

## **5.4 Recreation Reserves, Public Halls and Buildings Maintenance**

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	<i>24/9/98</i>	<i>Item 4.6.1, page 48 (refer Audit and Finance Committee Minutes 16/9/98, item 5.4, pages 12, 46 and 74)</i>
	<i>24/5/07</i>	<i>Item 4.10.1(a) page 36 (refer Audit and Finance Committee Minutes 26/4/07, item 4.1, page 6)</i>
	<i>24/5/12</i>	<i>Item 4.10.1(c) page 25 (refer Audit and Risk Committee Minutes 9/10/12, item 4.1.3, page 10-11)</i>

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### **PURPOSE**

To provide a consistent approach to the maintenance of Recreation Reserves, Public Halls and Buildings.

### **POLICY**

#### **Recreation Reserves**

Council carries out maintenance works on two categories of ovals:

**Category 1:** Ovals used for organised sport including:

- Victoria Park, Bannockburn No. 1 and 2
- Teesdale
- Shelford
- Inverleigh No. 1 and 2
- Rokewood
- Napoleons (not including turf wicket)
- Haddon
- Ross Creek
- Smythesdale
- Linton
- Bannockburn Sports Precinct soccer pitch
- Lethbridge No 1 and 2 and\*
- Meredith\*

\* Lethbridge No 1 and 2 and Meredith are maintained, however, the mowing of these ovals is the responsibility of the Committee of Management. An annual maintenance grant is provided to the respective Committee of Management for these services.

**Category 2:** Ovals used as open space for recreation purposes including:

- Cape Clear
- Berringa
- Corindhap
- Murgheboluc and
- Dereel.

Council no longer maintains recreation reserves at Illabarook, Newtown or the Old Smythesdale Oval.

The level of maintenance provided to recreation reserves will be dependent upon annual budget funding. The preferred mowing schedule for Category 1 ovals is a weekly mow of the relevant playing surfaces during spring with a fortnightly mow for the balance of the year or as required. Category 2 ovals will be mowed on an as required basis dependent on community events.

The surrounds for Category 1 ovals will be limited to a monthly mow and whipper snip or as required. The mowing and whipper snipping of the surrounds for Category 2 ovals will reflect the mowing schedule of the relevant playing surfaces.

Council maintains all sprinkler system assets to ovals and surrounds. Committees of Management are responsible for all operation and minor maintenance works.

The local Committees of Management are responsible for the relevant services costs such as power and water. Council has established an annual budget, Purchase of Town Water for Major Sports Ovals, to assist the committees with irrigation costs at Category 1 ovals only except when a different arrangement is in place as outlined in a lease, license or management agreement.

Council is responsible for the costs associated with any public toilet facilities, playgrounds, car parks and public barbecue's located on the reserve.

### **Public Halls and Building Maintenance**

There are many public halls and buildings within Golden Plains Shire. These buildings are located either on Council owned land, Crown Land where Council are the Committee of Management, or Crown Land managed by a committee appointed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

The following sections detail Council's responsibility for maintenance of relevant public halls, buildings and land.

#### **1 Council Owned Buildings and Land**

Unless Council has delegated the responsibility for maintenance of buildings on Council owned land, Council will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of these buildings, including major repairs. Where a Council owned building or land is subject to a lease, license or management agreement the responsibility for maintenance shall be as detailed in the relevant agreement

#### **2. Land and Buildings on Crown Land Where Council is Committee of Management**

Unless Council has specifically delegated the responsibility for maintenance of land and buildings on Crown Land, where Council is the nominated Committee of Management, Council will be responsible for the costs of ongoing maintenance of these buildings, including major repairs.

Where a Crown Land building or land, managed by Council, has been delegated to a community committee of management via a lease, license or management agreement the responsibility for maintenance shall be as detailed in the relevant agreement.

#### **3. Land and Buildings on Crown Land Managed by a Separate Crown Appointed Committee**

Council will not be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of land and buildings located on Crown Land managed by a separate Crown Land Committee of Management. These buildings will be the responsibility of the relevant Committee of Management. Council may assist with facility upgrade projects subject to available funding opportunities.