

RECREATIONAL SPACE AND COMMUNITY USE

PLAN OF MANAGEMENT



**Narrandera Shire Council
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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ALC	Aboriginal Land Council
ALR	Aboriginal Land Rights Act
CCTV	Closed-circuit television
CLM	Crown Land Manager
CLMA	Crown Lands Management Act
CSP	Community Strategic Plan
CWA	Country Women's Association
DPHI	Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
EPA Act	Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979
km	kilometre
LG Regulations	Local Government (General) Regulations
NTA	Native Title Act 1993
NLEP	Narrandera Local Environment Plan 2013
PoM	Plan of Management
SEPP	State Environmental Planning Policy
TSR	Travelling Stock Route

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Narrandera Shire Council adopted its previous Plan of Management for 'Narrandera Shire Council Crown Land Reserves' in 2013 comprising multiple parcels of Crown reserves within the towns and villages of the shire.

This document is a review of the former Plan of Management and takes into account changes in Crown land legislation following introduction of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* and the application of categories to Crown reserves.

This Plan of Management (PoM) has been prepared by Riverina Agriconsultants on behalf of Narrandera Shire Council and provides direction as to the use and management of council-managed Crown reserves classified as 'community land' in the Narrandera area specifically for passive recreation and organised sporting activities; general community use; and bushland.

This PoM specifically addresses the management of the various parcels of Crown land listed in Table 1 and Annexure 1 and examines the current character, current use and future needs of the lands and their relationship to the surrounding lands and community within which they are located; and provides the framework for Council to follow in relation to the express authorisation of leases and licence on the land.

The PoM is required in accordance with Section 3.23 of the *Crown Land Management Act (CLMA) 2016* and Section 36 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The Council managed Crown reserves are categorised in this 'Recreational Space and Community Use' PoM, as:

- Park;
- Sportsground;
- General Community Use; and
- Natural Area – Bushland.

The categorisation of the respective lands is consistent with the reserves' purposes of public recreation, community purposes and preservation of trees, respectively; and the lands continue to be used for these and associated purposes.

The various categorisations are shown for Narrandera, Barellan, Grong Grong and Kamarah respectively in Annexure 2.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

Narrandera Shire is a local government area in the Riverina region of south-western New South Wales covering an area of 4,116km². The present Narrandera Shire was formed on 1 January 1960 by an amalgamation of the previous Narrandera Municipality and Yanko Shire.

Narrandera is located in the Riverina region of NSW. It is 554km south-west of Sydney and 437km north of Melbourne. Narrandera is on the Sturt Highway between Wagga Wagga to the east and Darlington Point to the west; and on the Newell Highway between Ardlethan to the north-east and Jerilderie to the south-west, being the junction of the Sturt and Newell Highways. The town of Narrandera has developed on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River with an estimated population of 5,931 (2018). The Shire also includes the towns of Barellan, Binya, Grong Grong and Kamarah.

The name 'Narrandera' originates from the Wiradjuri word 'Narrungdera' which means 'place of lizard or goanna'.

The Council managed Crown reserves identified in this PoM, lie within Narrandera and the Shire's villages of Barellan, Grong Grong and Kamarah, the locations of which are provided in Figure 1.

Narrandera has many conservation values due to its historic buildings and tree-lined streets, together with its adjacent connectivity to the Murrumbidgee River's floodplain and nearby Narrandera Range and Bogolong Hills.

Narrandera has a rich history for the Wiradjuri Nation's people who still make up ten percent of the town's population, despite approaching destruction after European settlement and disease. The township of Narrandera was developed in the early 1860s following its survey in 1850 by surveyor James Larmer and contains a number of heritage-listed sites including its railway station and railway bridge also residence 'Derrendi'.

The village of *Barellan*, its name being an Aboriginal expression which literally means 'the meeting of waters', is located 56km north of Narrandera on the Burley Griffin Way. While declining in population, Barellan has a vibrant and energetic community hosting major events annually (Barellan Masters Games and Barellan Working Clydesdales and Heavy Horses 'The Good Old Days' Weekend). Barellan boasts being the first town to have a Country Women's Association (CWA) rest house, built in 1924, and is home to legendary Australian Women's tennis player Evonne Goolagong and the 'Big Tennis Racquet' in her honour.

The village of *Grong Grong* is located 23kms to Narrandera's east on the Newell Highway also has a declining population. The name Grong Grong is also an Aboriginal term meaning 'bad camping ground' or 'very bad camping ground'. Berembid Weir located 20km south of the township is the diversionary gateway for water from the Murrumbidgee River feeding into the Main Canal. The Main Canal flows on to the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area to serve irrigation farmers in the Leeton and Griffith areas.

The village of *Kamarah*, located 47km north-east of Narrandera, is also on the Burley Griffith Way and has a population of approximately 130 (*Australian Bureau of Statistics 25 October 2007*). Kamarah's name comes from the local Aboriginal word for 'sleep' and the village was originally known as 'By Goo'.

Figure 1: Narrandera Local Government Area



2.1 Corporate Objectives

Narrandera Shire has a positive future located at the junction of two major highways and surrounded by a beautiful natural environment. The Shire also marks the transition of extensive broadacre agriculture of the western slopes and plains to the east, into the highly productive Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area (MIA) to the west.

The *Community Strategic Plan 'Community Strategic Plan 2040'* adopted on 21 June, 2022 (refer to Figure 2) is a core document that guides the operations and goals of Council. The *Community Strategic Plan* (CSP) provides a road map of what is important to the community and where it wants to be in the future.

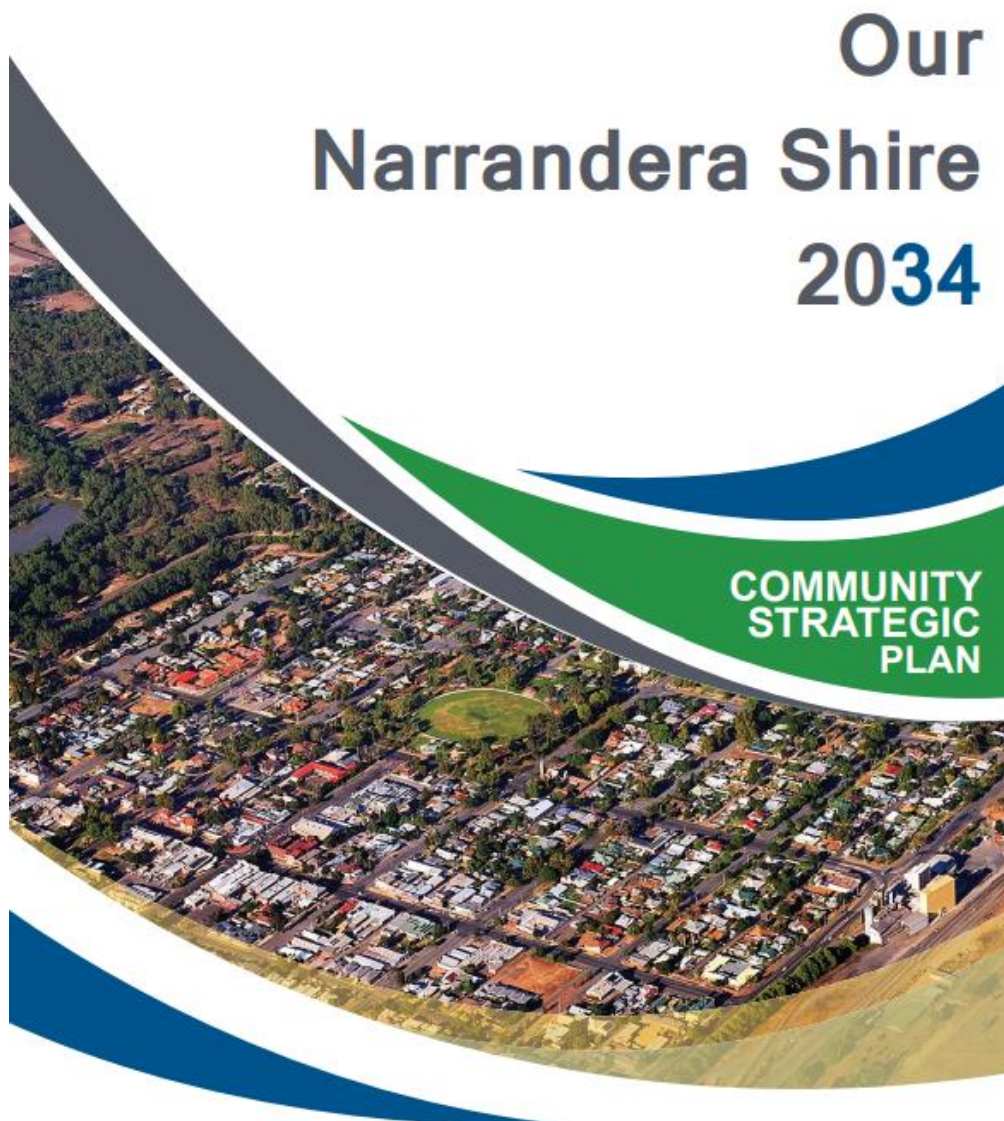
Narrandera Shire's community vision is:

"The vision of our Community Strategic Plan is 'to preserve and enhance the lifestyle of our communities by encouraging, promoting and facilitating the sustainable development of the Shire'. We do this by 'Achieving Together'."

The CSP describes Council's core values as being:

- **Ethical** – transparent and equitable in all our actions;
- **Caring** – helpful, supportive and thoughtful towards each other and our community;
- **Loyalty** – pride in our work and our organisation;
- **Accountability** – responsible for our actions;
- **Integrity** – trustworthy, honest and consistent;
- **Respect** – for each other and the role we play; and
- **Safety** – to work safely to protect ourselves and the public."

Figure 2: Narrandera Shire Council's CSP 'Community Strategic Plan 2040'



The Narrandera community expressed its primary strategies 'Five Key Themes' as:

1. Our Community;
2. Our Environment;
3. Our Economy;
4. Our Infrastructure; and
5. Our Civic Leadership.

Those strategies most pertinent to the implementation of this PoM, as extracted from the adopted *Delivery Program 2022 – 2026*, are:

Our Community

- To live in an inclusive, healthy and tolerant community with a positive attitude towards others
 - Acknowledge and celebrate our local Wiradjuri culture;
 - Support opportunities for community participation in diverse arts and cultural activities;
 - Continue to work with the Aboriginal community fostering mutual respect and understanding through consultation seeking valuable feedback on important projects and initiatives.

Our Environment

- To value, care for and protect our natural environment
 - Key environmentally sensitive areas under the control of Council are managed with awareness and sensitivity.
- Enhance our public spaces to enrich our community
 - Continually assess playgrounds to determine if fit for purpose, ensure compliance with the relevant standards and they meet community needs relevant to the level of use of the area;
 - Implement a renewal and maintenance strategy to support a diverse range of building facilities for the community.

Our Economy

- Create strong conditions for investment and job creation through quality infrastructure and proactive business support
 - Promotion of Narrandera Shire using our heritage buildings, culture, location, waterways, ecotourism also business and sporting facilities.

Our Infrastructure

- To improve, maintain and value-add to our essential public and recreational infrastructure
 - Through consultation with all user groups of Narrandera Shire sporting facilities, prioritise improvements for venues and seek funding to implement the improvements;
 - Establish an off-lease companion animal area adjacent to Henry Mathieson Oval.

Our Civic Leadership

- Have a Council that provides leadership through actions and effective communication
 - Support ethical, transparent and accountable corporate governance;
 - Monitor the availability of Federal and State funding grants payable to Council.

2.2 Purpose of the Plan of Management

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires a Plan of Management (PoM) to be prepared for all public land that is classified as ‘community land’ under that Act noting that the initial PoM was adopted by Council in 2013 under the *Crown Lands Act 1989*.

The *Crown Land Management Act 2016 (the CLMA 2016)* authorises local councils (Council Crown Land Managers appointed to manage dedicated or reserved Crown land) to manage that land as if it were public land under the *Local Government Act 1993*. Therefore, all Crown land reserves managed by Council are also required to have a PoM under the *Local Government Act, 1993*.

The purpose of this PoM is to:

- Review, update and strengthen the initial approved PoM for Crown Land Reserves within Narrandera Shire Council;
- Meet and contribute to Council’s broader strategic goals and vision as set out in the *Community Strategic Plan 2040*;
- Ensure compliance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*;
- Provide a strategic framework for Council to guide sustainable development, land use and management of various Crown land parcels used for open recreational space and community use; and
- Ensure consistent management that reflects the values and expectations of the community, users and other stakeholders in the use of recreational space and community use areas within the Narrandera Shire in a unified approach to meeting the varied needs of the community (locally and more broadly in the context of regional tourism) that supports both Narrandera and the smaller villages of the Shire and promotes a healthy lifestyle.

Council’s objective for Narrandera Shire Council’s Recreational Space and Community Use Lands, as revised in this PoM, is:

“To have oversight of the management over lands that are integral to the liveability and general well-being that reflect the values and expectations of the community, users and other stakeholders in the future.”

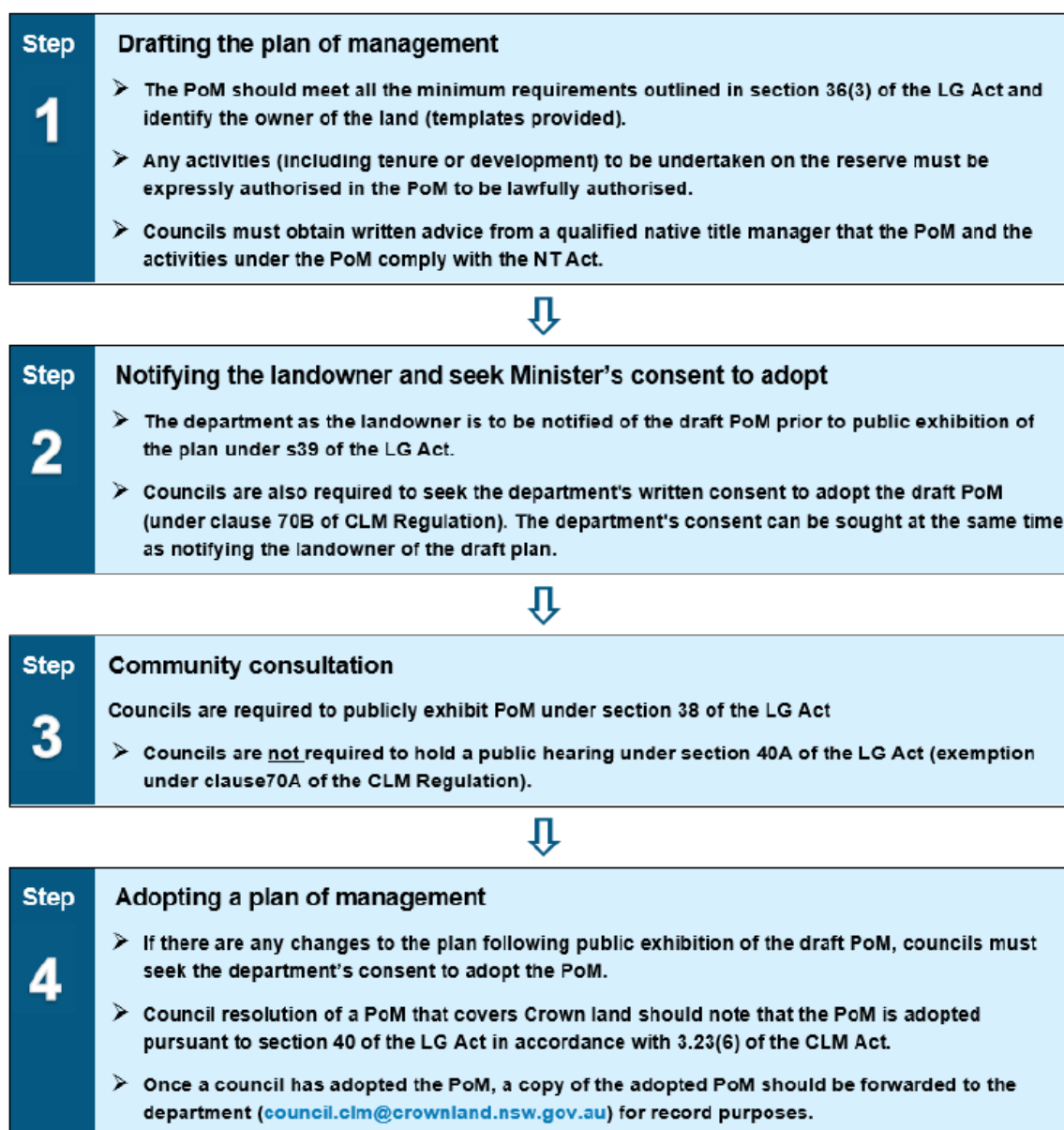
2.3 Process of Preparing this Plan of Management

The process for preparing a PoM for Council managed Crown reserves is shown in Figure 3 (below). This document is a review of the previous PoM adopted by Council in 2013.

