

Kyogle Recreation Reserve Plan of Management project
 Submissions received during exhibition of Draft Plan of Management

Submitter	Support for Draft PoM? Yes/No	Points raised	Incorporated into Final Draft Plan of Management?
Submitter 1	Yes	Landcare wish to be involved in the maintenance of areas of natural vegetation in collaboration with Council	Yes. The Draft PoM included an objective to establish a comprehensive plan for maintenance of the Reserve. The maintenance plan must be prepared in collaboration with Kyogle Landcare and must clearly define roles and responsibilities.
		Existing paved paths are slippery when wet. Improved maintenance schedule required.	As above.
		Fence and gate should be provided between caravan park and reserve/paths to control access.	Yes. Final PoM will include a note to examine benefit or potential to provide fence and gate between caravan park and paths.
		Would like to see the provision of additional visitor facilities such as tables and benches.	Yes. Final PoM will include a note to examine installation of additional fixtures and facilities.
		Would like to see provision made for the potential future development of a butterfly house (to support Richmond Birdwing Butterfly vine rehabilitation campaign) somewhere in former croquet lawn. Could be in the Victorian style.	Yes. Final plan will include a note to examine potential of locating a butterfly house somewhere in Reserve.
Submitter 2	Yes	Adequate maintenance of new gardens and the Reserve generally must be a consideration.	Yes. The Draft PoM included an objective to establish a comprehensive plan for maintenance of the Reserve.
Submitter 3	Yes, subject to adequate maintenance being allowed.	Would like to see planting of red cedar trees- as a reference to their relevance to early timber getters in the area.	No. This is too high a level of detail to be included in PoM- this will be looked at when detailed design of the former croquet lawn area is prepared. Red cedar trees may be able to be utilised as the new shade trees proposed along the western edge of the new formal garden on the former croquet lawn.
		Funding of maintenance of a formal garden needs to be considered.	Yes. Whilst the new croquet lawn gardens are proposed to be a formal style, the final planting design will seek to utilise species and layouts that do not impose an unreasonable maintenance demand on Council however, inevitably the development of the Recreation Reserve will impose some additional maintenance requirements on Council. Nearly all submitters have raised the issue of the Reserve needing additional maintenance and this will be examined during the preparation of a maintenance plan for Reserve.
		Signage- is there going to be a storyboard depicting the history and development of the park and its environs?	Yes. Already part of draft PoM.
		New gate- would it be possible to incorporate parts of the gates removed from KMI?	No. This will be looked at when a detailed design of the gate is prepared.
		The gardens should incorporate a water feature.	No. This can be looked at when detailed design of the former croquet lawn area is prepared.
		Maintenance of the area and any new development must be a consideration.	Yes. The Draft PoM included an Objective to establish a comprehensive plan for maintenance of the Reserve.
Submitter 4	?	Plantings proposed near tennis court are in drainage areas.	Yes. Planting location and design was cognisant of the existing drainage path and does not seek to interrupt this. Final PoM can clarify this and subsequent detailed design will ensure drainage maintained.
		Additional plantings will require a high level of maintenance, and this needs to be resourced.	Yes. Final planting design will seek to utilise species and layouts that are not high maintenance however, inevitably the development of the Recreation Reserve will impose some additional maintenance requirements on Council. Nearly all submitters have raised the issue of the Reserve needing additional maintenance and the resourcing required to deliver this will be examined during the preparation of a maintenance plan.
		Design should incorporate sculptures or historical items to go along with signage. There is no space allowed for this.	Yes. The Draft PoM (Point 1, Management Objectives) does flag a desire to utilise sculpture and art (particularly to tell the story of indigenous peoples' use of the site). This can be made more prominent in the Final PoM. There is sufficient space in Alcorn Park and the former croquet lawn to site art and /or sculpture but ultimately, locations for sculpture and art need to be identified through the more detailed design process.
