and overall in accordance with the reserve purpose.

1.3 Land Classification (Community and Operational)

The Local Government Act details two types of land classification in NSW – Community and Operational. Land is classified for rating and usage purposes.

Community land is land owned and/or controlled by Council and is retained primarily for community use.

It can include parks, playing fields, playgrounds, sportsgrounds, bushland and other areas of open space accessible to the public. All community land must have a plan of management prepared. Development and use of community land is set out in the Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act) and Council and the State Government's Planning documents.

Operational Land includes all freehold land including land owned privately and by Government. Operational land does not need a plan of management prepared for its use or management. Operational land serves a commercial or operational function. In terms of Council-owned operational land, it includes land:

- held as a temporary asset;
- held as an investment,
- which facilitates the carrying out of functions by a council, or
- which may not be open to the general public (such as a waste depot).

1.4 Land Categorisation

Under the Classification of Community Land, there are five (5) main categories of community land as set out in the Local Government Act. These are:

- Park
- Sportsground
- Area of Cultural Significance
- Natural Area
- General Community Use

All except Areas of Cultural Significance are used for Reserves in this Plan.

In some Council areas, Reserves are split into a number of categories, depending on the uses within the site. For example, a larger Reserve may contain a dedicated sportsground and formal Park, as well as a remembrance wall, so the one Reserve could contain the categories Sportsground, Park and Area of Cultural Significance.

Other Reserves may contain just the one category. The Reserves in this Plan contain one category only for ease of operations and the specific uses within each Reserve.

Land that is categorised as Natural Area is to be further categorised as either Bushland, Foreshore, Watercourse, Escarpment, and Wetland.

1.5 Legislation relevant to Plans of Management

A range of Commonwealth and State legislation applies to the use and development of Crown Reserves, as detailed below.

1.5.1 Local Government Act 1993

The Local Government Act and Regulations outline the processes for classifying and categorising community land and the objectives of the categories for community land.

This and the following CLM Act are the main pieces of relevant legislation when it comes to the management of Crown Reserves. Objectives for the various land categories and execution of leases and licences over Crown Reserves are also outlined in this Act.

1.5.2 Crown Land Management (CLM) Act 2016

The introduction of the above Act provides a framework for Councils and other Crown Land Managers to manage Crown Reserves. In the case of Councils, they now manage the Crown Reserves as they would any other community land under their care and control.

This Act has also introduced a requirement for the NSW Government to produce a State Strategic Plan for Crown Land. This Plan was completed and published in June 2021 and sets the broad framework and priorities for crown lands across NSW. Where relevant, this state Plan will be cross-referenced in the Action Plan in Part 3.



Under the CLM Act, certain types of minor developments which require development consent are taken to be given written consent on behalf of the Crown as owner of the reserved Crown land. This means that Council, when submitting a development application for the following works on Crown reserves, is not required to obtain the Minister's written consent to lodge the application (see section 2.23 of CLM Act):

Instances where the Minister's consent is **not** required for minor developments:
*(*Note, this does not mean the work may be carried out without first checking with Council that the changes proposed do not require development consent)*

• **repair, maintenance, restoration or renovation** of an existing building on the land if it will **not** do any of the following:

- alter the footprint of the building by adding or removing more than one square metre (or any other area that may be prescribed by the regulations)
- alter the existing building height by adding or removing one or more storeys;
- involve excavation of the land

• **erection, repair, maintenance or replacement** of any of the following on the land:

- a building or other structure on the land permitted under the lease

- a toilet block
- a structure for the protection of the environment
- **erection of a fence** approved by the manager or the repair, maintenance or replacement of a fence erected with the manager's approval
- **use of the land** for any of the following purposes:
 - a purpose for which the land may be used under the CLM Act
 - a purpose for which a lease or licence has been granted under the CLM Act
- **erection of signage** approved by the manager or the repair, maintenance or replacement of signage erected with the manager's approval
- **erection, repair, maintenance or replacement** of a temporary structure on the land
- **installation, repair, maintenance or replacement** of services on the land
- **carrying out on the land of any other development** of a kind prescribed by the regulations or permitted under a plan of management for the land.

The deemed consent does not extend to any development that involves:

- the subdivision of land, and/or
- carrying out development of a kind excluded by the regulations.

****It should be noted here that the above exemptions do not mean the work may be carried out without first checking with Council that the changes proposed do not require development or some other form of consent.***

1.5.3 Native Title Act 1993

Native title describes the rights and interests that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have in land and waters according to their traditional law and customs. Native title is governed by the Commonwealth *Native Title Act 1993* (NT Act).

Native title determinations do not transfer the land to the native title holder, but recognises the right to land and water by providing access to the land and, if applicable, compensation for any loss, diminution, impairment or other effect of an act on their native title rights and interests.

All Crown land in NSW can be subject to a native title claim under the NT Act. A native title claim does not generally affect Crown land where native title has been extinguished or it is considered excluded land.

Council is required to employ or engage a qualified native title manager to provide advice and ensure the following minimum requirements are met in accordance with s.8.7 of the CLM Act:

- (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).

A future act is an activity, happening or physical construction of an asset on Crown Land where the act may affect native title. It is the responsibility of the Native Title Manager to report on whether the act can be 'validated' under the subdivisions of the NT Act prior to occurring. The most effective way to validate acts under the NT Act is to ensure all activities align with the reserve purpose.

For further information about native title and the future acts framework visit <https://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/protection-and-management/aboriginal-land-rights-and-native-title/native-title>

1.5.4 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS ACT 1983

The *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* (ALR Act) is important legislation that recognises the rights of Aboriginal people in NSW. It recognises the need of Aboriginal people for land and acknowledges that land for Aboriginal people in the past was progressively reduced without compensation. Crown land meeting certain criteria may be granted to an Aboriginal Land Council. This Act may affect dealings with Crown land that is potentially claimable.

The following table outlines the difference between Native Title and Aboriginal Land Rights.

Table 1: Aboriginal Land Rights and Native Title

<i>Native Title Act 1993 (Cwth)</i>	<i>Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (NSW)</i>
Recognition of rights over land and waters	Grant of land rights (in freehold)
Claim made by native title holders - must establish customary connection to land.	Claim made by Aboriginal Land Councils/NSW Aboriginal Land Council - current day geographic connection.
Land held by Prescribed Body Corporates.	Land held by Local Aboriginal Land Councils or the NSW Aboriginal Land Council.
Claims over Crown land where native title rights have not been extinguished and where connection to the land can be established.	Claims over Crown land not lawfully used or occupied, or required for an essential public purpose, or for residential land.
Non-exclusive rights (typically).	Exclusive rights (typically).
Claim determined by Federal Court.	Claim determined by Minister.

Source: www.reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au

1.5.5 National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974

Statutory responsibilities of Council arising from this Act specifically relate to the protection of sites of pre- and post-European contact archaeological significance. This Act may affect community land categorised as cultural significance, natural area or park.

1.5.6 Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

Note: This Act repealed several pieces of legislation including the *Native Vegetation Act 2003*, *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*, the *Nature Conservation Trust Act 2001*, and the animal and plant provisions of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

This Act covers conservation of threatened species, populations and ecological communities, the protection of native flora and fauna. This Act primarily relates to community land categorised as natural area. However, other categories may also be affected.

The *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* was repealed and superseded by the [Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016](#). However, references to the former legislation remain in the LG Act and are therefore retained for the purpose of this Plan.

NSW Environment and Heritage has advised that recovery plans and threat abatement plans made under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* were repealed on the commencement of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act* in 2017. These plans have not been preserved by any savings and transitional arrangement under the Biodiversity Conservation Act or LG Act, meaning pre-existing plans have no legal effect.

For this reason, requirements relating to recovery plans and threat abatement plans for local councils preparing plans of management under section 36B of the LG Act are now redundant. If future amendments are made to the LG Act to enable these mechanisms future changes can be made to this Plan.

Save our Species (SOS) Strategies are now devised under the Biodiversity Conservation Act. At present no specific Strategies under this Act apply to the Reserves in this Plan of Management. Any future strategies which cover the Crown Reserves under this Plan will be considered in subsequent reviews for inclusion in their own Plan, noting this requirement under the CLM Act.

Certain weeds are also declared noxious under this Act, which prescribes categories to which the weeds are assigned, and these controlled categories identify the course of action which needs to be carried out on the weeds. A weed may be declared noxious in part or all of the state.

1.5.7 Fisheries Management Act 1994

The *Fisheries Management Act 1994* (FM Act) includes provisions for the management of state fisheries, including the conservation of fish habitats, threatened species, populations and ecological communities of fish and marine vegetation and management of the riparian zone, waterways and threatened marine/freshwater aquatic species. This relates to community land categorised as natural area (foreshore, watercourse or wetland).

Where an area of community land is declared to be critical habitat, or if that area is affected by a recovery plan or threat abatement plan under Part 7A of the FM Act, a site-specific plan of management will need to be undertaken.

1.5.8 Rural Fires Act 1997

This Act contains provisions for bushfire risk management and the establishment of a Bushfire Management Committee. It also includes direction on development in bushfire prone lands. Many of the more remote reserves in this Plan will be captured as bushfire prone land which may trigger additional consultation with the RFS if a development is proposed on such land.

1.5.9 Water Management Act 2000

This Act is based on the concept of ecologically sustainable development, and its objective is to provide for the sustainable and integrated management of the water sources of the state for the benefit of both present and future generations. The Act recognises:

- the fundamental health of our rivers and groundwater systems and associated wetlands, floodplains, estuaries has to be protected
- the management of water must be integrated with other natural resources such as vegetation, native fauna, soils and land
- to be properly effective, water management must be a shared responsibility between the government and the community

- water management decisions must involve consideration of environmental, social, economic, cultural and heritage aspects
- social and economic benefits to the state will result from the sustainable and efficient use of water.

1.5.10 Heritage Act 1977

This Act contains provisions for the conservation of items of heritage and may relate to community land categorised as cultural significance or natural area.

1.5.11 Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Management Act 1999 (Cwlth Act)

This Act enables the Australian Government to join with the states and territories in providing a national scheme of environment and heritage protection and biodiversity conservation. It incorporates threatened species on a national level and with relevance to Matters of National Environmental Significance.

1.5.12 Telecommunications Act 1997 (Cwlth Act)

This Act provides for telecommunication facilities being permitted on community land without authorisation in a PoM. This is for reasons of emergency communications.

1.5.13 State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007

This policy applies to NSW and sets out a range of criteria which apply to various types of infrastructure developments. Many of these could occur on public land and provisions exist for these instances. Of particular relevance is Division 12 which contains exempt criteria for works within parks and public reserves as reproduced below (current as at time of writing).

Division 12 Parks and Public Reserves [SEPP(Transport and Infrastructure) 2021]

(3) Any of the following development may be carried out by or on behalf of a council without consent on a public reserve under the control of or vested in the council:

(a) development for any of the following purposes:

(i) roads, pedestrian pathways, cycleways, single storey car parks, ticketing facilities, viewing platforms and pedestrian bridges,

(ii) recreation areas and recreation facilities (outdoor), but not including grandstands,

(iii) visitor information centres, information boards and other information facilities,

(iv) lighting, if light spill and artificial sky glow is minimised in accordance with the Lighting for Roads and Public Spaces Standard,

(v) landscaping, including landscape structures or features (such as art work) and irrigation systems,

(vi) amenities for people using the reserve, including toilets and change rooms,

(vii) food preparation and related facilities for people using the reserve,

(viii) maintenance depots,

(ix) portable lifeguard towers,

(b) environmental management works,

(c) demolition of buildings (other than any building that is, or is part of, a State or local heritage item or is within a heritage conservation area).

Note.

The term building is defined in the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 as including any structure.

66 Exempt development

(1) Development for any of the following purposes that is carried out in the prescribed circumstances is exempt development:

(a) construction or maintenance of:

(i) walking tracks, raised walking paths (including boardwalks), ramps, stairways or gates, or

(ii) bicycle-related storage facilities, including bicycle racks and other bicycle parking facilities (except for bicycle paths), or

(iii) handrail barriers or vehicle barriers, or

(iv) ticketing machines or park entry booths, or

(v) viewing platforms with an area not exceeding 100m², or

(vi) sporting facilities, including goal posts, sight screens and fences, if the visual impact of the development on surrounding land uses is minimal, or

(vii) play equipment if adequate safety measures (including soft landing surfaces) are provided and, in the case of the construction of such equipment, so long as the equipment is situated at least 1.2m away from any fence, or

(viii) seats, picnic tables, barbecues, bins (including frames and screening), shelters or shade structures, or

(ix) portable lifeguard towers if the footprint of the tower covers an area no greater than 20 square metres,

(b) routine maintenance of playing fields and other infrastructure, including landscaping,

(c) routine maintenance of roads that provide access to or within those playing fields, including landscaping.

The NSW Government, in applying this State Policy, is allowing minor public infrastructure works to progress quickly through to construction without the need for planning approval (subject to satisfying set criteria).

1.5.14 State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity & Conservation) 2021

This SEPP has aims of protecting core koala habitat and ensuring populations of this iconic Australian marsupial are stabilised and increased. This SEPP outlines the information required to be included in a Koala Plan of Management as well as the assessment criteria which apply for Councils who don't have a Koala Plan of Management.

For the Warrumbungle Shire and related to this Plan of Management, the SEPP is triggered only when a development application is required to be submitted on Crown Reserves that:

a) have an area of at least 1 hectare, including adjoining land (meaning land the next cadastre over) within the same ownership, and

b) is within an LGA to which the SEPP applies.

The Guideline to this Policy provides greater detail on the assessment parameters where a development application is submitted on land which applies to the SEPP.

Whilst this SEPP does not prohibit development on Crown Reserves where core koala habitat may exist, it does include a number of parameters which need to be considered prior to approving the development.

1.6 Council Plans and Policies relevant to Plans of Management

All Councils develop hierarchies of plans and policies which start at the visionary 'umbrella' type plans, covering the entire LGA, and drill down into more specific plans covering smaller topics and areas of land.

One example is Council's 'Community Strategic Plan' (CSP) which outlines the community vision and aspirations for the future across a broad range of service areas.

Under the Strategic Plan, Councils develop specific plans and policies relevant to various areas of responsibility including managing open spaces. It is under the sphere of open space management that Plans of Management are developed.

The following plans and policies developed by Council are relevant to this Plan of Management. Where common themes and outcomes are relevant to the Reserves in this Plan, they are noted in the Action Plan (see section 3).

- *Warrumbungle Shire Council: Plan of Management for Community Land 2016 *note, this Plan of Management remains current and applies to the Council-owned community land in the Shire.*
- *Warrumbungle Shire Community Strategic Plan 2017-2032 (expanded upon in greater detail in Section 2)*
- *Warrumbungle Shire Council Part 1 Operational Plan 2020/21 and Delivery Program 2020/21-2023/24*
- *Warrumbungle Shire Council Land Use Strategy 2013*
- *Warrumbungle Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017-2021*
- *Warrumbungle Shire Bike Plan 2016*
- *Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study 2019*
- *Warrumbungle Shire Community Social/Cultural Plan 2008*

1.7 Legislation summary

Not all of the above pieces of legislation will apply to the reserves in this Plan, however they have been included in case of future relevance. The layering of legislation over land parcels, including reserves, does not preclude one over another. Considering them in totality ensures a robust result for decisions made on reserves. Where doubt exists, Crown Lands advice is to be obtained prior to work commencing on the Crown Reserves in this Plan of Management.

Overall, Council intends with this Plan of Management, to permit a wide range of community uses on the land and allow scope for growth and expansion of such uses, providing the proposal fits with the original reserve purpose and category of the land.

1.8 Change and Review of the Plan

This PoM will require regular review to ensure the community's intended directions for community land is kept in line with expectations as well as

Council and the user groups' agreed level of service. If an Aboriginal Land Claim or claim under Native Title is determined on a Reserve under this Plan, this will also result in an amendment to this Plan of Management.

Major changes to this and other PoMs are to be carried out every five years. Council's Annual Reporting process may also require checking of the requirements in this Plan.

1.9 Community Consultation

During initial drafting of this Plan, consultation began with user groups who either hold a lease or licence over Crown Reserves or otherwise have an interest in the Reserves in this Plan. This provided early insights into how the reserves are used and how they are intended to be used in the future. Results of this early consultation are included in section 3 and in Appendix A.

Public exhibition, as required under the LG Act, was carried out for this Plan from 27 September 2024 to 29 November 2024.

Submissions received were considered and included where relevant prior to Council adoption of the Plan. Crown Lands were also involved in endorsing the Plan for public exhibition as owner of the lands (as required under s.39 of the LG Act).

2.0 THE CONTEXT

Warrumbungle Shire is located in the central west region of NSW and covers a vast area of some 12,380km². The Shire comprises the towns of Coonabarabran, Baradine, Coolah, Dunedoo, Mendooran and Binnaway. The Warrumbungle Shire is quite diverse in countryside, ranging from farming plains and valleys to rugged mountain ranges. The Warrumbungle Shire is widely known to contain the picturesque Warrumbungle National Park and Warrumbungle Observatory: a centre for Astronomy.

2.1 The Residents & Economy of Warrumbungle Shire

The 2019 estimated resident population for Warrumbungle Shire was 9,278 persons (Remplan, 2019). This represents a 1% decrease from 2016 when the population on Census night was 9,370 persons. This population decrease follows a similar trend across western NSW where due to a number of factors, rural towns have slightly decreasing populations. The impact post-pandemic on population in the regions may alter this forecast.

Warrumbungle Shire's population is expected to continue to decline slowly at an annualised rate of 0.5% (Remplan 2019). The other expected change, as will be the case across the country, is an increase in the number of residents aged 60+ years.

Main Points:

Like most NSW regional areas, Warrumbungle's population is in slight decline

Warrumbungle Shire's population is ageing

The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents in the Shire is increasing.

Families are slightly decreasing in number.

The community profile for Warrumbungle shows a reduction in numbers over most younger age cohorts with the exception of age groups above 50 years which are mostly increasing in proportion. The age group with the largest increase from 2011-2016 was the 60-69 years group (Remplan, 2019).

The number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents in the LGA is 922 or 9.84% of the Shire's population. This number however, may be higher as indicated in the NSW Aboriginal Affairs' *Community Portrait: Warrumbungle LGA* which states that the 'net undercount rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples was 17.5% in 2016'.

The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the LGA has grown since 2011. In terms of nations, Warrumbungle Shire is home to the Gamilaraay and Wiradjuri people as well as the Weilwan and Kawambarai people (Warrumbungle CSP, 2017).

The number of younger people (0-19 years) in the LGA has seen a decrease since 2011, as has the number of families.

The main economic drivers in the region stem from the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Industries. This sector is also the largest employer in the region, accounting for 28.96% of all jobs.

Unemployment in the Shire is currently 3.3% (as at 2019) which is only slightly higher than the Orana region, being 3%. Unemployment has been in decline in the LGA from 2014 to 2019 which is a positive sign prior to the current economic climate and subsequent recovery from the COVID19 pandemic.