The previous PoM outlined management directions for the next 5 to 10 years under prevailing legislation at the time, i.e. *Crown Lands Act 1989*. It is timely that a review be undertaken given the commencement in 2018 of subsequent legislation in relation to management of Crown land, being the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

Figure 3: Flowchart for Consultation and Approval of a Plan of Management

What are the steps in the process for drafting and adopting Plans of Management?



Source: Crown Land Management Amendment (Plan of Management) Regulation 2021 Questions & Answers DOC21/094455

2.4 Change and Review of this Plan of Management

The use and management of the various parcels of land listed in Table 1 and in the Schedule of Lands, in the town of Narrandera (Annexure 1) and the villages of Barellan, Grong Grong and Kamarah, respectively, are regulated by this PoM.

This PoM will require regular review in order to align with community values and changing community needs, and to reflect changes in Council priorities.

Council has determined that a strategic review of this PoM will occur within 10 years of its adoption. However, the performance of this PoM will be reviewed on a bi-annual basis to ensure that the respective reserves are being managed in accordance with the PoM, are well maintained and provide a safe environment for public use and enjoyment. Review of this PoM will also occur should Council make significant changes to its Community Strategic Plan; or if there are significant proposals for use of any of the lands at variance to the categories and use of the land at present.

The community will have an opportunity to participate in reviews of this PoM.

2.5 Community Consultation

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

In preparation of this draft PoM, consultation was undertaken with Council's Governance and Engagement Manager, Open Space and Recreation Manager and the Executive Engineer.

All stakeholders are given the opportunity to express their opinions and provide relevant information in relation to the planned management of the land. As the land is Crown land, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) can assess the PoM as landowner and provide Minister's consent to adopt the PoM.

Council submits the draft PoM to DPHI under section 39 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. This process occurs prior to public exhibition and community consultation of the PoM as shown by Figure 3 (above) 'Flowchart for Consultation and Approval of a Plan of Management'.

If after public consultation there is no change to the categorisation and no additional purpose is required to be added to the reserve, no additional ministerial consent is required. Council can then proceed to adopt the PoM.

If Council proposes a change in the categorisation of the land following public consultation, the Plan must be referred again to the Minister administering the *CLMA 2016* for consent to adopt the PoM.

Community consultation is also offered as a result of the development application process in line with Council's Community Engagement Policy and the Community Participation Plan (2019) (in response to Section 2.23 of the *Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979*).

3.0 LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

This section describes the legislative and policy framework applying to the land covered under this PoM.

3.1 Local Government Act 1993

Community land must be managed according to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 (LG Regulations)*.

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires all Council owned land to be classified as either Operational or Community land. Community land is defined as land that must be kept for the use of the general community and must not be sold. Under the *Local Government Act 1993* community land is required to be managed in accordance with a PoM and any other laws regulating the use of the land. A PoM developed for Community Land Management must include and/or address:

- All community land must be categorised;
- The PoM must contain core objectives for management of the land;
- The PoM must include a description of the condition of the land, and of any buildings or other improvements on the land;
- The PoM must specify the purposes for which the land, and any such buildings or improvements, will be permitted to be used;
- The PoM must specify the purposes for which any further development of the land will be permitted, whether under lease or licence or otherwise;
- The PoM must describe the scale and intensity of any such permitted use or development;
- The PoM must include performance targets;
- The PoM must contain a means for assessing achievement of objectives and performance targets;
- Council must exhibit the draft PoM for 28 days and give at least 42 days for the making of submissions;
- Any amendments to a draft PoM must be publicly exhibited in the same way, until the Council can adopt the draft PoM without further amendment; and
- A Council may only grant a lease, licence or other estate over community land if it is expressly authorised in a PoM.

3.2 Crown Land Management Act 2016

Crown reserves are land set aside on behalf of the community for a wide range of public purposes, including environmental and heritage protection, recreation and sport, open space, community halls, special events and government services.

Crown land is governed by the *CLMA 2016*, which provides a framework for the state government, local councils and members of the community to work together to provide care, control and management of Crown reserves.

Division 3.4 of the *CLMA 2016* specifically relates to Crown land managed by Councils and states:

“3.20 Application of Division

- (1) This Division applies in relation to any local council that is a Crown land manager of dedicated or reserved Crown land (a **council manager**).”

and

“3.21 Management in accordance with *Local Government Act 1993*

- (1) A council manager is authorised to classify and manage its dedicated or reserved Crown land as if it were public land within the meaning of the *Local Government Act 1993*, subject to this Division.

Note—

The term **public land** (as defined by the *Local Government Act 1993*) excludes land to which this Act applies even if it is vested in or under the control of a local council. The Act also requires local councils to classify their public lands as either community land or operational land and manage the land accordingly.

- (2) Accordingly, a council manager is also authorised to manage its dedicated or reserved Crown land as if it were community land or operational land, but only as permitted or required by this Division.

Note—

For example, requirements relating to reporting and plans of management will generally be as provided by the *Local Government Act 1993* rather than this Act.

3.22 Functions of council managers

- (1) Except as provided by subsection (2) or (3), a council manager of dedicated or reserved Crown land—
- (a) must manage the land as if it were community land under the *Local Government Act 1993*, and
 - (b) has for that purpose all the functions that a local council has under that Act in relation to community land (including in relation to the leasing and licensing of community land).
- (2) A council manager of dedicated or reserved Crown land that is a public reserve (as defined in the *Local Government Act 1993*)—
- (a) must manage the land as a public reserve under that Act, and
 - (b) has for that purpose all the functions that a local council has under that Act in relation to a public reserve.

Note—

Section 2.22 enables the Minister to assume responsibility from a local council for the care, control and management of dedicated or reserved Crown land that is a public reserve.”

and

“3.23 Management of land as community land

- (1) **Application** This section applies to a council manager that is required by this Division to manage dedicated or reserved Crown land as if it were community land under the *Local Government Act 1993*.”

and

“(7) The following provisions apply during the period of 3 years after the commencement of this section (the **initial period**)—

- (a) a council manager must ensure that the first plan of management applicable to the land is adopted as soon as practicable within the initial period,
- (b) the first plan of management may be prepared and adopted under Division 2 of Part 2 of Chapter 6 of the *Local Government Act 1993* by—
 - (i) amending an existing plan of management so that it applies to the land, or
 - (ii) adopting a new plan of management for, or that includes, the land.”

Division 3.6 of the *CLMA 2016* specifically relates to plans of management and other plans and states:

“3.33 Preparation of draft plan of management

- (1) The Minister may direct an applicable Crown land manager to prepare a draft plan of management for dedicated or reserved Crown land under the manager’s management.”

and

“3.39 Approvals of activities under Local Government Act 1993 must comply with plans of management

A local council cannot grant an approval for an activity under Part 1 of Chapter 7 of the *Local Government Act 1993* that authorises or requires a person to do (or not to do) anything on or in relation to dedicated or reserved Crown land that would result in a contravention of a plan of management for the land.

3.40 Publication of plans of management

- (1) A copy of a plan of management in force for dedicated or reserved Crown land must be published on the Department’s website or in any other way directed by the Secretary. A failure to do so does not, however, affect the validity of the plan.
- (2) An applicable Crown land manager of the dedicated or reserved Crown land may also publish a copy on the manager’s own website (if any).”

Councils must also manage Crown land in accordance with the objects and principles of Crown land management outlined in the *CLMA 2016* and set out below. The objects and principles are the key values that guide Crown land management to benefit the community and to ensure that Crown land is managed for sustainable, multiple uses. Section 1.4 of the *CLMA 2016* states:

“1.4 Principles of Crown land management

For the purposes of this Act, the **principles of Crown land management** are—

- (a) that environmental protection principles be observed in relation to the management and administration of Crown land, and
- (b) that the natural resources of Crown land (including water, soil, flora, fauna and scenic quality) be conserved wherever possible, and
- (c) that public use and enjoyment of appropriate Crown land be encouraged, and
- (d) that, where appropriate, multiple use of Crown land be encouraged, and

- (e) that, where appropriate, Crown land should be used and managed in such a way that both the land and its resources are sustained in perpetuity, and
- (f) that Crown land be occupied, used, sold, leased, licensed or otherwise dealt with in the best interests of the State consistent with the above principles.”

Crown land management compliance

In addition to management and use of Crown reserves that are aligned with the purpose of the reserve, there are other influences over Council management of Crown reserves. For example, Crown land managers may have conditions attached to any appointment instruments, or Councils may have to comply with specific or general Crown land management rules that may be published in the NSW Government Gazette. Councils must also comply with any Crown land regulations that may be made.

3.3 Zoning and Planning Controls

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EPA Act)* establishes the statutory framework for environmental and land use planning in NSW.

The *Narrandera Local Environmental Plan (NLEP) 2013* is the current local planning instrument.

Under the current *NLEP 2013*, the various parcels of land are respectively zoned as RU5 – Village; RU1 – Primary Production; and E2 – Environmental Conservation, as indicated in the ‘Schedule of Lands’ shown in Annexure 1.

The zonings are more specifically described in *NLEP 2013* as:

“Zone RU1 – Primary Production

1 Objectives of the zone

- To encourage sustainable primary industry production by maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base.
- To encourage diversity in primary industry enterprises and systems appropriate for the area.
- To minimise the fragmentation and alienation of resource lands.
- To minimise conflict between land uses within this zone and land uses within adjoining zones.

2 Permitted without consent

Environmental protection works; Extensive agriculture; Home-based child care; Home occupations; Roads.

3 Permitted with Consent

Agriculture; Air transport facilities; Airstrips; Animal boarding or training establishments; Aquaculture; Bed and breakfast accommodation; Boat launching ramps; Boat sheds; Building identification signs; Business identification signs; Camping grounds; Cellar door premises; Cemeteries; Community facilities; Correctional centres; Depots; Dual occupancies (attached); Dwelling houses; Eco-tourist facilities; Environmental facilities; Extractive industries; Farm buildings; Farm stay accommodation; Forestry; Freight transport facilities; Heavy industrial storage establishments; Heavy industries; Helipads; Home businesses; Home industries; Home occupations (sex services); Industrial training facilities; Information and education facilities; Intensive livestock agriculture; Intensive plant agriculture; Jetties; Landscaping material supplies; Mooring pens; Moorings; Open cut mining; Plant nurseries; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (major); Recreation facilities (outdoor); Research stations; Roadside stalls; Rural industries; Rural workers' dwellings; Sewerage systems; Veterinary hospitals; Waste or resource management facilities; Water recreation structures; Water supply systems.

4 Prohibited

Any development not specified in item 2 or 3."

and

"Zone RU5 – Village

1 Objectives of the zone

- To provide for a range of land uses, services and facilities that are associated with a rural village.

2 Permitted without consent

Environmental protection works; Home based child care; Home occupations; Roads.

3 Permitted with Consent

Centre-based child care facilities; Community facilities; Dwelling houses; Light industries; Neighbourhood shops; Oyster aquaculture; Places of public worship; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (indoor); Recreation facilities (outdoor); Respite day care centres; Schools; Tank-based aquaculture; Any other development not specified in item 2 or 4.

4 Prohibited

Agriculture; Air transport facilities; Airstrips; Animal boarding or training establishments; Cellar door premises; Correctional centres; Electricity generating works; Extractive industries; Farm buildings; Farm stay accommodation; Forestry; Heavy industrial storage establishments; Industries; Mooring pens; Moorings; Open cut mining; Pond-based aquaculture; Rural industries; Rural workers dwellings; Waste disposal facilities."

and

“Zone C2 – Environmental Conservation

1 Objectives of the zone

- To protect, manage and restore areas of high ecological, scientific, cultural or aesthetic values.
- To prevent development that could destroy, damage or otherwise have an adverse effect on those values.

2 Permitted without consent

Environmental protection works; Roads.

3 Permitted with Consent

Building identification signs; Electricity generating works; Environmental facilities; Extensive agriculture; Flood mitigation works; Information and education facilities; Oyster aquaculture; Recreation areas; Research stations.

4 Prohibited

Business premises; Hotel or motel accommodation; Industries; Multi dwelling housing; Pond-based aquaculture; Recreation facilities (major); Residential flat buildings; Restricted premises; Retail premises; Seniors housing; Service stations; Tank-based aquaculture; Warehouse or distribution centres; Any other development not specified in item 2 or 3.”

The respective Land Zoning Maps are shown in Annexure 2.

3.3.1 State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport & Infrastructure) 2021

This Policy – *SEPP (Transport & Infrastructure) 2021* – commenced on 1 March 2021 and provides that certain types of works do not require development consent by a public authority, other agencies or authorised person.

Division 12 of the *SEPP (Transport & Infrastructure) 2021* defines parks and public reserves which this Policy covers, i.e., Crown land within the meaning of the *CLMA 2016* including a public reserve but not including a reserve that is dedicated or reserved for a public cemetery.

Section 2.73 (2)(c) of the Policy provides that in respect of land reserved within the meaning of the *CLMA 2016*, development for any purpose can be carried out without consent by or on behalf of the Secretary, a Crown land manager of the land, the Ministerial Corporation or the Minister administering the *CLMA 2016*, if the development is for the purposes of implementing a PoM adopted for the land under the *CLMA 2016* in relation to such land or in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* in relation to Crown land managed by a Council.

The types of development that may comply with the provisions of Section 2.73 (2)(c) of *SEPP (Transport & Infrastructure) 2021* are set out in Table 6.

Section 2.73 (3) of the Policy provides for a range of construction or maintenance works that are applicable under this Policy which may be carried out by or on behalf of a public authority in connection with a public reserve.

