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The Shire of Esperance acknowledges the Kepa Kurl Wudjari people of the Nyungar nation and Ngadju people, who are the traditional custodians of this land, and their continuing connection to land, waters and community.

We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging and we extend that respect to other Aboriginal Australians today.

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1. Executive Summary

The Shire of Esperance Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2025-2035 guide the management, upgrade and development of playgrounds and public open space within the Shire of Esperance.

It identifies and prioritises renewal works for current assets and provides a schedule and indicative costs for implementation of the recommendations outlined in the Public Open Space Review 2014 and the original Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2015-2025.

Most critically, it formalises a management strategy to ensure all public open space is appropriately developed and maintained to a standard that minimises risk, yet maximises the opportunities for inclusive, high quality play within the community.

Over the past ten years, twelve playgrounds have been renewed, and six local parks converted to landscaped public open space in line with the Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2015-2025.

The priority playgrounds requiring renewal due to aging equipment have been addressed, and the Shire of Esperance has undertaken a review of the Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2015-2025 to confirm the order of priority, classification, and level of capital investment required for the remaining ten sites originally identified for renewal or development.

2. Introduction

The Shire of Esperance Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2015-2025 (Plan) was developed in response to the Public Open Space Review (Review) undertaken by SGL Consulting Group on behalf of the Shire of Esperance (Shire), in 2014. The Review provided a comprehensive snapshot of the Shire's public open space (POS) assets with a clear focus on the safety, suitability and supply-rate of POS playground facilities.

A community consultation process was carried out as part of the Review and identified that whilst POS users were satisfied overall with the general maintenance of POS within the Shire, the feedback provided in relation to POS playgrounds, was that the facilities were generally out dated and offered very little play value for children. POS users also indicated their preference to accept a lesser quantity of playgrounds if the quality of the remaining facilities were of a higher standard. This is the current approach taken by the Shire of Esperance in the management and development of playgrounds and public open space.

From a public liability perspective, playgrounds are high risk areas for Local Governments, with their management being a crucial operational activity requiring an

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effective, systematic approach. Consequently, specific risk-reduction methodologies, in addition to the Review findings, have informed the development of this Plan.

3. Background

3.1. Public Open Space Hierarchy

Following the Review, the Shire adopted the recommendation to implement a three tier hierarchical classification for its POS, being:

- Regional open space;
- Precinct open space; and
- Local open space.

However, since this adoption, the Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) has developed a classification framework for POS in Western Australia. This new classification framework identifies four levels of POS, being:

- Regional open space;
- District open space;
- Neighbourhood open space; and
- Local open space

The addition of a District open space level specifically identifies POS that is utilised for formal sporting activities.

Table 3.1, below, defines the four DSR classification levels.

| Department of Sport and Recreation Open Space Classification Framework | | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| REGIONAL OPEN SPACE | | | | | |
| Description | Amenities | Playground | Grassed Area | Landscaping | Inclusion |
| <p>Premier open space.</p> <p>Accessible by vehicle by the wider community.</p> <p>Residents living in proximity can also access by cycling or walking.</p> | <p>Car parking, toilets, natural shade for caregivers, picnic tables/seats, BBQ facilities, drinking fountains, security lighting, refuse collection and</p> | <p>Play equipment that caters for multiple age groups including soft fall, edging and a shade provision of up to 70%.</p> | <p>Irrigated grassed area of at least 1500m2 with a practice area for at least one sport</p> | <p>Retain and develop natural landscapes features such as mounds, swales and drains. Utilise water wise native plant species suitable for the location and plant suitable trees that</p> | <p>Provide access provisions for people with disabilities; consider access to power for events</p> |

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|--|------------------|--|--|------------------------|--|
| | access pathways. | | | provide natural shade. | |
|--|------------------|--|--|------------------------|--|

DISTRICT OPEN SPACE

| Description | Amenities | Playground | Grassed Area | Landscaping | Inclusion |
|--|--|---|---|--|---|
| <p>Principally designed to provide areas for organised sports.</p> <p>Access will primarily be by vehicle and utilised by the wider community.</p> <p>Residents living in close proximity may access by cycling or walking.</p> | Car parking, toilets, natural shade for caregivers, picnic tables/seats, drinking fountains, security lighting, refuse collection and access pathways. | Play equipment will only be provided at District Open Space areas if there is a gap in the catchment area and the reserve also serves as the Neighbourhood open space within that area. | Irrigated grassed area will be provided for formal sports and practice area for at least one sport. | Retain and develop natural landscapes features such as mounds, swales and drains. Utilise water wise native plant species suitable for the location and plant suitable trees that provide natural shade. | Provide access provisions for people with disabilities. |

NEIGHBOURHOOD OPEN SPACE

| Description | Amenities | Playground | Grassed Area | Landscaping |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| <p>Neighbourhood parks with access for residents preferably within 800m or a 10-minute walk, and no less than 1ha is size.</p> | Natural shade for caregivers, picnic tables/seats, refuse collection and access pathways. | Play equipment that caters for at least one age group including soft fall, edging and a shade provision of up to 50%. | Irrigated grassed area of at least 1000m. | Retain and develop natural landscapes features such as mounds, swales and drains. Utilise water wise native plant species suitable for the location and plant suitable trees that provide natural shade. |

LOCAL OPEN SPACE

Small parcels of open space which are not developed as official playspaces and service only residents within the immediate vicinity.

