

MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES



National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974

This section formulates key management strategies relating to the site as an Aboriginal Place and then for the key issues in each of the Focus Areas. The management strategies are consistent with the core objectives for community land in accordance with the Act.

Where not specifically provided for in this PoM, management will also be in accordance with the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and any other relevant legislation or policies described in Section 3.

Soldiers Point has been divided up into eight (8) Management Focus Areas (refer Figure 5):

Figure 5: Management Focus Areas



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	Focus Area 1: North-Eastern Foreshore		Focus Area 5: Western Holiday Park
	Focus Area 2: Everitt Park		Focus Area 6: Eastern Holiday Park and Memorial Hall
	Focus Area 3: Car Park and Boating Facilities		Focus Area 7: Port Stephens Yacht Club
	Focus Area 4: Western Foreshore		Focus Area 8: Spencer Park



Aboriginal Heritage – Aboriginal Place

As discussed in Section 2, Soldiers Point has been identified as being culturally significant to the local Aboriginal people for a number of reasons. Management will need to consider the range of cultural values present and the conservation of these cultural values will be addressed in the day to day management of the land.

Proper treatment of ancestral remains and respect for Aboriginal burials are important aspects of Aboriginal cultural practices in NSW as they are of deep spiritual significance to Aboriginal people. Great respect is shown for graves in the vicinity of one-time missions and reserves.

Ancestral remains and other tangible sites such as middens are the link with the community's cultural heritage.

Management of intangible Aboriginal cultural values is also important and respect should be shown to areas that have significance for ceremonial or spiritual reasons. Soldiers Point is also of social significance to many Aboriginal people due to a strong attachment to the place based on their family connections and experiences.

Key notes relating to Figure 6:

- Areas 3, 4 & 5 are of high significance. They are to be managed in strict accordance with this Plan of Management.
- Aboriginal Midden Sites known as Area 1a & 1b and Area 2
- Aboriginal Men's Ceremonial Area known as Area 6 will not be subject to future development activities.
- Intangible cultural significance of Soldiers Point generally

Key Issues:

- Access
- Management and recreation activities
- Recognition and interpretation of the Soldiers Point Aboriginal Place
- Conservation
- Treatment of culturally sensitive information
- Restriction on release of certain information
- Management of future activities



Figure 6: Identified Individual Areas of Aboriginal Significance



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- 1a** **1b** 1a and 1b Aboriginal midden sites of Aboriginal and archaeological significance located along the western side of the caravan park
- 4** Burial Area of Significance located under Ridgeway Avenue. Exact location to be verified by Aboriginal consultation
- 2** Aboriginal Shell Midden located on the northern point of Soldiers Point
- 5** Burial Area of Significance located to the north-east of the Yacht Club
- 3** Burial Area of Significance located near and surrounding amenities block
- 6** Area of Aboriginal Ceremonial Significance located within and adjacent to existing quarry pit



Strategy

The following aims for the Soldiers Point Aboriginal Place are as agreed by the Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council and Worimi community members, Port Stephens Council and OEH:

Access

- As large portions of the Soldiers Point Aboriginal Place are public space, access by the Worimi Aboriginal community need not be managed and the community are encouraged to visit Soldiers Point to continue cultural, educational and spiritual practices.
- In some circumstances, or where access to leased portions of Soldiers Point is desired, this should be through arrangement with Port Stephens Council. Such circumstances may include where a large group will be present or where privacy maybe required. Leased areas include the marina buildings, Soldiers Point Yacht Club and the Thou Walla Sunset Retreat.
- Permission from Council to access leased land should be obtained in advance and conditions such as roles and responsibilities in controlling, accessing and using the land should be agreed upon.
- Actions designed to ensure continuity of cultural practices will be encouraged, such as replanting, retaining vegetation of high cultural value, and integrating cultural and natural heritage needs into land use planning and management.

Management and recreational activities

- All day-to-day and longer term management decision making and implementation of works and other activities should be made with reference to this PoM; no action should be taken if it would have any adverse impact on the significance of the place. The risk of harming Aboriginal objects and places should be avoided wherever possible.

