

Parks & Amenities Strategy 2015

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Introduction

Council maintains an extensive parks and open space network. In order to provide an efficient and effective network Council must develop a hierarchy of guiding service standards that are regularly reviewed to ensure that Council continues to responsibly manage the network.

Council provides a parks network in excess of 400 hectares, consisting of 291 hectares of maintained parkland and 116 hectares of bushland and other natural areas.

As the overarching strategy for Council's parks network, this Parks & Amenities Strategy provides guiding levels of service for provision, development and operations. This Parks & Amenities Strategy will influence all other plans, policies and strategies associated with the parks network within the Scenic Rim Region.

Parkland has been classified in the Strategy as one of the following types of park:

- Civic
- Corridor
- Landscape
- Nature
- Premier
- Recreation
- Road Rest Stops
- Sports

Strategy Context

This Strategy has been developed with consideration to the linkages with a range of strategic documents, legislation, guidelines and standards relating to Council's provision of the parks network.

The figure below shows the interconnection of the Parks & Amenities Strategy with other existing documents of Council.

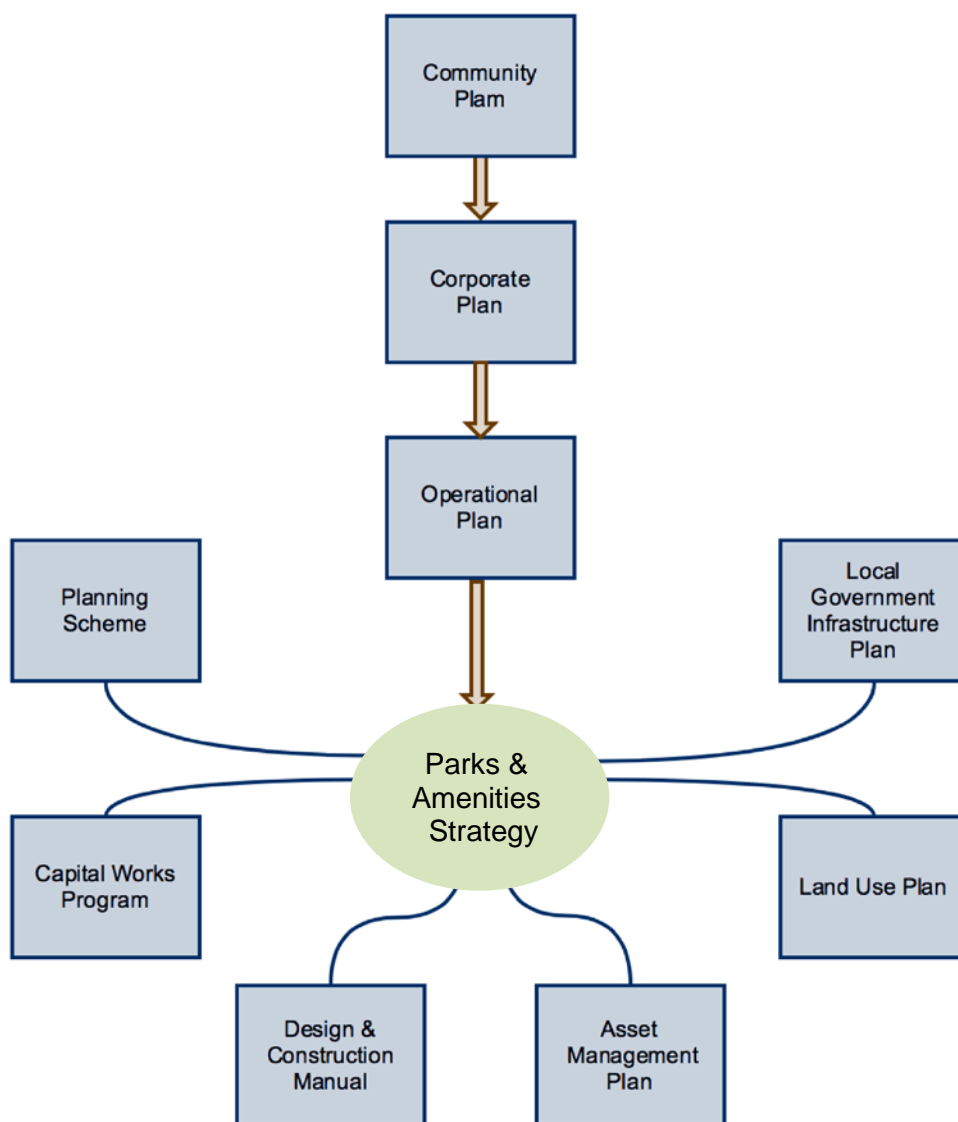


Figure 1. Strategy Plan linkages

Legislative Requirements

Sustainable Planning Act 2009

The *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* ensures that infrastructure such as parkland is supplied in a coordinated, efficient and orderly way. The Act provides a mechanism to allow local government to levy infrastructure charges to partially fund the infrastructure network for trunk parks.

Land Act 1994

The *Land Act 1994* applies to the administration and management of non-freehold land. Land set aside in the care of trustees within the *Land Act 1994* may include parks and gardens, showgrounds, cemeteries, drainage, open space, sport and recreation and other types of community purposes.

South East Queensland Regional Plan

The purpose of the Regional Plan (under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*) is to manage growth and protect the region's lifestyle and environment.

The Regional Plan predicts significant growth in the region (Western Councils) over the next 15 years.

Corporate Strategy Documents

The Scenic Rim Community Plan 2011 – 2026 has been prepared following extensive consultation with the community. It is the overarching Plan for the future of the Scenic Rim Region in that it "provides a shared vision and plan for the region's future and will guide Council, other levels of government and community action on issues including the environment, economic development, social well being, infrastructure and governance."

The parks network and associated activities contribute to the Council and community vision in the following ways:

Spectacular Scenery and Health Environment

- Scenic views and vistas are protected.

- Natural assets are cared for and degraded areas are restored.

Relaxed Living and Rural Lifestyle

- The region's rural character and heritage is maintained.
- The region retains its landscape, open spaces and green corridors.
- Facilities and spaces are available and encourage outdoor recreation.

Vibrant Towns and Villages

- Towns and villages are appealing, welcoming and serve their communities.

Accessible and Serviced Region

- Inviting, attractive and functional streets, paths, parks and community facilities.

Healthy, Engaged and Resourceful Communities

- Healthy and active people.



Council Local Laws and Policies

Council has adopted a range of local laws that apply to parks and open space areas.

Future revisions of these local laws and other related Council policy will adopt the park category terminology and hierarchy, as applicable, used in this Parks & Amenities Strategy.

Such revisions will particularly take note of the main purposes of each park category, and the levels of service provided by them.

Guidelines and Standards

There are no standards for provision of park land. There are, however, a handful of guidelines and standards relating to parks assets and activities:

- Playground Standards AS 4865 Parts 1 to 6.
- AS 2156.2-2001 Walking Tracks
- Australian Walking Track Grading System
- AS 4373-07 Pruning of Amenity Trees
- AS 1428 Access and Mobility

Local Government Infrastructure Plans

In accordance with the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*, Council has developed Local Government Infrastructure Plans. A Local Government Infrastructure Plan is a plan for local government trunk infrastructure to service urban growth over a 15 year period. It provides a basis to understand upgrades, or potential trunk infrastructure, to support anticipated growth; and when it will be required.

