

# ***ASHFIELD PARK***

## ***PLAN OF MANAGEMENT***



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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 What is a Plan of Management?**

A Plan of Management for a park is the principle document that guides the future planning, design and management of that park. It sets out how a park can be used, managed, developed and conserved and specifies improvements that maintain and enhance the recreational needs of residents and visitors.

### **1.2 Purpose of the Plan**

The Plan of Management for Ashfield Park has a number of purposes. These include:

- Identification of the values of the Park.
- Identification of issues or threats associated with the identified values.
- Broad management objectives that protect and enhance the values.
- Specific objectives aimed at ensuring the maintenance of recreation, conservation, aesthetic and other values.
- Detailed action plan specifying strategies and actions for the achievement of each specific objective.

### **1.3 The life of the Plan and Plan reviews**

The Plan of Management should be reviewed every 5 years and a major review and update should be undertaken every 10 years. Annual priorities from the Plan of Management should be determined and included in Council's Management Plan. Progress on their implementation should be reviewed annually in conjunction with the review of the Management Plan. The Plan of Management may also be reviewed in the event that changes occur to the principles underpinning the broad management objectives or if matters arise that are not accounted for in the Plan.

## **2. CONTEXT**

### **2.1 Location and description of the Park**

Ashfield Park is bounded by Pembroke Street, Orpington Street, Ormond Street and Parramatta Road. Measuring 5.84 Hectares in size, it includes a football playing field with a cricket pitch in its centre and a building at its Northern end that incorporates changing rooms and spectator stand. A bowling club comprising two greens and club house is also situated within the Park. The remaining area is given over to passive recreation space, a children's playground, formal flower beds, a picnic rotunda and BBQ area. A war memorial is placed at the Park's centre.

### **2.2 Ownership and Management**

Ashfield Park is on reserve land that was dedicated for public recreation in 1885. It is administered by the NSW Department of Lands under the Crown Lands Act 1989. Ashfield Council, as the Reserve Trust Manager appointed by the NSW government, is charged with the care, control and management of the Park.

### 3. BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PARK

Before European settlement, Ashfield was home to Aboriginal people from the Eora group. The Eora group consisted of several smaller groups or 'bands'. Eight bands have been identified along the Parramatta River. Two of these eight bands, the Cadigal and Wangal most likely lived in the area that now makes up the Ashfield Municipality including Ashfield Park.

The first European owners of the area that now includes Ashfield Park were four Privates of the NSW Corps who sold it to Henry Kable after owning it for a day. Henry Kable, who arrived in Australia on the First Fleet as a convict, later became Chief Constable, a landowner and businessman in the Colony. A business associate of his, James Underwood, bought the land from him in turn. It appears then to have been leased to settlers for a number of years before being subdivided and auctioned in 1879. At the auction, 20 acres of this land was bought for \$5,000 on instructions from Sir Henry Parkes, NSW Premier, for the purpose of establishing the Park.

The following is a listing of significant events in Ashfield Park's history:

DATE	EVENT
1879	NSW Government buys land from the Underwood Estate to establish Ashfield Park.
1885	Ashfield Park proclaimed.
1889	Ashfield Council accepts the NSW Government's offer to become Trustee of Ashfield Park.
1890	Ashfield Bowling Club formed.
1891	Official opening of bowling green at Ashfield Bowling Club
1891	Cricket pitch established.
1892	Council gives permission for Football to start being played following applications from local clubs.
1893	First Bowling Club Clubhouse built on Orpington Street boundary.
1895	First extension to the Ashfield Bowling Club green on land granted by Council.
1903	Official opening of Band Stand following its removal from Farm Cove opposite the North gate of the Sydney Botanic Gardens. Later to be demolished in the early 1940s due to falling into disrepair.
1913	Council grants lease of extra land to Ashfield Bowling Club to build a clubroom and pavilion.
1914-1918	During the first World War the Park was the subject of a withering set of letters to Council from anti-conscriptionists accusing Council of allowing conscriptionists to hold rallies there.
1916	800 gallon galvanised iron tank installed in the Park.

DATE	EVENT
1916	Electric light installed in the Band Stand.
1916	New Bowling Club clubhouse built, located on the Northern side on land provided by Council. Two additional rinks formed in place of the old clubhouse.
1921	War Memorial unveiled.
1924	Two additional rinks formed on land granted by Council, establishing the greens in their present form.
1930	Begonia bulbs ordered for the Park from Holland.
1932	Strip of land abutting NE side of Ashfield Bowling Club pavilion granted to the Ashfield Bowling Club and main building extensions completed.
1934	Unemployment relief work undertaken to replace all remaining asphalt paths with concrete paths.
1936	Request by Ashfield Bowling Club for more land for 4 extra greens refused by Council due to public pressure.
1938	Request to Council from Ashfield Bowling Club for additional land from the Park. Council grants permissive occupancy to portion of park for 3 extra rinks.
1939	A drinking fountain, the "George and Mary Watson Fountain", erected; George Watson was Mayor in 1921 and 1922.
1943	Construction of air raid shelter completed.
1946	Parramatta Road flowerbeds replanted to form the words "Ashfield Park".
1946	Children's Playground fenced.
1947	A Citizen's Protest Committee formed and protests held against the extension of Ashfield Bowling Club and the destruction of trees.
1951	Ashfield Bowling Club requests more land for a third green. Minister for Lands advises Council cannot lease land to the Ashfield Bowling Club without Ministerial consent. Equity Court order stops work already started on the green.
1958	New Ashfield Bowling Club clubhouse opened, replacing the second clubhouse that was built in 1916.
1964	Begonia house opened.
1986	The importance of the Park formally recognised by the National Trust with its listing on the National Trust Register
1988	Statue of Dr Jose P Rizal, national hero of the Philippines, unveiled.
2004	Statue of Mary Poppins erected to commemorate the fact that PL Travers, the author of Mary Poppins, lived at 40 (previously 17) Pembroke Street with her mother and sisters from 1918 to 1924.

DATE	EVENT
2006	The International Mother Language Day monument to mark International Mother Language Day and to commemorate those who sacrificed their lives on 21 February 1952 at Dhaka, Bangladesh to protect the Bangla language, was unveiled by His Excellency Ashraf UdDoula, High Commissioner of Bangladesh.
2006	Council considered an application to grant exclusive use of the playing field to a sporting organisation. Council resolved against the application and to develop a Plan of Management for Ashfield Park in consultation with stakeholders and residents.

#### 4. BASIS FOR MANAGEMENT

##### 4.1 Ecologically sustainable development

This Plan of Management reflects, and is consistent with, Council's Ecologically Sustainable Development Policy. This policy has as its vision statement:

*"Ashfield as a community which protects and enhances its native and existing flora and fauna and contributes to the wider responsibilities for the whole community to preserve the earth's environment."*

##### 4.2 Crown Lands Act and Principles of Crown Land Management

###### Crown Lands Act

Ashfield Park is a Crown reserve dedicated for public recreation in accordance with the Crown Lands Act 1989. The full details of the Park's title and planning status is as follows:

<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Ashfield Park</b>
Address	Intersection of Parramatta Road and Orpington Street Ashfield
Reserve/s	Crown reserve gazetted for public recreation, comprising Lot 2 DP 607316.
Ownership	State of New South Wales as Crown land administered by Department of Lands under the Crown Lands Act 1989.
Management	Ashfield Council (P500001).
Manager	The Council of the Municipality of Ashfield
Community land categorisation	Park - General Community Use
Ashfield hierarchy	District Park
Area	5.84 Hectares
Zoning	Open Space 6(a) LEP 2000
Leases	Building on reserve P000051 for bowling is leased by the Ashfield Bowling Club.
Caveats / easements	N/A.

The Draft Plan of Management has been prepared in accordance with the Crown Lands Act 1989. Clause 35 of the Regulations under the Act also specifies that:

- The Minister administering the Crown Lands Act, or Minister assisting the Minister for Natural resources (Lands), gives consent for the preparation of a Plan of Management and consent for a draft plan going on public exhibition.
- The Plan of Management observe appropriate reserve policy applicable to the site along with relevant land management case law; and
- The draft Plan of Management shall be placed on public display for not less than 28 days and cause notice of the Plan to be published in the government gazette to allow for submissions to be made on the Plan of Management

### **Principles of Crown Lands Act Management**

Section 11 of the Crown Lands Act 1989 requires that Crown land be managed according to the following principles:

- That environmental protection principles be observed in relation to the management and administration of Crown land.
- That the natural resources of Crown land (including water, soil, flora, fauna and scenic quality) be conserved wherever possible.
- That public use and enjoyment of appropriate Crown land be encouraged.
- That, where appropriate, multiple use of Crown land be encouraged
- That, where appropriate, Crown land should be used and managed in a way that both the land and its resources are sustainable in perpetuity.
- 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.

### **Leases and Licences on Reserves**

Section 102 Of the Crown Lands Act 1989 specifies the basis for consent for leases and licences. Generally, a lease or licence on a reserve only permits use of the reserve that is consistent with the purpose for which the reserve was dedicated or reserved.

Leases and licenses may be permitted under this Plan of Management for the purposes of passive recreation, including the provision of built sporting recreation facilities, providing:

- The type of use proposed and/or any required facilities being to the benefit of the community of Ashfield and meet a recognised need.
- Council approval of the proposed tenure term.