3.3.2 Other Relevant Legislation and Policies

In addition to the requirements of the *CLMA 2016* and the *Local Government Act 1993*, there are a number of other pieces of legislation and Government policies that are relevant to the ongoing management of the respective Crown reserves including:

- *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALRA 1983);*
- *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016;*
- *Biosecurity Act, 2015;*
- *Companion Animals Act 1998;*
- *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act 1979);*
- *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999;*
- *Heritage Act 1977;*
- *Local Land Services Act 2013;*
- *Native Title Act 1993 (NTA 1993 (C'th));*
- *Pesticides Act 1999;*
- *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997;*
- *Rural Fires Act 1997;*
- *Rural Fires Regulation 2002;*
- *State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs); and*
- *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995.*

3.3.3 Council Plans and Policies

The following Council plans and policies are relevant to the on-going management of the Narrandera Shire Recreational Space and Community Use PoM:

- *Narrandera Shire Council Community Strategic Plan 'Community Strategic Plan 2040' and the adopted Delivery Program 2026;*
- *Asset Management Policy;*
- *Cemeteries Policy;*
- *Community Engagement Strategy;*
- *Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022 – 2026;*
- *Events Policy;*

- Land Leases and Licences Policy;
- Weeds Policy;
- Asset Management Policy;
- Recycled Water Policy;
- Risk Management Policy;
- Section 355 Committees 2020 Policy;
- Sport and Recreation Policy;
- Television and Film Production Shoots Policy;
- Tourism Policy;
- Trees Management Policy;
- Volunteering Policy; and
- Websites Policy.

4.0 LAND DESCRIPTION

4.1 Crown Land Included in Plan of Management

This PoM covers various parcels of land within the town of Narrandera and outlying villages of Barellan, Grong Grong and Kamarah incorporating Crown reserves within the Shire of Narrandera predominantly for passive recreation and organised sporting activities; community use; and areas of natural bushland. A brief outline of the reserves incorporated in this PoM is shown in Table 1 (below). More comprehensive information is shown in Annexure 1 and maps of the collective of categorised lands for each town and village are provided in Annexure 2.

The land is owned by the State of New South Wales (as Crown land) and is managed by Narrandera Shire Council as Crown Land Manager under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

Table 1 identifies the various Crown reserves currently under Council's management and the category applied to the lands.

Table 1: Reserves included in this Plan of Management

Assigned Category	Location	Reserve No.	Name	Purpose	Date of Gazette	Lot/DP	Area (ha)
Sportsground	Narrandera	63625	Henry Mathieson Oval	Public Recreation	18 November 1932	269/751719	5.01ha
	Grong Grong	559010	Grong Grong Sportsground	Public Recreation	9 June 1897	1/27/758477* 1 – 10/28/758477* & 7003/1025178	4.826ha
	Kamarah	45736	Kamarah Sportsground	Public Recreation	7 September 1910	7011/94905	4.960ha
Park	Narrandera	68356	Area surrounding Narrandera main reservoir	Public Recreation	26 May 1939	7011/1024985	5.926ha
	Narrandera	93082	Japonica Place Park	Children's Playground	18 July 1980	7016/1024983	479.4m ²
	Narrandera	88222	Wreck of Paddle Steamer viewing platform	Public Recreation	30 April 1971	301 – 302/751719 & 7001/1115835	1.642ha
General Community Use	Narrandera	57075	Brewery Flat Reserve	Public Recreation	16 May 1924	83, 122 – 124 & 127/751719, 7003/1070114 & 7047/1124066	7.091ha
	Barellan	150003	Yapunya Street carpark/street stall	Community Purposes	1 August 1986	17/3/758052*	1,093m ²
Natural Area – Bushland	Barellan	86872	Various parcels surrounding Barellan Village	Preservation of Trees	27 September 1968	701/94874, 7003/94875, 7004/94945, 7005/94946, 7015/751672, 48/751672, 7303/1152481 and 7001 & 7002/94944	60.02ha
	Barellan	53407	Vacant land off Hughenden Road (see ** below)	Public Recreation	1 August 1919	73/751740	4.078ha

Assigned Category	Location	Reserve No.	Name	Purpose	Date of Gazette	Lot/DP	Area (ha)
	Barellan	87306	Area between Kolkilbertoo Road and Showground Road	Public Recreation	1 August 1969	7011/94947	39.14ha
	Barellan	78318	11.2ha Sandy Creek Road, Barellan (see *** below).	7013/94873 and part 23/751672	10 February 1956		24.12ha

*Please note where there are three numbers in Lot/DP column the middle number is the section number.

** Note: The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Crown Land Manager Reserves Portal describes Reserve 53407 as Vacant land off Hughenden Road. However, as this land fronts Centenary Road, future reference will be Reserve comprising Lot 73 DP751740 fronting Centenary Road.

*** Note: The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Crown Land Manager Reserves Portal describes Reserve 78318 as 11.2ha off Sandy Creek Road, Barellan and comprising the whole of Lot 7013 DP94873 and part of Lot 23 DP751672 a total area of 24.12ha. Part of Lot 7013 and the whole of Lot 23 are encroached by GrainCorp's storage bunkers for which a Crown Land Licence has been issued directly by the Department. Future reference will be Reserve 78318 comprising part Lot 7013 DP94873 of an area of approximately 16.8ha.

4.2 Lands Categorised for Sportsground

There are a total of three reserves on 14 separate parcels of land incorporated in the category for Sportsground, being a single parcel of land each for Henry Mathieson Oval, Narrandera and the Kamarah Sportsground; and twelve parcels of land comprising the Grong Grong Sportsground.

Henry Mathieson Oval (Reserve 63625) – This Oval is extensively used for a wide range of junior sports and is a smaller facility that supports nearby Narrandera Sportsground, being the main sporting facility for the town. Henry Mathieson Oval caters for both AFL and NRL codes of football and cricket and also contains three practice nets, toilets (new and old), change-rooms and canteen and other provisions for athletics including long-jump, discus/shot-put. Ancillary infrastructure includes an old brick kiosk, BBQ, two storage sheds and two concrete water tanks. There is an area to the north-west of the main oval that is potentially used as a 'warm-up' area for players and a strip of land to the west comprising Lot 7026 DP1024996 (not part of the Reserve) that forms a drainage line. There is also an area of land set aside in the extreme north-west corner for an off-leash animal area. The overall Oval is well fenced and comprises Eucalyptus species, Callistemon and Council's signature planting of London Plane Trees, providing an aesthetic area for community sporting fixtures.

Grong Grong Sportsground (Reserve 559010) – This Sportsground is an area of public recreation that in the past was used for the annual Rodeo, Team Penning and Gymkhana. The Sportsground has a concrete cricket pitch and was also historically used for playing AFL as one of the home grounds for the Ganmain Grong Grong Matong Lions. The grounds still contain a toilet block and septic system together with a canteen. Although the Sportsground is a vital sporting resource and meeting place for the township and a place where the townspeople and local community may conduct significant annual events, the area is currently under-utilised. There are thickets of African Boxthorn present throughout the site. At the time of preparing this PoM, parts of the Sportsground only are used for grazing purposes. The Grong Grong Sportsground is an extensive area of land (i.e. 4.826 ha) and there is no restriction to the community for the enjoyment of the land. Short-term licences previously issued, have been for a small section of land (about 5,000 square metres) located in the south-west corner of the sportsground, however short-term licence applications for larger areas of Reserve 559010 or for the whole of Reserve 559010 may also be approved provided that the proposed use is in accordance with the reserve purpose.

Kamarah Sportsground (Reserve 45736) – This is the only Crown land parcel in the village and is a vital resource where the townspeople and local community may meet regularly for primarily cricket fixtures, the Kamarah Cricket Club having celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2013. The community maintains the grounds which

comprises two cricket pitches, a kiosk/meeting room and long-drop toilets. The boundary of the oval is fenced with the outer perimeter also fenced albeit of poor quality. The area surrounding the oval boundary contains a variety of native trees including Bimble Box, Acacia species, Callitris, Eucalypts and Kurrajongs, native grasses and forbs including Goodenia, Wahlenbergia and daisy species.

The following photos show current views of the respective 'Sportsground' areas as detailed above.



Henry Mathieson Oval.



Grong Grong Sportsground.



Kamarah Sportsground.

4.3 Lands Categorised for Park

There are a total of three reserves on five separate parcels of land incorporated in the category for Park, all located in the town of Narrandera.

Reserve 68356 comprising the area surrounding the Narrandera Main Reservoir lies between the railway line and Watermain Street to the north; Mount Street on its western boundary and residential properties on its eastern boundary. The three parcels of land reserved specifically for 'trigonometrical purposes' and 'water' have been classified as Operational lands. The main water tower is sited on freehold land being Lot 1 DP611805 and has now been painted with a mural and links regionally with the Silo Art Trail, subsequently, a small carpark, walking track and interpretive signage lie across the boundaries of the main water reservoir and the balance of this reserve.

Council opened the 'Water Tower Playground' in January 2024 to provide a unique and immersive play experience for children, families and visitors generally to the area. The play equipment adds to the visitor experience of the artwork on the adjacent water tower.

The area comprises a number of internal vehicular tracks within the larger area of the lot providing opportunities for passive recreation. Mature trees including Box Gum eucalypts and Cypress Pine, and native grasses add to the ambience of the area within the urban space that also provides a lookout across Narrandera town centre.

The area comprises a number of internal vehicular tracks and, except for the area adjacent to the water reservoirs being maintained, the balance is in a natural state comprising stands of mature trees including Box Gum eucalypts and Cypress Pine and native grasses. Along the land running east/west are a series of low height levee banks designed to capture water and lower the level of sheet flow down the slope toward the railway.

Reserve 93082 is known as Japonica Place Park which lies north of Watermain Street in a small residential cul-de-sac. The park is fenced on its east, west and northern boundaries with its frontage to Japonica Place comprising timber bollard fencing to prevent unauthorised parking of residential vehicles. The park is grassed and contains mature trees. Despite its lack of infrastructure, the park provides an area of open space for passive recreational use by neighbouring families.

Reserve 88222 being the Wreck of the Paddle Steamer Wagga Viewing Platform which is located on Lizard Drive off the Newell Highway (entry opposite Old Brewery Road). Signage to this local Heritage listed site is not evident from the Highway and, at the time of inspection, the sign on Lizard Drive was on the ground. The site of the wreck lies within the Murrumbidgee River and is reminiscent of a time when river transport was vital to townships along the river and their economy. The wreck is only visible during low flows. The reserve is heavily timbered with River Red Gums and there is little clearance for a number of vehicles at any one time.

The following photos show current views of the respective 'Park' areas as detailed above.



Reserve 68356 adjacent to the Water Reservoir.



Reserve 93082 Japonica Place Park.



Reserve 88222 Wreck of Paddle Steamer viewing platform.

4.4 Lands Categorised for General Community Use

There are a total of two reserves on eight separate parcels of land incorporated in the category for 'General Community Use'. One area is located in the town of Narrandera being Reserve 57075 known as Brewery Flat; the second area is located at Barellan comprising Reserve 150003 being the car park and street stall in Yapunyah Street.

Reserve 57075 known as Brewery Flat is located adjacent to the Newell Highway and Old Brewery Road and bordered to its east by Oakbank Street and comprises Lots 83, 122 – 124, DP751719 and Lot 7033 DP1070114 and Lot 7047 DP1124066. Brewery Flat lies between the Main Canal to the north and the Murrumbidgee River to the south. A single parcel of land attributed to Brewery Flat is located to the north-east fronting Narrungdera Street (being Lot 127 DP751719) and adjoins Council's freehold Narrandera Wetland comprising of Lot 1 DP558067. Existing walking tracks through Lot 127 DP751719 provide connectivity to the adjacent wetland.

This area has been used for sporting activities, (primarily cricket) and now is predominantly used for overnight/short stay camping by RV's and caravans comprises Lot 7033 DP1070114, Lots 83, 122, 123 and 124 DP751719 and Lot 7047 DP1124066. An amenities block has been recently refurbished and is located to the south of the main area (which is located across from a boat ramp and picnic area which is not part of this reserve). There are no showers or a dump point located at this site. The area features mature River Red Gums and is a link to a walking track/bike trail that extends to the Narrandera Flora and Fauna Reserve and the Bundidgerry Walking Tracks to the east.

Part of this reserve (being Lot 7003 DP1070114) overlaps in its purpose for travelling stock (Reserve 64706) with management defaulting to the Minister. There is no impact on the use of this parcel of land as a result of dual Reservation purposes.

Reserve 150003 is the Yapunyah Street Carpark and Street Stall. The Street Stall is situated to the front of the Lot adjacent to former business properties fronting Yapunyah Street/Burley Griffin Way. Vehicular access to the car park is via the rear laneway off either Boree Street to the east, or Myall Street to the west. Pedestrian access from Yapunyah Street is via an open gateway that has been landscaped.

The following photos show a current view of each 'General Community Use' area as detailed above in the towns of Narrandera and Barellan.



Reserve 57075 Brewery Flat.



Reserve 150003 Yapunyah Street Carpark/Street Stall.

4.5 Lands Categorised for Natural Area – Bushland

There are a total of four reserves on 11 separate parcels of land incorporated in the category for 'Natural Area-Bushland' all located in and around the village of Barellan. While the purposes include a combination of public recreation and preservation of trees, for all intent and purposes, the areas resemble parcels of native vegetation which are suitable for passive recreational pursuits including bushwalking and bird watching.

Reserve 86872 comprises several parcels of land, as listed in Table 1, surrounding Barellan village for the purpose of preservation of trees. While Lots 7005 DP94946 and 701 DP94874 only are currently held under a Crown Land Licence and separately fenced out by the Licensee, in the event of future possible termination of the Licence, Council would provide ongoing management of all of the lands. It is noted that all of the lands contain significant growth of African Boxthorn.

Reserve 53407 is the land located south-west of Barellan fronting Centenary Road (with its description previously referred to as vacant land off Hughenden Road). Formerly the site of a Public School, there are few visible remnants from this time and the land has generally returned to a natural bushland setting and lends itself to passive recreational opportunities.

Reserve 87306 is an area of natural bushland located between Kolkilbertoo and Showground Roads, north of the railway line at Barellan. This area is fenced and is bounded to its south by the Barellan Golf Course and to its north by farming land. It provides areas for passive recreation including bushwalking and bird watching. This area also contains pockets of African Boxthorn.

Reserve 78318 is an area of approximately 24.12ha adjacent to Sandy Creek Road and lies to the south-south-east of the Barellan Showground. This is an open area parcel of native bushland. Although the Crown Land Manager Reserves Portal advises that this reserve comprises the whole of Lot 7013 DP94873 and part Lot 23 DP751672, the whole of Lot 23 and the eastern part of Lot 7013 has been encroached by GrainCorp's storage bunkers. A Crown Land Licence has been issued directly by DPHI to GrainCorp to authorise these encroachments.

Following are photos of each of these Reserves.



Reserve 86872 an example of Natural Area being one of several areas for the preservation of trees.



Reserve 53407 fronting Centenary Road, Barellan.



Reserve 87306 bushland between Kolkilbertoo and Showground Roads.



Reserve 78318 Sandy Creek Road.