- Any proposed invasive work or activity should be considered on a case by case basis and should comply with the Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) being developed to accompany this PoM.
- Moveable objects of cultural significance will be conserved *in situ* wherever possible. If objects are moved, they should be moved in accordance with an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit, assessed for significance under NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1974 or Aboriginal cultural material or under the NSW Heritage Act, 1977 and professionally recorded, collected and stored. OEH should be consulted in relation to any works that fall outside of the provisions of the AHIP to ensure that it does not impact on the declared values of the place.
- Recreational activities should be limited to already disturbed areas and activities that are not consistent with the Aboriginal cultural values of Soldiers Point should be discouraged from occurring on these lands. This may include some events, large crowds, or activities which do not respect or are not considered appropriate for a place considered of special significance.
- It should be remembered that Soldiers Point is a place of burials and was used for ceremonial purposes, sensitivity to these values should guide decision making. The physical impacts caused by large crowds should also be considered as midden surface material and other cultural values maybe damaged or disturbed by large crowds of people.



Strategy

Recognition and interpretation of the Soldiers Point Aboriginal Place

- The Soldiers Point Aboriginal Place and the values for which it has been nominated should be recognised, interpreted and celebrated, as appropriate.
- The public use of Soldiers Point provides the opportunity to develop interpretative material that will inform and educate the wider community on the history and significance of the place to the Worimi community and other Aboriginal people.
- The positive management outcomes being undertaken by Port Stephens Council and the Worimi community should also be interpreted to the wider community.

Conservation

- Aboriginal sites and areas threatened by natural or man-made causes will be protected if possible or identified as priority sites for detailed recording and research.
- Non-destructive research into the Aboriginal cultural significance of the Soldiers Point area will be encouraged, after consultation and approval from the Worimi community, and in accordance with this PoM.
- Should any material or evidence of Aboriginal or archaeological significance be revealed work must cease immediately and contact made with OEH and the relevant Worimi community representative/s.
- All ground disturbing activities will have to comply with any Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) that is applied to the site.
- Port Stephens Council will promote the Aboriginal cultural values of Soldiers Point both internally amongst Council's staff, particularly its field based staff, and with key stakeholders such as leaseholders, commercial operators, neighbours and regular users.
- Any community involvement in maintenance and or management activities shall be coordinated by Port Stephens Council, to ensure the protection of the Aboriginal cultural values.

Treatment of culturally sensitive information

Some information collected for the management plan may be sensitive, such as the location of burial sites, and should not be disclosed if there is a risk of damage, or loss of, the items or sites. Culturally sensitive information provided to OEH for the purpose of documenting Aboriginal Places may need to be kept confidential.

Some parts of a management plan or a proposal for Aboriginal Place declaration may be kept confidential to protect culturally sensitive information in accordance with a section 161 notice under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 or OEH information agreement. Cultural sensitive information will be respected and managed in accordance with the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

Section 161 'Restriction on release of certain information' of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 enables information about Aboriginal places, objects and culture to be withheld – or kept confidential – in the public interest.

(1) The Director-General may, by notice in writing, advise the Minister that the Director-General is of the opinion that specified documents in the possession of the Service relating to:

- (a) The location of threatened species, populations or ecological communities or Aboriginal objects, or
- (b) The cultural values of an Aboriginal place or Aboriginal object should be withheld in the public interest.

(2) The Director-General may declare in the notice that information contained in the documents concerned is information for which there is a conclusive presumption of overriding public interest against disclosure for the purposes of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.

(3) The Director-General must not give a notice under this section in relation to documents relating to the location of Aboriginal objects or the cultural values of an Aboriginal place or Aboriginal object unless the Director-General has consulted with the Aboriginal people who the Director-General is aware have an interest in the documents concerned.





Focus Area 1: North-eastern Foreshore

The north-eastern foreshore is characterised by dense vegetation, including small patches of remnant vegetation, that creates a significant buffer between the access road, from Mitchell Street, into the main car park and Port Stephens. No formal access to this area is provided.

The vegetation in this area is managed and improved through the voluntary work of the Soldiers Point Salamander Bay Landcare Group.