This Strategy has the opportunity to inform the revision of the Local Government Infrastructure Plans in regards to parks network requirements for new development areas and the capacity of existing networks.

Town Planning

The preparation of the Region's Planning Scheme is an opportunity to promote the importance of a sustainable parks network through land use planning.

Efficient land use planning must consider suitable network connectivity between different land uses, for now and into the future. Natural features such as waterways should be considered in the development and parks network planning phase. This Parks & Amenities Strategy will help inform the Planning Scheme on appropriate park land provision levels and associated development guidelines.

Asset Management Plans

Council has developed Asset Management Plans for all of the major infrastructure classes it manages. The Asset Management Plans underpin Council's approach to managing community assets, with the purpose of providing a strategic view of Council's assets in a way that promotes sustainable service provision. This is achieved by assessing the long term asset related funding requirements (demand) against proposed spending levels (expenditure). An overall funding shortfall in the planning period suggests service provision is not sustainable in the longer term, and appropriate action must be taken to reduce and ultimately close the gap.

The Facilities & Park Equipment Asset Management Plan addresses the assets contained within the parks network.

This strategy, through the application of development levels of service, will inform and drive decisions around new capital development, renewal of existing assets, and decommissioning of redundant assets.

Other Plans

This plan should be read in conjunction with Council's Sport & Recreation Plan, and Health & Wellbeing Plan.

Strategic Priority Areas

Strategic Priority Areas have been developed to address these needs.

The provision of a parks network provides recreation and amenity to visitors and residents throughout the Scenic Rim Region.

In order to ensure the ongoing provision of such a network for all park users, it is necessary to manage the park network through a variety of documents, including a Parks & Amenities Strategy which outlines the key strategic areas of focus.

This Strategy covers the Strategic Priority Areas of:

Community Service Levels

- Ensure the park network provides a level of service that meets the needs of the community.

Park Network Infrastructure

- Provision of appropriate infrastructure to service the range of needs of the communities throughout the region in a financially sustainable manner.

Infrastructure Operation and Maintenance

- Ensure the constructed infrastructure operates in an efficient and effective manner to meet the service level expected of the infrastructure over the life of the asset.

Land Use Planning

- Ensure land use planning delivers development that has a focus on sustainable and efficient park networks that meet the needs of the community.

Project Prioritisation

- Ensure renewal, upgrades and new park infrastructure projects are prioritised according to a risk mitigation approach.

Strategic Priority Area 1: Community Service Levels

Ensure the park network provides a level of service that meets the needs of the community.

Community service levels should be established through defining the objectives which the park network is designed to achieve and to link the design standards to these service levels.

In this regard, a strategic framework has been developed in which to group and classify levels of service for all parks in the region.

Strategies

- 1.1 Align levels of service with the park hierarchy to identify minimum acceptable service standards and desired service standards, for parks across the region.
- 1.2 New and redeveloped parks are designed and constructed in accordance with current industry and Council standards, as well as outlined through service levels in this strategy.

Strategic Priority Area 2: Park Network Infrastructure

Provision of appropriate infrastructure to service the range of needs of the community throughout the region in a sustainable manner

The provision of park infrastructure to service the demands of the park users is essential to ensure the financial sustainability of the parks and open space network. However, given overall funding levels, consideration should be given to a hierarchical approach to infrastructure provision based on desired community outcomes and park network utilisation. It is considered that this approach represents a sustainable option for a responsible asset owner to maintain and renew, given the funding levels and the community's ability to pay.

As such, parks are classified according to their use and the associated functional class within a hierarchical approach. Each hierarchy class has a level of service to which Council aims to maintain the park. The class is based on the park function, while the level of service is determined by community usage parameters and ongoing life cycle needs.

New parks donated to Council through private development are required to be constructed to the relevant hierarchical class, which is determined based on the assessed function of the facility.

Strategies

- 2.1 Review the park and open space hierarchy regularly to ensure it continues to deliver appropriate community outcomes.
- 2.2 Review and assess the existing park and open space network for conformance with current levels of service and develop a program subject to funding to rationalise park infrastructure.
- 2.3 Revise Facilities Asset Management Plans as appropriate to ensure the above strategies are reflected in the investment plans.
- 2.4 Recognise the current funding gap between the demand for renewal and upgrades and available funds, and determine options for long term sustainability of the park and open space network.

Strategic Priority Area 3: Infrastructure Operation and Maintenance

Ensure the constructed infrastructure operates in an efficient and effective manner to meet the service level expected of the infrastructure over the life of the asset

Parks and associated amenities require regular operational and maintenance activities to maximise the life of the asset and reduce the whole of life costs.

The funding, required to maintain the service level, should be provided based on the condition level of the park assets, as well as the desired level of service associated with the park facility. Inadequate funding for maintenance and operations may result in the condition of the asset worsening beyond an acceptable service level, and consequently an increased renewal cost for the asset.

Operating levels of service have been developed to provide guidance and consistency for the programming and prioritisation of park maintenance in the region. It is envisaged that the levels of service will ultimately result in reducing the number of customer requests as inspections of the network will allow improved identification and programming of works.

Strategies

- 3.1 Develop and implement an operational and maintenance inspection program to ensure defects are logged and rectified.
- 3.2 The level of service methodology is reviewed annually to ensure correct prioritisation of mowing maintenance and facilities provision

Strategic Priority Area 4: Land Use Planning

Ensure land use planning delivers development that has a focus on sustainable and efficient park networks that meet the needs of the community.

Land Use Planning is an appropriate tool to determine the function and location of parks within the region and to provide suitable locations for future linkages between current and future development areas.

Planning for the future growth of the region allows the location and functionality of the park network to be determined, for both new parks and open space, or the upgrade or embellishment of existing parks. This is important to allow Council to secure and develop green space to ensure the acceptable level of service from the parks and open space network is sustained.

Provision levels of service have been developed in this strategy to ensure that parks accepted through development assessment are sustainable, practical and deliver improvements to the park network.

The Local Government Infrastructure Plans are the tools to determine the future park requirements as the region grows. It is critical that the outcomes of the Local Government Infrastructure Plans are integrated with the Ten Year Capital Works Prioritised Program, the Facilities Asset Management Plan, and the Long Term Financial Forecast to assist in the ongoing sustainability of Council.

Strategies

- 4.1 The Scenic Rim Regional Council Planning Scheme is developed with consideration of the principles and key actions of this strategy.
- 4.2 Development in the Scenic Rim region is conditioned to ensure a sustainable, planned park network is created.
- 4.3 The provision levels of service identified in this strategy are applied to determine the appropriateness of assets proposed to be contributed to Council as part of the development assessment process.
- 4.4 Local Government Infrastructure Plans are a tool to direct the contribution of future trunk parks via the development assessment process. This strategy will guide the Local Government Infrastructure Plan in ensuring that future assets of the park network are consistent with Council's desired standards.

Strategic Priority Area 5: Project Prioritisation

Ensure renewal, upgrades and new park infrastructure projects are prioritised according to a risk mitigation approach.

As identified in Strategic Priority Area 3, there currently exists a gap between the renewal demand of the current park network and the available funding.

