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| <p>Plan Of Management</p> | | |
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| | <p>WILLIAMS RESERVE Lennox Head</p> | |
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SUMMARY

Williams Reserve is an important Crown reserve situated adjacent to the commercial centre of the village of Lennox Head. The land comprises reserve 82927 for Public Recreation. Ballina Shire Council is the appointed manager of the Lennox Head Williams Reserve Trust that is charged with care, control and management of the reserve.

A statutory plan of management for Williams Reserve was adopted by the Minister on 20 June 2002. It was prepared by Council, in its capacity as Trust Manager, to set out a clear strategic direction for the reserve and to provide a rational and accountable framework for its future development and ongoing management.

Williams Reserve is highly valued by the community for its unique environmental features, variety of recreation opportunities and various community facilities. In many respects the reserve is the focal point for the village of Lennox Head due to its proximity to the commercial centre of Lennox Head and the range of community facilities on the reserve and adjoining lands. As such the reserve makes a major contribution to the identity and well-being of the community.

The community facilities on Williams Reserve have been established over a long period of time in a relatively ad hoc manner. An extensive community engagement and strategic planning process by Council identified the need to improve and rationalise the existing community facilities on the reserve. The Trust has now determined that the provision of a new multi-purpose community centre on the reserve will be the most effective means of addressing the needs of the community and will be in the best interests of the reserve.

In view of the significant proposals for the reserve it is appropriate that the plan of management be reviewed to examine the strategic planning and management implications for the reserve and give the community an ample opportunity to comment on the future direction of the reserve.

While the sports fields on Williams Reserve have traditionally been the focus of active recreation in Lennox Head, the provision of additional and proposed fields elsewhere will reduce their importance. Ballina Shire Council has developed an open space strategy that will see the development of additional playing fields on the north western edge of Lennox Head and an expansion of the Skennars Head playing fields that will relieve the current demands on the Williams Reserve playing fields. In this context, the recreational use of Williams Reserve will increasingly be directed towards passive recreation and associated community uses.

This plan of management essentially divides the reserve into three management units comprising of a Community Area, Recreation Area and Natural Conservation Area.

It also seeks to endorse the following key directions for the use and development of the reserve:

- The rationalization and improvement of community buildings and infrastructure on the reserve.
- Removal of the Rural Fire Station from the reserve.
- The establishment of a new multipurpose community centre and library.

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- The establishment of a skate park
 - Increased car parking within the reserve including the Park Lane frontage.
 - An increase in emphasis on passive recreation and social activities in areas previously used for active recreation.
 - Encourage utilization of the reserve for community markets and outdoor entertainment.

The gazetted public purpose for Williams Reserve is public recreation. Therefore to address any inconsistency with existing and future community use and the *declared purpose*, this plan of management also seeks to formally endorse the ongoing community use and the establishment and use of the proposed Community Centre as compatible and acceptable *additional purposes* pursuant to Section 112 of the Crown Lands Act 1989.

DEFINITIONS

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| Additional purpose | in relation to a reserve, means any purpose that is additional to: (a) the declared purpose of the reserve, or (b) any purpose authorised by the Minister under section 121A of the Crown Lands Act, 1989 in relation to the reserve. |
| Council | Ballina Shire Council |
| Management Principles | The general principles that form the basis upon which land use and management decisions are made to achieve management objectives. |
| Declared purpose | In relation to land comprising a reserve, means the public purpose for which the land has been dedicated or reserved under Part 5 of the Crown Lands Act 1989, and includes any purpose or use permitted under, or in connection with, the declared purpose. |
| Management Units | Identifiable precincts or units of land based on natural, economic or social factors, or a combination of these factors |
| Aims | Statements indicating what is to be achieved in fulfilling the Management Principles. |
| Plan of Management | A statutory document prepared under Sections 112-116 of the Crown Lands Act, 1989 and adopted by the Minister, outlining the role of a Crown reserve and providing guidance on the administration, use, development and management of the land. |
| Recreation | A wide range of active or passive activities undertaken either individually or as a group for pleasure, health, renewal and relaxation. |
| Reserve | Williams Reserve – reserve 82927 for Public Recreation notified 25 November, 1960. |
| Reserve Trust | A corporation constituted under Division 4 of Part 5 of the Crown Lands Act, 1989 and appointed by the Minister to manage a Crown reserve.. |
| Social Activities | The holding of social functions and activities, meetings, gatherings, educational instruction, arts & craft activities, club activities and childcare, whether carried out by the licensee/lessee or by another group under license or hire arrangements. |
| Sporting Activities | Those activities carried out by sporting clubs including the playing of games, training, the holding of meetings and social gatherings and other fundraising activities either undertaken by the club as the licensee/lessee or by another group under license or hire arrangements. |
| Strategy | A statement of how to achieve a desired outcome |
| Sustainable | Being able to carry out activities without damaging the long term health and integrity of natural and cultural environments. |
| Vision Statement | A broad statement of intent to focus activities and establish objectives and common direction. That is, a custodial or stewardship commitment to future generations. |

PART 2 – BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 Introduction

Williams Reserve is located in the Village of Lennox Head on the Far North Coast of NSW approximately 12 kilometres north of the Township of Ballina. The reserve is situated on the western side of the Lennox Head shopping precinct and fronts Park Lane and Mackney Lane. The location is shown in **Figure 1**.

Williams Reserve comprises the Crown land within Lot 473 DP 729088 and has a total area of 4.092 hectares. See **Figure 2**. It has important community, recreational facilities and environmental values and is centrally located within the village. It is used frequently by a number of community groups on a formal basis and by the general public on an informal basis to satisfy both active and passive recreational and community needs.

Williams Reserve is named after the Williams family who farmed at Upper North Creek and Lennox Head for a period of about 90 years.

2.2 History

2.2.1 Acquisition of Williams Reserve

Williams Reserve originally comprised part portion 415 Parish of Ballina owned by Mr. George Henry Williams of Ballina. The request for the land to be purchased was first made by the Lennox Head Progress and Ratepayers' Association in 1952 so that a caravan park could be established. Portion 415 was surveyed and resumed by the Minister of Lands for the purpose of public recreation on 4 December, 1959, following representations by Mr. S.T. Stephens Esq. MLA on behalf of the Lennox Head Progress and Ratepayers' Association.

The land cost 1,184 pounds and eight shillings, of which the Department of Lands contributed 644 pounds and eight shillings towards the total cost of the acquisition, the balance being met by Tintenbar Shire Council (540 pounds plus costs) (See Appendix II). At the time of acquisition, the land was leased to a Mr. Miller and was being used as part of a dairy farm. It is known that a well and windmill were located on the western side of portion 415 which also contained a dense stand of Coastal Cypress Pine as well as open areas of bladey grass and dwarf heath. The extent of the reserve on acquisition is shown in **Figure 3**, which also illustrates an intention to widen Park and Mackney Lanes to a full width of 20.0 metres.

Crown reserve No. 82927 for Public Recreation was notified on 25 November, 1960. By this time the reserve was no longer required as a caravan park and there were no funds to develop it as such.

Tintenbar Shire Council was appointed Trustee of Williams Reserve on 12 May 1961.