2.2 Implications for the use of Crown Reserves

With a population in slight decline and an increasing proportion of elderly residents, this has implications for the provision of open space and the connectivity of open spaces near and between aged care facilities. Likewise, the ability of Warrumbungle Shire's First Nations people to access and use public reserves is of importance with this proportion of residents increasing in number.

Different uses of open space for the elderly include well-lit and open community spaces with passive surveillance, community gardens and use of community meeting rooms for small group activities. Indigenous representatives may suggest traditional food gardens to be incorporated into community gardens and improved access to and within open spaces. In smaller towns if not provided and driven by Council, community groups may suggest these initiatives and look to Council for support.

Level footpaths providing access to active and passive recreation areas will benefit all age groups but in particular, those walking and using prams, bikes and mobility scooters.

Lighting and security in open space areas is also of importance, particularly where the elderly may use the space at times when sunlight is poor or restricted.

Reserves need to have the flexibility for community groups to come and go, to have safe and adequate facilities to suit the needs of the users and for leasing and licencing to formally cover the use of the facilities.



Robertson Oval Advisory Committee, 2020

Source: Warrumbungle Shire Council Facebook page, with permissions.

2.3 Links to Warrumbungle Community Strategic Plan (CSP)

The Warrumbungle CSP is highlighted here as it is Council's main strategic document comprising community focussed operational outcomes developed specifically by the residents and Council for the Shire. The Warrumbungle Shire CSP cites the following Strategies under 'Recreation and Open Space':

R01.1: Identify opportunities for innovative adaptation and/or sharing of open space and infrastructure for recreational purposes.

R01.2: Carry out regular maintenance and upkeep of parks, reserves, swimming pools and other recreational assets to ensure availability of such assets to residents of the shire.

R02.1: Agencies work together to ensure National Parks and Reserves, waterways and public spaces are appropriately equipped and accessible for recreation activities.

R03: The benefits of sporting and recreational activities in contributing to community health and wellbeing are well promoted throughout the shire.

These strategies cover goals of resource sharing, maintenance, equipment and access and resulting community well-being from the use of open space and reserves.

The following strategies from the CSP are related more broadly to the outcomes intended under this Plan of Management in relation to open spaces and reserves:

NE1.3 Provide opportunities for communities in the shire to participate in maintaining and enhancing the health of our natural environment;

LE4.3 Enhance the attractiveness and amenity of our main streets;

CC5.1: Work regionally and across all levels of government to identify and address the long term needs of smaller rural communities.

The CSP also includes links to the Central West and Orana Regional Plan and broadly to the Premier's NSW State Priorities.

The above strategies will be cross-referenced in the Action Plans for each of the Reserves outlined in Part 3.

3 THE PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

This section of the Plan outlines each of the Reserves and how they are to be managed in accordance with the relevant legislation in section 2.

3.1 CROWN RESERVES IN THE WARRUMBUNGL SHIRE

Warrumbungle Shire was initially handed seventy-two (72) Reserves to be managed under the Shire's management as Crown Land Manager. The Reserves were split into classifications of operational and community – fifteen (15) of these reserves were classified ***operational***. Reserves classified operational do not require a plan of management to be prepared. They are managed by Council on behalf of the Crown as for other operational, freehold parcels.

The remaining fifty-seven (59) reserves were categorized in accordance with the Guidelines issued by the Office of Local Government and Crown Lands. The number of reserves in each category are:

Park:	24
Sportsground	5
General Community Use	7
Natural Area: Bushland	23
Multiple categories (e.g. Sportsground and Park)	3
TOTAL	59

Following endorsed categorization by Crown Lands, the Reserves have been grouped by their category and listed below.

3.2 Timeframes in action plans

The following timeframes for actions to be completed have been taken from the State Strategic Plan: A Vision for Crown Lands and provide scope for Council to work within common agreed milestones.

ST: Short Term (Complete over 1-2 years)

MT Medium Term (Complete within 5 years)

LT Long Term (Complete within 10 years).

3.3 Reserves with the Category Park (P)

Management Objectives (Local Govt Act)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans & Crown State Strategic Plan Actions (SSP)	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe (ST/MT/LT)
PARK				
P1(a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities,	Community Strategic Plan (CSP): <i>Recreation and Open Space</i> - The benefits of sporting and recreational activities in contributing to health and wellbeing are well promoted (R03) throughout the Shire SSP Priority 5 (Protect environmental assets, improve and expand green space and build climate change resilience)	Awareness Utilisation Engagement	P1(a) Promotional material as recommended in Economic Development and Tourism Strategy to highlight Crown Reserve Parks and current uses P1(b) Council's website to play lead role here as first "touch point" for interest groups P1(c) Council social media platforms to include content on crown reserves available for lease/licensing	P1(a) Maps/promotional material produced ST P1(b) Website "hits" & "travel" to be benchmarked ST P1(c) Check social media improvements ST
P2(b) to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games,	CSP: Recreation & Open Space -Agencies work together to ensure National Parks and Reserves , waterways and public spaces are appropriately equipped and accessible for recreation activities.	Utilisation Collaboration	P2(a) Investigate which user groups require a lease or licence for their operations on Crown Reserves	P2(a) Following adoption of this Plan ST
P3(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.	CSP: Recreation & Open Space - Carry out regular maintenance and upkeep of parks, reserves, swimming pools and other recreational assets to ensure availability of such assets to residents of the Shire (R01.2)	Maintenance Promotion Improved appreciation Connectivity	P3(a) Assess current physical condition of key facilities at reserves to determine forward plans for maintenance P3(b) Assess condition of boundary fences to ensure adequate security (where necessary).	P3(a & b) Physical condition reports for facilities, fences, parking to marry in with Asset Management reports MT P3(c & d) Safety/security audit at prioritised sites MT

Management Objectives (Local Govt Act)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans & Crown State Strategic Plan Actions (SSP)	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe (ST/MT/LT)
PARK				
	<p>Warrumbungle Tourism & Economic Development Strategy 2018-2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bringing [the] wildlife/birdlife/wildflower themes into arts-based events and activities, public art, town centre streetscapes and other public spaces - Continue to upgrade riverside reserves, exploring opportunities for themed plantings and public art; - Establish mountain bike and possibly horse trails (under Leverage the Shire's National Parks, Forests and Reserves); - Continue to improve the existing local attractions, including parks and garden. 		<p>P3(c) As site infrastructure improves and potential risk of vandalism increases, consider best methods of security at the site for all user groups including lighting</p> <p>P3(d) Conduct annual safety audits of the sites in conjunction with interested user groups and Council's Internal Auditing procedures</p> <p>P3(e) Ensure appropriate site management techniques are utilised including water use efficiency, managed use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers, cleaning of amenities and rubbish removal</p> <p>P3(f) Consider adequate provisioning of existing water connections and capacity to connect to sewer and electricity/solar power for future site upgrades</p> <p>P3(g) Assess existing access and parking arrangements at the sites to determine if safe/adequate/need to be rationalised</p> <p>P3(h) Assess public toilet condition and any maintenance required regularly</p> <p>P3(i) Maintenance to include possibility of partnerships with RFS to conduct soft/cultural burns out of fire season in</p>	<p>P3(d) Toolbox meetings for outdoor staff to gauge feedback on best site management techniques ST</p> <p>P3(e) Public toilet and amenity audits – ST (and ongoing)</p> <p>P3(e) MT & funding-dependent for efficiency upgrades.</p> <p>P3(f) LT & funding-dependent for efficiency upgrades.</p> <p>P3(g) Biennial audit (MT)</p> <p>P3(i) Cultural/Soft burns to be discussed for subsequent fire seasons in ST with subsequent</p>

Management Objectives (Local Govt Act)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans & Crown State Strategic Plan Actions (SSP)	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe (ST/MT/LT)
PARK				
			consultation with relevant Aboriginal stakeholders. Locations of AHIMS and potential AHIMS items to be checked when conducting risk assessment prior to cultural burn.	actions in MT . Note, this may already be occurring. Check with Council Emergency Management Committee or equivalent.



Plate 2: Binnaway roadside park (source: Warrumbungle Shire Facebook page, with permissions).

3.4 Reserves with the Category Sportsground (S)

Management Objectives (Local Govt Act)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe
Sportsground				
S1(a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games,	<p>Community Strategic Plan (CSP): Recreation and Open Space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Programs are developed to encourage broad community involvement in local sports and recreation activities (R03.1) - Encourage the development of local sports and recreation programs and activities that are inclusive of diverse ages, abilities and interests (R03.2) <p>Warrumbungle Tourism & Economic Development Strategy 2018-2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to improve and expand the cultural, recreation, sporting and leisure facilities within the Shire (Enhance Lifestyle); <p>Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017-2021 (DIAP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve access when we make changes to our sport 	<p>Accessibility</p> <p>Utilisation</p> <p>Regional Exposure</p>	<p>S1(a) Encourage multi- use of sites which justifies large expenditure, particularly on regional facilities,</p> <p>S1(b) Ensure lease/licence fees are affordable</p> <p>S1(c) Sub-leasing is to be in accordance with this PoM and not conflict with the interests of main user groups/lessees</p> <p>S1(d) Consider how to give greater exposure to recreational facilities and host wider events to encourage greater usage</p> <p>S1(e) Assess directional signage both physically and online to allow visitors and local residents to find locations of Sportsgrounds</p> <p>S1(f) Apply for funding to upgrade facilities through the Crown Reserves Improvement Program, when available</p> <p>S1(g) Provide information on how to book fields and their regular use</p>	<p>a) Council to consider ways to increase usage ST</p> <p>b) Council to look at online linkages ST</p> <p>c) Funding applications applied for when funding streams open MT & ongoing</p> <p>d) Improved pool access for persons with a disability by MT & funding-dependent</p> <p>e) LT of sportsground usage</p>

Management Objectives (Local Govt Act)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe
Sportsground				
	and recreation facilities and playgrounds			
S2(b) to ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.	Warrumbungle Shire Land Use Strategy 2013 - Protecting regionally significant sporting facilities from land use conflicts is a key consideration	Mutually beneficial public spaces Communication	S2(a) Letterbox drops and encouragement to give feedback on local impacts during use of parks, fields and sportsgrounds. This can be done in conjunction with engagement for new CSP and Delivery Program.	a) With new CSP development/Delivery Program MT



Plate 3: Entrance to Bowen Oval, Coolah. Reserve 71749

3.5 Reserves with the Category General Community Use (Gcu)

Management Objectives (Local Govt Act)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe
General Community Use				
GCU1(a) 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 -	Community Strategic Plan (CSP): Public Infrastructure and Services - Council manages its assets and infrastructure to meet the agreed service levels (PI5) - Council undertakes its organisational, workforce and risk management responsibilities with efficiency and effectiveness (GF8)	Awareness Utilisation Needs Assessment	GCU1(a) Promotional material as recommended in Economic Development and Tourism Strategy to highlight Crown Reserves and current uses (b) Council's website to play lead role here as first "touch point" for interest groups Physical needs of sites (c) Council undertakes periodic performance and service reviews to ensure effective and efficient management of its assets, finances and workforce and modifies its actions to deliver better outcomes for the community (GF8.1) (d) Ensure appropriate site management techniques are utilised including water use efficiency, managed use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers, cleaning of amenities and rubbish removal (e) Consider adequate provisioning of existing water connections and capacity to connect to sewer and electricity/solar power for future site upgrades (f) Assess existing access and parking arrangements at the sites to determine if safe/adequate/need to be rationalised (g) Assess public toilet condition and any maintenance required regularly (h) Accessibility of sites - Multi-use of sites is encouraged	GCU1(a) Maps/promotional material produced ST (b) Website "hits" & "travel" to be benchmarked MT & ongoing (c) Feedback on Council projects received LT (d) Asset condition determined in consultation with user groups and Council's agreed level of service (ongoing) (e) Security and safety at sites to be considered at regular user group and Committee meetings ST (f) Assessment of Council's complaints register for condition of reserves MT

Management Objectives (Local Govt Act)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe
General Community Use				
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Close to essential services - Affordable - Welcoming to people from all backgrounds 	
GCU2(a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and	CSP: Community & Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our Shire is home to vibrant arts and cultural life of the shire is promoted and supported as an essential aspect of community well-being (CC3) - There is a high degree of public involvement in community activities including volunteerism (CC4) - Communities and organisations across the shire collaborate to raise awareness of and respect for local indigenous heritage and culture (CC7) 	Well-being Involvement Lifestyle Inclusiveness	GCU2(a) Assess usage of GCU reserves, especially for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander residents and minority groups.	GCU2(a) Following adoption of this Plan and with CSP ST
GCU3(a) 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	CSP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council's governance practices and organisational structure reflects the vision, directions and priorities outlined in the CSP (GF4) 	Clear understanding of lease/licence requirements between Council and user groups	GCU3(a) Investigate which user groups require a lease or licence for their operations on Crown Reserves (b) Ensure templates for licences and leases are prepared and ready for new/continued users (c) Prepare guidance material for casual hire/lease licensing of community buildings/sites	GCU3(a) Tenure and hire fees included in Council's Fees and Charges MT (b) Toolbox meetings for outdoor staff to gauge feedback on site

Management Objectives (Local Govt Act)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe
General Community Use				
and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).			(d) Specific Uses which have Priority: - Neighbourhood centres - Libraries - Cultural Centres - Childcare Centres	management techniques MT (c) Public toilet and amenity audits – ST



Plate 4: Binnaway streetscape. Source: Council Facebook page, with permissions.

3.6 Reserves with the Category of Natural Area – Bushland (NA & NAB)

Management Objectives (Local Govt Act)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe
NATURAL AREA				
<p>NA1 (a) 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,</p> <p>NA1(b) To maintain the land, or that feature or habitat, in its natural state and setting,</p> <p>NA1(c) To provide for the restoration and regeneration of the land,</p> <p>NA1(d) 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, and</p> <p>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 <i>Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995</i> or the</p>	<p>CSP: Goal. The good health of our natural environment and biodiversity is preserved and enhanced.</p>	<p>Accessibility</p> <p>Insurances</p> <p>Biodiversity</p>	<p>Physical needs and Management of sites</p> <p>NA1(a) Assess current physical condition of all sites to determine forward plans for maintenance in consultation with Council</p> <p>NA1(b) Assess condition of boundary fences to ensure adequate security (where necessary) which restricts entry by straying stock yet allows as much free movement of native species</p> <p>NA1(c) Ensure appropriate site management techniques are utilised including managed pest control and risk of bushfire spread.</p> <p>NA1(d) Consult with relevant state government authorities regarding Bushfire management – determine if a Bushfire Management Plan is required and seek advice from the RFS/ Dept Regional NSW.</p> <p>NA1(e) Obtain advice regarding appropriate species to be planted to assist in sustainable regeneration on the lands</p> <p>NA1(f) Where threat abatement plans, save our species strategies or recovery plans are devised and notified to Council, actions relating to Council management then devised to manage the use of the land and assist in the recommendations of the species plan.</p> <p>Accessibility of sites</p> <p>a) Assess suitability of access to site based on RMS recommended sight lines. Make necessary changes where safety is deemed at risk</p>	<p>NA1(a) Security and safety at sites considered where raised as an issue (LT)</p> <p>b) Risk assessments to be conducted and insurances sighted prior to temporary licences or leases being issued and provided to Council (ST)</p> <p>c) Annual checks regarding planting days or the lands offered to Landcare/volunteer groups for vegetation regeneration (ST)</p> <p>d) All lands under this plan being used for intended purposes (LT)</p> <p>e) Surveys as part of Community Strategic Plan (CSP) process to question customer satisfaction with this area (LT)</p> <p>f) Impacts on lands by inappropriate uses to be detected and rectified. (MT)</p>

Management Objectives (Local Govt Act)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe
NATURAL AREA				
<i>Fisheries Management Act 1994.</i>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Determine areas which need to be protected from access for vegetation retention and rehabilitation reasons and carry out work c) Any volunteer work carried out on bushlands to ensure Council's Volunteer Management Policy and Procedures is complied with. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> g) Regular checks of endangered and threatened species plans which are relevant in the LGA (particularly where specific sites are captured) are carried out every year (MT) h) Regular checks of notifications received by Council regarding registration by individuals and groups for volunteer work (ST)

Management Objectives (Local Govt Act)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe
Bushland				
<p>NAB1(a) 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, and</p> <p>NAB1(b) To protect the aesthetic, heritage, recreational, educational and scientific values of the land, and</p> <p>NAB1(c) 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, and to implement measures directed to minimising or mitigating any disturbance caused by human intrusion, and</p> <p>i) to restore degraded bushland, and</p> <p>ii) to protect existing landforms such as natural drainage lines,</p>	<p>CSP NE3.1: Work with private and public landholders to build and maintain awareness of their responsibilities and requirements regarding environmental, land and natural resource management.</p> <p>CW & O Regional Plan: Goal 2: Respect and protect Aboriginal heritage assets</p>	<p>Neighbour Partnerships</p> <p>Research sites</p> <p>Funding Encourage scoping for funding sources</p> <p>Consult with Ecologists on future directions</p> <p>Appropriately managed interface of bushland and urban areas/transport corridors</p>	<p>NAB1(a) Prior to any organised plantings, species lists are to match with intended regeneration targets.</p> <p>(b) Maintain open conversations with adjoining private owners regarding weed and pest control in and near Crown Reserves.</p> <p>(c) Encourage use of Reserves and community land by Research entities where maintenance and regeneration of the land is an inclusion of the wider community benefit of educational and scientific research results.</p> <p>(d) Explore and apply for prioritised funding under the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reducing seed bank of weeds on site - Spraying and manual removal of weeds - Pest control whilst retaining natural hollows for native fauna - Adjacent road reserve maintenance - Actions under Warrumbungle Priority Site (located separate to this site) for fox number reductions. <p>(e) Explore opportunities for funding from other varied sources</p> <p>(f) Include educational information via Council media platforms regarding the protection of habitat at management sites which can include natural drainage lines and watercourses as well as vegetation as a passive stabiliser of soil</p> <p>(g) Maintain open communications with Council's regulatory section, ensuring any</p>	<p>NAB1(a) Number of complaints/compliments received by Council (LT)</p> <p>(b) Assessment of use of Reserves by research companies (LT)</p> <p>(c) Annual assessment of educational information produced by Council and other companies regarding retention of natural habitat (ST)</p> <p>(d) Number of successful funding applications and feedback where not successful disseminated (LT)</p> <p>(e) Annual assessment of information provided to the public on this subject (ST)</p> <p>(f) File notes recorded on Council records management system (MT & ongoing)</p>

Management Objectives (Local Govt Act)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe
Bushland				
<p>watercourses and foreshores, and</p> <p>iii) 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, and</p> <p>iv) to protect bushland as a natural stabiliser of the soil surface.</p>			<p>small-scale developments are in accordance with this Plan of Management.</p> <p>(h) Site management concept plan to include as a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bushfire risk, mitigation, management and recovery strategies - Appropriate fencing to limit fauna crossing roads yet allowing free movement between open areas of vegetated land - Appropriate access to, from and within the site, - Local priorities for controlling pests and weeds - Local priorities for habitat retention & rehabilitation 	



Plate 5: Reserve 98063: Nullen Rest Area.

