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Objective

To effectively manage the use of lands under the care and management of Western Sydney Parklands Trust (the Trust) by Parklands visitors.

Introduction

The Trust recognises the importance of open space for the community. The Trust welcomes, supports and provides opportunities for visitors and the community to participate in a variety of activities within the Parklands.

With increasing visitation across the Parklands, the Trust is committed to manage:

- a) Equity of access – e.g. potential conflict with users, management of demand, domination and monopolisation of areas and use of public land.
- b) Impact on facilities – e.g. large groups causing undue wear and tear to recreational facilities and spaces.
- c) Public safety and liability concerns – e.g. shared paths and diversity of user groups.
- d) Impacts upon nearby residents, stakeholders and the public e.g. noise or litter.

This policy responds to the need to balance the use and enjoyment of the Parklands by visitors.

Aims

In implementing this policy, the Trust aims to:

- Ensure equity of access to the parklands;
- Ensure safety of participants;
- Ensure visitor activities do not impact on turf and facility condition and maintenance;
- Minimise safety and public liability concerns;
- Appropriately manage the parklands to prevent conflicts; and
- Minimise the impact on nearby residents, stakeholders and other parklands users.

Scope

This policy covers all lands within Western Sydney Parklands under the care and management of the Trust for all visitor's activities and functions:

This policy excludes leased or tenanted sections of Western Sydney Parklands as well as defined sporting venues.

Western Sydney Parklands Act & Regulation

The *Western Sydney Parklands Act 2006* identifies the aims, role and responsibilities of the Trust. The *Western Sydney Parklands Regulation 2019* identifies how the Trust manages the use of Trust lands.

Permissible Activities Not Requiring Approval

The following types of activities are permitted:

- **Socialising & dining** - picnicking, meeting friends & family, having a meal break, visiting a one of the parklands café's / restaurants or attending social / family functions.
- **Passive recreation** - bush walking, bird watching, enjoying the environment, meditation, reading, relaxing, drawing, painting, studying or sightseeing.
- **Active recreation** – visiting playgrounds, cycling, exercising, jogging, playing ball games, rollerblading, skateboarding, Tai Chi or other casual sports.

These activities are permissible and do not require prior approval or a booking when:

- The activity is undertaken by an individual / private group.
- When the group size is less than 40 people.
- When the sporting activity is of a social nature and is not part of any organised competition / group.
- No one is being instructed (e.g.by a trainer or instructor).

Permissible Activities Requiring Prior Approval

The following types of activities are permitted within the Parklands but must have the prior written approval of the Trust:

- **Commercial Activities** – any type of commercial operations including personal training, selling products / services, operating mobile food vans, ticketed concerts or any other type of commercial undertaking.
- **Fundraising Activities** – all types of fundraising activities including walkathons, fun runs, charity stalls and BBQs.
- **Community Events** – all community events that are advertised, open to the general public, ticketed or any function that has more than 50 people attending.
- **Private Functions** – all wedding ceremonies, wedding photography, or any function that has more than 40 people attending.
- **Filming & Photography** – all commercial, student, corporate, professional or other type of filming and/or photography activities.
- **Function with Additional Items** – use of animals, petting zoos, amusements, onsite caterers, generators, amplified music, public announcement systems, musical performances, gender reveal parties, directional signs, banners or displays, marquees, stall or shade structure.

Activities That Are Not Permissible

The following types of activities are not permitted within the Parklands, these include but are not limited to those defined in the *Western Sydney Parklands Regulation 2019*.

[Western Sydney Parklands Regulation 2019](#)

- **Motor / Dirt Bikes** – are not permitted in any area within the parklands other than public roadways and car parks.
- **Motorised Equipment** – fuel and/or battery driven motorised bicycles, scooters, remote control cars, planes, helicopters, drones or other like equipment is not permitted in the Parklands.
- **Horse Riding** – horse riding of any kind is not permitted.
- **Pegging** – pegging of nets, stumps, structures or other items is not permitted.
- **Hunting** – hunting or use of any weapons of any kind is not permitted.
- **Dogs Off Leash** – are only permitted at Warrigal Run, the designated dog off leash area at Bungarabee Park and Shale Hills Dog Park.
- **Kite Fighting** – is not permitted in area of the Parklands.
- **Fishing** – is not permitted in the ornamental ponds within the Parklands picnic areas.
- **Coal / Charcoal BBQs** – are only permitted in the designated coal / charcoal BBQ areas at Lizard Log and Bungarabee Park.
- **Marquees, stalls or shade structures larger than 3m x 3m** - structures such as 6m x 3m marquees are not allowed.

Review

This policy will be reviewed every two (2) years or as determined by the Trust.

Responsibility

The Senior Manager, Visitor Services is responsible for the overall management of this policy.