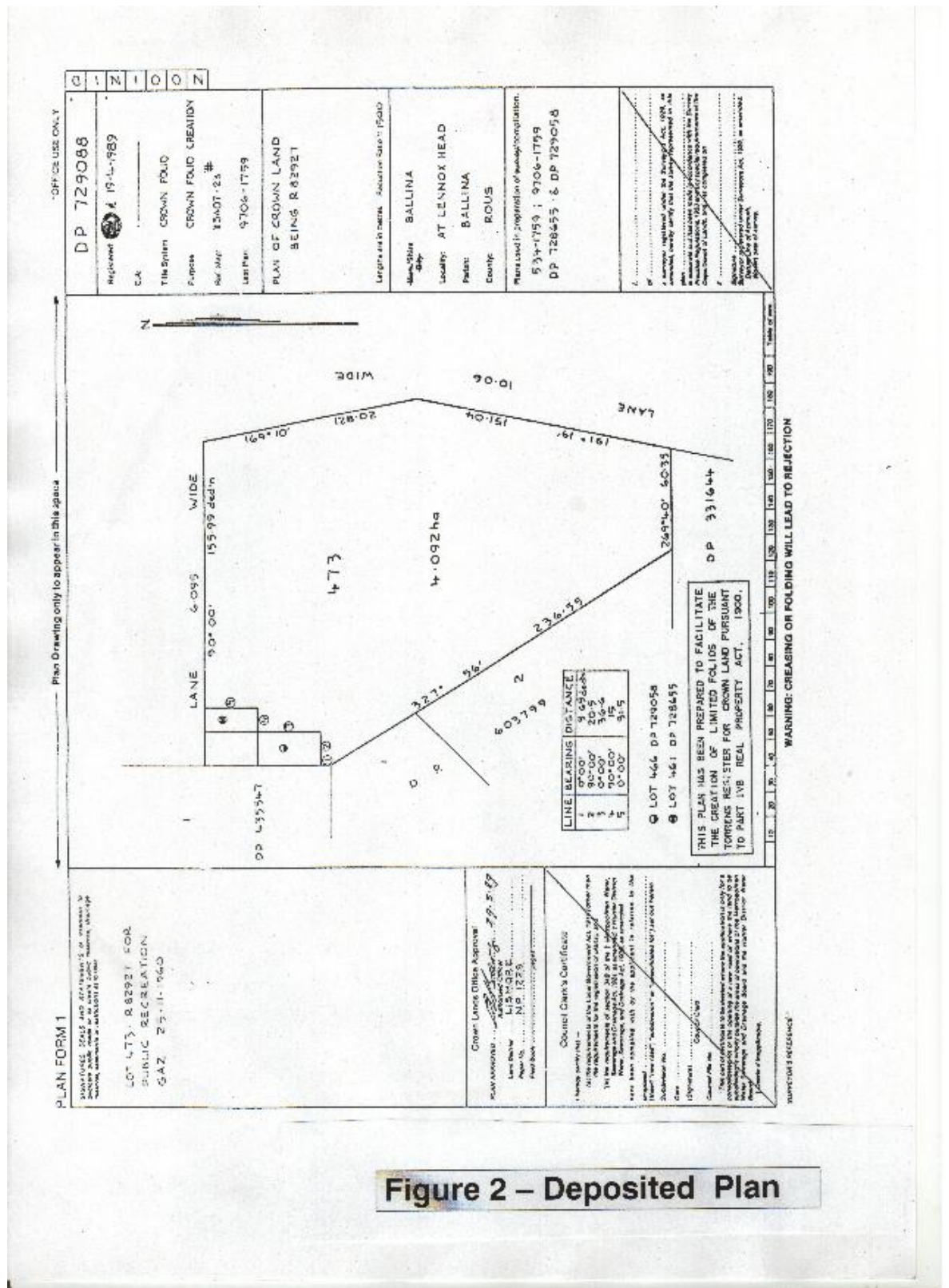


Figure 2 – Deposited Plan

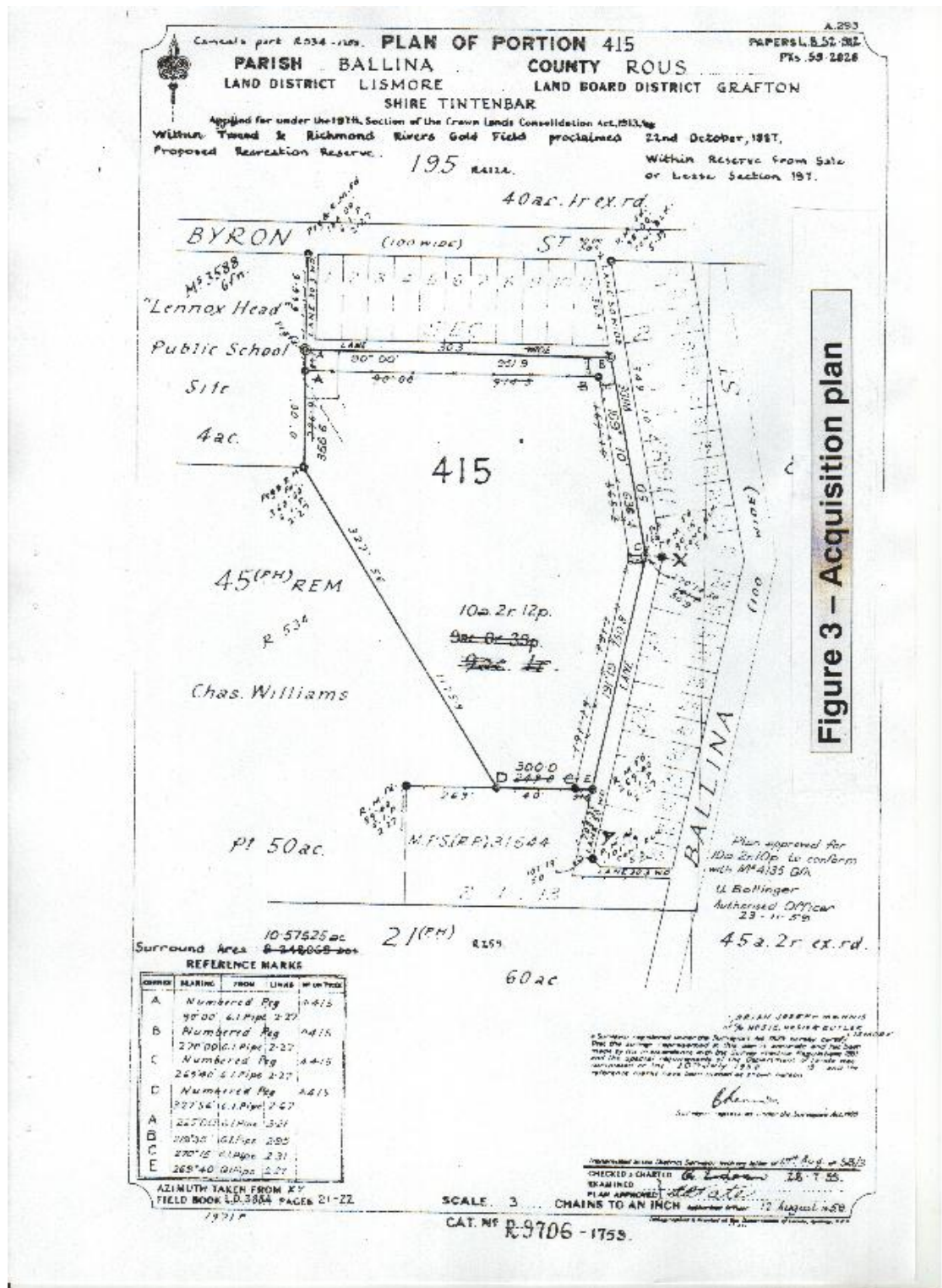


Figure 3 - Acquisition plan

2.2.2 Development of Williams Reserve

By 1963, the improvements on the reserve included two tennis courts and a tennis club amenities building (now the Recreation Hall) constructed by the Lennox Head Tennis Association and the old Lennox Head Rural Fire Station (since removed) owned by Tintenbar Shire Council.

Part of Williams Reserve was revoked when reserve 89677 for Kindergarten comprising Lot 415 DP 755684 was notified on 12 December, 1975. Tintenbar Shire Council was appointed Trustee of this new reserve. This reserve was vested in Ballina Shire Council on 26 May, 1978.

The Williams Reserve Sporting Complex Committee was formed at a public meeting on 30 June 1977 with the objective of establishing sporting facilities on the reserve. The proposal gained the support of Council and action proceeded to develop the concept with the help of local organizations and volunteers.

The building on Williams Reserve now occupied by the Lennox Head Playgroup was a former residence located on Pacific Parade. It was relocated to its present position on the reserve in the early 1980's and used as a clubhouse in conjunction with the new sports fields.

Following a request by the 1st Lennox Head Scout Group a further area of Williams Reserve adjoining the Kindergarten was revoked and reserve 97290 for Boy Scouts comprising Lot 461 DP 728655 was notified on 1 June, 1984. The Australian Boy Scouts Association, New South Wales Branch, is the appointed Trustee.

Following a request by Ballina Shire Council, another area of Williams Reserve was revoked to allow the extension of the kindergarten. Reserve 97839 for Kindergarten comprising Lot 466 DP 729058 was notified on 12 July, 1985. Ballina Shire Council is the appointed Trustee.

In 1985, a proposal was raised to relocate the Country Women's Association rooms to Williams Reserve from its former site adjoining Lake Ainsworth Caravan Park.

In 1988, Ballina Shire Council commenced a reserve improvement program that included the construction of an amenities block for the playing fields, relocation and redevelopment of the CWA rooms and other works. The old clubhouse was subsequently relinquished and taken over by the Lennox Head Playgroup in the mid 1990's.

In 1989, DP 729088 was registered to facilitate the creation of a limited folio for the reserve pursuant to the Real Property Act, 1900 (figure 2)

Following the construction of the CWA rooms, a lease commencing on 8 August, 1990 was granted to the CWA.

In 1997, the existing Rural Fire Station was replaced by a new three bay steel shed situated on one of the original tennis courts.