Key Issues

- Aboriginal Heritage
- Management of the informal access tracks
- Monitoring of unauthorised dinghy storage
- Weed / vegetation management

Strategy

Conserve and maintain the natural and cultural environment along the eastern foreshore of Soldiers Point.

Maintaining practical and environmentally sensitive informal public access, through signage, along the eastern foreshore is a prime consideration in the management of this area.

Any development that alters the tidal processes within the area shall only be permitted where tidal movement/hydrological investigations have been completed in conjunction with the appropriate authorities and relevant committees.

Focus Area 2: Everitt Park

Everitt Park is a small elevated grassed area. It can be accessed from the foreshore by some stairs. It is a well patronised foreshore park that provides opportunities for the community to enjoy passive recreational activities and an area to sit and enjoy the views across the water and foreshore surrounds. Stands of native trees in the park provide natural shade cover over the reserve.

The recreational value of Council's parks and reserves is influenced by the provision of quality facilities and amenities for local residents and the broader community. In general, what minimal infrastructure is in the park (e.g. seating, bins, pathways) are all in good condition.

Key Issues

- Aboriginal Heritage
- Access to and within the park, with consideration of disability access
- Future consideration of seating, picnic table and bin provision
- Ongoing general maintenance of park infrastructure and vegetation management

Strategy

Consideration may need to be given as to whether there is adequate provision of seating and bins in the park and also to disabled access within the park. Any additional park furniture in this area should carefully consider not only any potential impacts to the Aboriginal Place, but also the impacts on the views towards Port Stephens and function of the park as a predominantly passive recreation area.

Throughout the park, vegetation should also be managed to ensure the protection and enhancement of views to Port Stephens. Maintenance attention must be given to this area with a focus on removing noxious weeds and other weed species followed by rehabilitation and re-vegetation of the garden areas. It is important that any Landcare volunteers adhere to relevant policies relating to the area as an Aboriginal Place.

Any proposed improvements to Everitt Park and existing components should further complement each other and allow for such facilities to be developed in conjunction with the Holiday Park.



Focus Area 3: Car Park and Boating Facilities

This area of Soldiers Point provides direct boating access to Port Stephens and is adjoined by a large sealed car parking area. These facilities are well utilised, particularly during the summer months. A rock revetment surrounds the north-eastern tip of the area and also extends behind part of the beach between the boat ramp and the marina.

A short breakwater is located immediately to the north of the boat ramp, which protects the boat ramp from any waves with a north-westerly fetch. The uneven surface of the breakwater requires ongoing maintenance from a public safety perspective.

The Port Stephens – Hunter Regional Boating Plan by Transport NSW highlights the need for an additional boat launching lane at this facility. It is expected that this facility will be well used, given the existing popularity of Soldiers Point as a boating destination.

Access to the area is via one sealed road in and out of the site off Mitchell Street. During the summer months in particular, the car park is almost always at capacity and as such there is a subsequent need for additional parking to accommodate park users. A potential location for additional parking has been identified along the access road into the site (refer Master Plan Figure 7). Further investigation and design would be required for any additional parking along this section of road.

Key considerations for the location of additional parking include any potential impacts on the Aboriginal Heritage of the site, the recreational value of the area and the amenity of the local residents and pedestrians.

In general the existing seating, bins, bollards and toilet facilities are all in good condition. Consideration also needs to be given to disabled access with this area and to all publicly available facilities.

Key Issues

- Aboriginal Heritage
- Foreshore beach management
- Requirement for an additional boat launching ramp
- Car management
- Seating, picnic table and bin provision
- Ongoing general maintenance of park infrastructure and vegetation management

Strategy

The main improvements to this area would be the addition of a boat launching ramp, the provision of additional car parking and improved toilet facilities.

Any development that alters the tidal processes within the area shall only be permitted where tidal movement/hydrological investigations have been completed in conjunction with the appropriate authorities and relevant committees.

Ongoing foreshore beach management work, including sand nourishment (with the portion of the beach closest to the boat ramp being the highest priority as there are exposed rocks within this area which limit beach use especially for boats waiting to be retrieved from the water), should be undertaken to minimise erosion, protect the marine habitat and improve the foreshore access and amenity.

