

## GREAT NOTH WALK – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**PLEASE BE AWARE:** The **Great North Walk** is managed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service. You will need to **contact the National Parks and Wildlife Service** for information regarding **Fires, Floods and Park Closures** regarding Berowra Valley National Park and the Great North Walk. Contact Ph 1300 361 967.

**Crosslands Reserve may be closed without notice due to dangerous weather events or declared total fire bans. Council will endeavor to provide information about the closure of Crosslands on Council's website page, but this may not always be practicable.**

### CROSSLANDS RESERVE CAMPING

1. Campers are not to restrict access to shared facilities (e.g. toilets, fire pit, picnic shelters) for other users of the park.
2. Group bookings are to erect tents in a central area, allowing for other campers / users of the park.
3. The booking of a campsite does not automatically allocate any picnic shelters to that hirer. The large picnic shelter located at the southern end of the reserve can be booked online. This shelter must be vacated if a valid booking / licence is produced by another park user. All other picnic shelters are available for use by park users.
4. Council recommends that no tent be erected within 30 meters of any tree.
5. Council recommends that campers bring a trolley to transport their equipment to the area where they wish to camp. The most popular camping areas are between 150 and 200 meters from the car park.
6. Campers are reminded that dogs are **NOT** permitted in Crosslands Reserve.
7. Fires are to be lit only in the designated areas and not in open spaces. It is the responsibility of the licensee to adhere to any fire ban in force at Crosslands Reserve or any fire ban announced by the Rural Fire Service (RFS). Visitors are advised to monitor the RFS fire danger meter located to the right of the entry gate into the reserve.
8. In times of a total fire ban it is **NOT** permitted to use the following:
  - Campfires, gas barbecues, gas camp stoves or hotplates, solid fuel barbecues, ovens and kettles (i.e. anything using wood, heat beads, charcoal or briquettes or that produces a naked flame).
9. Council and the RFS reserve the right to evacuate the reserve in emergency situations and to close the reserve at any time due to extreme conditions (eg fires, storms or floods).
10. Council does not guarantee that there will be firewood provided. For this reason, it is advisable to bring your own supply or to bring a gas cooker or similar.
11. Council does not recommend contact with the water at Crosslands for three days after rain. Please refer to Council's website for up-to-date information about water conditions. [www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au).
12. The top gate at Crosslands Reserve must remain locked after 5:30 pm (E.S.T) and 7:30pm (E.D.S.T). Access after this time is permitted after obtaining a key on the proviso that the gate is re-locked immediately.
13. Car based camping is restricted to the southern end of Crosslands Reserve. Crosslands Reserve is not suitable for campervans, trailers, motorhomes or caravans.
14. Camping bookings are not available in the northern part of Crosslands Reserve.
15. All campers at Crosslands Reserve must comply with any directions given by Council officers. Campers are limited to staying for a maximum period of ten consecutive days.

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### GENERAL CONDITIONS

18. The hirer must be at least 18 years of age to hire a Hornsby Shire Council sportsground, park, reserve or facility and may be required to provide identification upon request. An adult over the age of 18 years must be present at all times for the duration of the booking.
19. The hirer must disclose an accurate description of the purpose of hire. The facility may only be used for the manner described. Council may refuse any application or cancel any booking in the event of a breach of the Conditions of Hire or where usage is judged to be contrary to public interest including, but not limited to, non-disclosure or the supplying of misleading information as to the intended purpose of hire. Council will not be liable for any consequential loss arising from the cancellation of a booking.
20. By submitting a request or application for use of Council's sportsgrounds, parks, reserves or facilities, the individual or organisation is confirming they have read and agree to abide by Hornsby Shire Council's Conditions of Hire and any other applicable Council conditions.
21. The hirer to whom this booking confirmation is issued must ensure that all persons utilising the Council facility under this booking are aware and must abide by Council's conditions of hire.
22. Special conditions may apply for some types of events including, but not limited to additional security requirements, traffic control plans, high risk conditions, safe work method statements and/or event safety plans
23. While the Council will use its best endeavours to prepare the reserve, the hirers of the reserve are responsible for checking the condition of the reserve immediately prior to occupation and determine whether the reserve is fit for intended use.
24. The hirer of the reserve is responsible for ensuring that the behaviour of attendees at the event are respectful of the right to quiet enjoyment of other reserve/park visitors and neighbouring residences.
25. Council requires a minimum of 1 business days' notice to accept a booking for Crosslands Reserve. Bookings outside of this time frame will not be accepted without special approval. Council will only accept bookings 12 months in advance. Please note, all bookings are not authorised until Council has provided written confirmation.
26. The hirer must comply with all Council requirements which may be displayed on signs and notice boards erected at Council's reserves and it should be noted that penalties apply for breaches of such notices.
27. Bookings are not approved until Council has provided written confirmation.
28. Facilities may be closed at short notice by Council or emergency services due to extreme conditions.
29. **"The Working with Children Check" (Office of the Children's Guardian).**  
Council has a legal obligation to notify third parties hiring/leasing Council facilities for a child (under 18 years old) related activity, of their legal obligations under "Child Protection" Legislation. The Working with Children Check (WWCC) is a requirement for anyone who works or volunteers in child-related work in NSW. All hirers who work/volunteer with children or provide a service to children under the age of 18 years old are required under legislation to complete a "Working with Children Check" (WWCC).  
If the hirer has multiple staff working/volunteering with children, all are required under legislation to complete a WWCC.