The actions in this strategy are intended to mitigate the gap as far as possible; however there remains a need to prioritise the renewal, upgrade and new works based on risk assessment of the network to determine which parks will remain within the acceptable service level.

Development Levels of Service have been developed which assesses the parks based on the hierarchy class, in line with utilisation and community need. These categories are ranked and from these rankings the Ten Year Capital Works Program is developed.

Strategies

- 5.1 Determine options for prioritisation of different classes of parks and open space as determined from the identified hierarchy.
- 5.2 Review the Development Levels of Service provision on an annual basis.
- 5.3 Undertake an annual reassessment of the Ten Year Capital Works Program based on the revised project prioritisation model.

Parks Hierarchy and Levels of Service

A strategic framework has been developed in which to group and classify levels of service for all parks in the region.

Parks Categories

In order to provide a logical framework on which to structure appropriate levels of service, Council's parks have been group into the following park categories:

- Cemeteries
- Civic
- Corridor
- Landscape
- Nature
- Premier
- Recreation
- Road Rest Stops
- Special Purpose
- Sports

This strategy deals with Civic, Corridor, Landscape, Nature, Premier, Recreation, Road Rest Stops and Sports Parks. Cemeteries and Special Purpose Sites (e.g. golf courses) are excluded from this strategy.

Catchments

In addition to being classified as a particular type of park, all parks have also been allocated as either a Regional, District or Local standard site.



Levels of Service Framework

Each park category has associated Provision, Development and Operating Levels of Service. These levels of service relate to:

- Provision – amount, type, and location of park land
- Development – amount and quality of asset development
- Operating – maintenance and operating frequencies and activities

Current Park Provision

There are 455.3 hectares of parks and open space managed by Scenic Rim Regional Council.

This equates to 12.5 hectares/1,000 residents, which is slightly short of the median provision reported by Yardstick in 2014 of 15.4 hectares/1,000 residents.

However, when looking at just maintained (predominately urban) parkland, the region's provision of 9.1 hectares/1,000 residents is higher than the Yardstick figure of 6.5 hectares/1,000 residents.

Many parks have a multiple number of uses, and this is envisage to continue into the future. Parks have been categorized according to their main or predominant use.

Park Category	Current Provision per 1,000 Residents	Provision Target per 1,000 Residents	2014 Yardstick Median Provision per 1,000 Residents*
Civic	< 0.1 hectares	No target	-
Corridor	1.2 hectares	2.0 hectares	-
Landscape	0.1 hectares	No target	-
Premier	0.5 hectares	0.2 hectares	0.2 hectares
Recreation	3.5 hectares	2.5 hectares	-
Road Rest Stops	1.6 hectares	No target	-
Sports	2.3 hectares	1.8 hectares	1.4 hectares
TOTAL	9.1 hectares	6.5 hectares	6.5 hectares

Park Category	Current Provision per 1,000 Residents	Provision Target per 1,000 Residents	2014 Yardstick Median Provision per 1,000 Residents*
Nature	3.4 hectares	No target	9.9 hectares

* From 30 contributing councils

Civic Spaces

Areas, usually associated with civic building, designed as places for people to congregate, have lunch etc.

These are often highly developed sites, located in town centres. While being relatively small in size, areas are usually paved and high quality assets are used throughout.

Examples of Civic Spaces include Boonah Forecourt and Central Place. There is currently 0.2 hectares of Civic Space provided in the region.

Provision Levels of Service

Civic Spaces are only provided in main towns. They shall be located within the CBD zone, and between 300m² and 2,000m² in area, with at least one road frontage. Regional Civic Spaces will be provided in towns over 25,000 residents. District Civic Spaces will be provided in towns with a population over 10,000 residents.

Only Regional and District Civic Spaces are provided.

Development Levels of Service				
Asset	Regional		District	
	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude
Access Roads		✘		✘
Ancillary Sports Structures		✘		✘
Artificial Cricket Strip		✘		✘
BBQ's		✘		✘
Bike Racks	High standard bike racks at 0.5/hectare			✘
BMX Tracks		✘		✘
Buildings - Community		✘		✘
Buildings - Visitor		✘		✘
Car Parking Onsite		✘		✘
Clay Cricket Block		✘		✘
Dog Exercise Areas		✘		✘
Drainage	Designed drainage all areas		Designed drainage all areas	
Drinking Fountains	High standard at 1 per park		High standard at 1 per park	
Entrance Sign	High standard at 1 per park		High standard at 1 per park	
Exercise Equipment		✘		✘
Fencing and Barriers	Aesthetically designed fencing as appropriate		Aesthetically designed fencing as appropriate	
Fire Pits		✘		✘
Flagpoles		✘		✘
Footbridges		✘		✘
Fountains	High standard architecturally designed - provided where appropriate		High standard - provided where appropriate	

Development Levels of Service cont				
Asset	Regional		District	
	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude
Gardens	Designed, irrigated high standard gardens		Designed, irrigated high standard gardens	
Interpretive Signs		✘		✘
Irrigation - Turf	All grass areas irrigated		All grass areas irrigated	
Lighting	High standard safety and feature lighting of ornamental features such as artwork and specimen trees		High standard safety and feature lighting of ornamental features such as artwork and specimen trees	
Public Use Mains Power	Available with event booking only		Available with event booking only	
Paths	Designed hard surface		Designed hard surface	
Playgrounds		✘		✘
Practice Cricket Nets		✘		✘
Public Art	Specifically designed		Specifically designed	
Public Toilets		✘		✘
Rubbish Bins	High standard bin enclosures at 2 per park		Designed bins at 2 per park	
Seats	As per design requirements		As per design requirements	
Shelters		✘		✘
Skate Parks		✘		✘
Stormwater Devices		✘		✘
Tables	High standard - as per design requirements		High standard - as per design requirements	
Trees	Specimen trees planted to landscape design		Specimen trees planted to landscape design	✘
Viewing Platforms		✘		✘
Water Body		✘		✘
Water Points	1 per drinking fountain		1 per drinking fountain	✘

Operating Levels of Service				
Activity	REGIONAL		DISTRICT	
	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude
BBQ cleaning		✘		✘
Bin emptying	No overflowing bins emptied daily		No overflowing bins emptied at least 3 x week	
Edging	Mechanical edging only		Mechanical edging only	
Furniture maintenance	Weekly inspection and repair undertaken within 1 week		Weekly inspection and repair undertaken within 1 week	
Gardening	Tri weekly maintenance visits. Tasks include weeding, mulching, pruning, fertilising, pest and disease control, plant replacement. 3 displays per annum		Tri weekly maintenance visits. Tasks include weeding, mulching, pruning, fertilising, pest and disease control, plant replacement. 3 displays per annum	
Graffiti removal	Offensive graffiti removed within 24 hours, other within 1 week		Offensive graffiti removed within 24 hours, other within 1 week	
Grass maintenance	30-50mm 1 x week, pest and disease control, fertilising		30-50mm 1 x week, pest and disease control, fertilising	
Hard surface maintenance	Kept free of deformations, and free of weeds and debris		Kept free of deformations, and free of weeds and debris	
Lighting inspections	Quarterly		Quarterly	
Litter collection	Daily		Daily	
Playground maintenance		✘		✘
Toilet cleaning		✘		✘
Tree maintenance	Annual inspection and maintenance program. Existing trees to be inspected by an arborist and arborist recommendations performed.		Annual inspection and maintenance program. Existing trees to be inspected by an arborist and arborist recommendations performed.	