4.6 Lands Now Excluded Following Review of the Former Plan of Management

The current PoM includes only Crown reserves managed by Narrandera Shire Council. Following review of the previous 2013 PoM, a number of reserves have been excluded due to devolution, investiture and classification as Operational Land or other reasons as set out in Table 2 (below).

Although the Department, following its initial review of previous drafts, has suggested that Council apply for appointment as a CLM of devolved lands, Council does not support such a request. Accordingly, devolved lands continue to be excluded from the PoM as set out in the table below.

Table 2: Lands Excluded from this Plan of Management

Reserve No.	Lot/DP/Location	Purpose	Comments
Part 81121	Lot 7315 DP1159952; Lot 117 DP751719 & Part Lot 7311 DP1159952 at Town of Narrandera	Public Recreation	Part Lake Talbot Reserve. Lot 7315 (footpath, formed and unformed roadway); Lot 117 and Part Lot 7311 (used formerly as a quarry site and concrete batching plant) – Now classified as operational land.
1001112	Lot 1 DP1158505; Lots 7032 & 7033 DP1023995; & Lot 1 DP 668097 at Town of Narrandera	Cemetery	Part Narrandera Cemetery. Devolved to Council under s.48 of <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> (See Note below).
65578	Lot 47 DP751705 Locality of Grong Grong	Public Recreation	Reserve adjacent to Murrumbidgee River east of Narrandera. No longer under Council's control.
67351	Lot 80 DP1140946 at Town of Narrandera	War Memorial	Victoria Square Memorial Gardens. Vested to Narrandera Shire Council pursuant to provisions of <i>Section 37AAA Crown Lands Consolidation Act 1913</i> Government Gazette 23 April 1976 (Folio 1801)
68338	Lot 7013 DP1024982 at Town of Narrandera	Trigonometrical Purposes	Trig Station. Reclassified as Operational Land.
68339	Lot 7014 DP1024984 at Town of Narrandera	Water	Dual partially submerged water tanks. Reclassified as operational land.
68340	Lot 7015 DP1024981 at Town of Narrandera	Water	Historical Water Tank. Reclassified as Operational Land.
63082	Lot 268 DP751719 at Town of Narrandera	Night Soil Depot and Rubbish Depot (Addition)	Former Night Soil and Rubbish Depot Narrandera Land Fill. Reclassified as Operational Land.
50209	Lot 166 DP751719 at Town of Narrandera	Night Soil Depot and Rubbish Depot	Former Night Soil and Rubbish Depot. Reclassified as Operational Land.
90845	Lot 311 DP751719 at Town of Narrandera	Rubbish Depot	Narrandera Landfill. Reclassified as Operational Land.
65731	Lot 33 DP252051 at Town of Narrandera	Public Recreation (Children's Playground) notified 7 April 1966	Shady Street Park. Vested to Narrandera Shire Council pursuant to provisions of <i>Section 37AAA Crown Lands Consolidation Act 1913</i> Government Gazette 2 April 1976 (Folios 1529 & 1530).
87706	Lots 1 and 2 Section 78 and now described as Lot 4 DP624855 and Lot 1 DP 1018844 at Town of Narrandera	Rescue Station and Public Hall notified 26 March 1970	Rescue Station and Part Road Reserve. Vested to Narrandera Shire Council pursuant to provisions of <i>Section 37AAA Crown Lands Consolidation Act 1913</i> Government Gazette 2 April 1976 (Folios 1529 & 1530)
83135	Lot 7002 DP94882	Preservation of graves	Colinroobie Cemetery. Devolved to Council under s.48 of <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> (See Note below).
57874	Lots 7008 - 7009 DP94877 at Village of Barellan	Evonne Goolagong Park	Evonne Goolagong Park. Devolved to Council under s.48 of <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> (See Note below).
43910	Lot 14 DP1149099 (formerly the whole of Section 14) at Village of Barellan	Public Recreation notified 19 May 1909	Barellan Sportsground. Vested to Narrandera Shire Council pursuant to provisions of <i>Section 37AAA Crown Lands Consolidation Act 1913</i> Government Gazette 2 April 1976 (Folios 1529 & 1530).
73873	Lot 16, Section 3 DP758052 at Village of Barellan	Children's Playground notified 17 November 1950	Barellan Public Hall and Children's Playground. Vested to Narrandera Shire Council pursuant to provisions of <i>Section 37AAA Crown Lands Consolidation Act 1913</i> Government Gazette 2 April 1976 (Folios 1529 & 1530).

Reserve No.	Lot/DP/Location	Purpose	Comments
43759	Lot 7001 DP94878 at Village of Barellan	Cemetery	Barellan Cemetery devolved to Council under s.48 of <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> (See Note below).
50219	Lots 18 and 104 DP751672 at Village of Barellan	Night Soil Depot, Rubbish Depot	Barellan Landfill . Reclassified as Operational Land.
43283	Lot 7003 DP1024690 at Village of Grong Grong	Public recreation Refuge in time of flood	Known as Green Valley Reserve southern end of Grong Grong River Road. No longer under Council's control.
29405	Lot 7002 DP1023625 at Village of Grong Grong	Preservation of graves.	Devolved to Council under s.48 of <i>Local Government Act, 1993</i> .

*Note: With reference to the Reserves set out in Table 2 (above), according to Fact Sheet DOC19/216495:

"If the reserve is under devolved management, s.48 of LG Act applies. This land is not required to be classified or categorised under the LG Act nor a PoM developed, and the council is not able to issue any tenure of the land as a Crown land manager."

The Department has now advised that a PoM should be prepared in respect of cemeteries on Crown Reserves. Council may also seek appointment as CLM of devolved lands.

4.7 Lands Proposed for Addition to Existing Reserves

The Narrandera Fishing Club has installed significant infrastructure including a boat ramp, shelter, tables, water tank, signage and a pit toilet on part of the eastern section of the Lot. Council undertakes management to the extent of toilet pump out and arranging for emptying of an on-site skip bin. Members of the community and visitors utilise the site for short-term camping (maximum 3 days) and boat launching. The balance of the Reserve is largely unused.

It is noted that a Crown Land Licence has been issued for the purpose of a Channel-Pump site to benefit adjacent freehold land. An undetermined Aboriginal Land Claim has been lodged over Lot 129 DP754552 as referred to in Table 5. Council at this stage has not entered into dialogue with either DPHI, LLS or the Narrandera LALC in relation to future management options of part of Lot 129 DP754552. Should Council resolve to investigate future management of the developed area, it is likely that an additional reserve purpose of 'Public Recreation' would be proposed with a category of 'Park'. It is not intended that any further infrastructure would be installed other than potential signage so as not to cause any further material harm to the land.

While Council awaits resolution of the relinquishment of LLS's management of the area, and resolution of the potential for Council to be appointed as CLM (subject to investigation of the ALC), Council should enter into an appropriate agreement with the Department to provide for ongoing maintenance of the site.

5.0 BASIS OF MANAGEMENT

Narrandera Shire Council intends to manage its community land to meet:

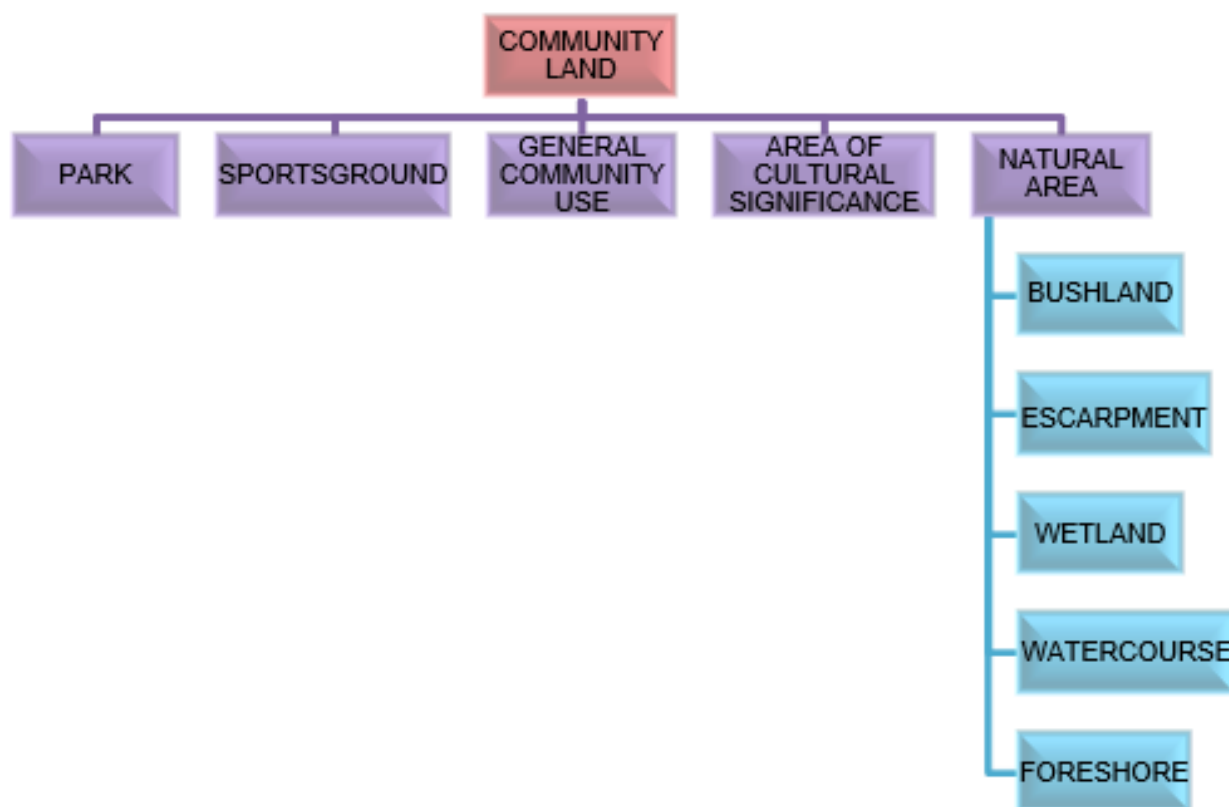
- Assigned categorisation of community land;
- The *Local Government Act 1993* guidelines and core objectives for community land;
- Restrictions on management of Crown land community land;
- Council's strategic objectives and priorities; and
- Development and use of the land outlined in Section 6 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

5.1 Categorisation of the Land

With the introduction of the *CLMA 2016*, Council is to manage any dedicated or reserved Crown land under their control as community land under Section 3.21 of the Act.

All 'Community Land' is required to be categorised as one or more of the following categories. Where the land is owned by the Crown, the category assigned should align with the purpose for which the land is dedicated or reserved.

The *Local Government Act 1993* defines five categories of community land:



The five categories more specifically are:

- **Park** – for areas primarily used for passive recreation;
- **Sportsground** – for areas where the primary use is for active recreation involving organised sports or the playing of outdoor games;
- **General community use** – for all areas where the primary purpose relates to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social, and intellectual welfare or development of members of the public. This includes venues such as community halls, scout and guide halls, and libraries;
- **Cultural significance** – for areas with Aboriginal, aesthetic, archaeological, historical, technical, research or social significance; and
- **Natural area** – for all areas that play an important role in the area’s ecology. This category is further subdivided into bushland, escarpment, foreshore, watercourse and wetland categories.

The *CLMA 2016* also provides a new regime for the management of Crown land and accordingly, Council is now responsible for compliance with Native Title legislation for the Crown land it manages. Council must obtain Native Title Manager advice as to the validity of any act or activity that it wishes to undertake on Crown reserves (or Crown land) prior to dealing with the land, i.e. authorised through Part 2 Division 3 of the *Native Title Act (NTA) 1993 (C’th)*.

The *Aboriginal Land Rights (ALR) Act 1983* and the *NTA 1993 (C’th)* recognises the intent of the original reserve purpose of the land so that a complying activity can be considered lawful or validated.

On Crown land, Native Title rights and interests must be considered unless:

- Native Title has been extinguished; or
- Native Title has been surrendered; or
- Determined by a court to no longer exist.

Examples of acts which may affect Native Title on Crown land reserves managed by Council include:

- The construction of new buildings and other facilities such as toilet blocks, walking tracks, tennis courts, grandstands and barbeques;
- The construction of extensions to existing buildings;
- The construction of new roads or tracks;
- Installation of infrastructure such as powerlines, sewerage pipes, etc;
- The issue of a lease or licence; and
- The undertaking of earthworks.

Council applied for the categorisation of Henry Mathieson Oval (Reserve 63625), Grong Grong Sportsground (Reserve 559010) and Kamarah Sportsground (Reserve 45736) as **‘Sportsground’** which closely relates to the reserves’ purpose of Public Recreation.

Council applied for the categorisation of the area surrounding the Main Reservoir (Reserve 68356) and Japonica Place Park (Reserve 93082) as **'Park'** which closely relates to the reserves' purposes of Public Recreation and Children's Playground respectively.

Council applied for the categorisation of the Wreck of the Paddle Steamer Viewing Platform (Reserve 88222) as **'General Community Use'** however the Minister administering the *CLMA 2016* directed Council to categorise this area as **'Park'**.

Council applied for the categorisation of Brewery Flat, Narrandera (Reserve 57075) and the Yapunyah Street Car Park/Street Stall (Reserve 150003) as **'General Community Use'** which closely relates to these reserves' purposes of Public Recreation and Community Purposes, respectively.

In respect of the various small parcels of land around Barellan (collectively Reserve 86872) and the area fronting Kolkilbertoo Road (Reserve 87306), Council applied for the categorisation of **'Natural Area – Bushland'** which closely reflects the respective purposes of Preservation of Trees and Public Recreation.

In respect of land fronting Sandy Creek Road, Barellan (Reserve 78318) and the land fronting Centenary Road, Barellan (Reserve 53407), Council applied for the category of **'General Community Use'** to be applied to both parcels. However, the Minister administering the *CLMA 2016* directed Council to categorise these areas as **'Park'**. The purpose of both parcels is Public Recreation. Conversely, this PoM proposes to alter the category of Reserves 78318 and 53407 to **'Natural Area – Bushland'** which better reflects the current features of the land as both contain remnant vegetation.

Activities on the land as described in Table 10 will need to reflect the intent of the public purpose and will be assessed for compliance with relevant Local Government and Crown Lands legislation, including assessment of the activity under the *NTA 1993 (C'th)* and registered claims under the *ALR Act 1983*.

5.2 Guidelines and Core Objectives for Management of Community Land

The management of community land is governed by the categorisation of the land, its purpose, and the core objectives of the relevant category of community land (see Section 5.1 Categorisation of the Land). Council may then apply more specific management objectives to community land, though these must be compatible with the core objectives for the land.

The guidelines for categorisation of community land are set out in the *Local Government Act 1993* with the core objectives and guidelines for respective categories outlined in Section 36 of the Act as shown in Table 3 (below):

- Natural Area is outlined in Section 36E;
- Sportsground is outlined in Section 36F;
- Park is outlined in Section 36G; and
- General Community Use in Section 36I.

Community land is valued for its important role in the social, intellectual, spiritual and physical enrichment of its residents, workers, and visitors to the Narrandera Shire Council area.

