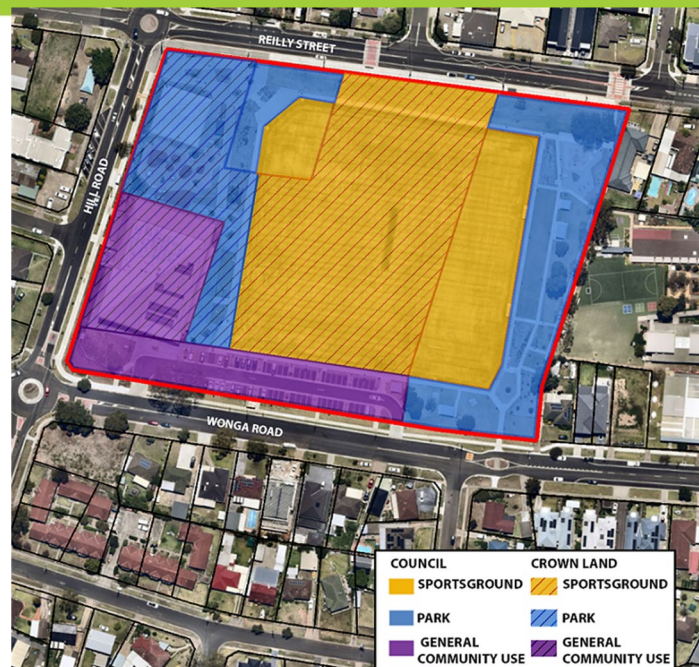


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# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Purpose of this report

The purpose of this report is to convey to Liverpool City Council ('Council') the submissions made in relation to a public hearing held on Tuesday 12 December 2023 regarding the proposed recategorisation of parts of Phillips Park in Lurnea.

This report has been prepared under Section 40A of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

## 1.2 Land covered by this report

Phillips Park in Lurnea is shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1 Location of Phillips Park



## 1.3 Background to the public hearing

Phillips Park in Lurnea comprises Crown land and community land owned by Liverpool City Council. Community land and Crown land are required to be categorised under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Phillips Park was categorised as Sportsground in the adopted Generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds 2007. The adopted Generic Plan of Management: Community Facilities 2005 applied to the former George Bates Community Centre and Phillip Park Office which were categorised as General Community Use. Liverpool City Council proposes to recategorise parts of Phillips Park as Sportsground, Park and General Community Use, which is consistent with the recent upgrades and improvements to Phillips Park, the

guidelines for categorisation of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, and the core objectives for each category in the Local Government Act.

Community land is also required to be subject to a Plan of Management prepared under the Local Government Act. A Draft Plan of Management has been prepared for Phillips Park which was on public exhibition for comment until Tuesday 16 January 2024.

A public hearing is required under Section 40A of the *Local Government Act 1993* ('the Act') to receive submissions about proposed categorisation of community land. Under the Act the public hearing must be chaired by an independent facilitator.

## 1.4 This report

The remainder of this report presents the relevant requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* regarding Plans of Management and categorisation of community land, and submissions regarding the proposed recategorisation of parts of Phillips Park.

The submissions comprise verbal submissions made at the public hearing held on Tuesday 12 December 2023. No online or written submissions were received by Council between Tuesday 28 November 2023 and Tuesday 16 January 2024.