3.8 Leases and Licences

Leases and licences are recognised methods of allowing lawful tenures over Crown land. Providing the lease or licence is in accordance with the original reserve purpose and this Plan, this method of land management can expand the use of the land and make use of otherwise unused spaces without the need for additional Council resources.

The difference between a lease and a licence is explained by the NSW Department of Industry's online fact sheets:

USE A LEASE:	USE A LICENSE:
<p>- when the lessee needs exclusive use of the whole or part of the reserve or a building because of the type of business or activity they will be conducting; and/or</p> <p>- if the lessee has invested or proposes to invest, substantial sums of money installing or improving facilities on the reserve, for example, a sporting club.</p>	<p>- when the proposed user does not need exclusive use of any part of the reserve; and/or</p> <p>- If it is for occasional or short-term use, for example, the use of a showground by a show society on specific days of the year.</p>

This plan of management **expressly authorises** the issue of leases, licences and other estates over the land covered by the plan of management, in accordance with section 46(1)(b) of the LG Act, provided that:

- the purpose is consistent with the purpose for which it was dedicated or reserved
- the purpose is consistent with the core objectives for the category of the land
- the lease, licence or other estate is for a permitted purpose listed in the *Local Government Act 1993* or the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021
- the issue of the lease, licence or other estate and the provisions of the lease, licence or other estate can be validated by the provisions of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth)
- where the land is subject to a claim under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* the issue of any lease, licence or other estate will not prevent the land from being transferred in the event the claim is granted
- the lease, licence or other estate is granted and notified in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* or the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021
- the issue of the lease, licence or other estate will not materially harm the use of the land for any of the purposes for which it was dedicated or reserved.

3.8.1 Leases

'A leaseholder has effective control of the leased area in the same way someone renting a house has sole rights to use the house'. (Department of Local Government, 2000).

Council may grant a lease or licence or other estate over community land to community organisations, individuals, sports clubs, associations, non-government organisations, charities, community welfare services, non-profit organisations and government authorities.

Leases and licences in the Warrumbungle Shire have been effective in the past in managing crown and council reserves. They include leases to sporting groups, individuals and grazing enterprises.

For Crown Reserves expressly permitted to be leased or licenced under this Plan, the general criteria under section 3.7.3 of this Plan apply to the issue of leases.

3.8.2 Licences

Licences provide greater flexibility of use by different users who may operate at the same time. For example, a sporting club can use a playing field under licence, while food and other goods are sold on the site by a vendor under a separate licence.

Short term casual Licences

Section 3.17 of the Crown Land Management (CLM) Act 2016 allows Councils to grant short term licences under section 2.20 of Act for the following prescribed purposes :

- Access through a reserve
- Advertising
- Camping using a tent, caravan or otherwise
- Catering
- Community training or education
- Emergency occupation
- Entertainment
- Environmental protection, conservation or restoration or environmental studies
- Equestrian events
- Exhibitions
- Filming (as defined in the Local Government Act 1993)
- Functions
- Grazing
- Hiring of Equipment
- Holiday accommodation
- Markets
- Meetings
- Military exercises
- Mooring of boats to wharves or other structures
- Sales
- Shows
- Site investigations
- Sporting and organised recreational activities
- Stabling of horses
- Storage

Council applies the following criteria when assessing potential licensed events on Community Land:

- The event should not result in any physical damage to the land or its facilities;

- The event organisers are to consider the impact of the event on adjoining residents and propose ways to mitigate any adverse impacts;
- Event organisers are responsible for cleaning up the site and repairing any damage that may occur. Fees and any security deposits or bonds for short-term casual bookings will be charged in accordance with Council's adopted Fees and Charges at the time.

3.8.3 General Lease/Licence Criteria

The key principles for granting tenure over Crown Land are:

1. Ensure the tenure purpose/s is consistent with the purpose/s for which the Crown land is reserved or dedicated (or is ancillary or incidental).
2. Certain tenures cannot be granted over the Crown land if they are prohibited under the [Native Title Act 1993](#). [Native title legislation](#) always overrides the CLM Act.
3. Tenures are to be granted to suitable holders in the best interest of managing the Crown land in accordance with the object and principles of the CLM Act for further detail can be found on the following website [Home - NSW legislation](#).
4. Market rent should be sought and obtained for tenure. A rebate, or waiver, to market rent may be granted where suitable, though final rent generally should not be less than the statutory minimum rent. The statutory minimum rent value (for a 12 month period) can be found on the <https://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/resources/fees> website. The final rent amount is to be the best return possible for the CLM to invest in maintaining and improving the Crown reserve over the long term.
5. Ensure the process undertaken to select a suitable holder is open, transparent and accountable so that dealings promote fairness and competition.

In terms of community engagement in the above process, Councils are to comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 for leasing and issuing licences over Crown Land for which they manage.

This fact sheet provides additional information for Councils when leasing and issuing licences over Crown Land:

<https://reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au/who-we-are/who-manages-crownland/council-crown-land-manager>

Warrumbungle Shire Council has the following general principles for leases and licences over Crown Reserves:

- Be a sporting, community, not-for-profit or other approved community organisation;
- Deliver activities and programs within the Shire that provide services or benefits to the community and comply with the requirements of this Plan of Management;
- Show an ability and willingness to meet the financial obligations of the lease or licence (if any);
- Maintain appropriate insurances for the term as stipulated in Council's relevant Policies.
- Any subordinate use of the reserve must not overpower or dominate the reserve;

- Leases or licences over any buildings for any community purpose as determined by Council, including, as prescribed by section 46(1) of the LG Act, the provision of public utilities and work associated with or ancillary to public utilities.

Crown Lands are also available to offer advice regarding tenure where Council is the Crown Land Manager.

3.8.4 Maximum Term and Public Notice

The maximum term of a lease, licence or other estate is 30 years (Section 46(3) of Local Government Act). The consent of the Minister for Local Government is required if the lease or licence exceeds 21 years (Section 47 (5b)). This consent is also required if the term of the lease or licence will be greater than five years and objections have been lodged against the proposal. Subject to some exceptions, for all proposed leases and licences, regardless of length of term, Council must give public notice of the proposal and exhibit notice of the proposal on the land to which the proposal relates. Council must consider all submissions made in response.

3.8.5 Existing Leases and Licences

All existing leases and licences remain valid upon the adoption of this Plan of Management. Following adoption of this Plan of Management and endorsement by Crown Lands, any leases which do not comply with the new terms of the CLM Act will require updating. This may include references to older legislation and any reserve trust entities receiving payments for leasing/licencing of the land.

3.8.6 Aboriginal interests in relation to leases, licences and other estates

When planning to grant a lease or licence on Crown reserves, Council must comply with the requirements of the Native Title Act 1993 (NT Act) and have regard for any existing claims made on the land under the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALR Act). It is the role of Council's engaged or employed native title manager to provide written advice in certain circumstances to advise if the proposed activities and dealings are valid under the NT Act.

If land is subject to an undetermined Aboriginal land claim under the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983, tenure should not be granted if:

- the proposed tenure activity could prevent the land being transferred to an Aboriginal Land Council (ALC) in the event that an undetermined claim is granted
- the proposed tenure could impact or change the physical/environmental condition of the land, unless the council Crown land manager or tenure applicant has written consent from the claimant ALC to carry out the proposed work or activity or a written statement confirming that the ALC has withdrawn the land claim, or has amended the land claim to exclude the proposed tenure area. While the above request to the ALC can be made, the claimant ALC is under no obligation to grant consent.

3.8.7 Leases/Licences/Other Estates for Public Utilities

To avoid any doubt, leases, licences and other estates granted for the provision of public utilities and ancillary works do not need to be expressly authorised by a Plan of Management, or be consistent with the core objectives, or be for a purpose listed above.

Council is authorised to grant such estates (e.g. easements as well as providing pipes, conduits and other underground connections) without complying with the provisions applying to other purposes (section 46(1)(a) and (b) of the LG Act).

3.8.8 Biodiversity Offset Scheme tenures

The Biodiversity Conservation Act allows for sites to be offered as offset locations for conservation. This happens where native vegetation is proposed to be cleared on other development sites and “compensatory” land is offered as an offset site and vegetation protected usually in perpetuity and registered on the title of the land.

Where appropriate, community land is able to be offered as an offset site with the express authorisation of Council, in consultation with Crown Lands NSW. This will mostly apply to lands categorised natural areas and parks where the objectives for this land are essentially the same as for offset sites in regenerating and protecting native vegetation and allowing for passive recreation. This Plan of Management is not recommending any specific reserves as offset sites however is opening the conversation for this to happen on reserves through existing legislation where Council deems appropriate.

3.8.9 Leases and licences authorised by the plan of management.

This plan of management expressly authorises the issue of leases, licences and other estates over the land covered by the plan of management, in accordance with section 46(1)(b) of the LG Act, provided that:

- the purpose is consistent with the purpose for which it was dedicated or reserved
- the purpose is consistent with the core objectives for the category of the land
- the lease, licence or other estate is for a permitted purpose listed in the *Local Government Act 1993* or the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021
- the issue of the lease, licence or other estate and the provisions of the lease, licence or other estate can be validated by the provisions of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth)
- where the land is subject to a claim under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* the issue of any lease, licence or other estate will not prevent the land from being transferred in the event the claim is granted
- the lease, licence or other estate is granted and notified in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* or the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021
- the issue of the lease, licence or other estate will not materially harm the use of the land for any of the purposes for which it was dedicated or reserved.

Table 2: Tenure Purposes by Category

Community land covered	Purpose for which tenure may be granted
Leases	
Park/Sportsground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – café/kiosk areas, including seating and tables – management of court facilities – hire or sale of recreational equipment
General Community Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – childcare or vacation care – health or medical practitioners associated with the relevant facility (e.g. nutrition, physiotherapy) – educational purposes, including libraries, education classes, workshops – cultural purposes, including concerts, dramatic productions and galleries – recreational purposes, including fitness classes, dance classes and games

Community land covered	Purpose for which tenure may be granted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – sporting uses developed/operated by a private operator – kiosk, café and refreshment purposes – commercial retail uses associated with the facility (e.g. sale or hire of sports goods)
Natural Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – walkways, pathways, bridges, causeways – observation platforms, signs – information kiosk – kiosk selling light refreshments (but not restaurants) – bicycle/boat hire or similar – work sheds or storage sheds required in connection with the maintenance of the land – toilets – temporary erection or use of any building or structure necessary to enable a filming project to be carried out
Licences	
Park/Sportsground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – outdoor café/kiosk seating and tables – management of court or similar facilities – hire or sale of recreational equipment
General Community Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – social purposes (including childcare, vacation care) – educational purposes, including libraries, education classes, workshops – recreational purposes, including fitness classes, dance classes – café/kiosk areas
Natural Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – walkways, pathways, bridges, causeways – observation platforms, signs – Information kiosk – Kiosk selling light refreshments (but not restaurants) – Bicycle/boat hire or similar – work sheds or storage sheds required in connection with the maintenance of the land – toilets – temporary erection or use of any building or structure necessary to enable a filming project to be carried out
Other estates	
All community land and buildings	This Plan allows the council to grant 'an estate' over community land for the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities and provision of services, or connections for premises adjoining the community land to a facility of the council or public utility provider on the community land in accordance with the LG Act.

3.9 Native Title Advice/Report

The Native Title Act (1994) allows for a range of future acts to occur on Crown land and specifies the level of consultation that must be carried out before the act can occur. Depending on the nature of the acts, some can occur without any reference to native title claimants, potential Native Title claimants or their legal representatives. These acts usually have either a very low impact or no impact at all on native title rights and interests.

In other circumstances where an impact on Native Title could be likely, a report from Council's Native Title Manager is required prior to any new lease, licence, activity or development occurring on the Crown Reserves in this Plan of Management.

The Native Title Workbook (Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure), provides a process which is to be followed for assessment of any of the above activities on Crown Reserves.

Where Council is aware of new developments, a Native Title report is completed prior to the work being carried out.

3.10 Implementation and Review

This Plan of Management commences operation from the date of final adoption by Council following consent from the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016. The actions and management strategies identified in this Plan will immediately take effect and Council will be required to review these strategies in line with its annual reporting regime and as part of its community strategic plan.

This Plan of Management is to be reviewed in accordance with the requirements of the LG Act, CLM Act and Regulations. This plan is to be reviewed within 5 years and a comprehensive review after 10 years unless major unexpected changes warrant review.

3.11 Community Consultation

Open consultation with the community regarding this Plan of Management process is integral to its success and ownership by the local community. It is also legislated that Councils conduct community consultation through public exhibition and public hearings, where required.

As part of the process of open and inclusive consultation with this plan, a number of community and user groups with an interest in the reserves in this plan were given the opportunity early in the drafting of this plan, to give comment and suggestions on how they would like to see the reserve operated and managed. A number of responses were received. A summary of the issues raised can be seen in Appendix A (Community and User Groups Engagement).

Regarding the consultation that must be carried out by Councils, Section 38 of the LG Act requires that:

- a council must give public notice of a draft Plan of Management for a period of not less than 28 days;
- the public notice must also specify a period of not less than 42 days after the date on which the draft plan is placed on public exhibition during which submissions may be made to the council;
- the council must, in accordance with its notice, publicly exhibit the draft plan together with any other matter that it considers appropriate or necessary to better enable the draft plan and its implications to be understood. All documents referred to in a Plan of Management should be displayed at the same time as the draft Plan of Management.

3.12 Public Hearings

Public hearings are an open forum where interested people may speak about a matter contained in a Plan of Management. Regarding Plans of Management, public hearings are required if the proposed plan would have the effect of categorising or altering the categorisation of community land under section 36(4). The hearings are to be chaired by a person independent of Council and the Plan of Management process, in accordance with the requirements of the LG Act.

Note: Section 70(b) of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 exempts Council's from section 40 of the Local Government Act public hearings for Crown Reserves in a Plan of Management.

3.13 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage

With an increasing number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents in the Warrumbungle Shire, it is important to recognise the links between our people and the use and enjoyment of public open spaces.

Whilst few of the Crown Reserves in this Plan of Management have items of Aboriginal significance recorded, there is always the potential for items significant to Aboriginal people to be present on the site. With this in mind, the process outlined in the link below is to be followed if a potential item is found on one of the Reserves in the Plan. The process is from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Heritage branch for recording Aboriginal sites:

<https://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/protecting-our-heritage/record-aboriginal-sites/>

NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services can assist if items of potentially higher significance are found.

The continued use of Crown Reserves in the Warrumbungle Shire by Aboriginal people is encouraged in accordance with the inclusive initiatives in Crown Land 2031: State Strategic Plan for Crown land, and this Plan of Management.

3.14 Threatened Species Listings and Checks

Part of the assessment of the Reserves in this Plan included cross-checking of Threatened Species registers and Plans to determine if the Reserves contained specific listings or were included as a Priority Management Site for certain species listed for protection. Liaison with the Biodiversity and Conservation Division of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment allowed the following conclusions to be drawn:

- In accordance with the prior and current legislation, registers for critical habitat, endangered species, threatened species, and specific listings of priority sites under the Save our Species program were checked to determine if any of the Crown Reserves under this Plan are directly affected by one of the above site-specific listings or otherwise directly impacted. The Warrumbungle LGA has DPIE priority sites however they are not specifically tied to works on any of the Crown Reserves in this Plan of Management.
- Despite the above, a number of conservation measures have been included in the Action Plans for the Reserves which tie in with the Shire-wide priorities for species which have plans for threat abatement.
- The **brush-tailed rock wallaby** (*Petrogale penicillata*) (endangered species) has a DPIE priority site in the Warrumbungle National Park. Common themes from the SOS Strategy for this species have been included in the above Action Plans (Chips and Timor Rock Reserves are the reserves closest to this Priority site).
- The following Table outlines the threatened species in the Warrumbungle Shire which have active and proposed Key Management Sites. As mentioned above, none of the SOS Strategies associated with these management sites have key actions noted within any Crown Reserves.

Table 3

Key management sites in Warrumbungle

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Site name	Threatened species	Local government area (LGA)	Status	Site type
<u>Warrumbungles/Mt Kaputar</u>	Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby (<i>Petrogale penicillata</i>)	Warrumbungle	Active	Priority management site
<u>Goonoo</u>	Malleefowl (<i>Leipoa ocellata</i>)	Dubbo Regional, Gilgandra, Warrumbungle	Active	Priority management site
<u>Pilliga</u>	Pilliga Mouse (<i>Pseudomys pilligaensis</i>)	Gunnedah, Narrabri, Warrumbungle	Active	Priority management site
<u>Central Tablelands LLS - part</u>	Ausfeld's Wattle (<i>Acacia ausfeldii</i>)	Dubbo Regional, Mid-Western Regional, Upper Hunter, Warrumbungle	Proposed	Contributing site (funding opportunity)
<u>Western Slopes and Plains</u>	Koala (<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>)	Gunnedah, Liverpool Plains, Narrabri, Warrumbungle	Active	Priority management site
<u>North West Slopes</u>	Barking Owl (<i>Ninox connivens</i>)	Cabonne, Coonamble, Dubbo Regional, Gilgandra, Gunnedah, Liverpool Plains, Mid-Western Regional, Narrabri, Narromine, Parkes, Tamworth Regional, Upper Hunter, Walgett, Warren, Warrumbungle	Active	Priority management site
<u>Pilliga Forest</u>	Glossy Black-Cockatoo (<i>Calyptorhynchus lathamii</i>)	Cabonne, Parkes, Narrabri, Warrumbungle, Dubbo Regional	Active	Priority management site

Source: <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/savingourspeciesapp/SearchResults.aspx>

APPENDIX A: SUMMARY OF INITIAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**Warrumbungle Shire User Groups, Sporting Contacts of Crown Reserves**

Name	Location	Contact
Coonabarabran Local Aboriginal Lands Council	30 John St Coonabarabran	Cody Brady coonabarabran.lalc@bigpond.com
Baradine Local Aboriginal Lands Council	17 Wellington St Baradine	baradinelalc@bigpond.com
Dunedoo & District Development Group	42 Bolaro St Dunedoo	coordinator@dunedoo.org.au
Mendooran Development Group	55 Bandulla St Mendooran	mendoorcoord@yahoo.com.au
Baradine Central School	42-44 Narran St Baradine	Baradine-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Binnaway Central School	David St Binnaway	Binnaway-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Coolah Central School	13 Binnia St Coolah	Coolah-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Coonabarabran High School	Newell Highway Coonabarabran	Coonabarab-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Coonabarabran Primary School	Newell Highway Coonabarabran	Coonabarab-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Dunedoo Central School	Digilah St Dunedoo	Dunedoo-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Mendooran Central School	Brambil St Mendooran	Mendooran-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Sacred Heart School	15 Church St Coolah	sacredheartcoolah@bth.catholic.edu.au
St Lawrence's Primary School	Dalgarno St Coonabarabran	stlawrencescoona@bth.catholic.edu.au
St Michael's Primary School	Tucklan St Dunedoo	stmichaelsdunedoo@bth.catholic.edu.au
NSW Rural Fire Service Fire Control Centre	111 Saleyards Rd Coonabarabran	Castlereagh.zone@rfs.nsw.gov.au
Binnaway Show Committee (Binnaway Showground is a Reserve)	0429441792 Pam Southwell Secretary or 0448032087 Emma Staples Horse Secretary	Binnaway.show@gmail.com
Riding for the Disabled	Coonabarabran Racecourse complex Nelson St Coonabarabran	terrificdiamond@icloud.com
Coonabarabran Jockey Club	Coonabarabran Racecourse complex Nelson St Coonabarabran	coonajockeyclub@gmail.com
Coolah Historical Society	57 Binnia St Coolah 2843	nswcoolah@gmail.com
Dunedoo Historical Society	42 Bolaro St Dunedoo	nottsharon@hotmail.com
Dunedoo Amateur Swimming Club	Dunedoo War Memorial Baths	dunedoasc@gmail.com
Landcare Dunedoo	Reserve 89588	dunedoocoolahlandcare@gmail.com (Fiona Luckhurst)
Landcare Coonabarabran		