Focus Area 4: Western Foreshore

The western foreshore extends between the boat ramp and the marina facility.

The area of land along the Western boundary of the site (facing Port Stephens) is significant to the local Aboriginal people.

Key management issues in this area include the management of the dinghies; management of erosion and protection of the vegetation, and also the protection of the significant Aboriginal sites.

Future protection and management of these issues needs to be a joint effort in collaboration with the key stakeholders, adjoining property owners and the broader community to ensure the development of successful future solutions.

Key Issues

- Aboriginal Heritage
- Foreshore is subject to varying degrees of erosion and sedimentation.
- Management of the informal access tracks to ensure community safety
- Monitoring of unauthorised dinghy storage
- Ongoing beach cleaning maintenance
- Weed / vegetation management
- Future consideration of seating, picnic table and bin provision
- Ongoing general maintenance of park infrastructure

Strategy

The boundaries of the site have previously been infested with weed growth and required attention. The continued clearing and control of this infestation is required to meet objectives related to the proposed improvement and also to allow for the native species to prosper. The likelihood of disturbance to the significant Aboriginal plant species will need to be investigated as part of this process.

Council and other relevant authorities shall strive to improve both the recreational and environmental quality of the existing beach which includes implementing beach replenishment measures.

In consultation with the Port Stephens/Myall Lakes Estuaries Management Committee undertake a study of the tidal and subsequent sand movement patterns of the area with an aim to providing strategies and actions for future beach management, including sand replenishment, and development control.

Implement a re-vegetation program along the fore dunes to stabilise this area and restrict further erosion.

Focus Area 5: Western Holiday Park

This area of Soldiers Point is of great Aboriginal Heritage significance as there are Aboriginal burials in the area.

The former Soldiers Point Holiday Park (now re-branded Thou Walla Sunset Retreat) has, since 1 December 2013 been managed under contract.

Council's Property Services Section and the contractor have during 2013 and 2014 continued to engage extensively with the members of the Worimi community in the process of seeking permissions and common ground for the rebranding of the property to Thou Walla. Continued partnership will see other initiatives such as interpretative art and displays and other educational initiatives materialise within this area.

Ten permanent eco-tents have been installed in this area to provide a unique accommodation experience on the Tomaree Peninsula. The construction style includes a series of moulded lightweight concrete pods laid out in a grid style upon which is constructed a timber framed floor which anchors and supports.

Each tent has a shower and toilet and all services run over the ground surface so as not to interfere with the subterranean aspects of the precinct. Some power heads are installed in this area and while uncontrolled camping no longer occurs on the site it is envisaged that the existing electricity infrastructure will be maintained in a non-invasive manner so as to maintain the power utility.

Council has a tree management program in place and regular maintenance is undertaken to maintain the safety of the site.

Key Issues

- Aboriginal Heritage
- Ongoing general maintenance of park infrastructure and vegetation management

Strategy

Council and the contractor will continue to work closely with all stakeholders and the Worimi elders and other representatives in a consultative manner in order to achieve appropriate joint outcomes.

Focus Area 6: Eastern Holiday Park and Memorial Hall

This area provides a range of accommodation alternatives together with an in ground swimming pool / BBQ facilities and includes the location of the Soldiers Point community memorial hall. Predominately this precinct features paved roads and access driveways while the built form, aside from the housekeeping shed, comprises cabin style design. The housekeeping shed comprises a steel frame and Colorbond steel cladding with a concrete paved floor.

All necessary infrastructure required to service this precinct is located below ground and in 2014 an independent asset management advisory firm provided Council with extensive lifecycle planning projections for the precinct through till the end of 2034. The maintenance and asset renewal in this precinct relate to the maintenance of the driveways, pool, internal roads, plumbing, gas, water and electrical utilities and the refurbishment and replacement of accommodation cabins as required.

As in Focus Area 5 active tree management is undertaken in this area.

The Memorial Hall is an important community asset to Soldiers Point. Future consideration needs to be given to formalising the current parking arrangements for the Hall. The design and placement of formalised car parking should also consider landscaping and retaining the surrounding open grassed character.