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3.2. Playground Standards

All playgrounds are required to be designed, developed and managed in accordance with the following Australian Standards:

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| AS 4685.1:2021 | Playground equipment and surfacing - Part 1: General safety requirements and test methods (EN 1176-1:2017, MOD) |
| AS 4685.2:2021 | Playground equipment and surfacing - Part 2: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for swings (EN 1176-2:2017, MOD) |
| AS 4685.3:2021 | Playground equipment and surfacing - Part 3: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for slides (EN 1176-3:2017, MOD) |
| AS 4685.4:2021 | Playground equipment and surfacing - Part 4: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for cableways (EN 1176-4:2017, MOD) |
| AS 4685.5:2021 | Playground equipment and surfacing - Part 5: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for carousels (EN 1176-5:2017, MOD) |
| AS 4685.6:2021 | Playground equipment and surfacing - Part 6: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for rocking equipment (EN 1176-6:2017 MOD) |
| AS 4685.11:2014 | Playground equipment - Part 11: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for spatial network (EN 1176-6:2017 MOD) |
| AS 4422:2022 (Int) | Playground surfacing - Specifications, requirements and test methods |
| AS 4685.0:2017 | Playground equipment and surfacing - Part 0: Development, installation, inspection, maintenance and operation |
| AS 16630:2021 | Permanently installed outdoor fitness equipment - Safety requirements and test methods |

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| AS EN 14974:2021 | Skateparks - Safety requirements and test methods |
| AS EN 16899:2020 | Sports and recreational equipment - Parkour equipment - Safety requirements and test methods |
| AS 1428.1:2021 | Design for access and mobility - Part 1: General requirements for access- New building work |

3.3. Playground Useful Life

The useful life of a playground varies depending on a number of factors, including:

- Location of the equipment (coastal or inland, for example);
- Environmental factors;
- Materials used in construction;
- Use of the equipment;
- Maintenance of the equipment; and
- Changes in Australian standards.

The estimated useful life of a playground, generally, based on the above factors and industry best practice, is between 10 - 15 years. This is also consistent with most manufacturers' structural warranty period.

Within the Shire of Esperance as a coastal local government external environmental factor such as exposure to the elements also impact estimated useful life to a greater extent. An example of this is play equipment installed on the Esperance Foreshore.

4. Current Profile

4.1. Shire of Esperance POS Hierarchy

In alignment with current Western Australian standards and the new DSR framework, the Shire has classified its POS assets via a four tier hierarchy, as Table 4.1, below, illustrates.

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Table 4.1: Public Open Space Hierarchy

| No. | Hierarchy | Name | Zone | Locality | Area (ha) | Renewed |
|-----|---------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Regional | Foreshore (Headland) | Urban | Esperance | 10.0 | |
| 2 | | Adventureland Park | Urban | Esperance | 3.8 | 2021 |
| 3 | | Lions Park (reclassification) | Urban | Castletown | 0.9 | |
| 4 | District | Greater Sports Ground | Urban | Esperance | 20 | 2017 |
| 5 | | Esperance Oval | Urban | Nulsen | 4 | |
| 6 | | Newtown Oval | Urban | Bandy Creek | 4 | |
| 7 | | Gibson Oval/Park | Rural | Gibson | 4 | 2023 |
| 8 | Neighbourhood | Foreshore (James Street) | Urban | Esperance | | |
| 9 | | Victoria St Park | Urban | Nulsen | 0.6 | 2018 |
| 10 | | Olympian Way (reclassification) | Urban | Nulsen | 0.3 | |
| 11 | | Treasure Rd Park | Urban | Sinclair | 0.4 | 2023 |
| 12 | | Eagle Court Park | Urban | West Beach | 0.3 | |

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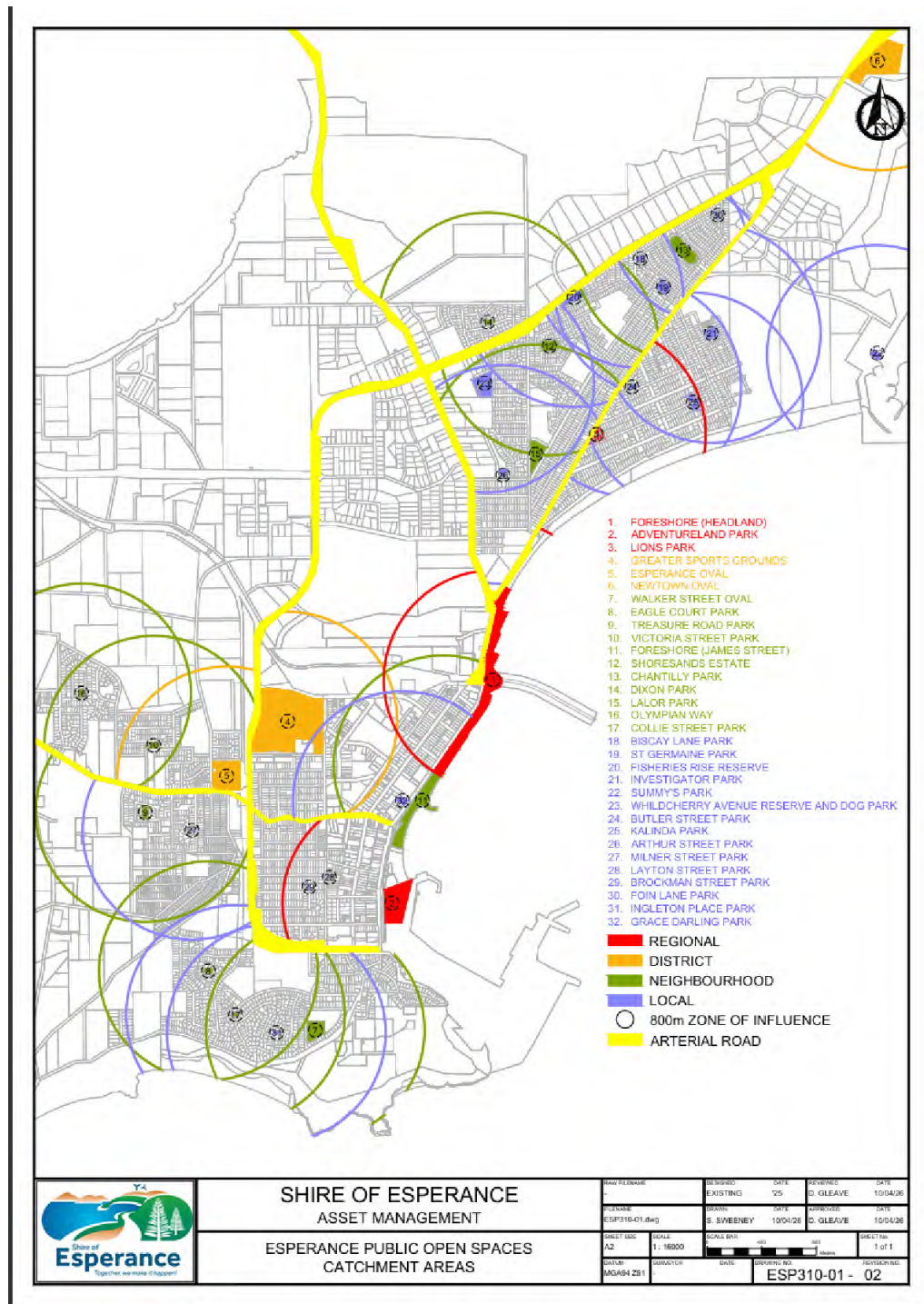
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| 13 | | Walker St Park | Urban | West Beach | 1 | |
| 14 | | Collie St Park | Urban | West Beach | 0.2 | |
| 15 | | Lalor Park | Urban | Castletown | 1.7 | |
| 16 | | Shoresands Park | Urban | Castletown | 0.9 | |
| 17 | | Chantilly Crt Park | Urban | Castletown | 2.5 | |
| 18 | | Chatherine St Park | Urban | Dixon Park | 0.5 | |
| 19 | | Scaddan Park | Rural | Scaddan | 0.2 | |
| 20 | | Cascade Park | Rural | Cascade | 0.1 | 2023 |
| 21 | | Gibson Community Park | Rural | Gibson | 0 | 2024 |
| 22 | | Salmon Gums Park | Rural | Salmon Gums | 0.5 | 2022 |
| 23 | | Grass Patch Park | Rural | Grass Patch | 0.1 | |
| 24 | | Condingup Park | Rural | Condingup | 0.1 | 2017 |
| 25 | | Beaumont Park | Rural | Beaumont | 0.1 | 2017 |
| 26 | Local | Fion Lane POS | Urban | Castletown | 0.3 | |
| 27 | | Biscay Lane POS | Urban | Castletown | 0.3 | |

