POLICY NO:
Dev CP110 – LOCAL PLANNING POLICY – OPEN SPACES STANDARDS OF PROVISION

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1. RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE

Development Services

2. PURPOSE OR OBJECTIVE

This Local Planning Policy has been adopted by the Shire of Dardanup to ensure the following:

- All residents have fair and reasonable access to quality parks and recreation areas
- Future investment in new parks, upgrades, and renewals is managed, cost-effective and sustainable
- A consistent framework is in place to guide the quantity, quality, distribution and functionality of open spaces in new developments across the shire to ensure they meet the recreational, environmental and community needs of current and future residents.
- A local interpretation is available of the West Australian Planning Commission's (WAPC) Liveable Neighbourhoods Operation Policy (Liveable Neighbourhoods), suitable for the Shire of Dardanup
- Supporting healthy, active, and connected communities

This Policy specified the Shire's position on the planning, provision, location, design and embellishment of Open Spaces and is to be utilised by applicants, administration and Council in the design, assessment and determination of the following:

- Shire Renewal, Upgrade and Expansion Projects;
- Scheme Amendments;
- District and Local Structure Plans;
- Local Development Plans;
- Subdivision Applications; and
- Development Applications.

This Policy is not intended to be applied retrospectively to existing POS areas and to not directly require upgrades of services and assets already in place. Where upgrades are however proposed, the Policy is relevant and must be given due regard.

3. REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Planning and Development Act, 2005
Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations, 2015 (Regulations)
Shire of Dardanup Local Planning Scheme No. 9 (LPS9)
State Planning Policy 3.6 Infrastructure Contributions

Liveable Neighbourhoods, 2009 Element 4
IPWEA Local Government Subdivisional Guidelines (IPWEA, 2026)
Shire of Dardanup Open Spaces Asset Management Plan 2026-2030
All District and Local Structure Plans in the Shire of Dardanup approved by the WAPC
Department of Sport and Recreations "Guide to shared use facilities"
Department of Sport and Recreations "Classification Framework for Public Open Space"
WAPC's Operational Policy 2.4 - Planning for school sites
Relevant Australian Standards for Playground Equipment for Construction, Use and Maintenance

4. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this policy a Public Open Space (Open Space) refers to land which is available for public access and is reserved or used for active sport, passive recreation, preserving the natural environment, providing connectivity or aesthetic value to a Place and it considered creditable Public Open Space. Public open space is defined under the *Metropolitan Region Scheme 1997*, and in addition it may include land that is owned freehold and has a recreation purpose.

5. POLICY

5.1 General

- Open Spaces shall be identified in structure plans and subdivisional proposals for urban development consistent with the provisions of this policy
- Open Spaces should be provided in accordance with Liveable Neighbourhoods and the requirements of Schedule 1 and 2

- Land which is not considered to form Open Spaces includes, in addition to those specified in Liveable Neighbourhoods, the following:

    a. Drainage reserves for the treatment and/or storage of up to One (1) year average recurrence interval rainfall event.
    b. Any residential entry statement treatments unless they form part of a consolidated parcel of Open Space and so not compromise use.
    c. Restricted access conservation areas (i.e. fenced off from the public with controlled access).
    d. Any land that's primary purpose is a road verge, public access way or any land designated for a fully vegetated land use buffer with no demonstrated community recreation benefit.

- Open Spaces should be defined by its functional class, being a description of how spaces can be used by the community. These can include a combination of "restricted and "unrestricted" open space, as per the provision of Liveable Neighbourhoods and in accordance with Schedule 1 and 2 of this Policy, provided the "restricted" open space performs a genuine public open space function.

5.2 Distribution of Open Spaces

A variety of Open Spaces should be provided within a specified area that ensures a balance of sizes, hierarchies and locations within a community. However, small and fragmented areas of POS are not considered appropriate and will not be supported. The provision of Open Spaces should be in accordance with the requirements shown in Schedule 1.

5.3 Development of Open Spaces

Where a subdivision application proposes the creation of Open Spaces, the Shire will in its response to the WAPC, request that the standard condition for subdivision development be imposed requiring the applicant to develop the open space to the standard requirements detailed in this policy - and to the satisfaction of the Shire.

No clearing of vegetation or other works is permitted to occur within an area of open space until the Shire of Dardanup has granted approval for the subdivisional/development application earthworks drawings.