Reserve	Reserve Purpose/ Category	User Group Responses
Roberston Park/ Oval Dunedoo R68100	Public Recreation Park & Sportsground	Well-utilised for football and netball. Active Landcare group willing to liaise with Council re plantings, maintenance.
Dunedoo Riverside Park R89588	Public Recreation Natural Area - Bushland	Maintenance an ongoing issue. Access to river and beautification works in partnership with Landcare a priority. Dunedoo Coolah Landcare proposal to co-manage this reserve with Council & develop the site with walking trails, access to the river, bush regeneration. Short-term grazing permits to be used for maintenance until restoration plans acted upon. Development of a longer term management plan for the reserve. Weed reduction program. Involve schools, indigenous reps, RFS and other groups for further site utilization and education. Funding to be sought for variety of maintenance, weed reduction, native fish stock program, walking trail, interpretive signs.
Dunedoo War Memorial Baths R81962	Public Baths Park	Plans for new amenities block. Ongoing maintenance and cleaning.
Jubilee Hall Dunedoo R520049	Public Hall General Community Use	Substantial works/upgrade in 2016 via grant funds. Organisations encouraged to use the facility with hire rate discount.
Coonabarabran Racecourse R46646 & R47760	Racecourse (addition) Sportsground	Infrastructure grants utilized to replace fencing at RDA. Plans to upgrade buildings, include sensory garden, murals. Falling limbs from mature trees an ongoing maintenance issue.
Binnaway Showground R65440	Showground General Community Use	Recently completed works including multipurpose arena, cattle handling facilities, watering system, solar systems, poultry shed. Future plans include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - new grandstand - masterplan for new infrastructure - Shower & toilet block incl disabled facilities - Multipurpose shed for horse stables, storage - New shed with BBQ facilities near multipurpose arena, - New bar, BBQ & kitchen,

*Note, this Initial Consultation was conducted in addition to the minimum requirements mandated in the LG Act and CLM Act. User groups and the public will be given further opportunity to comment during public exhibition of the Plan.

Appendix B: Individual Reserve Plans

Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
71749 Bowen Oval	Public Recreation Gazettal Date 23/11/1945	Sportsground



Source: NSW Planning Portal

Commentary	Added as a Crown Reserve managed by Council in 2022, this reserve plays host to a number of sporting facilities and is an important park in Coolah.
Size	4.36ha
Current applicable plans	Upgrade of existing sporting amenities, grandstand. Construction of storage shed.
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.
Management for this Site	This Park is retained for recreation purposes including sporting uses. Provides local sporting facilities for nearby schools so requires the ability to include further improvements based on local sporting and recreation needs

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 68100: Robertson Park LOT 205 DP 754291, LOT 7010 DP 93529	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 13/01/1939	Park, Sportsground



Source > NSW Six Maps


Commentary	Robertson Park is located on the northern side of Dunedoo and fronts the Talbragar River. Contains netball courts and football grounds.
Size	6.78ha
Current applicable plans	Masterplan completed, funding received for new amenities building.
Current & permissible leases/licences	None. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeri People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	Park is cleared and developed for passive and active recreation purposes. No AHIMS items on site. PCT 202 located in northern section close to waterway. Current Aboriginal Land Claim still to be determined. Note that if successful, the reserve will be transferred in freehold title to the local ALC including any improvements.
Management for this site	With masterplan developed, use this for CLIF applications and other state funding sources. Prior to any works occurring write Native Title Report. Work with ALC arm of CL to provide evidence of improvements and dates when requested. Start conversation with Dunedoo Landcare re linkages to plans for riverside improvements (grant funding-dependent).

Robertson Park



Above images taken December 2020

Over: Masterplan adopted by Council and the Robertson Oval Committee.


Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 46646: Coonabarabran Racecourse, Lot 253 DP 753378	Racecourse (addition) Gazettal Date: 31/05/1911	Sportsground
		
<i>Source: NSW Planning Portal</i>		
Commentary	This reserve comprises part of the Coonabarabran Racecourse.	
Size	6.5ha	
Current applicable plans	None at present	
Current & permissible leases/licences	Currently partly leased by the Coonabarabran Jockey Club. Also utilised by Riding for the Disabled. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	PCTs 379 on site (inland scribbly gum). Not associated with TECs but due to dense populations, are significant. No AHIMS items recorded on site.	
Management for this Site	Retain southern vegetation tract; consider fencing off to protect fauna from straying onto racetrack area; consider masterplanning for the entire site including beautification works and replacement infrastructure. Mature trees in trafficable areas to be monitored for safety concerns, noting budgetary constraints.	

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 90681: Reserve Greenbah Creek Lot 7003 DP 753368	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 21/01/1977	Natural Area - Bushland



Source: NSW Crown Lands

Commentary	Lot unable to be located on Govt sites with exception of Crown Lands portal. This reserve is located at the junction of Greenbah and Wingabutta Creeks.
Size	3.78ha
Current applicable plans	None. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomerai People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Current & permissible leases/licences	Permissive Occupancy over this reserve. Council will have limited ability to manage whilst that is in place.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	Difficult to determine any listings of these as lot is unable to be found on Govt sites.
Management for this Site	Retain as passive park. As this is a riparian reserve with rocky outcrops, limited scope for expanded uses.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 98063: Nullen Rest Area Lot 7306 DP 1152229	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 31/01/1986	Park, Natural Area - Bushland
		
<i>Source: NSW Planning Portal</i>		
Commentary	Comprising part of the highway rest area referred to in adjacent reserve 95872, this reserve was set aside for public recreation and is partly timbered and partly a formal highway rest area.	
Size	2.1ha	
Current applicable plans	None apply. Any plans need to be checked with RMS due to traffic implications on classified highway frontage.	
Current & permissible leases/licences	None. No leases or licences are encouraged on this reserve due to its intent for a highway rest area and park. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeri People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	Timbered area comprises PCT 81 (western grey box and cypress). PCT can be associated with TECs. No AHIMS on site.	
Management for this Site	Retain timbered section with bushfire recovery plantings to take place. Potential soft/cultural burn demonstration site here with parking and adequate access from public roads.	



Looking east toward Nullen Rest Area with timbered reserve in background

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 1591: Mendooran Cricket Oval Lots 10-16, 3-9 and 7024 Section 13 DP 758668	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 19/11/1888	Sportsground
		
Commentary	Substantially cleared park still utilised as a cricket oval and open space in Mendooran.	
Size	3ha	
Current applicable plans	Replacement of existing toilet block, installation of picnic furniture.	
Current & permissible leases/licences	No lease at present. Could be licensed to sporting groups for nominal fee to formalise use.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	Partly vegetated with PCT 202 (Fuzzy box woodland) but this species to be confirmed on site. No AHIMS items recorded on site,	
Management for this Site	Retain existing mature shade trees, confirm existing tree species. Council to consider this park with long term planning for recreational open space in Mendooran.	

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
89960 Reserve Baradine Lot 183 DP 750246	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 05/11/1976	Park



Source: NSW Planning Portal

Commentary	This passive park on the eastern side of Baradine is lightly timbered and provides through access. Baradine Creek is located to the east of this reserve. No formal plans have been devised for this reserve's future development.
Size	5,070m ²
Current applicable plans	Council has no plans to upgrade this site at present. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Current & permissible leases/licences	None applicable at present. As the site is not fenced, grazing licence not viable at this stage.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. Reserve contains Red gum/Rough-barked Apple trees (PCT 399). A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this reserve.
Management for this Site	This passive park is riparian and should remain undeveloped as a stabiliser for the Creek bank. Access tracks are ok.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 31715: Queensborough Park Lot 701 DP 1028248	Public Recreation Gazettal Date 03/11/1990	Park



Source: NSW Planning Portal

Commentary	This is one of three crown reserves for the same park in Coolah. Mostly cleared, this reserve is used for active and passive recreation.
Size	1.03ha
Current applicable plans	None – forms part of larger cleared and passive park.
Current & permissible leases/licences	None applicable. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.
Management for this Site	Future Masterplan of the reserve, including consultation with the community, would benefit future development. Native Title report to be completed with Masterplan/any open space planning.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 51177: Queensborough Park West Lot 7027 DP 1061329	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 01/12/1915	Park



Source: NSW Planning Portal

Commentary	The second of three reserves relating to the one Queensborough Park in Coolah. This reserve is a closed road and has been set aside as part of Queensborough Park.
Size	1.28ha
Current applicable plans	None apply
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.
Management for this Site	This Park is retained for recreation purposes including sporting uses. Forms part of the Queensborough Park precinct.

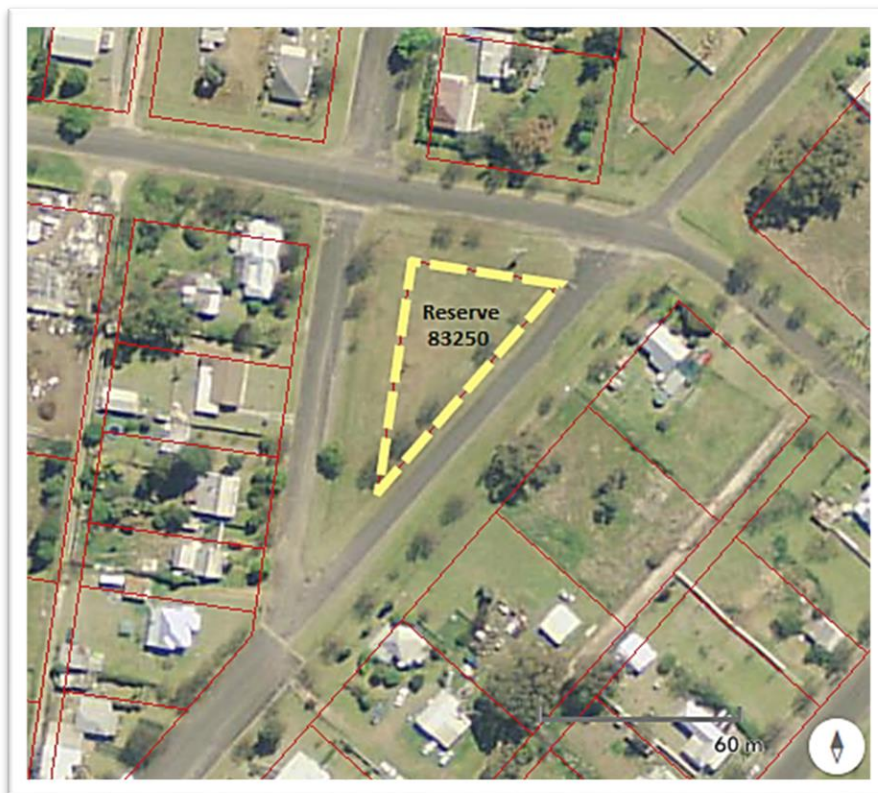
Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 11 (1001873): Queensborough Park Coolah Lot 7028 DP 1061329	Park Gazettal Date: 12/12/1885	Park



Source: NSW Planning Portal

Commentary	This reserve forms the main part of Queensborough Park in Coolah. It hosts a tributary known as Park Gully and historic rotunda. Scattered trees reinforce passive uses.
Size	26.41ha
Current applicable plans	None apply
Current & permissible leases/licences	Current licence for intermittent grazing on this reserve. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has revealed one (1) item of significance on this reserve. Details of this item kept in confidence for security reasons. Historic simple rotunda on site recorded in Council's Heritage Inventory database in 2004 & 2018. Not listed as a Heritage Item.
Management for this Site	Retain as passive park, weed control. Measures to ensure clean runoff into Park Gully. As Council has not resolved to categorise the park as an Area of Cultural Significance, Section 36D of the LG Act does not apply. This means that Council is able to keep the AHIMS item above in confidence class whilst managing the reserve as a park.

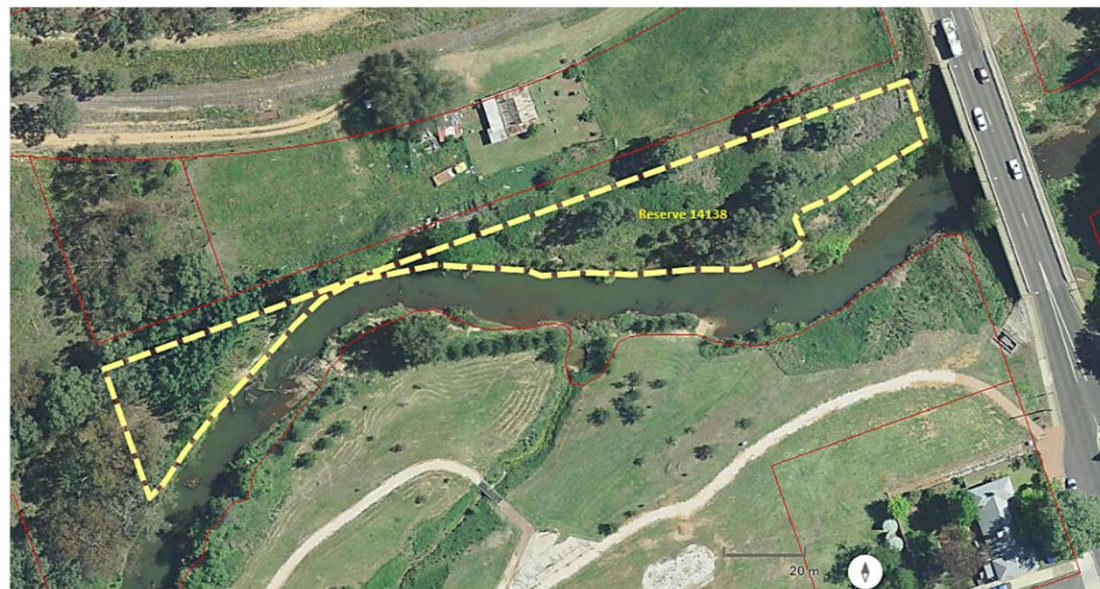
Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 83250 Three Corner Park Lot 701 DP 1016659	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 30/06/1961	Park



Source: NSW Planning Portal

Commentary	Located on Binnaway St Coolah, this park is utilised locally as passive open space.
Size	1,452m ²
Current applicable plans	None apply
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present nor envisaged at this stage. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.
Management for this Site	Retain as passive park with consideration given to how this plan fits with the open space planning in Coolah with a view to rationalising park development and utilisation.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 14138: Rifle Range Lot 7033 DP 1002144	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 25/07/1891	Park



Source: NSW Planning Portal

Commentary	This Reserve is <u>not</u> used for a rifle range – it is a passive open space area. The reserve is located on the banks of the Castlereagh River close to Coonabarabran.
Size	3,152m ²
Current applicable plans	None apply
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Riparian land close to town – leasing may not be appropriate. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.
Management for this Site	Riverbank stability works, increased native vegetation plantings, willow removal. Consultation with Council and community regarding future of this land as part of network of local open space fronting the river.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 49164: Rifle Range Lot 702 DP 1002147	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 13/08/1913	Park



Source: NSW Planning Portal

Commentary	Reserve forms part of a larger open space area on the Castlereagh River in Coonabarabran. Current use of this reserve is as originally intended – park and playground.
Reserve Purpose	Public Recreation
Size	5,593m ²
Current applicable plans	None apply
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.
Management for this Site	Retain as passive open space, riverbank stabilisation works. Good connectivity to adjacent open space – broader masterplanning can enhance river access with passive recreation and conservation the focus.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 56732: Rifle Range Lot 7031 DP 1027288	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 18/01/1924	Park



Source: NSW Planning Portal

Commentary	This is a Reserve on Namoi Street in Coonabarabran. It is partly cleared and within town limits so no PCTs are listed on the reserve. It is not used for a rifle range.
Size	7,124m ²
Current applicable plans	None applicable.
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.
Management for this Site	Assess strategic location for utilisation of this reserve in proximity to the river, adjacent courts and dwellings. Consider development as part of (future) open space strategy.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 86082: Martin Reserve Lot 7039 DP 1027286	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 25/11/1966	Park



Source: NSW Planning Portal

Commentary	Fronting Gordon & Hill Streets in Coonabarabran, this passive reserve provides through access on the northern side of Coonabarabran. Not used as a rifle range. 'Martin Reserve' officially named in Govt Gazette 15 July 2022.
Size	5,157m ²
Current applicable plans	None at present
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.
Management for this Site	Continued maintenance. To be considered as part of larger open space planning.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 81962: Dunedoo War Memorial Baths Lot 701 DP 93288	Public Baths Gazettal Date: 18/09/1959	Park



Source: NSW Planning Portal

Commentary	Public pool complex located in Dunedoo.
Size	4362m2
Current applicable plans	Plans being developed for new pool amenities block.
Current & permissible leases/licences	Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account. Lease of pool expressly permissible under this Plan.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	None applicable due to developed nature of Park.
Management for this Site	Opportunity to masterplan pool in consultation with local community and sporting groups/swim club. Funding to be sought for improvements under CLIF and other sporting grant streams.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 89680: Playground Coonabarabran Lot 4 Sec 55 DP 758281	Children's Playground Gazettal Date: 12/12/1975	Park



Source: NSW Planning Portal

Commentary	Cleared open space in Coonabarabran originally set aside for a playground. Used now as passive parkland.
Size	2085m2
Current applicable plans	None applicable
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	Site cleared so no significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.
Management for this Site	To be considered as part of open space planning for Warrumbungle and funding sought under various grant programs for a playground if considered appropriate.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 90768: Masters Park Lot 530 DP 753378	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 29/04/1977	Park



Source: NSW Planning Portal


Commentary	This open space area is located near the Showground and contains a cricket pitch. Scattered trees are located along a drainage channel.
Size	9,986m ²
Current applicable plans	None applicable
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Potential for leasing to a sporting club as additional training ground. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	PCT 281 (Rough-barked apple) is along the drainage channel. This PCT may contain TECs. However, due to the park's location in a built-up area, the potential for extensive biodiversity is limited. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.
Management for this Site	Retain established vegetation on site due to above plant community type. As this is a recognised and named Park, Council to consider its development (or not) as part of rationalisation of open space in Coonabarabran.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 97723: Reserve Coonabarabran Lot 7301 DP 1137747	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 08/03/1985	Park



Source: NSW Planning Portal

Commentary	Timbered lot on the north-eastern edge of Coonabarabran. Reserve is an off-leash area under the Companion Animals Act.
Size	6,607m ²
Current applicable plans	None applicable
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	This reserve contains PCT 281 which is associated with TECs. No AHIMS items on site.
Management for this Site	Retain as off-leash area for companion animals and consider formalising this with fencing (if not already in place) and encourage natural regeneration of vegetation. Consider measures to limit predation of native animals by domestic pets.