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|-----------|--|---------------------|-------|-------------|--------|--|
| 28 | | St Germain Ave Park | Urban | Castletown | 1 | |
| 29 | | Fisheries Rise Park | Urban | Castletown | 1 | |
| 30 | | Investigator Park | Urban | Castletown | 0.9 | |
| 31 | | Summy Park | Urban | Bandy Creek | 0.2 | |
| 32 | | Wildcherry Ave Park | Urban | Castletown | 0.1 | |
| 33 | | Butler St Park | Urban | Castletown | 0.2 | |
| 34 | | Kalinda Park | Urban | Castletown | 0.6 | |
| 35 | | Arthur St Park | Urban | Castletown | 0.3 | |
| 36 | | Milner St Park | Urban | Sinclair | 0.1 | |
| 37 | | Layton St Park | Urban | Town | 0.1 | |
| 38 | | Ingleton PI Park | Urban | West Beach | 0.2 | |
| 39 | | Grace Darling Park | Urban | Town | 0.3 | |
| 40 | | Brockman St Park | Urban | Town | 0.1 | |
| | | | | | 62.6ha | |

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4.2. Playground Inventory

Prior to the implementation of the Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2015-25, the Shire managed a total of 36 developed playgrounds, providing a range of different styles and equipment, and aged from brand new to 20+ years old.

In 2012 and 2014, the Shire engaged the services of playground safety consultants, Playright Australia, to undertake playground safety audits on all Shire playgrounds. The audits identified that the majority of the equipment was nearing, or past, its estimated useful life, and only a small percentage of the playgrounds complied with current Australian Standards.

A number of maintenance issues were also reported during the audits. Shire officers undertook programmed works to resolve such, however, due to the condition of the target playgrounds, it was not possible to renew the service levels as required, as the ageing equipment simply needed to be replaced.

Following renewal works undertaken over the past ten years, and rationalisation of Local open spaces with aging equipment, the Shire currently manages a total of 29 developed playgrounds, including the Youth Precinct skate park and pump track.

Table 4.2, below, indicates the age of equipment across all Shire playgrounds in 2014 and 2025.

| Age | % 2014 | %2025 |
|-----------------|--------|-------|
| < 5 years old | 10 | 24 |
| 5-10 years old | 7 | 28 |
| 10-15 years old | 28 | 14 |
| >15 years old | 55 | 34 |

In 2014, 83% of the Shire's play equipment was greater than 10 years old and, according to the 2014 playground safety audit, 57% of all play equipment did not comply with current Australian Standards for playground equipment.

In 2025, only 48% of the Shire's play equipment is greater than 10 years old and, of the equipment that is greater than 15 years old, 60% are within Local open space that will be removed at the end of its useful life.

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4.3. Playground and Copper Chrome Arsenate

Historically, the Shire had a number of playgrounds with copper chrome arsenate (CCA) treated timber equipment.

A report prepared by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) into the use of CCA, identified concerns over children between the age of three and five having the potential to be exposed to arsenic contamination from CCA treated timber.

CCA has since been discontinued as a suitable treatment for timber, and while no recommendation was made in the APVMA report to remove existing CCA treated timber equipment from playgrounds, the Shire believed it was prudent to do so as a priority.