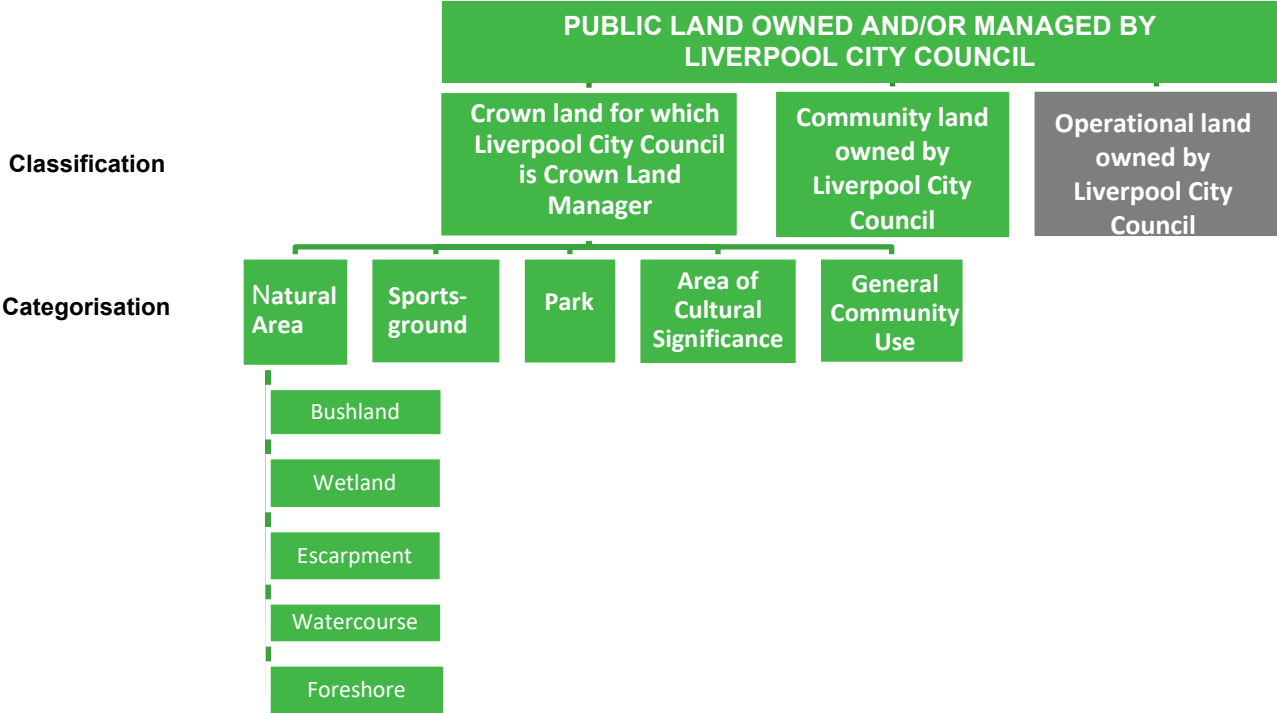
# 2 PLANNING CONTEXT

## 2.1 What is community and Crown land?

The *Local Government Act 1993* and *Crown Land Management Act 2016* set out a range of requirements for the management of public land that Liverpool City Council is legally bound to adhere to.

Section 26 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires that all public land owned by Council must be classified as "community" or "operational" land. Phillips Park comprises community land owned by Liverpool City Council and Crown land managed by Liverpool City Council.

Figure 2 Classification and categorisation of community and Crown land



Community land is intended to be managed for use by the community for purposes including environmental protection, recreational, cultural, social and educational activities. Community land may only be leased or licensed for up to 21 years without the Minister’s consent or up to 30 years with the Minister’s consent, it cannot be sold, and its use is restricted to the above purposes.

Conversely, operational land is land that can be used for any purposes deemed fit by Council, may be used for commercial purposes, be leased for a longer period of time, and can be sold.

Under the *Crown Lands Act 1989* categorisation was not applicable to parcels of Crown land under Council’s care and control. However, from 1 July 2018 the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* required the appointment of Council as Crown Land Manager and for these Crown lands to be managed as if they were public land under the *Local Government Act 1993*. This requirement included the application of land categorisation and preparation of a Plan of Management for Crown land. Under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*, initial land categorisations were applied to Crown land within Phillips Park by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI).

## 2.2 What are the categories of community land?

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires that all land owned by the Council which is classified as Community land be categorised.

As shown in Figure 2, Community land may be categorised as one or more of the following under Section 36(4):

- Natural Area.
- Sportsground.
- Park.
- Area of Cultural Significance.
- General Community Use.

Land that is categorised as a Natural Area is to be further categorised as one or more of the following under Section 36(5) of the Act:

- Bushland.
- Wetland.
- Escarpment.
- Watercourse.
- Foreshore.
- A category prescribed by the regulations.

## 2.3 What are the guidelines for categorising community land?

Guidelines for categorising Community land as a particular category are in Clauses 102 to 111 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.

The Department of Local Government's revised *Practice Note on Public Land Management* (Department of Local Government, 2000) made general recommendations on the guidelines for categorising Community land. The *Practice Note* stated:

*“Council must have regard to the guidelines in determining a category (cl.9) but are not required to adopt any category merely because the land fits the description in the guidelines. Council should look at all the circumstances of the land in making a decision as to categorisation. For example, a piece of land may seem to satisfy the guidelines for more than one category. Council has a discretion in this case to look at the land in context, taking into account all relevant material before determining a category. It is important that Council be able to justify a decision.”*

*Also, Council may have a piece of Community land, parts of which may be best managed as different categories, for example a piece of land with remnant bushland in one part and children's play equipment in another. Council is able to categorise land as part 'Natural Area – Bushland' and part 'Park'. It is strongly recommended that the land in each category not overlap. Overlapping categories may cause conflict in management objectives and will create confusion in the minds of Council staff and the community.”*

## 2.4 Core objectives for managing community land

Each category and sub-category of community land has core objectives that apply to it under the *Local Government Act 1993*. The core objectives outline the approach to management of the land covered by the particular category. The core objectives for each category of community land are set out in Sections 36E to 36N of the *Local Government Act 1993*.



## 2.5 Guidelines and core objectives for proposed categories for Phillips Park

The guidelines and core objectives for the proposed Sportsground, Park, and General Community Use categories are in Table 1.

Table 1 Guidelines and core objectives for proposed categories of community land

Category	Guidelines <sup>1</sup>	Core objectives <sup>2</sup>
Sportsground	If the land is used or proposed to be used primarily for active recreation involving organised sports or the playing of outdoor games.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving active recreation involving organised sports and informal sporting activities and games, and</li> <li>- ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.</li> </ul>
Park	Land that is, or is proposed to be, improved by landscaping, gardens or the provision of non-sporting equipment and facilities, for use mainly for passive or active recreational, social, educational and cultural pursuits that do not unduly intrude on the peaceful enjoyment of the land by others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities, and</li> <li>- provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and</li> <li>- improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.</li> </ul>
General Community Use	Land that may be made available for use for any purpose for which community land may be used, whether by the public at large or by specific sections of the public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public.</li> <li>- purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

1 *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*

2 *Local Government Act 1993*

## 2.6 Plans of Management for Community land

Council must prepare a Plan of Management for Community land (Section 36(1)).

Community land is required to be used and managed according to a Plan of Management applying to the land (Section 35).

Among the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the contents of a Plan of Management for Community land are:

- categorisation of the land
- core objectives for management of the land.

