

4.4.5 Public Parks and Land for Community Facilities Network

- (1) The desired standards of service for the public parks and land for community facilities trunk infrastructure are shown in Tables 4.4.5.1 to 4.4.5.6 – desired standards of service – public parks and land for community facilities, and they should be read in conjunction with Councils adopted technical standards – Capricorn Municipal Development Guidelines and the Economic Development Queensland Guidelines 11 and 12.
- (2) It is acknowledged that in some cases, due to local circumstances, the desired standards of service may not be met. In these situations, public parks and land for community facilities trunk infrastructure aims to meet the standards to the greatest degree practicable.

Table 4.4.5.1 – Public Parks and Land for Community Facilities Network Desired Standards of Service

Measure	Planning criteria (qualitative standards)	Design criteria (quantitative standards)
Functional network	A network of parks and community land is established to provide for the full range of recreational and sporting activities and pursuits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parks and community land are provided at a local, district and local government area wide level Parks and community land address the needs of both recreation and sport
Accessibility	<p>Public parks and land for community facilities will be located to ensure adequate pedestrian, cycle and vehicle access.</p> <p>Co-locate land for multi-purpose community facilities with parks and recreation land and commercial/retail centres.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2,000 square metres of land for community facilities is to be provided when such land is co-located with a district and regional park Accessibility standards are identified in Table 4.4.5.3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land quality/ suitability Area/ 1,000 persons Minimum size Shape of land Minimum desired flood immunity Maximum desired grade Road frontage and visibility 	Public parks and land for community facilities will be provided to a standard that supports a diverse range of recreational, sporting, community and health–promoting activities to meet community expectations. This includes ensuring land is of an appropriate size, configuration and slope, and has an acceptable level of flood immunity.	The rate of land provision is identified in Table 4.4.5.2. The minimum size, shape of land, minimum desired flood immunity, maximum desired grade and road frontage and visibility for land is identified in Table 4.4.5.4.
Facilities/ embellishments	Public parks and land for community facilities contain a range of embellishments to complement the type and purpose of the park.	Indicative embellishments for each type of park, land for community facilities and sports grounds are identified in Table 4.4.5.5 and Table 4.4.5.6.
Infrastructure design/ performance standards	Maximise opportunities to collocate recreational parks and land for community facilities in proximity to other community infrastructure,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local government standards in the planning scheme and planning scheme policies Australian Standards

Measure	Planning criteria (qualitative standards)	Design criteria (quantitative standards)
	transport hubs and valued environmental and cultural assets.	

Table 4.4.5.2 – Rate of Land Provision

Infrastructure type	Rate of provision (Hectare per 1000 people)	
	District	Local government-wide
Recreation park	0.8	0.5
Sports Ground	2.5	2.5
Land for Community Facilities	Rate of provision to be determined by minimum land sizes and at least one (1) district facility per the following planning sectors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yeppoon Emu Park 	Rate of provision to be determined by minimum land sizes and at least one (1) regional facility per the following planning sectors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yeppoon

Table 4.4.5.3 – Accessibility Standard

Infrastructure type	Accessibility standard (km)	
	District	Local government-wide
Recreation park	2.5 kilometres in urban areas and within 500 metres of a public transport pick up/drop off point.	Local government area and within 500 metres of a public transport pick up/drop off point.
Sports ground	2.5 kilometres in urban areas and within 500 metres of a public transport pick up/drop off point.	Local government area and within 500 metres of a public transport pick up/drop off point.
Land for community facilities	Within 800 metres of a public transport pick up/drop off point.	Within 500 metres of a public transport pick up/drop off point.

Table 4.4.5.4 – Public Parks and Land for Community Facilities Characteristics

Characteristic	Recreation Parks and Land for Community Facilities		Sports Grounds	
	District	Regional	District	Regional
Minimum size of open space (hectares)	Two (2) hectares of usable space for parkland.	Six (6) hectares of usable space for parkland.	A minimum of three (3) hectares, sufficient to boast two (2) fields per one (1) oval collocating and room for ancillary facilities (club	A minimum of four (4) hectares, sufficient to boast three (3) fields per two (2) ovals collocating and room for ancillary facilities (club house, toilets, car parking).
	One (1) hectare of usable space for land for community facilities.	1.5 hectares of usable space for land for community facilities.	ancillary facilities (club	