Corridor Parks

Long, narrow parks, often associated with waterways, that cater for walking and cycling activities.

These are relatively undeveloped parks whose principle purpose is to provide a walking/cycling experience, and to link existing parks into an integrated network.

Examples of Corridor Parks include Dugandan Pathway and Herringe Family Ecological Corridor.

There is currently 44.1 hectares of Corridor Park provided in the region.

Provision Levels of Service

Corridor Parks will be provided at 2.0 ha/1,000 residents.

They will be associated with waterways, or for linking isolated parks to form an integrated recreation network. Corridor Parks must be suitable for construction of a shared cycle/pedestrian path. Where a waterway is associated with a Corridor Park, a buffer shall exist between the park and the waterway to prevent damage to the park during a storm event.

Ideally, Corridor Parks will have as much road frontage as is practicable (a minimum of 25%). As a minimum they shall be no narrower than 30m in width, and provide a minimum of 2 road frontages/access points, and have further access points every 500m. Access points can be narrower than 30m, but must be more than 6m in width.

District Corridor Parks shall be acquired in towns over 5,000 residents as a preference to Local Corridor Parks which shall be restricted to residential areas predominately for linking existing parks.

Only District and Local Corridor Parks will be provided.

Development Levels of Service				
Asset	DISTRICT		LOCAL	
	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude
Access Roads		×		×
Ancilliary Sports Structures		×		×
Artificial Cricket Strip		×		×
BBQ's		×		×
Bike Racks		×		×
BMX Tracks		×		×
Buildings - Community		×		×
Buildings - Visitor		×		×
Car Parking Onsite		×		×
Clay Cricket Block		×		×
Dog Exercise Areas		×		×
Drainage		×		×
Drinking Fountains		×		×
Entrance Sign	1 sign per park		1 sign per park	
Exercise Equipment		×		×
Fencing and Barriers	Round top treated pine bollards and slip rails at potential points of access by vehicles		Round top treated pine bollards and slip rails at potential points of access by vehicles	
Fire Pits		×		×
Flagpoles		×		×
Footbridges	High standard - provided where appropriate		High standard - provided where appropriate	
Fountains		×		×

Development Levels of Service cont.				
Asset	DISTRICT		LOCAL	
	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude
Gardens		✘		✘
Interpretive Signs	High standard sign - located where appropriate			✘
Irrigation - Turf		✘		✘
Lighting		✘		✘
Public Use Mains Power		✘		✘
Paths	Concrete		Concrete	
Playgrounds		✘		✘
Practice Cricket Nets		✘		✘
Public Art		✘		✘
Public Toilets		✘		✘
Rubbish Bins		✘		✘
Seats	High standard at 1 seat per km			✘
Shelters		✘		✘
Skate Parks		✘		✘
Stormwater Devices		✘		✘
Tables		✘		✘
Trees	In natural corridor parks, dense revegetation planting of non-vegetated areas with 4 tube-stock per 2km ² . In grassed corridor parks, specimen trees with min. 12 trees per 100m of corridor.		In natural corridor parks, dense revegetation planting of non-vegetated areas with 4 tube-stock per 2km ² . In grassed corridor parks, specimen trees with min. 12 trees per 100m of corridor.	✘
Viewing Platforms		✘		✘
Water Body		✘		✘
Water Points	On new Corridor Parks, a water point will be installed where there is a mains water connection available.		On new Corridor Parks, a water point will be installed where there is a mains water connection available.	

Operating Levels of Service				
Activity	DISTRICT		LOCAL	
	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude
BBQ cleaning		×		×
Bin emptying		×		×
Edging	Chemical only		Chemical only	
Furniture maintenance	Seats			×
Gardening		×		×
Graffiti removal	Offensive graffiti removed within 72 hours, other within 2 weeks		Offensive graffiti removed within 72 hours, other within 3 week	
Grass maintenance	70-150mm, cut at least monthly		To be considered	
Hard surface maintenance	Keep free of trip hazards, and weeds		Keep free of trip hazards, and weeds	
Lighting inspections		×		×
Litter collection	Fortnightly			×
Playground maintenance		×		×
Toilet cleaning		×		×
Tree maintenance	Reactive only. Existing trees to be inspected by an arborist and arborist recommendations performed.		Reactive only. Existing trees to be inspected by an arborist and arborist recommendations performed.	

Landscape Parks

Predominately providing landscape values, but not usually used except for pedestrians passing through.

These are sites that, because of their location, size, or topography, are limited in their use. They are usually undeveloped, and feature lawns, specimen trees, or shrubs.

Examples of Landscape Parks include Apex Park and Nell Scott Park. There is currently 1.9 hectares of Landscape Park provided in the region.

Provision Levels of Service

No further landscape parks will be acquired.

Development Levels of Service				
Asset	DISTRICT		LOCAL	
	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude
Access Roads		×		×
Ancilliary Sports Structures		×		×
Artificial Cricket Strip		×		×
BBQ's		×		×
Bike Racks		×		×
BMX Tracks		×		×
Buildings - Community		×		×
Buildings - Visitor		×		×
Car Parking Onsite		×		×
Clay Cricket Block		×		×
Dog Exercise Areas		×		×
Drainage		×		×
Drinking Fountains		×		×
Entrance Sign	1 sign per park		1 sign per park	
Exercise Equipment		×		×
Fencing and Barriers	Round top, treated pine bollards and slip-rail		Round top, treated pine bollards and slip-rail	
Fire Pits		×		×
Flagpoles		×		×
Footbridges	High standard - provided where appropriate		High standard - provided where appropriate	
Fountains		×		×
Gardens	Only in high profile locations			×
Interpretive Signs		×		×

Development Levels of Service cont				
Asset	DISTRICT		LOCAL	
	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude
Irrigation - Turf		×		×
Lighting		×		×
Public Use Mains Power		×		×
Paths	Concrete			×
Playgrounds		×		×
Practice Cricket Nets		×		×
Public Art	1 item per park			×
Public Toilets		×		×
Rubbish Bins		×		×
Seats		×		×
Shelters		×		×
Skate Parks		×		×
Stormwater Devices		×		×
Tables		×		×
Trees	Specimen tree planting to provide shade to infrastructure & for beautification & screening (min. Size 200mm stock; min. 30 trees/hectare)		Specimen tree planting to provide shade to infrastructure & for beautification & screening (min. Size 200mm stock; min. 30 trees/hectare)	
Viewing Platforms		×		×
Water Body		×		×
Water Points		×		×

Operating Levels of Service				
Activity	DISTRICT		LOCAL	
	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude
BBQ cleaning		✘		✘
Bin emptying		✘		✘
Edging	Chemical edging only		Chemical edging only	
Furniture maintenance		✘		✘
Gardening	Tri weekly maintenance visits. Tasks include weeding, mulching, pruning, fertilising, pest and disease control, plant replacement. 3 displays per annum			✘
Graffiti removal	Offensive graffiti removed within 24 hours, other within 1 week		Offensive graffiti removed within 24 hours, other within 1 week	
Grass Maintenance	70-120mm, cut at least monthly		70-150mm, cut at least monthly	
Hard surface maintenance	Keep free of trip hazards, and weeds		Keep free of trip hazards, and weeds	
Lighting inspections		✘		✘
Litter collection	Weekly		Fortnightly	
Playground maintenance		✘		✘
Toilet cleaning		✘		✘
Tree maintenance	Reactive only. Existing trees to be inspected by an arborist and arborist recommendations performed.		Reactive only. Existing trees to be inspected by an arborist and arborist recommendations performed.	