Key Issues

- Aboriginal Heritage
- Car management
- Ongoing building, infrastructure and park maintenance

Strategy

Council and its holiday park contractor will continue to work closely with all stakeholders and the Worimi elders and other representatives in a consultative manner in order to achieve appropriate joint outcomes.

In addition to ongoing general building maintenance works and improvements required to ensure the safety of the Memorial Hall, future consideration needs to be given to formalising parking at the Hall and also landscaping the surrounds.



Focus Area 7: Port Stephens Yacht Club

The Port Stephens Yacht Club building is situated on the Western side of the subject land facing Port Stephens. Investigations to date have identified two significant midden sites to the North and South of this building and a burial site located under and to the northeast of this facility. The existence of these sites will restrict any further development within this area therefore limits the future uses of this building.

The Port Stephens Yacht Club is currently under a commercial lease until 30 June 2021. The current land classification is part 'community land' and part 'operational land'. This split classification creates uncertainty for the leasing arrangements for the Club.

The land parcel is also located in a way that makes the future leasing of the Club, its current surrounds and uses and car parking problematic.

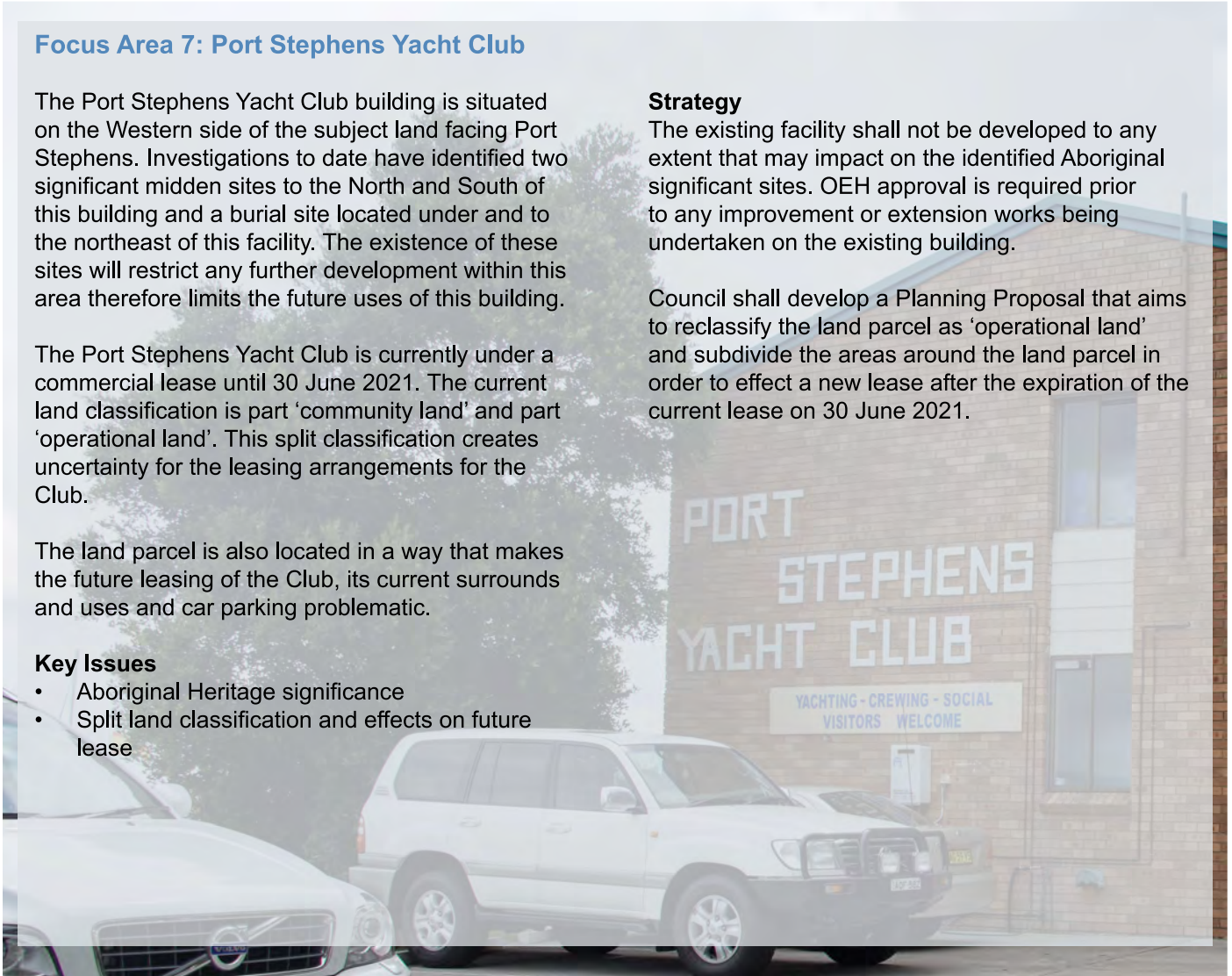
Key Issues

- Aboriginal Heritage significance
- Split land classification and effects on future lease

Strategy

The existing facility shall not be developed to any extent that may impact on the identified Aboriginal significant sites. OEH approval is required prior to any improvement or extension works being undertaken on the existing building.

Council shall develop a Planning Proposal that aims to reclassify the land parcel as 'operational land' and subdivide the areas around the land parcel in order to effect a new lease after the expiration of the current lease on 30 June 2021.



Focus Area 8: Spencer Park

Spencer Park includes areas for passive recreation, a playground and tennis courts.

There are three tennis courts and one practice wall at the Soldiers Point Tennis Club facility. The club house building adjoined to the tennis courts provides both women and men's toilet facilities. Both the courts and the club house are generally in good condition.

The Soldiers Point Tennis Club currently has a 5 year non-exclusive licence agreement for use of the courts until 30 June 2017.

Parking for this facility is accommodated on street only. The potential for additional parking in this area could be accommodated along the Soldiers Point Road boundary. The proposal is to create a 90 degree parking bay along this section of the road. This would maximise the capacity of the existing car parking area and assist with any overflow parking needs generated from visitors to Soldiers Point.