Appendix I gives further details of the history of the reserve and the family it is named after.

2.3 Land Status

Williams Reserve comprises reserve 82927 for Public Recreation notified on 25 November, 1960. The land is described as Lot 473 DP 729088 in the Parish of Ballina, County of Rous and has an area of 4.092 hectares.

Ballina Shire Council is the appointed Trust Manager of the Lennox Head Williams Reserve Trust that is charged with care, control and management of the reserve.

The subject land is also covered by the following strategic reservation;

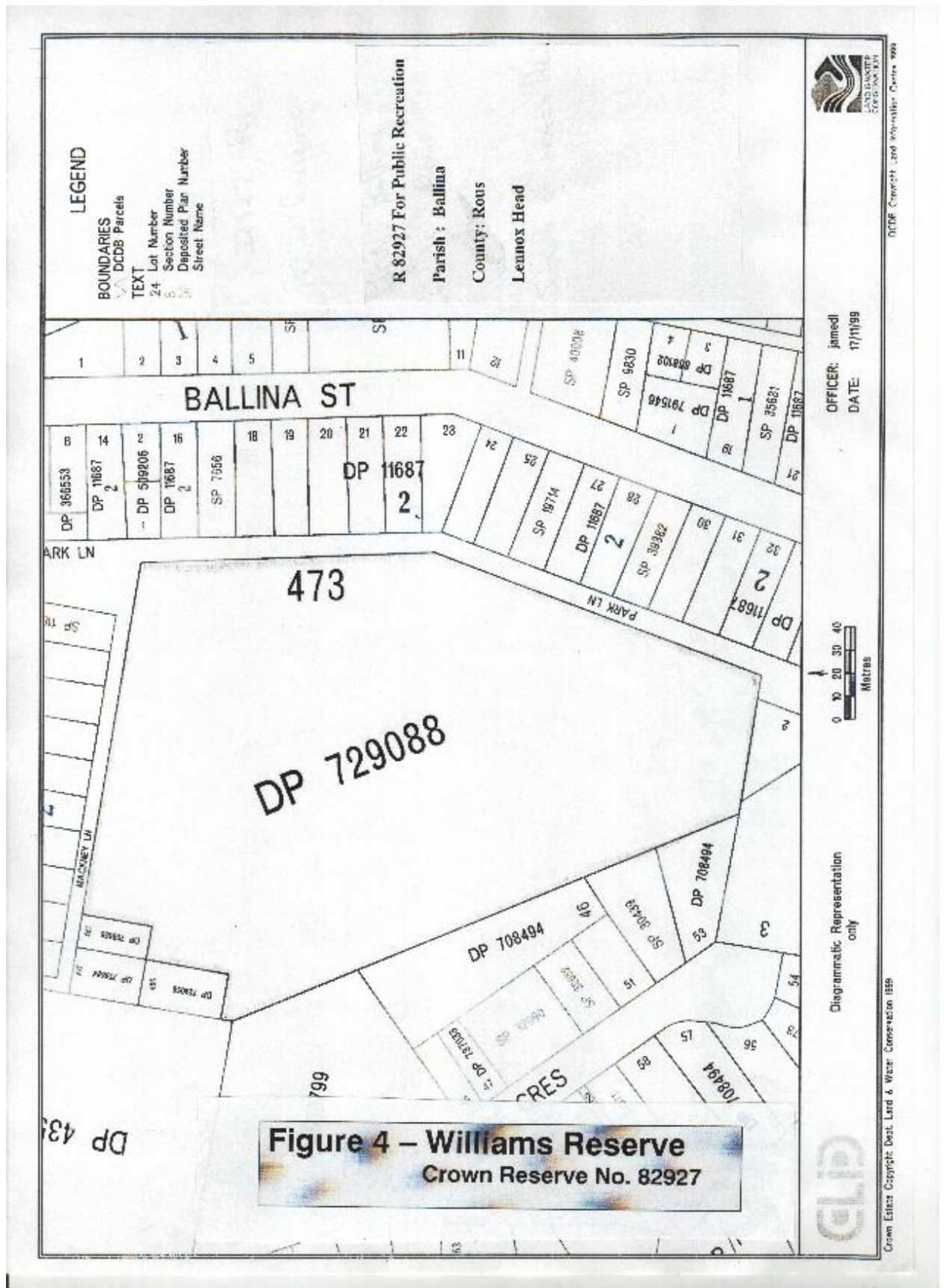
Reserve 1012188 for Access and Public Requirements, Rural Services, Tourism Purposes and Environmental and Heritage Conservation was notified 18 August 2006 in respect of approximately 19,556 hectares of Crown land in the Parishes of Ballina, Newrybar, Pimlico & South Ballina. (Existing reservations under the Crown Lands Act are not revoked). This reservation is known as the Ballina Coast Regional Reserve.

Regional Crown Reserves

The new suite of Regional reserves is a recent initiative to enable the Department to better fulfill its core role in relation to the Crown reserve system. An over-arching reservation for each identified Regional reserve area has been established that effectively amalgamates existing Crown reserves and relevant leases and licenses. This will provide a more systems-based approach to Crown land management by establishing a wider platform for improved coordination and strategic planning, enhanced public awareness and more effective movement of funds across reserves. The broader scope will also allow the Department to integrate better with reserve Trusts, other land management partners and the general community through the associated advisory/management arrangements.

At this stage existing reserves and established reserve Trusts remain in place under the existing practical management regimes.

The current extent of Williams Reserve is shown in **Figure 4**.



2.4 Existing Uses

Williams Reserve is the focus of a range of community and recreational activities in Lennox Head. The following table outlines the major landuses/facilities on Williams Reserve:

| Map Reference | Facility | Existing Landuses/facilities |
|---------------|---|--|
| 1 | Playing Fields | One cricket field which is used as 1 x full size football field and 1 x $\frac{3}{4}$ or 2 junior size football fields, field lighting, cricket nets, amenities/changerooms. |
| 2 | Playing Field Amenities/Change rooms | |
| 3 | Recreation Hall | Indoor recreation/community activities |
| 4 | Country Women's Association Hall & Public Toilets | Indoor recreation/community activities |
| 5 | Mackney Lane Car Park | Mackney Lane Car Park |
| 6 | Conservation Area | Conservation, pedestrian thoroughfare. |
| 7 | Rural Fire Station | Shed to accommodate fire trucks and equipment |
| 8 | Playgroup building | Childcare & development/community activities |

The location of these areas is identified on **Figure 5**.

2.5 Adjoining Uses

Several additional areas adjoin Williams Reserve that are not formally part of the reserve, but are generally identified with the reserve and have impacts on, and associations with, the reserve. These areas are also identified in **figure 5** with relevant details provided in the table below:

| Map Ref | Property Descript. | Reserve Details | History of Land | Area | Current Connection with Williams Reserve |
|---------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------|--|
| 9 | Lot 461 DP 728655 | R 97290 for Boy Scouts | Australian Scouts Association was appointed Trust Manager of this Crown land on 1 June 1984. | 472.5m ² | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some Pedestrian access to Preschool through walking trails within reserve. Vehicular access to the rear of the Scout building is via Williams Reserve. |
| 10 | Lot 415 DP 755684 | R 89677 for Kindergarten | This land was vested with Council in Government Gazette Notice 26 May, 1978. | 645.7m ² | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some Pedestrian access to Preschool through walking trails within reserve. Vehicular access to the rear is via Williams Reserve. |
| 11 | Lot 466 DP 729058 | R 97839 for kindergarten | Council was appointed Trust Manager of this Crown land on 12 July, 1985 | 750.3m ² | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some Pedestrian access to Preschool through walking trails within reserve. Vehicular access to the rear is via Williams Reserve. Parts of Williams Reserve have been fenced into this reserve. |
| 12 | Lot 46 DP 708499 | BSC Community Land | This Land was dedicated to Council as a public reserve as part of the Sunrise Crescent Subdivision on 31 October, 1984 | 3,244m ² | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pedestrian path between Sunrise Crescent & Williams Reserve traverses this land. Maintained as part of the Williams Reserve maintenance program. |
| 13 | | Richmond- Tweed Library | Opened on 25 August, 1995 on land owned by the Department of School Education | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some Pedestrian access to Library through walking trails within reserve. Some library car parking may spill over into reserve parking because of proximity. |

| Map Ref | Property Descript. | Reserve Details | History of Land | Area | Current Connection with Williams Reserve |
|---------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|---|--|
| 14 | Lot 1 DP 435547 & Lot 1 DP 603799 | Lennox Head Primary School | | 1.619ha + 9497 m ² = 2.5687 ha | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Williams Reserve from Sunrise Crescent is via a right-of-carriageway over School land. • Direct pedestrian access from the School into Williams Reserve at the rear of the Kindergarten playground area. • The Coast Cypress/Littoral Forest extends across both Williams Reserve and Primary School land. |



2.6 Value of Buildings

The replacement value of the buildings on Williams Reserve for insurance purposes as at the 28 November 2006 is provided in Figure 6.