## 2.7 Public hearings

### 2.7.1 Why hold a public hearing?

A public hearing is required under Section 40A of the *Local Government Act 1993* and Section 3.23(7)(d) of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* if:

- ❑ a Plan of Management proposes to categorise (that is, the Plan has not been previously prepared and adopted by Council, or has not categorised Community land) the public land covered by the Plan of Management.
- ❑ a Plan of Management proposes to re-categorise (changing the adopted category) the public land covered by the Plan of Management.

Note: Public hearings regarding categorisation or re-categorisation of community land are not related to reclassification. Reclassification is when community land is re-classified as operational land that can then be managed differently and has the ability to be sold by Council. Community land is protected under the *Local Government Act 1993* and cannot be sold.

### 2.7.2 Who conducts a public hearing?

An independent chairperson conducts the public hearing, and provides a report to Council with recommendations on the proposed recategorisation of community land.

Under Section 47G of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the person presiding at a public hearing must not be:

- a) A Councillor or employee of the Council holding the public hearing.
- b) A person who has been a Councillor or employee of that Council at any time during the 5 years before the date of his or her appointment.

### 2.7.3 What happens after the public hearing?

Council must make a copy of the report regarding the outcomes of the public hearing available for inspection by the public at a location within the area of Council no later than four days after it has received the final report from the person presiding at the public hearing.

This Public Hearing Report will be presented to Council for its information when it considers adopting the proposed recategorisation of parts of Phillips Park and the draft Plan of Management for Phillips Park.

Pending the outcome of the public hearing and if Council adopts the proposed recategorisation of parts of Phillips Park, Council will update associated maps, plans, documents and records to reflect the change in categorisation. Notification of the Council resolution for the land recategorisation and Plan of Management will be provided to community and stakeholders.

# 3 PROPOSED RECATEGORISATION OF PARTS OF PHILLIPS PARK

## 3.1 Features of Phillips Park

The site features of Phillips Park are in Figure 3.

Figure 3 Features of Phillips Park



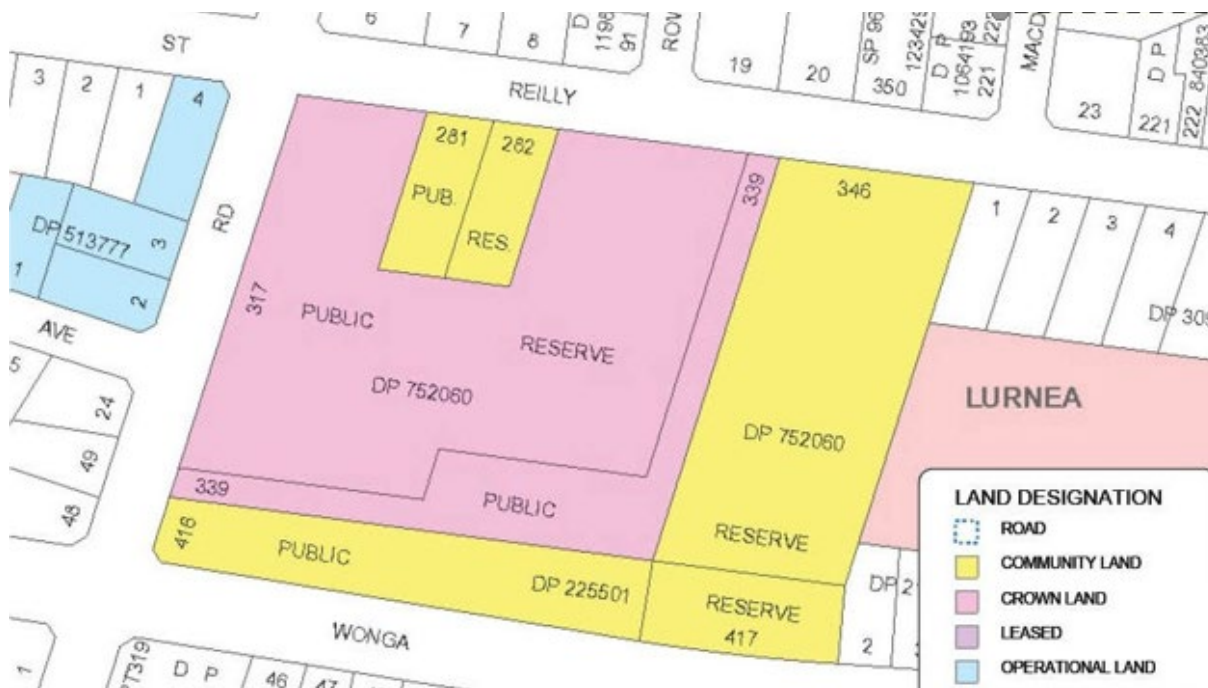
### Key

1. Cricket Pitch	2. Soccer Fields
3. Outdoor Gym	4. Grassed Seating areas
5. Accessible Pedestrian Entry points	6. Public Carpark
7. Carpark Entry	8. Carpark Exit
9. Accessible Car spaces	10. Solar Panels
11. Community Centre	12. AC condenser units
13. Cafe	14. Playground
15. Half Basketball Court	16. Speed Hump
17. Bus Stop	18. Local Shops
19. Pedestrian Crossing	20. Residential Flat Building
21. Local Shopping Village	22. Childcare Facility
23. Bike Racks	24. St Francis Xavier Primary School
25. St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church	26. Benches/Shaded Tables

## 3.2 Land ownership

Phillips Park comprises Crown land and land owned by Liverpool City Council as shown in Figure 4 below.