- The requirements of the Crown Lands Act 1989.
- The requirements of Council's Local Environmental Plan relating to permissible uses.
- The negotiation of an appropriate lease, license or other estate fee.
- Specific conditions contained in the lease agreement.

#### **4.3 Purpose for which the land is reserved**

The Park is reserved under the Crown Lands Act for the purpose of public recreation. This principle will guide the future management of the Park. Specifically:

- Use of the reserve must be consistent with the public purpose for which the land is dedicated or reserved. This includes uses ancillary to or supportive of the reserve purpose.
- Improvements and developments are confined to those which support, or are ancillary to, public recreation.
- The Park cannot be used for a purpose relating to an activity that is occurring off the Park and that is not consistent with the Park's purpose. For example, car parking on the Park that serves an adjoining land use would not be acceptable.
- The land must be open to the public generally as a right. Exclusive use of the reserve should be minimised to avoid sections of the community becoming alienated from using the reserve. The public may only be restricted from access to parts of the Park and buildings if it is necessary for the public's enjoyment of the Park or for health and safety reasons to be excluded, for example from a workshop, equipment storage or operational facilities.
- Right of access does not mean entirely free access. Reasonable entry fees and charges may be imposed, as well as other legal constraints to entry such as those relating to health and safety.
- A lease or license must be consistent with the reason or purpose of the land's reservation or dedication.

#### **4.4 Local Environment Plan and development proposal assessments**

The reserve is subject to Ashfield Council's Local Environment Plan (LEP). The LEP is the main means of development control and includes zoning maps and a written instrument categorising developments as either permissible or prohibited. This Plan of Management does not override provisions in the LEP. Ashfield Park is currently zoned *6(a) Existing Recreation* under the LEP.

Council, as Reserve Manager, must consider certain issues when deciding whether a particular land use or development is appropriate including:

- The compatibility of the proposal with the notified purpose of the reserve.

- The impact on the existing use of the reserve.
- The compatibility with the vision and management objectives established for the reserve.
- The need for the proposal and whether it will promote and be ancillary to the use and enjoyment of the reserve, as distinct from satisfying a requirement generated by an adjoining property or by an independent or collateral community need.
- The advantage and benefit that the development would bring to the normal reserve user.
- The management responsibility and public availability of the development to reserve users.
- The need for a lease and its draft terms, conditions and rental that would apply.

#### **4.5 Permissible and prohibited Park uses**

The use of Ashfield Park must be consistent with the public purpose of the land, that is, public recreation, and with the Ashfield LEP. Groups and organisations may hire a part of the Park for a function or event. This requires specific approval from Council and hirers must conform to a number of conditions of hire in addition to paying a park use fee, damage cleaning deposit and a key deposit.

The consumption of alcohol in the Park is prohibited except under conditions approved by Council and as set out in the Action Plan. Vehicles may not be driven into or onto the Park without the prior approval of Council. Dogs are permitted in the Park but must be kept on a leash.

#### **4.6 Community Consultation**

As part of the process of preparing a Draft Plan of Management for Ashfield Park, Ashfield Council consulted with interested residents and users of the Park in order to develop a Plan that reflects the values of the community. A targeted consultation workshop was held on 9 February 2007 with organisations and groups who are regular users of the Park. This workshop provided an opportunity for key park users to share their perspectives on the Park and to listen to and understand the perspectives of others.

The workshop consisted of three main activities

1. An introductory “world café” discussion where the participants shared what they values about Ashfield Park and what made it attractive to them.
2. A walking tour of the Park where the participants explored and discussed the various activities and uses at various locations in the Park
3. A short brainstorming session to identify an initial list of principles to guide the development of the Plan of Management

A full report of the workshop is at Appendix 1.

This workshop was followed by a general community consultation session on 14 March 2007 that was attended by interested members of the Ashfield community. This consultation was an opportunity for participants to share what they valued about the Park, the issues that were important to them and the principles they saw as important for guiding the development of Plan of Management. Outcomes from this consultation are at Appendix 2.

Additional to these consultations, Council conducted a community survey (Appendix 3). The findings from this survey (Appendix 4) together with the many views and ideas put forward at the consultations have directly informed the values, principles and broad objectives that have been developed for this Draft Plan of Management.

#### **4.7 Values**

The community consultation process revealed a number of core aspects of the Park that were particularly valued by consultation participants. Principle among these values were:

- The spaciousness and size of the Park
- The variety of trees, flowers and plants.
- The peace and quiet of the Park.
- The Park's proximity and accessibility to residents.
- The variety that the Park offers in terms of activities, facilities and possible uses.
- The beauty of the Park.
- A Park that is clean and well maintained.
- The importance of the Park as a meeting place, contributing to a sense of community.

Ashfield Park is clearly a cherished, highly valued and well used community space. It is one of very few significant public open spaces in the Municipality. It provides a calming and relaxing environment in the middle of built up and noisy surroundings.

The Park features a number of impressive trees and palms, including one of Sydney's finest avenues of Canary Island Date Palms. It also has some turpentine trees that are part of the original bush. It is well used for passive recreation as well as for both formal and informal sporting and other active pursuits.

## **5. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

As one of the earliest parks to be created in Sydney, Ashfield Park has always been a place of immense cultural significance to the Ashfield community. From its inception, it has been a place for holding celebrations, for marking significant local and national events and a place for memorialising the contributions of local people.

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Ashfield Park is greatly valued as a recreation area and is used in a wide range of ways. These include formal team sports, community events, small group exercise activities such as Tai Chi, meditation groups, medieval re-enactment groups, individual exercise such as jogging and walking, relaxation, picnics and barbeques. The Park is large and diverse enough to allow these activities to occur together without impacting on each other.

A significant number of Park users have stressed the importance of maintaining a balance between these uses so that any one use does not take away opportunities for other uses.

The Park is valued as an oasis of calm and relaxation in a heavily built up area. Much of the local built environment is composed of apartment blocks. The Park is in a sense the backyard for the residents of these dwellings. Maintaining and enhancing the natural environment of the Park is therefore important given its essential value to the health and wellbeing of residents and users.

Ashfield Council is the appointed Trust Manager of Ashfield Park. As custodian of the Park, Council is responsible for conserving, protecting, managing and maintaining the Park in a way that respects its significance to the community and responds effectively and in a timely manner to the ongoing needs and pressures of current and future users. This requires a comprehensive maintenance and management program that is regularly reviewed and updated.

## **6. BROAD OBJECTIVES**

To achieve the purpose of the Plan of Management, Council will aim to meet the following broad objectives:

**6.1** Maintain a balance of use between sporting organisations without increasing the current intensity and invasiveness of such use.

**6.2** Maintain management strategies that facilitate multiple and shared use of the spaces within the Park and that ensure that the Park is freely available for use by residents and visitors.

**6.3** Maintain and enhance the beauty of the Park's natural environment through effective Park management practices and the prevention of further alienation of public space.

**6.4** Ensure the versatility of recreational use of the Park around sporting activities.

**6.5** Provide for the meeting of social needs of diverse communities.

**6.6** Preserve the amenity of the Park so that the peaceful and spacious nature of the Park is maintained.

**6.7** Provide an accessible environment within the Park that ensures physical and social equity of access.

**6.8** Maintain policies and design practice that preserves the Park as a secure and safe place.

**6.9** Maintain policies and practices that preserve and promote the heritage and history of the Park.

## **7. ISSUES**

### **7.1 Condition of landscape and facilities**

The Summer House picnic shelter is in need of basic repairs and maintenance which should be carried out in the short term. Replacement of missing roof tiles and repainting of wooden seats and tables are obvious areas for immediate improvement. A cleaning and maintenance schedule for the Summer House needs to be implemented.

Condition of seats throughout the park do not meet modern public expectations. Many have sunk low to the ground through neglect and therefore exclude use by elderly or frail park users.

### **7.2 Carnival of Cultures**

Council has held a Carnival of Cultures in Ashfield Park each year in October since 1995. The 2006 Carnival of Cultures was a successful event that attracted more than 25,000 residents of the Ashfield Municipality and Sydney's Inner West. As well as providing an enjoyable and free day of entertainment for families and residents each year, the Carnival also celebrates the cultural diversity within the Ashfield Municipality, and promotes Australian values of tolerance and multiculturalism.

The Ashfield Carnival of Cultures is now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year, testament to the support and popularity of the event each year among residents, local businesses and community organisations. The Ashfield Carnival of Cultures is the premier community event on the Ashfield Council calendar and a significant celebration for residents of the Ashfield Municipality.

Major public events such as the Carnival must be adequately managed and staffed to ensure minimal physical impact on the Park and to ensure community safety.

### **7.3 Parking and traffic**

Ashfield Municipality is a densely populated area, particularly that part of the LGA which immediately surrounds the Park. This explains part of the importance of the Park as it provides highly valued open space amidst numerous blocks of flats and town houses. Nevertheless, given the use of the Park by many from further afield and the impact of public and community events, parking provision needs to be a component of this Plan of Management.

In order to manage Ashfield Park use safely and responsibly it needs to be communicated clearly that vehicles are not allowed on the Park without the prior approval of Council. Occasions when limited access to the Park by motor vehicles may be approved by Council include for maintenance, security, emergency, planned programs and events requirements.

