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COOK PARK PLAN OF MANAGEMENT & MASTER PLAN APPROVED

The NSW Government has today adopted the Cook Park Plan of Management and Masterplan, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act.

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, said Rockdale City Council was asked to prepare the plan in order to guide decisions on the use and management of public areas and address issues affecting the reserves.

The plan was funded jointly by Council and the Land and Property Management Authority.

“The plan was placed on public exhibition, referred to the Cook Park Reference Group and advertised directly to users of Cook Park, to ensure the views of the community and other stakeholder groups were considered,” the Minister said.

“The significant level of community consultation in the preparation of the plan has enabled innovative strategies to be included for the future management of the park.

“The adoption of the plan of management is a significant step in providing an effective framework to enable key issues affecting this valuable public asset to be addressed.”

Member for Rockdale, Frank Sartor, said council and the authority have worked closely to achieve what is a significant milestone for future management of Cook Park.

“I believe the plan provides a solid foundation not only for the local community but for the people of NSW,” Mr Sartor said.

“The plan acknowledges the need to address and provides solutions for many issues that affect the reserves.”