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COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

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Health facilities

Objective

To assist the integration of health facilities with local and regional communities.

Strategies

Facilitate the location of health and health-related facilities (including acute health, aged care, disability services and community care facilities) taking into account demographic trends, the existing and future demand requirements and the integration of services into communities.

Plan public and private developments together, where possible, including some degree of flexibility in use.

Locate hospitals and other large health facilities in designated health precincts and areas highly accessible to public and private transport.

Provide adequate car parking for staff and visitors of health facilities.

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Health precincts - Metropolitan Melbourne

Strategies

Facilitate health and community wellbeing precincts through the co-location of:

- Hospitals, allied health services and not-for-profit health providers at the regional level.
- General practitioners, community health facilities, allied health services and not-for-profit health providers at the neighbourhood level.

Create health precincts in new suburbs in or close to town centres.

Ensure health precincts are well serviced by community services.

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Health facilities in Merri-bek

Strategy

Encourage the development of a major health facility and associated infrastructure in the Coburg Activity Centre.

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VC222**Education facilities****Objective**

To assist the integration of education and early childhood facilities with local and regional communities.

Strategies

Consider demographic trends, existing and future demand requirements and the integration of facilities into communities in planning for the location of education and early childhood facilities.

Locate childcare, kindergarten and primary school facilities to maximise access by public transport and safe walking and cycling routes.

Ensure childcare, kindergarten and primary school and secondary school facilities provide safe vehicular drop-off zones.

Facilitate the establishment and expansion of primary and secondary education facilities to meet the existing and future education needs of communities.

Recognise that primary and secondary education facilities are different to dwellings in their purpose and function and can have different built form (including height, scale and mass).

Locate secondary school and tertiary education facilities in designated education precincts and areas that are highly accessible to public transport.

Locate tertiary education facilities within or adjacent to activity centres.

Ensure streets and accessways adjoining education and early childhood facilities are designed to encourage safe bicycle and pedestrian access.

Consider the existing and future transport network and transport connectivity.

Develop libraries as community based learning centres.

Co-locate a kindergarten facility with all new Victorian Government primary schools.

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Education precincts - Metropolitan Melbourne

Strategy

Ensure education precincts are well serviced by community services.

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Cultural facilities

Objective

To develop a strong cultural environment and increase access to arts, recreation and other cultural facilities.

Strategies

Encourage a wider range of arts, cultural and entertainment facilities including cinemas, restaurants, nightclubs and live theatres in the Central City and at Metropolitan Activity Centres.

Reinforce the existing major precincts for arts, sports and major events of state wide appeal.

Establish new facilities at locations well served by public transport.

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Cultural facilities - Metropolitan Melbourne

Strategies

Maintain and strengthen Melbourne's distinctiveness as a leading cultural and sporting city with world-class facilities.

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Cultural facilities in Merri-bek

Strategy

Reinforce the existing cultural, entertainment and educational focus of the 'Brunswick Civic & Cultural Precinct' centred on the Brunswick Town Hall.

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Social and cultural infrastructure

Objective

To provide fairer distribution of and access to, social and cultural infrastructure.

Strategies

Identify and address gaps and deficiencies in social and cultural infrastructure, including additional regionally significant cultural and sporting facilities.

Encourage the location of social and cultural infrastructure in activity centres.

Ensure social infrastructure is designed to be accessible.

Ensure social infrastructure in growth areas, is delivered early in the development process and in the right locations.

Plan and design community places and buildings so they can adapt as the population changes and different patterns of work and social life emerge.

Support innovative ways to maintain equitable service delivery to settlements that have limited or no capacity for further growth, or that experience population decline.

Identify and protect land for cemeteries and crematoria.

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Emergency services

Objective

To ensure suitable locations for police, fire, ambulance and other emergency services.

Strategies

Ensure police, fire, ambulance and other emergency services are provided for in or near activity centres.

Locate emergency services together in newly developing areas.

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VC148**Open space****Objective**

To establish, manage and improve a diverse and integrated network of public open space that meets the needs of the community.

Strategies

Plan for regional and local open space networks for both recreation and conservation of natural and cultural environments.

Ensure that open space networks:

- Are linked, including through the provision of walking and cycling trails.
- Are integrated with open space from abutting subdivisions.
- Incorporate, where possible, links between major parks and activity areas, along waterways and natural drainage corridors, connecting places of natural and cultural interest.
- Maintain public accessibility on public land immediately adjoining waterways and coasts.

Create opportunities to enhance open space networks within and between settlements.

Ensure that land is set aside and developed in residential areas for local recreational use and to create pedestrian and bicycle links to commercial and community facilities.

Ensure that land use and development adjoining regional open space networks, national parks and conservation reserves complements the open space in terms of visual and noise impacts, preservation of vegetation and treatment of waste water to reduce turbidity and pollution.

Improve the quality and distribution of open space and ensure long-term protection.