Figure 4 Ownership of land parcels in Phillips Park



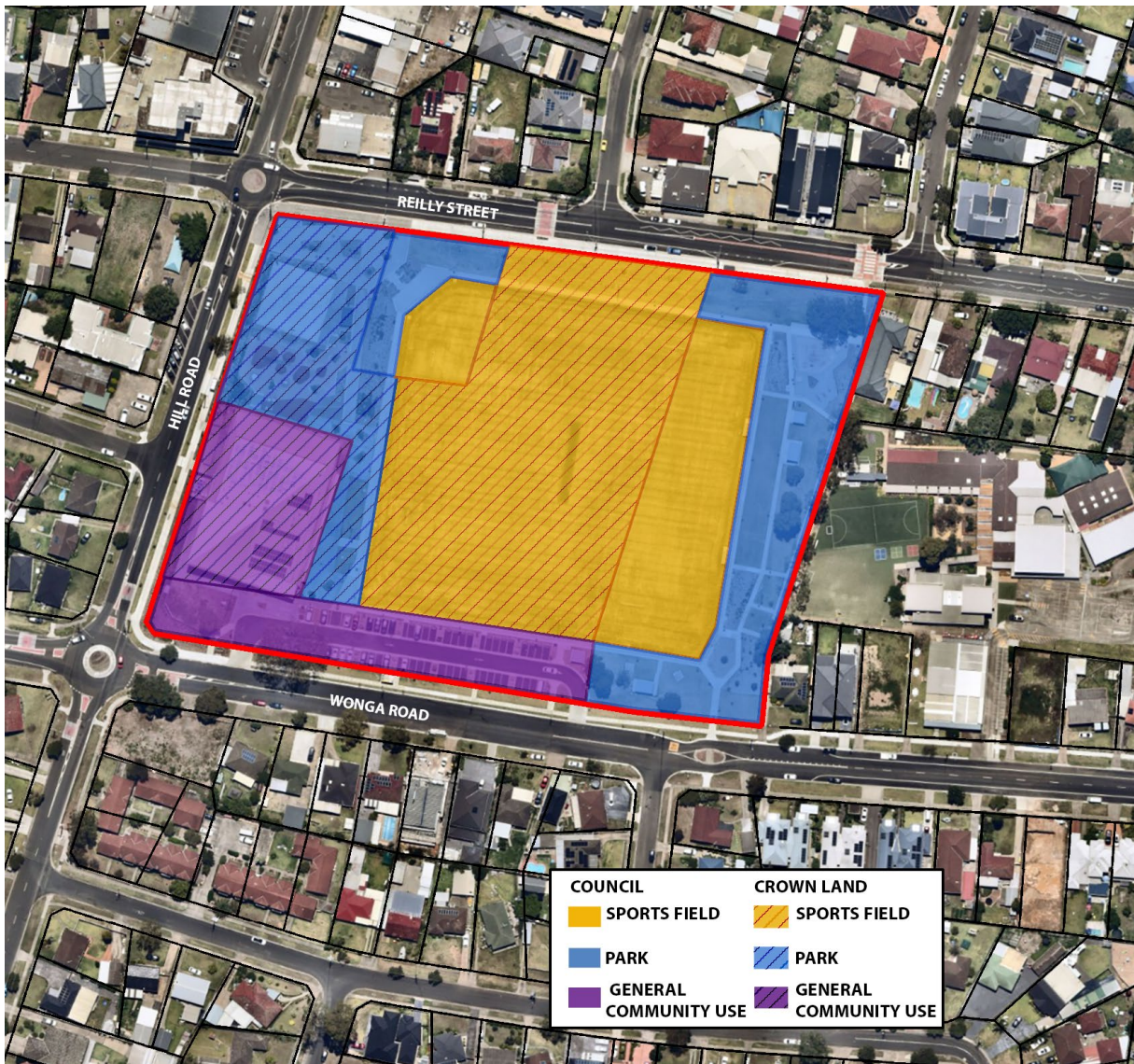
## 3.3 Current and proposed categorisation of Phillips Park

Phillips Park was categorised as Sportsground in the adopted Generic Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds 2007. The adopted Generic Plan of Management: Community Facilities 2005 applied to the former George Bates Community Centre and Phillip Park Office which were categorised as General Community Use. Maps of the categories as they apply to Phillips Park were not included in both Plans of Management.

In 2005-2007 Crown land was not required to be categorised. The *Crown Land Management Act 2016* which came into effect in 2018 requires that Crown land is categorised and managed as if it is community land under the *Local Government Act 1993*. As required, Council as Crown Land Manager submitted initial land categorisations for Crown land in Phillips Park to the NSW Office of Crown Lands as Sportsground, Park and General Community Use. The categorisation of Crown land in Phillips Park as Sportsground, Park and General Community Use was approved by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure in July 2023.

Council proposes to recategorise parts of the Council-owned community land in Phillips Park as Sportsground, Park and General Community Use, which is consistent with the Crown land categorisation, current and proposed uses, and the recent improvements to Phillips Park, as shown in Figure 5.

Figure 5 Proposed recategorisation of Phillips Park



Source: Draft Phillips Park Plan of Management 2023

The features of Phillips Park in each proposed category are shown in Figure 6 below.