		There are significant weed species around the caravan park and labyrinth space.- there appears to be no plan for the management of this.	Yes. The final PoM will include a note that flags a requirement to address weed management as part of the development of a maintenance plan for the Reserve.
		Plan should link footpaths to steps/path at southern end of caravan park.	Yes. This proposal will improve pedestrian permeability of the site and the final PoM will include a path between the labyrinth and the tennis courts linking the Alcorn Park path to the steps leading to the creekside path.
		Link the path from the rotunda to the path to the caravan park toilets.	Yes. This proposal will result in improved pedestrian permeability and the Final PoM will show a path in this location.
		Bat colony requires management including provision of exclusion zones and measures to deal with heatwave conditions.	Yes. The draft PoM flagged management of the bat colony as an objective; the final PoM will explicitly seek to prepare a management plan for the bat colony and public safety.
Submitter 5	?	Believe that maintenance of the reserve (in particular labyrinth and paths and gardens around Alcorn Park) is important and an adequate annual budget allocation must be made.	Yes. The Draft PoM included an Objective to establish a comprehensive plan for maintenance of the Reserve.
Submitter 6	Yes, especially dog park and new plantings	New plantings should be food related as well as being natives.	No. However, this can be examined during detailed design of new plantings.
		Is there a possibility to include a larger community garden?	No. Other than this submission Council has not received feedback from the public indicating a desire for a community garden at the Recreation reserve.
Submitter 7	Yes	Existing oval area continues to receive increasing usage, which is good, but this includes access by cars and quad bikes: access needs to be controlled.	Yes. Final PoM will flag a requirement for bollards along access road and signage to notify the public as to allowable uses.
		Oval area currently functions as an informal dog off-leash area and this appears to work well. There may no be room for a fenced dog off leash area near the existing baseball nets without encroaching on the cricket field.	Potentially- further examination of demand and spatial availability is required.
		Ongoing maintenance and management of the reserve (including resourcing) is an important issue.	Yes. The Draft PoM included an Objective to establish a comprehensive plan for maintenance of the Reserve.
Submitter 8	Yes	Existing brick paving is in poor repair and requires maintenance.	Yes. The Draft PoM included an Objective to establish a comprehensive plan for maintenance of the Reserve.
		New planting in riparian areas may be susceptible to flooding.	No. The PoM does not propose Council carry out planting works. The PoM seeks to support the efforts of other groups (primarily Kyogle Landcare) to carry out works in riparian areas.
		The labyrinth may be susceptible to drainage issues which may affect foundations. Has maintenance of this facility been factored in?	Yes. The labyrinth will be designed with adequate drainage and footings. As discussed elsewhere, maintenance of the Reserve generally has been raised as an issue and the PoM seeks to ensure maintenance is adequately considered and resourced.
		Kids are making bike jumps and tracks in the bushland area of the Reserve- would like to see this discouraged but make provision for young bike riders.	Yes.
		Would be good to see schools involved in the project- to encourage a sense of ownership of the Reserve.	Yes. In implementing the PoM Council will seek to involve the community, including schools.
		Parts of Fawcetts Creek have steep banks- should be fenced.	No. Fencing is not considered appropriate in such a flood prone location. The final PoM will include an Action to carry out a safety audit to identify public safety issues.
		The old toilet block near the tennis courts and the old kiosk at the playing fields are both unsightly buildings and should be removed.	No. Neither building is planned for removal as both structures are still used. Final PoM will include an Action to refurbish the toilet/storage shed near the tennis courts to ensure it is fit for purpose and improve its appearance.
		The pedestrian bridge blow the caravan park would be safer with rails. The steps to this bridge are dangerous.	Yes. The PoM flags improvements to the paths and pedestrian bridge.
		Identity tags on native trees should be replaced. Visitors are often keen to know species.	Yes. This issue was raised by numerous persons and the PoM flags an Action to re-install identification tags/plates/signs.