All buildings on the reserve are owned by the reserve Trust with the exception of the Rural Fire Station, which is owned by Ballina Shire Council under the *Rural Fires Act 1997*. Ballina Shire Council under this Act is responsible for the care of the building, with the Rural Fire Service responsible for general maintenance

Figure 6 - Value of Buildings

| Existing Facilities | Insurance Value \$ | Removal of debris \$ | Value including the removal of debris \$ |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Amenities Block | 352,000 | 17,000 | 369,000 |
| Recreation Hall | 217,000 | 11,000 | 228,000 |
| CWA Hall & Public Toilets | 204,000 | 10,000 | 214,000 |
| Rural Fire Station | 71,000 | 3,000 | 74,000 |
| Playgroup building | 53,000 | 2,500 | 55,500 |
| TOTAL | 897,000 | 43,500 | 940,500 |

2.7 Leases, licenses and other estates

The Trust Manager may enter into a lease or licence for the whole or part of the lands to which this PoM applies in accordance with Section 102 - Crown Lands Act 1989 provided that:

- Management of the land is in accordance with the PoM, relevant Crown policies and guidelines.
- The use and/or occupation of the land is considered to be in the public interest and consistent with the declared / authorized reserve purposes.
- The granting of the lease or licence is in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

A licence is appropriate where the Trust is not directly conducting activities and/or any risks should be the responsibility of the user or user organisation. A lease is preferable where the lessee needs exclusive use of any part of the reserve or building and/or needs to retain equity in any new buildings or other developments. In the interests of transparency and accountability all tenures should be based on market rent with appropriate rebates to community users.

The Minister may also enter into a lease or licence for the whole or parts of the lands to which this PoM applies in accordance with Section 34A of the Act provided that:

- It is in the public interest
- It is consistent with the principles of Crown land management
- The Trust has been consulted

Funds received by the Minister may be applied as the Minister directs, including to the reserve Trust or the Public Reserves Management Fund administered by the Department of Lands.

Figure 7 below outlines the main leases/licenses that have been in place to date for Williams Reserve:

| Lease/License Area | Lessee/Licensee |
|--|--|
| The Amenities/ Change room Building | The Lennox Head Community and Sports Association |
| The Play Group Building and fenced yard area | Lennox Head Playgroup |
| The Lennox Hall Recreation Hall | Lennox Head Recreation & Social Club Inc |
| CWA Hall | Lennox Head CWA |

A 20 year lease was granted in respect of the CWA Hall on 8 August, 1990. The term expires 7 August 2010.

All other user groups and occupants have been issued temporary licenses pending completion of the proposed new community facilities. It is anticipated that an appropriate tenure to Ballina Shire Council for the new community centre will be negotiated with the Trust and/or the Department of Lands in due course.

2.8 Implementation

On adoption of this PoM by the Minister, the onus is on the reserve Trust to implement the plan pursuant to Section 114 of the Crown Lands Act 1989. The Trust may only allow operations and/or development that is consistent with the adopted PoM and comply with all other relevant statutory requirements.

The adopted PoM may be altered pursuant to Section 115 of the Act. This will be required periodically to keep abreast of government policy, to cater for the changing expectations and requirements of the community and to ensure the document remains useful and relevant.

Development Proposal Assessment

Issues to be considered by the reserve Trust when deciding whether a particular land use or development is appropriate include:

- The principles of Crown land management;
- The compatibility of the proposal with the notified purpose of the reserve or authorized additional purposes;
- The impact on the existing use of the reserve;
- Its compatibility with the Vision and Management Principles established for the reserve;
- The need for the proposal and whether it will promote and/or be ancillary to the use and enjoyment of the reserve, as distinct from satisfying a requirement generated by an adjoining property or by an unassociated community need;
- The benefit the proposed development would give the normal reserve user;
- The management responsibility and public availability of the proposed development to reserve users;
- The need for a lease or license and the draft terms, special conditions and rental that would apply; and
- The views and interests of the Minister and Department of Lands

2.9 Financial Arrangements and Accountability

The maintenance of grounds within Williams Reserve is undertaken by Ballina Shire Council and paid for from local government general rate revenue. Weeding and regeneration work is currently being undertaken by the Lennox Head Land Care Group in the western part of the reserve on a volunteer basis.

Various grants have been obtained from the Department of Sport and Recreation for the development of sporting facilities on the reserve.

The maintenance of buildings and associated improvements on the reserve is generally undertaken by the endorsed occupiers from funds generated through fund raising or sub-letting of premises. Ballina Shire Council also makes contributions from time to time depending on the circumstances.

There is the opportunity of obtaining grants under various programs administered by the Department of Lands and the Commonwealth Government for various reserve improvements and environmental repair works.

The Crown Lands Regulation (2000) sets out the accountability of the reserve Trust in terms of the management of the reserve.

Section 33 directs that reports must be prepared annually by a reserve Trust detailing income, expenditure, assets, liabilities and improvements on the reserve as well as details of any leases or licences granted by the Trust.

Where a corporation is reserve Trust manager (i.e. Ballina Shire Council), the Regulation requires that it keep records that enable dissection of all monetary details in respect of the revenue received from the reserve, details of improvements and details of all leases and licences.

PART 3 – STATUTORY and POLICY FRAMEWORK

3.1 Crown Lands Act, 1989

Crown reserves in New South Wales are subject to the land management objectives and reserve management provisions of the Crown Lands Act 1989.

The Principles of Crown Land Management, as defined in Section 11 of the Act, prescribe the basis for the management and administration of Crown land. They are;

- 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.
- Where appropriate, multiple use of Crown land is encouraged.
- Where appropriate, Crown land should be used and managed in such a way that both the land and its resources are sustained 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.

The use, development and management of a Crown reserve must be consistent with the notified purpose of the reserve. In the past this has sometimes unnecessarily limited the range of uses and facilities that a reserve manager has been able to provide for the local and wider community. The Crown Lands Legislation Amendment Act 2005 was brought in to address this restriction and provide greater flexibility for compatible uses that may not be consistent with the notified Crown reserve purpose.

Purposes additional to the existing public purpose of the reserve can be authorized by a plan of management adopted by the Minister or, in certain circumstances, by the Minister directly. In determining whether to adopt a PoM that authorizes an additional purpose, the Minister is to have regard to the following;

- the declared purpose of the reserve
- the compatibility of the additional purpose with the declared purpose
- the principles of Crown Land Management, and
- the public interest.

This plan of management seeks to specifically endorse the ongoing community use of the reserve and the establishment and use of the proposed community centre as compatible and acceptable *additional purposes* pursuant to Section 112 of the Crown Lands Act 1989.

3.2 Williams Reserve Plan of Management 2002

The Minister for Lands originally adopted the Williams Reserve Plan of Management on 20 June 2002. Although the Plan was primarily aimed at facilitating the establishment of a skate park in the general vicinity of the former tennis court, it addressed the full range of existing uses and values of the reserve.

The 2002 Plan of Management divided the reserve into 2 management units comprising a *Natural Conservation Area* and an *Active Recreation and Community Area*.

3.3 Planning Controls

Williams Reserve is zoned 6(a) Open Space under **Ballina Local Environmental Plan 1987**. The primary objectives of this zone are:

- to identify land that is used or capable of being used for active or passive recreation purposes; and
- to encourage the development of open spaces in a manner which maximizes the satisfaction of the community's diverse recreational needs; and
- to enable development associated with, ancillary to or supportive of recreation use.
- To enable development that assists in meeting the social and cultural needs of the community

Williams Reserve is within a Development Control Area 01 – *Open Space* area under **Ballina Shire Combined Development Control Plan**. The preferred land uses for the 01 – *Open Space* development control area are:

- private and public open space, active and passive recreational activities, community buildings, clubhouse activities, indoor recreation facilities, other landuses compatible with the LEP's zone Objectives; and
- uses authorized by an adopted Plan of Management for community land under the Local Government Act 1993 (not applicable in the case of Williams Reserve).