Nature Parks

Bush and wetland areas that have ecological values worth preserving.

These are relatively undeveloped parks whose principle purpose is to provide for natural ecosystems, predominately bushland, for the preservation of native flora and fauna, and to provide access to these sites where appropriate.

Examples of Nature Parks include Denham Scenic Reserve and Manitzky Park. There are currently no Regional Nature Parks.

There is currently 122.5 hectares of Nature Park provided in the region.

Provision Levels of Service

Nature Parks are located where natural features such as wetland areas, bushland, and escarpments occur.

New Nature Parks must have a demonstrated conservation value, and ideally be over 10ha in size.

Regional and District Nature Parks shall have 50% of the park perimeter with direct road frontage. Local Nature Parks shall have at least 25% of the park perimeter with direct road frontage.

Development Levels of Service						
Asset	REGIONAL		DISTRICT		LOCAL	
	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude
Access Roads	Sealed roads to high standard - asphalt with concrete edge		Sealed roads to high standard - asphalt with concrete edge			✘
Ancilliary Sports Structures		✘		✘		✘
Artificial Cricket Strip		✘		✘		✘
BBQ's		✘		✘		✘
Bike Racks		✘		✘		✘
BMX Tracks		✘		✘		✘
Buildings - Community		✘		✘		✘
Buildings - Visitor		✘		✘		✘
Car Parking Onsite	Asphalt carparks - 5.0/hectare			✘		✘
Clay Cricket Block		✘		✘		✘
Dog Exercise Areas		✘		✘		✘
Drainage		✘		✘		✘
Drinking Fountains		✘		✘		✘
Entrance Sign	1 sign per park		1 sign per park		1 sign per park	
Exercise Equipment		✘		✘		✘
Fencing and Barriers	Hardwood bollards and steel powder-coated gates		Round top, treated pine bollards and slip-rail		Round top, treated pine bollards and slip-rail	
Fire Trails	100% of the perimeter of Nature Parks shall have a fire trail 3.5m wide, all weather suitable for 4 wheel drive access, with a passing bay every 200m.		100% of the perimeter of Nature Parks shall have a fire trail 3.5m wide, all weather suitable for 4 wheel drive access, with a passing bay every 200m.		100% of the perimeter of Nature Parks shall have a fire trail 3.5m wide, all weather suitable for 4 wheel drive access, with a passing bay every 200m.	
Fire Pits		✘		✘		✘
Flagpoles		✘		✘		✘

Development Levels of Service cont						
Asset	REGIONAL		DISTRICT		LOCAL	
	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude
Footbridges	High standard - provided where appropriate		High standard - provided where appropriate		Functional standard - provided where appropriate	
Fountains		✘		✘		✘
Gardens		✘		✘		✘
Interpretive Signs	High standard - located where appropriate		High standard - located where appropriate			✘
Irrigation - Turf		✘		✘		✘
Lighting		✘		✘		✘
Public Use Mains Power		✘		✘		✘
Paths	Bitumen/stabilised gravel		Bitumen/stabilised gravel		Bitumen/stabilised gravel	
Playgrounds		✘		✘		✘
Practice Cricket Nets		✘		✘		✘
Public Art		✘		✘		✘
Public Toilets	Yes			✘		✘
Rubbish Bins		✘		✘		✘
Seats	High standard at 2 seats/ hectare		High standard at 1 seat/hectare			✘
Shelters	High standard at 1 shelter/ hectare			✘		✘
Skate Parks		✘		✘		✘
Stormwater Devices		✘		✘		✘
Tables		✘		✘		✘

Development Levels of Service cont						
Asset	REGIONAL		DISTRICT		LOCAL	
	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude
Trees	Dense revegetation planting of non-vegetated areas with 4 tube-stock/2m ² . Specimen tree planting to maintained grassed areas (min. 60 trees/hectare) maintained as a revegetation site in the interim		Dense revegetation planting of non-vegetated areas with 4 tube-stock/2m ² . Specimen tree planting to maintained grassed areas (min. 60 trees/hectare) maintained as a revegetation site in the interim		Dense revegetation planting of non-vegetated areas with 4 tube-stock/2m ² . Maintained as a revegetation site in the interim	
Viewing Platforms	High standard - located where appropriate			✘		✘
Water Body	Natural occurring only		Natural occurring only		Natural occurring only	
Water Points	On new Nature Parks, a water point will be installed where there is a mains water connection available.		On new Nature Parks, a water point will be installed where there is a mains water connection available.		On new Nature Parks, a water point will be installed where there is a mains water connection available.	

Operating Levels of Service						
Activity	REGIONAL		DISTRICT		LOCAL	
	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude		Exclude
BBQ cleaning		✘		✘		✘
Bin emptying		✘		✘		✘
Edging	Pest and weed control, revegetation, monitoring of rare and endangered fauna and flora		Keep all paths and roads with a 10m buffer free of noxious weeds. Statutory weed control only.			✘
Furniture maintenance	Chemical control only			✘		✘
Gardening		✘		✘		✘
Graffiti removal		✘		✘		✘
Grass maintenance	Frontages, picnic areas. 70-120mm, cut at least monthly		Frontages and around picnic areas. 70-150mm, cut at least monthly		Frontages	
Hard surface maintenance	Keep free of trip hazards, and weeds		Weed control			✘
Lighting inspections		✘		✘		✘
Litter collection	Weekly		At least monthly			✘
Playground maintenance		✘		✘		✘
Toilet cleaning	Weekly servicing and cleaning			✘		✘
Tree maintenance	Reactive only. Existing trees to be inspected by an arborist and arborist recommendations performed		Reactive only. Existing trees to be inspected by an arborist and arborist recommendations performed		Tree hazard management to be considered. Existing trees to be inspected by an arborist and arborist recommendations performed	

Premier Parks

Highest level of asset provision and quality. High maintenance standards. Usually only 2-3 regional parks, and 1 district park in main towns.

Premier Parks are the crown jewels in the parks treasury. They have high levels of asset provision, using quality materials and designs. They cater for larger numbers, and have features and attractions that draw in residents and non residents alike.

The three regional Premier Parks are Tamborine Mountain Botanic gardens, Peak Mountain View Park, and Jubilee Park.

There is currently 19.2 hectares of Premier Park provided in the region.



Provision Levels of Service

Premier parks are provided at 0.2 hectares per 1,000 residents. Premier parks will be between 1 hectare and as much as 20 hectares.

There will remain 3 regional premier parks and in addition, each township will have only one district premier park each located within the urban area.

Newly developed sites will be relatively level, and ideally have a feature or features that sets it apart from other parks. Seventy five percent of the park perimeter will have direct road frontage.