Key Issues

- Aboriginal Heritage
- Car Parking
- Ongoing general maintenance of courts and building infrastructure

Strategy

Undertake all general ongoing building and court maintenance works and improvements required to ensure the safety of the facilities.

Undertake a traffic and parking study to determine demand for and supply of car parking in this area.

Action Plan

The intent of the following action plan, in light of the key management issues discussed in Section 4, and as required under the Act, is to:

- Identify the desired outcomes or objectives with regard to each issue;
- Develop actions for the achievement of these objectives; and
- Develop performance measures or mechanisms for the measurement of success.

Table 7 - Action Plan

Aboriginal Place		
Objectives	Actions	Performance Measure
Conserve the Aboriginal cultural values associated with Soldiers Point and establish management protocols for the protection of both tangible and intangible cultural values.	Nominate Soldiers Point community land, operational land and AHIMS Site # 38-5-0152 as an Aboriginal Place under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act</i> (1974) to recognise and afford legal protection to the cultural significance of the area.	Soldiers Point declared as an Aboriginal Place under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act</i> (1974) to recognise and afford legal protection to the cultural significance of the area.
	Inclusion of the Aboriginal cultural values within Council's interpretation and signage strategies for Soldiers Point.	Signage installed.
	Culturally sensitive knowledge of the location of burials will be handled with respect, and according to the wishes of the relevant Aboriginal community.	Culturally sensitive information protected.
	Known culturally significant areas and remains to be protected and undisturbed.	Culturally significant remains and areas undisturbed.
	Activities and the development of infrastructure will only be undertaken under the authorisation of an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit from OEH unless it will not result in harm to the place or is exempted under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> .	AHIP in place for agreed works on the Aboriginal Place.
Continuing access for Aboriginal people to the Aboriginal Place will be encouraged to conserve its special significance.	Establish site visitation protocols for the Worimi community with Port Stephens Council, particularly for cultural activities or for large gatherings.	Worimi community site visitation formulated.
	Stakeholders are encouraged to allow ceremonies to be reintroduced to places where they used to be performed.	Number of ceremonies.
	The ongoing role of the Aboriginal Place as a teaching site will be recognised and respected.	Increased community awareness.