Protect large regional parks and significant conservation areas.

Ensure land identified as critical to the completion of open space links is transferred for open space purposes.

Ensure that where there is a reduction of open space due to a change in land use or occupation, additional or replacement parkland of equal or greater size and quality is provided.

Ensure that urban open space provides for nature conservation, recreation and play, formal and informal sport, social interaction, opportunities to connect with nature and peace and solitude.

Accommodate community sports facilities in a way that is not detrimental to other park activities.

Ensure open space provision is fair and equitable with the aim of providing access that meets the needs of all members of the community, regardless of age, gender, ability or a person's location.

Develop open space to maintain wildlife corridors and greenhouse sinks.

Provide new parkland in growth areas and in areas that have an undersupply of parkland.

Encourage the preparation of management plans or explicit statements of management objectives for urban parks.

Ensure exclusive occupation of parkland by community organisations is restricted to activities consistent with management objectives of the park to maximise broad community access to open space.

Ensure the provision of buildings and infrastructure is consistent with the management objectives of the park.

Ensure public access is not prevented by developments along stream banks and foreshores.

Ensure public land immediately adjoining waterways and coastlines remains in public ownership.

Plan open space areas for multiple uses, such as community gardens, sports and recreation, active transport routes, wildlife corridors and flood storage basins.

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VC199**Open space - Metropolitan Melbourne****Objective**

To strengthen the integrated metropolitan open space network.

Strategies

Develop a network of local open spaces that are accessible and of high-quality and include opportunities for new local open spaces through planning for urban redevelopment projects.

Ensure major open space corridors are protected and enhanced.

Develop open space networks in growth areas and in the surrounding region of Metropolitan Melbourne, where existing open space is limited and demand is growing, including:

- Cardinia Creek Parklands.
- Cranbourne Regional Park.
- Kororoit Creek Corridor.
- Quarry Hills Regional Park.
- Chain of Parks - Sandbelt.
- Sunbury Regional Park - Jacksons Creek Valley.
- Toolern Creek Regional Park.
- Werribee Township Regional Park.

Create continuous open space links and trails along the:

- Frankston parklands (linking existing parks from Carrum to Mornington).
- Maribyrnong River parklands.
- Merri Creek parklands (extending to Craigieburn).
- Western Coastal parklands (linking Point Gellibrand, Point Cook and Werribee).
- Yarra River parklands (extending from Warrandyte to the Port Phillip Bay).

Provide long term planning protection to meet demand for future open space along the Plenty Gorge parklands, Yarra Valley parklands, Cardinia Creek parklands, Heatherton/Dingley 'Sandbelt' parklands and Dandenong Valley parklands.

Protect the metropolitan water's edge parklands from intrusion and encroachment of development that impacts on open space and their natural landscape setting.

Continue development of the lower Yarra River as a focus for sport, entertainment and leisure.

Support establishing community gardens and productive streetscapes.

Policy documents

Consider as relevant:

- *Open Space for Everyone: Open Space Strategy for Metropolitan Melbourne 2021* (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, 2021)
- *Maribyrnong River – Vision for Recreational and Tourism Development* (Melbourne Parks and Waterways, 1996)
- *Maribyrnong River Valley Design Guidelines* (Department of Planning and Community Development, 2010)

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Open space in Merri-bek

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Strategies

Designing development to:

~~Design development to preserve or enhance public access to open space.~~

- Preserve or enhance public access to public open space.
- Improve interfaces with public open spaces to enable sunlight access and reduce overshadowing of public open spaces.
- Maximise the use of natural, non-reflective materials and muted colours for building facades which are visible from abutting public open spaces.
- Provide public open space land contributions in identified gap areas in Clause 2.04 Open Space Framework, areas adjoining existing public open spaces, creek corridors, and across the public open space network.

~~Create a continuous public open space corridor along the Moonee Ponds, Merri and Edgars Creeks~~

Enabling development to contribute to continuous open space corridors along creek corridors.

~~Design large sites to include provision of new public open space on site, if located in a priority open space area as identified on the Open Space Strategic Framework Plan at Clause 02.04.~~

Enabling strategic redevelopment sites to appropriately

Encouraging public open space contributions for high-density residential development when there is no clear intention to do a subdivision.

Policy guidelines

Consider as relevant:

- The public open space corridor along each side of a creek shall:
 - .. Be at least 50 metres wide.
 - .. Include a 30 metres wide vegetation buffer.

~~That the public open space corridor along the creeks be a minimum of 50 metres on each side of the creek. A minimum of 30 metres from the edge of the embankment on each side should be a vegetated buffer.~~

- .. Have these horizontal distances measured from the top of the creek's embankment.

Policy documents

Consider as relevant:

- *Merri-bek Open Space Strategy* (Merri-bek City Council, April 2024)
- *Merri-bek Open Space Strategy Technical Report* (Mesh Planning, March 2024)