

Creating Better Parks Policy & Plan

A Review and Proposition for
Creating Even Better Parks
2016



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Brimbank City Council adopted Creating Better Parks Open Space and Playground Policy & Plan (CBP) in 2008 with the aim of transforming the park network. CBP established a comprehensive framework that guided Council in developing one of the best park networks in Melbourne.

To date 88 parks have been upgraded at a cost of around \$20m and the community is now actively engaged in a park network that has established a strong sense of community belonging and pride. By establishing a hierarchy of quality destinations across the municipality, a generation of children, families and adults now use the park network far more than they did prior to 2008.

CBP has received industry recognition from awards by the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects in 2008 and 2009; Parks and Leisure Australia in 2012 and the Planning Institute of Australia in 2015.

As it is now eight years since it was adopted, Council sought to understand how the community felt with the investment to date and what the community saw as possible gaps or new ideas for the coming years. Council has also identified that there are some opportunities for new functions within the transformed park network. Council is committed to implementing the remaining upgrades but sought to understand community attitudes towards the investment to date and to understand if there are any gaps in the current delivery of CBP which could potentially be addressed in coming years.

This review is based on Council's recognition of the need to reposition CBP and the feedback from an online survey resulting in 239 responses, which far exceeded Council's expectation. The overall community sentiment contained in the survey is a great testimony to the improved liveability of this municipality through having a quality public realm.

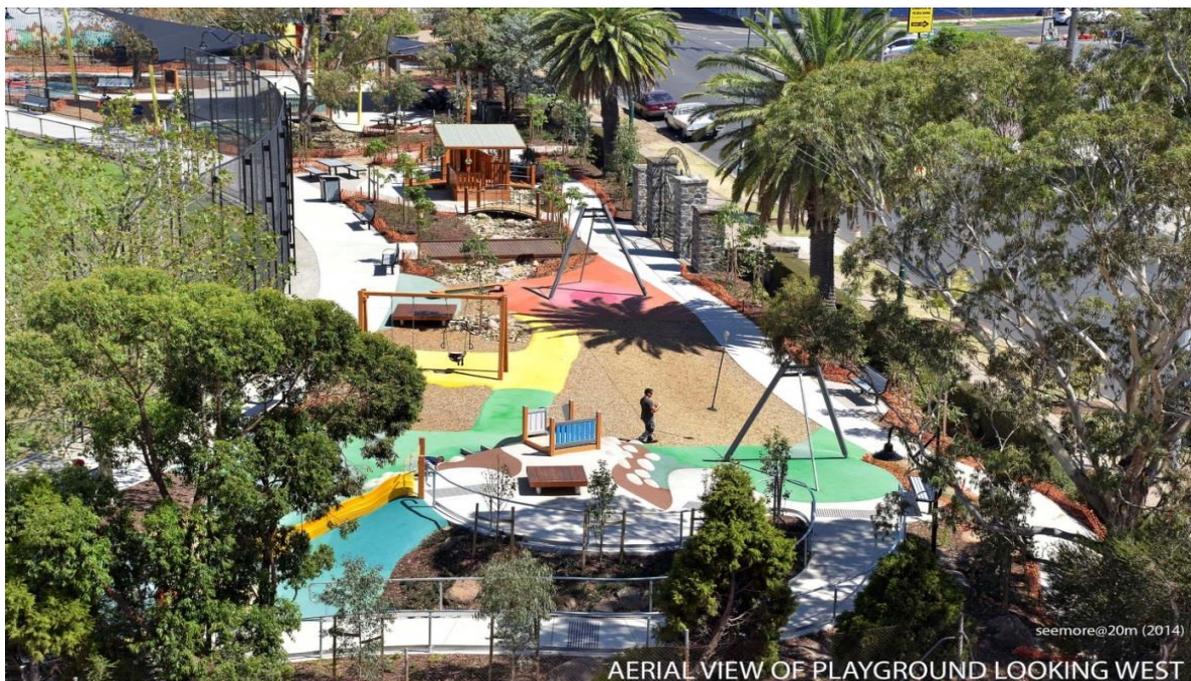


Image 1: Alice's Playspace, Errington Reserve St Albans – built 2013

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1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Brimbank City Council (Council) adopted the Creating Better Parks Open Space and Playground Policy & Plan (CBP) in 2008 with a vision and blueprint for transforming the existing park network. It provided a framework to upgrade largely barren and uninviting reserves to attractive, well maintained and inviting spaces that will be celebrated as key features of the municipality. ¹

CBP made reference to the fact that parks are important places, providing communities with spaces to exercise, socialise and relax. Well-developed parks contribute to the physical and mental health of residents, create better connected communities, make a significant contribution to the character of neighbourhoods and help protect natural environments and cultural heritage.²

CBP was the first strategic document that compressively analysed the existing park network in the City of Brimbank while proposing a framework that guided improvement and the future maintenance of a transformed municipal park network.

Extensive community consultation occurred in 2007/2008 and was completed in two stages. Stage One involved a range of community engagement techniques that resulted in 550 responses from the local community which were used to help develop the policy and plan. Stage Two was the public display of the draft policy and plan which included: a brochure sent to all households; website information that generate 700 hits; over 60 written submissions; 4 community workshops involving 145 residents; 4 meetings with key stakeholder groups and 17 presentations to Council at BAC meetings.³

CBP was adopted in May 2008 and in anticipation of a focus on public realm improvements, Council established the Urban Design Department to oversee the transformation of the park network and public realm in general.

Since 2008 eighty eight (88) parks have been upgraded as part of the CBP transformation and there is still parks requiring improvements. The focus has been on creating great places and destinations for the local community. These upgrades have seen a significant increase in usage of parks while the community's sentiment and connection to the municipal park network has significantly changed.

This review seeks to document achievements to date and to validate how the community feels about these achievements and to propose what is needed over the next five years in further developing the urban landscape functionality of this municipality, whilst completing the original intention of CBP.

¹ Page 10, Creating Better Parks, 2008

² Page 3, *ibid*

³ Page 39, *ibid*



Image 2: Deer Park Plaza - built 2014

2. ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

A Working Document

Upon adoption the content of CBP was translated into a format that enabled: continual forward planning; monitoring of works to date; monitoring of investment to date; a framework that enabled operation teams to set future maintenance levels for upgraded parks; and alignment with Council's asset management framework and capital works forecasting.

This resulted in a cross-departmental approach that sought an equitable transformation across the municipality within all suburbs, while focussing on the major need of creating quality places, particularly along two key waterways, Kororoit Creek and Taylors Creek. CBP was adopted the same year as Council's Cycling & Walking Strategy (CWS) and allowed an alignment of these two key strategies that sought connectivity and activity of people and places, within the urban landscape of Brimbank.

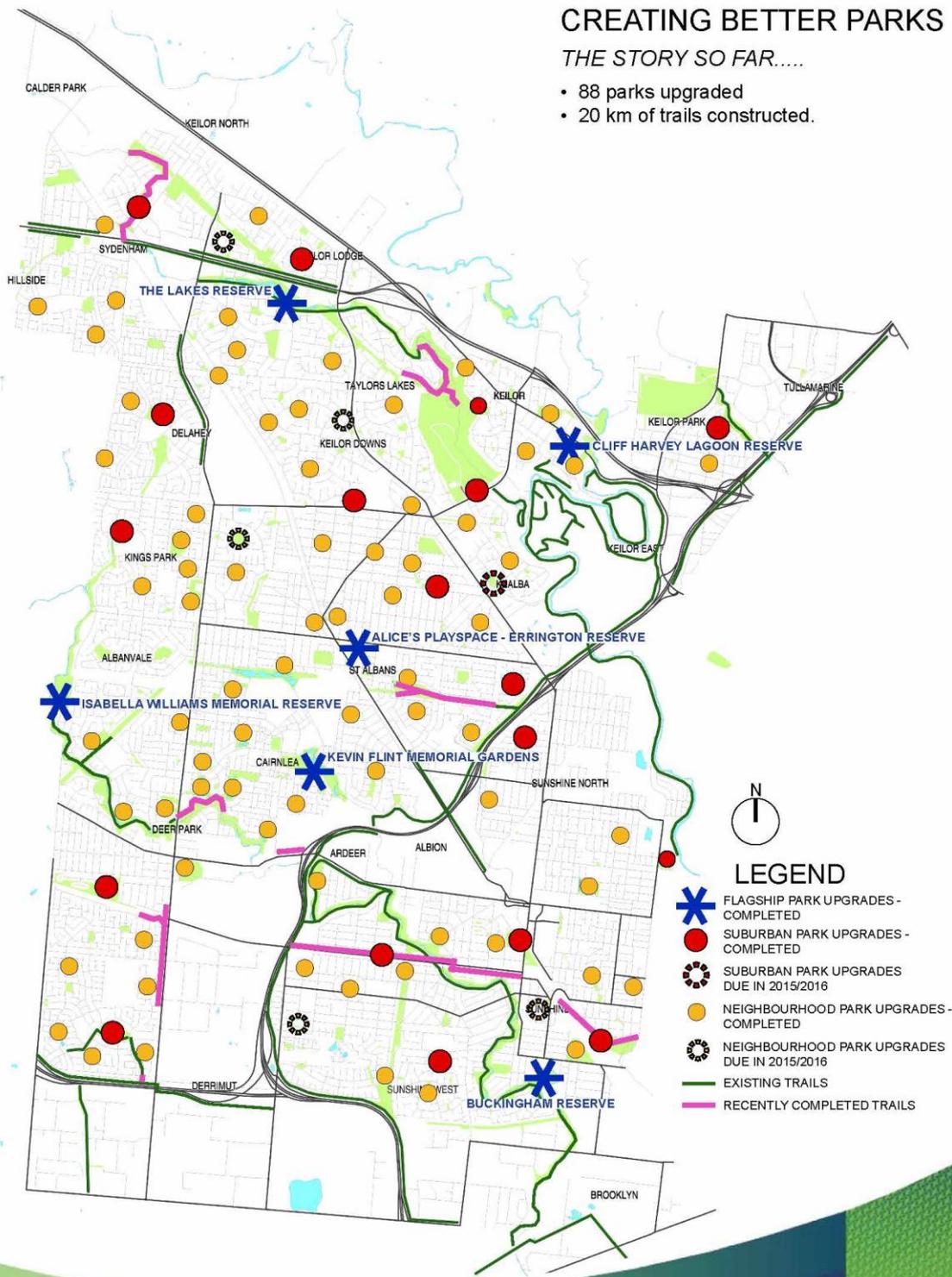
CBP provided the framework for new team structures and maintenance practices within Parks Services and Building Maintenance Departments in order to align with the outcomes of the transformation occurring. CBP proposed 243 upgrades and a \$34m capital works program based on the following hierarchy:

- 5 Flagship Parks;
- 26 Suburban Parks;
- 105 Neighbourhood Parks;
- 107 Local Parks.

CREATING BETTER PARKS

THE STORY SO FAR.....

- 88 parks upgraded
- 20 km of trails constructed.



LEGEND

- FLAGSHIP PARK UPGRADES - COMPLETED
- SUBURBAN PARK UPGRADES - COMPLETED
- SUBURBAN PARK UPGRADES DUE IN 2015/2016
- NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK UPGRADES - COMPLETED
- NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK UPGRADES DUE IN 2015/2016
- EXISTING TRAILS
- RECENTLY COMPLETED TRAILS

CREATING BETTER PARKS - THE STORY SO FAR....



Map 1 – Locations of Park and Playground Upgrades by June 2016

This program allowed the development of accurate long term forecast planning of capital works and asset management. By the end of the 2015/2016 financial year, the following has occurred:

Park Type	Number	Approximate Investment
Flagship Parks (FP)	5	\$8,051,000
Suburban Park (SP)	18	\$6,970,000
Neighbourhood Park (NP)	65	\$5,073,000
TOTALS	88	\$20,094,000

Table 1: Number of park upgrades by June 2016.

An extra FP has been added with the development of Alice's Playspace at Errington Reserve in St Albans and an extra SP with the pending development of Sunvale Park, in Sunshine. The follow upgrades are still required from CBP:

Park Type	Number	Description	Nominal Cost
Flagship Parks	2	Complete extra stages at Isabella Williams Memorial Reserve and The Lakes reserve	\$3,485,000
Suburban Park	9	Typical SP upgrade	\$5,050,000
Neighbourhood Park	42	Typical NP upgrade	\$3,780,000
Local Parks	107	Trees, paths & seating	\$3,000,000
TOTALS	156		\$15,315,000

Table 2: Number of parks still to be upgraded. Costs are approximate and reflect projected cost in 2016.

The completion of the above parks will see an investment of \$35,129,000 in the park network that will realise significant health and well-being outcomes while creating a strong sense of place for the local community for current and future generations.

Industry Awards

The delivery of CBP has been recognised by the following industry awards:

- In 2009 CBP won a Planning Award at the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects annual awards, Victorian chapter;
- In 2010 CBP won a Design Award for Ardeer Community Park & Playground at the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects annual awards, Victorian chapter;
- In 2014 CBP won an Award of Excellence for Play Space Award – Category B, for Alice's Playspace from Parks & Leisure Australia;
- In 2015 CBP won a Victorian Planning Excellence Award in the Category, From Plan to Place from Planning Institute of Australia, for the transformation of the public realm;
- In 2016 CBP won a National Planning Excellence Award Commendation in the Category, From Plan to Place from Planning Institute of Australia, for the transformation of the public realm.

Community Sentiments

From the beginning the aim has been to physically shape the park network of this municipality into an urban landscape containing great places that the community are connected to and felt proud off.

Prior to 2008 there were virtually no destination places throughout the municipality and residents travelled to neighbouring municipalities for park activities. This has now been reversed with people coming to this municipality to socialise, play and write about in social media, as follows:

"The upgrade of Buckingham Reserve in Sunshine West means that the vast playground is one of the best adventure playgrounds in Melbourne's West. The playground is part of a larger project to improve Buckingham Reserve with creek-side trails, observation decks, picnic areas, parking and active recreational facilities. The enormous shiny rocket ship is the highlight of the playground, and the reserve. When Lady AB saw it she shouted 'It's beautiful!'. And it is. There are so many features in this playground that it's hard to know where to look" ⁴

When starting the transformation a key focus was to demonstrate the vision and the completion of the first SP upgrade at Thea Court Reserve in Keilor Park meant that the community and Council could begin to see what would happen across the municipality.

As time passed and the transformation spread to areas where park functionality did not engage the local community, the community sentiment began to change as clearly evidenced by the following email in 2011:

Dear Council,

I wish to thank you for the great work you have been doing in Sunshine, with revitalising our parks.....I have taken my young daughter to the new playground at Kevin Wheelahan Gardens on a couple of occasions since it was revamped, and it is fantastic. There are so many children and families using the park now. When I first went there after the revamp and saw all the people there I had a lot of mixed emotion. I was so happy that all these people now have somewhere to go and feel good about. It is infrastructure like this that builds communities and builds self-esteem. But I also felt very sad, emotional, and angry about what our community has been missing out on for so many years. The positive changes make that obvious.

The same is true for the magnificent park revamp that has occurred at Matthews Hill (Tom O'Brien). It is fantastic. On cold winter afternoons there have been as many as 40-50 people using the new facilities. Again, it shows the need and demand that was always there, but unmet. It is truly wonderful – talking to other parents you can see that there is a lot of pride about what has happened – and just the coming together of a community that occurs in parks like this is great. It will mean that many of us will no longer have to travel to other suburbs for parks. For example, I take my daughter to the park at least once a week, but I would rarely use any of the parks in Sunshine. I didn't want myself and her to use depressing facilities. I would often go to the one in West Footscray outside the Bulldogs' Western Oval. But now Matthews Hill is comparably as good as that one. Talking to other parents, many of them did the same as me; they would take their children outside of Sunshine – it was depressing in Sunshine.

It's interesting that many people have friends and family that come into Sunshine from other suburbs that have had much better facilities than Sunshine, and it has been

⁴ - See more at: <http://tothotornot.com/2014/10/hot-buckingham-reserve-playground-buckingham-crescent-sunshine-west/#sthash.dY6XtZUB.dpuf>

embarrassing for us to have to take them to depressing facilities in Sunshine. You can tell from talking to other parents at the new parks - lots of people felt the same way; many would take their children and visitors to parks outside of Sunshine, because ours were depressing. For example, I often have in-laws come from the Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast to stay with us, and the last thing I want to do is to take them out to a run-down park. But things are changing and I won't feel that way now.