5. Recommendations

5.1. Local Open Space Rationalisation

As part of the 2014 Review, it was recommended that as current play equipment within Local open space reaches the end of its useful life, or becomes unsafe, it should be removed and not replaced.

The Shire of Esperance recognises that, in some cases, where play equipment is removed from Local open space there is a benefit to retaining some form of low-cost play opportunity to activate the area, such as a swing set with soft fall and edging or sporting goals. This adds value to Local open space and is a quick win for the Shire and community.

Following further investigation, additional rationalisation of Local open space could be considered with a view to reduce the quantity of Local open space by up to 50%, with the remaining areas developed as landscaped areas of POS with no formal playground, minimal irrigated grass and landscaped utilising water wise native plants, shade trees and park furniture.

5.2. Priority Play Equipment Removal

It is recommended all play equipment that has passed its useful life, is no longer serviceable, or is treated with CCA be removed as priority.

5.3. Future Open Space Development

When undertaking any future POS upgrades, development or capital projects it is vital that the necessary planning and design works are undertaken. The Western Australian Government, in partnership with the DSR, Department of Water and the

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Western Australian Planning Commission, has developed a set of guidelines for POS development entitled Public Parkland Planning and Design Guide WA (Guide).

The guide has four main sections, being:

- (1) Land and water use planning;
- (2) Parkland planning;
- (3) Parkland design; and
- (4) Case studies from a range of WA Councils.

Where possible, it is recommended the Guide be used in conjunction with this Plan to inform and regulate future POS upgrades, development or capital projects.

The Shire of Esperance also recognises that there can be some quick wins and value adds for the community by providing additional infrastructure or equipment that increase the play value and play experience at already established and developed playspaces. An example of these type of works include additional play elements such as swing sets, sporting goals, additional fencing, shelters or seating. The installation of Auslan signage at key parks has been suggested to make playspaces more inclusive.

Following renewal works undertaken over the past ten years, and rationalisation of Local open spaces with aging equipment, the Shire has built internal capacity to actively design, develop and implement playground development within the shire along with capacity to internally audit and manage playgrounds.

5.4. Capital Upgrade Budget

Although a significant number of the Shire's playgrounds did not comply with current Australian Standards when the 2014 Review was undertaken, it is important to understand that this was not the driving factor for capital upgrades, rather that 83% of the equipment was past or nearing the end of its useful life.

This aging equipment was creating a range of operational issues including the requirement for additional resources for inspections and maintenance due to failing components, and the high cost of sourcing and purchasing replacements parts (if available at all).

Over the past 10 years, the priority playgrounds requiring renewal due to aging equipment have been addressed. Ten sites originally identified for renewal or development in the Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2015-2025 remain on the implementation schedule.

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Table 5.4 outlines the playground upgrade capital budget that was adopted for the Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2015-2025, based on 2014 market price.

Due to inflation, it is no longer possible to renew or develop a playground that meets the criteria outlined in the DSR open space classification framework for this budget. The proposed capital budget requirement for each classification in the POS hierarchy, based on current market price, is also included in Table 5.4, below.

| | Regional Open Space | District Open Space | Neighbourhood Open Space (Urban) | Neighbourhood Open Space (Rural) |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Design | Design | Design | Design |
| | Play Equipment | Play Equipment | Play Equipment | Play Equipment |
| | Border Edging | Border Edging | Border Edging | Border Edging |
| | Soft Fall | Soft Fall | Soft Fall | Soft Fall |
| | Shade | Shade | Shade | Shade |
| 2014 | \$200,000 | \$100,000 | \$100,000 | \$50,000 |
| 2025 | \$280,000 | \$140,000 | \$140,000 | \$75,000 |

These capital budget estimates are for the playground facility in POS only. Consideration will also need to be given to all other aspects of the POS, including irrigation and landscaping. There is difficulty in determining capital budget estimates for these components, as it will vary significantly between POS sites. It is recommended that a landscape plan be developed for each POS site and costed accordingly.

6. Community Consultation

The Shire recognises that community engagement and participation processes are a vital part of local democracy and is an integral part of the process for redeveloping parks within the POS network. Community consultation will be undertaken in line with the Community Engagement Policy, and the following 6 steps are proposed to form the basis of community consultation for each park development:

- (1) Invitation to all residents within the catchment area to provide comment on the park development and attend an onsite workshop.
- (2) Conduct an onsite workshop with users completing a survey on their park.
- (3) Review and assess the results of the survey to determine what type and style of facilities are important to the neighbourhood.
- (4) Develop a draft concept plan based on the results of the survey.
- (5) Present plan back to the community for comment.
- (6) Make any changes to the final plan if required.

7. Implementation Schedule

An essential deliverable of the Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2015-2025 was the individual appraisal of each of the Shire's POS assets, including inventory, condition and replacement details.

Based on the outcomes of reviewing the Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2015-25, an updated copy of these reports are provided in Appendix 1 and a revised Implementation Schedule of Works provided in Appendix 2.

8. Inspection & Maintenance Schedule

In line with AS 4685.0:2017, the Shire of Esperance undertake weekly visual inspections and quarterly operational inspections of all Shire playgrounds to identify hazards that can result from wear and tear, vandalism or weather conditions. A comprehensive annual inspection is also completed to determine conformance with current Australian Standards, and to establish the overall level of safety of the equipment, foundations and playground surfaces.

All playground inspections are completed by accredited playground inspectors, and regular maintenance is carried out as required to ensure a safe play environment for the public, and sustainable use of the assets.

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9. Conclusion

The Shire of Esperance Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2015-2025 was designed to provide the Shire with clear direction moving forward with the management, upgrade, and development of playgrounds and public open space within the Shire of Esperance.

A review of the Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2015-2025 has been undertaken, assessing the classification of current and future public open space, levels of infrastructure and amenities for each classification, priorities for renewal, and indicative costs based on current market price.