The Shire maintains the position that Open Space elements need to be delivered at the earliest reasonable phase in new developments. The Shire may consider bonding construction on the Open Space in line with the Shire's Policy Infr CPO404 – Shire Acceptance of Bonds.

5.4 Sport Open Space design

To ensure maximum potential for Sport Open Spaces to accommodate a full variety of recreational activity, it should be designed generally in accordance with the Department of Local Government and Cultural Industries Sport dimensions, guidelines and relevant Australian Standards.

5.5 Location of Public Open Space

Individual Open Spaces should form part of an interconnected network of spaces for the purposes of encouraging pedestrian movement, ecological connectivity and improving public amenity.

Areas of remnant native vegetation and ecological corridors (for critical fauna movement) should be protected and enhanced. Where the site adjoins remnant native vegetation, buffers should address fauna-sensitive lighting design in addition to noise, traffic and light spill mitigation measures.

Local Structure Plans should, to the satisfaction of the Shire, include Open Space locations, aesthetic vision, design principles, activity levels, retention of existing vegetation, significant tree surveys and concept plans.

5.6 Co-location of Public Open Space with School Sites

Co-location of Open Spaces with public school sites is supported in the interest of optimizing joint use and management, rationalizing water use and creating community hubs. Co-location should be investigated (but not assumed) at each site and is subject to:

- Creation of a larger, more multipurpose recreation or community precinct as a result of the co-location;
- The provisions of the Shire's 'Shared use Agreement' for Development and Shared Use Facilities with Department of Education in line with WAPC's Operational Policy 2.4 and the Department of Sport and Recreations "Guide to Shared Use Facilities.

These principles and associated protocol provide an understanding between the Shire and the Department of Education. The design for such facilities may need to be guided by a Local Development Plan as a condition of subdivision approval.

5.7 Co-location of Public Open Space with Drainage Reserves and Urban Water Management within Public Open Space

Co-location of Open Spaces with drainage reserve and infrastructure is supported provided the co-located Open Spaces provide an acceptable level of use to the community as a recreation space and meets the requirements of Liveable Neighbourhoods and Schedule 1. Where it is proposed to integrate stormwater management features within Open Space, the Space must be appropriately sized to accommodate features and not dominated primarily by the drainage function. Spaces must be designed to ensure drainage infrastructure, water features and vegetation minimise mosquito breeding habitat.

5.8 Multiple Use Corridors

Multiple-use Corridors (MUC's) will form part of the Open Space network where required along major spines of existing and realigned natural waterways and drains and may be include stormwater management and enhancement of wildlife corridor systems located throughout the Shire.

The primary purpose of a MUC is to accommodate existing drainage function, proposed stormwater management functions, environment wildlife corridor and recreational links. The drainage channel of the MUC used for the 20% AEP will not count towards creditable Open Space. Areas accommodating between the 1 EY to 20% AEP events may be considered for restricted POS credit if it can be demonstrated that the land provides an appropriate open space/recreation function.

5.9 Community Purpose Sites

Community Purpose sites contribute to community centers, meeting halls, libraries, and sporting precincts. These developments are increasingly important in growing areas and particularly viable in neighborhood centers. The inclusion of community purpose sites as part of the Open Space is acceptable subject to meeting one or more of the following criteria:

- The community purpose site being located within an activity center as part of forming an element of mixed primary use for such center.
- The community purpose site being provided adjacent to another parcel of Open Space and a function of the community purpose site relating to that Open Space (e.g. a community centre with facilities to support the sporting use of the Open Space).
- A need being identified by a community development plan or other community needs study.
- Discussion with and approval of the Shire of Dardanup.
- Alignment with a Community Infrastructure Development Contribution Plan (CIDCP).

Where community facilities are located on Open Space (e.g. a sporting pavilion), the space required to accommodate the facility should be considered as part of the Open Space planning process and included as part of the Open Space allocation. A specific community purpose site is not required in these instances.

5.10 Open Spaces in Industrial Areas

Open Spaces area generally not provided and supported within industrial areas. However, should drainage requirements include the provision of a multiple use type corridor, there should be attempts made to connect corridors of drainage areas together and provide planting and other supporting infrastructure that enable utilisation by the daily workforce within such areas.