Table 3: Guidelines and Core Objectives of Community Land

Category	Guidelines	Core Objectives
Natural Area – <i>Section 36E</i>	Land which is or proposed to be used for passive recreation; or is proposed to be maintained and conserved in its natural state or enhanced accordingly.	“(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, and (b) to maintain the land, or that feature or habitat, in its natural state and setting, and (c) to provide for the restoration and regeneration of the land, and (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 (e) to assist in and facilitate the implementation of any provisions restricting the use and management of the land that are set out in a recovery plan or threat abatement plan prepared under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 or the Fisheries Management Act 1994 .”
Sportsground – <i>Section 36F</i>	Land which is or proposed to be used primarily for active recreation involving organised sports or the playing of outdoor games.	“(a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games, and (b) to ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.”
Park – <i>Section 36G</i>	Land which is, or proposed to be, improved by landscaping, gardens and infrastructure that supports uses of the land for recreational, social, educational and cultural pursuits that do not unduly intrude on the peaceful enjoyment of the land by others.	“(a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities, and (b) to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and (c) to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.”
General Community Use – <i>Section 36I</i>	Land that may be made available for use for any purpose that community land may be used, whether by the public at large or by specific sections of the public.	“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— (a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and (b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).”

5.3 Restrictions on Management of Crown Land

Council is the Crown land manager of the Crown reserves described in this PoM in accordance with the legislation and conditions imposed by the minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. The use of the land described in this PoM must:

- Be consistent with the purpose for which the land was dedicated or reserved;
- Consider native title rights and interests and be consistent with the provisions of the Commonwealth *Native Title Act 1993*;

- Consider the inchoate interests of Aboriginal people where an undetermined Aboriginal Land Claim exists;
- Consider and not be in conflict with any interests and rights granted under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*; and
- Consider any interests held on title.

5.4 Aboriginal Significance

A search of the Office of Environment and Heritage AHIMS Web Services (Aboriginal Information Management System) on 18 January, 2021 confirms that all the lots comprised within the PoM have:

- No Aboriginal sites recorded on or near the lands; and
- No Aboriginal places have been declared on or near the lands.

A July 2024 check of Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) – Crown Lands Schedule of Incomplete Aboriginal Land Claims (ALC's) – has identified that claims are still undetermined in respect of the following parcels of land contained within this PoM as indicated in Table 4 (below).

It is acknowledged that as the identified ALC's have not yet been determined, there may be interests in the land, as yet unknown, and therefore future use of the land must align with the current reserve purpose.

Any proposed development or tenure authorised by this PoM should not proceed where:

- The proposed activity could prevent the land being transferred to an ALC claimant should the undetermined claim be granted;
- The proposed activity could impact or change the physical or environmental condition of the land, unless:
 - Council has obtained written consent from the claimant Aboriginal Land Council to carry out the proposed work or activity; and/or
 - Council has obtained a written statement from the Aboriginal Land Council confirming that the subject land is withdrawn (either in whole or in part) from the land claim.
- The proposed activity is a lease to be registered on Title unless Council has obtained written consent from the claimant Aboriginal Land Council.

Table 4: ALC's Over Lands Contained in Plan of Management (July 2024)

Reserve No.	Lot/DP	Location
57075	83/751719, 122 – 124/751719, 127/751719 7003/1070114, 7047/1124066	Brewery Flat Reserve at Narrandera.
88222	301/751719, 302/751719, 7001/1115835	Wreck of Paddle Steamer viewing platform at Narrandera.
Part 86872	7001/94944, 7002/94944, 701/94874, 7005/94946, 7003/94875	Part area of Preservation of Trees at Barellan.
45736	7011/94905	Kamarah Sportsground.
93082	7016/1024983	Japonica Place Park.

87306	7011/94947	Land between Kolkilbertoo and Showground Roads, Barellan.
53407	73/751740	Land fronting Centenary Road, Barellan.
150003	17/3/758052*	Yapunyah Street Car Park and Street Stall, Barellan.

*Please note where there are three numbers in Lot/DP column the middle number is the section number.

The above-mentioned Schedule of ALC's also identifies the following claims lodged over lands identified for potential addition to Council's Crown Land management portfolio.

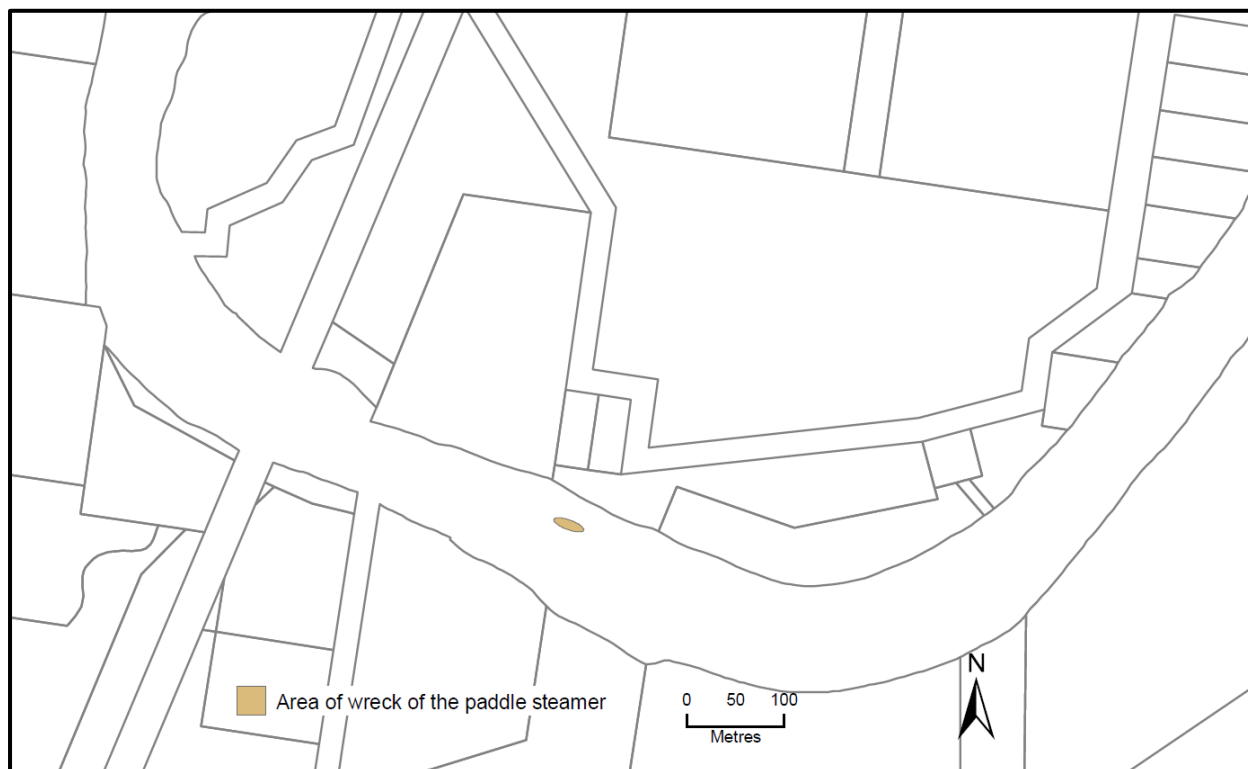
Table 5: ALC's over Lands Proposed for Future Management (July 2024)

Reserve No.	Lot/DP	Location
17806	129/754552 and 7005/1024187	Buckingbong Reserve currently Travelling Stock Reserve (TSR) not believed to be used for this purpose.

5.5 Heritage Significance

NLEP (2013) identifies the "Remains of PS Wagga Wagga" as being locally Heritage listed as shown on Figure 4 and identified as I074 in 'Schedule 5 Environmental Heritage'.

Figure 4: NLEP (2013) Heritage Map Identifying Area of Wreck of Paddle Steamer



6.0 LAND USES

Council in its Community Strategic Plan (CSP - refer to Section 2.1) includes a theme of 'Our Environment' with environmentally sensitive areas to be managed with awareness and sensitivity; and for the enhancement of public spaces to enrich the community.

The *Delivery Program 2022 - 2026* based on the CSP includes themes of 'Our Infrastructure' and 'Our Leadership'. Collectively, these themes provide Council with pathways to engage the community in future use and development of the varied areas contained within the PoM in accordance with the identified reserve's purpose and in such a way that supports long-term viability of the use of the land.

To achieve this, Council maintains valued working relationships and partnering both within the local community and through support from other government and non-government agencies. Council is able to better assess its existing infrastructure, seek funding opportunities, promote recreational spaces with tourism networks and to work directly with its local user groups who actively use the lands, particularly in the case of town and small village sportsgrounds.

While the lands contained within this PoM do not have any long-term lease or licence opportunities, there remains the options for short-term licence or user agreements primarily for sporting fixtures and, potentially, for grazing opportunities to assist Council in weeds management on its larger Crown reserves.

6.1 Permissible Uses and Developments

Community land is valued for its important role in the social, intellectual, spiritual and physical enrichment of its residents, workers and visitors to the Narrandera Shire Council area. The use and further development of community land should be compatible with both the intended function of the land in accordance with the relevant zoning, and in consideration of the wider community context. This is particularly relevant where lands are valued within the small village community and its location provides a place for people to meet and interact.

Narrandera Shire Council encourages a wide range of uses of community land, and it intends to facilitate these uses to increase the vitality and general enjoyment of the land and, in so doing, strengthen the local communities. This is particularly relevant to those passive and active recreational and sporting facilities as well as the natural areas that abound within the Narrandera Shire.

The use of community land is encouraged and supported by appropriate ancillary development, such as playground equipment, sporting infrastructure (such as goal posts), amenity blocks and interpretive signage. The general types of uses which may occur on community land categorised as Sportsground, Park, General Community Use and Natural Area – Bushland, and the forms of development generally associated with those uses, are set out in Table 6 (below). Subject to community needs and expectations, the facilities on community land may change over time, provided they fit within the associated reserve purpose and categorisation of the respective land.

Without negating Council's capacity to manage the Crown reserves and respective assets, opportunities may also arise for alternate management practices, i.e. through Council staff, Section 355 Committees (as appropriate) etc.

Table 6 provides a general guide as to future anticipated uses and associated development, for example where a new sport may be supported by a local committee that is not currently played in the local community. Terminologies are therefore not intended to be used exclusively but to be generalised to provide a degree of flexibility of interpretation for the PoM within parameters as described in categories above.

Proposed developments, however, need to take into account the Future Act provisions of the *NTA 1993 (C'th)* and any current interests associated with undetermined ALC's lodged under the *ALR Act 1983 (NSW)*. In this regard, written advice of Council's appointed Native Title Manager is to be obtained prior to any development or formalised occupation of land being approved by Council.

Subsequently, a variety of uses intended to be enjoyed on the lands are set out in Table 6 (below).

Table 6: Purpose/Use and Associated Development

Purpose/Use for Sportsground	Development to Facilitate Uses as a Sportsground
▪ Active and passive recreational and sporting activities consistent with the nature of the particular land and any relevant facilities e.g. oval (cricket, football, track and field athletics, baseball/softball). ▪ Ancillary recreational and sporting activities consistent with the nature of the particular land and relevant facilities (e.g. practice nets/courts, interchange benches). ▪ Equestrian type facilities consistent with the nature of the particular land and any relevant facilities (e.g. penning yards, stables, rodeo (or similar) ground, stock ramp/gates, etc). ▪ Change room/locker areas. ▪ Shower/toilet facilities. ▪ Primitive camping area that supports community events. ▪ Appropriate rubbish collection facilities supporting community events. ▪ Kiosk/BBQ facilities. ▪ Ancillary areas (meeting rooms, recording rooms, equipment storage areas, other storage rooms). ▪ Shade structures, storage ancillary to recreational uses, community events or gatherings, and public meetings. ▪ Water storage and associated facilities (water tanks, troughs). ▪ Lighting. ▪ Commercial uses associated with sports facilities e.g. kiosks, café, sale or hire of recreational equipment sports tuition, riding tuition.	▪ Development for the purposes of conducting and facilitating organised sport (amateur and professional). ▪ Sports training. ▪ Promotion of organised and unstructured recreation facilities. ▪ Provision of amenities and services to facilitate use and enjoyment of the community land i.e. change rooms, toilets, storage, first aid areas, water storage (including upgrade of existing or build of new facilities). ▪ Kiosk facilities/BBQ facilities. ▪ Lighting suited to facilitate events and/or night training. ▪ Meeting and catering rooms. ▪ Compatible, small scale commercial uses (eg farrier, trade table suited to activity of the event). ▪ All-inclusive access infrastructure (including roads and paths). ▪ Overnight camping with approved event. ▪ CCTV and other public safety provisions.
Purpose/Use for Park	Development to Facilitate Use as Park
▪ Active and passive recreation including children's play. ▪ Group recreational use such as picnics and private celebrations. ▪ Markets. ▪ Events and gatherings.	▪ Development for the purposes of improving access, amenity and the visual characters of the park. ▪ Amenities to facilitate the safety, use and enjoyment of the park e.g. children's play equipment or exercise equipment.

- Filming and photographic projects. - Community gardens. - Areas including car and bus spaces. - Walking tracks.	- Lighting and seating. - Areas (e.g. access paths and walking tracks). - BBQ facilities and sheltered seating areas. - Installation of rubbish bins. - Community gardens. - CCTV and other public safety provisions.
Purpose/Use for General Community Use	Development to Facilitate General Community Use
- Provides a location for and supports the gathering of groups for a range of general social, cultural or recreational purposes that includes areas/buildings with specialised community uses and benefits. - Casual or informal recreational use. - Meeting or informal gatherings for social, recreational, educational or cultural purposes. - Markets/street stalls. - Car park.	- Interpretive and other signage. - Landscaping including soft and hard scapes. - Lighting. - Seating. - Development for the purposes of addressing the needs of a community group (car parking and access, market/street stall facility and view platform (new or upgrade)). - Walking tracks. - Maintain undeveloped sites to minimise potential hazards. - CCTV and other public safety provisions.
Purpose/Use for Natural Area – Bushland	Development to Facilitate use as Natural Area - Bushland
- Provides a location that supports, protects and enhances existing native vegetation and provides for associated passive recreational use. - Environmental protection works to mitigate against floods, fire, etc. - Passive recreational use including bushwalking, bird watching, educational studies. - Revegetative programs.	- Interpretive signage. - Fencing. - Weed management practices including mechanical weed management, spraying and short-term crash grazing. - Walking tracks. - Implement and maintain flood mitigation measures.

6.2 Express Authorisation of Leases and Licences and Other Estates

Under section 46(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, leases, licences and other estates formalise the use of community land. A lease, licence or other estate may be granted to organisations and persons, community groups, sports clubs and associations, non-government organisations, charities, community welfare services, non-profit organisations and government authorities.

The lease or licence must be for uses consistent with the reserve purpose(s), the assigned categorisation and zoning of the land, be in the best interests of the community as a whole, and enable, wherever possible, shared use of community land.

Any lease or licence proposal will be individually assessed and considered, including the community benefit, compatibility with this PoM, the capacity of the community land itself and the local area to support the activity.

A lease is normally issued where exclusive control of all or part of an area by a user is proposed. In all other instances a licence or short-term licence or hire agreement will be issued.

6.2.1 Leases and Licences Authorised by the Plan of Management

This PoM **expressly authorises** the issue of leases, licences and other estates over the land covered by the PoM, 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* (C'th);
- 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*; and
- 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.

This PoM also 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 *Local Government Act, 1993*.