Development Levels of Service				
Asset	REGIONAL		DISTRICT	
	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude
Access Roads	Sealed roads to high standard - asphalt with concrete edge		Sealed roads to high standard - asphalt with concrete edge	
Ancilliary Sports Structures		✘		✘
Artificial Cricket Strip		✘		✘
BBQ's	Electric BBQ's under rotundas at 0.5 BBQ's/hectare		Electric BBQ's under rotundas at 0.25 BBQ's/hectare	
Bike Racks	High standard bike racks at 0.5/hectare			✘
BMX Tracks		✘		✘
Buildings - Community		✘		✘
Buildings - Visitor	High standard - provided where appropriate		High standard - provided where appropriate	
Car Parking Onsite	Asphalt carparks - 10/hectare		Optional asphalt carparks - 5/hectare	
Clay Cricket Block		✘		✘
Dog Exercise Areas		✘		✘
Drainage	Designed drainage all areas		Designed drainage all areas	
Drinking Fountains	High standard at 0.5/hectare		High standard at 0.5/hectare	
Entrance Sign	High standard sign at each entrance point		1 sign per entrance point	
Exercise Equipment	Provided at 0.5 units/hectare		Provided at 0.5 units/hectare	
Fencing and Barriers	Hardwood bollards and steel powder-coated gates		Hardwood bollards and steel powder-coated gates	
Fire Pits		✘		✘
Flagpoles	Provided where appropriate			✘
Footbridges	High standard designed to appropriate code - provided where appropriate		High standard designed to appropriate code - provided where appropriate	
Fountains	High standard architecturally designed - provided where appropriate			✘

Development Levels of Service cont				
Asset	REGIONAL		DISTRICT	
	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude
Gardens	Irrigated high standard gardens at 100m ² /hectare		Irrigated high standard gardens at 50m ² /hectare	
Interpretive Signs	High standard sign - located where appropriate			✘
Irrigation - Turf	High use grass areas irrigated			✘
Lighting	High standard safety and feature lighting of ornamental features such as artwork and specimen trees		Safety lighting	
Public Use Mains Power	Available with event booking only		Available with event booking only	
Paths	Concrete footpaths		Concrete footpaths	
Playgrounds	Between 10-15 play items, min. 50% shaded area		Between 5-10 play items, min. 50% shaded area	
Practice Cricket Nets		✘		✘
Public Art	1 item/hectare		1 item per hectare	
Public Toilets	Uni-sex toilets at 2 cubicles per hectare (min. 2 cubicles per park)		Uni-sex toilets at 1.5 cubicles per hectare (min. 2 cubicles per park)	
Rubbish Bins	240 litre wheelie bin enclosures at 2 bins/hectare		240 litre wheelie bin enclosures at 1 bin/hectare	
Seats	High standard at 2 seats/hectare		High standard at 2 seats/hectare	
Shelters	High standard at 0.5 shelters/hectare		High standard at 0.5 shelter/hectare	
Skate Parks		✘		✘
Stormwater Devices		✘		✘
Tables	High standard - provided at 0.5 hectare if not incorporated into shelter		High standard - provided at 0.5 hectare if not incorporated into shelter	
Trees	Specimen trees planted to landscape design (min. Size 200mm stock; min. 30 trees/ hectare)		Specimen tree planting to provide shade to infrastructure & for beautification & screening (min. Size 200mm stock; min. 30 trees/ hectare)	
Viewing Platforms	High standard - located where appropriate		High standard - located where appropriate	
Water Body	Up to 25% of site area - where appropriate		Up to 25% of site area - where appropriate	
Water Points	1 per BBQ &/or drinking fountain		1 per BBQ &/or drinking fountain	

Operating Levels of Service				
Activity	REGIONAL		DISTRICT	
	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude
BBQ cleaning	Twice weekly		Twice weekly	
Bin emptying	No overflowing bins emptied at least twice weekly		No overflowing bins emptied at least weekly	
Edging	Mechanical edging only along hard surfaces. Weed circles can have edging using chemicals		Mechanical edging only along hard surfaces. Weed circles can have edging using chemicals	
Furniture maintenance	Monthly formal inspection and repair undertaken within 1 week		Monthly formal inspection and repair undertaken within 1 week	
Gardening	Tri weekly maintenance visits. Tasks include weeding, mulching, pruning, fertilising, pest and disease control, plant replacement. 3 displays per annum for annual gardens		Tri weekly maintenance visits. Tasks include weeding, mulching, pruning, fertilising, pest and disease control, plant replacement. 3 displays per annum for annual gardens	
Graffiti removal	Offensive graffiti removed within 24 hours, other within 1 week		Offensive graffiti removed within 24 hours, other within 1 week	
Grass maintenance	50-80mm, cut at least fortnightly. Pest and disease control		70-120mm, cut at least fortnightly. Pest and disease control	
Hard surface maintenance	Kept free of deformations, and free of weeds and debris		Kept free of deformations, and free of weeds and debris	
Lighting inspections	Quarterly		Quarterly	
Litter collection	Daily		3 per week	
Playground maintenance	Monthly maintenance inspections. Annual safety inspection		Monthly maintenance inspections. Annual safety inspection	
Toilet cleaning	Daily		Daily	
Tree maintenance	Annual inspection and maintenance program. Existing trees to be inspected by an arborist and arborist recommendations performed		Annual inspection and maintenance program. Existing trees to be inspected by an arborist and arborist recommendations performed	

Recreation Parks

Used for a range of informal recreation activities particularly child and youth play.

Traditionally, these have been local 'pocket parks', but modern practice is to acquire larger sized parks to accommodate a range of activity zones such as playgrounds, relaxing, and informal ball play.

Examples of Recreation Parks include Staffsmith Park, Junior Chamber Park, Billabong Park and Davidson Park.

There is currently 126.3 hectares of Recreation Park provided in the region.



Provision Levels of Service

Recreation Parks shall be provided at 2.5 ha/1,000 residents.

They shall be level, and have a high degree of road frontage within the range of 75%.

District Recreation Parks shall be between 1.0 and 2.0 hectares in size, and provided in areas where population is greater than 5,000 residents AND no other District Recreation Parks are within 5km.

Local Recreation Parks shall be between 0.5 and 1.0 hectares in size, and located within residential areas at a distribution of approximately 1km distance from one another.

