

# 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 Fawcett's 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, Fawcett's 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.