Section 3.17 of the *Crown Land Management Act, 2016* refers to special provisions of Crown Land Managers (i.e. extending to leases, licences, permits, easements or rights of way) that may be granted with reference to Section 2.19 of the *Crown Land Management Act, 2016* (secondary interests in dedicated or reserved Crown land); and Section 2.20 of the *Crown Land Management Act, 2016* (short-term licences over dedicated or reserved Crown land).

The issue of any licence granted by Council over Reserve 91721 and Reserve 159002 must also have consideration to Section 47B of the *Local Government Act, 1993* in respect of 'Natural Areas'.

6.2.2 Short-Term Licences

Short-term licences and bookings may be used to allow the Council to program different uses of community land at different times, allowing the best overall use.

Short-term licences are authorised for the purpose of:

- The playing of a musical instrument, or singing, for fee or reward;
- Engaging in a trade or business;
- The playing of a lawful game or sport;

- The delivery of a public address;
- Commercial photographic sessions;
- Picnics and private celebrations such as weddings and family gatherings;
- Filming sessions; and
- The agistment of stock.

Narrandera Shire Council enters into 'user-agreements' through its booking request procedure for use of sportsgrounds in accordance with the purpose of the reserve. While there are currently no short-term grazing licences in place at either the Grong Grong Sportsground or the natural bushland areas (excluding the direct licence between DPHI Crown Lands and Licensee), there is further opportunity for grazing practices to reduce biofuel mass on these parcels of land, particularly outside of annual events held at the Grong Grong Sportsground.

Fees for short-term casual bookings will be charged in accordance with the Council's adopted fees and charges at the time.

6.2.3 Native Title and Aboriginal Land Rights Considerations in Relation to Leases, Licences and Other Estates

Further to Section 5.1 – 'Categorisation of the Land' and with reference to Native Title Assessment, Council is required under the provisions of the *CLMA 2016*, to undertake steps to identify whether the activity proposed on Crown land will affect Native Title. Council must further consider what provisions of the *NTA 1993 (C'th)* will validate the activity; and what procedures should be taken in relation to a particular activity prior to its commencement.

When planning to grant a lease or licence on Crown reserves, the Council must comply with the requirements of the *NTA 1993 (C'th)* and have regard for any existing claims made on the land under the *NSW ALR Act, 1983*.

Accordingly, Council must obtain written advice from its Native Title Manager in relation to certain activities and acts carried out on Crown land where the land is not excluded land, in accordance with Native Title legislation. The interests of any Aboriginal Land Claim are to also be considered. Such advice is to be sought from Council's Native Title Manager prior to any applicable works, activities and dealings being undertaken on any of the lands comprised in this PoM.

6.2.4 Easements

Council reserves the right to grant easements as required for access, public utilities and works associated with, or ancillary to, public utilities and provision of services, or connections for premises on or through the land comprised within this PoM. The impact of easement(s) is to be considered in the decision-making process for such services.

The granting of easements over Crown land will be subject to the provisions of the *NTA 1993 (C'th)* and Division 8.3 of the *CLMA 2016*.

Copies of respective Certificates of Title for lands comprised within this PoM indicate that there are no easements that have been registered that impact on the lands excepting the following:

- Lot 302 DP751719 (part Reserve 88222 Wreck of Paddle Steamer Viewing Platform). Notified in Gazette 14-5-1976 Fol. 2090. Easement for Transmission Line 30.48 metres wide affecting part of the land;
- Lot 7001 DP1115835 (part Reserve 88222 Wreck of Paddle Steamer Viewing Platform). DP1104346 Easement for Water Supply affecting the whole of the land; and
- Lot 7011 DP1024985 (Reserve 68356). Notification in Government Gazette dated 16-01-1981 Fol. 350. Easement for Pipeline 5m wide affecting part of the land.

7.0 PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The following action plan, in Table 7, Table 8, Table 9 and Table 10 (below), sets out the requirements under Section 36(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* with respect to:

- The category of the land;
- The objectives and performance targets of the PoM;
- The proposed means by which to achieve the objectives and performance targets; and
- The proposed manner in which the objectives and performance targets are assessed for performance and whether they require the prior approval of Council in relation to the carrying out of any specified activity on the land.

Responsibility: Narrandera Shire Council (NSC)

Table 7: Objectives and Performance Targets of this Plan of Management - Sportsgrounds

Performance Target	Actions	Priority	Performance Indicator
Legislative			
To ensure that relevant legislation is complied with in relation to preparation of the PoM.	1. The PoM is prepared in accordance with Native Title Manager advice, the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> , the <i>CLMA 2016</i> , <i>NTA 1993 (C'th)</i> and the <i>ALRA 1983</i> .	High	▪ The PoM is reviewed by Council's Native Title Manager and approved by Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands. ▪ Council exhibits and adopts the PoM subject to community comments being addressed.
Management			
To provide quality facilities; assess the current facilities, condition and use of the lands in accordance with community expectations.	1. Consultation and development in accordance with Council's Community Strategic Plan and relevant Policies. 2. Review and update Council's Asset Management Plan. 3. Provide maintenance to meet required service levels inclusive of grounds, trees, sport and equestrian type infrastructure (as applicable) and car parking. 4. Install sewer dump point in relation to Grong Grong sportsground for primitive camping and upgrade existing amenities/toilet facilities. 5. Investigate opportunities on-going for management of part Buckingbong Reserve (Lot 129 DP754552)	On-going	▪ Assets (current and future) are managed in accordance with prescribed Council standards and community expectations. ▪ Community consultation in regard to meeting future community needs. ▪ Maintenance service levels to meet requirements in accordance with adopted budgets. ▪ Review of 'User Agreements/tenure conditions' as applicable. ▪ Undertake relevant discussions with DPHI, LLS and Narrandera LALC. ▪ Take necessary action if possible. ▪ Feedback from community user groups and visitors is positive and any negative feedback is acted upon as necessary.
Asset Management Plan in place to maintain and	6. Update the Asset Management Plan (as required).	On-going	▪ Asset renewal considered in 10-year financial planning cycle (as applicable).

Performance Target	Actions	Priority	Performance Indicator
enhance the respective sportsgrounds.			Source options for relevant funding in association with asset renewal planning.
Manage the Sportsgrounds and respective facilities for the safety of all users.	7. Conduct regular safety audits to assess the property on a risk assessment basis	Ongoing	- Reduce likelihood for injury resulting from poor infrastructure. - Reduce vandalism. - Feedback from community, user-groups and visitors is positive and any negative feedback is acted upon as necessary.
Infrastructure			
Upgrade respective Sportsground infrastructure to meet the needs of the community.	- Ensure ongoing inspection and assessment of infrastructure in accordance with Council and OHS legislation. - Plan and renewal of infrastructure in accordance with community needs, asset management guidelines and budgetary constraints. - Continue to maintain the respective facilities to a high standard to accommodate all types of activities associated with Sportsgrounds to maximise usage.	On-going	- Grounds are respectively maintained to meet service level requirements appropriate to usage types and unsafe infrastructure is promptly removed ie, obsolete toilet block and inter-change benches at Henry Mathieson Oval. - Install infrastructure to support prime time camping at Grong Grong Sportsground. - Feedback from community, user-groups and visitors is positive and any negative feedback is acted upon as necessary.
Environment			
To promote and maintain the health of existing native vegetation.	- Preserve and protect existing native vegetation. - Use native species for landscaping and revegetation as applicable. - Remove weeds and revegetate areas appropriate to land-use, design and management of respective areas.	On-going	- Undertake regular weed inspections and implement a weed removal program. - Staff are appropriately trained in safe handling and use of appropriate chemicals on the land. - Existing native vegetation is well maintained for both aesthetics of the respective Sportsgrounds and safety of user groups, visitors and management. - Feedback from community, user-groups and visitors is positive and any negative feedback is acted upon as necessary.

Table 8: Objectives and Performance Targets – Parks

Performance Target	Actions	Priority	Performance Indicator
Legislative			
To ensure that relevant legislation is complied with in relation to preparation of the PoM.	1. The PoM is prepared in accordance with Native Title Manager advice, the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> , the <i>CLMA 2016</i> , <i>NTA 1993 (C'th)</i> and the <i>ALRA 1983</i> .	High	▪ The PoM is reviewed by Council's Native Title Manager and approved by Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands. ▪ Council exhibits and adopts the PoM subject to community comments being addressed.
Management			
To provide quality facilities; assess the current facilities, condition and use of the lands in accordance with community expectations.	1. Consultation and development in accordance with Council's Community Strategic Plan and relevant Policies. 2. Provide maintenance to meet required service levels of grounds, trees and park infrastructure (as relevant).	On-going	▪ Assets (current and future) are managed in accordance with prescribed Council standards and community expectations. ▪ Community consultation in regard to meeting future community needs.
Manage the park and open space areas (as applicable) for the safety of all users.	3. Conduct regular safety audits to assess the property on a risk basis.	On-going	▪ Reduction in vandalism. ▪ Appropriate signage is installed. ▪ Feedback from community is positive and negative feedback is acted upon as necessary.
Infrastructure			
Upgrade park infrastructure.	1. Ensure ongoing inspection and assessment of infrastructure (as appropriate).	On-going	▪ Install appropriate exercise equipment, landscaping, seated shelter(s) and walking tracks on area adjoining the main water reservoir to enhance visitation and use in conjunction with adjacent water tower silo-art. ▪ Improve safe access between the area adjacent to main water reservoir and Narrandera Township. ▪ Maintain signage of Wreck of Paddle Steamer Viewing Platform and install directional signage.
Environment			
Provide quality passive recreation areas.	1. Consider and plan for future needs and expansion of playground/exercise areas, open space and/or landscaping as necessary. 2. Landscaping using native species to contribute to aesthetic values of the Narrandera Township. 3. Consider the safety of the community in the maintenance of	On-going	▪ Staff are appropriately trained in safe handling and use of appropriate chemicals on the land. ▪ Feedback from community is positive and negative feedback is acted upon as necessary.

Performance Target	Actions	Priority	Performance Indicator
	the recreational areas and open space in the use of chemicals.		

Table 9: Objectives and Performance Targets – General Community Use

Performance Target	Actions	Priority	Performance Indicator
Legislative			
To ensure that relevant legislation is complied with in relation to preparation of the PoM.	1. The PoM is prepared in accordance with Native Title Manager advice, the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> , the <i>CLMA 2016</i> , <i>NTA 1993 (C'th)</i> and the <i>ALRA 1983</i> .	High	▪ The PoM is reviewed by Council's Native Title Manager and approved by Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands. ▪ Council exhibits and adopts the PoM subject to community comments being addressed.
Management			
Provide quality facilities; assess the current facilities.	1. Consultation and development in accordance with Council's Community Strategic Plan and Policies for the respective sites at Brewery Flat, Narrandera and Yapunyah Street Car Park/Street Stall, Barellan.	On-going	▪ Assets (current and future) are managed in accordance with prescribed Council standards and community expectations. ▪ Community consultation in regard to community needs.
Manage, monitor and record overnight camping at Brewery Flat.	2. Manage overnight visitation of RV and caravans to prevent negative impact on the land. 3. Limit duration of overnight stays in accordance with Council's March 2013 resolution (or as updated). 4. Record visitation to enable improved future planning is adequate for visitor needs in accordance with the site's capacity.	On-going	▪ Liaise with Lake Talbot Tourist Park Manager as necessary. ▪ Feedback from community is positive and negative feedback is acted upon as necessary.
Infrastructure			
Upgrade infrastructure as necessary for respective sites.	1. Ensure ongoing inspection and assessment of infrastructure (as appropriate). 2. Maintain service level of car park at Yapunyah Street, Barellan. 3. Maintain landscaping at car park, Yapunyah Street entry. 4. Install sewer dump point at Brewery Flat, Narrandera in suitable location i.e. not on area with dual Reservation for Travelling Stock Reserve. 5. Maintain all weather access.	On-going	▪ Community consultation in regard to community needs. ▪ Amenities are inspected regularly and maintained to meet community expectations. ▪ Feedback from community is positive and negative feedback is acted upon as necessary.

Performance Target	Actions	Priority	Performance Indicator
Environment			
To promote and maintain the health of existing native vegetation.	1. Landscaping at Brewery Flat using native species to contribute to aesthetic values of the linked areas of native bushland and the Murrumbidgee River. 2. Ensure that continued camping and use does not negatively impact on the natural environment. 3. Ongoing inspection for assessment and management of weeds.	On-going	▪ Staff are appropriately trained in safe handling and use of appropriate chemicals on the land. ▪ Feedback from community is positive and negative feedback is acted upon as necessary.

Table 10: Objectives and Performance Targets – Natural Area – Bushland

Performance Target	Actions	Priority	Performance Indicator
Legislative			
To ensure that relevant legislation is complied with in relation to preparation of the PoM.	1. The PoM is prepared in accordance with Native Title Manager advice, the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> , the <i>CLMA 2016</i> , <i>NTA 1993 (C'th)</i> and the <i>ALRA 1983</i> .	High	▪ The PoM is reviewed by Council's Native Title Manager and approved by Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands. ▪ Council exhibits and adopts the PoM subject to community comments being addressed.
Management			
To manage natural bushland areas to maintain integrity of habitat and promote passive recreational use.	1. Manage and maintain the integrity of the natural bushland areas in accordance with Council's Community Strategic Plan and appropriate Policies. 2. Ensure ongoing inspection and assessment of the lands. 3. Ensure appropriate tenure (where applicable).	On-going	▪ Ensure no illegal dumping of rubbish or garden waste and promptly remove as necessary. ▪ Provide interpretive signage where appropriate. ▪ Issue short-term grazing licences (as necessary) and monitor outcomes. ▪ Implement development measures on adjoining lands (as necessary). ▪ Feedback from community is positive and negative feedback is acted upon as necessary.
Environment			
Maintain health of existing native vegetation.	1. Monitor and assess environmental biodiversity of the respective areas. 2. Carry out regular weed inspections and implement necessary weed removal strategies.	High	▪ Improved health of native vegetation through removal of environmental weeds particularly African Boxthorn (<i>Lycium ferocissimum</i>). ▪ Implement soil erosion measures where necessary. ▪ Staff are appropriately trained in safe handling and use of appropriate chemicals on the land.

Performance Target	Actions	Priority	Performance Indicator
	3. Consider the safety of the community in the maintenance of passive recreational areas. 4. Carefully consider the use of chemicals and pest control measures within the remnant vegetation areas.		Feedback from community is positive and negative feedback is acted upon as necessary.