Figure 6 Features of Phillips Park by category



**Park category**

**Park entries**  
**Half basketball court**  
**Play spaces**

**Outdoor gym**  
**Picnic shelters**  
**Hard and soft landscaping**



**General Community Use category**

**Lurnea Community Hub**  
**Carpark**



# 4 THE PUBLIC HEARING

## 4.1 Advertising and notification

### 4.1.1 Public notification and exhibition requirements

Section 38 of the *Local Government Act 1993* states that Councils must give “public notice” of a draft Plan of Management, and the length of time that it must be on public exhibition and for submissions to be made. The public notice contents are set out in Section 705 of the Act.

### 4.1.2 Online notification

#### Social media

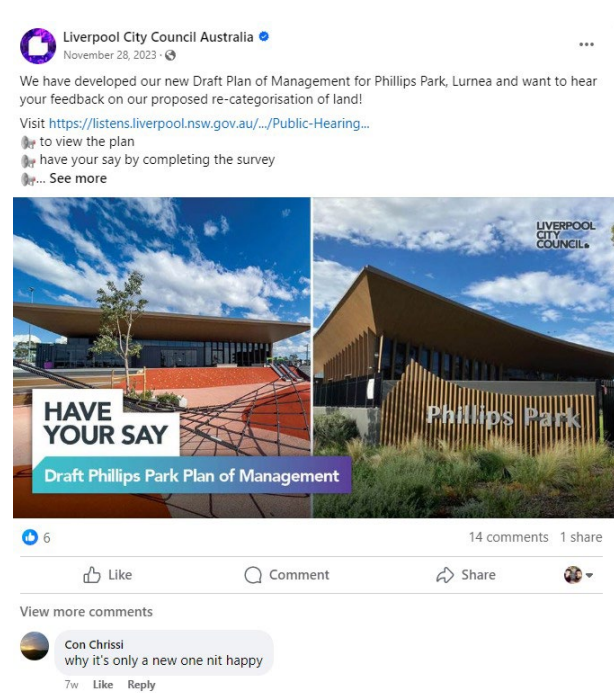
Facebook and Instagram posts on 28 November and 6 December 2023 are in Figure 7.

Figure 7 Social media posts

#### Instagram 28 November 2023



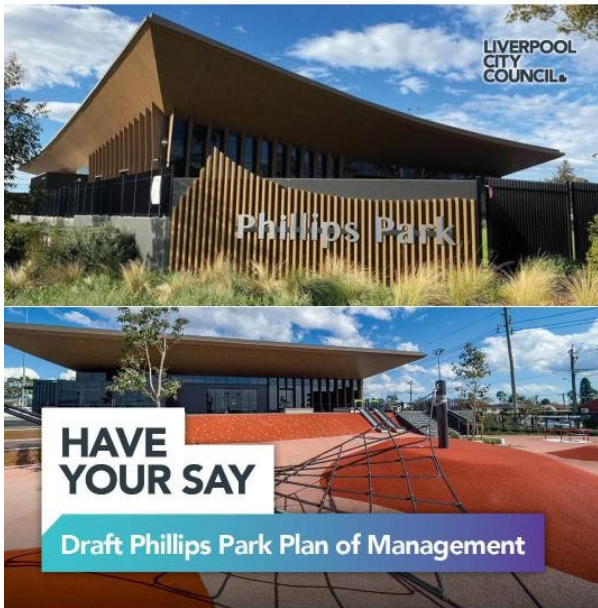
#### Facebook 28 November 2023



**Instagram**  
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**liverpoolcitycouncil** REMINDER: Have your say on our Draft Phillips Park Plan of Management by registering for our public hearing:

🕒 12 December 2023 | 7.30pm  
📍 Lurnea Community Hub, 66 Hill Road, Lurnea

Visit link in our bio:  
👉 to view the plan  
👉 have your say by completing the survey  
👉 register for the public hearing on 12 December at Lurnea Community Hub  
6 December 2023

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## Liverpool Listens

Council notified the community of the public hearing on its 'Liverpool Listens' webpage <https://www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au/ll/projects/2023/Public-Hearing-Phillips-Park,-Lurnea> from Tuesday 28 November 2023 until Tuesday 16 January 2024.

The webpage on 'Liverpool Listens' is shown in Figure 8. A background information document explaining the proposed recategorisations, the public hearing, and an online submission form, were also provided on the web page.



Figure 8 Public hearing information on Council's website

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [listens.liverpool.nsw.gov.au/projects/2023/Public-Hearing-Phillips-Park-Lurnea](https://listens.liverpool.nsw.gov.au/projects/2023/Public-Hearing-Phillips-Park-Lurnea). The browser's address bar and tabs are visible at the top. The website header includes the 'LIVERPOOL LISTENS' logo and a navigation menu with 'ABOUT US', 'COUNCIL', and 'VIEW ALL PROJECTS'. A search icon is also present. Below the header is a large image of a modern building with a playground in the foreground. A breadcrumb trail reads: 'View all Projects > Public Hearing > Phillips Park, Lurnea'. The main heading is 'Public Hearing — Phillips Park, Lurnea'. On the left, a 'Related' section lists four links: 'Draft Phillips Park Plan of Management November 2023', 'Public Hearing FAQs PDF 745.4 KB', 'Community Survey', and 'Phillips-Park-Proposed-Recategorisation-Public-Hearing-Background-Information-23-Nov-23.pdf PDF 2.1 MB'. The main content area features a 'Project Overview' section, followed by 'What is proposed?', 'Have your say', and 'Who's Listening'. The 'Have your say' section includes a list of actions: 'View the proposed Draft Plan of Management here', 'Register here to join us at the Public Hearing at 7.30pm, on 12th December at Lurnea Community Hub, 66 Hill Road, Lurnea, to provide recorded feedback on the proposed re-categorisation of community land within the site. More information about the hearing can be found in our Background Information and FAQs.', and 'You can also provide feedback via our online community survey here'. The 'Who's Listening' section provides contact information for Mark Taylor, Acting Co-ordinator, Community Planning, including an email address and a deadline of 16th January 2024. The 'What happens next?' section states that all submissions will be assessed and the results of the public exhibition and the public hearing will then be reported to Council. The Plan of Management is expected to be finalised in early 2024.

