

# Bourke Shire Council



Bourke Shire Council  
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# Parks and Gardens Management and Operational Plan

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## **Introduction**

With the increasing financial pressure on Local Government, Bourke Shire Council need to review expenditure on all parks, garden and recreational areas throughout the town areas to ensure that the expenditure is reflective of both the usage and presentation of these facilities.

## **Aim**

To carefully consider the equitable distribution of parks, gardens and recreational areas based on existing and future community needs. This plan will enhance the recreational benefit to all sections of the community.

## **Scope of this Plan**

This document reviews the requirements for the maintenance of parks and gardens areas. The Management Plan has been prepared to promote the cost effective and consistent management of all Council parks and gardens, throughout the townships of Bourke and North Bourke and villages.

All parks and gardens will be watered at night, when possible, with a minimum of 2 nights watering for each park that has a automatic sprinkler system with hoses and sprinklers maintained at all other parks and recreational areas.

Also detailed are requirements for general maintenance including weed control, top dressing, mowing, edging, pruning, mulching, fertilising, ground aeration, fencing, graffiti removal, pest and disease control, and maintenance of irrigation systems.

The Weeds Officer will provide a detailed weed spraying/control plan for all Council parks and reserves to ensure the eradication of all noxious plants and weeds

## **Intent of Council's Parks and Gardens Management Plan**

The tables below provide a guide for Council to monitor and improve all parks and gardens areas within the Shire.

## **1. Scope of Works**

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Maintenance will be undertaken in accordance with the following guidelines and recommendations for the beautification and upkeep of the town.

### **WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT AS PER SCOPE OF THIS PLAN INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:-**

- Central Park
- Coolican Oval
- Davidson Oval
- Renshaw Oval And Racecourse
- Jones Park
- Railway Park
- Waters Park
- Mercy Park
- Percy Hobson Park
- Walter Mitchell Precinct
- North Bourke Oval
- Airport Terminal
- Footways & Cycle Ways
- Pedestrian Zones
- Weed Control All Parks And Ovals
- At Intersections
- Built-Up Areas
- Kerb & Gutters (e.g. Approaches Into Towns, etc)
- Sealed or Concrete/Paved Areas
- Reserves

### **Relevant documents**

- Tree Removal and Replacement Plan
- Community Strategic Plan
- Council Strategic Plan

**Location:** Central Park



**Category:** Towns main park area

**Current condition of assets**

Asset	Poor	Fair	Good	Projects	Comments
Playground	✓			Replace? waiting for skate park placement	Removed in 2012 due to vandalism, insurance claim on playground Equipment.
Landscaping	✓			Weed control annually or as needed	Khaki Burr infestation
Trees				Annual pruning	More trees?
Fencing					N/A
Amenities					Toilets removed in 2008
Barbeques					N/A
Landscape structures		✓		ongoing	Cenotaph and gardens are maintained weekly
Car Park area					N/A
Sprinkler system	✓			Menzies pumps Narromine quoting repairs	The current system is inoperable –manual only
Table and chairs		✓		Weekly cleaning	Replacement program needed

**Estimated annual maintenance \$64,896.00**

**The quote for repair of sprinkler system is not in estimated annual costs.**

Priority works for Central Park in 2013/2014

- ❖ Burr control
- ❖ Ensure watering system operation all (automatic )

**Location:** Coolican Oval



**Category:** Sports Complex

**Current condition of assets**

Asset	Poor	Fair	Good	Projects	Comments
Playground					N/A
Landscaping		✓		Weed control annually or as needed	Khaki Burr and dry areas
Trees		✓		Annual pruning	
Fencing		✓		Monthly inspections and repairs	Vandalism a problem
Amenities			✓	Weekly cleaning	New- 2012
Barbeques					N/A
Landscape structures		✓		Monitor	Shade structure on the hill
Car Park area					N/A
Sprinkler system		✓		Weekly watering at night (2)	Currently under review 10 years old
Tables and chairs		✓		Weekly cleaning	