5.11 Landscape and Vegetation Management Plans

Applicants must provide at the structure plan stage a Landscape and Vegetation Management Plan, an Open Space Management Plan and a Bushfire Management Plan (where applicable). At subdivision stage more detailed Landscape and Vegetation Management Plans and Maintenance Schedules may be required.

5.12 Irrigation within Public Open Space

Applicants must submit detailed irrigation drawings for the Shire Approval. In order to support Hydrozoning and efficient irrigation, it is essential that soil condition is identified at the early stages of park design. Poor soils may require substantial soil amendment to ensure plant vigour and health. A soil test must be provided as part of the landscape and irrigation detailed design submission and should be addressed within the Open Space concept. These designs are to provide the appropriate level of irrigation to service the site.

Irrigation should only be used in higher use areas (sports turf, key laws and kickabout areas etc.) and should include soil-moisture and weather-response irrigation controllers were possible in higher order parks. Scheme water is not acceptable for post establishment irrigation of Open Spaces. Non-irrigated zones are to use local native drought tolerant plant species.

5.13 Environmental Resilience and Climate Chage

All Open Space sites should be assessed against current and projected bushfire, flood, heat and coastal hazard risks, with very high risks sites only proceeding with a formal mitigation plan.

5.14 Playgrounds

The Shire required playgrounds is to be provisioned across the Shire as detailed in Schedule 1 and 2. All playgrounds must comply with the relevant Australian Standards and give specific consideration to the Shire's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2023 – 2028.

5.15 Toilet Facilities

Toilet facilities should be provided within Open Spaces in accordance with Liveable Neighbourhoods and the requirements set out in Schedule 1. The following aspects should be considered when decisions are made regarding the provision of toilet facilities:

- Accessibility to other public toilet facilities in the vicinity.
- Associated recreational infrastructure (barbeque/picnic/play equipment).
- Level and likelihood of anti-social behavior in the surrounding area.
- Significant surveillance by the public.

5.16 Cash-in-lieu of Public Open Space

The Shire will accept cash-in-lieu of Open Spaces where it is considered that the provision of 10% of the gross subdivisible area for Open Space will not result in spaces of sufficient size or quality to be of benefit to the community, or where sufficient space already exists in the surrounding areas. Where Cash-in-lieu is considered acceptable, this shall occur in accordance with the Planning and Development Act, 2005. In circumstances where a subdivider proposes to allocate more than 10% POS, there needs to be discussion with the Shire on the following:

- What is driving the additional need for Open Spaces.
- What other assets and uses are located within the Open Spaces, and are these impacting the additional need for these Spaces.
- If effective asset management is driving an increased Open Space size (for example drainage corridors needing to be modified to form a natural creek asset) and what options exist to address this in other ways.
- Whether cash in lieu is likely to be generated by other subdivisions in the locality.
- Whether there is certainty as to timeframes to generate cash in lieu funds.

5.17 Viable Asset Management

At times an applicant may seek to develop a level of Open Space which exceeds the standards set through the Policy. This may be in the form of adding additional infrastructure elements such as created water bodies, elevated board walk and structures surrounding such water bodies, fountains, highly embellished boulevard treatments, ornamental lighting, extensive public art features, significant adventure playgrounds, etc. While the standards set through this Policy are already high and considered acceptable to achieving the objectives of the Policy, the Shire is open to considering higher standards provided a viable asset management solution is agreed upfront.

This may be either:

- A specified area rate to be applied to the land, and the developer agreeing to impose a suitable notification on the title of all allotments indicating the presence of the specified area rating and the reason for it. The developer must also agree to publicize the presence of this; or
- An extended maintenance period of a minimum of seven years.

5.18 Consultation

Applicants need to consult with the Shire of Dardanup regarding the planning and development of Open Spaces at all stages of the planning process, to ensure that it meets the needs of the Shire of Dardanup and the community in the long term.