KYOGLERECREATIONRESERVE

Plan of Management

1. IDENTIFICATION OF RESERVE

Kyogle Recreation Reserve is a public reserve located within the town of Kyogle. It is bounded by the Kyogle golf course and North Coast railway line to the west, by Fawcett's Creek to the east and Summerland Way to the south. It consists of eight parcels of land that accommodate a number of different facilities and areas of open space including;

1. Kyogle Caravan Park; Lot 751 DP 1104367
2. Kyogle Landcare nursery; Lot 752 DP 1104367
3. Former Kyogle Croquet Club facility; Lot 753 DP 1104367
4. Car park and Kyogle Tennis Club facility; Lot 754 DP 1104367
5. Alcorn Park and small oval; Lot 755 DP 1104367
6. Kyogle cricket ground and botanical garden; Lot 756 DP 1104367
7. Land adjoining Fawcetts Creek adjacent golf club; Lot 7004 DP 1124806 and Lot 76 DP 755753

In addition to the parcels identified above, parts of the former croquet lawn, the caravan park, Alcorn Park, the cricket field and car parks are situated in the Summerland Way road reserve. The boundary and extent of the Kyogle Recreation Reserve is identified in Figure 1 below.



Figure 1 Kyogle Recreation Reserve boundary

In addition to the parcels identified above, parts of the former croquet lawn, the caravan park, Alcorn Park and the cricket field and car parks are situated in the Summerland Way road reserve.

2. GAZETTED PURPOSE AND VALUES OF THE RESERVE

The Reserve was gazetted for the purpose of public recreation. Since its gazettal it has been used and developed for a variety of recreational and cultural uses including; lawn bowls, tennis, croquet, cricket and softball, tourist accommodation, botanic garden, informal recreation and native plant propagation and environmental restoration work (Kyogle Landcare). The Reserve also has significant environmental values that feature due to the areas of significant remnant native vegetation, Fawcetts Creek and the flying fox colony. The Reserve is an important place to local aboriginal people and also features post-colonial cultural heritage values.



Figure 2 Alcorn Park is an important historic park

3. CURRENT USES AND STAKEHOLDERS

The KRR accommodates a variety of facilities and caters for a range of community user groups including; Kyogle Tennis Club and Kyogle Landcare, Kyogle Junior Cricket. The Kyogle Caravan Park is a tourist park operated by Kyogle Council. The remainder of the Reserve consists of natural areas (Fawcett's Creek riparian areas), passive recreation open space and unmanaged open space (principally overgrown land between the Gold Club and Fawcett's Creek).



Figure 3 Cricket nets

4. REQUIREMENT FOR PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

The Kyogle Recreation Reserve is a Crown Reserve that was formerly managed by the Gateway to the Rainforests Reserve Trust. Recent legislative changes mean this Reserve will become a public reserve managed by Council under the *Local Government Act 1993*. The reserve is likely to be declared as 'community land'.

This Plan of Management has been prepared in accordance with the Principles of Crown Land management and is intended to guide the use, development and management of the Reserve.

5. KEY ISSUES, OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

The development of the Plan of Management involved a review of the current issues and constraints affecting the Reserve. It also considered the opportunities available to capitalise on the values of the Reserve and achieve the outcomes expressed by key stakeholders and the community. These are outlined below:

Current issues

- Lack of plan for the Reserve.
- Maintenance and management carried out by different groups in an uncoordinated manner.
- Limited public use.

Constraints

- Flood prone land.
- Limited funds and resources available for development and maintenance.

Opportunities

- There are a number of active community groups currently managing parts and/or facilities within the Reserve.
- Presence of significant heritage values.
- Multiple uses and facilities.
- Substantial opportunity to increase use by public.

6. AIM AND OBJECTIVES

The Aim of the Plan of Management is;

To guide the use, development and management of the Kyogle Recreation Reserve to maximise its use and value to the community.