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Hirers must verify the WWCC with the Office of the Children's Guardian. The WWCC is valid for 5 years. For further information contact: <https://ocg.nsw.gov.au>.

## Fees & Charges

30. When cancelling a booking the required notice period must be given to receive a refund of hire fees. The booking cancellation policy for Hornsby Shire Council is:

- More than 14 working days notice - 100% refund
- 7-14 working days notice - 50% refund
- less than 7 days notice - no refund

Refunds are NOT issued due to wet weather.

Note - Shelter and Camping Booking Amendment – 1 date change permitted (if available) up to 3 working days prior to original booking date. Cancellation fees remain applicable from original booking date in all instances.

31. Notification of cancellations for all hirers must be in writing. Notifications will be accepted via post, or email: [hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au).
32. Hire charges for casual hirer/bookings are payable at the time of booking unless written agreement is attained from Council.
33. Council reviews fees and charges in line with a "financial calendar year" (July – June). Any changes will be effective from 1 July each year. Changes to fees and charges will apply to existing bookings in a new calendar year.

## Use of Facilities

34. No alcoholic beverage is to be consumed or taken into the reserve. Generally, Council does not favour the service and consumption of alcohol at events where children are present.
35. The use of amplifiers, generators, the establishment of any stall, the erection of temporary buildings, ie. marquees, etc., the operation of any amusement equipment such as jumping castles and the sale of foodstuffs are prohibited within the reserve unless with Council's prior written approval.
36. The use of drones is not permitted at Crosslands Reserve.
37. The parking of vehicles on Council's reserves is prohibited, unless special approval is given.
38. Council's reserves must be left in a clean and tidy condition.
39. The environment of Crosslands Reserve must be protected and preserved at all times.
40. All damage to Council property will be charged to the hirer.
41. The mass release of balloons is not permitted at any times.
42. At all times it is the hirer's responsibility to observe and adhere to the latest COVID-19 advice from the NSW Government, please visit [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au) for further information. The use of the facility may also be subject to additional cleansing and hygiene measures required by NSW Health and/or Council. Failure to implement these measures may result in the cancellation of any future hiring of the facility for the duration of the pandemic

## Food Handling and Safety

43. Use of charcoal or wood BBQs is not permitted. Electric bbqs are available on site on a shared basis.
44. BBQs must be in good working order. Portable gas or heat bead barbeques must be a minimum of 50cm from ground level. Barbeques that sit on the ground are strictly prohibited. When using a portable barbeque be sure all parts of the unit are firmly in place and that the grill is stable. Never leave a lit barbeque unattended.
45. Outdoor use only - barbeques, pizza ovens, spit roasts and/or gas bottles must be monitored at all times whilst in use and any open flame must not be left unattended. In the event of a Total Fire Ban, hirers are obligated to follow the restrictions set by the NSW Rural Fire Service with regard to cooking with solid fuels and/or open flames. [www.nswrfs.com.au](http://www.nswrfs.com.au)