Schedule 1

Shire of Dardanup Hierarchy					Activities												Standards			
Shire of Dardanup Hierarchy		Description	Classification as per Department of Sport and Recreation		Recreation	Organised Sport	Nature	Kick About[1]	Play Space	Picnicking	Events	On Street Parking	Off Street Parking	Length of Stay	Potential Uses	Unacceptable Uses	Indicative Catchment Radius	Useable (Creditable) Open Space Size (Ha)	Criteria	Minimum Standard Required[4]
1	Passive/ Environmental Reserve	Reserves primarily managed for environmental or waterway purposes, with limited or no formal recreational infrastructure. Public access may be informal or restricted to protect environmental values.	Local	Nature Space	✓		✓	✓						Short Stay/ Walkthrough	Connecting with nature Walking paths/trails Bushland/ wetland conservation	• Inclusion in restricted POS calculations unless a community recreation benefit is demonstrated to the Shire • Restricted access conservation areas (i.e. fenced off from the public with controlled access)	N/A	>0.1	• No earthworks (unless deemed necessary by the Shire) except to where it pertains to grading for universally accessible trails • Weed control management strategy required	• Bollards/fencing to control access • Circulation pathways • Access required for maintenance and emergency vehicles where necessary • Tree protection and understory revegetation • Directional or Interpretative signage (QR Codes) • Conservation fencing • Cement stabilised limestone trail surfacing
			Neighbourhood		✓		✓							Short Stay/ Walkthrough						
2	Pocket Park	Spaces that provide low-intensity, close-to-home amenity for surrounding residents. These spaces support casual use, passive recreation and visual relief within the urban environment and are not intended to function as major activity hubs.	Local	Recreation Space	✓		✓	✓	*					Short Stay	Connecting with nature Casual, unorganised sport General recreation Off-lead dog exercise considered Environmental conservation	• Small local parks provided at the expense of the appropriate provision of other POS types in the Hierarchy (as determined by the Shire) • Open Space parcels where the principal purpose is an entry statement to a housing estate or a road verge or buffer or any other area that has no community benefit as a Public Open Space • Open Space parcels where an unacceptable percentage of the area is impacted by only drainage infrastructure or unusable inundation areas • Inaccessible or widely distributed	400m	0.1-0.4	• Not the preferred type. If provided justification is required regarding maintenance, useability and function • May incorporate significant trees or other retained vegetation • May incorporate a limited, carefully considered drainage function where inundation areas for water quality/quantity also provide useable open space3 • May be provided to improve accessibility to Open Spaces where larger spaces are not feasible • May play a connectivity role as part of a linear Open Space network • Located throughout neighbourhoods	• Seating • Full landscaping with no irrigation (unless deemed suitable by the Shire) with waterwise planting • If irrigation required, it is to be hydro zoned with a groundwater license provided • Unrestricted turf kickabout area • Circulation pathways • Bollards to control unauthorised access • Provision of shade trees • Access required for maintenance and emergency vehicles where necessary • Tree and vegetation protection where possible • Earthworks and retaining as required • Maximize CPTED principles
3	Local Park	Spaces that provide everyday recreational and social opportunities for nearby residents, generally within walking distance. These reserves support informal recreation, play and social interaction and contribute to neighbourhood liveability.	Local	Recreation Space	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓		Short Stay	Connecting with nature Casual, unorganised sport Children's play General recreation Youth recreation Off-lead dog exercise Environmental conservation	• Open Space parcels where an unacceptable percentage of the area is impacted by only drainage infrastructure or unusable inundation areas • Areas subject to poor drainage and flood prone areas are to be avoided.	800m	0.4-1	• Located on a pedestrian/cyclist network to maximise access • Bound by street frontages to maximise visibility • Located throughout neighbourhoods • Located adjacent to residences to maximise passive surveillance • Preferred POS type where surrounding dwellings are R40 or smaller • May incorporate a limited, carefully considered drainage function where inundation areas for water quality/quantity also provide useable open space3 • Provision of sufficient on-street car parking	• Seating • Play and recreation equipment based on the play space hierarchy in Schedule 2 • Provision of natural shade (trees) over play area[2] • Picnic setting with natural shade (provision of shade trees) and a bin with bin surround • Drinking fountain with dog bowl • Full landscaping with irrigation, turf and with waterwise planting. Irrigation to be hydro zoned with a groundwater license provided • Unrestricted turf kickabout area • Circulation pathways and bike racks • Bollards to control unauthorised access • Provision of shade trees • Access for maintenance and emergency vehicles • Tree and vegetation protection where possible • Earthworks and retaining as required • Maximize CPTED principles

