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**Overview**

Monash has an extensive network of public open space that provides the community with health, social and psychological benefits as well as environmental, ecological, tourism and economic benefits. By 2036 an additional 43,990 people are forecast to live in Monash and will increase the demand for public open space.

The distribution, type and quantity of public open space across Monash varies. This can present challenges in meeting the diverse needs of the community and providing equitable access to open space, particularly as demographics, urban form, employment growth, recreational choices and community expectations change.

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**Key issues**

- The provision and planning of open space should consider the changing demographics and growing population of the Monash community and help result in healthier, happier and more vibrant communities.
- Open space areas should provide for active and passive recreation, recreation trails, nature experiences as well as infrastructure requirements.

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**Objectives, strategies and implementation****Objectives**

- To maintain and enhance the public open space network for current and future populations.
- To provide a diverse and integrated network of open space that provides equitable access to good quality public open space for the community regardless of their age, gender, ethnicity or abilities.
- To protect and enhance all open space with identified environmental significance, significant natural landscape and heritage values from degradation as a result of community recreational demands.
- To ensure appropriate and equitable public open space contributions at the time of subdivision to meet future needs of the community.

**Strategies**

- Ensure that development on adjoining and nearby land is designed so that the amenity of future residents is not adversely affected by use of the open space.
- Ensure that all new development and redevelopment in the municipality addresses the current and future needs of the open space network based on future population growth, including expansion of the path and trail network.
- Improve the diversity of public open space functions and landscape setting type and encourage the development of multi-use social/ family recreation parks that improve social cohesiveness.
- Promote the development of parks that are safe, shaded, well located and accessible and vibrant and where appropriate incorporate universal design features and environmentally sustainable design principles.
- Ensure that strategic redevelopment sites that seek high residential densities provide an appropriate level of open space to cater for the intended population, including for student and aged care accommodation.
- For development in employment and industrial areas encourage public open space to cater for the needs of workers.

- The location of new public open space has regard to the protection of indigenous flora or fauna of significance, significant natural landscapes and heritage values.
- Ensure that public open space and recreation trails with a bushland or conservation role are carefully maintained to protect significant flora and fauna.

### Implementation

These strategies will be implemented through the following actions.

### Policy and exercise of discretion

- Using local policy to ensure that development causes minimal impact and loss of amenity to open space areas. (Residential Development and Character Policy, Clause 22.01, Industry and Business Development and Character Policy, Clause 22.03, Stormwater Management Policy, Clause 22.04, Tree Conservation Policy, Clause 22.05, Outdoor Advertising Policy, Clause 22.08, Public Open Space Contributions Policy Clause 22.15).
- Complying with the State environment protection policy (Waters of Victoria).

### Zones and overlays

- Applying the Public Park and Recreation Zone and Public Conservation and Resource Zone where appropriate.
- Applying and modifying the Vegetation Protection Overlay where appropriate.
- Applying the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay and Special Building Overlay as appropriate.

### Other actions

- Implementing the actions identified in the City of Monash Open Space Strategy 2021.
- Continuing to implement Council's street tree programs.
- Implementing the actions identified in the City of Monash Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2016 - 2026.

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Map: Open Space in Monash