Clearly, no part of the Park should be compromised by use for car parking. Except on the few large public event days throughout the year, the surrounding streets do cope with any cars parked by visitors to the Park. The consultation process for this Plan of Management did not uncover any significant unrest felt by residents living near the park as to stress on car parking in the area. As such, it is not suggested that any changes be made to present car parking arrangements but it is recommended that a bi-annual review of parking arrangements be carried out by Council.

Should the issue of car parking emerge in the future as significant, a suggestion which has been proposed for angle parking could be introduced on the Northern side of Pembroke Street between Orpington and Ormond Streets.

#### **7.4 Pathways**

Pathways within the Park are an important component of a network of safe and accessible pedestrian pathways throughout the Municipality. To maximise the benefits of paths, Council needs also to provide additional seating, as required,. To complement the network of paths with adequate seating will encourage use of the Park by the frail aged.

#### **7.5 Events**

A number of community based events are held regularly each year. These include events organised by groups representing culturally and linguistically diverse communities; a Good Friday service led by a local church; an Anzac Memorial service organised by Ashfield RSL.

These events have a minimal or no impact on the Park. Noise, however, has been noted by residents as a problem with some of the events, through the playing of amplified music. Criteria for use of the Park for such events need to be developed and communicated, with regular monitoring of the Park for such usage also undertaken.

#### **7.6 Organised sporting activities**

The playing field is suitable for organised sport and in general such usage has been successfully blended with passive recreational uses of the park. Therefore, there is no reason for the Park not to continue to cater for such groups as long as it does not result in an intensification of use or exclusive use rights being granted to one group at the expense of overall community benefit.

The playing field is available to be booked by sporting groups. Such bookings attract fees and are subject to special conditions. Six (6) local schools hire the playing field on a regular basis for football or cricket practice and games. APIA Leichhardt Tigers soccer team, ACC Cricket Club, a Gaelic football club and a hurling club also hire the playing field on a regular basis.

#### **7.7 Access**

Council's Audit of Access for People with Disabilities identifies a number of issues that need to be addressed in order to achieve better access to and within the Park for people with disabilities. Addressing these will also ensure that the Park will become more accessible for frail older people and parents with prams.

In particular, access needs to be improved, through the construction of kerb ramps that conform to current Australian Standards, at the corners opposite key entry points to the Park. These include intersections at:

- Gower Street and Ormond Street
- Pembroke Street and Ormond Street
- Orpington Street and Pembroke Street
- Loftus Street and Orpington Street

### **7.8 Commerce and the Park**

To what degree should commercial activity be allowed in the park? To totally exclude it would impact on occasional public events such as the Carnival of Cultures where food, crafts, books and other items are sold in a semi market atmosphere. At such civic events, which have an obvious community benefit, it would seem entirely reasonable to have a component of commercial activity where food, drink, craft etc is sold.

In future this may not even exclude occasional market days, depending on whether such days can demonstrate clear community benefit to the local population that is not available elsewhere.

The prospect of a café in the park was raised in the consultation process. The idea received both positive and negative comment. Similar examples of successful café operations exist in other Parks around Sydney including, for example, Centennial Park, Botanical Gardens and Rushcutters Bay Park.

No doubt the prospect of meeting a friend for coffee & conversation in the glorious surrounds of the Park has strong appeal. However, there was an equally strong argument put forward that it is beneficial to take the children somewhere for recreation where there are no associated pressures to buy them drinks or ice creams etc.

One of the striking trends in the consultation process was the extent to which residents value the park as it now functions. This should therefore inform any reflection on what approach to take to permanent commercial outlets in the Park. Given the high value residents now place on the Park, this appears to be a strong reason why a café or similar commercial enterprise could be not be supported.

### **7.9 Water tanks in the Park**

The issue of water tanks for the Park has some validity, particularly given reduced rainfall and ongoing water restrictions. Council may appropriately consider the installation of slim style water tanks attached to its amenity buildings within the building envelopes given the general community benefit derived from the use of the tank water on the publicly accessible areas of the Park.

However, in the case of requests for the installation of water tanks on Park land leased for private use, restrictions should be attached to any consent. These restrictions should ensure, for example, that no public land be alienated by any water tanks that were to be installed, that such tanks be placed underground and that the finished work be returfed and the area returned to its former condition.

### **7.10 Types of plantings in the Park**

It was clear during the consultation process that people valued the formal aspects of the park including the colourful flower beds. Generally, such splashes of colour are achieved through the use of exotic, introduced varieties of plants and flowers.

Water restrictions in the future may make the Park an inhospitable environment for non-native exotic plants. Existing native vegetation should be consolidated. Consideration needs to be given to the gradual introduction of attractive native plants to replace exotic varieties.

### **7.11 Ongoing planning and Conservation Management**

The Plan of Management aims to describe the parameters on which to base the operations of the Park and outlines a series of actions required to be implemented. Prioritising and sequencing of actions are part of the detailed planning for the Park and will be achieved through ongoing monitoring and review of Park usage. In addition, grant opportunities from State and Commonwealth Government agencies for the management and development of the Park will be pursued.

Ashfield Park is a heritage item under Council's LEP. It was identified in Council's first heritage study. Consequently, it requires a Conservation Management Plan to be prepared. This will guide all the planning and physical actions which need to take place in the Park. All detailed works decisions will be informed by this Plan as a guide document, addressing all the physical elements of the Park such as the buildings, the landscape (which was a detail design), the plantings and the services.

## **8. DEVELOPMENT CONCEPTS AND ACTION PLAN**

The Action Plan that follows includes detailed management objectives that flow from the broad objectives, with associated actions for achieving the detailed objectives. The actions have been developed to improve the Park, repair past damage, prevent further degradation, maintain and enhance the amenity and natural environment of the area, continuously improve facilities, preserve the equitable sharing of spaces by groups and organisations involved in active recreation and preserve the Park as a place for relaxation and passive recreation.

OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	ACTION	PRIORITY
<p><b>6.1 Balance of use between sporting organisations without increasing intensity and invasiveness.</b></p>	<p><b>6.1.1</b> That the current use of the playing field by organised sports, such as cricket, football and soccer, be recognised and Council not increase such use beyond current levels of intensity (See Appendix 7).</p> <p><b>6.1.2</b> Continue use of the playing field as a blend of formal organised sport and informal, social sport and games. To facilitate this, booking of the playing field for formal sport continue to be limited to currently established periods.</p>	<p><b>A.</b> Establish policy and procedures that ensure a ceiling on bookings of the playing field to ensure the current intensity of use by organised sports is not exceeded.</p> <p><b>B.</b> Maintain booking procedures that ensure future usage is limited to the extent governed by the schedule of usage set for the 2006/2007 Summer season and the 2007 Winter season.</p> <p><b>C.</b> Establish playing field usage controls for organised sports including monitoring usage to ensure that each group remains within its allotted booking period.</p>	<p>High</p> <p>High</p> <p>High</p>

OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	ACTION	PRIORITY
<p><b>6.2 Multiple, shared and freely available public uses.</b></p>	<p><b>6.2.1</b> The primary use of the Park as a place for informal recreation and leisure activities be maintained with the general public able to enjoy the Park at all times.</p> <p><b>6.2.2</b> The playing field be maintained as the area available for organised sport on a non-exclusive basis.</p> <p><b>6.2.3</b> The casual hiring of identified areas of the Park for occasional, not for profit functions, such as medieval re-enactment groups and weddings, be permitted.</p> <p><b>6.2.4</b> Encourage use of the Park as a place for publicly accessible events and gatherings based on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Accessible to all</li> <li>- High quality and well managed</li> <li>- Permits enjoyment of other parts of the Park.</li> </ul> <p><b>6.2.5</b> Promotional banners for events being held at the Park be displayed from Park entrances, in accordance with Council resolutions.</p> <p><b>6.2.6</b> The Park continue to be designated an <i>'on leash'</i> area for dogs.</p> <p><b>6.2.7</b> Process for public feedback about the Park be facilitated through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultations on a regular basis with relevant stakeholders</li> <li>• Council's Website</li> <li>• Networking between user groups, formal occupiers and the general public.</li> </ul>	<p><b>A.</b> Policies be developed that address the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The primary use of the Park as a place for informal recreation and leisure activities.</li> <li>• The playing field be subject to non-exclusive use.</li> <li>• Casual hiring of spaces for occasional, not for profit functions.</li> <li>• Erection of promotional banners.</li> <li>• Restrictions on commercial activities in the Park except during Council approved public events.</li> </ul> <p><b>B.</b> Prepare and implement a comprehensive Events Management Policy that covers public events to be held within the Park and takes account of the impacts of events and activities on the Park's flora and fauna.</p> <p><b>C.</b> Conduct an biennial consultation with relevant stakeholders, user groups, formal occupiers and the general public and through utilising Council's website, to gain feedback on Council's planning and management of the Park.</p> <p><b>D.</b> Monitor the control of dogs in the Park to ensure they are leashed in accordance with Council's policy.</p>	<p>High</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>High</p>