The Objectives of the Plan of Management are;

1. To accommodate where possible the needs or wishes of the various stakeholders who have an interest in the Reserve.
2. To provide clear guidance on future use and development of the Reserve and to identify short term improvements and enhancements.

3. To provide a framework for management of the Reserve and its facilities.
4. To enhance the community custodianship of the Reserve.
5. To preserve and enhance the social, environmental, recreational, heritage and cultural values of the Reserve.
6. To facilitate management and development of the reserve in order to increase opportunities for its use and management by the community.

7. ACTIONS

Actions to be undertaken are identified on Sheet 2 and 3 of the Plan of Management. These include, broadly:

- A. Investigate options to improve accommodation options at the caravan park.
- B. Retain existing sporting facilities and informal open space
- C. Continue to support the community's efforts to restore riparian environment and manage weeds.
- D. Retain and celebrate the heritage values.
- E. Develop a labyrinth in conjunction with Kyogle Friends of the Labyrinth.
- F. Investigate options for re-use and development of the former croquet lawn.



Figure 4 Historic entrance gates to Alcorn Park

8. IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW

Kyogle Council is the authority with responsibility for management of the KRR. Council will work with key stakeholders, community groups and the general public to implement the actions and strategies identified in this Plan of Management.

The Plan of Management will be reviewed as required.

KYOGLE RECREATION RESERVE Plan of Management

KEY STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS

1. CULTURAL AND HERITAGE VALUES

- Examine options to increase knowledge and recognition of indigenous peoples' use of the site. Options may include signage outlining historic cultural uses, identification and use of natural resources (eg. plants, food sources), sculpture and art.
- Examine options to increase knowledge and recognition of the development of the site as a public recreation area. Options may include signage including historic images.

2. SITE ACCESSIBILITY AND VISIBILITY

- Increase the visibility of the Reserve from Summerland Way and improve its accessibility.
- Carry out improvements to the internal pathway network to improve the accessibility and opportunities for recreational use of the Reserve.
- Provide improved signage on Summerland Way and within Reserve.
- Ensure maintenance of paths is a key criteria of maintenance plan.