Development Levels of Service				
Asset	DISTRICT		LOCAL	
	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude
Access Roads		×		×
Ancillary Sports Structures		×		×
Artificial Cricket Strip		×		×
BBQ's	Electric BBQ's under rotundas at 2 BBQ/park			×
Bike Racks		×		×
BMX Tracks		×		×
Buildings - Community		×		×
Buildings - Visitor				×
Car Parking Onsite		×		×
Clay Cricket Block		×		×
Dog Exercise Areas	Where appropriate, minimum 5000 m ² , chain-wire fence to perimeter with signage, shade structure, water, dog poo bin, access paths, concrete access area			×
Drainage		×		×
Drinking Fountains	High standard - 1 per park			×
Entrance Sign	1 sign per park		1 sign per park	
Exercise Equipment	Provided at 1 unit per park			×
Fencing and Barriers	Round top, treated pine bollards and slip-rail		Round top, treated pine bollards and slip-rail	
Fire Pits		×		×
Flagpoles		×		×
Footbridges	High standard - provided where appropriate		High standard - provided where appropriate	

Development Levels of Service cont				
Asset	DISTRICT		LOCAL	
	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude
Fountains		×		×
Gardens	Irrigated high standard gardens at 10m ² per hectare			×
Interpretive Signs		×		×
Irrigation - Turf		×		×
Lighting		×		×
Public Use Mains Power	Available with event booking only			×
Paths	Concrete			×
Playgrounds	Up to 5 units, min. 50% shaded area			×
Practice Cricket Nets		×		×
Public Art	Uni-sex toilets at 1 cubicle per hectare (min. 2 cubicles per park)			×
Public Toilets	Wheelie bin stand, 2 per park			×
Rubbish Bins	High standard at 2 seats/hectare			×
Seats	High standard at 1 seat/hectare			×
Shelters		×		×
Skate Parks		×		×
Stormwater Devices		×		×
Tables		×		×
Trees	Specimen tree planting to provide shade to infrastructure & for beautification & screening (min. Size 200mm stock; min. 25 trees/hectare)		Specimen tree planting to provide shade to infrastructure & for beautification & screening (min. Size 200mm stock; min. 25 trees/hectare)	
Viewing Platforms		×		×
Water Body		×		×
Water Points	1 per BBQ &/or drinking fountain	<		×

Operating Levels of Service				
Activity	DISTRICT		LOCAL	
	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude
BBQ cleaning	Twice weekly			✘
Bin emptying	No overflowing bins emptied at least weekly		No overflowing bins emptied at least weekly	
Edging	Mechanical edging only along hard surfaces. Weed circles can have edging using chemicals		Chemical edging only	
Furniture maintenance	Quarterly formal inspection and repair undertaken within 2 week		Quarterly formal inspection and repair undertaken within 2 week	
Gardening	Maintenance visits every six weeks. Tasks include weeding, mulching, pruning, plant replacement. 3 displays per annum for annual gardens			✘
Graffiti removal	Offensive graffiti removed within 24 hours, other within 1 week		Offensive graffiti removed within 72 hours, other within 3 week	
Grass maintenance	70-120mm, cut at least monthly		70-150mm, cut at least monthly	
Hard surface maintenance	Kept free of deformations, and free of weeds and debris		Keep free of trip hazards, and weeds	
Lighting inspections		✘		✘
Litter collection	1 per week		Fortnightly	
Playground maintenance	Monthly maintenance inspections. Annual safety inspection		Monthly maintenance inspections. Annual safety inspection	
Toilet cleaning	3 per week		1 per week*	
Tree maintenance	Reactive only. Existing trees to be inspected by an arborist and arborist recommendations performed		Reactive only. Existing trees to be inspected by an arborist and arborist recommendations performed	

* On existing toilets. No new toilets will be built/replaced on local Recreation Parks.

Road Rest Stops

Located in association with roads and views. Higher use sites will have a higher level of service.

These relatively small sites are located conveniently, so that visitors to the region can take a break from driving and/or stop to admire a view or experience a particularly scenic location.

Examples of Road Rest Stops include Rosins Lookout, Doughty Park and Rotary Lookout. There are currently 8 Regional Road Rest Stops comprising 59.0 hectares.



Provision Levels of Service

Only Regional Road Rest Stops will be provided.

They will be located near outstanding natural features such as lookouts, waterfalls etc., and adjacent to state roads. 25% of the site perimeter is to have direct road frontage.

Development Levels of Service		
Asset	REGIONAL	
	Include	Exclude
Access Roads		×
Ancillary Sports Structures		×
Artificial Cricket Strip		×
BBQ's		×
Bike Racks		×
BMX Tracks		×
Buildings - Community		×
Buildings - Visitor		×
Car Parking Onsite	Asphalt carparks - 10/park	
Clay Cricket Block		×
Dog Exercise Areas		×
Drainage		×
Drinking Fountains		×
Entrance Sign	1 sign per park	
Exercise Equipment		×
Fencing and Barriers	Round top, treated pine bollards and slip-rail	
Fire Pits		×
Flagpoles		×
Footbridges		
Fountains		×
Gardens	Informal natural area style	
Interpretive Signs	High standard sign - located where appropriate	
Irrigation - Turf		×

Development Levels of Service cont		
Asset	REGIONAL	
	Include	Exclude
Lighting		✘
Public Use Mains Power		✘
Paths	Concrete	
Playgrounds		✘
Practice Cricket Nets		✘
Public Art	1 item per site	
Public Toilets	Uni-sex toilets at 2 - 4 cubicles per site	
Rubbish Bins	Wheelie bin in enclosure - 1 per site	
Seats	High standard at 2 - 4 seats per site	
Shelters	High standard at 1 per site	
Skate Parks		✘
Stormwater Devices		✘
Tables		✘
Trees	Specimen tree planting (min. Size 200mm stock, min. 25 trees/hectare) - lookout areas excluded	
Viewing Platforms	High standard - located where appropriate	
Water Body		✘
Water Points		✘

Operating Levels of Service		
Activity	DISTRICT	
	Include	Exclude
BBQ cleaning	Twice weekly	
Bin emptying	Weekly	
Edging	Chemical edging only	
Furniture maintenance	Monthly formal inspection and repair undertaken within 1 week	
Gardening		✘
Graffiti removal	Offensive graffiti removed within 24 hours, other within 1 week	
Grass maintenance	70-120mm, cut at least monthly	
Hard surface maintenance	Kept free of deformations, and free of weeds and debris	
Lighting inspections		✘
Litter collection	Weekly	
Playground maintenance		✘
Toilet cleaning	Minimum of 5 services and cleans per week	
Tree maintenance	Annual inspection and maintenance program. Existing trees to be inspected by an arborist and arborist recommendations performed	

Sports Parks

Large sites used for organised, competition sport.

These parks are often multi-use, but always contain at least 1 sports oval where traditional, mostly ball sport is played.

Examples of Sports Parks include Graceleigh Park, Everdell Park and Moffat Memorial Park.

There is currently 82.3 hectares of Sports Park provided in the region.

Provision Levels of Service

Sports Parks shall be provided at 1.8 hectares/1,000 residents.

Regional Sports Parks shall be of sufficient size to accommodate between 4 and 10 full size playing ovals, onsite carparking, and associated club facilities and buildings.

75% of the park perimeter to have direct road frontage.

A Regional Sports Park will be considered in Beaudesert when population of the town reached 25,000 people, in preference to providing additional District Sports Parks in other areas of Scenic Rim Region.

