

WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE COUNCIL**Ordinary Meeting – 18 November 2021****Item 19 Update Report on Classification and Categorisation of Crown Reserves**

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CSP Key Focus Area:	Recreation and Open Space
Priority:	R02 National parks and reserves in and around the Shire need to be well maintained and accessible in the long term for recreational activities.

Reason for Report

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the Classification and Categorisation of Crown Reserves.

Background

Council at its meeting of 21 May 2020 resolved the following:

'410/1920 RESOLVED that Council:

1. *Endorse initial Classification and Categorisation of the following Crown Land Reserves:*

Reserve No	Categorisation	Classification
89960	P	Community – Park
68452	GCU/P	Community – General Community Use/Park
65440	GCU	Community – General Community Use
90694	P	Community – Park
36127	CS	Community – Area of Cultural Significance
31715	P	Community – Park
51177	P	Community – Park
81773	GCU	Community – General Community Use
83250	P	Community – Park
11	P	Community – Park
14138	P	Community – Park
49164	P	Community – Park
520072	P	Community – Park
56732	P	Community – Park
86082	P	Community – Park
88128	P	Community – Park
88348	P	Community – Park

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Reserve No	Categorisation	Classification
89680	P	Community – Park
90768	P	Community – Park
46646	S	Community – Sportsground
47760	S	Community – Sportsground
89626	NA	Community – Natural Area – Bushland
96923	GCU	Community – General Community Use
97723	P	Community – Park
86105	P	Community – Park
89668	P	Community – Park
1997	P	Community – Park
91389	P	Community – Park
92335	P	Community – Park
97307	P	Community – Park
47862	GCU	Community – General Community Use
76398	P	Community – Park
86978	P	Community – Park
91071	P	Community – Park
53797	P	Community – Park
68100	P	Community – Park
81962	P	Community – Park
89588	P	Community – Park
520049	GCU	Community – General Community Use
85661	GCU/P	Community – General Community Use/Park
90681	P	Community – Park
87118	GCU	Community – General Community Use
95872	GCU	Community – General Community Use
98063	P	Community – Park
1591	P	Community – Park
1592	P	Community – Park
73370	P	Community – Park
77108	P	Community – Park
85682	GCU	Community – General Community Use
76877	P	Community – Park
78473	P	Community – Park
80278	P	Community – Park
97167	GCU	Community – General Community Use
1205	P	Community – Park

Legend: NA – Natural Area
S – Sportsground

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P – Park
CS – Cultural Significance
GCU – General Community Use

2. *Submit a Classification of Crown Land as Operational Land form to apply for Ministerial consent to classify the following Crown Reserves as Operational Land:*

Reserve No	Known As	Categorisation
85378	<i>Bandulla Rubbish Depot</i>	<i>GCU</i>
86971	<i>Rubbish Depot (closed in 2004)</i>	<i>GCU</i>
120056	<i>Baradine Bushfire Brigade & Rescue Station</i>	<i>GCU</i>
120110	<i>Rifle Range</i>	<i>NA</i>
44862	<i>Night Soil Depot</i>	<i>GCU</i>
51266	<i>Coolah Waste Transfer Depot</i>	<i>GCU</i>
65210	<i>Coolah Night Soil Depot</i>	<i>GCU</i>
44885	<i>Rifle Range (Part)</i>	<i>P</i>
86997	<i>Rubbish Depot</i>	<i>GCU</i>
69283	<i>Mendooran Night Soil Depot</i>	<i>GCU</i>
69431	<i>Rubbish Depot</i>	<i>GCU</i>
120081	<i>Uarbry Rubbish Depot</i>	<i>GCU</i>
86771	<i>Rubbish Depot</i>	<i>GCU</i>
69528	<i>Rubbish Depot</i>	<i>GCU</i>
60139	<i>Sanitary Purposes, Binnaway</i>	<i>GCU</i>
73778	<i>Rubbish Depot, Craboon Village</i>	<i>GCU</i>

Legend: NA – Natural Area
S – Sportsground
P – Park
CS – Cultural Significance
GCU – General Community Use

3. *In accordance with Section 3.23 of the Crown Land Management Act 2016, notification be provided to the Minister of Council's categorisation of Crown Reserves shown in recommendations 1 and 2.'*

Crown Lands NSW has identified 71 Crown Reserves that must be managed by Council. The management process includes classification of the Reserves as either Community Land or Operational Land. In accordance with Section 36 of the Local Government Act, land that is classified as Community Land must then be categorised as one or more of the following:

- a) a natural area
- b) a sportsground
- c) a park
- d) an area of cultural significance
- e) general community use.

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The management process also involves preparing a Plan of Management (PoM) for Crown Reserves regardless of their classification.

Classifying Crown Reserve as Operational Land is only possible upon approval from the Minister and Council's case must be compelling for an approval to be granted.

A Consultant has been engaged to assist Council with the task of describing each Crown Reserve and for preparing a PoM. Each Crown Reserve has been listed in a table which includes description of purpose and suggested classification and category, and this table along with maps is provided in Attachment 1.

The plan of management document was prepared in March 2021 and subsequently submitted to Crown Lands for comment.

Feedback was received in August 2021 and staff have responded to their queries.

At this time of writing this report, it is unclear when the consultation process with Crown Lands might be finalised.

Issues

The table in Attachment 1 also briefly describes justification for the proposed classification and categorisation of each Crown Reserve. The description covers potential issues such as existing use; endangered or threatened ecological communities, cultural heritage items and significant natural areas.

Options

Council may wish to review each Crown Reserve and change either the proposed classification or categorisation. The Crown Lands Office must be notified of Council's recommended classification and categorisation of each Crown Reserve before a PoM is prepared.

Financial Considerations

A grant of \$90,000 has been received from the Office of Local Government to complete the task of preparing Plans of Management.

Community Engagement

The reserves are relevant to a large area of the Shire and there is moderate potential for some controversy. Therefore, the level of engagement is to inform + consult.

Attachments

1. Crown Land Reserves – table of descriptions and maps.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council Note the update report on Classification and Categorisation of Crown Reserves.
2. In accordance with Section 3.23 of the Crown Land Management Act 2016, notification be provided to the Minister of Council's categorisation of Crown Reserves shown in Item 1 and 2 of Resolution No 410/1920 of 21 May 2020.