At the 2015 playground opening at Cromwell Reserve in Kings Park where Council spent \$100,000 around 150 very excited and welcoming residents celebrated the completion of this project. Key aspects to this gathering was the harmony evident in the multi-cultural mix of people; the friendliness of this community and the overwhelming excitement at their park being transformed to a place that they love.

In discussing this park and the broader park network, children were able to name key Flagship Parks across the municipality that demonstrated a strong connection to places with names like:

- 'Volcano Park' – Isabella Williams Memorial Reserve, Deer Park;
- 'Sky Rocket Park' - Buckingham Reserve, Sunshine West;
- 'Flying Fox Park' – Alice's Playspace, St Albans;

This quantifies the success to date of the park transformation as young children are growing up with a strong connection to the landscape in this municipality.



Image 3: Opening at Cromwell Reserve, Kings Park in 2015

3. COMMUNITY SURVEY ANALYSIS

Council resolved in 2015 to conduct a review of CBP to clearly capture the community's sentiment with regards to the transformation completed to date. Council also wanted to understand what gaps existed in CBP from both a community perspective and an organisation perspective.

Council considered the ongoing works are still required to complete CBP but wanted to make sure that the original framework was relevant for current ideas and thinking in regards to the functionality of a park network.

2015 Creating Better Parks Survey

To begin the review of CBP, a survey was available to the community to answer twelve (12) questions. The survey was open for 8 weeks during September/October 2015.

The aim of the survey was to understand how the community felt; what they liked doing; and what they thought was needed for the future. There was a great response to the survey with 239 surveys completed. The following questions were asked:

1. Have you notice any changes to park network since 2008?
2. How have these changes impacted your lifestyle and your neighbourhood?
3. Do you feel that yours or your family's park experience has improved since 2008?
4. Please list the parks that you and your family visit.
5. On average how often do you or your family visit these parks?
6. Please list all the things that you or your family enjoy doing in the park(s)?
7. Please list any other activity or facilities that you, or your family, would like to see in Brimbank's parks that do not currently exist?
8. What is your gender?
9. What age group are you in?
10. How long have you lived in Brimbank?
11. Which suburb do you live in?
12. In which country were you born?

The majority of questions are frequency based responses while Q2, 6 and 7 are descriptors. The following tables highlight frequency responses to the following questions:

Question 1

Have you noticed any changes to the parks in Brimbank since 2008?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	81.9%	194
No	18.1%	43
<i>answered question</i>		237
<i>skipped question</i>		2

Table 3

Question 3

Do you feel that yours, or your family's, park experience has improved since 2008?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	85.3%	151
No	7.3%	13
Unsure/Don't know	7.3%	13
<i>answered question</i>		177
<i>skipped question</i>		62

Table 4

Question 5

On average how often do you visit your favourite parks?

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Rarely	Unsure	Response Count
Park 1	20%	43%	21%	11%	5%	1%	188
Park 2	5%	38%	27%	25%	5%	0%	152
Park 3	2%	35%	31%	21%	11%	0%	103
Park 4	4%	27%	43%	15%	10%	0%	67
Park 5	3%	18%	23%	38%	20%	0%	40

Table 5

Question 8

What is your gender?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Female	71.8%	135
Male	27.7%	52
Other	0.5%	1
<i>answered question</i>		188
<i>skipped question</i>		51

Table 6

Question 9

What age group are you in?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Under 18	4.8%	9
18-24	3.2%	6
25-34	25.1%	47
35-44	40.1%	75
45-54	13.4%	25
55-64	10.2%	19
65-74	2.7%	5
75 and over	0.5%	1
<i>answered question</i>		187
<i>skipped question</i>		52

Table 7

Question 10

How long have you lived in Brimbank?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0 - 4 years	22.9%	43
5 - 9 years	25.0%	47
10 - 14 years	11.2%	21
15 - 20 years	16.0%	30
21+ years	25.0%	47
answered question		188
skipped question		51

Table 8

Question 11

Which suburb do you live in?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Albanvale	1.6%	3
Albion	8.5%	16
Ardeer	0.5%	1
Brooklyn	0.0%	0
Cairnlea	8.0%	15
Calder Park	0.0%	0
Deer Park	3.2%	6
Delahey	1.1%	2
Derrimut	3.2%	6
Hillside	2.7%	5
Kealba	2.7%	5
Keilor	4.3%	8
Keilor Downs	3.7%	7
Keilor East		
Keilor Lodge	1.6%	3
Keilor North	0.0%	0
Keilor Park	0.0%	0
Kings Park	3.7%	7
St Albans	7.4%	14
Sunshine	18.6%	35
Sunshine North	2.1%	4
Sunshine West	16.5%	31
Sydenham	4.8%	9
Taylors Lakes	3.2%	6
Tullamarine	0.0%	0
Other	2.7%	5
Other (please specify)		7
answered question		188
skipped question		51

Table 9

The following key points summarise the above:

1. 81%, have noticed a change to the park network since 2008
2. 85% believe their experience has improved
3. With peoples favourite park, around 60% of people visit this daily or weekly
4. 71.8% respondents were females and 27.7% males
5. 78.6% of respondents were adults between the ages of 25-54 with only 15% response rate from under 24yo, and
6. Around 60% of respondents live in the southern part of the municipality.

Question 2, 6 and 7(not listed above) were included to explore what the impact the upgraded park network has been on the community and to understand what they liked doing and what they see as important activities for the future.

The following tables list the responses from all surveys.

Question 2: How have the changes impacted on your lifestyle and neighbourhood?

Response themes	Number
Visit more / use more / outside more / more people in park / explore / go out	52
Improved aesthetic appeal in parks, neighbourhood & facilities, more trees.	52
New hub / activity / meeting / friends / mothers groups / family / social interaction.	32
More community feel	15
Safer	13
Walk more to park	13
More fun to play in parks / child friendly / fun for adults	11
Love the parks	10
Variety of choices across municipality	10
Inviting / pleasant / enjoyable / happy	9
Proud / love Brimbank more	8
BBQ / picnic / events / party	8
Dog off lead parks	7
Visit local parks more	7
Cycling paths	5
Enjoy nature / environment	5
Trust Council / well done	3
Ball games	3
More business for nearby shops	2
Running	1

Table 10

The top responses indicate that being active and outside was really important while the landscape setting or aesthetics were a key in attracting people to parks. The quality facilities and tree planting have attracted people to be in the parks more regularly. Parks have become community hubs for family and friends and for social events such as picnics/BBQ/parties.

This was a key aim in CBP to improve the quality and functionality of the park network so people had a choice of which park they could go to for various social events.

People now talk about loving the parks in Brimbank and there is a clear sense of pride and community sentiment. In just 8 years Council's commitment to implementing CBP has resulted in a more active, healthy community who feel great about where they live. This supports two of Council's Key Directions in the Council Plan (2013-2017) relating to Community Wellbeing and Urban Design & Infrastructure.

The following quotes are a selection of how people responded in the survey:

"We're outside more and meeting local community members. The new areas feel safe, warm, open and inviting. The kids are being entertained and challenged with the interactive environments while also creating a lovely relaxing place for family to gather."

"There has been a significant increase in creative play opportunities for children and social interaction for all in Brimbank's parks over the period mentioned. Recently we attended a social event at Isabella Williams Reserve and were delighted to see hundreds of children and families enjoying the community infrastructure there."

"It adds a community feel to the suburbs and makes you feel better about where you live."

"We only recently moved to Brimbank. My children love the parks here"

"We are loving all the trees being planted. Buckingham Reserve looks amazing. More trees please! It makes it much more protected from the sun. Seems more loved."

"It's great to see council investing in the community in the form of parks, it makes me feel proud of where we live, and encourages me to get outdoors more often with the kids."



Image 4: New park network

Question 6: Please list all the things you or your family enjoy doing in parks.

Response themes	Number/ Percentage	Activity Type
Swings	107	Functional Activity
Picnic/meeting/friends/family/socialise/mothers groups/birthday party	80	Social Activity
Walking after dinner/on way home/to shopping	65	Landscape Activity
Ball games/soccer; cricket; AFL; basketball	53	Functional Activity
BBQ	48	Social Activity
Cycle/scooter/riding bikes on paths	45	Functional Activity
Enjoy scenery/environment/nature/wildlife/trees	34	Landscape Activity
Running/exercise equipment	35	Functional Activity
Free play/tiggy/hide & seek/exploring/nature play/climbing trees	31	Landscape Activity
Walk dog	28	Landscape Activity
Rest/relaxation/sitting on lawns/soaking up sunshine	16	Landscape Activity
Sitting under trees/reading	14	Landscape Activity
Play with children	11	Social Activity
Water play	10	Functional Activity
Fly kite	7	Functional Activity
Sitting on seats/tables	7	Functional Activity
Photography	3	Functional Activity
Fishing	2	Functional Activity
All the following had one response: music, BMX, community days, work on laptop, inclusive space for special needs, yoga, collecting rubbish, movies, painting	1	

Table 11

Table 10 responses have been categorised into the following types:

1. Functional Activity: relates to activity based on interaction with a park assets, park spaces or personal objects;
2. Social Activity: relates to activities based on human interaction where the community are sharing an experience together;
3. Landscape Activity: relates to an interaction that is connected to natural elements.

These categories have been chosen as they align with the intent of the CBP transformation in providing quality park destinations combining, park assets, natural features and spaces that facilitate community gathering and activity. Whilst they all overlap in terms of human interaction, it is important to understand what people enjoy doing in a park and how this can be translated in to the services we deliver through CBP, such as playgrounds, seating or pathways.

While functional activities are by far the favourite, the three tiered approach to creating places requires all aspects to be considered in an integrated manner. Many responses described all three types in terms of what they do in parks. This has been facilitated by CBP approach to place making by focussing on these three aspects in the design process.

Question 7: Please list other activities that you or your family would like to see in Brimbank's parks.

Response themes	Number/ Percentage
Toilets	40 / 16.7%
Shaded areas	35 / 14.6%
Exercise Equipment for all ages/obstacle course	34 / 14.2%
BBQ	23 / 9.6%%
Trees	21 / 9.6%
Seats	15 / 6.2%
Paths for cycling/walking/running	15 / 6.2%
Drinking fountains	10 / 4.1%
Community events – cards/tai chi/concerts/movies/food market	10 / 4.1%
Water play and spray parks	10 / 4.1%
Café	9 / 3.7%
Toddler Play	8 / 3.3%
Dog Parks	8 / 3.3%
Play equipment	8 / 3.3%
Basket Ball Courts	8 / 3.3%
Soccer goals	8 / 3.3%
Flying fox	7 / 2.9%
Garden areas	7 / 2.9%
Community gardens	6 / 2.5%
Swings	5 / 2.0%
Big slides	5 / 2.0%
Skateboard ramps	5 / 2.0%
Sculptures/interactive music	5 / 2.0%
Fruit tress	5 / 2.0%
Bins	5 / 2.0%
Lawn areas	4 / 1.6%
BMX track	4 / 1.6%
Teenagers space	4 / 1.6%
Hit-up walls	3 / 1.2%
Natural play	3 / 1.2%
Lighting	3 / 1.2%
Trampolines	3 / 1.2%
Fenced playgrounds for special needs	3 / 1.2%
All the following had 2 responses: Maze/climbing wall/natural climbing/chess boards/table tennis/parks on creeks/car parks/link parks with bike path/zoo/multi-cultural park/giant magic tree with lights	2 / 0.8% for each
All the following had 1 response: Fountain/tennis court/book library/snakes & ladders/rubber softfall/seesaw/AFL goals/game centre/sand pits/potable playground/disable swings/Wi-Fi/Wurundjeri info/adventure playground/wetlands/cricket pitch/play areas @ sunshine station and library.	1 / 0.4% for each

Table 12 – percentage is based on total number of survey being 239

From the above, in terms of new activities, most people requested park assets with toilets. There were comments relating to toilet management with children and the desire to stay at parks for a longer time. It may be worth considering how extra toilet facilities can be included in the park network, particularly where both active and passive park facilities exist.

Any public toilet should be designed to fit into the external environment and utilise the existing underground infrastructure (where possible). In addition to this approach, careful consideration of extra toilets is required at some Suburban Parks that enable people to have access to a park close to home for extended stays.

It seems that respondents were focussed on more of the same while many of the themes are being delivered and the community wants this to continue. However, the following themes require more attention in future CBP upgrades:

- Exercise equipment for adults
- Paths for cycling/walking/running
- Community events
- Water play
- Café
- Soccer goals
- Skateboard ramps
- Sculptures/interactive music
- BMX track
- Hit up walls, and
- Trampoline.

Many of the above are already referenced in the existing CBP and can be a point of focus for the future while others will be included in the revised CBP, if appropriate.

4. ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCLUSION

In delivering CBP since 2008 the focus has been on creating quality destinations based on the principles and policies contained in CBP (refer pages 41- 54). The hierarchy, policies and standards set out in these pages have guided how existing parks and reserves have been developed and managed.

The outcome to date is a hierarchy of parks that provide a specific level of service and receive a specific level of maintenance with more park assets/ services and maintenance at Flagship Parks compared to Neighbourhood Parks. This has been very successful and the feedback received through the survey has confirmed this.

It is recommended this approach continue to ensure that the overall network is completed so that across the municipality, the community can access quality parks. Now that the community has been activated into using the park network, other functions are suggested that would add to the experience of park network and further add to the liveability of this municipality and cultural quality of our park network.

From the feedback received from the community and from issues that have been recognised with Council's delivery of CBP the following are seen as issues requiring attention:

- A clear process to consider changes to the park hierarchy (park and playground classification level), park functionality, community request for changes and determining if open spaces or playgrounds are surplus to requirements
- Toilet distribution (access to toilets in parks)
- Café opportunities
- Aboriginal Cultural values
- Skate facilities
- Cycling infrastructure
- Urban Forest Strategy, and
- Water Sensitive Urban Design.

These will be discussed as follows:

Hierarchical amendments

There have been some requests either through the survey or directly from the community to consider the functionality of open space or the provision of park infrastructure at some parks. The community now appears engaged with the hierarchical approach to the park network and believe that some parks require more functionality than their current classification.

The original classification was mostly based on a catchment basis, minimising any overlap of facilities. This approach sought to establish a network but did not, at the time, consider the greater environmental/socio-economic context of a suburb and what it offered.

The original CBP did not propose upgrades for some playgrounds and that they may be considered surplus to requirements once upgrades in the surrounding suburb had been completed. These playgrounds need to be reviewed to confirm that they are still surplus to requirements. In addition, as part of Council's Sale of Surplus Land Policy, a formal process is required to determine if open spaces are also surplus to requirements.

As such, it is proposed to use the following criteria to assess the functionality of parks and playgrounds from community requests or from organisational requirements:

- A. Functionality requirements within the surrounding area;
- B. Ease of walkability to other nearby spaces – recognise infrastructure barriers such as arterial roads, train lines and commercial zones;
- C. Minimum open space requirements – what other types of open space are nearby that offer similar or greater opportunity?;
- D. Community demand – how many separate requests has the community made?;
- E. Fit for propose – is it a suitable place for gathering as define by CBP?;
- F. Long term urban densities – is it anticipated that the local area will increase in density over time as defined in Council’s Home & House Strategy;
- G. Utilisation of Health indicators from the Australian Health Policy Collaboration Report – is there a need for special consideration of local health indicators.

An assessment based on these will allow Council to consider the merit of any changes to a park’s functionality.

Toilets

In developing the park network since 2008, new toilets have been built at FP only. The policy direction to date states that toilets should be located at key destinations such as FP to enable big gatherings for a period of time. Toilets are expensive costing around \$400,000 and the budgets set aside for FP can accommodate this expense. SP budgets are between \$300,000 - \$450,000 while NP budgets are up to \$100,000.

Some older toilets exist at Kevin Wheelahan Gardens in Sunshine and at Green Gully Reserve, Keilor Downs. In total there are eleven (11) public toilets in parks across the municipality (Refer to Map 2).

It is understood the community would like to stay longer at certain parks, namely SP where BBQ and picnic facilities are provided. It is recommended that Council consider an equitable distribution of public toilets across the municipality as proposed in Map 2. New toilets should be considered at the following SP:

1. Sunvale Community Park, Sunshine;
2. Delahey Reserve, Delahey;
3. Balmoral Reserve, Derrimut.

The proposed toilet at Sunvale is subject to further negotiations with the developer of the adjoining land ie. contributions, in order to proceed and if it does proceed, the toilet at Kevin Wheelahan Gardens would be removed. The other two toilets would be considered as part of any new sporting facilities that were built enabling park users to access a toilet directly from the reserve but have no access to the sporting pavilion. Alternatively, a new toilet could be placed alongside an existing building to share the sewer infrastructure. This model maybe considered for use elsewhere if required.