<b>6.3 Natural environment</b>	<b>6.3.1</b> Ensure the protection of native vegetation and remnant species.	<b>A</b> Prepare a Native Vegetation Plan to protect native vegetation and remnant species.	High
	<b>6.3.2</b> Protect, conserve and, where appropriate, replace significant plantings.	<b>B</b> Plan and progressively implement measures for short and long term replacement of significant trees, the removal of inappropriate plantings and the design of new plantings.	High
	<b>6.3.3</b> Ensure the Park contributes to the conservation of local biodiversity.	<b>C</b> Provide appropriate protection around mature trees to minimise compaction.	High
	<b>6.3.4</b> Ensure the efficient and effective conservation, management and usage of water.	<b>D.</b> Integrate the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development within the Park’s management where practical.	High
	<b>6.3.5</b> Ensure controls on the installation of water tanks.	<b>E</b> Develop and implement a water usage and conservation strategy in all design, planting and irrigation in the Park, including use of recycled water, water re-use and measures to reduce water dependency.	High
	<b>6.3.6.</b> Review treatment of the Parkland edge along Parramatta Road with the aim of encouraging greater use of that part of the Park.	<b>F</b> Plan the appropriate installation of slim style water tanks attached to Council amenity buildings that are consistent with general community benefit.	Medium
	<b>6.3.7.</b> Ensure the protection of a high standard of landscape design.	<b>G</b> Council consider requests for the installation of water tanks on Park land leased for private use, with any consent to include restrictions that ensure no public land is alienated by any water tanks to be installed, that such tanks be placed underground, that the finished work be turfped and the area returned to its former condition.	High
		<b>H.</b> Implement Ashfield Park Maintenance Plan (see Appendix 6).	High
		<b>I</b> Introduce medium size plantings as a natural screening from Parramatta Road.	Low

<b>6.4 Recreational use</b>	<b>6.4.1</b> Ensure the Children’s Playground is well designed and maintained in accordance with industry best practice.	<b>A.</b> Audit Children’s Playground play equipment and replace as required in accordance with maintenance Plan.	High
	<b>6.4.2</b> Have the Playing Field available for informal sport and games when not in use for formal sports activities.	<b>B.</b> Investigate the installation of additional equipment at the Southern end of the Children’s Playground.	Medium
	<b>6.4.3</b> Continue maintenance of playing field surface,	<b>C.</b> Plan for the provision of active, creative, exploratory and social play within the Children’s Playground in accordance with industry best practice, with consideration given to the inclusion of interesting plantings, natural shade, safe undersurfacing, fixed equipment, landscaping including mounds and the use of natural materials.	High
	<b>6.4.4</b> Plan to achieve a balance between formal and informal recreational pursuits.	<b>D.</b> Facilitate use of the Park for walking and jogging by developing and implementing a footpath management plan for the Park.	High
		<b>E.</b> Install an exercise circuit that includes a selection of fixed exercise equipment suitable for all ages.	Low
		<b>F.</b> Conduct regular seasonal upgrades of the playing field.	High
		<b>G.</b> Investigate options for local community volunteer involvement in the use of the Begonia House.	Medium

<p><b>6.5 Social needs of diverse communities</b></p>	<p><b>6.5.1</b> Ensure the Park's amenities and facilities are well maintained and upgraded where required.</p>	<p><b>A.</b> Investigate the feasibility of an annual program of evening events in the Park.</p>	<p>Low</p>
	<p><b>6.5.2</b> Facilitate evening events to enhance public safety and encourage wider evening use of the Park.</p>	<p><b>B.</b> Develop and implement an asset management plan.</p>	<p>High</p>
	<p><b>6.5.3</b> Facilitate greater use of the Park for family picnics or similar.</p>	<p><b>C.</b> Ensure the archway structure at entry to the Park at intersection of Pembroke &amp; Ormond Streets is well maintained.</p>	<p>High</p>
	<p><b>6.5.4</b> The consumption of alcohol be governed by existing regulations and by Council's determination from time to time with regard to public, community events and family activities.</p>	<p><b>D.</b> Upgrade Park furniture including seating along the Playing Field.</p>	<p>High</p>
	<p><b>6.5.5</b> Plan for the future needs of Ashfield's diverse community both in terms of its age structure and cultural mix.</p>	<p><b>E.</b> Install seating at appropriate intervals along paths within the Park.</p>	<p>Medium</p>
		<p><b>F.</b> Install one additional BBQ facility and picnic table/shelter on the North Eastern side near entrance to park off Ormond Street and install a 3 phase power outlet.</p>	<p>Low</p>
		<p><b>G.</b> Provide new rubbish bins, bubblers and directional signage as required and ensure existing bubblers are regularly cleaned and kept unblocked.</p>	<p>High</p>
		<p><b>H.</b> Assess need for extended opening hours of public toilets.</p>	<p>High</p>
		<p><b>I.</b> Develop and implement a maintenance and cleaning schedule for the picnic shelter.</p>	<p>High</p>
		<p><b>J.</b> For public, community and family events, Council permit the reasonable consumption of alcohol where appropriate and maintain the Park as an Alcohol free zone between the hours of 9pm and 7am.</p>	<p>High</p>
	<p><b>K.</b> Analyse demographic data on a biennial basis and report to Council on implications for Park management.</p>	<p>Low</p>	

<p><b>6.6 Amenity preserved to ensure peaceful &amp; spacious nature of park</b></p>	<p><b>6.6.1</b> Ensure noise from events and activities in the Park is kept within regulatory limits.</p> <p><b>6.6.2</b> The present extent of open space of the Park be fully and permanently conserved with the aim of ensuring no further alienation of or encroachment on existing open space for any purpose, including for organised sporting or recreational clubs or other usage, other than facilities that enhance the use of the park, for example, further BBQ facilities, additional seating.</p> <p><b>6.6.3</b> Where possible, decentralise use of the Park so as to avoid wear and tear on commonly used areas.</p> <p><b>6.6.4</b> Implement landscaping and infrastructure provisions that encourage additional use of the North East corner of the Park.</p> <p><b>6.6.5</b> Ensure use of the Park is preserving amenity, serving the community and meeting the vision of the Park.</p>	<p><b>A.</b> Develop, and submit for Council’s determination, a policy that aims to conserve the Park’s open space, prohibits further alienation of land and provides recommendations on the future preservation and usage of current open space.</p> <p><b>B.</b> Develop and implement a noise and electronic amplification control policy.</p> <p><b>C.</b> Continue regulatory control/ranger inspections to monitor unauthorised use including unleashed dog exercise.</p> <p><b>D.</b> Encourage additional use of the North East corner of the Park by such means as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• establishing a Chess Board</li> <li>• installation of a small picnic shelter</li> <li>• establish plant collections of local significance and interest.</li> </ul>	<p>High</p> <p>High</p> <p>High</p> <p>Low</p>
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<p><b>6.7 Accessibility</b></p>	<p><b>6.7.1</b> Implement the priority actions for Ashfield Park recommended in Council's Audit of Access for People with Disabilities.</p> <p><b>6.7.2</b> Ensure continuous accessible paths of travel to Ashfield Park.</p>	<p><b>A.</b> Include in the area of the Summer House, a wheelchair accessible table.</p> <p><b>B.</b> Install a seat on the WC pan of the accessible toilet.</p> <p><b>C.</b> Improve signage generally throughout the Park.</p> <p><b>D.</b> Supply a number of rest seats that comply with AS 1428.2, adjacent to continuous accessible paths of travel.</p> <p><b>E.</b> Supply drinking fountains that comply with AS 1428.2, adjacent to the main pathways as resources permit.</p> <p><b>F.</b> Provide a tactile map of the layout of the Park facilities at the most used entrance, or in two locations, to assist people with vision impairments.</p> <p><b>G.</b> Ensure accessible entry points to the Park. and along the north/south and east/west axis of the park.</p> <p><b>H.</b> Review and upgrade disabled access to all areas of the park.</p> <p><b>I.</b> Implement other initiatives as outlined in Ashfield Park Maintenance Plan, (Appendix 6)</p>	<p>Medium</p> <p>High</p> <p>High</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>High</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>High</p> <p>High</p> <p>High</p>
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<b>6.9 Heritage and history</b>	<b>6.9.1</b> Ensure the key heritage and cultural values of the Park are understood, recognised, conserved and, where appropriate, enhanced and celebrated through interpretation & public events.	<b>A.</b> Introduce interpretive signage that conveys the story of the Park.	Low
	<b>6.9.2</b> Ensure Ashfield Park remains an iconic open space in the Ashfield Municipality.	<b>B.</b> Conserve and restore, as required, all significant monuments and structures in the Park including protecting the existing tazza urn and replacement of missing tazza urns.	High
	<b>6.9.3</b> Ensure all monuments are conserved and valued.	<b>C.</b> Develop guidelines for the future erection of monuments that ensure they are relevant to the heritage and history of the Park and the Municipality and do not impede or curtail an ongoing and balanced use of the Park.	High
	<b>6.9.4</b> Improve the appearance of the War Memorial.	<b>D.</b> In consultation with Ashfield RSL, improve and conserve plantings around the War Memorial and maintain the Memorial in good condition.	High
	<b>6.9.5</b> The Ashfield Bowling Club be recognised as part of the heritage of Ashfield Park.	<b>E.</b> Ensure heritage drinking fountains are cleaned and maintained in accordance with the Ashfield Park Maintenance Plan.	High
	<b>6.9.6</b> Ensure the preparation of a Conservation Management Plan as a guide to the planning and physical actions which need to be implemented in Ashfield Park.	<b>F.</b> Ashfield Bowling Club be fully consulted in relation to renewal of their lease, determination of rental charges, and in consideration of any possible future additional incumbrances on their lease.	High
	.	<b>G.</b> Prepare a Conservation Management Plan in accordance with the guidelines of the NSW Heritage Office to inform and guide all the policies and actions of this Management Plan.	High

# APPENDICES

## APPENDIX 1

### **Report on Ashfield Park Workshop held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2007 at Ashfield Bowling Club**

#### **Intent:**

The workshop was designed to provide an opportunity for key park users to share their perspectives on the Park, and to listen to and understand the perspectives of others. This is a key first step to developing a draft Plan of Management that will provide strategies for the ongoing use and management of the Park.