**Estimated annual maintenance \$20,550.00**

Priority works for Coolican Oval in 2013/2014

- ❖ Burr control
- ❖ Ensure watering as per management plan

**Location:** Davidson Oval



**Category:** Sporting Precinct

**Current condition of assets**

Asset	Poor	Fair	Good	Projects	Comments
Playground					N/A
Landscaping	✓			Weed control annually or as needed	Khaki Burr infestation
Trees		✓		Annual pruning	
Fencing	✓			Monthly inspections and repairs	Vandalism a problem
Amenities		✓		Graffiti removal annually	New toilets 2010
Barbeques					N/A
Landscape structures		✓		Maintained as needed	Grandstand, canteen and cricket nets
Car Park area		✓			Minimal parking inside oval
Sprinkler system	✓			Weekly watering at night (2)	Automatic watering system installed 2011
Grandstands		✓		Annual inspections	Keith Martin & portable grandstands

**Estimated annual maintenance costs \$ 69,222.00**

Priority works for Coolican oval in 2013/2014

- ❖ Burr control
- ❖ Ensure watering system operation (automatic )
- ❖ Repairs to fence
- ❖ Graffiti removal from toilets

**Location:** Renshaw Oval and Race Course



**Category:** Showground

**Current condition of assets**

Asset	Poor	Fair	Good	Project	Comments
Playground					N/A
Landscaping	✓			Weed control annually or as needed	Khaki Burr infestation
Trees				Annual pruning	
Fencing					N/A
Amenities	✓			Funding needed	Buildings identified for replacement in Councils asset replacement plan
Barbeques					N/A
Landscape structures		✓		Upgrade of showrooms needed if becomes funding available	Only show and pony camp use facilities
Car Park area			✓		Bitumen area
Sprinkler system	✓				The current system is inoperable –hoses and sprinklers used
Tables and chairs		✓		Cleaning and maintenance as needed	

**Estimated Annual Maintenance Costs \$51,376.00**

Priority works for Renshaw oval and Racecourse 2013/14

- ❖ Keep to a fair standard for upcoming events
- ❖ Burr control

- ❖ Sprinkler system replacement if funding becomes available

**Location:** Jones Park



**Category:** Public Recreational Area

**Current condition of assets**

Asset	Poor	Fair	Good	Projects	Comments
Playground	✓			Replace?	Removed in 2009 due to vandalism, relocated in Louth
Landscaping	✓			Aeration and fertilise (APMP) Weed control	Established grass. Khaki Burr infestation
Trees		✓		Annual pruning	
Fencing					N/A
Amenities					N/A
Barbeques					N/A
Landscape structures					N/A
Car Park area					N/A
Sprinkler system	✓				hoses and sprinklers used
Tables & chairs		✓		Monthly maintenance	

**Estimated annual Maintenance costs \$16,224.00**

Priority works for Jones Park 2013/14

- ❖ Burr control
- ❖ Maintain watering



**Location:** Railway Park



**Category:** Public Recreational Area

**Current condition of assets**

Asset	Poor	Fair	Good	Projects	Comments
Playground		✓			Well used playground
Landscaping	✓			Aeration and fertilise (APMP) Weed control	Established grass. Khaki Burr infestation
Trees		✓		Annual pruning	
Fencing					N/A
Amenities					N/A
Barbeques					N/A
Landscape structures		✓			Railways building
Car Park area			✓		good
Sprinkler system	✓				hoses and sprinklers used
Tables & chairs		✓		Monthly maintenance	

**Estimated annual Maintenance costs \$10,816**

Priority works for Railway Park 2013/14

- ❖ Burr control
- ❖ Maintain watering

**Location:** Waters Park



**Category:** Recreational Area

**Current condition of assets**

Asset	Poor	Fair	Good	Project	Comments
Playground	✓			Replace?	Removed in 2013 due to vandalism
Landscaping	✓			Weed control annually or as needed	Khaki Burr infestation
Trees		✓		Annual pruning	
Fencing					N/A
Amenities					N/A
Barbeques					N/A
Landscape structures					N/A
Car Park area					N/A
Sprinkler system	✓			Community support	hoses and sprinklers used
Tables & chairs		✓			