Development Levels of Service				
Asset	REGIONAL		DISTRICT	
	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude
Access Roads	Sealed roads to high standard - asphalt with concrete edge		Sealed roads to high standard - asphalt with concrete edge	
Ancillary Sports Structures	As appropriate to sport requirements		As appropriate to sport requirements	
Artificial Cricket Strip		✘		✘
BBQ's		✘		✘
Bike Racks	High standard bike racks at 0.5/hectare		High standard bike racks at 0.5/hectare	
BMX Tracks	Design & construct to Australian standard		Design & construct to Australian standard	
Buildings - Community	Design & construct & associated with park activity		Design & construct & associated with park activity	
Buildings - Visitor		✘		✘
Car Parking Onsite	Asphalt as per development application		Asphalt as per development application	
Clay Cricket Block		✘		✘
Dog Exercise Areas		✘		✘
Drainage	Designed site and field drainage		Designed site and field drainage	
Drinking Fountains	High standard - 1.0/hectare		High standard - 0.5/hectare	
Entrance Sign	Park name sign at each entrance		Park name sign at each entrance	
Exercise Equipment	Provided at 0.5 units/hectare			✘
Fencing and Barriers	Perimeter mesh fencing		Round top, treated pine bollards and slip-rail	
Fire Pits		✘		✘
Flagpoles		✘		✘
Footbridges	High standard - provided where appropriate		High standard - provided where appropriate	
Fountains		✘		✘
Gardens		✘		✘
Interpretive Signs		✘		✘
Irrigation - Turf	Irrigation on all fields		Irrigation on all fields	

Development Levels of Service cont				
Asset	REGIONAL		DISTRICT	
	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude
Lighting	Lighting to required standard on all fields		Lighting to required standard	
Public Use Mains Power	Available with event booking only		Available with event booking only	
Paths	Concrete		Concrete	
Playgrounds	Australian standard - 3 play items, min. 50% shaded area			✘
Practice Cricket Nets		✘		✘
Public Art		✘		✘
Public Toilets	Associated with clubhouse facilities only		According to building code requirements	
Rubbish Bins	Wheelie bin stand, 1.0/hectare		Wheelie bin stand - 1.0/hectare	
Seats	High standard at 2 seats/hectare		High standard at 2 seats/hectare	
Shelters	High standard at 1 shelter/hectare		High standard at 0.5 shelter/hectare	
Skate Parks	Concrete, 1 per locality		Concrete. 1 per locality	
Stormwater Devices		✘		✘
Tables		✘		✘
Trees	15 trees/hectare, located on the perimeter of the park (min. size 200mm stock)		15 trees/hectare, located on the perimeter of the park (min. size 200mm stock)	
Viewing Platforms		✘		✘
Water Body		✘		✘
Water Points	1 water point/drinking fountain		1 water point/drinking fountain	

Operating Levels of Service				
Activity	DISTRICT		LOCAL	
	Include	Exclude	Include	Exclude
BBQ cleaning		✘		✘
Bin emptying	No overflowing bins emptied at least weekly		No overflowing bins emptied at least weekly	
Edging	Chemical edging only		Chemical edging only	
Furniture maintenance	Monthly formal inspection and repair undertaken within 1 week		Quarterly formal inspection and repair undertaken within 2 week	
Gardening		✘		✘
Graffiti removal	Offensive graffiti removed within 24 hours, other within 1 week		Offensive graffiti removed within 72 hours, other within 2 weeks	
Grass maintenance	35-50mm in summer, and 50-80mm in winter. Cut at least weekly. Pest and disease control, fertilizer, irrigation, drainage, seasonal renovation		35-50mm in summer, and 50-80mm in winter. Cut at least weekly. Pest and disease control, fertilizer, irrigation, drainage	
Hard surface maintenance	Kept free of deformations, and free of weeds and debris		Keep free of trip hazards, and weeds	
Lighting inspections	Quarterly		6 monthly	
Litter collection	3 per week		1 per week	
Playground maintenance	Monthly maintenance inspections. Annual safety inspection		Monthly maintenance inspections. Annual safety inspection	
Toilet cleaning	After scheduled events		After scheduled events	
Tree maintenance	Annual inspection and maintenance program. Existing trees to be inspected by an arborist and arborist recommendations performed		Reactive only. Existing trees to be inspected by an arborist and arborist recommendations performed	

Appendix 1 – Parks Improvement Program

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR – Continually improve parks management score, as independently measured by the Yardstick benchmarking program.

TASK	METHODOLOGY	PRIORITY
Document detailed service standards	Expand operating levels of service statements describing the quality standards expected for all maintenance and operational tasks, in a way that can be measured through quality monitoring.	H1
Quality monitoring	Undertake random site audits (20 parks per month) to check that maintenance standards meet the service standard requirements. Base the quality monitoring on the documented service standards. Convert items inspected into a score. Weight items/task that are more important to the park visitor more highly, that other more technical measures. Ideally use a smart phone/tablet approach. Measure performance and trends and adjust practices and maintenance schedules as necessary.	H2
Align budget and financial reporting structure to levels of service	Be able to record/budgets/costs by park category and by individual park, and by asset group/task e.g. furniture, gardens, grass mowing, litter, graffiti and vandalism, hard surface maintenance, trees, toilets, security etc.	H3
Develop policy on chemical use	Identify what chemicals can and cannot be used. Document criteria for deciding on using new chemicals. Document decision making process for approving chemicals not usually used, or which fall into the prefer not to use category.	H4
Development levels of service gap analysis	Inspect each park and compare actual assets provision against the development levels of service. Identify assets that will not be replaced (not depreciated) at the end of their lives, assets that require upgrading or adding (new capital), and assets that meet the required development level of service and will need to be replaced (renewal capital).	M1
Collect condition and remaining useful life information	Gather condition and remaining useful life information on all assets that Council intends to renew.	M2
Parks user surveys	Undertake park user intercept surveys to determine a profile of park users, importance and satisfaction ratings.	M3

TASK	METHODOLOGY	PRIORITY
Develop parks asset renewal plan	Using condition, remaining useful life, unit replacement rates, and park user feedback, develop a 10 year asset renewal plan for all parks and facilities assets flagged for renewal in the development levels of service gap analysis.	M4
Tree maintenance program	Collect information for all specimen trees planted on streets, heritage trees, and identified high risk trees. Information to include location, species, approximate age, and condition. Develop a regular cyclical, proactive maintenance program to maintain all identified trees.	M5
Parks inventory	Measure and GIS map areas of grass, gardens, roads and carparks, paths, playgrounds, park furniture and structures.	M6
Market test costs	Determine cost per unit figures for all significant parks maintenance activities, and analyse benchmark results to help identify inefficiencies	M7
Develop playground strategy	Undertake an analysis of current playground provision, and an assessment of playground performance, identify changes needed to the current playground network to meet current and future requirements, rationalisation of distribution of playgrounds, and development levels of service.	L1
Develop public toilet strategy	Undertake an analysis of current public toilet provision, an assessment of toilet performance, and identify changes needed to the current public toilet network to meet current and future requirements, rationalisation of distribution of public toilets, and development levels of service.	L2
Develop trail strategy	Undertake an analysis of current trail provision, and identify changes needed to the current trail network to meet current and future requirements and development levels of service.	L3
Develop park management plans	Develop park management plans based on park categories e.g. Sports Parks Management Plan, Road Rest Stops Management Plan, Corridor Park Management Plan etc. Include policies for what can and cannot occur on that category of park. For each individual park include an entry with aerial photograph, define the legal status of the land, briefly describe the features of the park, who uses the park, and any known encumbrances (under ground services, leases etc.).	L4
Water management plan	Identify and record all irrigation systems. Develop checklists for pre-season checks. Identify current water use. Identify measures for reducing water use. Document water use targets. Measure and report against water management plan targets.	L5

Appendix 2 – Parks Maps