#### **Process:**

The workshop consisted of three main activities

4. An introductory “world café” discussion where the participants shared what they value about Ashfield Park and what made it attractive to them.
5. A walking tour of the Park where the participants explored and discussed the various activities and uses at various locations in the Park
6. A short brainstorming session to identify an initial list of principles to guide the development of the Plan of Management

#### **Outcomes:**

- Attending participants represented a broad range of park users including local schools, sporting clubs- Bowling, Soccer and Gaelic Football, recreation-Falon Gong and tai chi, local residents and Council officers- (see list of attendees Attachment 1)
- A summary of the values from the “world café” activity are attached (Attachment 2)  
Some themes that emerged included:
  - The number of different uses or functions that the park sustains, often at the same time
  - Uses are both structured and unstructured
  - Clean and safe
  - Peaceful
  - Space and flexible
  - Green space
  - Respected by the users
- The participants visited various parts of the Park, and shared views on how the Park was used, and explored a range of issues.  
Both general and specific issues were canvassed during the walk. Specific suggestions for strategies and actions were recorded by the Council officers present for consideration in the plan development.  
Some of the themes that emerged included:
  - The park is “free” ie lack of commercialisation, and available to all
  - The flexible and multifunctional uses of the Park, catering for multiple users at any one time, and the use by both small and large groups
  - The freedom and space offered by the Park

- Equity- all can use it, young and old
  - The Park's heritage- both built and natural- acts as an anchor linking the past to the future
  - A sense of ownership by the community, contributing to Park as clean and safe and looked after
  - The bowling Club contribution to the quiet ambience, and also safety due to the presence
  - The multicultural nature of both the users and the monuments
  - The value of the trees and natural environment in a heavily urbanised area
  - The aesthetics- views into and from the Park
  - A balance of formality and flexibility
- Each participant contributed to a list of words that reflected for them the key high level principles about managing the Park. These were then discussed briefly to clarify understanding, then grouped into like areas or themes  
(See Attachment 3)  
Major themes emerging from this activity included:
    - Public Use- ie the Park available for all
    - Multiple uses- sharing
    - Balance- between development and leaving it alone
    - Social- meeting needs
    - Recreation- versatility around sports
    - Beautiful natural environment
    - Accessible- equity and access
    - Safety
    - Heritage
    - Peaceful and spacious

**Next steps:**

The community engagement process was outlined to the participants, and a commitment given to circulate the notes from the meeting.

**Review:**

Participants were asked to comment on the workshop. Responses included:

- Increased awareness and understanding of how the park is used and valued
- Surprise at how extensively the Park is used
- New learnings about aspects of park use

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## OUTCOMES OF COMMUNITY CONSULTION OF 14 MARCH 2007

Small Group feedback on focus question: “What do you value about Ashfield Park?  
What is it that makes it attractive to you”

### GROUP 1

What do you value?

- Open Space
- Diversity
- Clean, views, someone in park always
- Accessibility
- Cenotaph: Philippines, Bangladesh
- Informal sport groups

### Attractions

- Sunsets
- Playground
- Bowling Club Green
- Trees, layout
- History of Park
- Open space on Parramatta Road
- Family, people friendly
- Wildlife
- Central to surrounding areas
- Mary Poppins' Statue

## **GROUP 2**

### **Attractive**

- Greenness
- Flower beds
- Peacefulness
- Views
- Tranquility
- Birdlife/wildlife (possums)
- Spaciousness/enough for everyone

### **Value about the park**

- Informal use – in harmony
- Big enough
- No formal barriers to groups
- Well maintained trees/no litter
- Bowling Club available for meetings/drinks
- Central location
- Council supportive
- Imp. play area
- Imp. green space
- Trees/green lung
- Heritage aspect
- Feels safe – amount of people
- Walking dog in park
- Versatility – groups and individuals can use

## **GROUP 3**

### **Areas**

- Heritage
- It exists
- Open space
- Public owned
- Oasis in jungle!
- Very important green space
- Trees
- Birds/wildlife
- Playground
- BBQs
- Exercise Facility
- For future generations
- Restful
- Multicultural use
- Meeting place
- Weddings/reunions
- Flowers
- “Ashfield Park” gardens on Parramatta Road

### **Attraction**

- Peach, quiet
- Gardens
- Beauty/views
- Access for all
- Diversity of users
- Closeness

- Bowling Club
- Security due to number of people in park
- Kiosk/tables

#### **Issues**

- Road safety
- Safe havens vs “tough guy” areas

#### **GROUP 4**

- Trees
- Open space and size
- Flowers – fresh air
- South view Parramatta Road and Dalhousie Street
- Quality and enchantment
- Sunset to experience
- Safety factor
- Sydney Harbour Bridge
- Children’s playground
- Picnic and BBQ
- Diverse use
- Heritage and trees
- Formality – history
- Tranquility
- Multicultural use purpose
- Toilet facilities

#### **GROUP 5**

1. Free accessible green/open space.
2. Casual/informal activities possible

3. Well maintained grounds with mature trees
4. Play area for children
5. Not monopolized by exclusive groups
6. The Park's beauty
7. Safe environment
8. Attracts variety of birds and possums
9. Historical landmark
10. BBQ facilities
11. The peace and quiet

#### **GROUP 6**

- Open area for all residents from the many units.
- Beauty
- **Diversity** at any one time
- Well maintained, clean and **safe**
- It's free to users
- **Toilets/change rooms**
- **History and Traditions** are included
- **Peace and Quiet**
- Picnic areas
- Well lighted after dark
- **Cultural** fairs
- No exclusive "rights" to any part of the park
- Free of major structures (leave it that way)
- Opportunities to promote community

#### **GROUP 7**

- Serene
- Clean and quiet
- Ideal position
- Design – glorious early in the morning
- Trees, atmosphere beautiful way the park is planned
- Absorbs CO<sup>2</sup> from Parramatta Road
- Lungs of Ashfield
- Little open space in Ashfield – even more significant
- High community usage = happy community
- Diversity all times of day

#### **GROUP 8**

- Close to the city
- In beautiful area
- Serves the surrounding community
- Multicultural usage
- Open space
- Layout – beautifully maintained
- Should be open to everyone

## GROUP 9

### VALUES/ATTRACTION:

- Visual attraction/Green space
- Falun Gong & Taichi – reflective activities
- Clean – well looked after – safe
- History
- Large – Open – Diverse Activities capable with layout
- Exercise – formal and informal
- Backyard for unit dwellers
- Mixing pot – acceptance/socialising of diverse culture/ethnicity area for kids and adults
- Absorbs pollution/buffer (noise)
- Equity of access
- Dogs/walkers
- Bowling Club – service/drinks/community meeting place - **focus**

**Small Group feedback from discussion and brainstorm of key principles to guide the Plan of Management. Focus Question: “Why is this principle important to you?”**

**1. BALANCE OF USE – Between increasing dedicated use and leaving it alone:**

- What does dedicated mean? (Exclusive)
- Don't wish to see an increase in “organised” i.e. dedicated sport/activity.
- No more than 26 “organised” groups taking over large areas of the park. Every second weekend at least should be peaceful.
- To keep children off the streets there should be greater balance for junior sport especially football clubs to facilitate youth activity in the inner west.

It is all good and well to enjoy the “birds and the trees” but our children who take part (and pay for the luxury) in a healthy sporting activity – deserve as much consideration as every other resident.

There is very limited open space and we all need to work together and try to unanimously get our priorities right. APIA Leichhardt's residents only want use on Saturday for its juniors and are the residents willing to pay for the privilege?

- Comments to the statement above:
  - No organized regular sports clubs – I disagree with
  - Disagree
  - We pay rates to have the park
  - The APIA Club use so much open space it is not funny
  - Remember – no more intensification of sport i.e. Gaelic Football got chucked out to give APIA more time!
  - Residents pay Ashfield Council rates for privilege to use park facilities.
- Balance needs to be considered for weekend plus weekday activity.
- The population in the area is increasing – we need to ensure the long term survival of the park for the community who live around it.
- Utilise Parramatta Road side more e.g. may be benches and playground enclosed.
- Agree (to above point) especially for noisy activities (as long as it is OK for the houses on the other side of Parramatta Road.)
- Use of the park should also be considered in the context of impact on local residents e.g. noise, traffic, parking.
- I agree (to above point)

- So do I (to above point)
- Value of our housing (and price paid) is related to park being well-maintained, large and for locals.
- We don't need to "increase" its use; it's for locals (and their visitors). We need to continue (and make) comfortable for "**our**" use.