3. NATURAL VALUES AND RIPARIAN ZONE

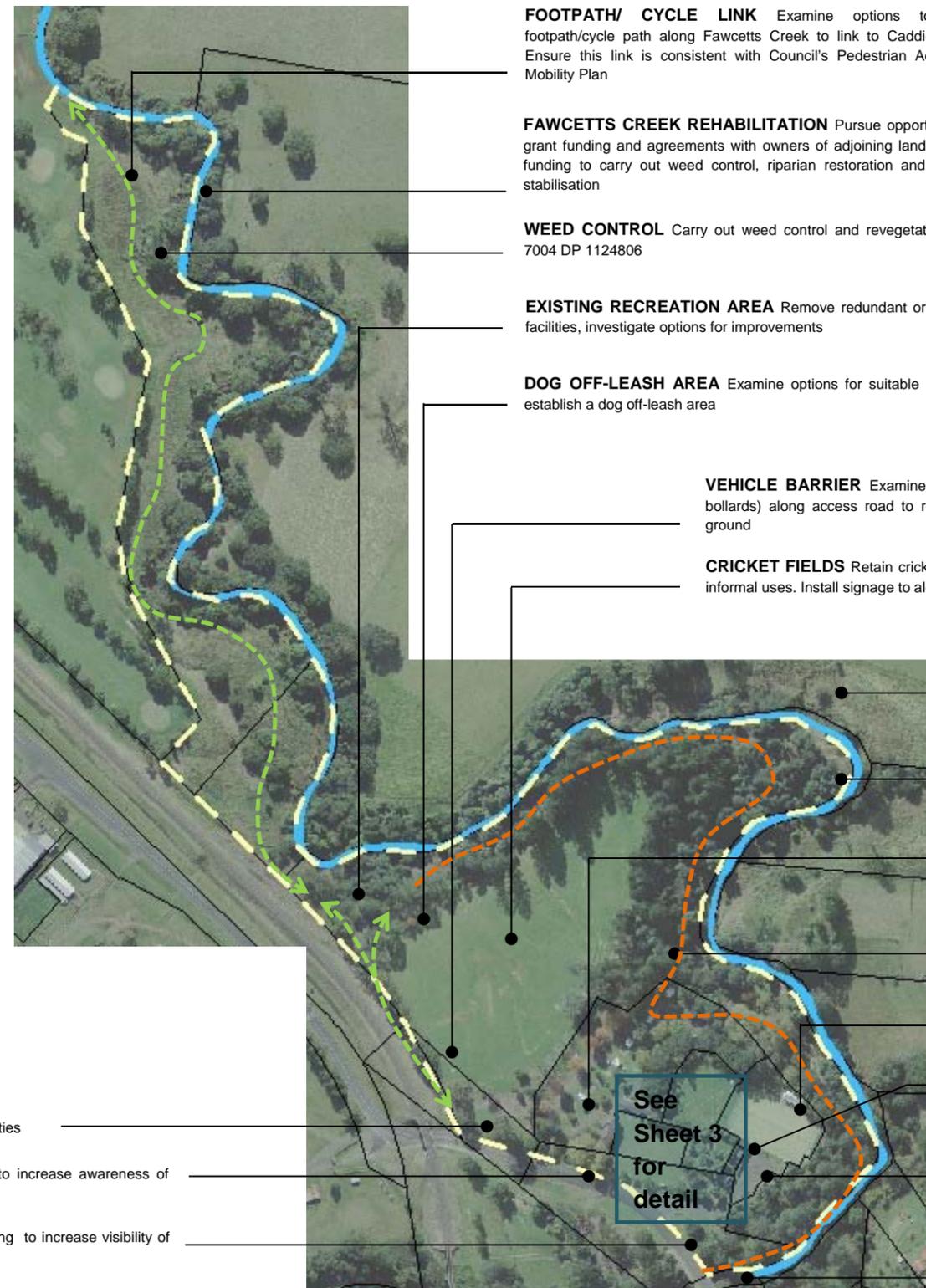
- Continue to support the restoration of the riparian zone including weed control, bank stabilisation and revegetation.
- Examine options to increase knowledge and awareness of the flying fox colony and minimise public health and safety risks.
- Re-instate tree and plant labels.

4. RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Retain and improve sporting facilities.
- Examine options to provide additional facilities eg. water bubblers, seating, tables and shelters.
- Examine options for provision of a dog off-leash area.
- Carry out improvements to the internal pathway network to improve opportunities for recreational use eg. jogging, walking and cycling.
- Carry out upgrades and improvements to caravan park to increase accommodation options and improve visitor experience.

5. MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

- Implement improved maintenance of paths.
- Define maintenance roles and areas of operation for Kyogle Council and Landcare.
- Conduct audit of existing facilities to determine need and condition- refurbish or remove where required.



FOOTPATH/ CYCLE LINK Examine options to extend footpath/cycle path along Fawcetts Creek to link to Caddie Avenue. Ensure this link is consistent with Council's Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan

FAWCETTS CREEK REHABILITATION Pursue opportunities for grant funding and agreements with owners of adjoining land and seek funding to carry out weed control, riparian restoration and riverbank stabilisation

WEED CONTROL Carry out weed control and revegetation of Lot 7004 DP 1124806

EXISTING RECREATION AREA Remove redundant or damaged facilities, investigate options for improvements

DOG OFF-LEASH AREA Examine options for suitable location to establish a dog off-leash area

VEHICLE BARRIER Examine options for installation of barrier (eg. bollards) along access road to restrict vehicles from accessing cricket ground

CRICKET FIELDS Retain cricket fields and facilitate other compatible informal uses. Install signage to alert users to permitted uses.