Characteristic	Recreation Parks and Land for Community Facilities		Sports Grounds	
	District	Regional	District	Regional
			house, toilets, car parking).	
Shape of land	The preferred shape for a park/land for community facilities is square to rectangular with the sides no greater than 2:1.		To maximise the area available for playing fields, a square or rectangular shape is considered most efficient.	
Minimum desired flood immunity for parks	At least twenty-five (25) per cent of total area above Q50 with main activity area/s above Q100.	At least fifty (50) per cent of total area above Q50 with main activity area/s above Q100 and free of hazards.	Free of hazards. Ninety per cent of land above Q20. Fields/courts above Q50. Built facilities above Q100.	
Maximum desired grade	Recreation parks — average grade of 1:14 for eighty (80) per cent of the area of the park to facilitate wheelchair access to parks. Variable topography is satisfactory for the remaining area No area of the park will have a grade greater than 1:6 Community facilities — a maximum grade of no more than six (6) per cent for the entirety of the site or ten (10) per cent for the footprint of the community facility.	Recreation parks — average grade of 1:20 for main use areas, 1:50 for kick about area, and variable topography for remainder No area of the park will have a grade greater than 1:6 Community facilities — a maximum grade of no more than six (6) per cent for the entirety of the site or ten (10) per cent for the footprint of the community facility.	Laser levelling to a maximum gradient of playing surface 1:100.	
Road frontage and visibility	Twenty-five (25) per cent of park perimeter to have direct road frontage, preferably on a collector road.	Fifty (50) per cent of park perimeter to have direct road frontage, preferably on a collector road.	Twenty-five (25) per cent of the ground perimeter to have direct road frontage.	

Table 4.4.5.5 – Indicative Embellishments for the Hierarchy of Recreation Parks and Land for Community Facilities

Embellishment	Recreation parks	
	District	Local government-wide
Internal roads	None.	As required to service car parking and access requirements.

Embellishment	Recreation parks	
	District	Local government-wide
Car parking	Forty (40) sealed car parks.	Minimum of 120 sealed car parks.
Fencing/bollards, lock rail	Fencing/bollards along road frontages and including a lock rail.	Fencing/bollards along road frontages and including a lock rail.
Lighting	Lighting to all roadways, parking, picnic nodes and primary pedestrian paths.	Lighting to all roadways, parking, picnic nodes and primary pedestrian paths.
Toilets/public amenities	One (1) toilet (location to be determined in consultation with Council).	Two (2) toilets (location to be determined in consultation with Council).
Pedestrian pathway access network	2.2 metre wide concrete shared pedestrian and cycle path through and around park connecting to adjacent pathways.	Entrance and access paths. Concrete shared pedestrian and cycle path (minimum 2.2 metre wide generally and minimum 3.5 metre wide in key, high use areas) connecting to adjacent pathways.
Bench seating	Minimum of four (4), located for supervision of any play area (if not otherwise serviced by sheltered tables), and/or along recreation corridors/pedestrian pathways to provide rest stops.	As determined in consultation with Council. Located for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supervision of any play area (if not otherwise serviced by sheltered tables); and • along recreation corridors/pedestrian pathways to provide rest stops; and/or • enjoyment of views/amenity.
Shade structures or trees (over playgrounds)	Yes.	Yes.
Shelters/gazebo with tables and seating and bins	Minimum of six (6) shaded tables, seating and bins.	Minimum of fifteen (15) shaded tables, seating and bins (further provision to be determined in consultation with Council).
Tap/bubbler	Three (3) drinking fountain/bubbler and taps.	Ten (10) drinking fountain/bubbler and taps.
Barbeques	Three (3) barbeques.	Ten (10) barbeques (to be determined in consultation with Council – provision may consist of multiple double barbecues located to service picnic nodes for individuals, families and large groups).
Rubbish bins	As required to service activity areas, picnic nodes, key access/egress areas and pathway systems.	As required to service activity areas, picnic nodes, key access/egress areas and pathway systems.
Landscaping and turfing	Shade trees, landscaping and turfing to enhance amenity (determined in consultation with Council).	Shade trees, landscaping and turfing to enhance amenity (determined in consultation with Council).
Signage	Park identification and way finding signage, located at key entrances. Optional — interpretive signage (for nature appreciation areas) or trail signage (for example distance	Park identification and way finding signage, located at key entrances. Optional — interpretive signage and/or trail signage (for example distance markers on recreation corridors). Signage