## 2. MULTIPLE USES – Sharing the spaces:

- To maximize the benefits of the park to the community.
- Improve areas for our children – safety?
- Please add sport apparatus for seniors and adults. My suggestions have been made to Mr Gerard Howard with photos. Thanks for you consideration of my suggestions – Eric.
- If the park was in a residential area of low density, where most people had backyards to play in and exercise and let off steam, then maybe it would be appropriate to have intensive sports use. But in an area where few people have backyards, we need some space to kick around a ball casually, or lie in the sun for a while. The park is **our** backyard.
- It is not a **soccer field – ABSOLUTELY!**
- Uses should be non-exclusive (interactivity welcome)
- Majority uses should be informal to accommodate the maximum number of users
- Many users only use facility for organized events e.g. Carnival/Cultural/School Sport/Bowls/Medieval Fighting
- Dogs should be welcome too! On the whole they are well behaved
- Some users are easier to share with than others – e.g. the Medieval Group is quite large but relatively quiet and contained
- The recent event with loudspeakers and off-key singing from morning to evening was harder to take, and drove the usual diversity of park users away

### 3. PUBLIC USE – The park available for all:

- For junior soccer players too!
- Visitors to the area staying in motels can gain an appreciation of the suburb
- Improve facilities through park – especially north behind Bowling Club – and area from Orpington Street and main path which runs from Parramatta Road. Seats required – BBQs required, etc in this area – at present rarely does one see anyone utilise this area.
- Promote park to families in flats in community languages for children to play actively.
- Promotion may require more effort in multiple languages all capture **all** users.
- Ashfield Municipal Council has been very supportive of our group's use of the park.
- We are afraid that if the APIA Club had its way – the park would look like Lambert Park, Leichhardt.
- I am surprised by the comments on capturing all users, as everyday there are kids of Chinese, Korean, Indian, European .... descent in the park. But **consultation** regarding the park is in English – is that the issue?

### 4. NATURAL ENVIRONMENT – Maintain and enhance the beauty:

- Mix of old-fashioned gardens, original trees and native plants.
- Sustainability more critical than Australian native plants
- Also incorporate “Heritage” garden aspects.
- Australian natives are sustainable – low water use.
- Having lots of colour in flowers is good (whether native or not)
- Need experts to ascertain “health” of old trees e.g. Morton Bay Figs
- Manage remnant vegetation? Turpentine and what about the Figs?
- Consider water tank. Tree numbers gradually .. different sizes/ages.
- Some garden beds in desperate need of some TLC.
- Yes, the park used to be incredibly well cared for but over the last few years it has gone downhill (a long way).
- Underground water availability
- War Memorial Arch (?) very untidy.

- Rosemary bushes need to be renewed
- Actually – Rosemary is for remembrance and is planted in honour of the soldiers etc. But could we replant the rosemary, because it is suffering, which doesn't seem respectful.
- Natural environment beauty good for the spirit.
- So little open space in Ashfield, need to maintain what there is. Don't expand sporting facilities, they can be built anywhere.
- Improve gardens and greenhouse.

#### **5. RECREATION – Facilitating versatility around sports:**

- It is great for the local kids (and adults) to have the space to play an informal game – they are out there each evening on the fields.
- Available to all – schools have limited or nil green space. De la Salle/St Vincents – good playing fields
- The APIA players are not residents or ratepayers.
- They are children of ratepayers – you are misinformed!
- What about another “Jazz in the Park”?
- Playing fields are not just for active recreation (soccer/football, etc) – should also be used for passive (kites/planes) access.
- Bowling Club provides a mutual sporting facility for lots of residents.
- Informal groups welcomed (social recreation)
- Very tranquil – very good for meditation – Falun Gong.
- Please put shade cloth/sails above the childrens' play equipment and upgrade – I agree
- Equity of use between different formal sports groups
- No more formal groups
- Opportunities for informal sports use important
- Needs more facilities in area adjacent to Parramatta Road for seating, tables, BBQs etc (area not utilized at present).
- Field needs work – drainage and leveling.

## **6. SOCIAL – Meeting needs for diverse community:**

- A place to meet other walkers because Ashfield is such a diverse community and our spaces need to reflect and accommodate that
- Bowling Club is a good community facility, a safe place to meet – Yay – Agree
- More multicultural events in park. Remember some park users have special needs (i.e. may have physical and intellectual disabilities)
- Vibrant interface between diverse community groups. Facilitators to encourage using safety concern
- A safe place to meet and chat with neighbours you don't otherwise know.
- A place for elderly people to meet new acquaintances.
- Need for more BBQs, seating, fix up toilets rear playground.
- Giving kids the opportunity to mix, and play in non-structured way gives them skills that will hopefully result in harmonious community when they grow up.
- Our group has made contact with others from outside the park and we have members go to other locations globally who tell others about the park at Ashfield.
- A beautiful and safe place for multilingual and multicultural activities – which can help to understand each other with great respect.

## **7. AMENITY – Maintain the peaceful and spacious nature:**

- By all means
- Nice big shady trees i.e. Figs
- This is an unfamiliar word (“amenity”) but it is what many of us want from the park – peace, quiet, space to move, a nice place to take the kids, a break from the constricted unit space that most of us live in (we don't have backyards)
- Quiet – no loudspeakers – Yes – Yes!
- We are bombarded with noise wherever we go. A park should be a place where you can get away from that. In particular permission for amplified music should not be lightly granted.
- Where one can just “stand and stare”
- A place to think your own thoughts
- Not to encourage excessive traffic
- A welcome respite from crowds and unit life

- Lower limit of amplified speakers – music and speech
- Balance needs for quiet and reflection with activity, music, etc – all about balance
- Trees are good shelter from the sun but we need some shelter from the rain (Pembroke side)
- Maintenance and improvement of floral and tree environment – better still – increase garden – like areas.
- Nature important balance for stressed workers

#### **8. ACCESSIBLE – Physical and social equity of access:**

- Anyone can use the park at any time: shared space. Ditto!
- Join in certain activities
- The park does not get divided up e.g. soccer only area
- No formalised wedding usage
- Close to rail and road transport (bus)
- Monitor impact of proposals for substantial new usage in terms of traffic, parking
- Not exclusive use by one group
- Accessible to current groups, only
- Consider enhanced access for people with disabilities – more parking areas
- Consult with elderly and disabled users/groups about what would meet their access needs, etc.
- Parking is an issue for residents during weekends and events
- People need a “backyard”
- Accessible for locals
- Central location for our social group (all over Sydney). Easy to locate for new members. Accessible by public transport. Parking near site is important as we bring some heavy equipment. This would be difficult if large events were more common in the park.

## **9. SAFETY – Secure and safe place:**

- Safety of all children's play equipment
- For kids
- For elderly
- For all casual users
- For women and men
- For single walkers
- Keep the openness as it promotes views/security – no fencing off.
- No hedges or extra trees (Parramatta)
- Lighting of areas where BBQs are placed
- Feels safe now – changes need to maintain this
- Safe to do meditation either early morning, before dawn or at night – Falun Gong
- Safe for evening walks when escaping heat in one's unit
- Have Rangers patrol outside business hours for antisocial behaviour e.g. alcohol abuse – absolutely right
- Post info re after hours contact re the park
- Close to hospitals and good access for ambulances
- The presence of the Bowling Club helps make it feel like a safe community place

## **10. HERITAGE – A place to acknowledge and maintain history:**

- Important for future generations
- Need a monument about history of the park
- The history of indigenous people of the area
- Needs to acknowledge indigenous vegetation i.e. Turpentine management plan? Bush care site? Planting day? Read "Taken for Granted" Benson and Howj (?)
- Should not go "overboard" on monuments – agree with the above additions

- No more monuments which are not directly relevant to Ashfield
- Could we fix the Rosemary beds around the war memorial? (P.S. "Relevance to Ashfield" will depend on who you are). (Most of us)
- Need park trail walk for children and adults to learn heritage aspects of park
- 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest Bowling Club in NSW – strong ties to the foundation of the park – the club is a great social meeting point and has been for years
- Roof tiling on the kiosk/some protection for "it" against late night abuse/misabuse?
- Perhaps the next "Carnival of Cultures" could celebrate the different cultural heritages by inviting historical groups to participate. The theme could be "Weaving our Ancestors Voices".

#### **11. OTHER PRINCIPLES:**

- Uses of the park should also be considered in the context of impact on local residents (e.g. noise, traffic and parking).
- Regarding monuments - who approved the Mother Language Monument – no Community Consultation was considered.
- The (Mother Language Monument) is not my cup of tea in terms of its look, but I think we can respect its intent in our very diverse Ashfield.
- Need traffic management plan.
- The environment – can the park become self sustaining particularly with respect to water collection and reuse in the park?
- Traffic and parking impact – rat running, truck parking, speeding, tyre burning, car dumping, soliciting (prostitution, dealing). Minimal camera surveillance.
- The plan information does not appear to have reached all users based on ethnic mix at the meeting.

## **Responses To Specific Questions**

### **Weddings allowed in Park?**

- Why not? Yes.
- It would depend on intensity of use – I Wouldn't want it to be like the Botanic Gardens where you can't sit in some areas because you'll interrupt the wedding photos.
- Photos only.
- Ceremony only.
- No. It's commercial use. There's plenty of other places.
- Photos only – no exclusive use.
- Photos only; I agree; Me too; Not too many – consider parking/traffic impact.
- Yes.

### **More monuments in the Park?**

- Ashfield municipality only.
- Relevance should be debated case by case.
- No x 5
- No, no more.

### **Additional BBQs required?**

- Yes; Yes; Yes; No; No; No.
- Perhaps, but maybe not in the current BBQ area, as the formal groups are already getting larger and larger to the point where they drive families and smaller casual groups out.