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Annexure 1

Schedule of Lands

SCHEDULE OF LANDS

Category	Reserve No.	Location	Reserve Name	Lot/DP	Area	Purpose	Gazette date	Zoning	Improvements	Lease/Licence Other Estate
Sportsground	63625	Narrandaera	Henry Mathieson Oval	Lot 269 DP 751719 Parish Narrandaera, County Cooper Lot 1 Section 27 DP758477; Lots 1-10 Section 28 DP 758477; & Lot 7003 DP 1025178 Parish Lupton, County Bourke	5.01 ha	Public Recreation	18/11/1932	RU5 - Village	AFL and NRL goalposts, cricket pitch (2) and practice nets (3), kiosk, sheltered bench seating (2) change rooms/toilet facilities, BBQ, lighting, athletics facilities, concrete water tanks (2), galvanised storage sheds (2), signage, fencing, landscaping	User Agreement
	559010	Grong Grong	Grong Grong Sport Ground		4.826 ha	Public Recreation	09/06/1897	RU5 - Village	Kiosk/toilet facilities, yards and stock ramp, stables, lighting, signage	?
	45736	Kamarah	Kamarah Sportsground	Lot 7011 DP 94905 Parish North Bolaro, County Cooper	4.960 ha	Public Recreation	7/09/1910	RU1 - Primary Production	Kiosk, shed (storage/meeting), internal & external fencing, timber bench seating, long-drop toilets, gate-entry shed	?
Park	68356	Narrandaera	Area surrounding Narrandaera main Reservoir	Lot 7011 DP1024985 Parish Narrandaera, County Cooper	5.926 ha	Public Recreation	26/05/1939	RU5 - Village	Sealed road to carpark (adjacent to main reservoir/silo art) and internal tracks.	None
	93082	Narrandaera	Japonica Place Park	Lot 7016 DP1024983 Parish Narrandaera, County Cooper Lots 301-302 DP 751719; Lot 7001 DP 1115835 Parish Narrandaera, County Cooper	479.4 m2	Children's Playground	18/07/1980	RU5 - Village	Timber bollard fencing fronting Japonica Place, neighbouring colourbond fencing, limited landscaping	None
	88222	Narrandaera	Wreck of Paddle Steamer Viewing Platform	Lots 83, 122-124, 127 DP 751719; Lot 7003 DP 1070114; & Lot 7047 PD 1124066 Parish Narrandaera, County Cooper	1.642 ha	Public Recreation	30/04/1971	RU5 - Village	Steel and timber decked viewing platform, interpretive signage, internal track off Lizard Drive, Narrandaera	None
General Community Use	57075	Narrandaera	Brewery Flat Reserve		7.091 ha	Public Recreation	16/05/1924	RU5 - Village	Brick toilet block, walking tracks linking to Bundidgerry Walking Track, signage	None
	150003	Barellan	Yapunyah Street Carpark/ Street Stall	Lot 17 Section 3 DP 758052 Parish Barellan, County Cooper	1093 m2	Community Purposes	1/08/1986	RU5 - Village Lot 48 DP 751672 and Lot 7303 DP 1152481 RU1 - Primary Production. Balance of Reserve E2- Environmental	Street stall - Colour-bond shed with tile roof; steel post chain fencing adjacent to landscaped garden entry to car park; adjoining boundary fencing	None DPIE entered directly into a Licence agreement late 1980's in respect of Lot 7005 DP 94946 & Lot 701 DP 94874 for Pig Farm, Agriculture & Grazing.
	86872	Barellan	Various parcels surrounding Barellan Village	Lot 701 DP 94874; Lot 7003 DP 94875; Lots 7001-7002 DP 94944; Lot 7004 DP 94945; Lot 7005 DP 94946; Lot 48 DP 751672; Lot 7303 DP 1152481 Parish Barellan, County Cooper	Total 60.02 ha	Preservation of Trees	27/09/1968	Conservation	Some areas fenced	
Natural Area - Bushland	78318	Barellan	Vacant land fronting Sandy Creek Road, Barellan	Part Lot 7013 DP 94873 Parish of Barellan, County Cooper	Approx. 24.12 ha	Public Recreation	10/02/1956	RU1 - Primary Production		
	87306	Barellan	Area between Kolkilbertoo Road and Showground Road	Lot 7011 DP 94947 Parish Barellan, County Cooper	39.14 ha	Public Recreation	1/08/1969	RU1 - Primary Production	Perimeter fencing	None
	53407	Barellan	Vacant land fronting Centenary Road	Lot 73 DP751740 Parish Waugh, County Cooper	4.078 ha	Public Recreation	1/08/1919	Production	Perimeter fencing	None current

Annexure 2

Land Zoning Maps

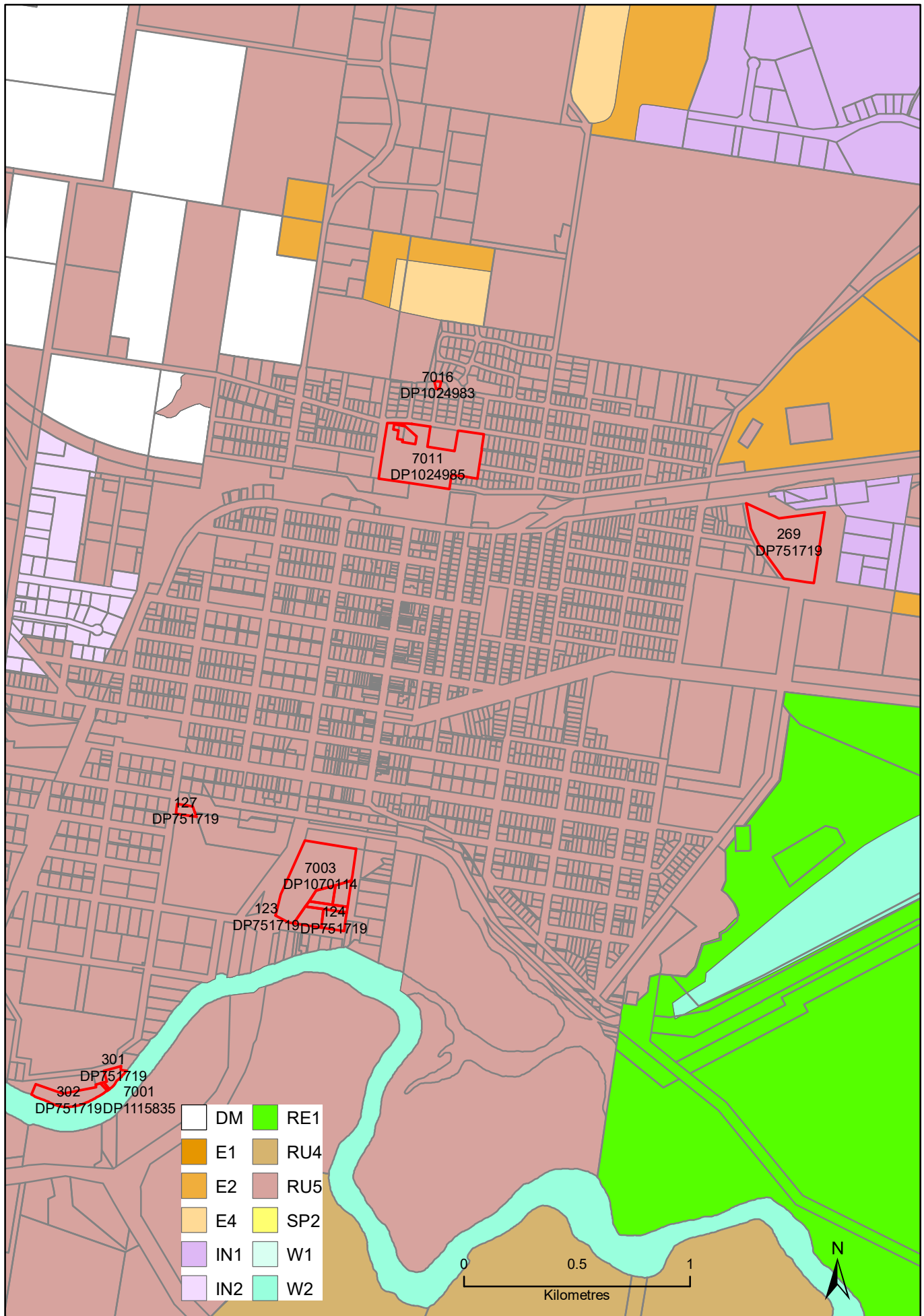
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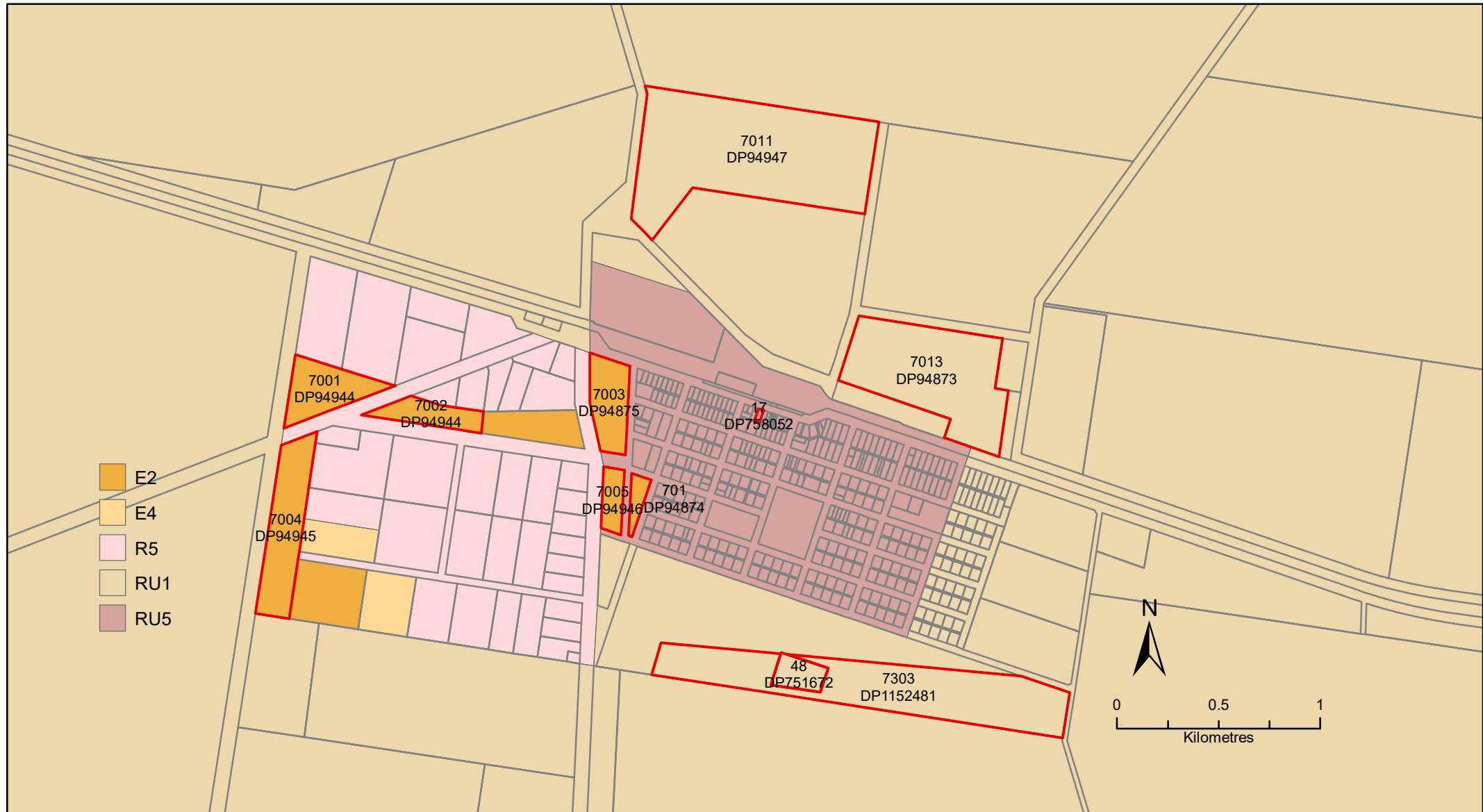
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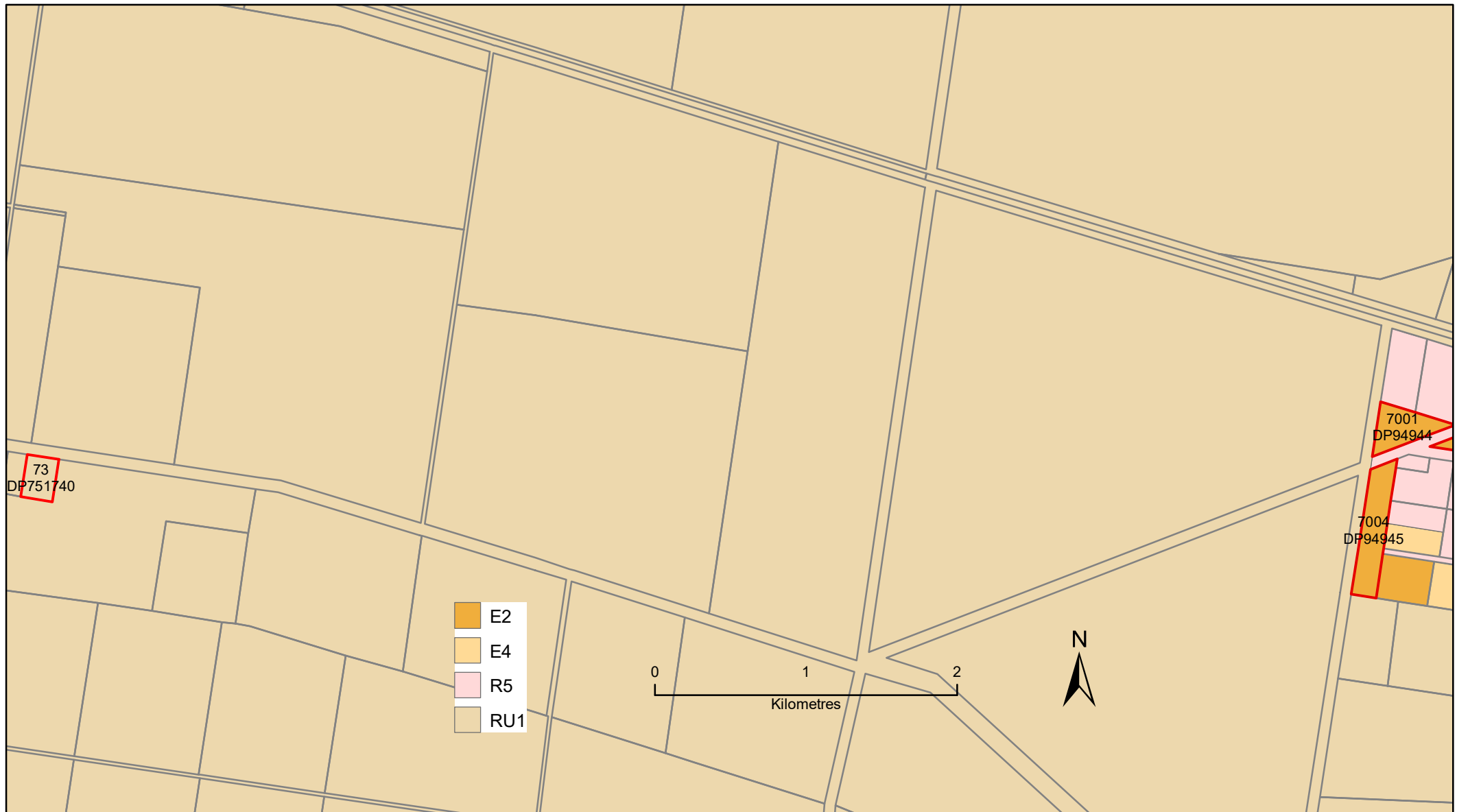
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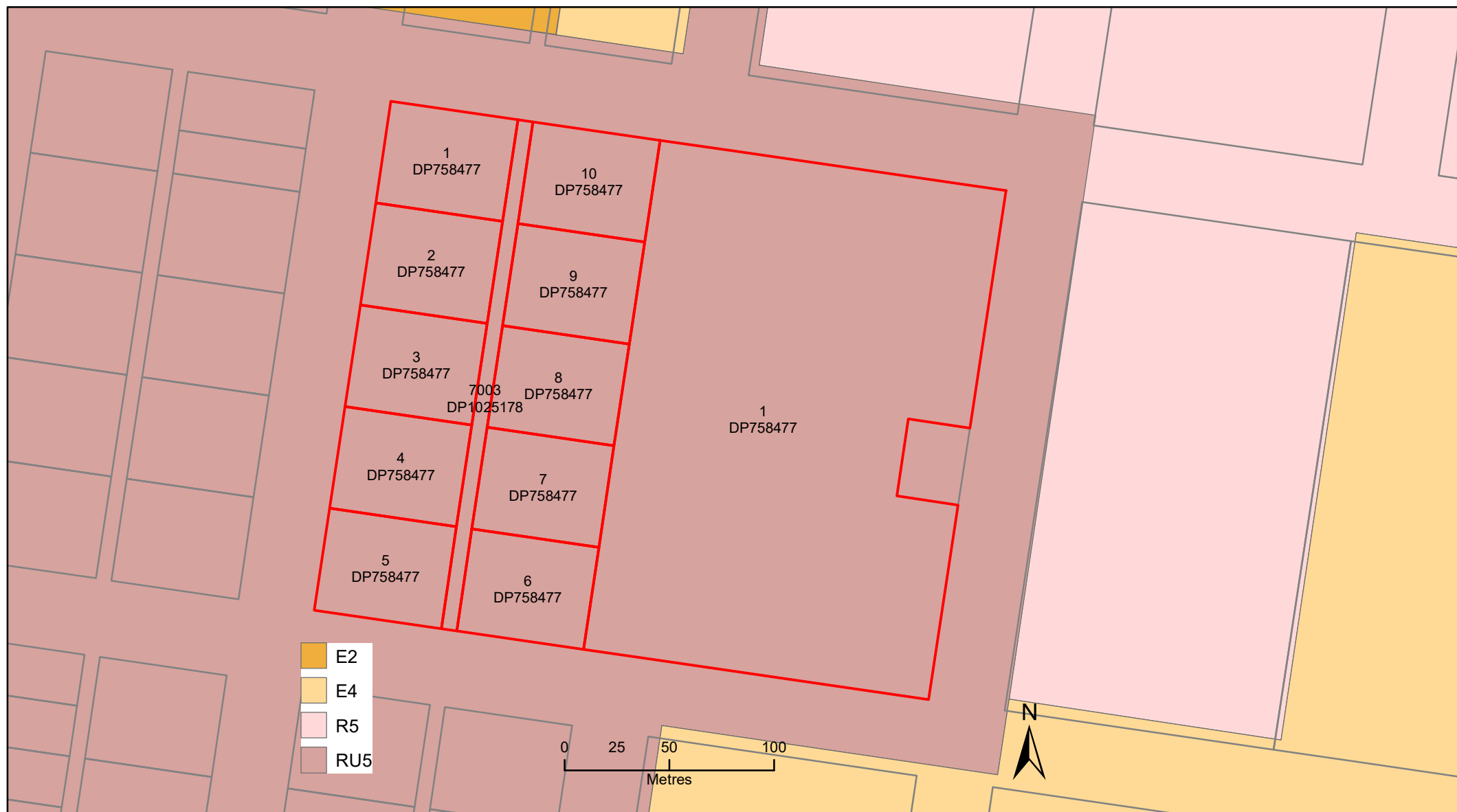
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Maps Detailing Categories (Narrandera, Barellan, Grong Grong and Kamarah)

