

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a plan of management?

A plan of management is an overarching document that guides the use and management of Crown land that is managed by the Trust.

Plans of management:

- outline the key values of the land and its purpose to guide how it will be managed, maintained and improved.
- Indicate how the land may be used or developed including leases, licences and short term uses.

What is Crown Land?

Crown land is land owned by the NSW Government (the Crown), some of which is managed by the Trust as Crown Land Manager under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

Crown reserves are land set aside on behalf of the community for a wide range of public purposes including recreation and sport, open space, community facilities, special events and environmental protection.

What is the process for developing a plan of management?

The first stage of the process is to simply gather ideas, opinions, values and suggestions.

Feedback will inform the development of a draft plan that will then be placed on public exhibition to give a final opportunity to comment on the plan. All submissions will be considered and the necessary amendments made before finalising.

How does the bore proposal relate to the plan of management?

The Trust has explored practical ways to keep Yarrie Lake usable through dry spells.

A proposal to use 150 ML of artesian water is being considered to increase the use of the lake for power boats to 6 out of 7 years.

This proposal is being independently assessed to determine if it should proceed.

Why is a plan of management being prepared now?

Since 2017, the Trust, local Chambers and community have worked step-by-step to keep Yarrie Lake usable through dry spells.

This culminated in a community-funded test bore in 2022 that confirmed a viable groundwater source.

If the bore proposal is to proceed, a clear plan of management can set transparent rules on when and how to pump, monitor salt, safeguard other water users and cultural values, and keep the lake open for longer recreation periods without harming the environment.

How does the plan of management get implemented?

The plan of management will include actions to achieve the plan's objectives.

Once adopted, the Trust can pursue and secure funding to deliver on the identified priorities.