Embellishment	Recreation parks	
	District	Local government-wide
	markers on recreation corridors).	theme reflecting key features of the park.
Recreation activity areas	Mix of ten (10) recreation activity areas, clustered in two or more nodes (for example mix of toddlers, children, youth, picnic and barbecue area, dog off-leash, skate park, meeting area, older adults, pathway systems).	Mix of fifteen (15) recreation activity areas dispersed across well-defined nodes of activity focus (for example a mix of toddlers, children, youth, older adults, major picnic and barbecue area, dog off-leash, skate park, meeting areas, trail network, event area, nature appreciation area).
Irrigation	In identified high use areas.	In identified high use areas.
Bike racks	Three (3) bike racks for a minimum of fifteen (15) bikes.	Bike racks for a minimum of thirty (30) bikes.
Bus pull-through	No.	Yes (location to be determined in consultation with Council).
Bus parking	No.	Yes (location to be determined in consultation with Council).

Table 4.4.5.6 – Indicative Embellishments for the Hierarchy of Sport Parks

Courts/fields	As a minimum, two (2) rectangular fields and capacity for additional facilities/courts (as determined in consultation with Council). Sports grounds and facilities meet accepted standards including dimensions, playing surface and subsurface drainage.	As a minimum, three (3) rectangular fields and capacity for additional facilities/courts (as determined in consultation with Council). Sports grounds and facilities meet accepted standards including dimensions, playing surface and subsurface drainage.
Goal posts/line marking	According to accepted standards.	According to accepted standards.
Irrigation	Main field as a minimum (to be determined in consultation with Council).	Two (2) main fields as a minimum (to be determined in consultation with Council).
Field/court lighting	Lighting for night sports.	Lighting for night sports.
Spectator seating	100 seats and earth mounds (determined in consultation with Council).	150 seats and earth mounds (determined in consultation with Council).
Tap/bubbler	Four (4) drink bubblers and taps located near activity areas and canteen/clubhouse area.	Eight (8) drink bubblers and taps located near activity areas and canteen/clubhouse area.
Sports clubhouse	Minimum of one (1) (exact provision to be determined in consultation with Council) including a toilet/change room, canteen, storage and administrative/office space.	Minimum of two (2) (exact provision to be determined in consultation with Council) including a toilet/change room, canteen, storage and administrative/office space.
Landscaping and turfing	Trees/shade provision for spectators, landscaping of boundaries to buffer	Trees/shade provision for spectators, landscaping of boundaries to buffer

	noise/light spill to any surrounding properties.	noise/light spill to any surrounding properties.
Feature paving/ concrete stencilling	Located at key entry areas or high use zones (to be determined in consultation with Council).	Located at key entry areas or high use zones (to be determined in consultation with Council).
Internal roads	Yes.	Yes.
Bus pull-through	Yes.	Yes.
Bus parking	Yes.	Yes.
Car parking	Minimum of sixty (60) sealed spaces for a two (2) field complex or twelve (12) per court.	Minimum of 100 sealed spaces for a three (3) field complex or twelve (12) per court.
Bike racks	Bike racks for a minimum of thirty (30) bikes.	Bike racks for a minimum of fifty (50) bikes.
Fencing/ bollards, lock rail	Fencing/bollards along road frontages and including a lock rail.	Fencing/bollards along road frontages and including a lock rail.
Security Lighting	Security lighting to all roadways, parking, picnic nodes and primary pedestrian paths.	Security lighting to all roadways, parking, picnic nodes and primary pedestrian paths.
Pedestrian pathway access network	Entrance and access paths, walking/cycling network. Minimum 2.2 metre wide concrete shared pedestrian and cycle path.	Entrance and access paths, walking/cycling network. Minimum 2.2 metre wide concrete shared pedestrian and cycle path.
Public artwork	To be determined in consultation with Council.	To be determined in consultation with Council.
Signage	Park identification and way finding signage, located at key entrances.	Park identification and way finding signage, located at key entrances.
Recreation activity areas (for example play spaces, fitness circuits, hit up walls)	Mix of three (3) recreation activity areas (for example play spaces, fitness circuits, half courts, free to use courts).	Mix of five (5) recreation activity areas (for example play spaces, fitness circuits, half courts, free to use courts).