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Glebe Hill Bushland Reserve

Management Plan



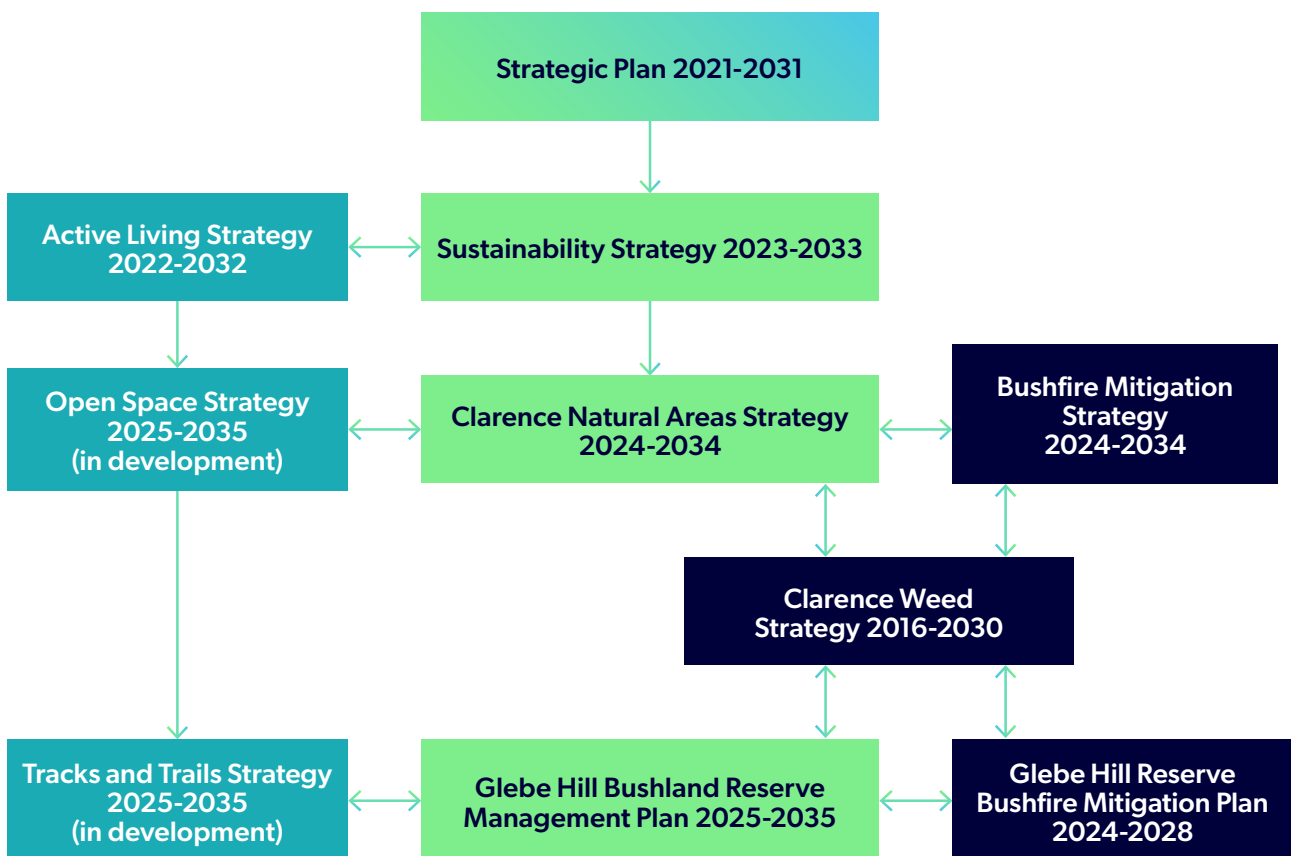
Executive summary

Overview

The Glebe Hill Bushland Reserve Management Plan 2025–2035 provides a strategic and integrated approach to managing the natural, recreational, educational, and cultural values of Glebe Hill Bushland Reserve (GHBR) and the nearby Minno Street Reserve (MSR). Together, these reserves form a critical part of the Rokeby Hills ecological corridor and provide natural bushland that is increasingly important within a rapidly urbanising setting.

This plan updates and builds upon the Glebe Hill Bushland Reserve Activity Plan 2014–2018 (North Barker 2014), addressing evolving community needs, ecological priorities, and environmental challenges through a coordinated and adaptive framework.

Where the Glebe Hill Bushland Reserve RMP fits into Council's strategic framework



Purpose and Approach

The plan's overarching aim is to ensure the long-term protection and enhancement of the reserves' values through practical, sustainable management. It aligns with broader Council strategies including the *Clarence Natural Areas Strategy 2024–2034*, the *Clarence Weed Strategy 2016–2030*, the *Bushfire Mitigation Strategy 2024–2034*, and the *Sustainability Strategy 2023–2033*.

Key features of the plan's development include:

- A comprehensive review of previous management outcomes and site conditions.
- Targeted ecological and social assessments.
- Extensive community and stakeholder engagement, including with the Glebe Hill Landcare Group and Howrah Primary School.
- Integration of new data, such as updated weed and flora surveys, and monitoring of native fauna using camera traps and acoustic sensors.

Natural and Social Values

The reserve supports important remnant vegetation, including the threatened *Eucalyptus risdonii* community, listed under the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*. It also provides habitat for native species such as orchids, bandicoots, and the little forest bat.

GHBR is a valued community space, offering accessible walking and cycling tracks, nature-based recreation, and opportunities for local engagement. It supports outdoor learning for schools and citizen science programs, with the Landcare Group playing a central role in community stewardship and education. By prioritising sustainable management and community collaboration, the plan ensures that the reserves remain cherished assets for current and future generations, contributing to a healthier environment and a stronger, more connected community.

Key Management Priorities

The plan outlines specific, prioritised actions across a ten-year period to address key management challenges. The following is a summary of the key management areas and associated recommended actions, with a comprehensive list of actions available in the implementation plan.



Fire and Habitat Management

Create a mosaic of ecological patch-burns to maintain vegetation diversity and reduce fuel loads, as guided by the *Glebe Hill Reserve Bushfire Mitigation Plan 2023–2028*.



Recreation and Infrastructure

Maintain and upgrade formal tracks, close informal tracks in sensitive areas, and enhance entrances with signage, seating, and interpretation in line with the *Visitor Amenity Plan*.



Domestic Animal Management

Declare GHBR "on-lead" dog zone and promote responsible pet ownership under the *Clarence Dog Management Policy and Cat Management Act 2012*.



Community Participation and Education

Partner with schools and the Landcare Group to deliver nature-based learning, citizen science, and local stewardship initiatives.



Monitoring and Review

Undertake regular vegetation and fauna monitoring to inform adaptive management and guide mid-term and long-term plan reviews.

Implementation and Review

The implementation plan assigns each action a priority level and responsible party, providing a realistic roadmap that accounts for available resources. A formal mid-term review of the plan's progress will be undertaken in 2030, with a full review and plan update in 2035. Regular evaluation of monitoring data, community feedback, and environmental conditions will support adaptive management throughout the life of the plan.

Long-term Vision

The Glebe Hill Bushland Reserve Management Plan 2025–2035 facilitates the continued protection and enhancement of the reserve's natural, social, and cultural values, while enabling inclusive access and fostering community connection. Through collaborative stewardship, sustainable practices, and evidence-based decision-making, the reserve will remain a valuable natural asset — resilient, biodiverse, and deeply valued by current and future generations.