The recommendations outlined in this review support the existing management strategy to ensure future development of public open space within the Shire is completed to a standard that minimises risk yet maximises the social benefits of having high quality playspaces within the community for future generations.

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10. Appendices

10.1. Appendix 1 – Shire of Esperance POS Appraisals

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10.1.1. Regional

Foreshore Headland



| Site | Foreshore (Headland) |
|-----------------------|---|
| Locality | Esperance |
| Reserve No. | 27318 |
| Reserve Area | 20ha |
| Classification | Regional |
| Inventory | Custom Crow's Nest Climber Custom Boat Climbing Net Custom Whale Skeleton Climbing Net Musical Tubes Nature play Trail Shade Sails, Fencing, Park furniture, Rubber and Sand Soft Fall |
| Value | \$450,000 |
| Comment | New playground installed 2014 Current condition rating: 3 (FAIR) |
| Recommendation | Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule. Fence entire playground as a quick win to value add to the play experience and provide and safe enclosed playspace. |

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Adventureland Park



| Site | Adventureland Park |
|----------------|--|
| Locality | Esperance |
| Reserve No. | 28207 |
| Reserve Area | 3.8ha |
| Classification | Regional |
| Inventory | Large Combination Unit Gyro 4.5 Giant Group Swing Flyway 25 Double Cableway Cellula Natural Ropes Course Percussion Play Small Combination Unit 2 x Double Swing Containment Edging and Sand Soft Fall Landscaping Shelter, Seating and Drinking Fountain |
| Value | \$550,000 |
| Comment | New playground installed 2021 Current condition rating: 2 (GOOD) |
| Recommendation | Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule. Quick win with the implementation of fencing upgrades at junior playground and installation of toodle play equipment. |

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Lions Park



| Site | Lions Park |
|----------------|---|
| Locality | Esperance |
| Reserve No. | 41745 |
| Reserve Area | 0.9ha |
| Classification | Regional |
| Inventory | Combination Unit Junior Double Swing and Senior Double Swing Climbing Net Carousel Double Spring Rocker 2 x Activity Panels 1 x Exercise Equipment Containment Edging and Sand Soft Fall Shade Sails, Shelters, Seating and Drinking Fountain |
| Comment | Majority of the play equipment was replaced in 2010. Shade sails and edging was installed in 2014. Carousel and Double Spring Rocker were installed in 2024. Reclassified from Neighbourhood to Regional in 2025 due to future residential developments and accessibility. Current condition rating: 3 (FAIR) |
| Recommendation | Reclassify as a Regional Playspace due to future residential developments and accessibility. Undertake consultation with all relevant stakeholders and prepare concept plans for the replacement playground. Replace playground as per the Implementation Schedule. |

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10.1.2. District

Greater Sports Ground



| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Site | Greater Sports Ground |
| Locality | Esperance |
| Reserve No. | 3287 |
| Reserve Area | 19.8ha |
| Classification | District |
| Inventory | Large Combination Unit Group Swing Wave Rider Spring Rocker Containment Edging and Sand soft Fall Seating |
| Value | \$100,000 |
| Comment | New playground installed 2017 Current condition rating: 3 (FAIR) |
| Recommendation | Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule. |

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Gibson Oval



| Site | Gibson Oval |
|----------------|--|
| Locality | Gibson |
| Reserve No. | 25639 |
| Reserve Area | 28.4ha |
| Classification | District |
| Inventory | Medium Combination Unit Double Swing Nature Play Elements Containment Edging and Sand soft Fall |
| Value | \$130,000 |
| Comment | New playground installed 2023 Current condition rating: 1 (VERY GOOD) |
| Recommendation | Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule. |

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10.1.3. Neighbourhood

Foreshore (James Street)



| Site | Foreshore (James Street) |
|----------------|---|
| Locality | Esperance |
| Reserve No. | 27318 |
| Reserve Area | 20ha |
| Classification | Neighbourhood |
| Inventory | Weevos (LS023) Cozy Dome LS118) We-Saw (LS343) Removed- end of useful life Boogie Board (LS395) Removed- end of useful life Oodle Swing (LS213) Inclusive Single Swing Inclusive Orbit (PD150) Shade Sails, Fencing, Park furniture, Rubber Soft Fall |
| Value | \$250,000 |
| Comment | New playground installed 2015 Reclassified from Regional to Neighbourhood in 2025 due to future development of James St Precinct. Current condition rating: 4 (POOR) |
| Recommendation | Relocate all abilities playground to James Street Precinct. Remove existing playground equipment as it reaches the end of its useful life, and redesign playground to suit environmental conditions with installation of nature play timber elements. Reclassify to Neighbourhood due to future development of the James St Precinct. |

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Victoria Street Park



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| Site | Victoria Street Park |
| Locality | Nulsen |
| Reserve No. | 39303 |
| Reserve Area | 0.6ha |
| Classification | Neighbourhood |
| Inventory | Combination Unit Tornado Group Swing Concord Double Swing Containment Edging and Sand Soft Fall Half-court Basketball Seating |
| Value | \$100,000 |
| Comment | New playground installed 2018 Current condition rating: 2 (GOOD) There are 12 mature Tuart trees within the park which are scheduled for removal due to Armillaria Fungal disease being present within the reserve. |
| Recommendation | Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule. |

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Olympian Way Park



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| Site | Olympian Way Park |
| Locality | Nulsen |
| Reserve No. | 30841 |
| Reserve Area | 0.3ha |
| Classification | Neighbourhood |
| Inventory | Medium Combination unit Double swing Single Spring Rocker Arm Wrestle Unit Sky Surfer Pommel Swing Sand Soft Fall Bike Path Shelter and Seating |
| Comment | Small Combination Unit and Double Spring Rocker removed due to poor condition. Reclassified from Local to Neighbourhood in 2025 due to reviewed catchment area criteria. Current condition rating: 4 (POOR) |
| Recommendation | Remove remaining equipment as it reaches the end of its useful life or becomes unsafe. Reclassify Olympian Way to a Neighbourhood Park due to gap in catchment area and level of use. Undertake consultation with all relevant stakeholders and prepare concept plans for the replacement playground. Replace playground as per the Implementation Schedule. |