3.4 Strategic Planning & Community Engagement

Extensive strategic planning and community engagement with the Lennox Head community by Ballina Shire Council provides guidance to the nature of community aspirations for Williams Reserve. These community engagement initiatives include:

- The Lennox Head Community Aspirations Strategic Plan 2002

- Development Control Plan No.8 – Lennox Head Village Centre
- The Lennox Head Structure Plan 2004 (including the Community Facility and Open Space Needs Analysis).
- Open Space Planning

A summary of the key aspects of this work is provided as follows:

Community Aspirations Survey, 2001

A survey of Lennox Head residents was undertaken on behalf of Ballina Shire Council which comprised a quantitative statistical representative telephone survey and a series of workshops. The survey illustrated that some of the major future issues for the residents of Lennox Head include the provision of additional community and recreational facilities, protecting the natural environment and maintaining the village atmosphere. The results of the Survey informed subsequent studies and strategies including this PoM.

This Survey forms the basis for initiating and undertaking the subsequent planning investigations and controls for Lennox Head..

Development Control Plan No.8 – Lennox Head Village Centre

DCP 8 – Lennox Head Village Centre was adopted by Ballina Shire Council in February 2004, following a period of public consultation. It outlines Council's planning requirements for development within the Village Centre and surrounds. With respect to the use of Williams Reserve, the DCP defers to the adopted Plan of Management and to the uses identified through the Lennox Head Structure Plan process (see below). (NB: DCP No. 8 now comprises Chapter 8 of the Ballina Shire Combined Development Control Plan)

Lennox Head Structure Plan (including Community and Sporting Facility Needs Analysis)

The Lennox Head Structure Plan outlines Ballina Shire Council's broad strategy or "blue print" for the growth and development of Lennox Head. It was adopted in December 2004 following a period of public consultation.

Preparing the Structure Plan involved, in part, undertaking a detailed Community and Sporting Facility Needs Analysis. This work confirmed the need for additional active open space and community infrastructure to meet both the needs of the existing community and future populations. The Structure Plan proposed the following approach with respect to such infrastructure:

- The construction of a multi-purpose community building on Williams Reserve in the vicinity of the Recreation Hall, CWA Hall and Rural Fire Station
- The development of additional playing fields in Lennox Head (nominally on the "Henderson Land" which is owned by Council) and

- Once adequate football and cricket facilities are provided elsewhere in Lennox Head, the formal playing fields on Williams Reserve will be removed with the reserve converting to other recreation activities.

Ballina Shire Council received the Northern Rivers Urban Design Award in 2005 for this Planning work.

Open Space Planning

To date, Ballina Shire Council's open space planning for Lennox Head has involved:

- The development of the Skennars Head Playing fields in 2000-2001 that allowed the relocation of soccer from Williams Reserve.
- The requirement for the developer of the Pacific Pines Estate to provide a four field complex that is due for completion during 2007.
- The identification of a future playing field complex off Ross Lane. This location has subsequently been identified in preference to the constrained Henderson Farm site referred to in the Structure Plan.
- The development of a draft Section 94 Contribution Plan to fund future sporting facilities based on a draft Shire Open Space Strategy.

Draft Open Space Strategy

The exhibited Draft Open Space Strategy prepared by Ballina Shire Council recognises the open space planning that has taken place in the vicinity of Lennox Head to date and outlines the decreasing reliance upon Williams Reserve for the provision of Playing Fields. The Draft Strategy supports the use of Williams Reserve as a district park with a mixture of recreational and community uses. The Draft Open Space Strategy has been exhibited and is likely to be considered by Council for adoption in the near future.

3.5 The NSW Coastal Policy, 1997

The NSW Coastal Policy applies to Williams Reserve because it is located within 1 kilometre of the NSW coastline. The Policy was introduced in recognition that the NSW Coast is a special region in need of special attention. It provides a whole-of-government framework for the coordinated management of the coastal zone and seeks to integrate ecologically sustainable development (ESD) into coastal planning.

The Policy attempts to better co-ordinate the management of the Coastal Zone by requiring development to comply with a range of objectives under the following four major goals:

- To protect, rehabilitate and improve the Natural Environment.
- To recognize and accommodate Natural Processes and Climate Change.
- To protect and enhance the aesthetic qualities of the Coastal Zone.
- To protect and conserve Cultural Heritage.

Under the policy the onus is on public land managers to develop management plans to deliver best practices and ensure the sustainable development and use of resources. Plans of management prepared under the Crown Lands Act 1989 are one of the key means available to achieve the objectives of the policy.

3.6 Community Consultation

Community consultation is an integral part of the Crown land management and planning process. The above local government planning initiatives for Lennox Head have allowed Ballina Shire Council to consider the full range of community attitudes, expectations and needs in the current review of the PoM for Williams Reserve .

The draft PoM was placed on public exhibition for 28 days from 1 June 2007 to 28 June 2007 pursuant to Clause 35 - Crown Lands Regulation 2000, with exhibition coordinated by the Department of Lands. Public notice of the exhibition appeared in the local print media detailing where and when the draft POM would be on display and invited submissions from interested parties. During the exhibition period the draft PoM was available for perusal at the office of the Department of Lands in Grafton, Ballina Shire Council Administrative Offices, local public libraries and other community access points.

PART 4 – Reserve Values

4.1 Environmental

Geology

The underlying geological unit of the Lennox Head area comprises basalt from the Mount Warning lava flows of the Tertiary age Lamington Group. Most of the “down town” part of Lennox Head comprises Quaternary age Pleistocene deposits of dunal sand that were deposited over the basalt base during higher sea levels. Williams Reserve represents the western extent of this deposit at the base of the northern tip of the basalt hill that extends southwards parallel to the coast back to East Ballina. The toe slopes of this hill commence just outside the southern and western boundaries of the reserve and consist of colluvium deposits of Krasnozems soils, clays and loose basalt rock. There is considerable water emanating from the hill through spring activity, roof water, road drainage and sub-soil water seepage along the plane between the weathered material and the base rock.

The open drain along the western boundary acts as a catchment drain collecting the water that emanates from the adjoining hill. This drain is connected to Council's piped drainage system in the south western corner of the reserve that eventually discharges water across Seven Mile Beach to the ocean just south of Rutherford Street.

It is likely that a layer of coffee rock has developed within the sand deposit some metres below the surface from the build up of leached organic material.

Vegetation

Significant remnant vegetation exists on the western side of Williams Reserve. The vegetation comprises a Coast Cypress Pine canopy with littoral rainforest trees and shrubs at a sub-canopy level. Remnant ground cover has been re-established and weeds removed through the work of the Lennox Head Land Care Group. The Coast Cypress Pines are nearly all mature trees with some regeneration of these trees occurring. Coast Cypress Pine forests are extremely limited in area compared to other forest types. The Comprehensive Regional Assessment of Vegetation undertaken by the Richmond Regional Vegetation Committee indicates that there is only 116 hectares of Coast Cypress Pine forest in the Richmond Vegetation Region. For this reason, the environmental values of the reserve are clearly of regional significance.

See List of Flora Species attached as Appendix III.

Fauna

Williams Reserve is used by a range of coastal birds as a food source and for nesting. A range of lizards and snakes are also known to inhabit the reserve. The only ground dwelling marsupial known to inhabit the reserve is the echidna.

See List of Fauna Species attached as **Appendix III**.

4.2 Economic

The Lennox Head community and the NSW government through various grants over a number of years have expended significant monies and labour in developing the reserve for various public uses and to rehabilitate its environmental attributes. The economic values of the reserve consist of the opportunity costs associated with having to purchase land elsewhere in Lennox Head and having to replace the existing facilities and infrastructure.

Williams Reserve contributes to the village atmosphere of Lennox Head and has the potential to enhance the desirability of Lennox Head as a tourist destination.

4.3 Social

Williams Reserve is a focal point of the Lennox Head Village being located adjacent to the Lennox Head shopping precinct with a range of community and recreational facilities located on and adjacent to the reserve. The social values of the reserve may be considered as follows:

- **Community Values** – Williams Reserve and public land in the vicinity have traditionally been the focal point for the provision of a range of community facilities, including the playgroup, preschool, scout hall, library and two community halls. Various community engagement processes support Williams Reserve continuing to play this vital community function by enhancing and expanding the existing range of community facilities.
- **Passive Recreation Values** – The location of Williams Reserve and the community facilities that are located both on and adjoining the reserve means that Williams Reserve is used frequently as a pedestrian / cycle way thoroughfare. The shaded vegetation along the western part of the reserve also makes it an enjoyable destination for pedestrians. These passive recreational values are also enjoyed in conjunction with the active recreational and community uses of the reserve.

Various community engagement processes have supported the concept of Williams Reserve becoming more orientated towards predominantly passive uses.

Its location adjacent to the village centre makes it an ideal place to hold markets and outdoor entertainment events.