* The provision of play spaces with local open space should only be considered where there is an identified gap in provision, otherwise play spaces should only be installed in neighbourhood and district spaces. Provision gaps will be identified by the Shire.
[1] In the case of a Kick About space, there must be enough unrestricted space to kick a ball, play a small game of cricket etc. These areas are to have an appropriate safety buffer to prevent balls entering roads, drainage basins or adjoining sensitive areas.
[2] The Shire's preference is for tree planting as the primary shade provider for playgrounds and picnic areas; however, the Shire requires the installation of a shades sail until such a time as tree shade is adequate
[3] If drainage inundation is required for stormwater quality/quantity management, the preferred method is a grassed amphitheatre type retention area. Bio-retention basins are only permitted in POS where a sufficient pollutant load in the stormwater runoff is demonstrated.
[4] The Shire will assess and advise if any minimum requirements stated are not suited or required in individual Open Spaces

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4	Neighbourhood Park or Sporting Precinct	Spaces that support a wide range of recreational, sporting and community activities and function as key local hubs. These reserves typically contain higher-order infrastructure and facilities designed to accommodate organised sport and structured recreation.	Neighbourhood	Recreation Space[2]	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Long Stay	Connecting with nature Casual, unorganised sport Children's play General recreation Youth recreation Off-lead dog exercise Community Event Space Environmental conservation Public/community art and placemaking	• Sites adjacent or near residences should be avoided or appropriate buffers provided to minimise impact of noise, traffic and light spill • POS parcels where a significant percentage of the area is impacted by drainage infrastructure or inundation • Areas subject to poor drainage and flood prone areas are to be avoided	2km	1-5	• Located central to the catchment to maximise accessibility • Located with road frontages and on main neighbourhood connector roads • Sufficient in size to be used for festivals and events up to 300 people where specified • Provision of sufficient on-street car parking and connectivity to public transport systems • Size and community demand will determine the desire for public toilets which is to be specified by the Shire. POS designs must accommodate space and service connections for future infrastructure assets mentioned above, regardless of whether they form part of the initial construction phase	• Benches/seating • Play and recreation equipment based on the play space hierarchy in Schedule 2 • Shade over play area[3] • Picnic settings with picnic shelters • 1 x BBQ facility with 2 hot plates with shelter and drinking fountains with dog bowls • Public toilets as required • Bins with bin surrounds and bike racks • Full landscaping with irrigation, turf and with waterwise planting • Irrigation to be hydro zoned with a groundwater license provided • Unrestricted turf kickabout area • Circulation pathways/cycle paths and interpretive signage and wayfinding • Bollards to control unauthorised access • Provision of shade trees • Access for maintenance and emergency vehicles • Tree and vegetation protection where possible • Earthworks and retaining as required • Maximize CPTED principles include security lighting • Power and water connection points for events • Skatepark/pump track and associated lighting
				Sport Space[2]	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Long Stay	Organised sport Casual, unorganised sport Community Event Space	• Sites adjacent or in close proximity to residences should be avoided or appropriate buffers provided so as to minimise impact of noise, traffic and light spill • POS parcels where a significant percentage of the area is impacted by drainage infrastructure or inundation • Areas subject to poor drainage and flood prone areas are to be avoided • Areas of limited resources for future demands and growth to be avoided, such as inadequate long-term groundwater supply or insufficient areas for future expansion	2km	3-5	• Located central to the catchment to maximise accessibility • Located with road frontages and on main neighbourhood connector roads • May be co-located with primary school facilities • Sufficient in size to be used for festivals and events • Provision of sufficient car parking with a mix on street bays and or onsite parking and connectivity to public transport systems • Size/community demand will determine the desire for pavilions, change rooms and/or toilets, which is to be specified by the Shire. POS designs must accommodate space for future infrastructure assets mentioned above, regardless of whether they form part of the initial construction phase	• Benches/seating or tiered viewing platform • Multi-use half court or full court • Cricket pitch and cricket nets • Permanent sporting goals (dependent on use) • Bins with surrounds and drinking fountains with dog bowls • Multipurpose junior/senior sports oval with sports lighting • Circulation pathways/cycle paths • Earthworks and retaining as required • Full landscaping incorporating a multi-station irrigation system, high-quality roll-on turf for playing areas, and waterwise planting • Irrigation to be hydro zoned with a groundwater license provided • Access required for maintenance and emergency vehicles where necessary • Power and water connection points for events • Tree and vegetation protection where possible • Maximize CPTED principles include security lighting