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Treasure Road Park



| Site | Treasure Road Park |
|----------------|---|
| Locality | Sinclair |
| Reserve No. | 35933 |
| Reserve Area | 0.4ha |
| Classification | Neighbourhood |
| Inventory | Monolith Bouldering Unit Gyro 4.5 Giant Group Swing Stainless Steel Tunnel Slide Networx Balance Course Containment Edging and Sand Soft Fall Football Goals Landscaping Shelter and Seating |
| Value | \$130,000 |
| Comment | New playground installed 2023 Current condition rating: 1 (VERY GOOD) |
| Recommendation | Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule. |

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Eagle Court Park



| Site | Eagle Court Park |
|----------------|---|
| Locality | Dempster Heights, West Beach |
| Reserve No. | 44013 |
| Reserve Area | 0.3ha |
| Classification | Neighbourhood |
| Inventory | Large Combination Unit Double Swing Carousel Wave Rider Spring Rocker Single Spring Rocker Containment Edging and Sand Soft Fall Landscaping Shelter and Seating |
| Value | \$100,000 |
| Comment | New playground installed 2018 Current condition rating: 2 (GOOD) |
| Recommendation | Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule. |

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Walker Street Park



| Site | Walker Street Park |
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| Locality | West Beach |
| Reserve No. | 7742 |
| Reserve Area | 1.5ha |
| Classification | Neighbourhood |
| Inventory | Tornado Group Swing Spacenet Climber Nature Play Obstacle Course Viewing Platform Containment Edging and Sand Soft Fall Nature Trail Signage Shelter and Seating |
| Comment | Park developed in 2013, and playground equipment is compliant with Australian Standards. Current condition rating: 3 (FAIR) |
| Recommendation | Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule. |

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Collie Street Park

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| Site | Collie Street Park |
| Locality | West Beach |
| Reserve No. | N/A |
| Reserve Area | 0.2ha |
| Classification | Neighbourhood |
| Inventory | Double Swing Containment Edging and Sand Soft Fall Shelter and Seating |
| Comment | Medium Combination Unit and Double Spring Rocker removed due to poor condition and non-compliance issues. |
| Recommendation | Reclassification from Local to Neighbourhood Playspace based on investigation of catchment area, landscape and proximity to other playspaces in the West Beach area. Retention of equipment and infrastructure in the park along with inclusion of quick wins to add value to the playspace. |

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Lalor Park



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| Site | Lalor Park |
| Locality | Castletown |
| Reserve No. | 32712 |
| Reserve Area | 1.7ha |
| Classification | Neighbourhood |
| Inventory | Senior Double Swing Sand Soft Fall Seating |
| Comment | Current condition rating: 3 (FAIR) The Shire of Esperance has identified a desire for recreational cycling facilities within the Shire to service the youth population. A Mountain Bike Feasibility Study was undertaken in 2020 and identified the need to create a recreational cycling opportunity for the eastern end of town. Lalor Park was recognised as a suitable location to develop this facility, and in 2024 the Shire of Esperance engaged Three Chillies Design to develop a concept design for a pump track. |
| Recommendation | Allocate capital budget for the detailed design and construction of a cycling facility as per the concept design. Retain and develop a small playspace to ensure there are facilities for riders and non-riders, creating an inviting space for a variety of age groups and families. |

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Gunton Circle Park (Shoresands Estate)



| Site | Gunton Circle Park (Shoresands Estate) |
|----------------|---|
| Locality | Castletown |
| Reserve No. | 48893 |
| Reserve Area | 0.8ha |
| Classification | Neighbourhood |
| Inventory | Currently no playground installed. |
| Value | \$130,000 |
| Comment | Following the development of the original POS Strategy, catchment area mapping identified a gap in Public Open Space within the Shoresands/Fisheries Rise area. |
| Recommendation | Due to the identified gap in public open space, it is recommended an additional play opportunity be developed at the Gunton Circle park within Shoresands Estate. Undertake consultation with all relevant stakeholders and prepare concept plans for the new playspace to be constructed as per the Implementation Schedule. |

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Chantilly Park (Le Grand Estate)



| Site | Chantilly Park (Le Grand Estate) |
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| Locality | Castletown |
| Reserve No. | 48910 |
| Reserve Area | 2.25ha |
| Classification | Neighbourhood |
| Inventory | Medium Combination Unit Shelter with seating Sand Soft Fall |
| Comment | Park developed in 2011, and combination unit is compliant with Australian Standards. Current condition rating: 3 (FAIR) |
| Recommendation | Undertake consultation with all relevant stakeholders and prepare concept plans for the replacement playground. Replace playground as per the Implementation Schedule. |

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Dixon Park (Catherine Street)



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| Site | Dixon Park (Catherine Street) |
| Locality | Dixon Park |
| Reserve No. | 37273 |
| Reserve Area | 0.2ha |
| Classification | Neighbourhood |
| Inventory | Medium Combination Unit Double Swing Sand Soft Fall |
| Comment | Medium Combination Unit installed 2005 and is compliant with Australian Standards. Current condition rating: 3 (FAIR) |
| Recommendation | Undertake consultation with all relevant stakeholders and prepare concept plans for the replacement playground. Replace playground as per the Implementation Schedule. |

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10.1.4. Neighbourhood – Rural