### **Water tanks in the Park for the Bowling Club?**

- Yes but ones that fit under building.
- Tanks for all park use, catch runoff water from street.
- Install underground and resurface with turf.
- Consider some water tanks and more natives.
- Tanks for park watering?
- Yes. Global warming – what about solar – Yes – make it a sustainable bowling club.
- Yes.
- Tanks below. Absolutely – yes.
- Sustainability – power the lighting; bring in some new age bowlers.

### **Extra lighting in the Park?**

- Not needed.
- No.
- No.

### **How to get more use of the Parramatta Road end of the Park?**

- Yes – BBQ seats etc.
- Some sort of screening of noise and visual (traffic) so people feel like it's part of the park not the roadside. Tricky though as it needs to be balanced with safety and the views of the several flats on the opposite side.
- Yes. Seating etc.
- More trees. More Park benches.

- Council staff to harvest palm seeds and so use to grow more (ie noted people with ladders helping themselves ie commercial harvesting).

#### **Concerts allowed in the Park?**

- Not large scale ie limit size.
- Consider noise implications – must be controlled!
- Yes. Controlled.
- No.
- Rarely, with low amplification.
- 2 Years
- 2 – 3 yearly.
- Only occasionally. 1 – 2 per year.
- Yes!!
- Yes, jazz in the Park!
- 1 – 2 year only.

#### **Correct closing time of toilets?**

- After dark.
- Yes.
- Yes.
- Yes.

#### **Native or exotic plants?**

- Native but still some flower beds (could they be native?)
- Nice figs. What about manage remnants ie turpentines. Bushcare site.
- Some beautiful natives and more water tanks.
- Remove old palm trees and replace.
- I love the palms.
- Coordinate with Council's environmental plans.
- Improve plantings cnr Parramatta Road and Orpington Street. Natives.
- Native but still some flower beds. Continue roses.
- Both.
- **Natives. Natives have flowers.**
- Maybe have demonstration of native garden.

#### **New and additional playground equipment**

- Shade sails. Also the maze is unsafe and equipment needs upgrading.
- Shade by trees only.
- Yes, yes.
- Yes – new.
- Shade by trees only.



# ASHFIELD PARK SURVEY

Ashfield Municipal Council is preparing a Plan for managing Ashfield Park. To help with the development of this plan, so that it reflects the needs and values of current and future users of the Park, Council would appreciate your responses to the following questions. Please tick the appropriate box .

**Please return completed survey by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to:  
Ashfield Municipal Council, PO Box 1145, ASHFIELD NSW 1800**

1) Are you  Female  Male

2) What is your age?  24 years or younger  25-59  60+

3) Which suburb do you live in? .....

4) How often do you visit Ashfield Park?

- Daily  Several times per week  Weekly  Monthly
- Several times per year  Once per year or less frequently

5) In what way do you primarily use the park?

Organised sport/exercise/recreation:

- Soccer  Football  Cricket  Hurling  Gaelic Football
- Tai Chi  Falun Gong
- Other (please state) .....

Informal recreation:

- Walking  Cycling  Walking dogs  Jogging
- Picnics  Children's playground  Barbeques
- Other (please state) .....

6) What do you value about Ashfield Park?

.....

.....

**Please turn over**



7) How important to you are the following aspects of Ashfield Park? And does the Park meet your needs? Tick the level of importance 1 = very important, 4 = not at all important.

Aspects	Level of Importance				Does the Park meet your needs for this?	
	1 High	2	3	4 Low	Yes	No
Space for organised sport						
Space for informal ball games						
Space for exercise eg walking, jogging, tai chi						
Space for community events eg markets, carnivals						
A place to sit and relax						
An informal meeting place for friends/family						
A place for remembering the past eg memorials						
A place to be used in lots of different ways						
A place for weddings, BBQs, night movies etc						
Children's playground						

Other comments .....

8) Is there anything about Ashfield Park that prevents you using it as you would like?

Yes  No

If yes, please say why. ....

9) Do you think Ashfield Park is well maintained?

Yes  No

If no, please say why. ....

10) Does Ashfield Park cater for people of all ages and for people with disabilities?

Yes  No

If no, please say why. ....

Join us for a community consultation about planning for the future management of Ashfield Park. The consultation will be held on Wednesday 14 March 2007 in Ashfield Town Hall, 260 Liverpool Road from 6pm to 8pm. To confirm your attendance, please phone 9716 1844 by 9 March 2007.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS SURVEY.

## Results of Community Survey (total respondents: 168)

### RESPONSES

#### QUESTION 1

Are you Female or Male?

Female: 100

Male: 66

Not stated: 2

#### QUESTION 2

What is your age?

24 years or younger: 9

25-59 years: 109

60 years+: 48

Not stated: 2

#### QUESTION 3

Which suburb do you live in?

Ashfield: 129

Summer Hill: 18

Haberfield: 8

Tempe: 4

Five Dock: 2

Ashbury: 1

Stanmore: 1

Newtown: 1

Annandale: 1

Campsie: 1

Petersham: 1

Not stated: 1

#### QUESTION 4

How often do you visit Ashfield Park?

Daily: 59

Several times a week: 53

Weekly: 34

Monthly: 9

Several times a year: 8

Once a year or

less frequently: 1

Not stated: 4

## QUESTION 5

In what way do you primarily use the park?

### Organised sport/exercise/recreation:

Tai Chi: 14  
Soccer: 9  
Bowling: 8  
Cricket: 8  
Medieval re-enactment: 6  
Falun Gung: 6  
Football: 5  
Gaelic football: 2  
Supported Playgroup: 1  
Hockey: 1  
Public events: 1

### Informal recreation:

Walking: 142  
Children's playground: 54  
Picnics: 54  
Jogging: 35  
Barbecues: 16  
Walking dogs: 15  
Cycling: 17  
Relaxing: 9  
Community events: 3  
Throwing frisbees: 3  
Kite flying: 2  
Bird watching: 1  
Reading: 1  
Meditation: 1  
Informal soccer: 1  
Story time: 1  
Ball games: 1

## Question 6

What do you value about Ashfield Park?

Value	No. of responses
The space and size of the park.	52
The trees, flowers, and other plants.	43
The peace and quiet.	37
Location, proximity to homes, accessibility and availability to all.	26
The variety of activities, uses and facilities, eg playground, BBQs.	24
The beauty of the Park.	16

The Park enables a variety of activities and uses.	16
The Park is clean and well maintained.	14
The Park is a good meeting place, gives a sense of community and strengthens the suburb.	13
The Park is safe/can walk about freely.	13
It is used by many different groups/has a diversity of users.	12
The Park is a green area in an area with few back yards.	12
There is a relaxing atmosphere/provides a place for relaxation.	10
The Park is available for all	10
There is shade provided by the trees.	9
The Park's heritage and historical aspects.	6
The community uses of the Park	6
The Park's location	6
The Park includes a bowling club.	5
The Oval.	5
The fauna including the birds and flying foxes.	5
The playground	5
The Park's informal uses.	4
The Park's proximity	4
Gets used a lot by many people.	3
The views of the city from the Park.	2
The Park is free.	2
The breeze.	3
The formal and informal uses.	2
One of the best parks.	1
The multicultural events.	1
Conservation.	1
Statue of Mary Poppins.	1
Pathways.	1
The shade	1
The variety of facilities	1
The Park strengthens the suburb	1
The sense of community	1

### Question 7

How important to you are the following aspects of Ashfield Park? And does the Park meet your needs?

Aspects	Level of Importance				Does the Park meet your needs for this?	
	No. of responses				No. of responses	
	1 High	2	3	4 Low	Yes	No
Space for organised sport	38	17	32	71	92	9
Space for informal ball games	70	43	26	23	95	6
Space for exercise eg walking, jogging, tai chi	141	17	5	0	110	1
Space for community events eg markets, carnivals	74	40	28	20	101	6
A place to sit and relax	138	13	10	0	111	8
An informal meeting place for friends/family	112	27	14	8	109	6
A place for remembering the past eg memorials	37	43	35	43	94	3
A place to be used in lots of different ways	112	19	22	6	101	6
A place for weddings, BBQs, night movies etc	47	24	48	37	92	9
Children's playground	87	25	25	25	100	8

Other comments

Comment	No. of responses
Do not release recreation areas to organised sport or any one group or give too much access to such groups/control the level of organised sport.	9
Keep the current variety of activities.	6
Night movies supported.	6
Improve and maintain the flowerbeds better and create more beds.	4
Not enough seats.	3
Need for shade for play area.	3
Night movies not supported.	3
Control noise, particularly from events in the Park.	2
There is a shortage of parking around the Park.	2
More garden arrangements.	1
Let Bowling Club install water tanks.	1
Create a second play area.	2
Install swing for babies in children's playground.	1
More covered facilities for picnics.	1

Create a history trail	1
Stop medieval re-enactments	1
There is a lack of women's toilets.	1
A café would be a good idea.	1
Organised sports should be in large ovals elsewhere, eg Centenary Oval.	1
Stop vehicles driving in the Park.	1
Improve the Parramatta side of the Park.	1
Install a basketball facility.	1
Keep the Park accessible for all.	1
Keep the Park as it is at present.	1
Improve the grass cover under trees.	1
More picnic tables.	1
The picnic shelter is dirty and not a nice place to eat.	1
There are too many memorials.	1
The grass surface on the oval is poor at the end of the season.	1
More BBQs	1
More sheltered areas from the rain.	1
Install ramp access from Dalhousie Street.	1
The soccer players think they own the Oval.	1
It is difficult to use the Oval for jogging during the evenings in the winter.	1
No weddings.	1
The level of litter is undesirable.	1
Update playground	1
Safety fence around playground	1
Bike track for toddlers	1
Cycling track	1
Reduce old style formal garden displays	1
Regular jazz concerts	1
Participative free exercise	1
Regular Council events	1

### Question 8

Is there anything about Ashfield Park that prevents you using it as you would like?

