



Frequently Asked Questions

Update of Community Land Management Plans
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1. What is community land?

All land owned by Council or under a Council's care and control and management, other than roads or land owned as freehold, is classified as community land.

Examples of community land include:

- Recreation parks and reserves.
- Sportsgrounds.
- Undeveloped open space.
- Walking trails.
- Drainage reserves.
- Community buildings.

Land not owned by council, but that is under council care and control is indicated in a Community Land Management Plan (CLMP) typically as Crown Land, which is owned by the State Government. Crown Land is dedicated to a Council for operating and maintaining and must be used for a specific public purpose which is determined by the State Government.

2. What constitutes community use of community land?

Community land is held for the enjoyment and benefit of the community.

For the most part, community land is freely accessible by members of the public, however access to community land may be affected if there is a safety risk or if there is an agreement to permit exclusive access for a period of time.

Under the *Local Government Act 1999*, community land may have a lease, licence or permit issued for a tenant (such as a sporting club), user group or hirer to have exclusive access for a prescribed period. Council considers each tenant, user group or hirer's suitability in line with the CLMP for the applicable land.

The Community Land Register includes information regarding the primary tenants of community land and is available to view on Council's website.

3. What is not community land?

Not all land held by a council is classified as community land. A council may own 'freehold' land, an example of which may include land on which a council depot or offices are located. These do not require a CLMP.

Road reserves are not classified as community land and therefore are not reflected in a CLMP.

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The road reserve is the section of land between private property which typically comprises elements including:

- Public road.
- Nature strip or verge.
- Footpath or cycle way.
- Drains or culverts.

Below is an example indicating the road reserve area:



4. What are Community Land Management Plans?

CLMPs are a set of documents which clearly outline how a council manages community land which they either own or which is under its care and control.

CLMPs explain the way in which the land is to be used.

5. What do Community Land Management Plans include?

CLMPs set out the following:

- Land information and categorisation.
- Purpose for which the land is held.
- Proposals for managing the land.
- Lease and licence provisions.
- Objectives and performance measurements.

6. Why are Community Land Management Plans needed?

Section 196 of the *Local Government Act 1999* requires each council to prepare and adopt management plans for its community land. The CLMP's group all community land into categories to clearly define how they will be managed.

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Council has a responsibility to current and future generations to care for and preserve community land within the City of Playford, and CLMPs are part of Council formalising this commitment.

7. Council recently reviewed its CLMPs. What has changed?

Council recently reviewed and updated its CLMPs. The update has not resulted in a change to the use or purpose of any community land.

The purpose and result of the update has been:

- An audit of all parcels of land owned by and/or under the care and control of Council.
- Refining of the CLMP categories.
- Addition of new parcels of land to the register.
- Allocation of each parcel of community land to the appropriate CLMP.
- Ensuring the updated plans accurately capture all parcels of land and reflect their purpose.

As a result of the update, there are 11 categories with 11 plans proposed.

8. Why is Community Land put into categories?

Community land is grouped into specific categories according to its role and intended use. The table below shows how we have done this.

Categorisation is an effective way to focus on the essential aspects of each parcel of land as many have identical or similar functions. With approximately 1100 parcels of community land in Playford it is not feasible to have an individual plan for each parcel.

Each category may apply to one or more separate land parcels depending upon the land's physical characteristics, associated infrastructure, use and management objectives.

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CLMP Categories

Plan No.	Category
1.	Sportsgrounds
1.1.	Regional
1.2.	District
1.3.	Neighbourhood
2.	Parks & Reserves
2.1.	Regional
2.2.	District
2.3.	Neighbourhood
2.4.	Local
2.5.	Minor
3.	Linear Open Space and Corridors
4.	Wetlands
5.	Drainage Reserves
6.	Buffer Reserves
7.	Walkways
8.	Natural Area Bushland
9.	Cemeteries
10.	Community Buildings
11.	Community Car Parks

9. What is a Community Land Register?

Council must keep a register of community land, which is separate to the CLMPs and usually in the form of a spreadsheet. The register must contain the below information for each parcel of community land:

- The legal description of the land.
- Certificate of title, allotment number and deposited plan.
- Street address.
- Property owner.
- Any lease or licence granted over the land.