[1] In the case of a Kick About space, there must be enough unrestricted space to kick a ball, play a small game of cricket etc. These areas are to have an appropriate safety buffer to prevent balls entering roads, drainage basins or adjoining sensitive areas.
[2] A Hierarchy 4 Open Space may be a combination of a Recreation and Sport Space
[3] The Shire's preference is for tree planting as the primary shade provider for playgrounds and picnic areas; however, the Shire requires the installation of a shade sail until such a time as tree shade is adequate
[4] The level and numbers of provision of sporting items for a Hierarchy 4 Sport Space and the facilities required is to be specified by the Shire

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5	District/Iconic Open Space and Sporting Precinct	Spaces of district significance that contribute strongly to the identity, tourism appeal and liveability of the Shire. These areas provide high environmental, social and economic value and typically function as destination locations rather than neighbourhood amenities. They attract visitation from across the Shire and, in some cases, from outside.	District	Recreation Space[2]	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	Long Stay	Connecting with nature Casual, unorganised sport Children's play General recreation Youth recreation Off-lead dog exercise Community Event Space Environmental conservation Public/community art and placemaking	• Upgrade of existing sites adjacent to or near residences should be avoided or appropriate buffers provided to minimise impact of noise, traffic and light spill • Areas not serviced by a public transport system should be avoided	Serves the Shire	>5	• Located on or close to neighbourhood roads and connected to public transport systems and other community facilities • Easily accessible by pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicles • Sufficient in size to be used for festivals and events • Easily accessible by pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicles • Adress universal access and inclusion comprehensively	• Benches/seating • Play and recreation equipment based on the play space hierarchy in Schedule 2 • Shade over play area[3] • Picnic settings with picnic shelters • 2 x BBQ facility with 2 hot plates, shelters and drinking fountains • Bins with bin surrounds and bike racks • Full landscaping with irrigation, turf and with waterwise planting • Irrigation to be hydro zoned with a groundwater license provided • Unrestricted turf kickabout area • Circulation pathways/cycle paths • Bollards to control unauthorised access • Provision of shade trees • Access for maintenance and emergency vehicles • Public/community art and place activation • Tree and vegetation protection where possible • Earthworks and retaining as required • Maximize CPTED principles and include security lighting • Power and water connection points for events • On site car parking • Public Toilets • Skatepark/ pump track (as specified by the Shire)
				Sport Space[2]	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	Long Stay	Organised sport Casual, unorganised sport Community Event Space	• Upgrade of existing sites adjacent to or near residences should be avoided or appropriate buffers provided to minimise impact of noise, traffic and light spill • Areas not serviced by a public transport system should be avoided • Areas of limited resources for future demands and growth to be avoided, such as inadequate long-term groundwater supply or insufficient areas for future expansion	Serves the Shire	>5	• May be co-located with primary or high schools • Located on or close to neighbourhood roads and connected to public transport systems and other community facilities • Easily accessible by pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicles • Sufficient in size to be used for festivals and events • Adress universal access and inclusion comprehensively	• Benches/seating or tiered viewing platform • Multi-use half court or full court • Cricket pitch and cricket nets • Bins with surrounds and drinking fountains • Multipurpose junior/senior sports oval with sports lighting with permanent sporting goals • Circulation pathways/cycle paths • Earthworks and retaining as required • Full landscaping incorporating a multi-station irrigation system, high-quality roll-on turf for playing areas, and waterwise planting • Irrigation to be hydro zoned with a groundwater license provided • Access for maintenance and emergency vehicles and on site car parking • Power and water connection points for events • Tree and vegetation protection where possible • Maximize CPTED principles include security lighting • Toilets, changerooms, pavilion buildings

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				Nature[2] Space	✓		✓			✓	✓		✓	Long Stay	Connecting with nature Scenic walking paths/trails Bushland/wetland conservation Community Events	• Restricted access conservation areas (i.e. fenced off from the public with controlled access)	Serves the Shire	>5	• Ecological corridor and connectivity role at a regional scale, to support climate-driven species migration.	• Bollards or fencing to control unauthorised access • Circulation pathways • Access required for maintenance and emergency vehicles where necessary • Tree and vegetation protection • Understory revegetation • Directional or Interpretative signage (QR Codes) • Conservation fencing • Cement stabilised limestone trail surfacing • Benches/seating