Action Plan (continued)

Focus Area 1 – North Eastern Foreshore		
Objectives	Actions	Performance Measure
To manage and protect the site's Aboriginal Heritage significance.	Activities and the development of infrastructure will only be undertaken under the authorisation of an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit from OEH unless it will not result in harm to the place or is exempted under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> .	Aboriginal Heritage significance protected.
Protect and enhance the foreshore environment.	Works in accordance with the Umwelt 2009 ' <i>Soldiers Point Boating Infrastructure and Foreshore Management Plan</i> '.	Increase environmental quality.
Improve the landscape amenity of the foreshore vegetation buffer.	Rehabilitate/regenerate and manage weed control of noxious weeds.	Eradication of weed problems on foreshore.
Focus Area 2 – Everitt Park		
Objectives	Actions	Performance Measure
To manage and protect the site's Aboriginal Heritage significance.	Activities and the development of infrastructure will only be undertaken under the authorisation of an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit from OEH unless it will not result in harm to the place or is exempted under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> .	Aboriginal Heritage significance protected.
Maintain the existing open grass and native tree character of Everitt Park.	Ensure appropriate development of the park in accordance with the community land categories.	All developments meet the requirements of the development guidelines and relevant legislation.
To manage the park's vegetation so as to complement the recreation role of the Park.	Conduct a program of vegetation management that focuses on removal of weed species and replanting with appropriate species that are consistent with the landscape character of the Park and maintain park user's safety.	Weeds removed and replaced with suitable plant species.
Provide and maintain a high standard of recreational facilities and amenities for Everitt Park users.	Investigate opportunities for improved picnic/seating areas with appropriate shade planting and litter bins.	Condition rating of recreation facilities is "fit for purpose."



Action Plan (continued)

Focus Area 3 – Boating and Car Park Area		
Objectives	Actions	Performance Measure
To manage and protect the site's Aboriginal Heritage significance.	Activities and the development of infrastructure will only be undertaken under the authorisation of an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit from OEH unless it will not result in harm to the place or is exempted under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> .	Aboriginal Heritage significance protected.
To provide adequate car parking for visitors to Soldiers Point.	Undertake a traffic and parking management study to assess the requirement for additional car parking along access road (refer Section 5, Figure 7 Master Plan).	Traffic and parking study completed.
To provide improved boat launching facilities for users.	Develop and implement plans for an additional boat launching ramp.	Additional boat launching ramp provided, with no additional piers or jetties.
Provide and maintain a high standard of recreational facilities and amenities for visitors to Soldiers Point.	Progressively upgrade recreational facilities, such as seating/tables, bins. Provide an improved level of cleanliness, repair and maintenance of amenity facilities.	Condition rating of recreation facilities is "fit for purpose". Park users express satisfaction with appearance, cleanliness and maintenance of amenities block.
Protect and enhance the foreshore environment.	Works in accordance with the Umwelt 2009 ' <i>Soldiers Point Boating Infrastructure and Foreshore Management Plan</i> ', including sand replenishment works.	Reduced foreshore erosion.
Improve the landscape amenity of the foreshore vegetation.	Rehabilitate/regenerate and manage weed control of noxious weeds.	Eradication of weed problems on foreshore.

Focus Area 4 – Western Foreshore		
Objectives	Actions	Performance Measure
To manage and protect the site's Aboriginal Heritage significance.	Activities and the development of infrastructure will only be undertaken under the authorisation of an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit from OEH unless it will not result in harm to the place or is exempted under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> .	Aboriginal Heritage significance protected.
Protect and enhance the foreshore environment.	Works in accordance with the Umwelt 2009 ' <i>Soldiers Point Boating Infrastructure and Foreshore Management Plan</i> '.	Increase environmental quality.
Improve the landscape amenity of the foreshore vegetation.	Rehabilitate/regenerate and manage weed control of noxious weeds.	Eradication of weed problems on foreshore.