## Public Hearing — Phillips Park, Lurnea

### Related

- [Draft Phillips Park Plan of Management November 2023](#)
- [Public Hearing FAQs PDF 745.4 KB](#)
- [Community Survey](#)
- [Phillips-Park-Proposed-Recategorisation-Public-Hearing-Background-Information-23-Nov-23.pdf PDF 2.1 MB](#)

### Project Overview

Liverpool City Council is seeking community input on its Draft Plan of Management and proposed re-categorisation of community land at Phillips Park, Lurnea.

Phillips Park consists of both Crown land and Council owned community land. As Crown Land Managers, Council obtained approval from the Minister for the Department of Planning and Environment to exhibit the draft plan.

### What is proposed?

The draft plan outlines the ongoing use, maintenance, management and improvement of Phillips Park for approximately the next 10 years. The park has just celebrated its one-year anniversary of the opening of the Lurnea Community Hub and the recent improvements to the sporting and recreation facilities in the park. The draft plan also includes the proposed re-categorisation of the community land in Phillips Park.

A Public Hearing will be held at **7.30pm on 12th December** at Lurnea Community Hub to present the proposed re-categorisation of community land, referred to in the draft plan and answer any questions, as well as record any feedback on the draft plan and proposed re-categorisation.

### Have your say

Council invites residents and interested members of the public to

- **View** the proposed Draft Plan of Management [here](#)
- **Register here** to join us at the Public Hearing at **7.30pm, on 12th December** at Lurnea Community Hub, 66 Hill Road, Lurnea, to provide recorded feedback on the proposed re-categorisation of community land within the site. More information about the hearing can be found in our [Background Information and FAQs](#).

### Who's Listening

You can also provide feedback via our online community survey [here](#)

Or

by sending a written submission, quoting file no. 403464.2023, to Mark Taylor Acting Co-ordinator, Community Planning, Locked Bag 7064, Liverpool BC NSW 1871 or email [CommunityPlanning@liverpool.nsw.gov.au](mailto:CommunityPlanning@liverpool.nsw.gov.au) by **16th January 2024**.

### What happens next?

All submissions will be assessed and the results of the public exhibition and the public hearing will then be reported to Council. The Plan of Management is expected to be finalised in early 2024.

## Public exhibition webpage

The notice in Figure 9 was posted on Council's Public Exhibition webpage from 28 November 2023 to Tuesday 16 January 2024.

Figure 9 Public exhibition webpage notice

The screenshot shows a navigation menu on the left with categories: COUNCIL, SERVICES, BUSINESS, DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT, VENUES, and SEE TASTE DO. The main content area has a purple header: "Public Hearing and Exhibition - Phillips Park Draft Plan of Management and Public Hearing for proposed re-categorisation of community land." Below the header, the text reads: "Liverpool City Council is holding a public hearing for the re-categorisation of community land proposed in the Draft Plan of Management for Phillips Park, Lurnea. The objective of the plan is to outline the ongoing use, maintenance, management, and improvement of Phillips Park for approximately the next 10 years. Council invites residents and interested members of the public to:"

- **View** the proposed Draft Plan of Management [here](#)
- **Register** [here](#) to join us at the Public Hearing at **7.30pm - 8.30pm, on 12th December** at Lurnea Community Hub, 66 Hill Road, Lurnea, to provide recorded feedback on the proposed re-categorisation of community land within the site. More information about the hearing can be found in our Background Information [here](#) and FAQs [here](#)
- Complete our online Community Survey on the draft plan and proposed re-categorisation of community land [here](#)
- Provide feedback by sending a written submission, quoting file no. 403464.2023, to Mark Taylor Acting Co-ordinator, Community Planning, Locked Bag 7064, Liverpool BC NSW 1871 or email [CommunityPlanning@liverpool.nsw.gov.au](mailto:CommunityPlanning@liverpool.nsw.gov.au)

### 4.1.3 Other notification methods

In addition to the online methods shown above, Council also notified park users and the community about the public hearing by:

- posting 100 x A4 posters across local sites and at the Phillips Park Community Hub
- distributing 100 x A5 flyers at the Phillips Park Community Hub, Liverpool Library, Liverpool Museum, and Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre.

## 4.2 Public hearing arrangements

The public hearing was held on Tuesday 12 December 2023 at 7.30pm in the Boardroom of the Liverpool Community Hub, 66 Hill Road, Lurnea.

No community members registered in advance to attend the public hearing.

## 4.3 Attendance at the public hearing

As required under Section 47G of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council appointed an independent chairperson, Sandy Hoy, Director of Parkland Planners, to chair the public hearing.