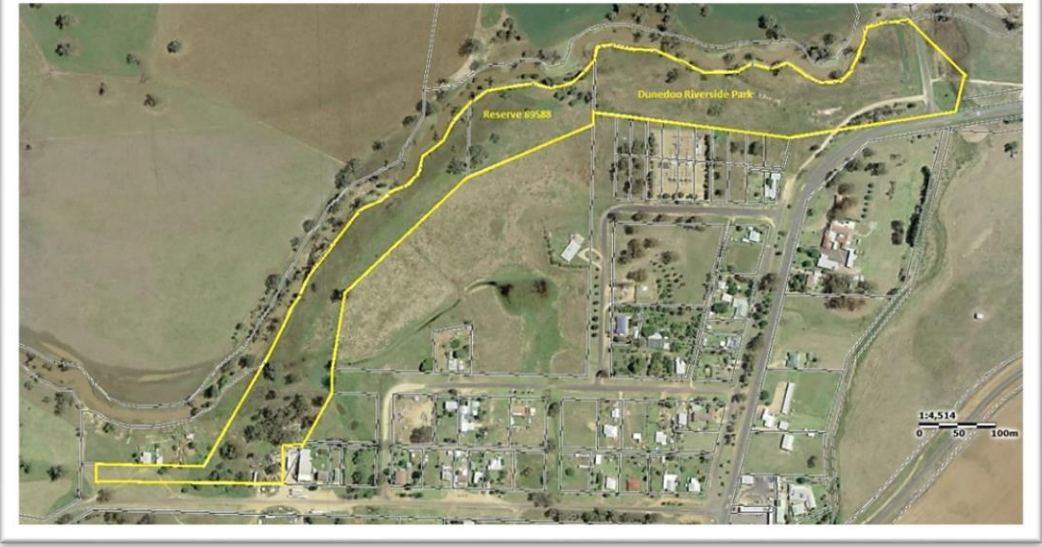
Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 17798 Police Purposes, Public Recreation	Police Purposes Gazetted 27 May 1893 Public Recreation Gazetted 23 December 2022	Park
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Commentary	Riverside park in Coonabarabran, high visibility & usage, provides linkage between river parks and town.	
Size	1.53ha	
Current applicable plans	Continue use as central public recreation space, install amenities suitable for park – bubblers, picnic tables, shelters.	
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Current uses are passive recreation and use of installed outdoor exercise equipment.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	This reserve contains PCT 399 (red gum, tea tree, rough barked apple, sandy creek woodland) which is not associated with TECs. No AHIMS items on site.	
Management for this Site	Consult with community regarding upgrades, consider flood risk including velocities with placement & design of future public amenities, look to funding avenues for upgrades including CRIF.	

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 89668: Reserve Rocky Glen Lot 26 DP 757113	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 05/12/1966	Natural Area - Bushland



Source: NSW Planning Portal

Commentary	Located remote from towns and sparsely timbered, this reserve fronts the Oxley Highway. Any access or encroachment issues will be investigated and addressed.
Size	1.55ha
Current applicable plans	None applicable
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	PCT 433 – potentially contains TECs on this site. No specific listings of endangered/threatened species on this reserve.
Management for this Site	Vegetation retention; potential for small offset site for biodiversity credits; access to be retained.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 89588: Dunedoo Riverside Park Lot 119 DP 754291, Lot 7011 DP 93332, Lot 7012 DP 93290	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 12/09/1975	Natural Area - Bushland
		
Source: Six Maps		
Commentary	Large park which follows the river on northern side of Dunedoo.	
Size	9.8ha	
Current applicable plans	None Applicable	
Current & permissible leases/licences	Short term licence for intermittent grazing can be allowed on this reserve. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeri People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account. Future licences to be short term only and temporary-only due to reserve purpose being for public recreation.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	PCT 78 on site – not associated with TECs. Reserve has 2 sites listed on the AHIMS register. Sites to be kept in confidence class for protection.	
Management for this Site	<p>Consultation with local community to determine potential for usage/ideas/maintenance considering this is a large riverside park close to Dunedoo. Controlled accesses to river to be determined. Small section at eastern end to be potentially utilised for a transmission line associated with renewable energy project (Solar Farm). This is subject to developer obtaining consent from Council and CL. A Native Title Report for this development would also be required.</p> <p>Masterplan will assist with maintenance responsibilities and funding applications. Council to liaise with CL re Digilah Rd within reserve.</p>	



Section of Talbragar River within Reserve 89588, Dunedoo Riverside Reserve

Source: Dunedoo Area Community Group Inc submission to Council re Dunedoo Riverside Reserve

Photo Credit: Anne Kable,

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 53797 Frog Hollow LOT 7006 DP 1126272	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 20/02/1920	Park



Source: NSW Planning Portal

Commentary	Located in Ulamambri, this reserve is a natural low drainage point and adjacent to silos/grain storage.
Size	2.1ha
Current applicable plans	None applicable
Current & permissible leases/licences	Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No AHIMS items on site. PCT 599* showing on site – which is associated with TECs. However, the reserve is located in a built-up area and adjacent to silos. Question validity of PCT 599 in this instance. On site vegetation proofing can confirm this PCT or otherwise.
Management for this Site	Presenting as a natural drainage depression, this reserve can be offered as an offset site due to propensity for vegetation survival with limited additional watering. Weed control also a priority.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 1592: Brambil Park Lot 7020 DP 1109623	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 19/11/1883	Park



Source: NSW Planning Portal

Commentary	Partly cleared park on southern edge of Mendooran.
Size	9505m2
Current applicable plans	None apply
Current & permissible leases/licences	Has been leased in past for grazing however this is not consistent with reserve purpose.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	PCT 78 (river red gum) on the reserve. No threatened species present. No AHIMS items recorded on site.
Management for this Site	Intermittent leases for short-term grazing permissible to manage vegetation only – not meant to be ongoing. Creek bank stabilisation works and weed control.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 73370: Mendooran Camping Area Lot 116 DP 754971, Lots 7017-7019 DP 94725	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 11/11/1949	Park



Source: Six Maps

Commentary	Camping area still utilised on the Castlereagh River in Mendooran.
Size	3.8ha
Current applicable plans	Recently completed works including new sewerage system, tanks & van dump point.
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	PCT 78 (river red gum) on site. No AHIMS sites recorded on this reserve.
Management for this Site	Camping site to be issued development consent and LG Act activity approvals (for a primitive camping site), retention of mature red gums on river bank and where reliable access to water in dry times is guaranteed due to limb drop safety issues, controlled access to river at designated points along reserve to conserve riparian vegetation, weed control. Council to investigate options regarding leasing of camp area long term.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 77108: Mendooran Park Lots 1-2 Sec 9 DP 758668, Lots 6-8 Sec 8 DP 758668, Lot 7030 DP 1095353 Lot 7031 DP 1095448	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 01/10/1954	Park




Source: NSW Six Maps

Commentary	Reserve contains tennis courts and an open park in main street of Mendooran.
Size	8437m ²
Current applicable plans	None at present
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	None applicable – mostly cleared park. No AHIMS recorded on site.
Management for this Site	Retention of creek bank vegetation. Park beautification works to be applied for under the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund to complement recently completed Playground upgrades.

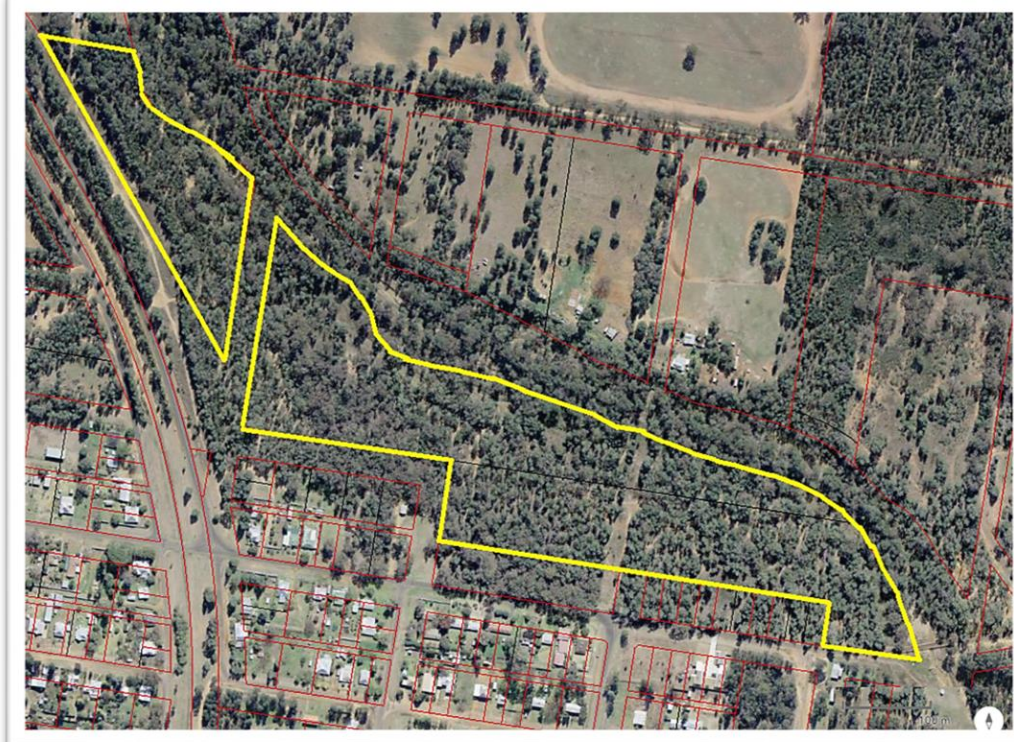


Upgrades to Mendooran Park in 2021.

Source: Warrumbungle Shire Council facebook page, 29/05/2021


Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 76877: Merrygoen Park/Tennis Courts Lots 7-8 Sec 1 DP 758674	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 02/07/1951	Park
		
Commentary	Cleared reserve contains a manager's residence and open space/tennis courts.	
Size	4028m ²	
Current applicable plans	None at present	
Current & permissible leases/licences	Not at present. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeri People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	None applicable due to cleared nature of Park. No AHIMS items recorded on site.	
Management for this Site	Consider funding for beautification works and partnerships with local community groups for maintenance. Beautification works to include landscaping plans and shade. Manager's residence to be retained for housing shortage reasons, utilisation of and maintenance of existing housing stock in Merrygoen and use of first action plan for Crown Lands State Strategic Plan: "identifying Crown land that supports social and affordable housing in regional areas". Contact to be made with CL to expedite this process.	

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 68452: Baradine Recreation and Camping, Lots 7300-7302 DP 1139960	Camping/Public Recreation/Resting Place Gazettal Date: 07/07/1939	Natural Area- Bushland



Source: Six Maps

Commentary	Current use is vacant passive Creekside camping area on northern side of Baradine.
Size	14.4ha
Current applicable plans	Council has no plans to upgrade this site at present. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeri People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Current & permissible leases/licences	None applicable at present. As the site is not fenced, grazing licence not viable at this stage. Appropriate for part-leasing/licencing for vegetation management with controlled access to waterway.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. Reserve contains PCTs 398 and 401 (being Ironbark/Cypress pine, Rough barked apple, Blakely's Red Gum). A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this reserve.
Management for this Site	This passive park is well vegetated and can enjoy dual use of access to the waterway for the public with sections leased for vegetation & weed management. RFS contacts to be consulted regarding fire management on this reserve.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 65440: Binnaway Showground, Lots 102 & 131 DP 754959	Showground Gazettal Date: 30/08/1935	General Community Use
		
Commentary	Binnaway Showground is still utilised by local Show Committee and is located on the eastern fringe of Binnaway.	
Size	9.2ha	
Current applicable plans	Plan in place for development.	
Current & permissible leases/licences	Formal licence to be arranged with Binnaway Show Committee. No leases or licences on reserve at present Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this reserve. No significant plant community types on site to suggest TECs present.	
Management for this Site	Council to search funding streams for planning at this site, particularly if well utilised. Planning to include beautification works including entry point, maintenance of assets on site and new expansions where demand exists. Maintain dialogue with active Show Committee re future upgrades & maintenance.	

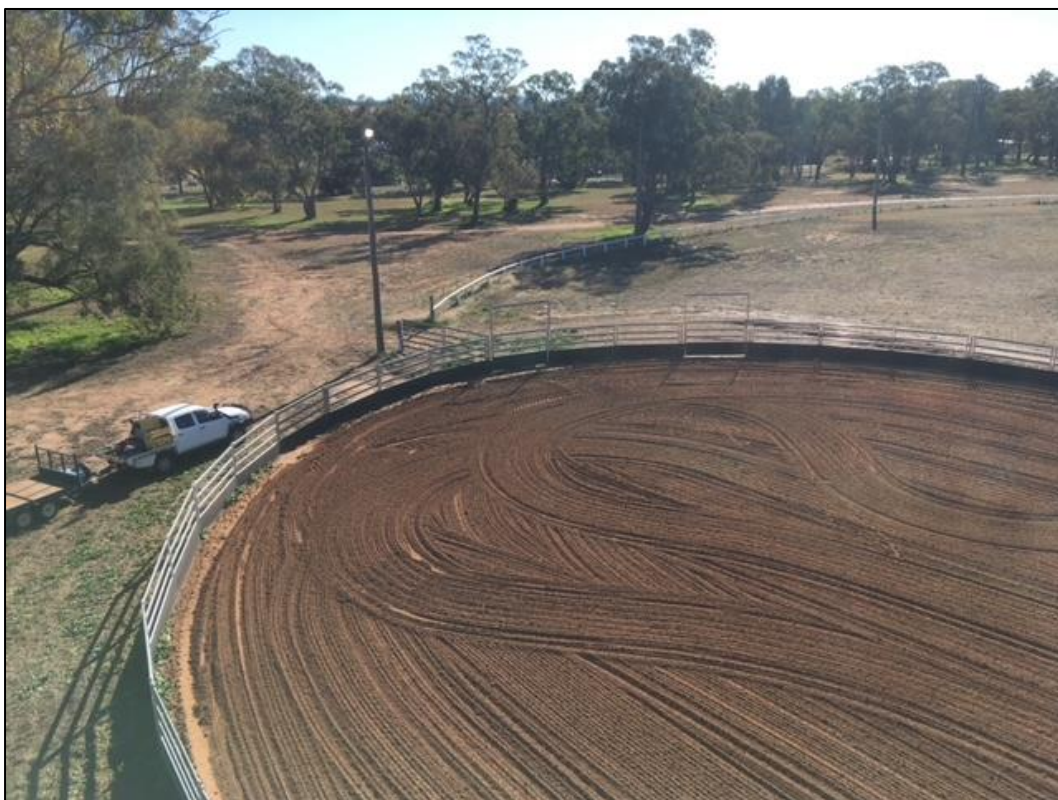
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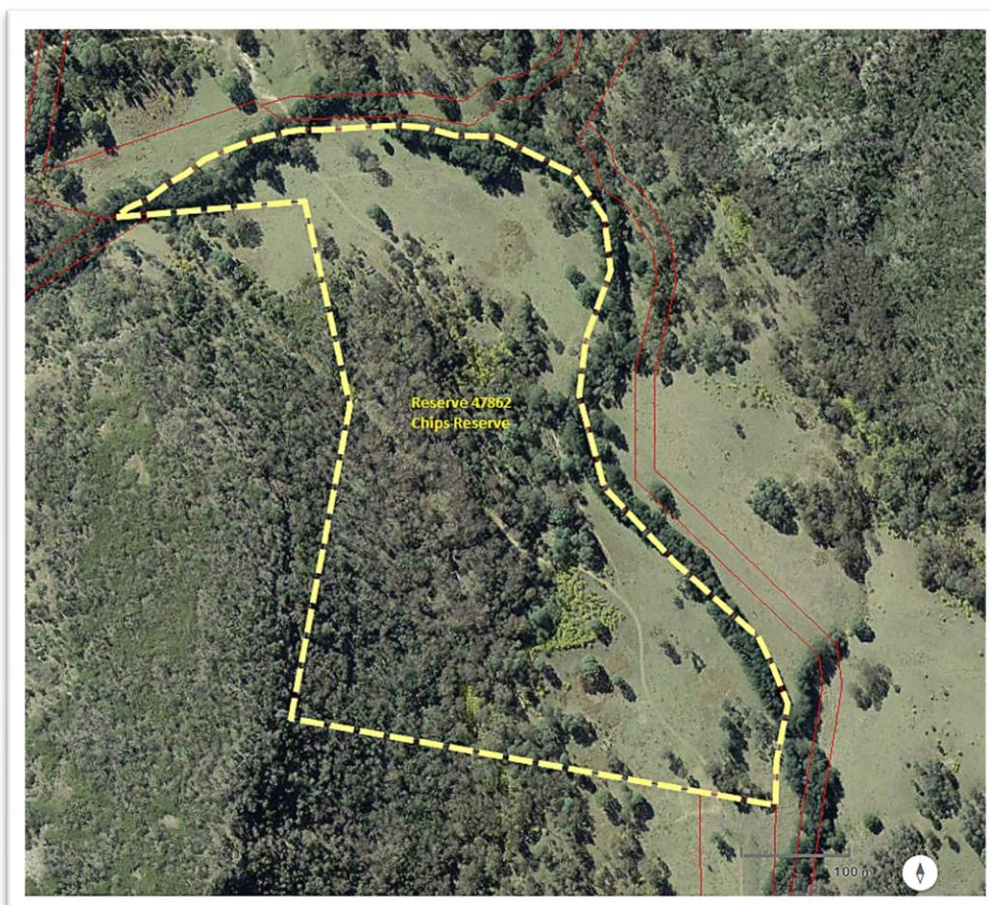




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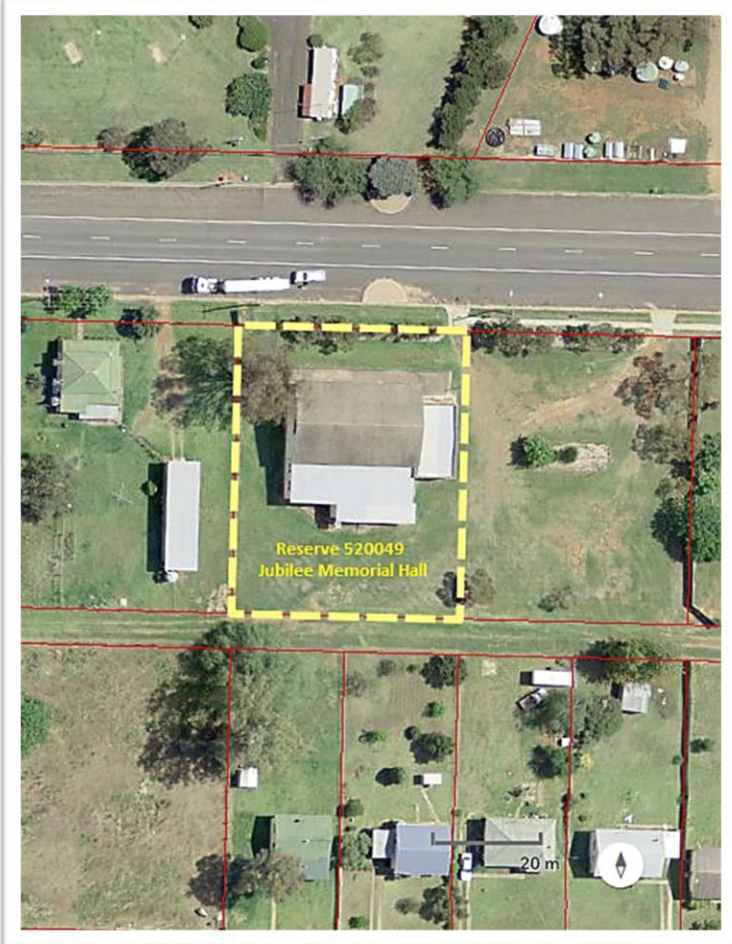
Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 96923: Native Grove Cemetery, Lot 575 DP 46121	Cemetery Purposes Gazettal Date: 26.08/1983	General Community Use
		
Commentary	Formal, planned and well-vegetated cemetery, located in a fringe setting north of Coonabarabran.	
Size	18.1ha	
Current applicable plans	Plot locations planned in accordance with requirements of the NSW <i>Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013</i> and associated Regulations and guidelines.	
Current & permissible leases/licences	None applicable. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.	
Management for this Site	Continued development of the Cemetery in accordance with above legislation. Formalised entry points to provide adequate access to and from the Cemetery.	