Gibson Community Park



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| Site | Gibson Community Park |
| Locality | Gibson |
| Reserve No. | 25639 |
| Reserve Area | 1ha |
| Classification | Neighbourhood - Rural |
| Inventory | Dirt Jump Track 3-on-3 Basketball Court Small Combination Unit Double Swing Single Spring Rocker Containment Edging and Sand Soft fall Landscaping |
| Value | \$100,000 |
| Comment | New dirt jump track and 3-on-3 basketball court installed 2024. Current condition rating: 1 (VERY GOOD) Consolidated existing playground equipment with new Containment Edging and Sand Soft Fall. Current condition rating: 3 (FAIR) |
| Recommendation | Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule. |

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Cascade Community Park



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| Site | Cascade Community Park |
| Locality | Cascade Community Hall |
| Reserve No. | 35069 |
| Reserve Area | 3ha |
| Classification | Neighbourhood - Rural |
| Inventory | Tunnel Slide Double Swing Cellula Natural Ropes Course Flyway 40 Cableway Nature Play Elements Containment Edging and Sand Soft Fall |
| Value | \$100,000 |
| Comment | New playground installed 2023 Current condition rating: 1 (VERY GOOD) |
| Recommendation | Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule. |

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Salmon Gums Community Park



| Site | Salmon Gums Community Park |
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| Locality | Salmon Gums Townsite |
| Reserve No. | 2043 |
| Reserve Area | 0.5ha |
| Classification | Neighbourhood - Rural |
| Inventory | Timber Tractor with Slide Double Swing Climbing Net Containment Edging and Sand Soft Fall |
| Value | \$60,000 |
| Comment | New playground installed 2022 Current condition rating: 2 (GOOD) |
| Recommendation | Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule. |

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Condungup Community Park



| Site | Condungup Community Park |
|----------------|---|
| Locality | Condungup Recreational Centre |
| Reserve No. | 27225 |
| Reserve Area | 18ha |
| Classification | Neighbourhood - Rural |
| Inventory | Medium Combination Unit Double Swing Concord Digger Containment Edging and Sand Soft Fall |
| Value | \$50,000 |
| Comment | New playground installed 2017. Playground removed and reinstalled by CDRA in 2020 as part of building development. Current condition rating: 3 (FAIR) |
| Recommendation | Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule. |

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Grass Patch Community Park



| Site | Grass Patch Community Park |
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| Locality | Grass Patch Community Hall |
| Reserve No. | 30395 |
| Reserve Area | 2.8ha |
| Classification | Neighbourhood - Rural |
| Inventory | Medium Combination Unit Small combination Unit Fencing |
| Comment | Medium Combination Unit- sand soft fall replenished 2025. Small Combination Unit is constructed from CCA treated pine and does not comply with Australian Standards. Current condition rating: Medium Combination Unit 3 (FAIR) Small Combination Unit 5 (VERY POOR) |
| Recommendation | Remove Small Combination Unit. Undertake consultation with all relevant stakeholders and prepare concept plans for a replacement toddler playground to be constructed as per the Implementation Schedule. |

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Scaddan Pioneer Park



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| Site | Scaddan Pioneer Park |
| Locality | Scaddan Townsite |
| Reserve No. | Road Reserve |
| Reserve Area | 0.5ha |
| Classification | Neighbourhood – Rural |
| Inventory | No playground equipment |
| Comment | |
| Recommendation | Undertake consultation with all relevant stakeholders and prepare concept plans for the new playground to be constructed as per the Implementation Schedule. |

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Beaumont Community Park



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| Site | Beaumont Community Park |
| Locality | Beaumont Community Hall |
| Reserve No. | Unknown |
| Reserve Area | 2.8ha |
| Classification | Neighbourhood - Rural |
| Inventory | Medium Combination Unit Double Swing Single Spring Rocker Jitterbug Spinna |
| Value | \$50,000 |
| Comment | New playground installed 2017 Current condition rating: 3 (FAIR) |
| Recommendation | Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule. |

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10.1.5. Local Parks

Brockman Street Park

| Site | Brockman Street Park |
|----------------|--|
| Locality | Esperance |
| Reserve No. | 35292 |
| Reserve Area | 0.1ha |
| Classification | Local |
| Inventory | No playground equipment |
| Comment | All playground equipment has been removed due to non-compliance issues and will not be replaced as per Playgrounds and original POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park. |
| Recommendation | Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve as a green space. |

Layton Street Park

| Site | Layton Street Park |
|----------------|---|
| Locality | Esperance |
| Reserve No. | 27659 |
| Reserve Area | 0.1ha |
| Classification | Local |
| Inventory | No playground equipment |
| Comment | All playground equipment has been removed due to non-compliance issues and will not be replaced as per Playgrounds and POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park. |
| Recommendation | Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve as a green space. |

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Ingleton Place Park

| Site | Ingleton Place Park |
|----------------|--|
| Locality | West Beach |
| Reserve No. | N/A |
| Reserve Area | 0.15ha |
| Classification | Local |
| Inventory | Double Swing Sand Soft Fall Seat |
| Comment | Small Combination Unit and Trackride removed due to poor condition. |
| Recommendation | Remove remaining equipment as it reaches the end of its useful life or becomes unsafe. Playground will not be replaced as per Playgrounds and POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park. Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve as a green space. |

Milner Street Park

| Site | Milner Street Park |
|----------------|--|
| Locality | Sinclair |
| Reserve No. | N/A |
| Reserve Area | 0.1ha |
| Classification | Local |
| Inventory | No playground equipment |
| Comment | All playground equipment has been removed due to poor condition and non-compliance issues and will not be replaced as per Playgrounds and POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park. |
| Recommendation | Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve as a green space. |

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Grace Darling Park

| Site | Grace Darling Park |
|-----------------------|--|
| Locality | Esperance |
| Reserve No. | 2611 |
| Reserve Area | 0.3ha |
| Classification | Local |
| Inventory | Large Combination Unit Junior Double Swing Senior Double Swing Small Slide Unit Pommel Swing Sand Soft Fall |
| Comment | Single Spring Rocker removed due to poor condition. Majority of play equipment does not comply with current Australian Standards, however, is still in fair condition. |
| Recommendation | Remove remaining equipment as it reaches the end of its useful life or becomes unsafe. Playground will not be replaced as per Playgrounds and POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park and due to proximity to Foreshore playspace and future James Street Precinct playspace. Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve. |