The Community Land Register will be available on Council's website after Council has endorsed the CLMPs. The register will be updated periodically.

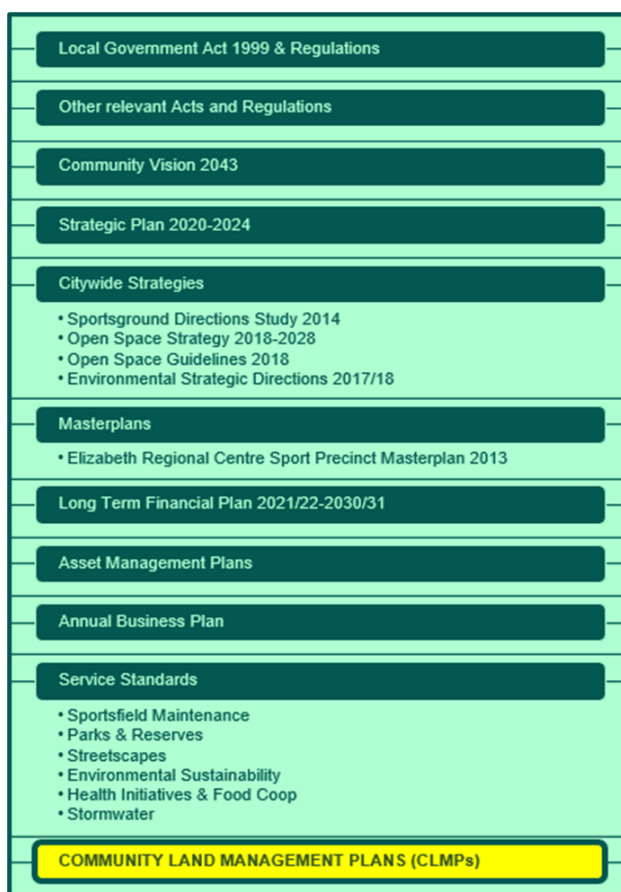
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10. Where do the CLMPs sit amongst Council's strategic framework?

CLMPs are not stand-alone documents. They are updated and categorised with reference to, and are consistent with, all documents within Council's strategic planning framework.

The CLMP is not a day-to-day operational document but rather a measure of accountability in public asset management and a reference document for members of the public who wish to know more about Council's management of land.



11. I have a specific request for my local park or reserve. Will it be considered for inclusion in the CLMP?

No. The CLMPs provide a broad framework to guide the management of all Council parks and reserves in accordance with legislative requirements. It does not include provision for individual parks or identify specific on-ground works, as these will continue to be guided by site-specific landscape masterplans.

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12. How can I view the plans and share my feedback?

Copies of the Draft Community Land Management Plans are available on the City of Playford website – playford.sa.gov.au, Engagement Hub - playford.engagementhub.com.au and in hard copy from Customer Contact locations at:

Playford Civic Centre
10 Playford Boulevard
Elizabeth

Stretton Centre
307 Peachey Road
Munno Para

You can share your views on the updated Community Land Management Plans by:

- Visiting City of Playford online Engagement Hub - playford.engagementhub.com.au
- Completing a hard copy feedback form available from Customer Contact locations
- Emailing connected@playford.sa.gov.au
- Written feedback can also be sent to:
Community Engagement Officer
Playford Operations Centre
12 Bishopstone Road
Davoren Park SA 5113

For further information, please contact Customer Contact on 8256 0333 or email connected@playford.sa.gov.au

Feedback must be received by 5pm, 8 August 2023.

13. What will happen to my feedback and when will a decision be made?

All feedback received will be collated and submitted to Council via a What We Heard Report prior to a final decision on adopting the updated plans at the Ordinary Council meeting on 26 September 2023. A What We Heard report will be made available on the Engagement Hub from the 27 September 2023.