PROPOSED PUBLIC TOILET FACILITIES



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Map 2: Proposed Toilet Facilities

Café opportunities

Whilst there were only 8 requests for café facilities, Council officers consider that allowing for the provision of café and/or coffee outlets at FP is a function that would be an added park experience. Council officers will investigate the option of trialling a coffee van to be located at a FP, such as Buckingham Reserve in Sunshine West, by allowing this to operate in a car space. This would not be a Council service but something negotiated with a service provider.

Aboriginal Cultural Values

To date there has been little reference in spatial outcomes that reflect on the cultural qualities of the Traditional Owners. Interpretive signage has been installed along waterways that highlight pre and post colonial stories and the natural characteristic of the waterways in this municipality. While some projects such as the Deer Park Plaza and a new NP playground at Bonfield Reserve, Keilor have referenced European histories. It is important to continue to reflect these histories in the park network through signage and spatial outcomes.

CBP has been a strategic approach to creating destination and quality functionality in urban landscape. This was aimed at getting the community active and connected to the landscape and has largely succeeded. Given Council's adopted Reconciliation Action Plan (2013-2107), values and lore pertaining to the landscape that embody Traditional Owner thinking can be layered in to spatial outcomes, adding and acknowledging cultural diversity.

The Australian landscape is dynamic and is largely a cultural landscape where Aboriginal people have spent 50,000 years caring and shaping this country to ensure their survival within a living landscape. The landscape now contains a European endeavour but there should be a place where the Traditional Owners values and lore's that created this landscape, are interpreted, valued and understood by the community.

In order to articulate the cultural landscape values of the Wurundjeri people, the following attributes need to be considered in future open space projects, where appropriate:

- Aboriginal landscape values/cultural values
- Traditional Owner boundaries/sites (The Registered Aboriginal Party for part of the Brimbank LGA is Wurundjeri Tribe Land and Compensation Cultural Heritage Council, refer to Brimbank LGA RAP Map 14 Oct 2015.
- Spiritual and social connection to country – access and lore
- Identity (of landscapes, of individuals, families and clans)
- Biodiversity and totemic identity
- Traditional uses of plants/land and food, biodiversity resources
- Sense of place
- Habitation sites
- Migration/hunting/songline routes
- A way of life associate with natural events (Aboriginal seasonal calendar)
- Significance of waterway sites
- Inherited rights and responsibilities 'caring for country'
- Spiritual connection through dreaming, ancestors and ceremony
- Women's business/areas

- Men's business/areas

Council will need to ensure ongoing dialogue and engagement with Wurundjeri Traditional Owner representatives, or other groups claiming traditional and/or familial links to Brimbank, to ensure that interpretive spatial outcomes are supported by Aboriginal people with cultural connections to this municipality.

Skate Facilities

Currently there are no strategic or policy directions for the provisions of skate facilities in this municipality. There are three skate facilities at the following locations:

1. Packard Street Reserve, Keilor Downs;
2. Robert Bruce Reserve, Deer Park;
3. Talintyre Reserve, Sunshine West

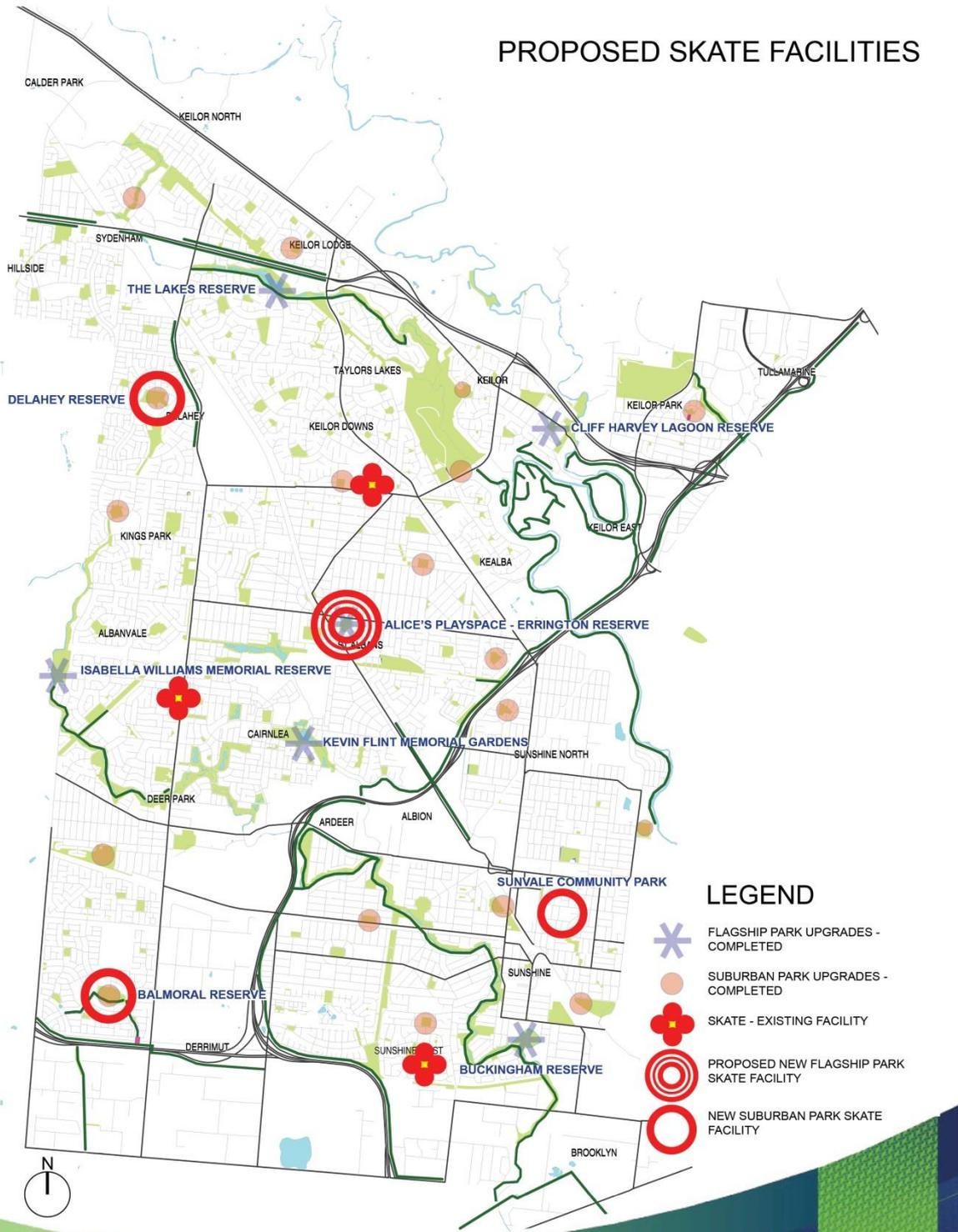
The Keilor Downs facility is the largest and the oldest and is in need of a complete upgrade, while the other two facilities were built around 2003 and require some renewal works and further consideration of their current locations within each reserve.

While Council received only five requests through the survey, there have been numerous requests over time for more skate facilities. Any new facilities should be implemented in an equitable manner. In considering the above and any new facilities the following policy directions are proposed (Refer to Map 3):

- A. A FP level facility is needed that is centrally located so that users can access this facility by public transport or via the municipal cycling & walking network. It is recommended that a FP facility be established at Errington Reserve, St Albans as part of the Errington Precinct Master Plan implementation. A youth space forms part of the master plan which would be a suitable location for a contemporary skate facility. Errington Reserve is centrally located within the municipality with excellent public transport and cycling/walking access;
- B. SP level facility be retained at Packard Street Reserve in Keilor Downs;
- C. New SP facility be considered at the following reserves:
 - Delahey Reserve, Delahey;
 - Balmoral Reserve, Derrimut;
 - Sunvale Community Park, Sunshine.

Further consultation is required with the community, especially youth, and other stakeholders in determining the design and best location for all new and upgraded skate facilities.

PROPOSED SKATE FACILITIES



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Map 3: Proposed skate facilities

Cycling infrastructure

In 2008 Council adopted the Cycling & Walking Strategy and has built a considerable network to date delivering around 20kms of off-road paths and around 20kms of on-road paths.

All skate facilities provide for BMX users, however as cycling is one of the fastest growing activities in Australia, a standalone facility is required. In 2015 Council adopted the Ardeer Green Activity Hub which will establish the following:

- 1.0km and 8.0m wide criterion circuit;
- A recreation or competition BMX track;
- A small single cross country Mountain Bike circuit;
- Dirt jumps/pump track;
- A cycling hub for use by cycling groups and the community to promote and engage in cycling.

This facility is located at the nexus of three key off-road cycling paths, the Kororoit Creek Shared User Path, the Sunshine SUP and the M80 SUP. This project is included in Council's 10 year Capital Works program but will require external partnership funding to proceed.

Note: Council's Cycling and Walking Strategy is currently under review at the time of finalising the Creating Better Parks Policy and Plan Update (July 2016).

Urban Forest Strategy

Council has adopted a Draft Urban Forest Strategy (UFS) that seeks to increase canopy cover across the municipality from 6.2% to 30% by 2046. This strategy aligns and further develops the greening that CBP has achieved to date in establishing quality destination within the park network.

The park network over time is going to be a greener environment with an increase in the provision of shade and habitat and food source for native birds. Within this planting endeavour, some consideration of Aboriginal values and uses of trees will be considered.

Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD)

With all new further park projects, WSUD will be integral to maximising the use of stormwater in the landscape. All future car parks will be required to have WSUD treatments while parks projects will examine opportunities to intercept, harvest and utilise stormwater within the landscape.



Image 5: WSUD garden bed at Duke Street Reserve, Sunshine North

5. UPDATED CREATING BETTER PARKS PRINCIPLES AND POLICY

The following guiding principles have been developed for the City of Brimbank.

The following principles and policies have been developed to ensure that open space areas are visually attractive, cater for a range of users / activities and are sustainable. All new open space areas should be developed in accordance with these policies. The hierarchy, policies and standards set out in this section will guide how existing parks and reserves should be managed or improved.

These principles and policies have two main aims:

- to ensure that all parks provide an appropriate level of recreation opportunity and visual amenity, and
- to ensure that all parklands are developed so that they can be managed by Council in an effective manner.

An open space hierarchy is used to guide the use, development standard and level of management for parks across the Municipality.

A five (5) level hierarchy is applied throughout Brimbank. This hierarchy is outlined in the following pages.

Open Space and Playground Guiding Principles

Community Health	Well developed parks are important to the physical and mental health of residents and provide opportunities for social interaction and the creation of a strong sense of community.
Balance	A balanced range of parks, playgrounds and trails is required to meet the diversity of community needs.
Access	Safe, easily accessible and convenient cycling and walking connections between parks, activity centres, neighbourhoods and regional destinations is central to creating an integrated and accessible open space network, well connected communities and opportunities for sustainable and healthy living.
Preservation	Open space plays an important role in the protection and enhancement of environmental, cultural and heritage values.
Place Making	Parks, playgrounds and trails will create a distinctive sense of place and contribute to more liveable neighbourhoods. Cultural stories need to form part of the place making outcomes.
Integration	Open space will be connected as part of a municipal network and will also link into the regional system.
Promotion	Values of parks, playgrounds and trails, appropriate activities and key information will be promoted in a number of ways.
Safety	Public safety is an important consideration in the development, management and maintenance of parks, playgrounds and trails.
Partnerships	Partnerships will be sought for the development, management and maintenance of parks, playgrounds and trails to avoid duplication and make best use of resources.
Sustainability	Open space will be developed and managed in response to contemporary environmental values and conditions, community aspirations and economic considerations and must remain viable in the long term.
Equity	There will be an equitable provision of park and playground access and quality across the municipality.
Diversity	A diverse range of park setting types and playgrounds will create an interesting and locally relevant park network.
Consultation	Changes to local open space networks and improvements to individual parks will be guided by local communities.
Effective Open Space Networks	Good community access to quality parks, which can be managed in a sustainable manner, provides the basis for an effective park network.

Flagship Parks

Parks which provide for a diverse range of recreational opportunities in an attractive, highly maintained landscape setting. These places are key destinations for families, events and key meeting places for the community.

The parks will be visited by residents from a wide area, most of who will drive or cycle to it. Visitors will stay for several hours at the park and will use it predominantly on weekends. These parks will build upon Brimbank's natural or landscape features, and most will be located on walking and bicycle trails along Brimbank's waterways.

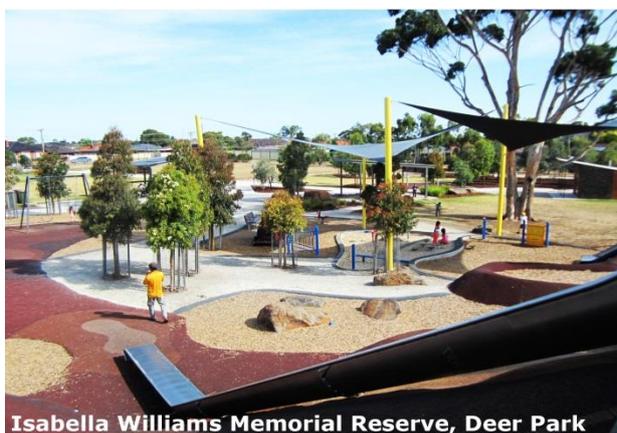
Flagship Parks have been selected on the basis of having an existing high quality landscape amenity, or potential to develop a high quality amenity because of its location near a landscape feature, having sufficient size to accommodate a diverse range of facilities and being located on a principal trail network or main road.

Facilities will include:

- a large highly developed playground catering for a wide range of ages and abilities;
- a range of facilities including car parking and public toilets;
- picnic shelters and barbeques;
- an attractive parkland setting;
- irrigated garden beds, lawn areas and extensive tree planting;
- pathway networks;
- potential to provide café opportunities.

Approximate service radius: 3 kilometres

Approximate size: Varies



Heritage Gardens

The HV McKay Memorial Gardens are listed with Heritage Victoria and are historically significant.

The landscape of the HV McKay Memorial Gardens are to be kept to reflect their historical significance and will be maintained according to the adopted management plan.

Facilities

Facilities will include:

- well maintained and manicure garden and lawn areas
- path network
- irrigation
- seating
- interpretive signage
- drinking fountain

Approximate service radius: Municipal wide

Approximate size: 0.57h



Suburban Park

A well developed park within walking distance from every household with one generally within every suburb.

The parks will be predominantly used by residents who live within a 20 minute walk from it. Most visitors will spend up to an hour in the park, although occasionally some may stay several hours using picnic facilities.

Suburban Park locations were selected to ensure a generally even distribution across the Municipality so that most residents would be within approximately one kilometre of these parks. At least one Suburban Park is located in most Brimbank suburbs. Parks were selected that could accommodate the proposed infrastructure such as playgrounds and picnic area.

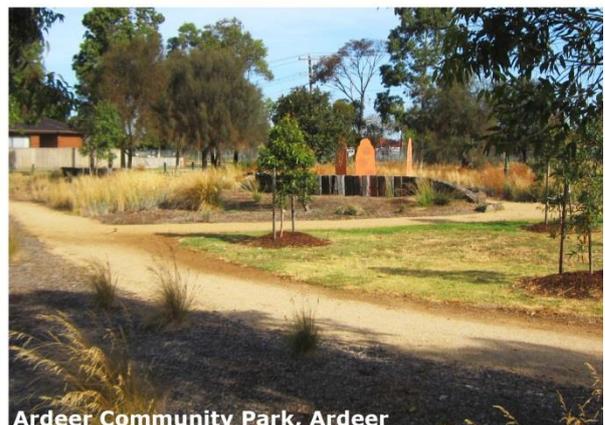
Facilities

Facilities will include:

- a good quality playground
- facilities for teenage play
- picnic facilities, shelters and barbeques in most
- substantial tree plantings, irrigated garden beds and a high quality grass area

Approximate service radius: 1 kilometre

Approximate size: 0.6 – 1.0 hectares



Neighbourhood Park

Parks which provide a basic local playground and areas for relaxation and play. The parks are used by residents who live within a 5-10 minute walking distance, who spend less than one hour at the park, but may use it on a daily basis

Neighbourhood Park locations were selected to ensure a generally even distribution across the Municipality so that residents will be within 500 metres of any one of these parks.