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Arthur Street Park

| Site | Arthur Street Park |
|----------------|--|
| Locality | Castletown |
| Reserve No. | 30976 |
| Reserve Area | 1.4ha |
| Classification | Local |
| Inventory | No playground equipment Seating |
| Comment | All playground equipment has been removed due to poor condition and non-compliance issues and will not be replaced as per Playgrounds and POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park. |
| Recommendation | Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve as a green space. |

Kalinda Park

| Site | Kalinda Park |
|----------------|---|
| Locality | Castletown |
| Reserve No. | 35228 |
| Reserve Area | 0.6ha |
| Classification | Local |
| Inventory | Medium combination unit Trackride Sand Soft Fall Shelter and Seating |
| Comment | Pommel Swing and Log Roller removed due to poor condition and non-compliance issues. |
| Recommendation | Remove remaining equipment as it reaches the end of its useful life or becomes unsafe. Play equipment will not be replaced as per Playgrounds and POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park. Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve. |

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Butler Street Park

| Site | Butler Street Park |
|----------------|--|
| Locality | Castletown |
| Reserve No. | 39470 |
| Reserve Area | 0.2ha |
| Classification | Local |
| Inventory | No playground equipment |
| Comment | All playground equipment has been removed due to poor condition and non-compliance issues and will not be replaced as per Playgrounds and POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park. |
| Recommendation | Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve. |

Wildcherry Avenue Park

| Site | Wildcherry Avenue Park |
|----------------|---|
| Locality | Castletown |
| Reserve No. | 33339 |
| Reserve Area | 1ha |
| Classification | Local |
| Inventory | Small combination unit Double swing |
| Comment | Small combination unit does not comply with current Australian Standards. Drainage issues in close proximity to playground. Current condition rating: 4 (POOR) |
| Recommendation | Remove equipment as it reaches the end of its useful life or becomes unsafe. Play equipment will not be replaced as per Playgrounds and POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park. Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve. |

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Investigator Park

| Site | Investigator Park |
|-----------------------|---|
| Locality | Bandy Creek |
| Reserve No. | 50611 |
| Reserve Area | 0.7ha |
| Classification | Local |
| Inventory | Small combination unit Double swing Climbing net Shelter and Seating |
| Comment | New playground installed 2011 Current condition rating: 3 (FAIR) |
| Recommendation | Remove equipment as it reaches the end of its useful life or becomes unsafe. Play equipment will not be replaced as per Playgrounds and POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park. Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve. |

St Germain Park

| Site | St Germain Park |
|-----------------------|---|
| Locality | Castletown |
| Reserve No. | 47919 |
| Reserve Area | 1ha |
| Classification | Local |
| Inventory | Medium combination unit Double swing |
| Comment | Double Swing removed due to poor condition. A double swing in good condition recovered from Neighborhood Park upgrade installed 2024. Current condition rating: 3 (FAIR). |
| Recommendation | Remove equipment as it reaches the end of its useful life or becomes unsafe. Play equipment will not be replaced as per Playgrounds and POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park. Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve. |

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Limpet Park (Fisheries Rise Estate Park)

| Site | Limpet Park |
|----------------|---|
| Locality | Castletown |
| Reserve No. | 49978 |
| Reserve Area | 1ha |
| Classification | Local |
| Inventory | No playground equipment |
| Comment | Following the development of the original POS Strategy, catchment area mapping identified a gap in POS within the Shoresands/Fisheries Rise area. |
| Recommendation | Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve. |

Summy Park

| Site | Summy Park |
|----------------|---|
| Locality | Bandy Creek |
| Reserve No. | N/A |
| Reserve Area | 0.2ha |
| Classification | Local |
| Inventory | No playground equipment |
| Comment | Current shelter and seating in poor condition. |
| Recommendation | Play equipment will not be installed at this park as per Playgrounds and original POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park. Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve. Consider upgrading shelter and seating. |

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11. Appendix 2

11.1. Implementation of Schedule of Works

| Park Name | Level | Location | Value | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 | 2029/30 | 2030/31 | 2031/32 | 2032/33 | 2033/34 | 2034/35 |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|---------|
| James Street Precinct | Regional | Urban | \$280,000 | | \$192,000 | | | | | | | | |
| Adventureland Park | Regional | Urban | \$280,000 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Foreshore (Headland) | Regional | Urban | \$280,000 | | | | | | | \$52,000 | \$52,000 | \$192,000 | |
| Lions Park | Regional | Urban | \$280,000 | | | | \$52,000 | \$52,000 | \$192,000 | | | | |
| Greater Sports Ground | District | Urban | \$140,000 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gibson Oval | District | Rural | \$140,000 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gibson Community Park | District | Rural | \$140,000 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Foreshore (James Street) | Neighbourhood | Urban | \$140,000 | | | \$140,000 | | | | | | | |
| Victoria Street | Neighbourhood | Urban | \$140,000 | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Beaumont | Neighbourhood | Rural | \$75,000 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Quick Wins | | | | \$42,000 | | \$52,000 | | | | | | | |
| | | NVP Total | \$4,608,000 | \$192,000 | \$192,000 | \$192,000 | \$192,000 | \$192,000 | \$192,000 | \$192,000 | \$192,000 | \$192,000 | \$192,000 |
| | | Index Total 3.5% | \$192,000 | \$198,720 | \$205,675 | \$212,873 | \$220,323 | \$228,034 | \$236,015 | \$244,275 | \$252,824 | \$261,672 | |