Mark Taylor (Acting Co-ordinator, Community Planning), Craig Lambeth (Manager Community Recreation) and Jill Summers (Project Officer) provided information and answered questions on Council's behalf during the public hearing.

Five community members attended the public hearing:

- representative of South West Wanderers Football Club
- representative of Wonderwood Café
- 3 community members.

## 4.4 The public hearing

Ms Hoy opened the public hearing at 7.30pm.

Ms Hoy explained the purpose of the public hearing, the legislative basis for categorisation of community land, and the requirement for public hearings, based on the background information document provided online.

The question that the Chair asked people attending the hearing to address was:

**Do you agree or not with the proposal to categorise Crown and community land comprising Phillips Park as Sportsground, Park and General Community Use as shown in the Phillips Park Draft Plan of Management and Figure 4 of the background information document? Why or why not?**

The community members asked questions and made comments about the proposed recategorisation of land, and matters relating to use and management of the park at the public hearing. The content of verbal submissions which are relevant to the proposed recategorisation are outlined in more detail in Section 5 of this report. Other comments and questions were noted but are outside the scope of this report.

With there being no further submissions or questions, Ms. Hoy closed the hearing at 8.20pm.

## 4.5 Submissions

Submissions about the proposed recategorisation of parts of Phillips Park could be made:

- verbally at the public hearing** on 12 December 2023
- via the online submission form** on Council's 'Liverpool Listens' page at <https://www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au/ll/projects/2023/Public-Hearing-Phillips-Park,-Lurnea> by Tuesday 16 January 2024
- email to Council** [communityplanning@liverpool.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communityplanning@liverpool.nsw.gov.au) by Tuesday 16 January 2024
- in writing to Council** quoting file no. 308576.2023, to Mark Taylor, Acting Co-ordinator, Community Planning, Locked Bag 7064, Liverpool BC NSW 1871 by Tuesday 16 January 2024.

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# 5 CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS

## 5.1 Introduction

Feedback on the proposed recategorisation of parts of Phillips Park was received via the five community members who attended the public hearing. No written submissions were received.

## 5.2 Submissions about the proposed recategorisation

Questions and comments about the proposed recategorisation are in Table 2.

Table 2 Questions and comments about proposed recategorisation

Question/comment	Chair response
The recategorisation map looks good the way it is.	Noted
Could a water park be included in General Community Use?	Yes, and it also could be in the Park category

## 5.3 Comments outside the scope of the public hearing

Submissions made at the public hearing which are not related to the proposed recategorisation are set out in Table 3. It is recommended that Council consider these comments while finalising the Plan of Management for Phillips Park.

Table 3 Verbal submissions outside the scope of the public hearing

Question/comment	Council response
Everything [the park] looks good, it's fantastic. It is excellent the way the park is set up.	Noted
Suggestion for a water park in Phillips Park, because the kids will love it.	A splash park has not been considered for Phillips Park at this stage. The approximate cost to construct a major splash park of significant magnitude would be significant - up to \$2.5 million (allowing for contingencies and escalations). Council has two splash parks at Bigge Park and Stante Reserve that have varying levels of popularity – noting weather dependencies. Annual attendances at Bigge Park are approximately 8,000-10,000 persons. Regrettably both venues have attracted significant anti-social behaviour in the past. Annual operation costs are also significant. Cleaning of a splash park would cost \$100,000 per year. Security to manage anti-social behaviour would cost \$240,000 per year.

Question/comment	Council response
	A splash park in Phillips Park may be desirable in future but not now. As improvements to the community hub are made a splash pad would be possible. Inflatable water parks are an option because they are covered by public liability insurance.
Looking forward to seeing the Indigenous garden with the bridge and rocks. Where is it?	It is in the park.
The community doesn't look after the land. The community has to want to look after the park. Rubbish and bottles are thrown everywhere. Education is needed.	Noted
The park has improved since the old tennis courts	Noted
More play equipment might be better than a splash pad.	Noted
The black fence around the park was installed to stop children running on to the road to chase balls.	Noted
People are here in the park in summer. People enjoy and appreciate the field.	Partnership opportunities to increase activation of parks include Red Bull 3x3 basketball competition at Collimore Park in February 2024.
Indoor soccer would be good here, and would attract primary school children.	An indoor basketball court would cost \$3,500,000.
Feedback from café patrons is to provide play equipment for older children 10 years and above. The equipment in the play area is not as engaging for them. There is plenty of room for equipment for older children to keep them occupied.	Sensory play experiences would be valuable. A sensory play space like Livvi's Place is in Lieutenant Cantello Reserve.
Enlarge the rock wall.	Noted
How much did the community hub cost to build?	The building cost \$19 million. It is our best venue, being a state-of-the-art building to wedding venue quality. The building is sustainable, practical and useful. Phillips Park is also one of the best venues in Liverpool City for sport.
How do we find out what is going on locally?	Attend the Mayoral Forums which offer Q&A for the community. Social media (Facebook, Instagram). Ask to be put on the mailing list for the District Forums.
Traffic on Hoxton Park Road is getting worse. Is that because of population growth?	The opening of the airport in 2026 won't impact traffic here, but population growth will increase traffic.

# 6 RECOMMENDATIONS

## 6.1 Consideration of submissions

The verbal submissions regarding the proposed recategorisation of parts of Phillips Park were carefully considered and assessed.