Facilities

Facilities will include:

- a basic playground shaded by large canopy trees;
- pathways;
- kick about spaces;
- tree plantings.

Approximate service radius: 500 metres

Approximate size: 0.6 – 1.0 hectares



Local Reserves

Any remaining reserve areas. Mainly linkages, easements and parks which provide areas for relaxation and “kick about” as well as contributing to the visual amenity of surrounding residential areas. These parks would comprise only grass, with some pathways, seating and significant tree planting associated with the implementation of Council’s Urban Forest Strategy.

Waterways

The City’s waterway corridors of the Maribyrnong River, Taylors Creek and Kororoit Creek are key environments where the community can experience natural landscape qualities and habitats. Residents throughout Brimbank will use parks along creeks and waterways for relaxation, walking and cycling. Council’s Biodiversity Strategy sets a framework for landscape management and improvements along waterways, including protected grasslands.

Pathways that are easily accessible from the surrounding streets will connect communities and provide links between most FP as well as to features in surrounding Municipalities.

Interpretative signage will be located along the waterways to celebrate Indigenous and Post Colonial histories and the natural features of the waterways. Wayfinding signage will provide distances to key destinations connected to the path network.



Image 6: Kororoit Creek, Albion

Policy Statements: Open Space

Quality of Open Space

1. Council will create an even and equitable distribution of open space and playground quality throughout the municipality.
 2. Council will support the development of easily accessible high quality parks rather than many parks of a lower quality.
 3. Development and maintenance of parks and playgrounds will occur within the framework provided by open space and playground hierarchies and development standards.
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Community Engagement

1. All residents and particularly young people will be invited to be involved in park development projects.
 2. Development of open space will respond to the needs of the community that are identified through consultation and collaboration with residents and communities – including the needs of residents with varying ages, who have various levels of mobility and who are from different cultures.
 3. Community assistance to design and construct parks and playgrounds will be supported and encouraged within the parameters of safety and sustainability principles.
 4. Where an opportunity exists, Council will encourage local schools and Friends Groups to adopt parks to create a sense of community ownership and assist in the care of trees and landscapes.
 5. Relevant Council policies and strategies, including Council's Age Friendly City Plan 2013 – 2017 and Brimbank Youth Strategy 2015-2019.
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Infrastructure

1. Public toilets have been provided in Flagship Parks as the budgets for these park upgrades could accommodate the cost of new toilets. New toilets will be considered at Delahey Reserve, Delahey and Balmoral Reserve, Derrimut in association with any new facilities built or a new toilet co-located to share exiting sewer infrastructure.
 2. Dedicated car parking will be provided for Flagship Parks during daylight hours only. WSUD to be incorporated in all new or upgraded car parks within the park network.
 3. Opportunities for additional parking and regulation of existing parking at Lagoon Reserve will be investigated to support the development of a Flagship Park at this location.
 4. Exercise equipment will be provided along the principal pathway network to encourage more vigorous activity.
 5. WSUD opportunities to be explored with all park upgrades to maximise opportunity to intercept stormwater from surrounding streets for treatment and use within the park landscape.
 6. Skate facilities will be located at reserves highlighted on skate facilities plan. A new Flagship Park level facility will be located at Errington Reserve, St Albans. All new and upgraded facilities will require further consultation with community, youth and key stakeholders.
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Aboriginal Values

1. At appropriate locations, Council will seek to reflect the values and lore's' of the Wurundjeri people through interpretation and spatial outcomes.
 2. Council will discuss ideas and interpretations with Wurundjeri elders to seek their support and approval.
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Safety

1. Unauthorised vehicles will be excluded from open space through the installation of barriers and community education.
2. Appropriate regulating signage will be installed in open space to reinforce permitted uses.
3. Where appropriate, parks with side or back fences will be redesigned to improve passive surveillance.
4. Parks are to be developed in accordance with the State Government "Safer Design Guidelines for Victoria".
5. Parks will be attractive, accessible and well maintained spaces that encourage use. Well used parks and safer parks and increase perceptions of safety.
6. Playgrounds, shelters and other key park facilities will be sited so that they are clearly visible from neighbouring streets and houses to improve parks safety and deter vandalism.
7. Council will support community programs, activities and events that facilitate a sense of community ownership of parks.
8. Council will encourage residents that back onto parks to have gates into the park and / or a visually permeable fencing.
9. New subdivisions should be designed to ensure that parks are visible from neighbouring streets, houses, schools and other buildings.
10. Planting in parks will not obscure sightlines from pathways or open spaces, and will be designed to maximise opportunities from passive surveillance.
11. To foster a sense of safety within parks, Council will respond quickly in addressing graffiti, litter and vandalism within parks.
12. Community involvement shall be encouraged to maintain a sense of ownership.

Management

1. Council will focus management resources according to open space hierarchy and intensity of use.
2. Open space will be monitored to a quality that is "fit for purpose".
3. To foster sustainable maintenance practices and reduce life costs, Council shall undertake upfront investment to ensure landscapes are well established and facilities are robust and durable.
4. Resources to maintain playgrounds and other park structures will be maintained at a level to support park improvements.
5. Council will work closely with other management authorities, particularly Melbourne Water, in developing and managing a high quality open space network.
6. Robust, hardy and durable facilities and landscapes will be developed within parks to support sustainable maintenance practices, while maintaining colour and a diversity of plant species within the park setting.

Park Activities and Events

1. Local events that encourage community participation will be supported in Suburban and Flagship Parks.
2. Spaces and park assets that assist in community based activities such as goals, volley ball nets etc., will be considered at Flagship and Suburban Parks.

Changes to the park network

1. Council will work towards a new open space network which provides appropriate access to good quality, sustainably managed parks.

 2. Changes to the park hierarchy, functionality, community requests for changes and determining if playgrounds or open spaces are surplus to requirements*, will be assessed based on the following criteria:
 - Functionality requirements within the surrounding area;
 - Ease of walkability to other nearby spaces;
 - Minimum open space requirements;
 - Community demand;
 - Fit for propose;
 - Long term urban densities;
 - Utilisation of health indicators from Australian Health Policy Collaboration Report.*(*In conjunction with Council's Sale of Surplus Land Policy)*

 3. Consultation with local communities will guide individual park improvements and changes to playgrounds.
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Signage

1. All Flagship, Suburban and Neighbourhood Parks should have naming signage which also incorporates information on park regulations from an educational perspective.

 2. Directional, interpretive and distance signage and distance indicators should be placed on trails along creeks and waterways. This should be undertaken as a priority on existing trails.

 3. Signage should be consolidated in parks to minimise visual clutter.

 4. A standard style of naming, educational and regulatory signage should be developed across Suburban and Neighbourhood Parks to help brand the park network and promote desirable usage.

 5. Interpretation of historical, cultural and environmental values creates interest and a strong sense of place and should be incorporated into the development of relevant parks.
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Lighting

1. Security lighting will be considered in parks where:
 - the park is used as a pedestrian linkage to a community facility, public transport or commercial hub after hours
 - there are no other more effective measures that can be taken to improve the security (e.g. locking gates, removal of vegetation to improve casual surveillance, more frequent police patrols, etc)

 2. Park lighting which promotes use of facilities at night will only be considered in Flagship Parks or at Suburban Parks in association with sporting facilities that provide lighting at night.

 3. Park lighting poles and fittings will be consistent throughout the City.

 4. Lighting poles and fittings will be selected to ensure maximum resilience to vandalism.
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Sustainability

1. Environmentally sustainable principles will be central to the design and management of parks and playgrounds.

 2. All open space development and maintenance practices will consider minimising demands on water resources.

 3. Habitat corridors and environmental values will be maintained and enhanced within the open space network.
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Landscape Management

1. Warm season grasses will be progressively introduced in all Flagship, Suburban and Neighbourhood Parks.
2. Sterile grass varieties will be used adjacent to waterways, grasslands or other environmentally sensitive areas.
3. Principal grass areas in Flagship and Suburban Parks will be irrigated and actively managed including the use of fertiliser and weed eradication. Zoning of parks as part of sustainable practices will rationalise areas of grass maintained to a higher standard.
4. Garden beds will only be located in Flagship or Suburban Parks.
5. Irrigation of landscapes shall only be provided in Flagship and Suburban Parks.
6. Where appropriate, irrigation will be concentrated in garden and lawn areas located immediately around playgrounds and picnic areas.
7. Extensive tree planting is one important aspect of improving the appearance and amenity of all parks. A program of tree planting as part of Council's Urban Forest Strategy using robust species, well sited within the park setting, and with adequate follow up maintenance, is an important aspect of all parks.

Shade

1. In general, new shade provision for parks will be provided through significant tree planting as part of Council's Urban Forest Strategy.
2. Shade sails may be considered for provision of shade in Flagship Parks only and will be robust and designed in consideration of a high risk of vandalism.
3. At Flagship and Suburban Parks, shelters will be sited adjacent to playgrounds and other well used facilities to provide a shaded space which overlooks areas of high use. Shelters should be of a size that comfortably facilitates the gathering of at least twelve people at one time.

Waterways

1. Waterways within the municipality are a key element within the open space network which provide for connectivity and movement, within an attractive landscape setting, which often provide respite from the harsh climatic conditions of the surrounding area.
2. Continuous trail networks should be provided along waterway corridors to create accessible linkages between parks and connections to the open space network.
3. Pathways should be constructed in a sensitive manner to minimise impact on environmental, cultural and heritage values. All pathways are to be easily accessible from the surrounding streets.
4. Parkland along waterways should be developed to enhance habitat values and provide interpretation of environmental, cultural and heritage values.

Off Lead Dog Areas

1. The management of dogs in open space will be guided by Council's Off Lead Dog Policy and relevant local laws.
 2. Council will promote the park and trail network to foster active communities, encourage use and engender civic pride.
 3. Park regulations and Council contact numbers will be included in promotional material.
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Rules and Regulations

1. Local by-laws govern drinking in parks, identify dog off leash areas, and prohibit littering and vehicle access in parks. Council will promote these by-laws through park signage and parks promotional material. Contact numbers will be provided to assist Council enforcing these laws.
 2. Hoon Hotline information will be incorporated into parks signage where there is a history of illegal vehicle access.
 3. Council will develop a communications plan to increase public awareness on appropriate behaviour, rules and regulations within open space.
 4. Council will promote increased patronage of parks and trail networks through appropriate development and promotion as one measure to reduce inappropriate behaviour within parks.
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Additional Open Space Provision

1. Council will seek to obtain new parks through infill developments where there is insufficient provision of open space.
 2. Where there is insufficient provision of neighbourhood parks in a residential area, Council will lobby the Department of Education and schools to enable public access to relevant school grounds in lieu of open space, where opportunity exists. Council will fund improved playgrounds in these school grounds where necessary.
 3. Within principal and major activity centres, public squares and other public realm areas will be developed to provide urban spaces for communities to gather and relax and to help create a sense of identity for centres.
 4. Council will advocate to the Department of Education to obtain new open spaces in areas where required.
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Access

1. To provide accessible parks and a variety of recreational opportunities, Council will develop a walking and cycling network which is integrated with the park network.
 2. Council will provide safe and convenient access to all Neighbourhood and local parks along the footpath network.
 3. Council will develop cycling connections to Flagship Parks from nearby train stations and activity centres.
 4. Council will pursue cycling connections to key parks in surrounding Municipalities and develop cycling routes which extend and connect to the regional trail network.
 5. Council will connect cycling and walking routes within parks to the broader network to ensure easy access for all users.
 6. Council will provide crossing points of waterways and main roads where required to facilitate safe and direct pedestrian and cycling access to Flagship Parks.
 7. Council will develop walking loops in most Flagship Parks and appropriate Suburban and Neighbourhood parks where there is demonstrated local demand.
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Policy Statements: Playgrounds

Quality Play Spaces are playgrounds and places to play that are safe, accessible for a range of abilities, and compliant with Australian Safety Standards, that also offer a diverse range of fun, challenging and stimulating play experiences for children of all ages.

Playgrounds will be provided within the community to offer active, playful learning and social experiences for a range of children. While children will have different needs, and these can often be provided for in most playgrounds, it is important that some playgrounds in Brimbank provide for a range of disabilities. Within these parks, additional infrastructure will need to be provided that allows for some children who would normally miss out on a play experience to be included.

In addition to this, there will be consideration of a range of issues such as provision of shade, signage, fences/barriers, play components for various age groups, pathways and paths of travel through a playground, sizes of playgrounds and associated park facilities such as seating, shelters, toilets etc, car parking and management of conflicts such as dogs in parks.

The surrounding landscape setting and park furniture is the key to the level of comfort and recreation opportunity that playgrounds offer residents.

No.	Statement
1	Provision of playgrounds will take into consideration a range of planning factors and will meet identified community need.
2	Flagship Park playgrounds will be provided to meet the needs of residents across the municipality and visitors to Brimbank.
3	Neighbourhood Park playgrounds will be provided to meet the needs of local communities.
4	Playground design will consider a range of play experiences as well as complimentary park facilities.
5	Availability of shade is an important component in the provision of playgrounds.
6	The network of playgrounds will offer reasonable access to a diverse range of children and their families.
7	All playgrounds will comply with relevant Australian Safety Standards.
8	Barriers or fences near or around playgrounds will be provided when there is an identifiable risk to safety or where there is a demonstrated community need to accommodate children with special needs.
9	The range of opportunities provided by playgrounds will be promoted to the local and broader community.
10	Surrounding landscape, furniture and pathway improvements will be considered in all playground developments.
11	The park hierarchy and park and playground development standards will be used as a basis for future decisions on playground provision, removals and improvements.

Development Standards

The following development standards reflect the directions that have emerged from the Policy Statements for various aspects of open space provision. These standards ensure a clear and accessible hierarchy for all open spaces.

These standards should be considered with site and local community characteristics in designing and developing individual parks and playgrounds.

Although these standards should guide open space management and development, all open spaces should be signed considering local site characteristics, which may affect the development standards.

Flagship Park: Open Space Development Standards

- Areas with retreats from activity
- a primary will defined all weather walking / jogging track of at least 2.5 metres width, which is linked into adjacent pathways along waterways and secondary trails
- BBQ and picnic areas
- Interpretational and directional signage
- Public toilets
- On street or off street parking
- Feature Lighting and security lighting
- Irrigated lawn and garden beds
- Tall canopy shade trees
- Bicycle parking
- A consistent coverage of grass shall exist throughout each park
- Gardens beds shall be maintained to a healthy standard including regular mulching and feeding
- Irrigation systems shall be maintained and, where possible incorporate recycling water
- Shade trees shall be maintained to a healthy standard with regular mulching and pruning
- Pathways shall be constructed of concrete and be no greater than 1:20 in grade, where possible
- Granitic sand shall only be used for pathways with a generally flat grade.
- Concrete pathways shall be constructed with sufficient base-course and construction joints to ensure no cracking on the existing re-active basalt clay soils
- Grass areas should be seeded with drought tolerant strains such as Kikuyu
- Garden bed planting should be selected to ensure a consistently attractive and lush appearance, assuming a level of irrigation. Indigenous and native species should be promoted as much as possible.

Flagship Park: Playground

Development Standards

- Large playground with key attractor and /or unique qualities
- Catering for a wide range of age groups and user types
- Accessible for people with disabilities
- Located in prominent location within a Flagship Park
- Access from trail and/or public transport
- Significant visitation from across the district and city
- A high local visitation
- High profile and level of interest from a range of users
- Significant park infrastructure associated with provision of playground
- An identifiable feature as an attractor (e.g. lake, waterway or significant existing tree)
- Consideration of a theme for the playground
- Large amount of equipment that caters for the full range of toddler and junior age groups – 0-11 years
- Range of soft-fall surfaces to ensure access for children with disabilities.
- Combination units, stand-alone elements, public art and bright colours to be considered in design
- Facilities for teenage play
- Picnic facilities, drinking fountains, bike racks, seating, car parking, bins, toilets all in the vicinity of a playground
- High canopy trees for shade of appropriate species
- Shade structure if insufficient natural shade
- Fencing or landscape barriers to address any safety concerns
- Paths of travel leading to and through the playground
- Areas for unstructured physical activity

Heritage Gardens

Development Standards

- The HV McKay Memorial Gardens will be managed in line with the approved management plan.
- Council will work closely with the friends group in the management of the HV McKay Memorial Gardens.