[1] In the case of a Kick About space, there must be enough unrestricted space to kick a ball, play a small game of cricket etc. These areas are to have an appropriate safety buffer to prevent balls entering roads, drainage basins or adjoining sensitive areas.
[2] A Hierarchy 5 Open Space may be a combination of a Recreation, Nature and Sport Space
[3] The Shire's preference is for tree planting as the primary shade provider for playgrounds and picnic areas; however, the Shire requires the installation of a shade sail until such a time as tree shade is adequate
[4] The level of provision of sporting items for a Hierarchy 5 Sport Space and facilities required is to be specified by the Shire
[5] Where on site car parking is provided consider the use permeable surfacing and canopy tree shading to reduce the local urban heat island effect and to help manage stormwater.

Schedule 2

	Shire of Dardanup Hierarchy	Description	Classification as per Department of Sport and Recreation		Length of Stay	Indicative Catchment Radius	Play Experience/ Function	Ages	All Abilities Considerations	Features to Consider
2	Pocket Park	Spaces that provide low-intensity, close-to-home amenity for surrounding residents. These spaces support casual use, passive recreation and visual relief within the urban environment and are not intended to function as major activity hubs.	Local	Recreation Space	Short Stay	400m	Early childhood play Small-scale social interaction Nature-based local play	0-5 years	As assessed by the Shire	Informal nature play using loose natural materials (e.g. logs, rocks and planting). No formal play structures over 600 mm or wooden playgrounds
3	Local Park	Spaces that provide everyday recreational and social opportunities for nearby residents, generally within walking distance. These reserves support informal recreation, play and social interaction and contribute to neighbourhood liveability.	Local	Recreation Space	Short Stay	800m	Mixed-age play experiences Moderate physical challenge play Exploratory and imaginative play Multi-user neighbourhood recreation Graduated physical challenge	0-12 years 12+ may be required if specified by the Shire	As assessed by the Shire	Small play structures Swings for infants and older children Basketball hoop and hardstand
4	Neighbourhood Park or Sporting Precinct	Spaces that support a wide range of recreational, sporting and community activities and function as key local hubs. These reserves typically contain higher-order infrastructure and facilities designed to accommodate organised sport and structured recreation.	Neighbourhood	Recreation Space	Long Stay	2km	Adventure and physical challenge play Integrated sport and play opportunities Social and event-based recreation All-ages / intergenerational and multi-purpose recreation area Teen-specific recreation developed through direct consultation	0-15 years	As assessed by the Shire however minimum of 2 accessible item required	Destination-style equipment Large climbing or rope towers Youth play Formal nature play Basketball hoop and hardstand Communal seating with shade away from active zones for tween/teen users
5	District/Iconic Open Space and Sporting Precinct	Spaces of district significance that contribute strongly to the identity, tourism appeal and liveability of the Shire. These areas provide high environmental, social and economic value and typically function as destination locations rather than neighbourhood amenities. They attract visitation from across the Shire and, in some cases, from outside.	District	Recreation Space	Long Stay	Serves the Shire	Signature destination play Tourism and visitor attraction Regional adventure play All-abilities destination recreation Nature immersion play Civic gathering and event space All-ages / intergenerational and multi-purpose recreation area, providing varying play and recreational opportunities for all ages from toddlers through to older adults within a single space Landscape play	All ages	As assessed by the Shire however minimum of 3 accessible items required	Regional destination playground Graduated adventure play and challenge benefit play Sensory play Youth recreation Integrated landscape play Basketball hoop and 3x3 hardstand Hand ball areas and ball wall Skate park / pump track Formal nature play
				Nature Space			Informal/sensory nature play Outdoor exercise	All ages	N/A	Informal nature play elements (balance logs, stepping stones, rock scrambles) Exercise equipment

Notes:
Child-developmentally appropriate play should cover the following four categories – cognitive play, creative play, social/dramatic play and physically active play.
It is important to provide sufficient physical challenge in play spaces to limit playground vandalism due to unmet needs
Where the Shire identifies a provision gap, the Shire can request provision for play spaces catering to age ranges outside of those specified above