46. When food is offered for sale, the hirer must register their event on the NSW Food Authority website at [www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au](http://www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au) and notify Council through the temporary stall notification form [Food Safety and Hygiene | Hornsby Shire Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](#).
47. Food offered for sale or sampling must comply with the *Food Act 2003* and the *Food Standards Code*. The following link to the guidelines for operating a temporary food stall may also provide some assistance in your preparation of the form [temp\\_events\\_guideline.pdf \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)
48. Food handlers may access free online food safety training "I'm Alert" through Hornsby Councils website at [hornsby.imalert.com.au](http://hornsby.imalert.com.au)
49. If you will be handling food you are required to make yourself familiar and abide by the governments Food Safety Standards. Please visit their website for the most up-to-date information: <https://www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/>.
50. All food preparation and cooking within the facility MUST be conducted in the designated areas only. Hirers must protect the flooring/ground from grease and oil spills. Hirers must ensure that after use, all food preparation surfaces are thoroughly cleaned to ensure that no food, oil or grease remains.

### Noise Levels / Broadcasting Music

51. Amplified music is not permitted, and general noise levels must be kept at a reasonable level and not disturb people visiting or living near the Reserve Particularly noise in the car park such as loud conversation and slamming doors. *POEO (noise control) Regulations 2008 under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* must be adhered to at all times. Further information is available at [www.epa.nsw.gov.au/noise](http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/noise) .
52. Public address systems are restricted to use between 8am and 6pm on weekends or public holidays unless otherwise approved by Council. The PA system is to be used for essential announcements and event management only, and not for entertainment or commentary.
53. The hirer accepts responsibility to obtain the necessary permission from the owner of the copyright (as defined in the Copyright Act 1968) in a work, including obtaining appropriate licences and permits from "*The Australian Performing Rights Association Ltd (APRA) – Australian Mechanical Copyright Owners Society (AMCOS) and The Phonographic Performance Company of Australia (PPCA)*", for the:
  - a) Public Performance or, communication of music ("the public performance"); and,
  - b) The playing of recorded music in public ("the public playing of music").The hirer indemnifies Council for any breach of copyright in a work or other subject-matter or, for not obtaining adequate permission for "the public performance" and the "public playing of music."

### Indemnification and Termination of Agreement

54. The hirer will occupy and/or use the facility at his/her own risk.
55. Neither the Council nor its employees shall be liable for any loss, theft or damage sustained by the hirer or any person associated with the hirer or any person attending the facility.
56. The hirer will indemnify and keep Council indemnified for and against loss of, or damage to, Council property including buildings, furniture, fittings, flooring surfaces, grounds and landscaping where the loss or damage was reasonably preventable.
57. The hirer will indemnify and keep Council indemnified for and against all claims, actions, suits, costs and demands which may be made or recovered against Council by any person whatsoever in respect of any loss, injury (including death) or damage sustained in respect of or arising out of the hiring or use of the facility except to the extent that such loss, injury or damage is caused by the negligence of Council, its servants or agents.
58. In the event that the hirer commits a breach of any of the Conditions of Hire, Council and/or Police may immediately terminate the agreement and require immediate vacation of the facility without prejudice to any right or action which may arise prior to such termination. Any fees and charges paid by the hirer will be forfeited.

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59. Council reserves the right to periodically update these Terms and Conditions of Hire. Changes will be communicated to hirers and hire agreements updated as required.

### **Emergency Responses**

60. **In the event of an emergency, please phone emergency services on 000.**
61. In the event of damage sustained to Council facilities that requires an immediate response, please call 9847 6666
62. To report any other issues or provide feedback, please phone customer service on 9847 6666 or email [hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov](mailto:hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov)

**Please note: FAILURE TO OBSERVE THE ABOVE CONDITIONS MAY RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF FUTURE BOOKINGS.**

## Risk warning

Use of this area may be hazardous. Use caution at all times.



**Bushfires**



**Flooding**



**Tree branch dropping**



**Dogs prohibited**



**Fires prohibited,  
except in authorised  
firepit**



**Swimming not  
recommended after  
heavy rainfall**

- Crosslands Reserve is subject to flash flooding, bushfires and strong winds.
- Trees may fall or drop large limbs resulting in serious injury or death.
- Please do not camp under the trees.
- Berowra Creek presents a drowning hazard. Children must be supervised at all times.
- This water body is susceptible to pollution. Swimming should be avoided for three days after heavy rainfall or if the water is discoloured.