Suburban Park: Open Space Development Standards

- Well defined all weather pathways with a minimum width of 1.8 metres.
- An area for informal ball play
- Irrigated lawn and garden beds
- Tall canopy shade trees throughout park
- Bench seating
- Signage
- Picnic tables and possible barbeques
- Large shelters for up to 12 people
- Possible inclusion of security lighting
- Bicycle parking
- A consistent coverage of grass shall exist throughout each park
- Garden beds shall be maintained to a healthy standard including regular mulching and feeding
- Irrigations systems shall be maintained and, where possible, incorporate recycling water.
- Shade trees shall be maintained to a healthy standard with regular mulching and pruning pathways shall be constructed of concrete and be no greater than 1:20 in grade, where possible
- Granitic sand shall only be used for pathways with a generally flat grade
- Concrete pathways shall be constructed with sufficient base-course and construction joints to ensure no cracking on the existing re-active basalt clay soils
- Grass areas should be seeded with drought tolerant strains such as Kikuyu
- Garden bed planting should be selected to ensure a consistently attractive and lush appearance, assuming a level of irrigation. Indigenous and native species should be promoted as much as possible.

Suburban Park: Playgrounds Development Standards

- Medium sized playground
- Catering for residents within a 20 minute walk of a playground
- Easily accessed within a neighbourhood area either by walking or riding
- Some access provided for children with special needs
- Variety of playground provision across the Municipality (different theme, colour, materials, elements)
- Toddler and junior standard play equipment (0-11 years)
- Facilities for teenage play
- Combination pieces plus stand-alone elements
- Park furniture located adjacent to playground (seating, picnic table. Lighting)
- Fencing or landscape barriers only if needed to address any safety concerns or where there is a demonstrated community need to accommodate children with special needs
- High canopy trees for shade
- Paths of travel leading to and through the playground
- Areas for unstructured physical activity

Neighbourhood Park: Open Space

Development Standards

- Tall canopy shade trees
- Non-irrigated grassed areas
- Well defined all weather pathways with a minimum width of 1.8 metres
- Shade trees shall be maintained to a healthy standard with regular mulching and pruning
- Pathways shall be constructed of concrete and be no greater than 1:20 in grade, where possible
- Granitic sand shall only be used for pathways with a generally flat grade
- Concrete pathways shall be constructed with sufficient base-course and construction joints to ensure no cracking on the existing re-active basalt clay soils
- Grass areas should be seeded with drought tolerant strains such as Kikuyu
- Garden bed planting should be selected to ensure a consistently attractive and lush appearance, assuming a level of irrigation. Indigenous and native species should be promoted as much as possible

Neighbourhood Park: Playgrounds

Development Standards

- Small playground
- Catering for residents within a 500 metre area of the playground
- Easily accessed within a local area either by walking or riding
- Toddler and junior standard play equipment
- Combination unit plus swings
- Pathways leading to the playground
- High canopy trees for shade
- Seating located adjacent to playground
- Areas for unstructured physical activity

Local Reserve: Open Space

Development Standards

- Tall canopy shade trees
- Non-irrigated grassed areas
- Well defined all weather pathways with a minimum width of 1.8 metres
- Shade trees will be included in most parks and shall be maintained to a healthy standard with regular mulching and pruning
- Pathways shall be constructed of concrete and be no greater than 1:20 in grade, where possible
- Granitic sand shall only be used for pathways with a generally flat grade
- Concrete pathways shall be constructed with sufficient base-course and construction joints to ensure no cracking on the existing re-active basalt clay soils

6. PARK AND PLAYGROUND NETWORK MAPS

The following plans show the distribution of the park and playground network based on the four wards for this municipality. The distribution aims to maximise accessibility to quality parks for all residents.

Taylors Ward

Flagship Park	
PF 1	(Taylors Lakes) The Lakes Reserve (13 K2)
Suburban Parks	
PS 1	(Delahey) Delahey Recreation Reserve facing Yeats Drive (13 E5)
PS 2	(Keilor Downs) Copernicus Way Reserve (13 J6)
PS 3	(Keilor Downs) Packard Street Reserve, skate park (14 B8)
PS 4	(Keilor Downs) Green Gully Reserve (14 E8)
PS 5	(Keilor Lodge) Verona Drive Reserve (3 K12)
PS 6	(Sydenham) Rose Hedge Reserve (13 E3)
PS 7	(Sydenham) Delbridge Drive Reserve (3 B12)
PS 8	(Taylors Lakes) Whiteley Parade (3 E10)
Neighbourhood Parks	
PN 1	(Delahey) Delahey Emerald Park (13 C7)
PN 2	(Delahey) Cowley Street Reserve (13 D5)
PN 3	(Delahey) Robertson Court Reserve (13 F4)
PN 4	(Hillside) Hillside Reserve (13 A2)
PN 5	(Keilor Downs) Proctor Crescent Reserve (13 G4)
PN 6	(Keilor Downs) Willys Avenue Reserve (13 K5)
PN 7	(Keilor Downs) Skipton Close Reserve (13 J6)
PN 8	(Keilor Downs) Keilor Downs Recreation Reserve (13 K7)
PN 9	(Keilor Downs) Singer Avenue Reserve (14 A5)
PN 10	(Keilor Downs) Odessa Avenue Reserve (14 C5)
PN 11	(Keilor Downs) Antwerp Drive Reserve (14 C7)
PN 12	(Keilor Downs) Dongola Road Reserve (14 D9)
PN 13	(Keilor Lodge) Santa Monica Drive Reserve (14 B1)
PN 14	(Sydenham) Pioneer Park (3 B9)
PN 15	(Sydenham) Esplanade Reserve (3 C11)
PN 16	(Sydenham) Overton Lea Park (13 C2)
PN 17	(Sydenham) Stagecoach Reserve (13 C2)
PN 18	(Sydenham) Ochid Square Reserve (13 C3)
PN 19	(Taylors Lakes) Keilor Lodge Reserve, high voltage easement (3 F10)
PN 20	(Taylors Lakes) Wellesley Drive Reserve (3 H11)
PN 21	(Taylors Lakes) Pintail Park (3 J12)
PN 22	(Taylors Lakes) Parmelia Drive Reserve (13 G2)
PN 23	(Taylors Lakes) Solent Crescent Reserve (13 H3)
PN 24	(Taylors Lakes) Lionheart Avenue Reserve (13 J3)
PN 25	(Taylors Lakes) Eurora Court Reserve (14 A3)
PN 26	(Taylors Lakes) Cocoparra Crescent Reserve (14 A4)
PN 27	(Taylors Lakes) Rutherglen Way Reserve, Taylor Creek Flower Garden (14 B2)

Local Reserves

PR 1	(Delahey) Easement - Delahey Reserve South, Frost - Taylors (13 D8)
PR 2	(Delahey) Delahey Recreation Reserve South (13 E7)
PR 3	(Delahey) Copperfield/ Birchwood Way Reserve (13 E5)
PR 4	(Hillside) Terrye Court Reserve (354 K12)
PR 5	(Keilor) Access - Taylors Creek/ Hakea Road (14 C3)
PR 6	(Keilor) Burrowye Crescent Reserve (14 D3)
PR 7	(Keilor Downs) Darebin/ Stockwell Reserve (13 J5)
PR 8	(Keilor Downs) Carbine Way Reserve (13 J8)
PR 9	(Keilor Downs) Access - Willys/ Sunshine Avenue Reserve/ Morris Drive (14 A6)
PR 10	(Keilor Downs) Copernicus/ Morris Reserve (14 A7)
PR 11	(Keilor Downs) Burton Close Reserve (14 B6)
PR 12	(Keilor Downs) Cadiz Place Reserve (14 C6)
PR 13	(Keilor Downs) Varna Place Reserve (14 C7)
PR 14	(Keilor Downs) Access - Odessa Avenue/ Wimmera Crescent (14 D7)
PR 15	(Keilor Downs) Access to Green Gully Reserve (14 D7)
PR 16	(Keilor Downs) Tarella Drive Reserve (14 D7)
PR 17	(Keilor Downs) Ulmara Place Reserve (14 D8)
PR 18	(Keilor Downs) Wirilda Place Reserve (14 D8)
PR 19	(Keilor Lodge) High voltage easement/ Taylor-Melton Highway (13 J1)
PR 20	(Keilor Lodge) Nordic/ Penrhyn Reserve (3 K11)
PR 21	(Keilor Lodge) Nordic/Vasa Reserve (4 A12)
PR 22	(Sydenham) Cobb/ Stockyard/ Pecks Reserve (13 D1)
PR 23	(Sydenham) Profita Reserve (13 D2)
PR 24	(Sydenham) Hume Drive Retarding Basin (13 F4)
PR 25	(Sydenham) Sydenham Linear Reserve (3 A12)
PR 26	(Sydenham) Access - Jolly Place/ Milligan Parade (3 B12)
PR 27	(Sydenham) Sydenham Basin Reserve BBQ Area (3 B12)
PR 28	(Taylors Lakes) Thorogood Court Reserve (13 F3)
PR 29	(Taylors Lakes) Reed Crescent Reserve (13 G1)
PR 30	(Taylors Lakes) Mitchell Court Reserve (13 G2)
PR 31	(Taylors Lakes) Queen Victoria Crescent Reserve (13 H2)
PR 32	(Taylors Lakes) Lipton Street Reserve (13 H4)
PR 33	(Taylors Lakes) Access - Taylors Creek/ Pindara Drive West (13 K2)
PR 34	(Taylors Lakes) Access - Lady Nelson Way/ Angourie Crescent (13 K4)
PR 35	(Taylors Lakes) Access - Taylors Creek/ Pindara Drive East (14 A2)
PR 36	(Taylors Lakes) Piangal Place Reserve (14 B3)
PR 37	(Taylors Lakes) Murrabit Grove (14 B3)
PR 38	(Taylors Lakes) Access - Easement/ Wanaka Drive (14 C4)
PR 39	(Taylors Lakes) Access to Taylors Creek/ Robertson Road South (3 D11)
PR 40	(Taylors Lakes) Taylors Creek/ South of McCubbin Drive (3 D11)
PR 41	(Taylors Lakes) Taylors Creek/ West of Robertsons Road (3 F9)
PR 42	(Taylors Lakes) Access - Melton Highway/ Bellbird Avenue (3 G12)
PR 43	(Taylors Lakes) Access to easement/ Honeyeaster Crescent (3 H12)
PR 44	(Taylors Lakes) High voltage easement (Rutherglen Way) (14 C4)
PR 45	(Taylors Lakes) Taylors Creek Reserve Rowlandson Place (3 D8)

Conservation Reserves

CR 1	(Keilor) Mc Nabbs (14 D1)
CR 2	(Keilor North) Proposed Sydenham Park (3 J8)
CR 3	(Sydenham) Poiner Drive (3 B9)

Waterway Reserves

WR 1	(Keilor) Taylors Creek Linear Park (Sunshine - Burrowye) (14 D3)
WR 2	(Keilor) Taylors Creek Linear Park (Green Gully - Burrowye) (14 E4)
WR 3	(Taylors Lakes) Taylors Creek Linear Park (Kings - Parmelia) (13 G1)
WR 4	(Taylors Lakes) Taylors Creek Linear Park (Parmelia - Sunshine) (13 J1)

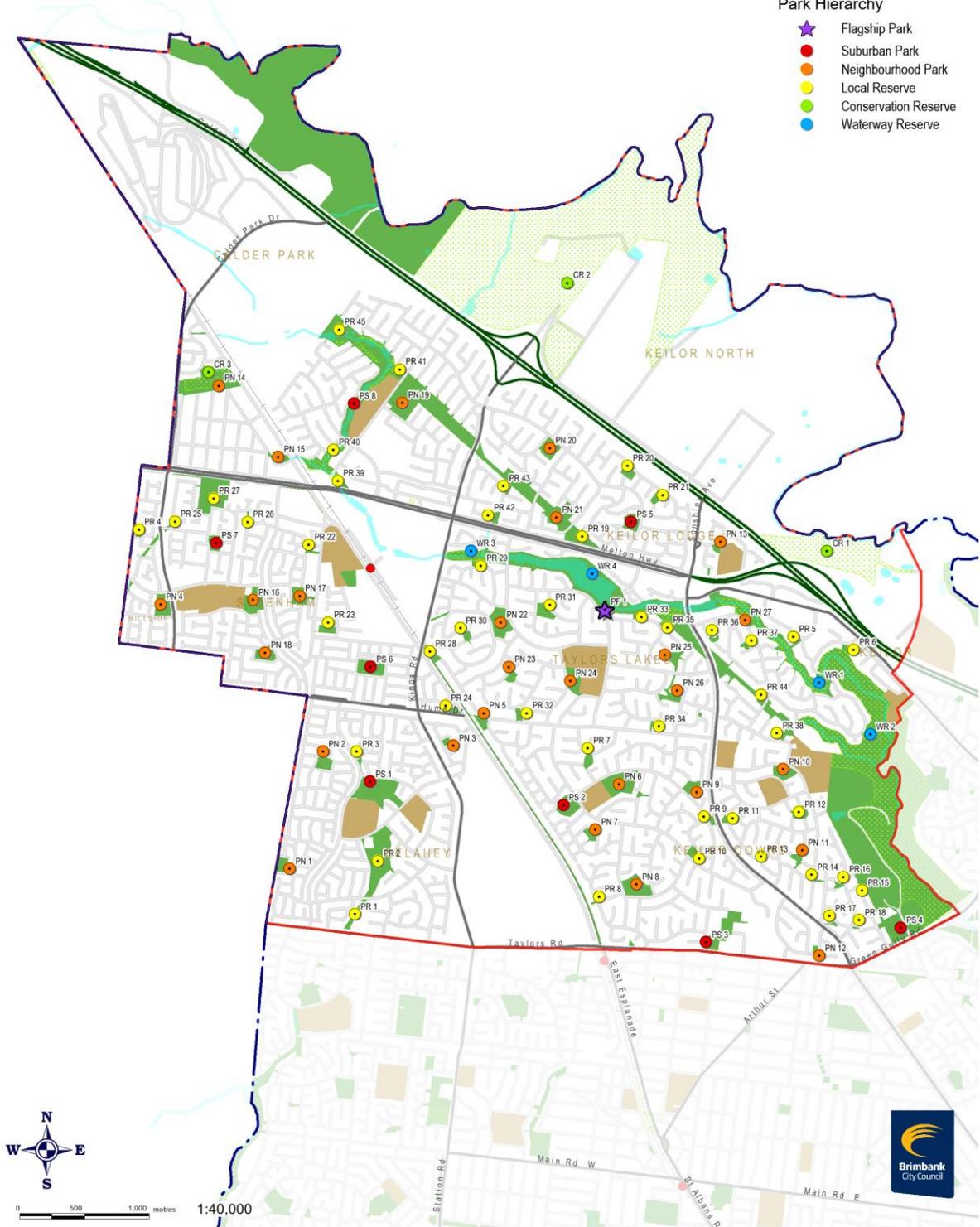
Taylor's Ward Park Locations

LEGEND

- Open Space
- Conservation Reserve
- School Site
- Brimbank Boundary

Park Hierarchy

- ★ Flagship Park
- Suburban Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- Local Reserve
- Conservation Reserve
- Waterway Reserve



Taylors Ward

Flagship Level Playground

FP 1 (Taylors Lakes) The Lakes Reserve (13 K2)

Suburban Level Playgrounds

SP 1 (Delahey) Delahey Recreation Reserve facing Yeats Drive (13 E5)
SP 2 (Keilor Downs) Copernicus Way Reserve (13 J6)
SP 3 (Keilor Downs) Packard Street Reserve, next to skate park (14 B8)
SP 4 (Keilor Downs) Green Gully Reserve (14 E8)
SP 5 (Keilor Lodge) Verona Drive Reserve (3 K12)
SP 6 (Sydenham) Rose Hedge Reserve (13 E3)
SP 7 (Sydenham) Delbridge Drive Reserve (3 B12)
SP 8 (Taylors Lakes) Whiteley Parade (3 E10)