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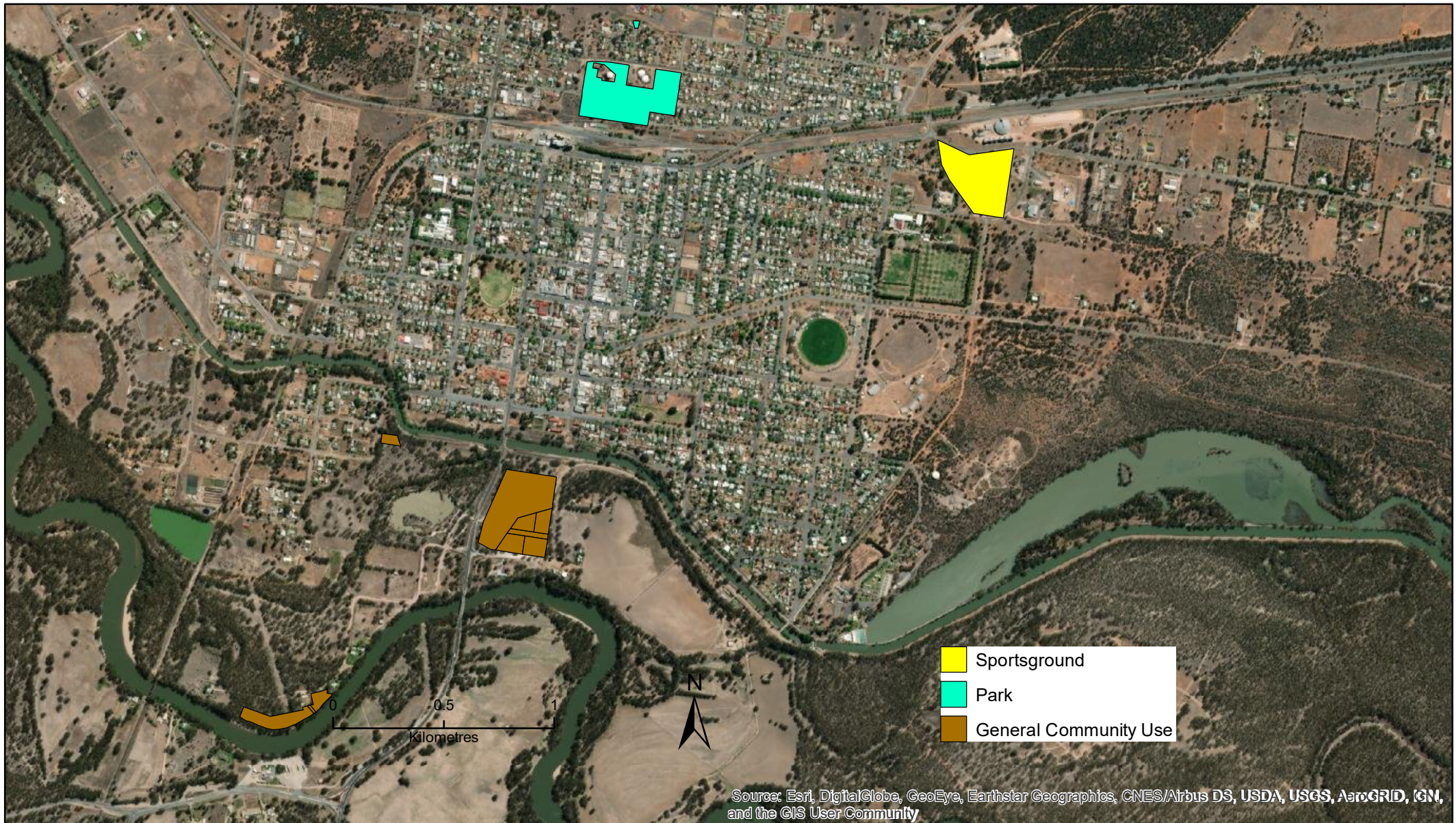
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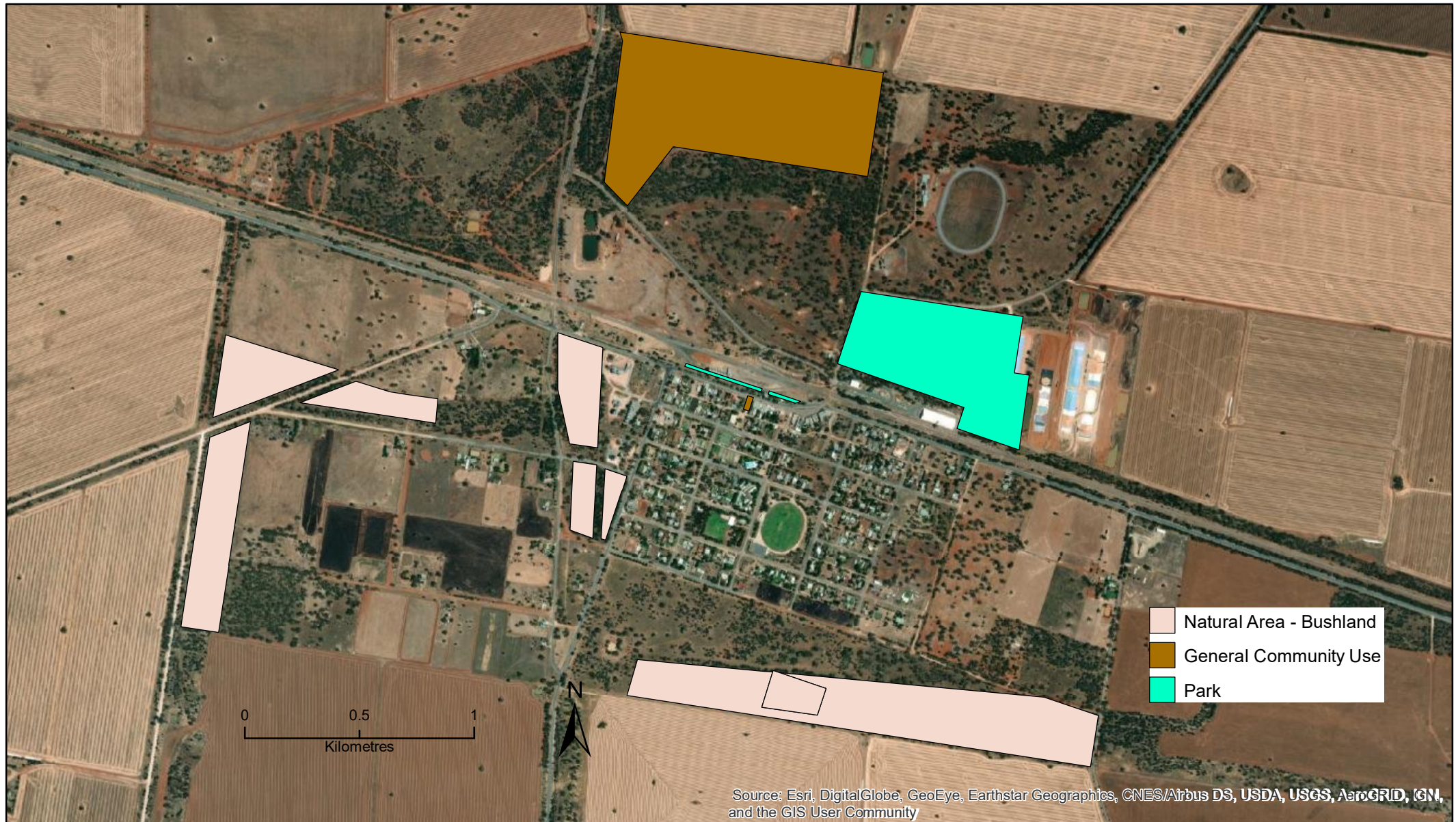
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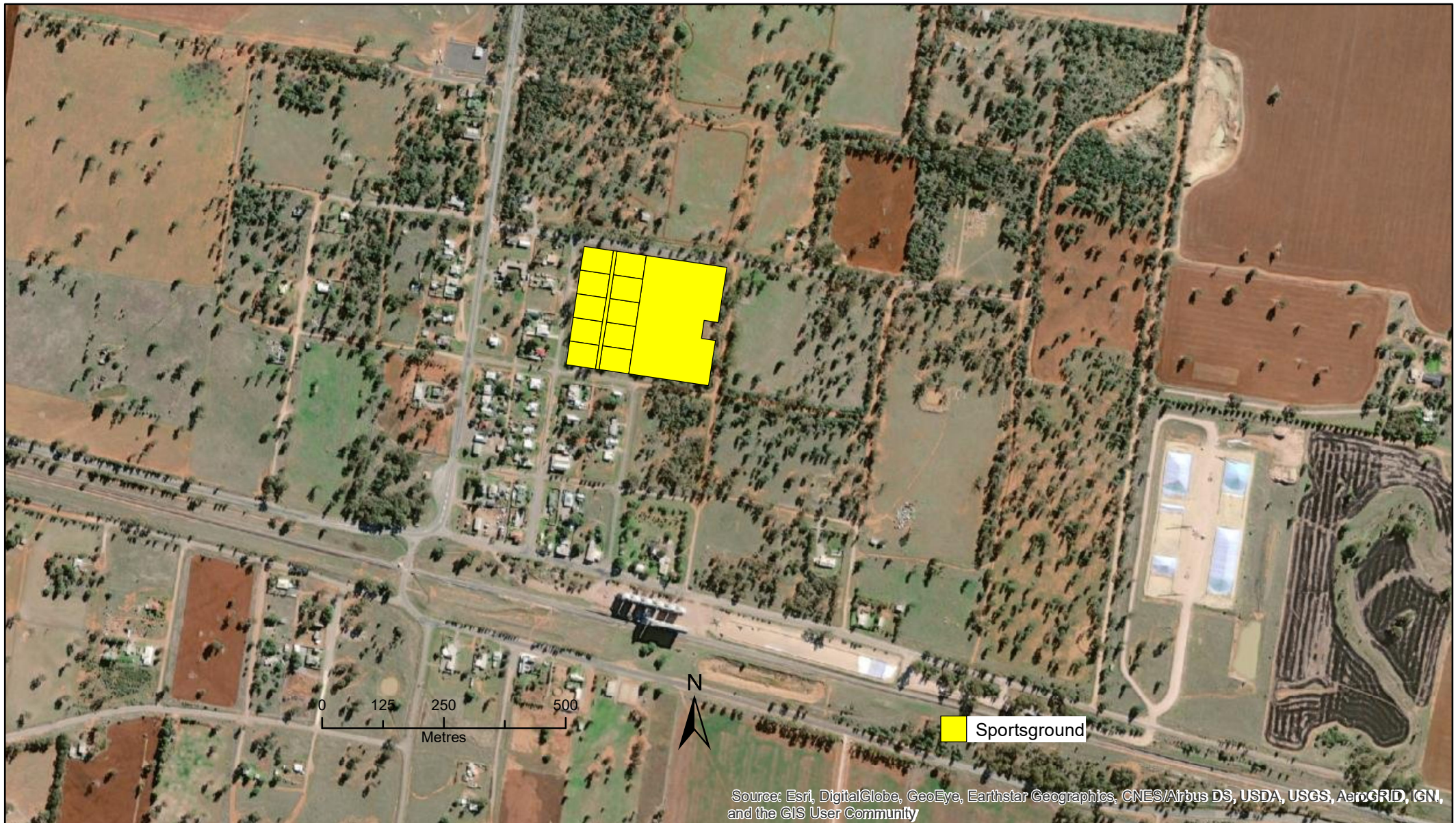
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