FAWCETTS CREEK REHABILITATION Pursue partnerships or agreements with landowners on eastern and northern side of creek and seek funding to carry out riparian restoration and riverbank stabilisation

REVEGETATION AND WEED CONTROL Continue to support Landcare and pursue funding opportunities for ongoing weed control, revegetation and riparian restoration work

CARAVAN PARK Council to investigate improvements and provision of additional accommodation options and landscaping

FOOTPATHS Carry out improvements to path network including formalisation/construction of new path and replacement of bridge across gully beside caravan park

TENNIS COURTS Retain facility in existing location, formalise lease with Tennis Club

LANDCARE NURSERY Retain facility in existing location, facilitate improvements where required. Improve aesthetics along interface with carpark through shrub and groundcover planting

CAR PARK Carry out improvements to car park including re-surfacing and drainage improvements

PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS Carry out improvements to improve accessibility and resolve erosion

CARPARK AND TOILET Maintain existing facilities

SIGNAGE Install signage on Summerland Way to increase awareness of recreation reserve and its facilities

EXISTING PLANTED ISLAND Carry out pruning to increase visibility of Alcorn Park

LEGEND

EXISTING PATH



NEW PATH



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RESERVE BOUNDARY



KYOGLER RECREATION RESERVE Plan of Management

ACTIONS AND STRATEGIES

1. FORMER CROQUET LAWN

- Examine options to activate and re-purpose the former croquet lawn to provide additional useable open space. Examine options including establishment of new garden to house shade structure or butterfly house.
- Retain historic characteristics and cues and install sensitive new elements to retain recognition of its former use.
- Investigate establishment of a new path and gate from Summerland Way frontage to improve accessibility of the Reserve.
- Examine options to increase knowledge and recognition of indigenous peoples' use of the site. Options may include signage outlining historic cultural uses, identification and use of natural resources (eg. plants, food sources), sculpture and art.
- Examine options to increase knowledge and recognition of the development of the site as a recreational area. Options may include signage including historic images.
- A detailed landscape plan to be developed for this area.
- Investigate options to utilise the balance of the area for caravan park patrons. A detailed plan is to be prepared to guide its development.

2. LABYRINTH

- Design and construct labyrinth in conjunction with Kyogle Friends of the Labyrinth.
- Examine option to provide screen planting around the labyrinth to provide some privacy and visual enclosure whilst retaining some sightlines to minimise potential for crime and undesirable activity.
- A detailed plan for the design of the surrounding landscaping is to be developed by Council in conjunction with Friends of the Labyrinth.

3. ALCORN PARK

- Alcorn Park is to be generally retained as existing.
- Existing path lights to be restored to an operable state to provide improve safety and to enable the path to function as a route for caravan park patrons to access town.
- Investigate the replacement of some plantings with more appropriate species.
- A detailed plan to guide vegetation replacement and maintenance is to be prepared.

NEW SIGNAGE To provide information and directions regarding facilities and gardens within the recreation reserve

LEGEND

EXISTING PATH



POTENTIAL NEW PATH
(to be investigated)



EXISTING PLANTED MOUNDS Retain planting to maintain enclosure of labyrinth space. Remove weed trees.

TENNIS COURT LIGHTS Retain access for maintenance and repair

LANDSCAPING Prepare detailed plan for planting around labyrinth in conjunction with Friends of the Labyrinth

NEW PATH Examine options to provide new path between tennis court and labyrinth to improve the accessibility and permeability of the Reserve

NEW PATH New concrete or paver path to provide access to toilets

CARAVAN PARK TOILETS Facilitate public access to toilets at eastern end

ALCORN PARK VEGETATION Generally retain as existing. Replace some inappropriate plantings with species of appropriate character and size. Install historic interpretation.

NEW PATH Examine options to provide new path from Summerland Way to improve the accessibility and permeability of the Reserve