There was demonstrated support for the proposed recategorisation, and no objections to the proposed recategorisations.

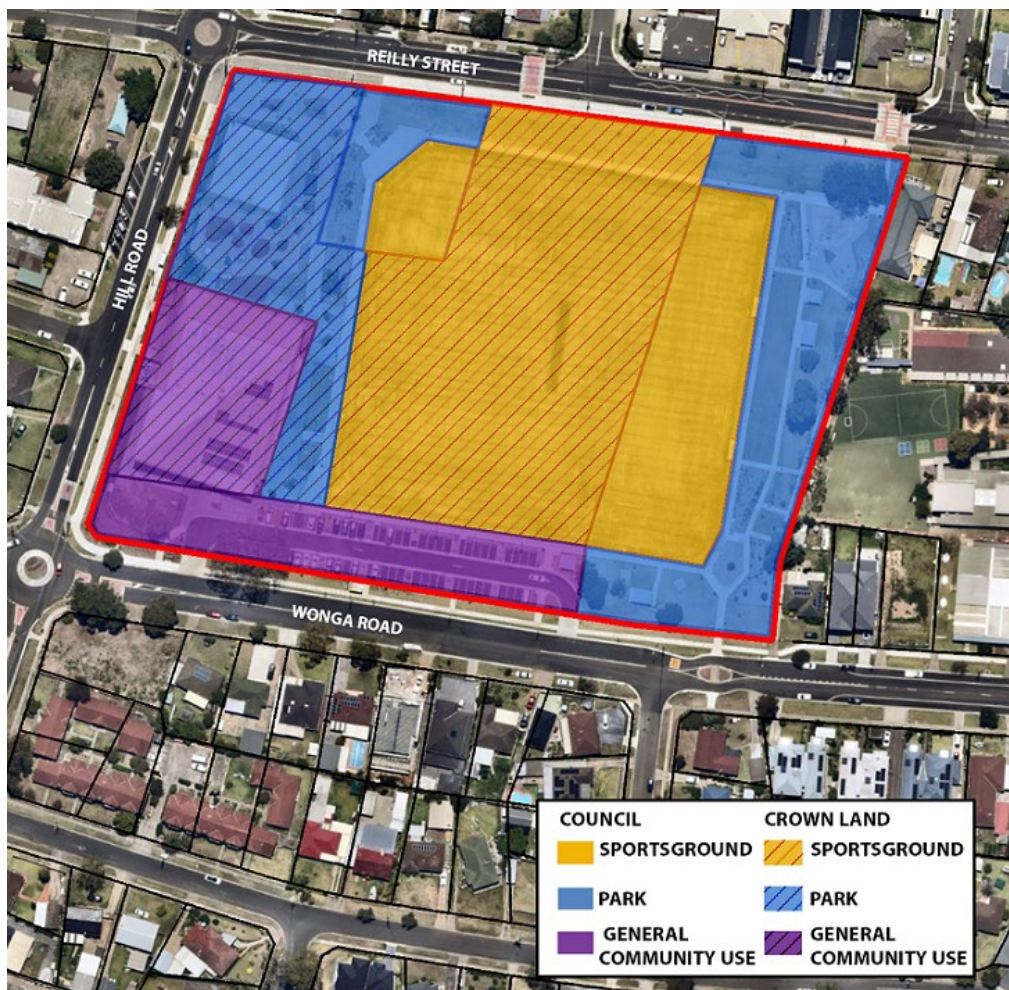
The proposed recategorisation of the community land in Phillips Park reflects the recent improvements to the park and the intended uses of the facilities and spaces in the park.

## 6.2 Recommendations

Based on the representations to the public hearing on 12 December 2023 my recommendations to Liverpool City Council are that Council:

1. Note the verbal submissions made at the public hearing as set out in Section 5.
2. Recategorise parts of Phillips Park according to the proposed categorisation map which was publicly exhibited, as shown in Figure 10 below.

Figure 10 Recommended categorisation of Phillips Park



## 6.3 Adoption of proposed recategorisation

This public hearing report will be presented to Council for its information as part of its approval of the proposed recategorisation, adoption of the Phillips Park Plan of Management, and subsequent implementation of the Plan of Management.

Section 114 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* states that if Council receives any submission objecting to the proposed categorisation of land, and the Council adopts the categorisation without amending the categorisation that gave rise to the objection, the resolution by which Council adopts the categorisation must state the Council's reasons for categorising the relevant land in the manner that gave rise to the objection. No objections were received.

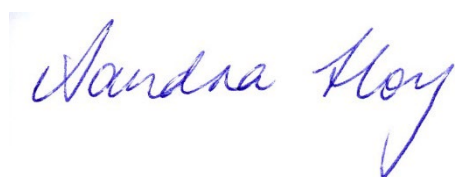
If Council adopts the proposed recategorisation of parts of Phillips Park Council will update its Land Register and maps to reflect the changes in categorisation.

If Council decides to alter the proposed recategorisation of community land from that considered at the public hearing, Council must hold a further public hearing (Section 40A(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*).

## 6.4 Reporting

Within four days of receiving this final report, Council is required under Section 47G(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* to make a copy of this report available for inspection by the public at a location within the area of the Council. It is recommended that Council:

- send a copy of the public hearing report to the people who attended the public hearing
- keep a copy of the public hearing report for inspection at Council's Customer Service Centre and at Liverpool Library
- post an electronic copy of the public hearing report on Council's website.



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