Comment	No. of responses
Noise problems at times, eg drums, amplifying equipment; needs regulating.	5
Parking can be difficult and is a problem during night training and because of resident parking.	4
The gardens need more attention.	3
The soccer players are rude and leave their rubbish in the street.	3
I do not like being heckled/stared at by the soccer players when I am jogging around the Oval at night in winter.	2

Organised activities are taking over large parts of the Park.	2
More shaded rest areas.	2
Owners should control their dogs.	2
There are drums and noisy music at times.	2
The Park is not available during organised events.	2
More lighting needed as unsafe at night.	2
The soccer players don't want to share their time on the Oval.	1
More shelters.	1
Lack of women's toilets near playground.	1
Oval; grass gets run down.	1
Sometimes can't get around due to cricket games or other sporting events.	1
Need ramp up from Parramatta Road for kids' bikes.	1
More playground equipment.	1
Erect signs to clean BBQs after use.	1
Too much organised sport.	1
Remove graffiti from the fig trees.	1
Repair the broken benches.	1
Not enough picnic tables.	1
Greedy users monopolise the Park and are not concerned for others.	1
Picnic tables and their enclosure dirty.	1
The toilets are inadequate if the Park is crowded.	1
Don't let the Park get any smaller.	1

### Question 9

Do you think Ashfield Park is well maintained?

Comment	No. of responses
The gardens need more attention; the flowerbeds are often scrappy and barren; replanting needed.	8
The Ormond Street entry needs work/maintenance.	2
Need for more rubbish pick-ups.	2
Seats need to be maintained.	1
The gardens are beautifully maintained	1
The Rangers should not drive through the Park.	1
The toilet blocks and BBQs need to be cleaned more.	1
Check drains, taps and water fountains.	1
The water bubbler needs to be unblocked.	1
Need for more picnic tables.	1
There has been a rapid decline in maintenance over the last 12 months.	1
Problems with compacted ground and with the grass around trees.	1
There is a problem with litter.	1

**Question 10**

Does Ashfield Park cater for people of all ages and for people with disabilities?

<b>Comment</b>	<b>No. of responses</b>
The pathways are neglected.	1
Need for more footpaths connecting to each other.	1
Inadequate parking for people in wheelchairs.	1
The toilets are not well maintained.	1
More appropriate seating is needed that is suitable for older people.	1



## A PLAN FOR MANAGING ASHFIELD PARK

Ashfield Council is preparing a Plan of Management for Ashfield Park. As part of this process, Council is consulting with interested residents and users of the Park in order to develop a Plan that reflects the values of our community.

**Council invites you to a community consultation session on Wednesday 14 March 2007 in Ashfield Town Hall, 260 Liverpool Road, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.**

This meeting is part of a comprehensive consultation process and follows earlier targeted consultations held with organisations and groups who are regular users of the Park.

**Council is interested in your views and ideas about what principles and objectives should be considered in the development of the Plan.** It will be the main guide for the planning and management of Ashfield Park now and into the future. The Plan will describe how the Park, which is Crown Land managed by Council, is to be used, conserved, developed and managed.

Ashfield Park is one of Sydney's oldest recreation areas. The Park's sporting field is heavily used throughout the year by sporting clubs and schools for training and matches. Many other groups, individuals and families also use the Park for exercise and for relaxing. On any one day many residents can be seen enjoying a leisurely stroll or spending some quiet time in the shade of one of the many trees.

Ashfield Park also has a number of historic monuments and memorials. It is also home to Ashfield Bowling Club, one of the oldest in NSW having been formed in 1889. The Park features a number of impressive trees and palms, including one of Sydney's finest avenues of Canary Island Date Palms. It also has some turpentine trees that are part of the original bush.

It is important that this Plan of Management for Ashfield Park takes account of and respects all these aspects. Your input is important and will be used to ensure the Plan is comprehensive and reflects community values.

**If you plan to attend the community consultation, please RSVP for catering purposes by phoning Ashfield Council's Community Services on 9716 1844 by Friday 9 March 2007.**

## ASHFIELD PARK MAINTENANCE PLAN

Management Objectives	Proposed Performance	Assessment of Proposed Performance	Activity to achieve Management Objectives and Proposed Performance
<b>Parks Maintained</b>	Grass Quality	Full cover length >20, <100mm	Implement mowing program. Undertake turf maintenance as required.
	Garden beds	Weed free Rubbish free Mulched Healthy viable plants	Minimum monthly bed clean up. Apply 100mm cover mulch. Replace dead/diseased plants. Undertake horticultural maintenance as required.
	Litter	Grounds litter free  No overflowing bins	Regular check on bins/grounds.  Bins emptied weekly. Barricade any dangerous/broken sections & arrange repairs at earliest opportunity.
	Footpaths/Steps	Clear of obstructions, weed free, safe, no damage	Remove any weeds in pavements, barricade any dangerous/broken sections and arrange repairs at earliest opportunity.
	Irrigation (where installed)	Operational	Check whole system, minimum twice a year. Weekly assessment of watering. Arrange plumbers, as required.
	Lights function Poles undamaged (where installed)	All lights operational No chipped paint, bent poles or broken luminaries	Notify Energy Australia.
	Seats useable (where installed)	No broken slats All seats fixed to ground, no missing bolts Clean	Monthly check or as reported. Replace broken or repaint item as required. Clean as required.
	Drinking fountain useable	Clean Not leaking	Arrange plumber as required. Inspect quarterly.
	Picnic shelters useable (where installed)	Clean, undamaged	Arrange repairs as required. Inspect quarterly.
	Rubbish Bins useable (where installed)	Clean, undamaged	As reported. Inspect quarterly.
Signage visible (where installed)	Clean, undamaged	As reported. Inspect quarterly.	

<b>Management Objectives</b>	<b>Proposed Performance</b>	<b>Assessment of Proposed Performance</b>	<b>Activity to achieve Management Objectives and Proposed Performance</b>
<b>Structures Maintained</b>	Condition	All park structures undamaged, clean and available for use	Quarterly check of all structures. Repair as required.
<b>Toilets Maintained</b>	Condition	Paper and soap available Lights working	Daily check & replacement of items. Works orders for repairs submitted. Ranger to open & close.
	Availability	Open daylight hours or by specific arrangement	
<b>Playground Maintained</b>	Condition	Undamaged Painted Constructed to Australian Standards	Weekly inspections. Thorough quarterly inspections. Repairs as required.
	Safety	Reduced risk of accidents	Quarterly check of structural elements. Regular check of safety surface for glass, needles & rubbish.
<b>Appropriate Access Provided</b>	Illegal Access	Illegal access prohibited	Identify illegal vehicular access points & provide barriers.  Identify park boundaries & determine encroachments. Remove encroachments & dumped refuse. Formalise access requirements of service authorities. Incorporate in standardised & clear signage information regarding illegal access. Provide access for maintenance, emergency & other vehicles as may be required. Provide equal access street entrances to major Park facilities. Incorporate items such as even surfaced paths, pram, ramps & accessible grades. Investigate the development of a linked path network to other open space areas.

## ASHFIELD PARK SUMMER SEASON 2006/2007

	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
<b>MON</b>						School booking 12.00pm-3.00pm			School booking 3.00pm -5.00pm									
<b>TUE</b>					School booking 11.30am - 1.00pm				School booking 3.00pm - 5.00pm									
<b>WED</b>	Maintenance						School booking 1.00pm-3.00pm	School booking 3.00pm-5.00pm										
<b>THU</b>							School booking 1.00pm-5.00pm											
<b>FRI</b>			School booking 9.00am –1.00pm				School booking 12.30pm - 3.00pm		No use									
<b>SAT</b>	Club game 8.30am - 12.30pm																	
<b>SUN</b>																		

## ASHFIELD PARK WINTER SEASON 2007

	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>MON</b>						School booking 12.00pm-3.00pm			School booking 3.00pm-4.00pm		Club booking 5:30pm – 8.00pm					
<b>TUE</b>					School booking 11.30am – 1.00pm				School booking 3.00pm-5.00pm		Club booking 5.00pm-7.00pm		Club booking 7.00pm-9.00pm			
<b>WED</b>	<b>Maintenance</b>						School booking 1.00pm-3.00pm		School booking 3.00pm – 4.00pm		Club booking 5.00pm – 7.00pm		Club booking 7.00pm-9.00pm			
<b>THU</b>										School booking 12.30pm-3.00pm					Club booking 5.00pm – 7.00pm	
<b>FRI</b>			School booking 9.00am -12:30pm			School booking 12.30pm-3.00pm			No use							
<b>SAT</b>		School booking 8.00am-5.00pm														
<b>SUN</b>																