Neighbourhood Level Playgrounds

NP 1 (Delahey) Delahey Emerald Park (13 C7)
NP 2 (Delahey) Cowley Street Reserve (13 D5)
NP 3 (Delahey) Robertson Court Reserve (13 F4)
NP 4 (Hillside) Hillside Reserve (13 A2)
NP 5 (Keilor Downs) Proctor Crescent Reserve (13 G4)
NP 6 (Keilor Downs) Skipton Close Reserve (13 J6)
NP 7 (Keilor Downs) Willys Avenue Reserve (13 K5)
NP 8 (Keilor Downs) Keilor Downs Recreation Reserve (13 K7)
NP 9 (Keilor Downs) Singer Avenue Reserve (14 A5)
NP 10 (Keilor Downs) Odessa Avenue Reserve (14 C5)
NP 11 (Keilor Downs) Antwerp Drive Reserve (14 C7)
NP 12 (Keilor Downs) Dongola Road Reserve (14 D9)
NP 13 (Keilor Lodge) Santa Monica Drive Reserve (14 B1)
NP 14 (Sydenham) Overton Lea Park (13 C2)
NP 15 (Sydenham) Stagecoach Reserve (13 C2)
NP 16 (Sydenham) Ochid Square Reserve (13 C3)
NP 17 (Sydenham) Pioneer Park (3 B9)
NP 18 (Sydenham) Esplanade Reserve (3 C11)
NP 19 (Taylors Lakes) Parmelia Drive Reserve (13 G2)
NP 20 (Taylors Lakes) Solent Crescent Reserve (13 H3)
NP 21 (Taylors Lakes) Lionheart Avenue Reserve (13 J3)
NP 22 (Taylors Lakes) Cocoparra Crescent Reserve (14 A4)
NP 23 (Taylors Lakes) Rutherglen Way Reserve, Taylor Creek Flower Garden (14 B2)
NP 24 (Taylors Lakes) Keilor Lodge Reserve, high voltage easement (3 F10)
NP 25 (Taylors Lakes) Wellesley Drive Reserve (3 H11)
NP 26 (Taylors Lakes) Pintail Park (3 J12)
NP 27 (Taylors Lakes) Eurora Court Reserve (14 A3)

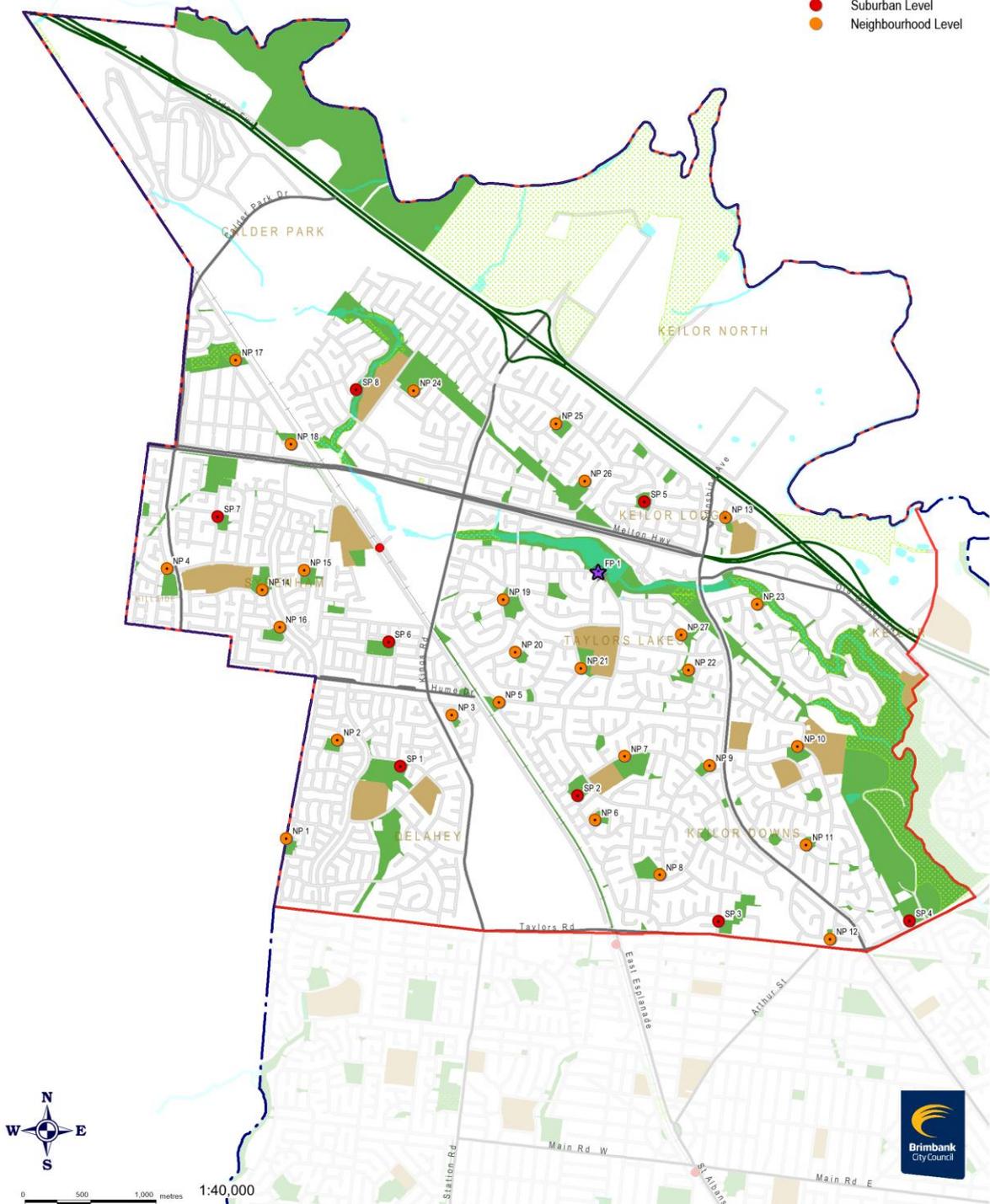
Taylor's Ward Playground Locations

LEGEND

- Open Space
- Conservation Reserve
- School Site
- Brimbank Boundary

Playground Hierarchy

- ★ Flagship Level
- Suburban Level
- Neighbourhood Level



Horseshoe Bend Ward

Flagship Parks

PF 1	(Keilor) Cliff Harvey Lagoon Reserve (14 J7)
PF 2	(St Albans) Errington Reserve (26 B1)

Suburban Parks

PS 1	(Kealba) Harefield Crescent Reserve (14 F11)
PS 2	(Keilor) Calder Rise Park (14 F5)
PS 3	(Keilor Park) Keilor Park Recreation Reserve (15 D4)
PS 4	(Keilor Park) Thea Court Reserve (15 D6)
PS 5	(St Albans) Biggs/ William Street Reserve (14 D11)
PS 6	(St Albans) Wahgunyah Drive Reserve (26 G3)

Neighbourhood Parks

PN 1	(Kealba) Bellara Crescent Reserve (14 E9)
PN 2	(Kealba) Mcshane Drive Reserve (14 F9)
PN 3	(Kealba) Driscolls Road Reserve (14 G10)
PN 4	(Keilor) Jackman Crescent Reserve (14 F4)
PN 5	(Keilor) Taylors Creek Linear Park (14 E4)
PN 6	(Keilor) Patterson Gardens (14 F7)
PN 7	(Keilor) Solomon Drive Reserve (14 G7)
PN 8	(Keilor) Keilor Recreation Reserve (14 H6)
PN 9	(Keilor) Bonfield Reserve (14 J7)
PN 10	(Keilor Park) Collinson Street Reserve (15 D7)
PN 11	(St Albans) Conrad Street Reserve (13 K10)
PN 12	(St Albans) Huart Reserve (14 A12)
PN 13	(St Albans) Arthur Street Reserve (14 B10)
PN 14	(St Albans) Padley Park (14 C12)
PN 15	(St Albans) Churchill Reserve (14 D10)
PN 16	(St Albans) Cowper Avenue Reserve (14 F12)
PN 17	(St Albans) Ashton Avenue Reserve (26 F1)
PN 18	(St Albans) Stradbroke Drive Reserve (26 C3)
PN 19	(St Albans) Larisa Reserve (26 E2)
PN 20	(St Albans) Maple Crescent Reserve (26 C3)
PN 21	(St Albans) Grantham Green Reserve (26 E4)

Local Reserves

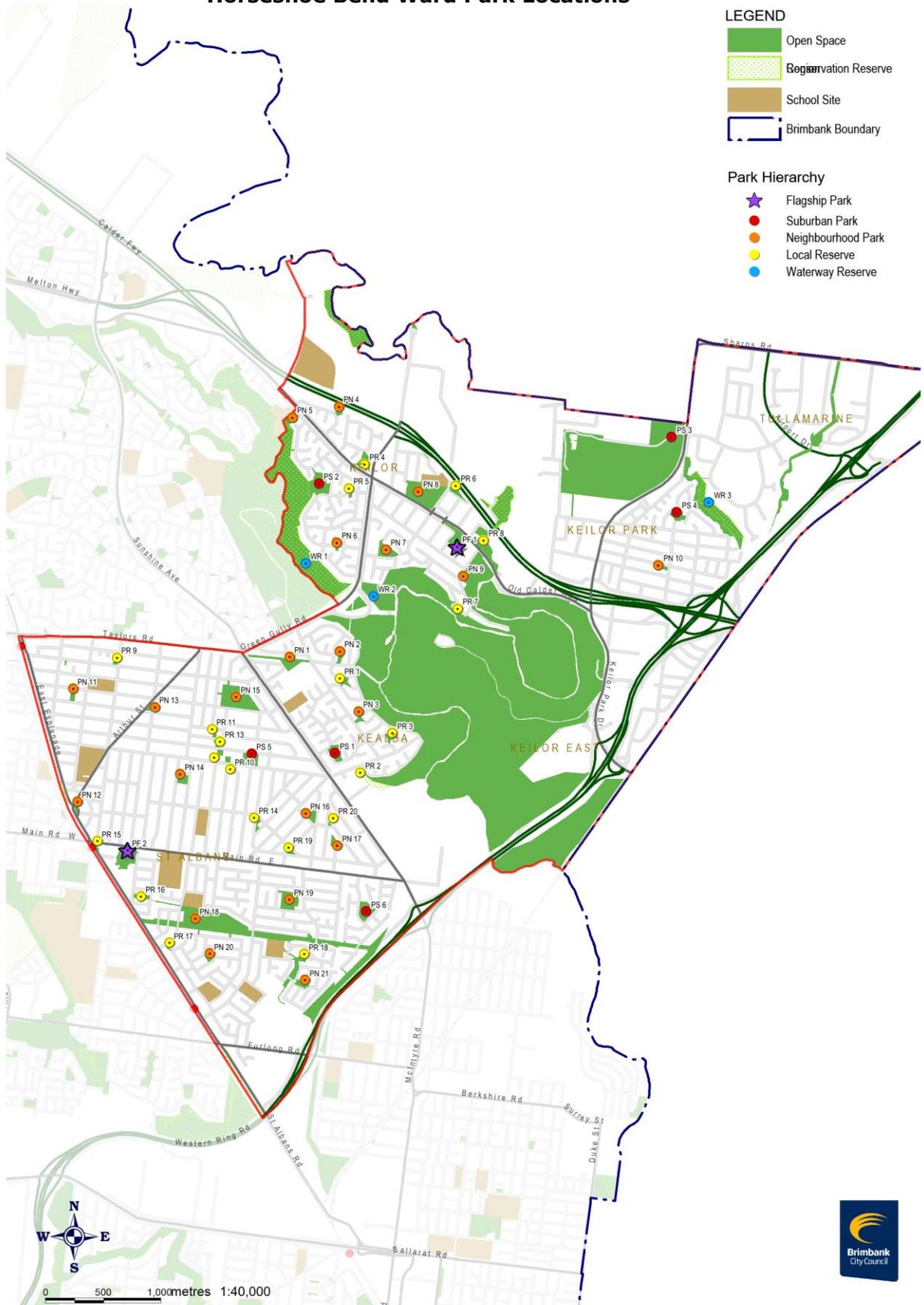
PR 1	(Kealba) Bundeena/ Valewood Reserve (14 F9)
PR 2	(Kealba) Stenson Road Reserve (14 G12)
PR 3	(Kealba) Dowling Street Reserve (14 H11)
PR 4	(Keilor) Reeves Estate Reserve (14 G5)
PR 5	(Keilor) Patterson Avenue Reserve (14 G6)
PR 6	(Keilor) Ailsa Street Reserve (14 J6)
PR 7	(Keilor) Garden Avenue Reserve (14 J8)
PR 8	(Keilor) Caroline Chisholm Park (14 K7)
PR 9	(St Albans) G. Scholte Reserve (14 A9)

- PR 10 (St Albans) Biggs Street Reserve (14 D11)
PR 11 (St Albans) Eisner/ Woods Street Reserve (14 D11)
PR 12 (St Albans) William Street Reserve (14 D11)
PR 13 (St Albans) William/ Woods Street Reserve (14 D11)
PR 14 (St Albans) Glyndon/Station Reserve (14 E12)
PR 15 (St Albans) St Albans Square (26 A1)
PR 16 (St Albans) Percy Street Reserve (26 B2)
PR 17 (St Albans) Access - Chestnut Drive/ Stradbroke Drive (26 B3)
PR 18 (St Albans) Magnolia Street Easement (26 E3)
PR 19 (St Albans) Clarke/ Station Reserve (26 E1)
PR 20 (St Albans) Harcourt Avenue Reserve (26 F1)

Waterway Reserves

- WR 1 (Keilor) Taylors Creek Linear Park (Burrowye - Green Gully) (14 F7)
WR 2 (Keilor) Taylors Creek Linear Park (Green Gully - Maribyrnong River) (14 G8)
WR 3 (Tullamarine) Parkland along Steele Creek (Keilor Park - Western Ring Road) (15 E6)

Horseshoe Bend Ward Park Locations



Horseshoe Bend Ward

Flagship Level Playgrounds

FP 1	(Keilor) Cliff Harvey Lagoon Reserve (14 J7)
FP 2	(St Albans) Errington Reserve (26 B1)

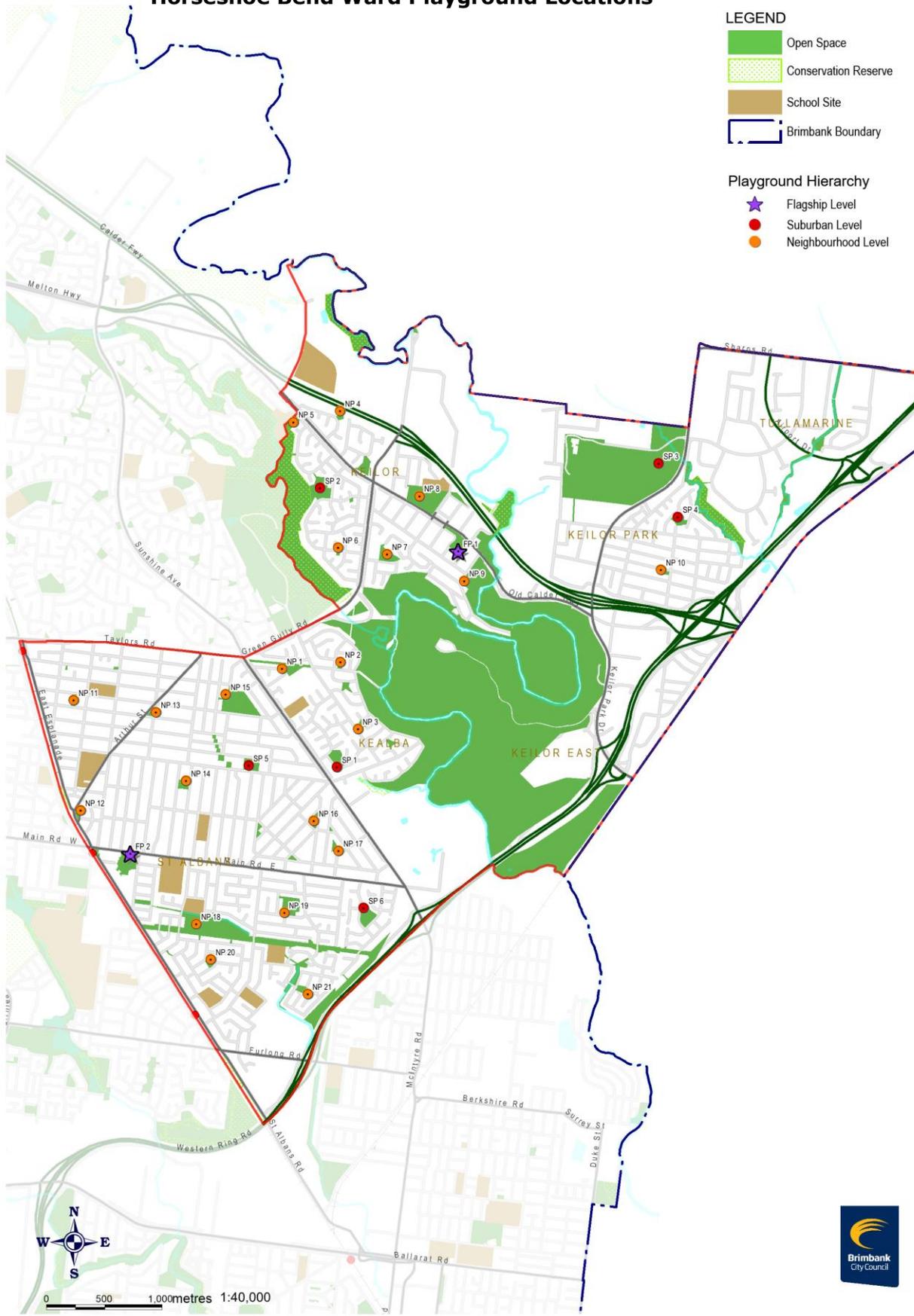
Suburban Level Playgrounds

SP 1	(Kealba) Harefield Crescent Reserve (14 F11)
SP 2	(Keilor) Calder Rise Park (14 F5)
SP 3	(Keilor Park) Keilor Park Recreation Reserve (15 D4)
SP 4	(Keilor Park) Thea Court Reserve (15 D6)
SP 5	(St Albans) Biggs/ William Street Reserve (14 D11)
SP 6	(St Albans) Wahgunyah Drive Reserve (26 G3)