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 47862: Chip's Reserve, Lot 7001 DP 1016628	Camping/Public Recreation/Water Supply Gazettal Date: 12/06/1912	Natural Area - Bushland



Source: NSW Planning Portal

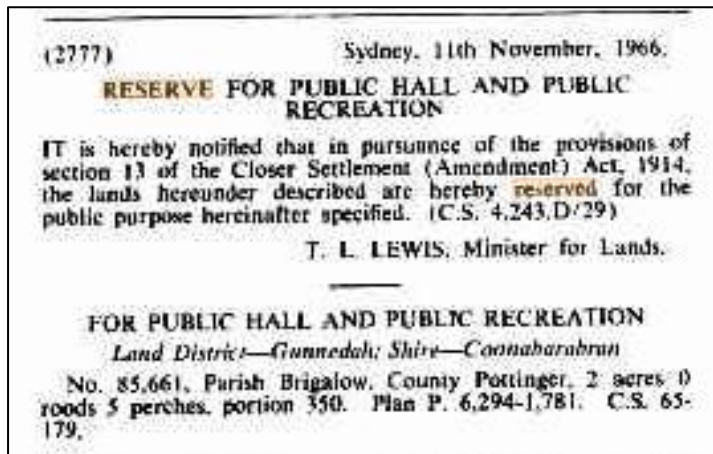
Commentary	Located west of Coonabarabran, Chips Reserve fronts the Belar Creek and is partly vegetated.
Size	17.3ha
Current applicable plans	None apply
Current & permissible leases/licences	Current licence for intermittent grazing on this reserve. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No AHIMS items are currently recorded on site and a number of PCTs exist on the reserve (incl PCT 393, 395, 420 and 599*). No specific listings of threatened species on this reserve.
Management for this Site	Retain as passive reserve, weed control, controlled access for stock to water source. Creek stabilisation works. Fox and pest animal control including wild dogs. Long term fire strategies to implement small-plot ecological burns where appropriate (SOS Strategy, Brush Tailed Rock Wallaby, DPIE).

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 520049: Jubilee Memorial Hall Lot 3 Section 5 DP 758364	Public Hall Gazettal Date: 01/11/1957	General Community Use
		
<p><i>Source: NSW Planning Portal</i></p>		
Commentary	Cleared site in Dunedoo, dominated by historic Memorial Hall. Located on Golden Highway/main street Dunedoo	
Size	2,020m ²	
Current applicable plans	None at present.	
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present but leasing/licencing is appropriate to community groups. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.	
Management for this Site	Upgrades completed in 2016, internal and external, plumbing. Asset Management Plan to link with required works at this reserve.	



Dunedoo Jubilee Memorial hall, 2020



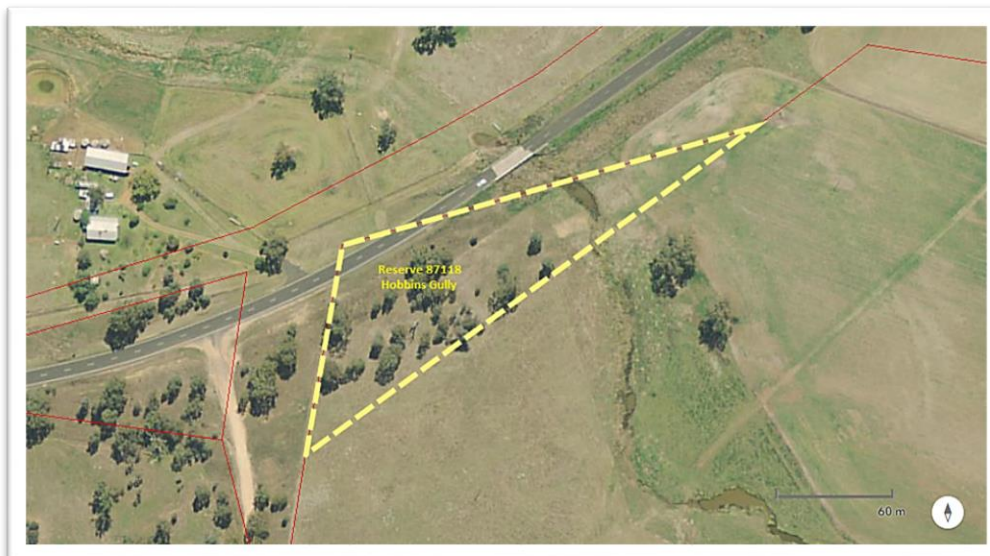


Government Gazette 11 November 1966 advising of reserve purpose.

To be referred to for Native Title Report.

Source: Trove online.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 87118: Hobbins Gully Resting Place Lot 7001 DP 96951	Resting Place Gazettal Date: 28/03/1969	Natural Area - Bushland



Source: NSW Planning Portal. Note, boundaries may be skewed.

Commentary	Located on the eastern side of Leadville, this reserve is sparsely timbered.
Size	1.02ha
Current applicable plans	None apply
Current & permissible leases/licences	Currently leased for grazing. Providing grazing lease is intermittent, & a pathway is avail under NT Act, this lease may be re-issued. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomerioi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	Contains PCT 281 (Rough Barked Apple) which can be associated with TECs. Despite this, vegetation is sparse and likelihood of TECs on site is limited. Reserve not listed as a specific recovery plan site. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.
Management for this Site	Retain as passive open space, grazing permits permissible (with NT report) and must consider traversing stream and water quality.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 95872: Talbragar Cemetery Leadville, Lots 172-173 DP 750766	Cemetery Gazettal Date: 02/04/1982	General Community Use



Source: Six Maps

Commentary	This Reserve is located adjacent to a resting place and may contain unmarked graves.
Size	3,594m ²
Current applicable plans	Cemetery is currently closed for burials. No plans apply at present.
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Not applicable due to potential for unmarked graves in reserve. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	PCT 437* (Yellow box grassy woodland) which is associated with TECs. This reserve is not a Priority site for threatened species or a site listed in any SOS plans.
Management for this Site	Retain as Cemetery. Yellow Box is a koala feed tree species so any leasing must ensure preservation of this species and any other species found on the reserve to be a feed species.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
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Reserve 85682: Beni Crossing Resting Place, Lot 7003 DP 94796	Resting Place Gazettal Date: 25/02/1966	Natural Area - Bushland
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Source: Six Maps

Commentary	This reserve on the southern side of the river at Beni Crossing is partly vegetated.
Size	1.84ha
Current applicable plans	None applicable.
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Could be leased for grazing. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeri People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	Contains PCT 81* (Western Grey Box) and can be associated with TECs. Despite this, the site is not an individual site listed in an SOS strategy or in a threat abatement plan. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.
Management for this Site	Retain as passive open space, able to be leased for short-term grazing in accordance with the LG (General) Regulation. Western Grey Box is a koala feed tree species so any leasing must ensure preservation of this species and any other species found on the reserve to be a feed species.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
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Reserve 97167: Public Hall Weetaliba
Lot 11 DP 704074

Public Hall
Gazettal Date:
24/02/1984

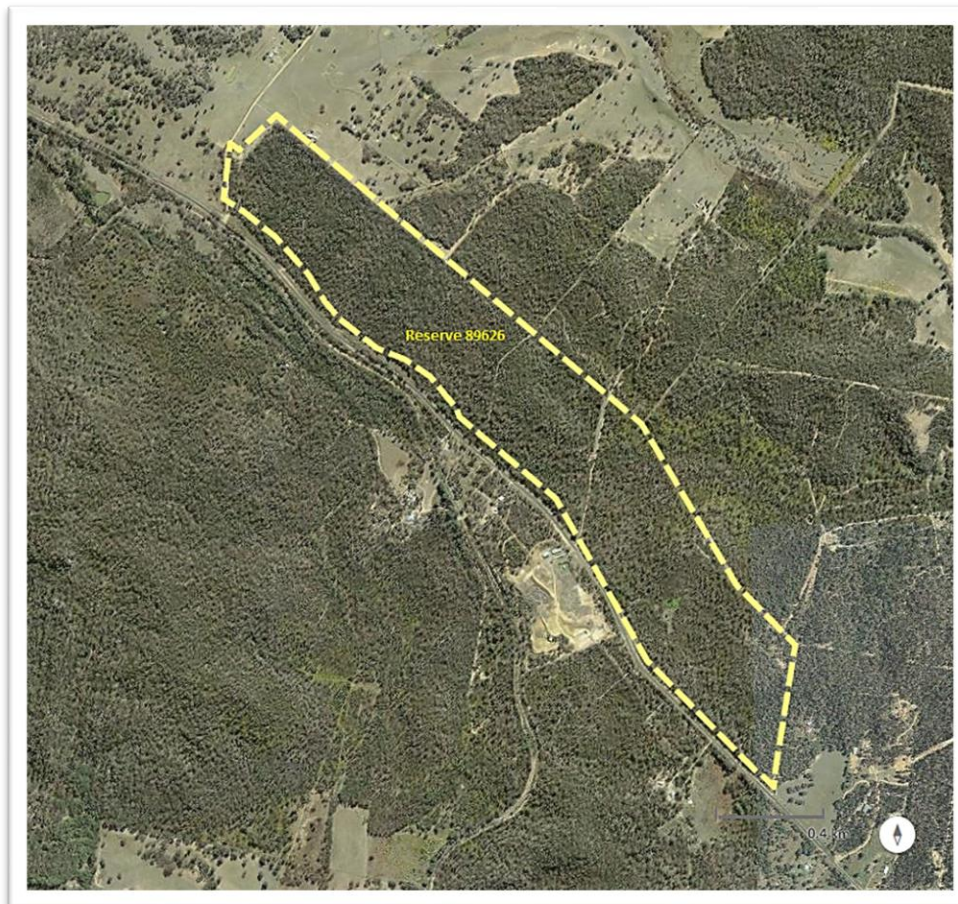
General Community Use



Source: NSW Planning Portal

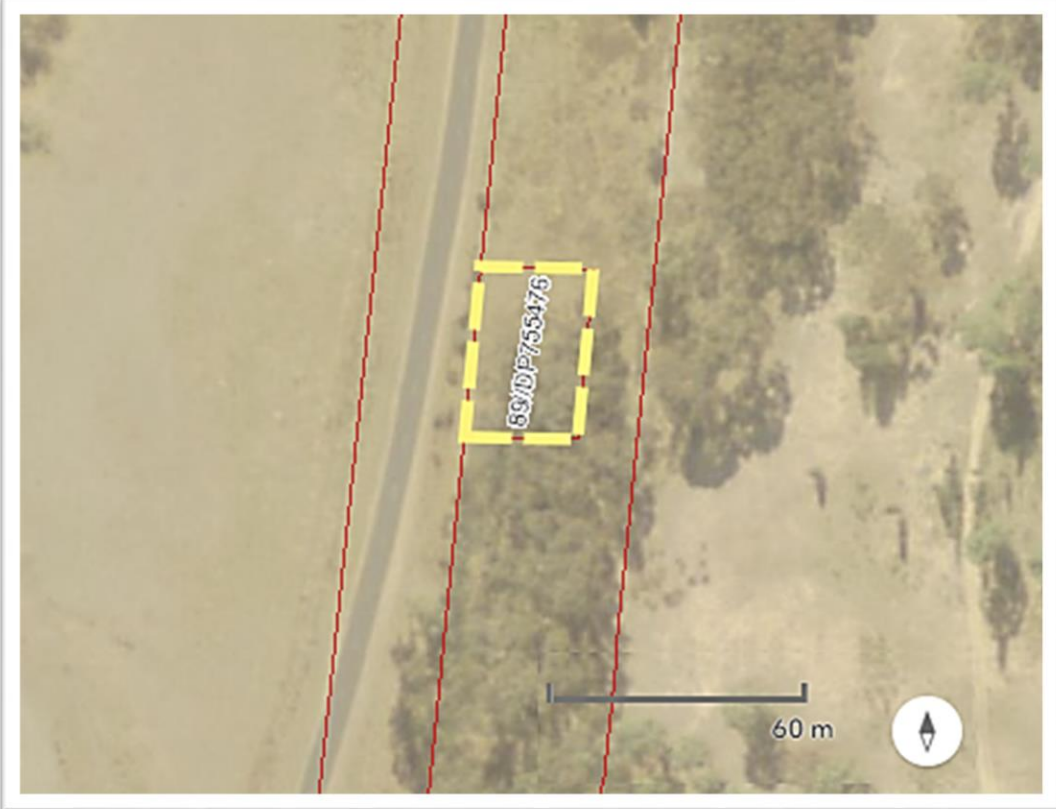
Commentary	This public hall site in Weetaliba is cleared of vegetation. No structures exist on this reserve.
Size	1,934m ²
Current applicable plans	None at present
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeri People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.
Management for this Site	Due to lack of significant vegetation, site may be licenced for grazing under s2.20 of the Act. Liaison with local Weetaliba community to be carried out prior to either of the above scenarios taking place, in accordance with the LG (General) Regulation.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 89626: Coonabarabran Flora Reserve Lot 7002 DP 1002156	Preservation of Native Flora Gazettal Date: 31/10/1975	Naatural Area - Bushland

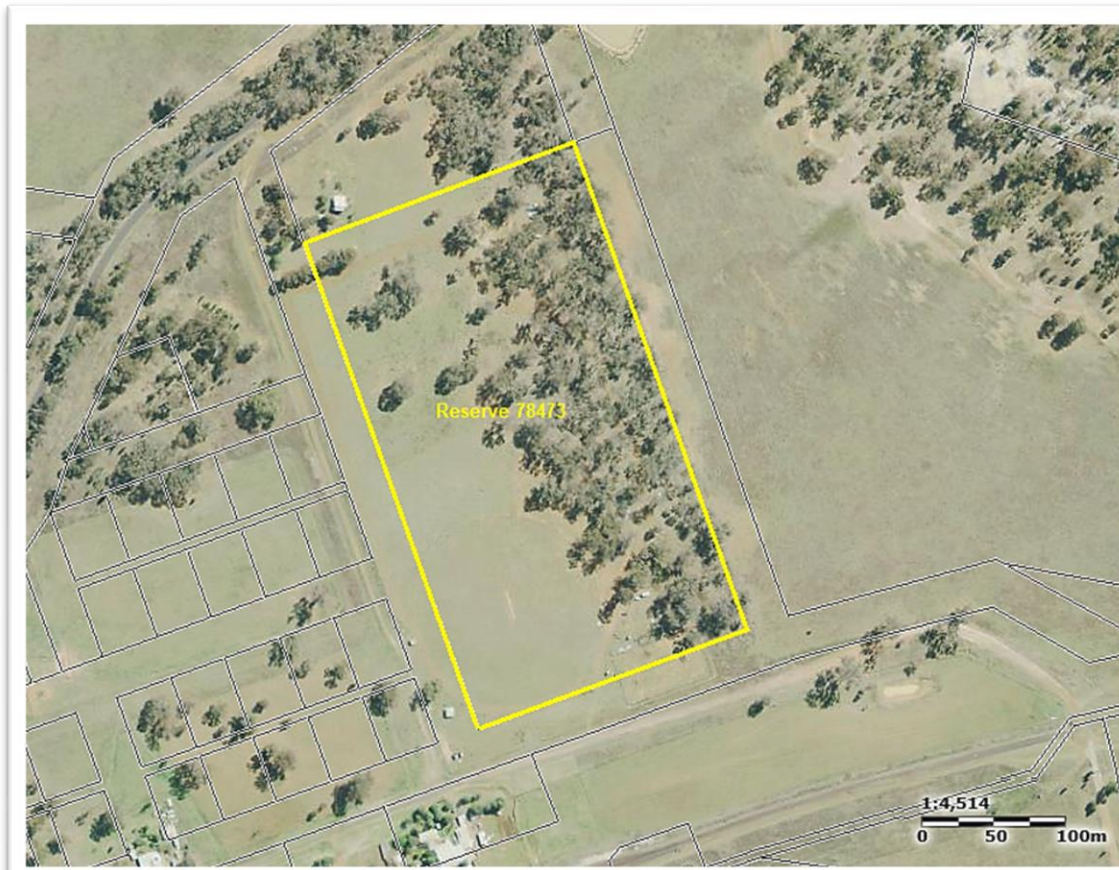


Source: Six Maps

Commentary	Located north of Coonabarabran, this Reserve was set aside for a Flora Reserve in October 1975. Comprising undulating and heavily vegetated land, this reserve is still serving its original purpose.
Size	112.4ha
Current applicable plans	None applicable
Current & permissible leases/licences	No current or permissible leases on this Reserve. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeri People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No specific listings on this Reserve for Threatened Species/SOS Strategies. No AHIMS items listed on this Reserve. No European heritage items listed.
Management for this Site	Consider benefits of offering this site to a University/CSIRO or other research organisation for Natural Vegetation management and rehabilitation. Contact RFS for bushfire management at a regional scale. Potential uses of site: ecotourism, bushwalking, scientific flora research site, Biodiversity offset site. Fire Trails and soft/cultural burns to be discussed with RFS & at regular LEMC (Local Emergency Management Committee) meetings.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 36127 Lot 89 DP 755476	Preservation of Graves 26/09/1903	General Community Use
		
<p><i>Source: Six Maps</i></p>		
Commentary	Located on the Black Stump Way, this unfenced Reserve is remote from towns. Graves present on this reserve.	
Size	1015m ²	
Current applicable plans	No plans apply	
Current & permissible leases/licences	No current or planned leases on this site Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No threatened species/SOS strategies apply. No AHIMS items currently listed on site.	
Management for this Site	<p>Any headstones present to be identified with GPS coordinates. If headstones are present, speak to Council's Heritage Advisor re conservation of the marked graves and methods to be used.</p> <p>Consultation with Local Historical Society to confirm if unmarked graves are present and determine if the land is considered an 'active' cemetery. Historic photographs to be used as reference if revegetating/commemorating works proposed at the reserve.</p> <p>Tree removal prohibited unless report from practising & qualified Advisor deems tree insignificant. Trees sometimes planted as memorial.</p>	

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 78473 Lot 7300 DP 1146397	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 13/04/1956	Park




Commentary	Open space, partly cleared in Merrygoen.
Size	7.2ha
Current applicable plans	None
Current & permissible leases/licences	Licence for short-term grazing issued over this reserve. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	PCT 81 (western grey box) on site which can be associated with TECs. No AHIMS items recorded on site.
Management for this Site	Due to remote location of reserve, simple plan of vegetation retention with vegetation ground proofing to determine any new species to be planted. Grazing licences to be short term only in interest of keeping with reserve purpose.


Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 80278: Neilrex Playground Lots 1-3 Sec 3 DP 758761, Lots 3, 6-9 Sec 5 DP 758761, Lots 7300, 7305 DP 1150039	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 10/01/1958	Park



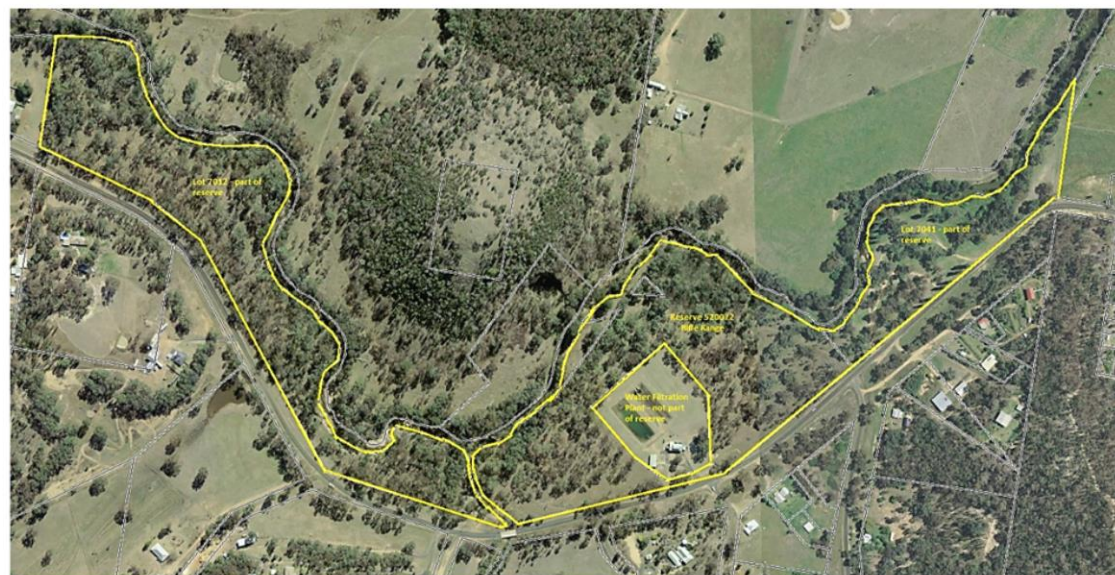
Source: NSW Six Maps

Commentary	Reserve includes a number of separate lots comprising open space in Neilrex with tennis courts and cricket ground.
Size	3.3ha
Current applicable plans	None apply
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	PCT 81 (western grey box) partly covers reserve. This can be associated with TECs. No AHIMS items recorded on site.
Management for this Site	Revegetation projects can contribute to corridor enhancement through this reserve. Preserve hollows in trees, particularly where still upright.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 81773: Jorrock's Park, Lot 701 DP 1028247	Resting Place Gazettal Date: 10/07/1959	Park
		
Commentary	Cleared park located on the Black Stump Way in Coolah. Currently maintained as passive open space.	
Size	3,142m ²	
Current applicable plans	None applicable	
Current & permissible leases/licences	None applicable. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.	
Management for this Site	This open park has potential to be a planned rest area, catering for caravans and larger travelling vehicles. Park is within walking distance of service station and town and silo art adjacent could prove beneficial for visitors to stop. Site could also be leased for temporary events where highway frontage is beneficial. Currently used as an OLDEA (Off Leash Dog Exercise Area.) – review appropriateness of this use.	

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 90694: Greenbah Creek Recreation_Lots 7008-7009 DP 1032352	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 04/02/1977	Natural Area - Bushland
		
Source: Six Maps		
Commentary	This reserve is partly cleared and partly timbered and located on Wingabutta Road in the Greenbah locality north-west of Binnaway. It borders a tributary which leads to Greenbah Creek and contains plant communities which may be associated with threatened species (including Rough Barked Apple, redgum and yellow & western grey box).	
Size	51.44ha	
Current applicable plans/notices	Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomerioi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.	
Current & permissible leases/licences	Nil	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this reserve.	
Management for this Site	Vegetation clearing on this site is not permissible and this reserve should be maintained as a passive park. Plantings of native trees may also be carried out on this reserve. Any non-compliances of farming encroachments to be checked by Council as CLM.	

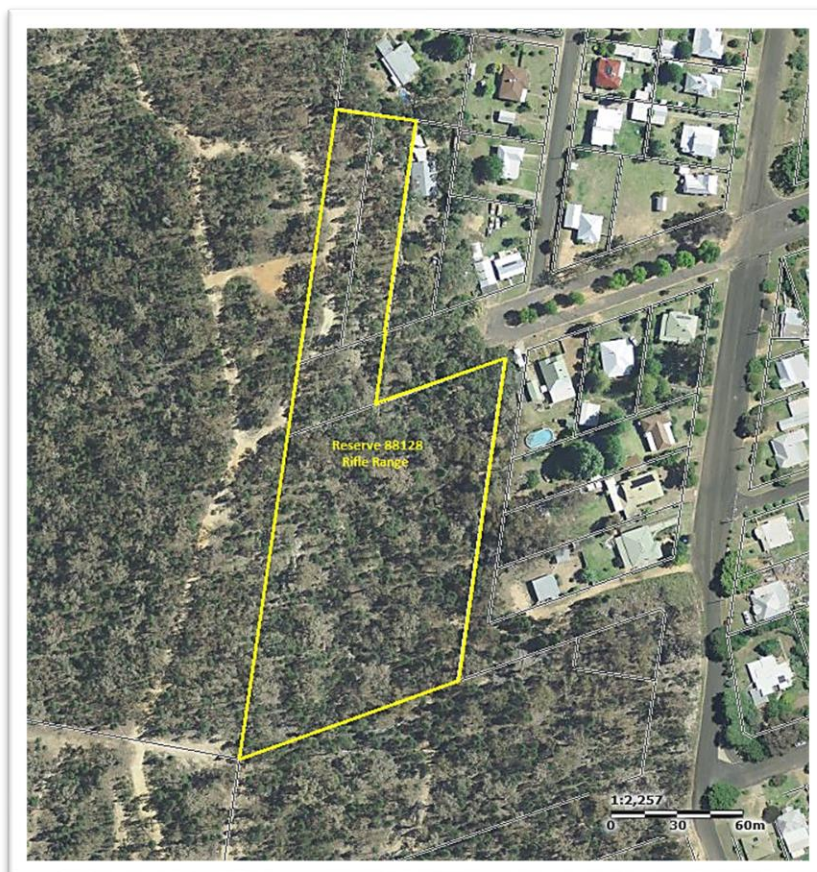
Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 520072: Rifle Range Lot 329-330 DP 753378, Lot 5 DP 839637, Lot 7012 DP 1030457, Lot 7041 DP 1027284	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 10/01/1912	Natural Area - Bushland



Source: NSW Six Maps

Commentary	This Reserve fronts Timor Road and the Castlereagh River and surrounds the water filtration plant.
Size	22.3ha
Current applicable plans	None apply
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Could be leased for grazing to manage weeds and understorey. Provides access to the river. Any leases to consider potential impact on riparian zone. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeri People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	PCTs 84 and 281 are found on site with 281 potentially containing TECs. This Reserve is located near AHIMS listed items which are mentioned as being on Nandi Common. As the AHIMS sites are not on this Reserve, this is mentioned here as more of a precautionary matter and can be handled through this Plan of Management.
Management for this Site	Retain as passive open space, permit controlled river access, monitor weed spread due to nearby large lot residential.

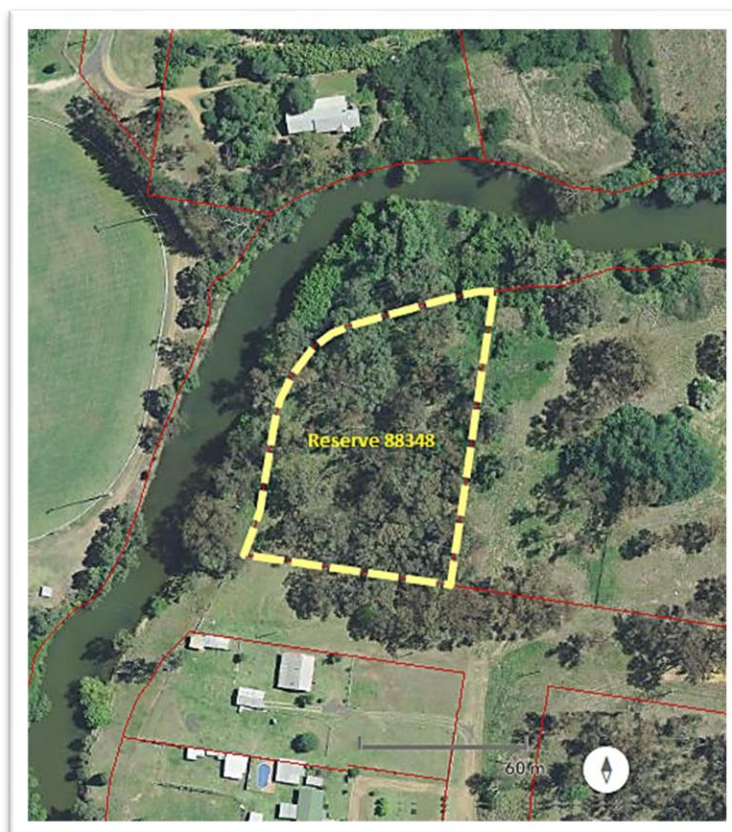
Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 88128: Rifle Range Lot 17-18 Sec 46 DP 758281, Lot 430 DP 753378, Lot 7027 DP 1117881	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 05/02/1971	Natural Area - Bushland



Source: Six Maps

Commentary	Fringe timbered park on western edge of Coonabarabran.
Size	1.05ha
Current applicable plans	None applicable
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Potential for grazing lease to manage understorey if vegetation types warrants this management. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeri People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	PCT 379 listed but does not have TECs associated with it. No AHIMS items listed on site.
Management for this Site	Weed control and due to fringe location, passive uses to limit disturbance to adjoining housing. Soft/cultural burns in consultation with RFS encouraged here due to proximity of dense vegetation to dwellings.

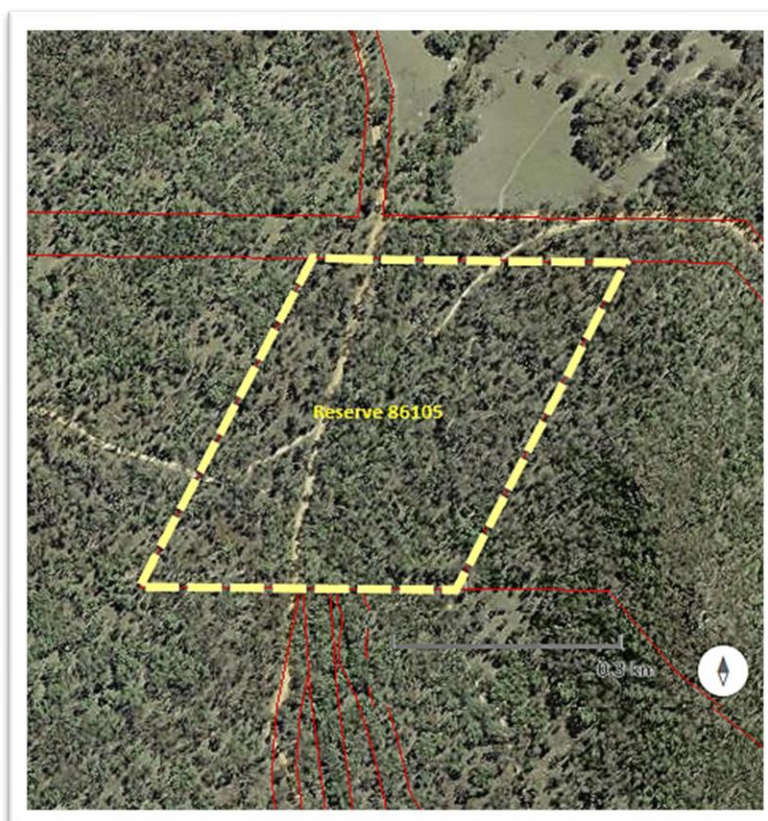
Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 88348: Rifle Range Lot 7038 DP 1055790	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 03/09/1971	Natural Area - Bushland



Source: NSW Planning Portal


Commentary	This passive timbered park on the Castlereagh River is close to town (Coonabarabran) and floodprone.
Size	6,306m ²
Current applicable plans	None applicable
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	This reserve contains PCT 84 (River Oak & rough barked apple) which is not listed to contain TECs. No items found on the AHIMS register.
Management for this Site	Retain passive park and floodplain vegetation. Consider reserve as part of wider open space planning.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 86105: Rifle Range Lot 7001 DP 1016445	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 09/12/1966	Natural Area - Bushland

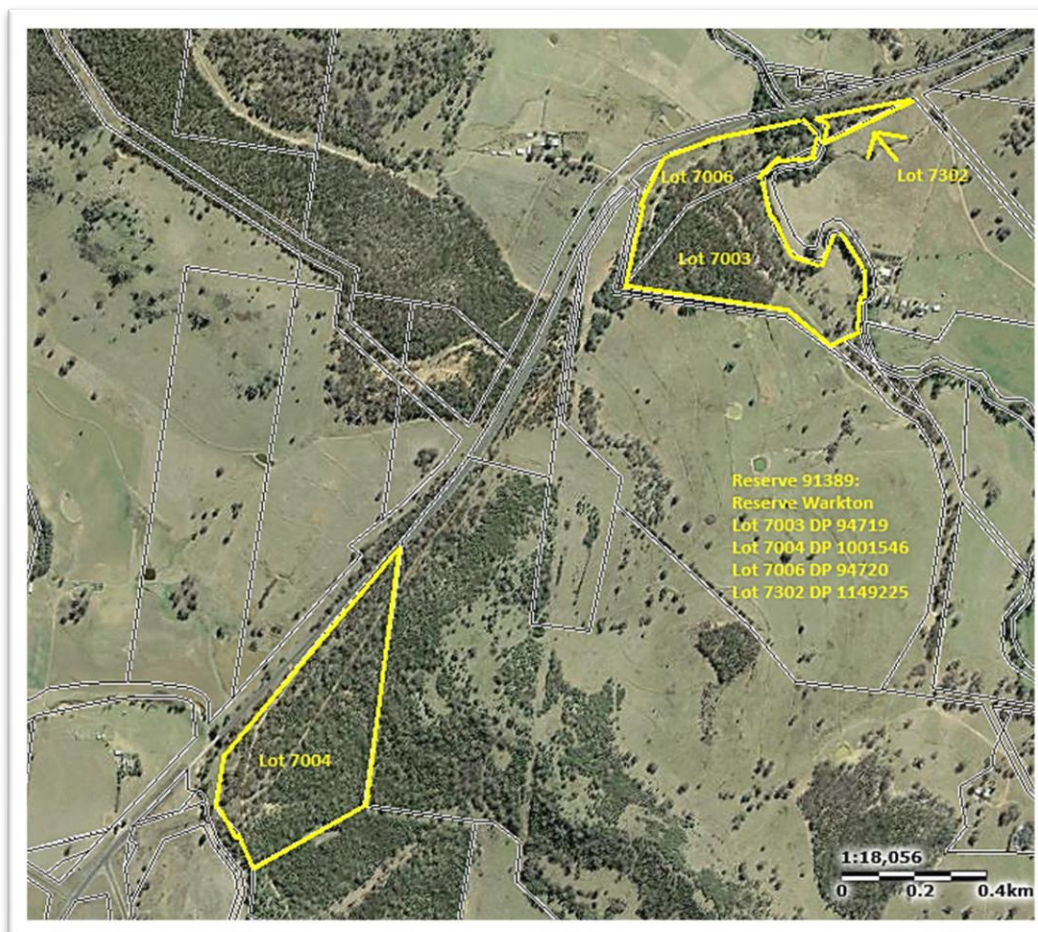


Source: NSW Planning Portal

Commentary	Located north of Coonabarabran in remote rugged country, this Reserve is located on Dandry Creek.
Size	17ha
Current applicable plans	None applicable
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeri People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	This reserve contains 3 sites as recorded in the AHIMS register. These sites can be protected/managed within this PoM rather than disclose their exact location and nature for reasons of protection. The Reserve also contains PCT 401 and 421 with 421 being associated with TECs.
Management for this Site	Natural vegetation retention; location of AHIMS items kept in confidence class for protection; Council to consider keyed access to this reserve following consultation with interest groups.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 1997: Reserve Rocky Glen Lot 29 DP 39719, Lot 7001 DP 96556, Lot 7300 DP 1140484	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 01/12/1884	Natural Area - Bushland
		
Source: <i>NSW Six Maps</i>		
Commentary	Large remote reserve located on Oxley Highway at intersection with Borah Creek Rd. Gazetted in 1884.	
Size	27.2ha	
Current applicable plans	None	
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	PCT 399 and 401 present on the reserve – neither are associated with TECs. No AHIMS items on site.	
Management for this Site	Retain vegetation on reserve. Fire breaks/soft burns to be considered in consultation with RFS.	