**Estimated annual Maintenance costs \$8,112.00**

Priority Works for Waters Park 2013/14

- ❖ Burr control

**Location:** Alf Edwards Park



**Category:** Recreational Area

**Current condition of assets**

Asset	Poor	Fair	Good	Project	Comments
Playground	✓			Replace?	Removed in 2009 due to vandalism
Landscaping	✓			Weed control annually or as needed	Khaki Burr infestation
Trees					N/A
Fencing					N/A
Amenities					N/A
Barbeques					N/A
Landscape structures					N/A
Car Park area					N/A
Sprinkler system	✓				Hoses and sprinklers
Tables and chairs					N/A

**Estimated annual Maintenance costs \$1,081.00**

Priority works for Alf Edwards Park 2013/14

- ❖ Burr control

**Location: Hobson Park (Douglas Park)**



**Category:** Recreational Area

**Current condition of assets**

Asset	Poor	Fair	Good	Projects	Comments
Playground					N/A
Landscaping		✓		Aeration and fertilise	Established grass
Trees		✓			
Fencing					N/A
Amenities					
Barbeques				Possible site?	N/A
Landscape structures		✓			Small structure with seating
Car Park area					N/A
Sprinkler system	✓				Hose and sprinkler
Tables and chairs		✓		More seating?	Well attended park, cars driving on grass a problem

**Estimated annual Maintenance costs \$3,775.00**

Priority works for Hobson Park 2013/14

❖ Nil

North Bourke oval

**Category:** Recreational Area

**Current condition of assets**

Asset	Poor	Fair	Good	Projects	Comments
Playground					N/A
Landscaping	✓			Weed control annually or as needed	Khaki Burr infestation
Trees					
Fencing					N/A
Amenities					N/A
Barbeques					N/A
Landscape structures				Nil	Small building owned by dry lake cricket club
Car Park area					N/A
Sprinkler system	✓				Bayonet sprinkler system
Tables and chairs					N/A

**Estimated annual Maintenance costs \$5,408.00**

**Priority works for North Bourke oval 2013/14**

- ❖ Burr control

**Location:** Wal Mitchell Wharf Precinct

**Category:** Recreational Area

**Current condition of assets**

Asset	Poor	Fair	Good	Projects	Comments
Playground					N/A
Landscaping		✓		Aeration and fertilise as needed	Established grass, sprinklers and hoses used.
Trees		✓			
Fencing	✓			Replace?	Not funded for replacement in 2013/14
Amenities			✓	Graffiti removal monthly	Installed 2010
Barbeques					Should Council look to have some installed? Not funded
Landscape structures		✓		Wharf maintenance annually	Constant monitoring needed
Car Park area		✓		Area?	Future parking space to be looked into
Sprinkler system	✓				Bayonet sprinkler system
Tables and chairs		✓		Weekly maintenance	Good condition, maybe need for more seating

**Estimated annual Maintenance costs \$18,928.00**

Priority works for Wal Mitchell Wharf Precinct 2013/14

- ❖ Burr control

**Location:** Rotary Park & Toilets

**Category:** Recreational Area

**Current condition of assets**

Asset	Poor	Fair	Good	Projects	Comments
Playground					N/A
Landscaping			✓	Aeration and fertilise as needed	Established grass, automatic sprinklers used.
Trees		✓			
Fencing					N/A
Amenities			✓	Graffiti removal monthly	Installed 1997
Barbeques			✓		Well used facilities
Landscape structures			✓		Constant monitoring needed
Car Park area					Street parking
Sprinkler system			✓		Auto sprinkler system
Tables and chairs			✓	Weekly maintenance	Good condition

**Estimated annual Maintenance costs \$13,000.00**

Priority works for Rotary Park 2013/14

N/A

**All Other Parks and Recreational areas for which an Annual Budget is allocated**

- Oxley Street Gardens
- Mercy Park
- Douglas Park
- North Bourke Boat Ramp
- Port Of Bourke Park
- Paddlewheel Park
- Vision Way
- Boomerang Oval
- Bourke Sporting Club
- Weir
- Dental Clinic
- Medical Complex Grounds
- Senior Citizens
- Railway Park
- Council Chambers
- Airport