Active Recreation Values – Williams Reserve has traditionally been the focus of active recreational activities such as soccer and football in Lennox Head. The underlying sand base of Williams Reserve makes it an all weather sporting venue, which is a valuable attribute in this high rainfall area. However, the growing population of Lennox Head has required additional facilities elsewhere in the Village because of insufficient land on the reserve to expand existing facilities. In these circumstances, the value of Williams Reserve as a playing field venue will continue to reduce and while the reserve takes on a more iconic role as the 'village green' for Lennox Head.

4.4 Heritage/ Cultural

The history of Williams Reserve and its development is well documented (see Appendix 1 for further historic details)

Williams Reserve has a unique heritage by virtue of the fact that it is a significant area of public land with direct links to the rural history of Lennox Head and one of the first families in the area. The acquisition of the land for public recreation in 1960 was a significant initiative at the time that showed enormous foresight of the community and adds considerably to the heritage significance of the site.

There are presently no heritage items under the Ballina Local Environmental Plan located on Williams Reserve. Ballina Shire Council is currently undertaking a Heritage Study for Lennox Head as part of the Shire-wide community based heritage Study. The Recreation Hall and the Playgroup building have been nominated as part of this process and their potential heritage is currently under investigations as part of this process.

5.0 ISSUES

5.1 Community Centre

There are presently two halls on Williams Reserve consisting of the Recreational Hall and the CWA hall. These facilities have limited capacity and according to the local community, as indicated by the various community consultative process referred to elsewhere in this document, are in need of replacement by a larger multi-purpose community hall to adequately address the needs of the existing and future population.

The Lennox Head community has indicated on numerous occasions that the augmentation of community facilities in Lennox Head is a high priority, and that Williams Reserve is the preferred location because of its central position.

The strategy to address this community need is for detailed designs for a multi-purpose community centre to be prepared for the north eastern corner of the reserve within the "community management unit". The strategic rationalization of community facilities on Williams Reserve will provide significant environmental and social benefits to the reserve and the wider community.

5.2 Playgroup Cottage

The cottage occupied by the Lennox Head Playgroup was relocated to its present position on the reserve in the early 1980s and used as a clubhouse in conjunction with the sports fields. When the clubhouse was relinquished following the construction of a new amenities block the Lennox Head Playgroup was given the opportunity to use the building.

The building is located within the environmentally important stand of Cypress Pine away from the developed community precinct and has no direct vehicular access from Mackney Lane. Due to its location the cottage is a target for vandals and anti-social behaviour.

The Lennox Head Playgroup uses the building exclusively and has a growing membership. The Playgroup activities on Williams Reserve are fully supported however the building is in a poor state of repair and there are concerns about the adequacy of the existing facilities. Following the most recent assessment of the building by Ballina Shire Council it has been deemed unsafe and has been closed, with the Playgroup being temporarily relocated to the Recreation Hall on the reserve.

The Playgroup has expressed a keen interest to retain and enhance the cottage for the long term however significant investment will be required for its refurbishment with little scope for future financial sustainability. The issue for Council, as Trust manager, is whether it is cost effective to refurbish the cottage or better to incorporate a purpose-built playgroup space in the proposed new community centre. Furthermore, the Trust must determine whether it is equitable to allocate limited financial resources to re-build a facility for exclusive use when it will still create a range of long-term site management issues.

The principles of Crown land management highlight the need for the Trust to carefully consider the environmental impact of such a building in that location and also place the emphasis on multiple use of the reserve and its facilities. The strategic rationalization of community facilities on Williams Reserve proposed in the plan of management will provide significant environmental and social benefits to the reserve and the community. In the circumstances the opportunity to ensure that the proposed multi-use community facility effectively caters for the future demands for a playgroup space will be pursued by the Trust to maximize the potential uses of the facility.

Notwithstanding the above, the plan of management is sufficiently flexible to allow the Trust to consider the merits of refurbishing the existing cottage. However the Trust must ensure that any development application associated with this option clearly addresses the principles of Crown land management and the recommendations of the PoM in order to effectively demonstrate the strategic merit of refurbishing the existing building. It will also need to comprehensively address the various management and environmental constraints such impact on the vegetation, funding and ongoing finance, security and risk management, accessibility and multiple use.

5.3 Skate Park

In 1997 Ballina Shire Council investigated potential sites for a skate park facility in Lennox Head. This revealed that options were extremely limited once the impact of such a facility on the locality and amenity of adjoining residence was considered.

A development application was subsequently lodged for a skate park on Williams Reserve by a community skating group in 1998 and later withdrawn. A further DA was lodged for the facility on beachfront land straddling Lot 1 Section 1 DP 11687 owned by Ballina Shire Council and Crown reserve 83506. The advice of the Department of Lands to the Trust Manager at the time was that a plan of management would be required to endorse the development of a skate park on any Crown reserve. This proposal did not proceed to final determination.

The original PoM for Williams Reserve was adopted on 20 June 2002 with an endorsement for the establishment of a skate park in the general vicinity of the former tennis court site immediately adjacent to the Lennox Head Rural Fire Station. A development application was subsequently submitted for a skate park in this location; however the application was refused by Ballina Shire Council in its regulatory capacity because of its potential impact on adjoining residents.

Since then various other proposals for the location of a skate park in Lennox Head have been considered, however no clear outcomes have been identified. However the site endorsed in the original PoM for Williams Reserve will not complement the proposed Lennox Head Community Centre and has had to be reconsidered. On 22 March 2007 Ballina Shire Council passed a resolution to *"Integrate the Lennox Head skate park within the designs and construction of the Lennox Head Community Centre being proposed within Williams Reserve"*.

The resolution envisages that the skate park will be located south of the proposed community centre in the northeast corner of the existing secondary playing field. It is considered the new site will not impinge on the community centre and by satisfying a significant number of site constraints identified in previous investigations it may gain broad support from the community.

Council has also resolved to engage with a Skaters Reference Group during the design phase. It is also considered desirable that a management strategy be formulated for the skate park by the Trust in conjunction with key stakeholders to address its future use and development.

5.4 Vegetation Management

Vegetation management, landscaping and tree replacement are essential components of the ongoing management of the reserve. A vegetation management plan incorporating a tree replacement program and weed control plan based on the structure of the existing Cypress Pines canopy will help to ensure the environmental sustainability of the important vegetation values and will be of long term benefit to the amenity of the reserve.

PART 6.0 - Plan of Management

6.1 Background

The original Plan of Management for Williams Reserve was adopted by the Minister on 20 June 2002. Since then Ballina Shire Council has completed a number of significant strategic planning exercises that have focused on the needs and aspirations of the Lennox Head community. In particular, the Lennox Head Structure Plan adopted in 2004 has the following implications for the reserve:

- The rationalization of the existing community buildings on the reserve.
- The need to formalize the use of part of the reserve for the establishment of community facilities.
- The increasing emphasis on passive recreation in this part of the Village.

Given the increased emphasis on community use and the option to authorize community use as a valid "additional purpose" of the reserve following the recent amendments to the Crown Lands Act 1989, it was determined that a formal review of the Plan of Management was warranted. The plan of management review process also allows Council, in its capacity as Trust Manager, to consult with the wider community and seek its endorsement in principle to the proposed new multi purpose community centre and library, together with the requisite associated infrastructure.

The proposal for the establishment of a skate park on Williams Reserve has also been reconsidered in the context of the proposed community centre, lack of alternative sites in Lennox Head and its contribution to the 'village green' concept.

6.2 Preparation of the Plan of Management

Preparation of this plan of management has been based on:

- Strategic planning by Ballina Shire Council
- Consultation with the Department of Lands.
- Review of the current adopted Plan of Management for Williams Reserve.
- Existing data in the adopted plan of management including flora & fauna lists and survey of all field markings, buildings, fences and other significant landscape features.
- Consultation with reserve user groups.

6.3 Purpose of the Plan of Management

The purpose of the plan of management for Williams Reserve is:

1. To provide a framework for the future development and management of the land that is consistent with the Principles of Crown Land Management and is in the best interests of the people of NSW.

2. To provide recreational and community facilities on the reserve that meet the needs of the Lennox Head Community.
3. To provide the public with the opportunity to comment on the future direction of the reserve and significant development proposals.

6.4 Vision Statement

To provide a range of community and recreational opportunities that complement the village atmosphere of Lennox Head while conserving and enhancing the natural and scenic character of the reserve.

6.5 Management Principles

The following suite of principles provides a set of broad guidelines for the Trust to follow in working towards attaining the vision for the reserve. These principles have been applied directly to the strategies for each management unit.