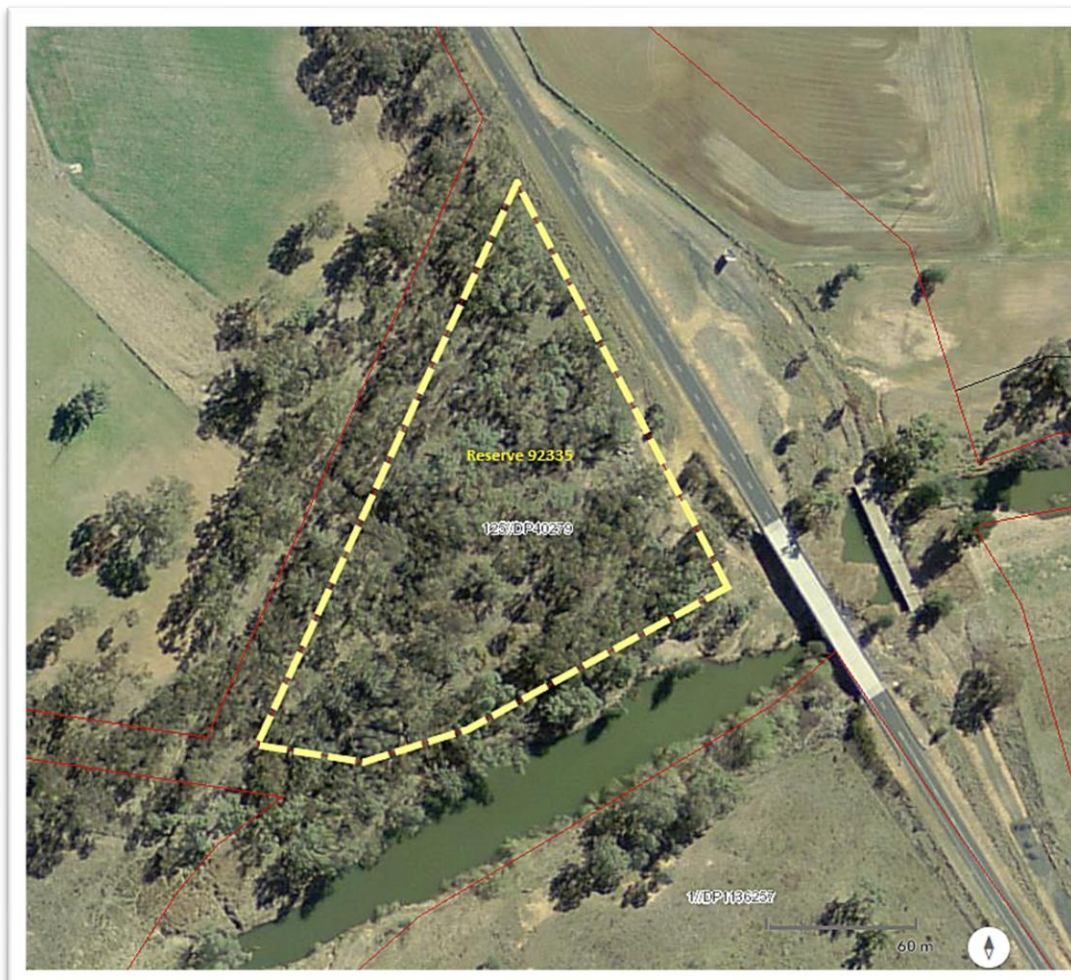
Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 91389: Reserve Warkton_Lot 7003 DP 94719, Lot 7004 DP 1001546, Lot 7006 DP 94720, Lot 7302 DP 1149225	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 16/02/1979	Natural Area - Bushland



Source: NSW Six Maps

Commentary	Remote reserve located off the Newell Highway at Wattle Springs.
Size	43.7ha
Current applicable plans	None applicable
Current & permissible leases/licences	Current licence for grazing issued. This is appropriate and is encouraged to manage understorey. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No AHIMS items listed on the reserve and PCTs 84, 281, 899* exist on the reserve. PCT 281 associated with TECs. No specific listings of endangered/threatened species on this reserve.
Management for this Site	Retain natural vegetation; plant community type on site to be checked for accuracy.

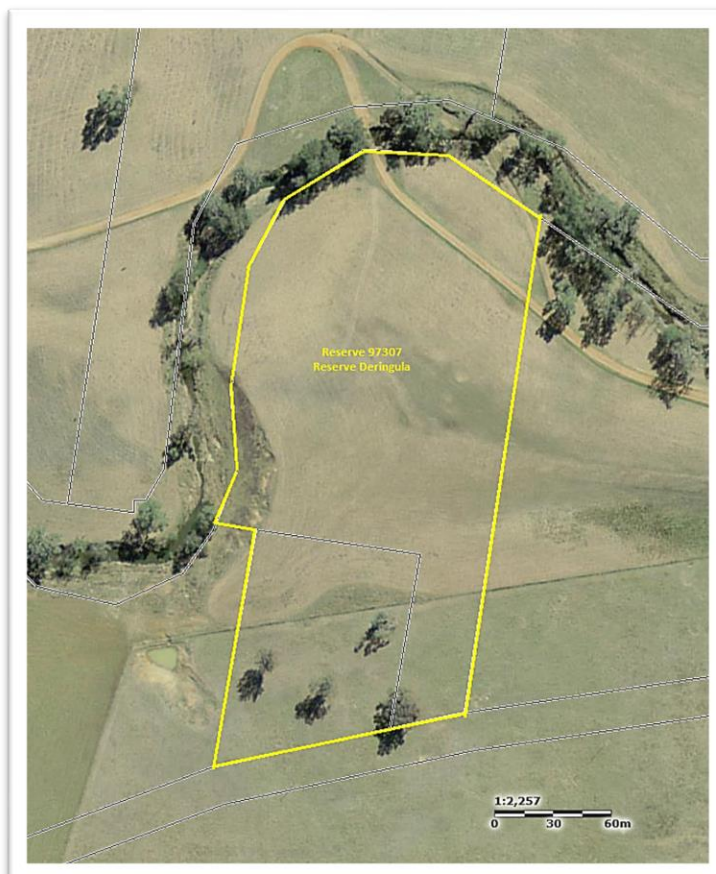
Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 92335: Reserve Ulamambri Lot 125 DP 40279	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 19/05/1980	Natural Area - Bushland



Source: NSW Planning Portal

Commentary	Located south of Coonabarabran, this reserve on the Castlereagh River fronts Warrumbungles Way.
Size	1.9ha
Current applicable plans	None
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No AHIMS items listed for this reserve. PCT 281* covers this reserve (Rough Barked Apple) which is associated with TECs. No specific listings of threatened species on this reserve.
Management for this Site	This reserve is visible from the Highway and contains riparian lands, Riverbank stabilisation works; willow removal; vegetation retention.

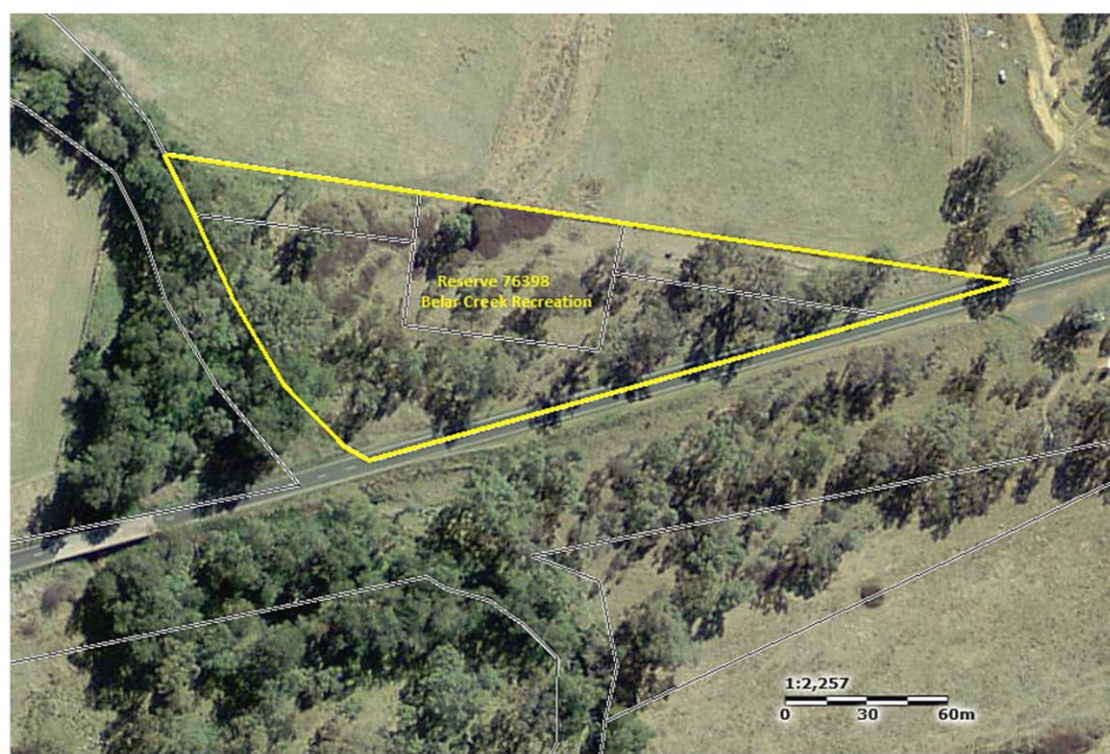
Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 97307: Reserve Deringula Lots 8-9 DP 753380	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 08/06/1984	Natural Area - Bushland



Source: NSW Six Maps

Commentary	This reserve is located on Jack Halls Creek and is substantially cleared.
Size	4ha
Current applicable plans	None applicable
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Licence issued for grazing on this reserve. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	Substantially cleared but contains PCT 84 (River Oak). A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.
Management for this Site	Retain option for short-term grazing licence in acc with Regulations to appropriately manage this reserve. Grazing licence to be short term/temporary in nature due to reserve purpose of public recreation. Consider additional plantings of appropriate species on Jack Halls Creek outside of leased area.

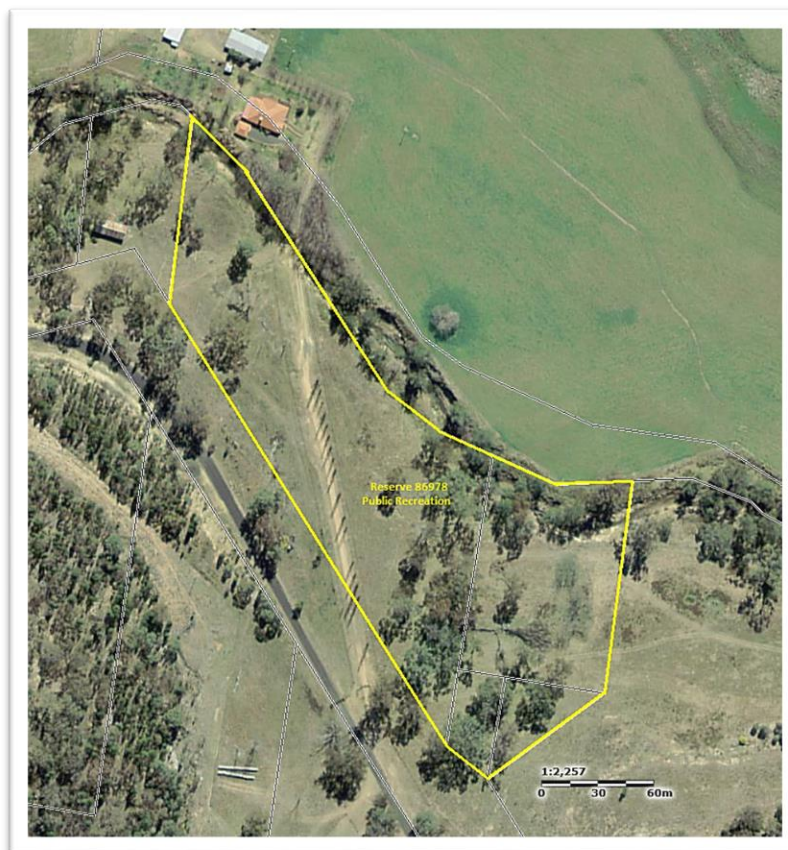
Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 76398: Belar Creek Recreation Lots 64 & 85 DP 753380, Lot 7300-7301 DP 1149225	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 20/11/1953	Natural Area - Bushland



Source: NSW Six Maps

Commentary	Also known as Jack Halls Creek and located at Tannabar, this Reserve is located across from existing Reserve Warkton.
Size	1.7ha
Current applicable plans	None applicable
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No AHIMS items are located on the Reserve. PCT 281 on site but fronting a major highway so opportunities for TECs to thrive are limited. No specific listings of threatened species on this reserve.
Management for this Site	Retain as passive park.

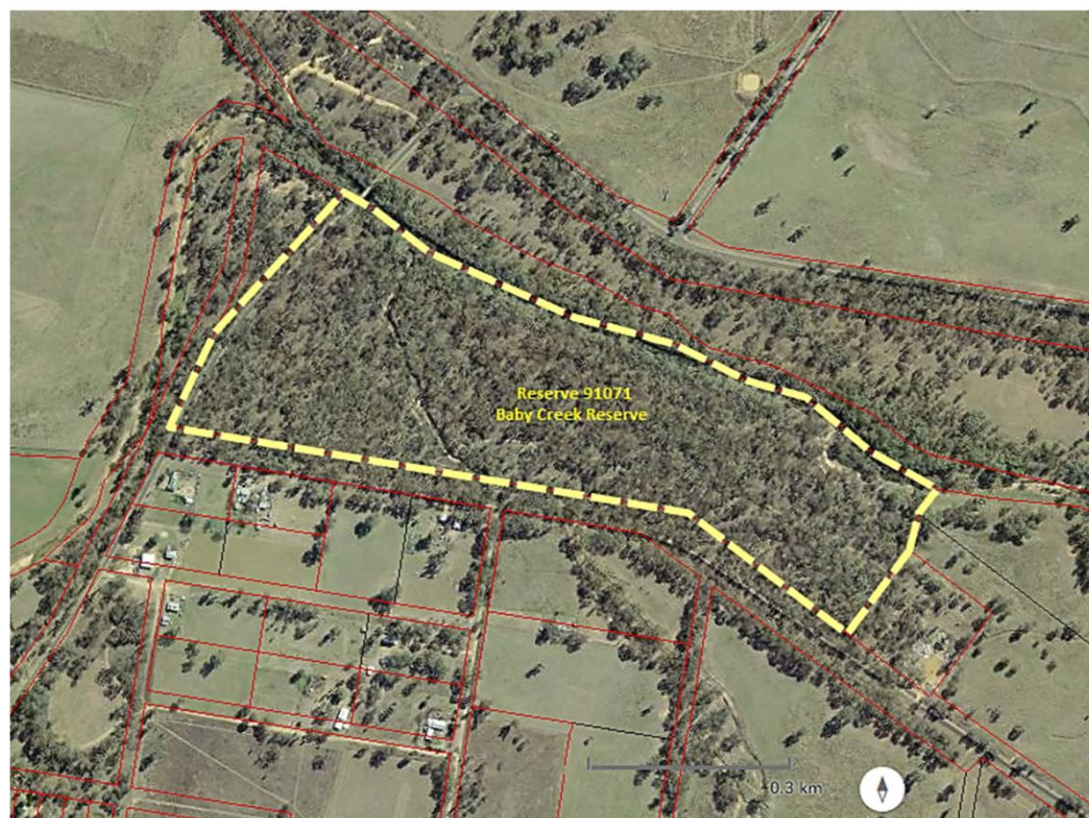
Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 86978: Rifle Range Lots 9- 10 DP 753365, Lot 7300 DP 753365	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 29/11/1968	Natural Area - Bushland



Source: NSW Six Maps

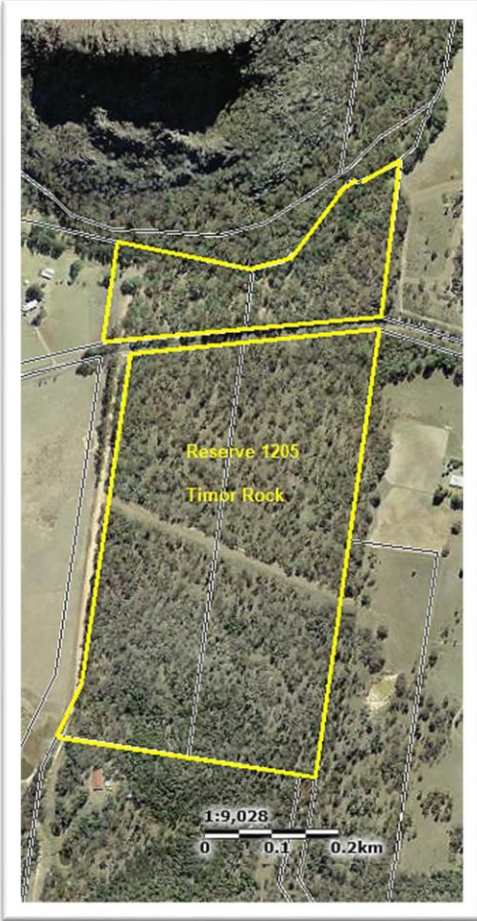
Commentary	This reserve is located off Warkton Road Coonabarabran. Lot 7300 DP 753365 cannot be located, however Crown Lands have confirmed it does exist – it is a closed Crown Road and is part of this reserve.
Size	3.3ha
Current applicable plans	None applicable
Current & permissible leases/licences	Currently leased for short-term grazing. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeri People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	Contains PCTs 281, 395 & 437*. These PCTs can be associated with TECs. Despite this, categorisation of Park can still allow for current land use and protect potential threatened species.
Management for this Site	Any new leases to consider adjacent Creek and need to protect water quality.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 91071: Baby Creek Reserve Lot 131 DP 754983	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 17/03/1978	Natural Area - Bushland



Source: NSW Planning Portal

Commentary	Located south-east of Coonabarabran, this reserve is located in Ulamabri and borders Baby Creek.
Size	28ha
Current applicable plans	None applicable.
Current & permissible leases/licences	None. Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	PCT's 84 & 281 on site. These PCTs can be associated with TECs. Three (3) items found on this lot from the AHIMS register.
Management for this Site	Due to presence of AHIMS items on site and potential for TECs, this site is to be managed as a passive reserve with vegetation retention a high priority. Firewood removal prohibited; hollows in trees to be retained. Any additional items found on site to be notified to OEH for recording and preservation.

Reserve & Number	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 1205: Timor Rock Reserve Lot 16 DP 753399, Lot 7001 DP 1025630, Lot 7003 DP 1029640	Public Recreation Gazettal Date: 23/03/1918	Natural Area - Bushland
		
Source: NSW Six Maps		
Commentary	Located near Timor Rock, this reserve is heavily timbered and split by Timor Road.	
Size	28.78ha	
Current applicable plans	None apply	
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present Current application under Native Title (Tribunal No 2011/006) over this reserve and adjoining lands by the Gomeroi People. Future acts/leases/licences on this Reserve to take this into account.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	PCTs 420 and 379 on site (red stringy bark/rough barked apple and inland scribbly gum). Not associated with TECs but due to dense populations, are significant.	
Management for this Site	Vegetation management including bushfire controls as housing located nearby. Any bushfire management to be done in consultation with local emergency management operations and Crown Lands. Fox and pest animal control including wild dogs. Long term fire strategies to implement small-plot ecological burns where appropriate (SOS Strategy, Brush Tailed Rock Wallaby, DPIE).	

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