Action Plan (continued)

Focus Area 5 – Western Holiday Park		
Objectives	Actions	Performance Measure
To manage and protect the site's Aboriginal Heritage significance.	Activities and the development of infrastructure will only be undertaken under the authorisation of an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit from OEH unless it will not result in harm to the place or is exempted under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> .	Aboriginal Heritage significance protected.
Maintain the conditions of the contract for the Holiday Park.	Council to provide a clear definition of responsibilities to lessee.	Clear understanding of the responsibilities for the lessor.
Ensure the facility is effectively managed and is of minimal impact on the surrounding environment.	Council to monitor appropriate usage of the facility.	Effective management of the facility and minimal number of complaints from the community.
Focus Area 6 – Eastern Holiday Park and Community Hall		
Objectives	Actions	Performance Measure
To manage and protect the site's Aboriginal Heritage significance.	Activities and the development of infrastructure will only be undertaken under the authorisation of an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit from OEH unless it will not result in harm to the place or is exempted under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> .	Aboriginal Heritage significance protected.
Promote opportunities for appropriate activities for which the Community Hall may be booked for hire.	Continued use of the Community Hall for community events/activities.	Increased bookings for the Community Hall.
Maintain the conditions of the lease for the Holiday Park.	Council to provide a clear definition of responsibilities to lessee.	Clear understanding of the responsibilities for the lessor.
Ensure the Community Hall is effectively managed and is of minimal impact on the surrounding environment.	Council to monitor appropriate usage of the facility.	Effective management of the Community Hall and minimal number of complaints from the community.



Action Plan (continued)

Focus Area 7 – Port Stephens Yacht Club		
Objectives	Actions	Performance Measure
To manage and protect the site's Aboriginal Heritage significance.	Activities and the development of infrastructure will only be undertaken under the authorisation of an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit from OEH unless it will not result in harm to the place or is exempted under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> .	Aboriginal Heritage significance protected.
Maintain the conditions of the lease for the Yacht Club.	Council to provide a clear definition of responsibilities to lessee. Council to clarify legal access and parking arrangements for the Yacht Club.	Clear understanding of the responsibilities for the lessor.
Ensure the facility is effectively managed and is of minimal impact on the surrounding environment.	Council to monitor appropriate usage of the facility.	Effective management of the facility and minimal number of complaints from the community.

Focus Area 8 – Spencer Park		
Objectives	Actions	Performance Measure
To manage and protect the site's Aboriginal Heritage significance.	Activities and the development of infrastructure will only be undertaken under the authorisation of an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit from OEH unless it will not result in harm to the place or is exempted under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> .	Aboriginal Heritage significance protected.
To provide adequate car parking.	Undertake a traffic and parking management study to assess the requirement for additional car parking along Soldiers Point Road (Figure 7 Master Plan).	Additional car parking provided.
Maintain the conditions of the lease for the Tennis Courts.	Council to provide a clear definition of responsibilities to lessee.	Clear understanding of the responsibilities for the lessor.
Ensure the facility is effectively managed and is of minimal impact on the surrounding environment.	Council to monitor appropriate usage of the facility.	Effective management of the facility and minimal number of complaints from the community.



Action Plan (continued)

Reserve Safety		
Objectives	Actions	Performance Measure
Adequately address risk management issues.	Formulate and implement a regular inspection checklist to identify potential safety issues.	Improved public safety and risk management.
Maintenance		
Objectives	Actions	Performance Measure
Ensure that best practice methods are used for all maintenance procedures and where necessary make suggestions for the improvements in the ongoing maintenance of areas.	<p>A methodology for carrying out minor works and maintenance within the Aboriginal Place to be determined within 90 days of the adoption of the Plan of Management and reviewed annually.</p> <p>The minor works and maintenance methodology will provide specific procedures and guidance on how to manage impacts to the land including cultural awareness and site identification training to be undertaken by key Council staff.</p>	Soldiers Point is considered safe and well maintained, in accordance with the agreed methodology, at all times.
Promote efficient maintenance operations.	Investigate the maintenance regime for the site and make recommendations for improvements where necessary.	Reduction of long-term maintenance cost.