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| Natural Environment | To recognise, protect, and enhance the beauty and ecological values of the reserve. |
| Recreation | To provide a range of passive and active recreational opportunities on the reserve. |
| Community Facilities | To provide for, and promote a range of community facilities and services on the reserve including supporting infrastructure. |
| Pedestrian Access | To recognise the importance of the reserve as a pedestrian thoroughfare and to facilitate and enhance pedestrian & cycleway access. |
| Cultural Values | To recognize, interpret, and promote valuable cultural heritage relating to the reserve and the surrounding area. |
| Landscaping | To provide landscaping of the reserve with appropriate species to enhance its aesthetic appearance. |
| Utility Services | To provide the necessary services in an efficient, attractive and environmentally acceptable manner. |
| Safety & Public Health | To provide and maintain facilities in a manner that minimizes risks to reserve users. |
| Reserve Information | To inform people in a creative way of the reserve's attributes, activities and facilities, and appropriate ways to use and care for them. |
| Community Involvement | To encourage active participation of local and visiting people in the development, care and long term management of the reserve. |
| Management Style | To implement a management system that ensures reserve viability, promotes co-operative decision making, and is responsive to legal, social and technological changes. |

6.6 Management Units

This PoM establishes three management units that reflect the key values and uses of the reserve and the intention to rationalise the future development of community facilities within a community precinct at the northern end of the reserve.

These comprise:

- Management Unit 1 –Community Area.
- Management Unit 2 –Recreation Area.
- Management Unit 3 – Natural Conservation Area

These Management Units are depicted in **Figure 8**.



**FIGURE 8: Management Units
Williams Reserve, Lennox Head**



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6.7 Management Unit No. 1 – Community

6.7.1 Description

This area of the reserve has been the traditional focus for the provision of community facilities that have been developed over many years. It is located in the north eastern part of the reserve and currently contains two halls, a Rural Fire Station and parking. Part of the area was previously developed as tennis courts.

This management unit also includes the existing playgroup building and its curtilage that is isolated from the majority of this unit.

6.7.2 Aim

To rationalize, expand and modernize community facilities so that they address the existing and future needs of the Lennox Head community.

6.7.3 Strategies

- Provide a new multi purpose hall that contains a library, meeting rooms, performing arts area, playgroup facilities etc, and the services for these facilities.
- Rationalise, maintain and improve the existing community facilities, where practicable.
- Remove the Rural Fire Station from the reserve to another location within or adjacent to Lennox Head.
- Provide appropriate landscaping that is compatible with the endemic vegetation of the reserve to provide shade and an improved aesthetic environment.
- Provide, maintain and improve car parking to meet the demands generated by all the activities on the reserve.
- Permit the widening and provision of angle car parking along Park Lane and Mackney Lane to complement the reserve.
- Provide appropriate tenures to reserve users to support the use and enhancement of the reserve and its facilities.
- Provide facilities on the reserve to house equipment to maintain and protect Williams Reserve and other local Crown reserves.
- Permit the carrying out of temporary markets, festivals and outdoor entertainment.

- Discourage inappropriate behaviour and activities and reduce the incidence of vandalism of facilities and vegetation.
- Incorporate the isolated part of this management unit occupied by the existing playgroup building into adjoining management units where this building is demolished/ removed.

6.8 Management Unit No. 2 – Recreation**6.8.1 Description**

This area is largely cleared and has been developed over a number of years for sporting and social activities.

6.8.2 Aim

To provide a wide range of recreational opportunities that address the changing recreational needs of the community.

6.8.3 Objectives

- Maintain and improve the existing sports fields and associated facilities.
- Consider future recreational needs and provide appropriate new recreational facilities as required, including associated infrastructure
- Protect and enhance native flora and fauna within this management unit.
- Provide appropriate landscaping that is compatible with the endemic vegetation of the reserve to provide shade and an improved aesthetic environment.
- Provide, maintain and improve car parking to meet the demands generated by all the activities on the reserve.
- Permit the widening and provision of angle car parking along Park Lane to complement the reserve.
- Provide appropriate tenures to reserve users to support the use and enhancement of the reserve and its facilities.
- Provide facilities on the reserve to house equipment to maintain and protect Williams Reserve and other local Crown reserves.
- Permit the carrying out of temporary markets, festivals and outdoor entertainment.
- Discourage inappropriate behaviour and activities and reduce the incidence of vandalism of facilities and vegetation.

6.9 Management Unit No. 3–Conservation

6.9.1 Description

This unit encompasses that area generally located on the western and southern sides of the reserve. This area contains a significant amount of native vegetation characterised by a Coast Cypress Pine tree canopy with under-storey vegetation.

6.9.2 Aim

To protect and enhance the conservation values and visual amenity of this area, while recognizing its importance as a pedestrian thoroughfare.

6.9.3 Objectives

- Prepare a vegetation management plan to protect and enhance the Coast Cypress Pine Forest/Littoral Rainforest community.
- Encourage community stewardship of the unique native vegetation.
- Provide a restricted centralised service access from Mackney Lane to the amenities building, the Play Group Building, the rear of the Scout Hall and the rear of the Pre-School.
- Provide appropriate tenures to reserve users to support the use and enhancement of the reserve and its facilities provided such uses are consistent with the aim of this management unit.
- Formalise the existing pedestrian/cycleway access routes through this management unit in order to eliminate duplication and uncontrolled access across regeneration areas.
- Provide seating and picnic tables in appropriate locations.
- Provide interpretive signage relating to the unique environmental values of the unit.
- To discourage inappropriate behaviour and activities and reduce the incidence of vandalism of facilities and vegetation.
- Permit the widening and provision of angle car parking along Mackney Lane to complement the reserve.

Incorporate the adjoining Crown land consisting of reserve 97839 for Kindergarten and reserve 97290 for Boy Scouts into Williams Reserve into this management unit should these current reservations be revoked in the future.

Appendix I -The History of Williams Reserve and Its Naming

Information extracted from records compiled by Hilary Wilson as Chairperson of the Lennox Head Heritage Committee.

The reserve is named after the Williams family who farmed at Upper North Creek and Lennox Head over a period of about 90 years. **Henry Williams (ca 1808--/2/1857)** who arrived in Ballina in 1853, was the first European to discover the cedar stands at Seven Mile Beach and Broken Head. Born in England, Henry was sentenced to 14 years transportation to New South Wales for "receiving stolen money", arriving in Sydney in 1829. Gaining his "Ticket of Leave" then "Certificate of Freedom", Henry moved to the Richmond River area where he was the first cedar-cutter on Emigrant Creek. Henry's son **Charles (1855-15/8/1935)** married Jane Skennar, the daughter of Captain John Skennar, a former ship's captain from Sweden (after whom Skennar's Head is named). In about 1870 when he was 16 years of age, Charles selected land at Upper North Creek, which bordered the area of Lennox Head that became Byron Street and extended along the western side of North Creek Road to below the escarpment bordering the old North Creek School. Charles and his two brothers-in-law, George Skennar and James Ainsworth (after whom Lake Ainsworth is named) built one of the first sugar mills on the Williams property close to North Creek. When Charles died at 87 years of age, his son **George (ca 1883-20/8/1966)** took over the farm. In 1922 a portion of the Williams' farm was included in the land SALE that established the town of Lennox Head. In the mid 1940's George also donated part of the farmland to erect the Anglican Church of St John the Baptist that was moved down to the Village from North Creek (Road ?).

The present Williams Reserve is sited on an area of 10 acres, 2 roods and 12 perches resumed by the Department of Land – Gazetted on 4th December, 1959 – for use as "Public Recreation Ground". Compensation was paid to George (an unwilling participant in the "sale") for the resumption, to a total of 1,184 pounds and eight shillings of which Tintenbar Council was required to pay 540 pounds.

Oral history of the area indicates that well into the 1960's Williams Reserve was well-timbered, containing bush nuts (*Macadamia tetraphylla*) – now listed as a Threatened Species, coastal cypress (*Callitris columellaris*), and Big Scrub remnants of littoral rainforest plants including many tree ferns.

The request for the purchase of the reserve Land was made by the then Lennox Head Progress and Ratepayer's Association in 1952 so that a caravan park could be established. By the time the land was "gazetted" as a reserve there was no longer a need for such an amenity nor the funds to develop it. In the 1960's a hall was built as a tennis club and this building later became the Community Hall used for general recreation and other community activities. Although erected without Department of Lands permission the building was allowed to remain! In latter years the Lennox Head Country Womens' Association established their centre on the reserve behind the Community Hall. In 1998 one of the two tennis courts adjacent to the Hall was used to enable a larger Rural Fire Station to be built.

At a Public Meeting in Lennox Head on 30 June, 1977, a committee was formed to establish a sporting complex on the reserve and in September of that year Ballina Shire Council gave approval for the development of a sports oval. Public fundraising by Lennox Head residents during the 1980's raised money for many of the current sports facilities. The reserve is Crown Land administered by Ballina Shire Council.