Neighbourhood Level Playgrounds

NP 1	(Kealba) Bellara Crescent Reserve (14 E9)
NP 2	(Kealba) Mcshane Drive Reserve (14 F9)
NP 3	(Kealba) Driscolls Road Reserve (14 G10)
NP 4	(Keilor) Jackman Crescent Reserve (14 F4)
NP 5	(Keilor) Taylors Creek Linear Park (14 E4)
NP 6	(Keilor) Patterson Gardens (14 F7)
NP 7	(Keilor) Solomon Drive Reserve (14 G7)
NP 8	(Keilor) Keilor Recreation Reserve (14 H6)
NP 9	(Keilor) Bonfield Reserve (14 J7)
NP 10	(Keilor Park) Collinson Street Reserve (15 D7)
NP 11	(St Albans) Conrad Street Reserve (13 K10)
NP 12	(St Albans) Huart Reserve (14 A12)
NP 13	(St Albans) Arthur Street Reserve (14 B10)
NP 14	(St Albans) Padley Park (14 C12)
NP 15	(St Albans) Churchill Reserve (14 D10)
NP 16	(St Albans) Cowper Avenue Reserve (14 F12)
NP 17	(St Albans) Ashton Avenue Reserve (26 F1)
NP 18	(St Albans) Stradbroke Drive Reserve (26 C3)
NP 19	(St Albans) Larisa Reserve (26 E2)
NP 20	(St Albans) Maple Crescent Reserve (26 C3)
NP 21	(St Albans) Grantham Green Reserve (26 E4)

Horseshoe Bend Ward Playground Locations



- LEGEND**
- Open Space
 - Conservation Reserve
 - School Site
 - Brimbank Boundary
- Playground Hierarchy**
- ★ Flagship Level
 - Suburban Level
 - Neighbourhood Level



Harvester Ward

Flagship Park

PF 1 (Sunshine West) Buckingham Reserve (40 G4)

Suburban Parks

PS 1 (Ardeer) Ardeer Community Park (26 B11)
PS 2 (Derrimut) Balmoral Park (39 C2)
PS 3 (Sunshine) Tom O'brien Reserve (40 K2)
PS 4 (Sunshine North) Roussac Reserve (26 G4)
PS 5 (Sunshine North) Duke Street Reserve (27 B9)
PS 6 (Sunshine West) Sunvale Community Park (26 J11)
PS 7 (Sunshine West) Noble Court Reserve (39 J3)
PS 8 (Sunshine West) Dalton Street Reserve (40 D3)

Neighbourhood Parks

PN 1 (Albion) Selwyn Park (26 D11)
PN 2 (Albion) King Edward Avenue Reserve (26 F11)
PN 3 (Ardeer) Wallace More Park (25 K9)
PN 4 (Derrimut) Bowmont Drive Reserve (25 A12)
PN 5 (Derrimut) Lennon Parkway (25 A12)
PN 6 (Derrimut) Hammerwood Avenue Reserve (25 D12)
PN 7 (Derrimut) Bothwell Green Reserve (39 A2)
PN 8 (Derrimut) Capesthorpe Drive Reserve (39 B3)
PN 9 (Sunshine) Kevin Wheelahan Gardens (26 J12)
PN 10 (Sunshine) Arthur Beachley Reserve (40 F3)
PN 11 (Sunshine) R T Pollard Gardens (40 H1)
PN 12 (Sunshine) J.R. Parsons Reserve (40 J3)
PN 13 (Sunshine) Monash/ Pizzey Reserve (40 K1)
PN 14 (Sunshine) Lowe Crescent Reserve (41 A1)
PN 15 (Sunshine North) Lloyd Reserve (26 F6)
PN 16 (Sunshine North) Northumberland Road Reserve (26 K8)
PN 17 (Sunshine North) Suffolk Road Reserve (26 K9)
PN 18 (Sunshine North) Dempster Park (26 J9)
PN 19 (Sunshine West) Nancy Street Reserve (25 K12)
PN 20 (Sunshine West) Empress Court Reserve (39 J2)
PN 21 (Sunshine West) Fitzgerald Square (39 J2)
PN 22 (Sunshine West) Sunshine Reserve (39 K3)
PN 23 (Sunshine West) Norman Ainsworth Reserve (40 A1)
PN 24 (Sunshine West) Austral/ Sheldon Reserve (40 B2)
PN 25 (Sunshine West) Gresham Way Reserve (40 B4)
PN 26 (Sunshine West) Sunshine West Linear Reserve (40 C1)
PN 27 (Sunshine West) Krambruk Street Reserve (40 D2)
PN 28 (Sunshine West) Norm Talintyre Reserve (40 D4)

Local Reserves

PR 1 (Albion) Barclay Reserve (26 G11)

PR 2	(Ardeer) Ardeer Green Activity Hub (25 K11)
PR 3	(Sunshine) M B Lynch Gardens (26 H11)
PR 4	(Sunshine) Dickson/ Pizzey Street Reserve (40 K1)
PR 5	(Sunshine) Parsons Street Blocks (40 K2)
PR 6	(Sunshine West) Ralph Reserve (40 A2)
PR 7	(Sunshine West) Gresham Way/ The Avenue Easement (40 B3)
PR 8	(Sunshine West) Nicholson/ Talintyre Reserve (40 C4)
PR 9	(Sunshine West) Bennett/ Roberts Reserve (40 D5)
PR 10	(Sunshine West) Bickley/ McCoubrie Reserve (40 G5)
PR 11	(Sunshine West) Kororoit Creek Reserve (Fairbairn - Somerville) (40 G5)

Conservation Reserves

CR 1	(Derrimut) Deer Park Native Grassland Reserve (25 C12)
CR 2	(Derrimut) Kayes Reserve (39 D3)
CR 3	(Derrimut) Derrimutt Grasslands (39 J5)
CR 4	(Sunshine) Matthews Hill Reserve (40 K3)

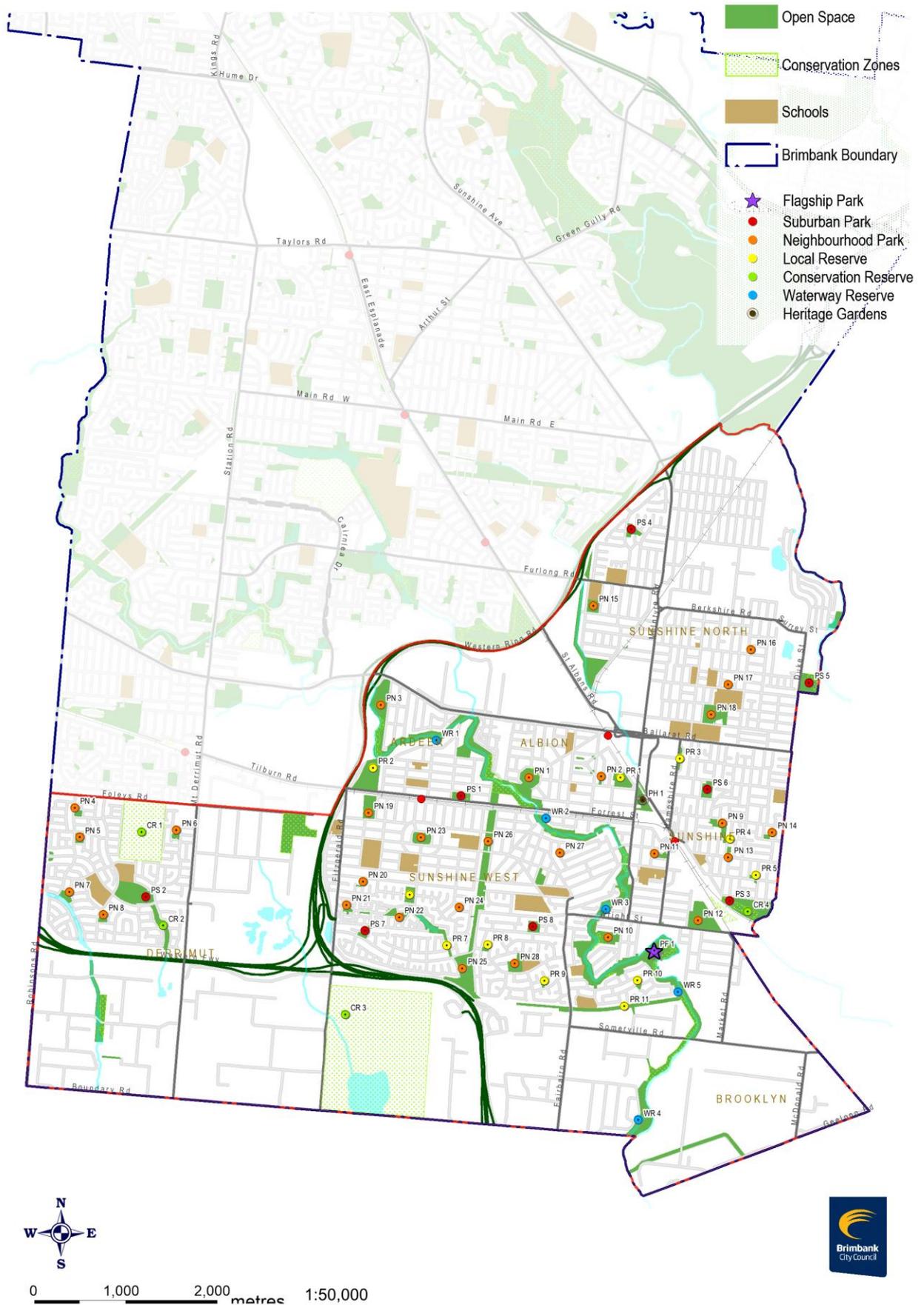
Waterway Reserves

WR 1	(Ardeer) Kororoit Creek Reserve (Forest - Western Ring Road) (26 B10)
WR 2	(Sunshine) Kororoit Creek Reserve (Forest - Glengala) (26 E12)
WR 3	(Sunshine) Kororoit Creek Reserve (Wright - Glengala) (40 F3)
WR 4	(Sunshine West) Kororoit Creek Reserve (Princess - Sommerville) (40 G8)
WR 5	(Sunshine West) Kororoit Creek Reserve (Sommerville - Wright) (40 H5)

Heritage Garden

PH 1	(Sunshine) H. V. Mckay Memorial Gardens (26 G12)
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Harvester Ward Park Locations



Harvester Ward

Flagship Level Playground

FP 1 (Sunshine West) Buckingham Reserve (40 G4)

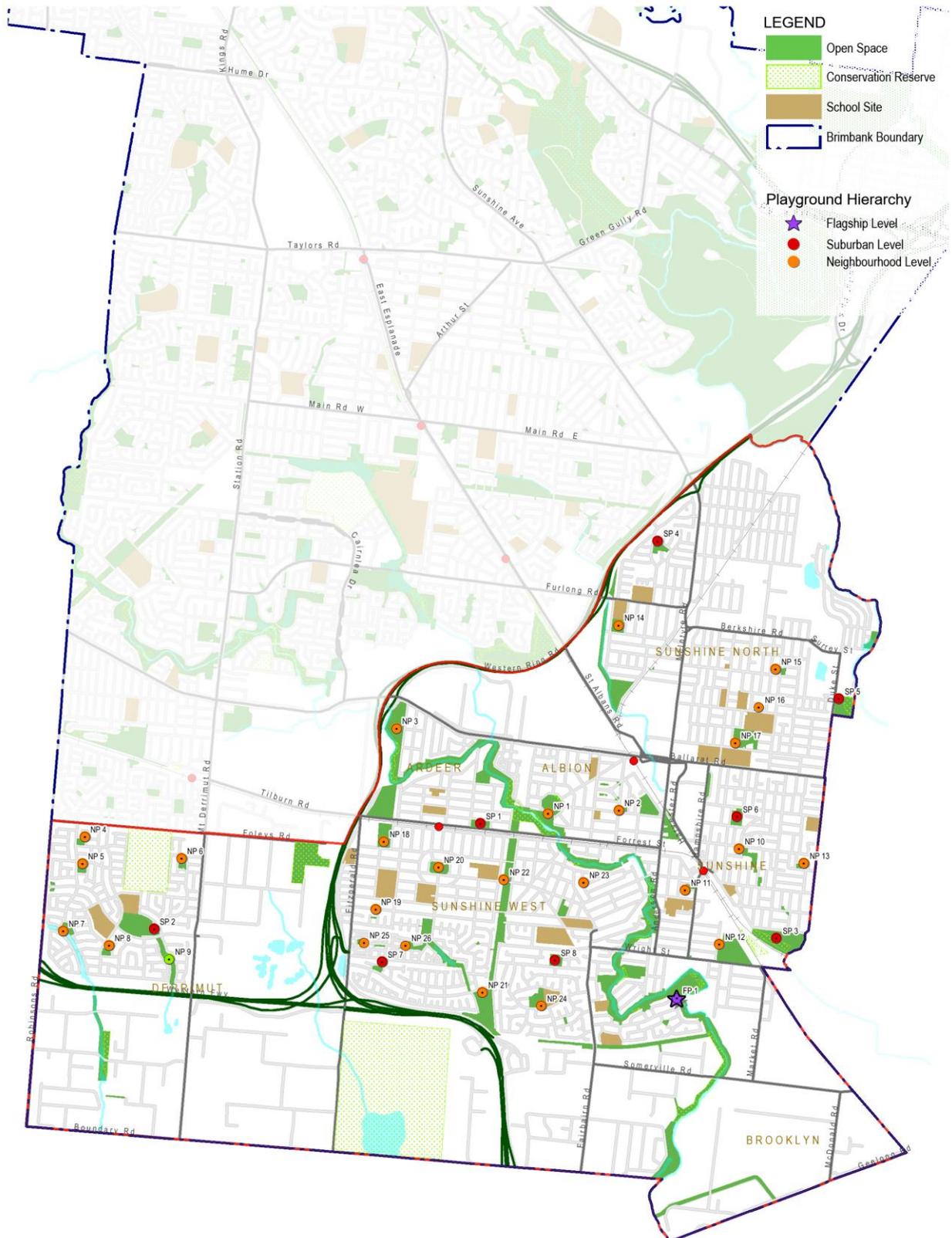
Suburban Level Playgrounds

SP 1 (Ardeer) Ardeer Community Park (26 B11)
SP 2 (Derrimut) Balmoral Park (39 C2)
SP 3 (Sunshine) Tom O'brien Reserve (40 K2)
SP 4 (Sunshine North) Roussac Reserve (26 G4)
SP 5 (Sunshine North) Duke Street Reserve (27 B9)
SP 6 (Sunshine West) Sunvale Community Park (26 J11)
SP 7 (Sunshine West) Noble Court Reserve (39 J3)
SP 8 (Sunshine West) Dalton Street Reserve (40 D3)

Neighbourhood Level Playgrounds

NP 1 (Albion) Selwyn Park (26 D11)
NP 2 (Albion) King Edward Avenue Reserve (26 F11)
NP 3 (Ardeer) Wallace More Park (25 K9)
NP 4 (Derrimut) Bowmont Drive Reserve (25 B12)
NP 5 (Derrimut) Lennon Parkway (25 A12)
NP 6 (Derrimut) Hammerwood Avenue Reserve (25 D12)
NP 7 (Derrimut) Bothwell Green Reserve (39 A2)
NP 8 (Derrimut) Capesthorpe Drive Reserve (39 B3)
NP 9 (Derrimut) Kayes Reserve (39 D3)
NP 10 (Sunshine) Kevin Wheelahan Gardens (26 J12)
NP 11 (Sunshine) R T Pollard Gardens (40 H1)
NP 12 (Sunshine) J.R. Parsons Reserve (40 J3)
NP 13 (Sunshine) Lowe Crescent Reserve (41 A1)
NP 14 (Sunshine North) Lloyd Reserve (26 F6)
NP 15 (Sunshine North) Northumberland Road Reserve (26 K8)
NP 16 (Sunshine North) Suffolk Road Reserve (26 K9)
NP 17 (Sunshine North) Dempster Park (26 J9)
NP 18 (Sunshine West) Nancy Street Reserve (25 K12)
NP 19 (Sunshine West) Empress/ Harwood Reserve (39 J2)
NP 20 (Sunshine West) Norman Ainsworth Reserve (40 A1)
NP 21 (Sunshine West) Gresham Way Reserve (40 B4)
NP 22 (Sunshine West) Sunshine West Linear Reserve (40 C1)
NP 23 (Sunshine West) John Castley Reserve (40 D2)
NP 24 (Sunshine West) Norm Talintyre Reserve (40 D4)
NP 25 (Sunshine West) Fitzgerald Square (39 J2)
NP 26 (Sunshine West) Sunshine Reserve (39 K3)

Harvester Ward Playground Locations



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Grasslands Ward

Flagship Parks	
PF 1	(Cairnlea) Kevin Flint Memorial Reserve (25 K5)
PF 2	(Deer Park) Isabella Williams Reserve (25 A3)

Suburban Parks	
PS 1	(Albanvale) Evergreen Avenue Reserve (25 C1)
PS 2	(Cairnlea) Station Waters Reserve (25 F6)
PS 3	(Deer Park) Davitt Reserve (25 C6)
PS 4	(Deer Park) Bon Thomas Reserve (25 C9)
PS 5	(Deer Park) Fairways Boulevard Reserve (25 D11)
PS 6	(Kings Park) Kurung Drive Reserve (13 D9)
PS 7	(St Albans) Jamieson Street Reserve (13 H12)

Neighbourhood Parks	
PN 1	(Albanvale) Diamond Avenue Reserve (25 E1)
PN 2	(Cairnlea) O'Connors Paddock (25 F4)
PN 3	(Cairnlea) Moorland Park (25 G2)
PN 4	(Cairnlea) Shearwater Meadow Reserve (25 G4)
PN 5	(Cairnlea) Waterfield Reserve Stage 1 (25 G6)
PN 6	(Cairnlea) Clarian Street Reserve (25 H7)
PN 7	(Cairnlea) Elford Green Reserve (25 J6)
PN 8	(Deer Park) Holmewood Avenue Reserve (25 A10)
PN 9	(Deer Park) Hatchlands Drive Reserve (25 B10)
PN 10	(Deer Park) Central Park Reserve (25 B11)
PN 11	(Deer Park) Fairways Boulevard Reserve (25 C10)
PN 12	(Deer Park) Tamar Drive Reserve (25 C4)
PN 13	(Deer Park) Millbank Drive (25 C7)
PN 14	(Deer Park) Robert Bruce Reserve (25 E4)
PN 15	(Deer Park) Sassella Park (25 E6)
PN 16	(Deer Park) John Mcleod Reserve (25 F9)
PN 17	(Kings Park) Tremaine Avenue - Reserve linking to creek corridor (13 C11)
PN 18	(Kings Park) Cromwell Road Reserve (13 D11)
PN 19	(Kings Park) Cyril Clements Reserve (13 F11)
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PN 21	(Kings Park) Kings Park Reserve (13 E10)
PN 22	(Kings Park) Lillypilly Crescent Reserve (13 F9)
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PN 28	(St Albans) Rita Street Reserve (25 J2)
PN 29	(St Albans) Nickson Gardens (26 B6)
PN 30	(St Albans) Glenmaggie Drive Reserve (26 C6)

Local Reserves

PR 1	(Albanvale) Bloomingdale/ Witchwood/ Woodland Reserve (25 C1)
PR 2	(Albanvale) April/ Trevoise Reserve (25 D2)
PR 3	(Albanvale) Station Road Peace Walk (25 F1)
PR 4	(Cairnlea) Station/ Gladstone Reserve (25 F2)
PR 5	(Cairnlea) Longwood Green Reserve (25 G3)
PR 6	(Cairnlea) Stockton Run Reserve (25 F4)
PR 7	(Cairnlea) Flowerdale Road Reserve (25 F5)
PR 8	(Cairnlea) Entrance along Walterfield Drive and Sugargum Grove (25 G5)
PR 9	(Cairnlea) Rangeview Reserve (25 G6)
PR 10	(Cairnlea) Waterfield Park Stage 2 (25 H5)
PR 11	(Cairnlea) Lavender Park (25 J5)
PR 12	(Cairnlea) Linear Park (25 K6)
PR 13	(Cairnlea) Peppermint Grove Reserve (25 K6)
PR 14	(Deer Park) O'Connor Road Reserve (25 C10)
PR 15	(Deer Park) Burnside Park (25 C7)
PR 16	(Deer Park) Capri/ Porter Reserve (25 E5)
PR 17	(Deer Park) Billingham/ Birchwood Reserve (25 D5)
PR 18	(Deer Park) Denton Hills Reserve (25 D3)
PR 19	(Deer Park) Hemel/ Keynes/ Stevenage Reserve (25 C3)
PR 20	(Kings Park) Access - Balnarring Drive/ Gryphon Walk/ Wyvern Walk (13 C11)
PR 21	(Kings Park) Bridget/ Gum Reserve (13 E12)
PR 22	(Kings Park) Rushdale/ Trelawny Reserve (13 D10)
PR 23	(Kings Park) Access - Lancelot Court/ Pilbara Court (13 D9)
PR 24	(St Albans) McLeod/ Stevens Reserve (13 G11)
PR 25	(St Albans) McKechnie Reserve (25 K2)

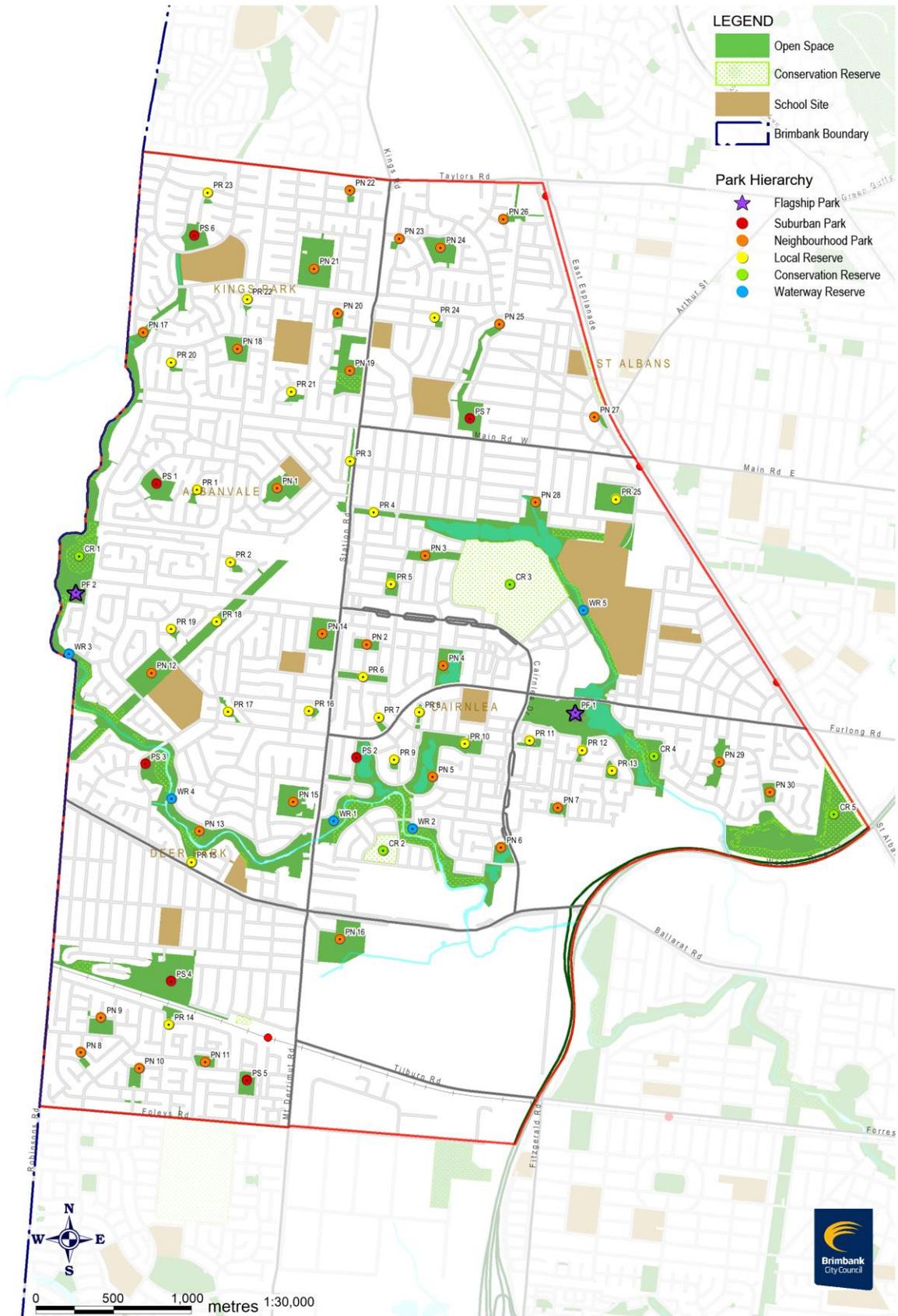
Conservation Reserves

CR 1	(Albanvale) Stephen Calleja Reserve (25 A2)
CR 2	(Cairnlea) Deer Park Protected Native Grassland Reserve (25 F7)
CR 3	(Cairnlea) Cairnlea Protected Native Grassland Reserve (25 J3)
CR 4	(St Albans) Jones Creek Protected Native Grassland Reserve (26 A6)
CR 5	(St Albans) South West to North East Transmission Line Easement (26 D7)

Waterway Reserves

WR 1	(Cairnlea) Kororoit Creek (Station - Creekview) (25 F7)
WR 2	(Cairnlea) Kororoit Creek (Western Ring Road - Creekview) (25 G7)
WR 3	(Deer Park) Kororoit Creek (Main Road W - Davitt) (25 A4)
WR 4	(Deer Park) Kororoit Creek (Davitt - Station) (25 C6)
WR 5	(St Albans) Parkland along Jones Creek (25 K3)

Grasslands Ward Park Locations



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Flagship Level Playgrounds

FP 1	(Cairnlea) Kevin Flint Memorial Reserve (25 K5)
FP 2	(Deer Park) Isabella Williams Reserve (25 A3)

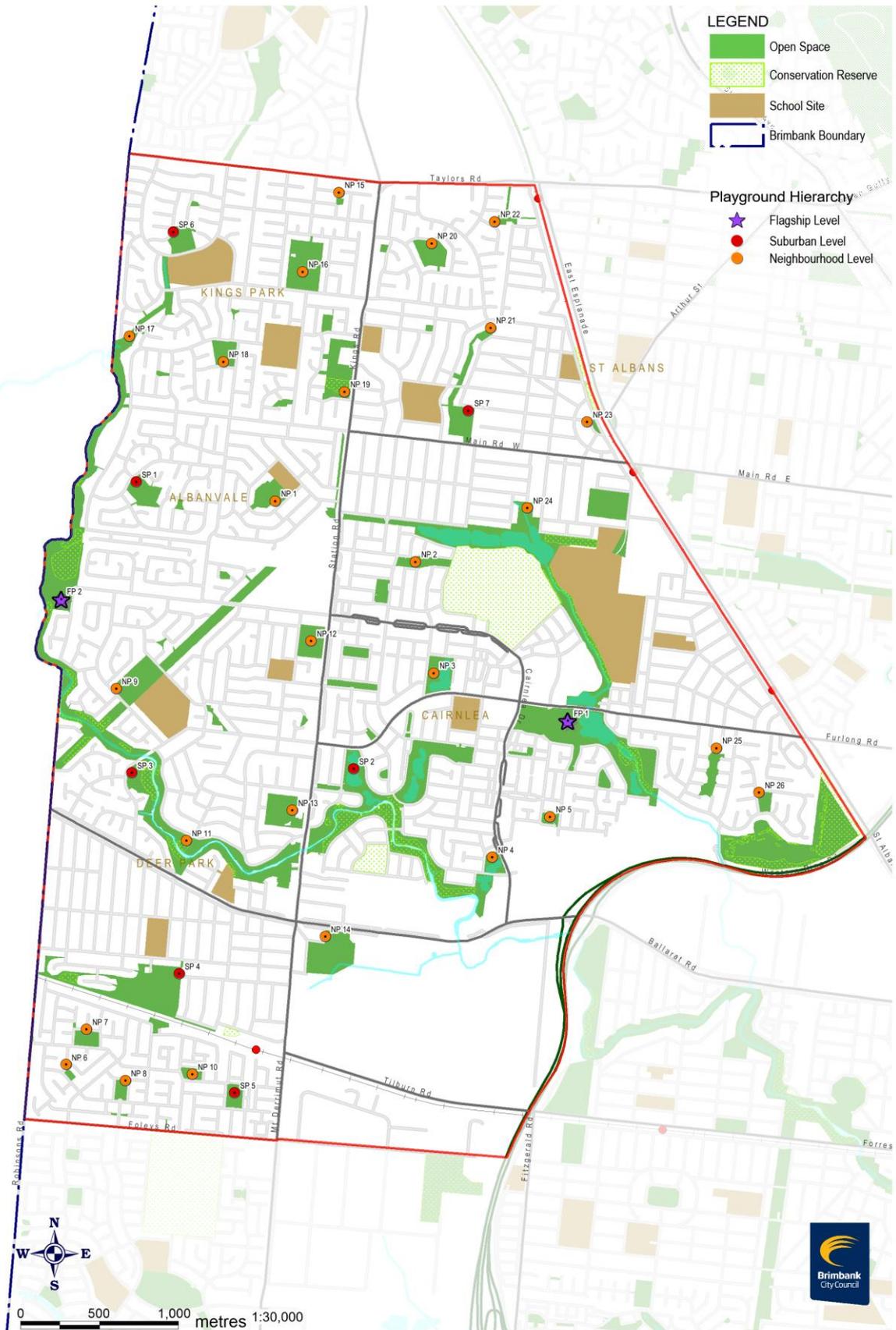
Suburban Level Playgrounds

SP 1	(Albanvale) Evergreen Avenue Reserve (25 C1)
SP 2	(Cairnlea) Station Waters Reserve (25 F6)
SP 3	(Deer Park) Davitt Reserve (25 C6)
SP 4	(Deer Park) Bon Thomas Reserve (25 C9)
SP 5	(Deer Park) Fairways Boulevard Reserve (25 D11)
SP 6	(Kings Park) Kurung Drive Reserve (13 C9)
SP 7	(St Albans) Jamieson Street Reserve (13 H12)

Neighbourhood Level Playgrounds

NP 1	(Albanvale) Diamond Avenue Reserve (25 E1)
NP 2	(Cairnlea) Moorland Park (25 G2)
NP 3	(Cairnlea) Shearwater Meadow Reserve (25 G4)
NP 4	(Cairnlea) Clarian Street Reserve (25 H7)
NP 5	(Cairnlea) Elford Green Reserve (25 J6)
NP 6	(Deer Park) Holmewood Avenue Reserve (25 A10)
NP 7	(Deer Park) Hatchlands Drive Reserve (25 B10)
NP 8	(Deer Park) Central Park Reserve (25 B11)
NP 9	(Deer Park) Tamar Drive Reserve (25 B4)
NP 10	(Deer Park) Fairways Boulevard Reserve (25 C10)
NP 11	(Deer Park) Millbank Drive (25 C7)
NP 12	(Deer Park) Robert Bruce Reserve (25 E4)
NP 13	(Deer Park) Sassella Park (25 E6)
NP 14	(Deer Park) John Mcleod Reserve (25 F8)
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