Appendix II – Resolutions of Tintenbar Shire Council Re: AcquisitionReceived.

12. From Under Secretary, Department of Lands, Sydney:- Advising that the Minister has approved of the resumption of an area of 11½ acres of land at Lennox Head, (Williams property) for public recreation, and to contribute a sum of £644 towards the cost thereof. Council is expected to contribute a similar amount and to meet all costs over and above the £644 contribution of the Department of Lands.

Resolved on the motion of Cr. Gibson, seconded Cr. Simpson, that Council agree to meet all costs over and above the contribution of the Department of Lands, (£644), and to the conditions attached to the resumption.

This is page number FIVE of the Minutes of the REGULAR
 Meeting of the Tintenbar Shire Council held on 15th July, 1957.

 Shire Clerk Chairman

Nature of Meeting REGULAR Date 16/2/1959.

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RESUMPTION OF LAND AT LENNOX HEAD FOR PUBLIC RECREATION (Williams)
 The Shire Clerk advised that a letter had been received from the Under Secretary, Department of Lands, to the effect that this resumption had been approved and will now be notified in the Government Gazette.

107 Resolved on the motion of Cr. Gibson, seconded Cr. Simpson, that the sum of £1,000 be voted to cover Council's proportion of resumption and survey costs.

This is page number SEVEN of the Minutes of the REGULAR
 Meeting of the Tintenbar Shire Council held on 16th February, 1959.

 Shire Clerk Chairman

Appendix III – Williams Reserve Fauna List

Compiled by Lennox Head Landcare Group – August, 2000

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| Monotremes | <i>Tacchyglossus acuteatus</i> | Echidna |
| Reptiles | <i>Physignathus leseurii</i> <i>Tiliqua scincoides</i> | Eastern Water Dragon Blue-Tongue Lizard Snakes (types unknown) |
| Snails | | Rainforest Snail (Species to be confirmed) |
| Birds | <i>Gallirallus philippensis</i> | Buff-banded Rail |
| | <i>Sphecotheres viridis (flaviventris)</i> | Yellow Figbird |
| | <i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i> | Spangled Drongo |
| | <i>Anas superciliosa</i> | Pacific Black Duck |
| | <i>Chenonetta jubata</i> | Eastern Wood Duck |
| | <i>Platycercus eximius</i> | Eastern Rosella |
| | <i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i> | Rainbow Lorikeet |
| | <i>Trichoglossus rubritorquis</i> | Scaly-breasted Lorikeet |
| | <i>Threskiornis molucca</i> | Australian White Ibis |
| | <i>Ardea novaehollandiae</i> | White-faced Heron |
| | <i>Centropus phasianinus</i> | Coucal Pheasant |
| | <i>Cactua reseicapilla</i> | Galah |
| | <i>Geophaps lophotes</i> | Crested Pigeon |
| | <i>Leucoscarcia melanoleuca</i> | Wonga Pidgeon |
| | <i>Meliphagia lewinii</i> | Lewin's Honeyeater |
| | <i>Corvus orru</i> | Torresian Crow |
| | <i>Anthoacera paradoxa</i> | Yellow Wattlebird (nesting) |
| | <i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i> | Australian Magpie (nesting) |
| | <i>Cracticus nigrogularis</i> | Pied Butcher bird |
| | <i>Cracticus torquatus</i> | Grey Butcherbird |
| | <i>Strepera graculina</i> | Pied Currawong |
| | <i>Dacelo novaguineae</i> | Laughing Kookaburra |
| | <i>Hirunda neoxena</i> | Welcome Swallow |

Appendix IV– Public Exhibition Notice**Department of Lands**

PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR A CROWN RESERVE UNDER DIVISION 6 OF PART 5 OF THE CROWN LANDS ACT 1989 AND CROWN LANDS REGULATION 2006

A draft revised plan of management has been prepared for the Crown reserve described hereunder, which is under the trusteeship of the Lennox Head Williams Reserve Trust.

The draft plan may be inspected during normal business hours at:

- 1. Department of Lands
76 Victoria Street, Grafton NSW 2460;**
- 2. Department of Lands
5 Regatta Avenue Ballina NSW 2478;**
- 3. Ballina Shire Council chambers
Cnr Cherry & Tamar Streets, Ballina NSW 2478;**
- 4. Lennox Head Library
Mackney Lane, Lennox Head NSW 2478;**

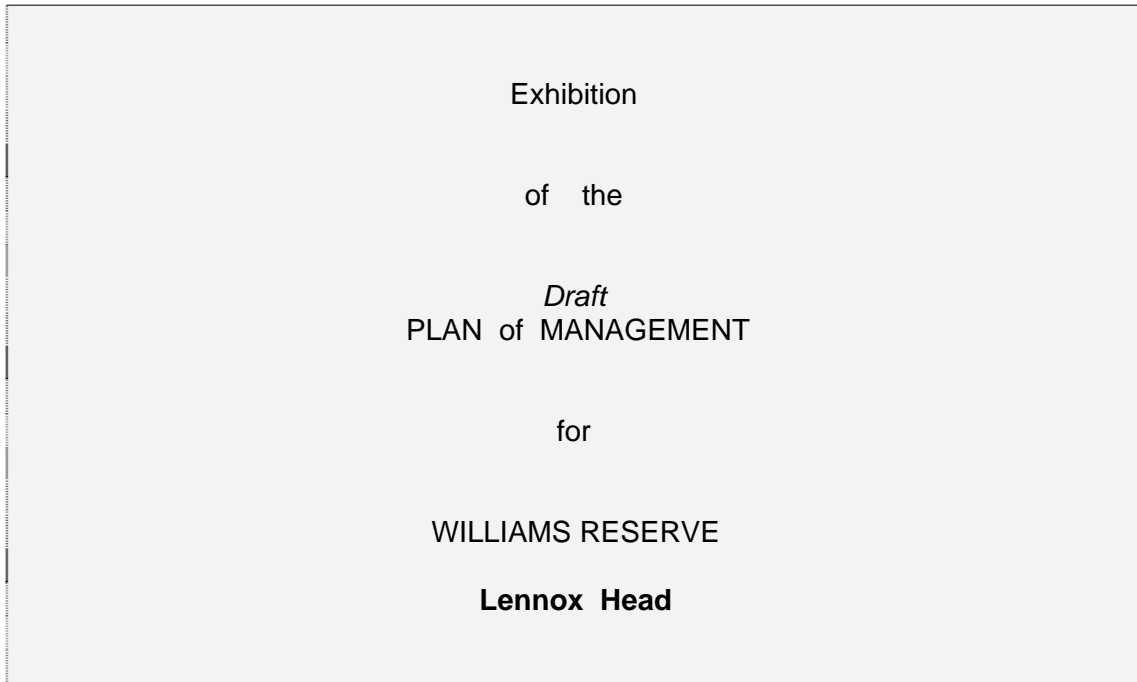
Representations in relation to the draft plan are invited from the public. These may be made in writing for a period of 28 days commencing 1 June 2007 and should be sent to the Manager, Land Management, Department of Lands, PO Box 272, Grafton, NSW 2460.

**TONY KELLY, M.L.C.,
Minister for Lands**

DESCRIPTION OF RESERVE**Land District: Lismore****Local Government Area: Ballina Shire****Parish: Ballina****County: Rous****Reserve 82927, notified in the *Government Gazette* of 14 December 1962 comprising Lot 473, DP 729088.****Public Purpose: Public Recreation****Location: Williams Reserve, Lennox Head****File No: GF85 R 117**

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Appendix V – Display Notice



EXHIBITION NOTES:

- This exhibition has been arranged by the Department of Lands. Any person who wishes to make a submission should do so in accordance with the Department's Public Notice.

Appendix VI – DOL Letter Indicating Adoption of Plan



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3 October 2007

Our Ref: GF 85 R 117
Your Ref:

Dear Sir

**Re: Adoption of Plan of Management for Williams Reserve
(Reserve 82927 for Public Recreation) at Lennox Head**

Further to previous advice I am pleased to confirm that the Minister for Lands adopted the revised plan of management for Williams Reserve on 10 September 2007.

Please note that no amendments to the final draft plan submitted by Council were deemed necessary. A hard and electronic copy of the adopted plan of management is enclosed for your records.

It is now incumbent on Council, as Trust Manager, to implement the adopted plan of management. It would be appreciated if you could keep this office advised of progress with the proposed new community centre and other milestones mentioned in the plan.

If you require any further assistance with the management issues raised in the plan, please do not hesitate to contact me direct on (02) 66403417 or Peter Baumann on (02) 66403401.

Yours Sincerely


David McPherson
Team Leader Land Management
Far North Coast

