

22.03 RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE NETWORKS POLICY28/08/2014
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This policy applies to all land within the municipality.

MSS Context

Provide recreation and open space networks that cater for a variety of lifecycle needs.

Policy Basis

The location and provision of open space contributes to the liveability of an urban area. Many residents move to Melton in order to experience the unique combination of suburban and rural lifestyles. The preservation of rural landscapes and the maintenance of a rural buffer go some way towards achieving this blend. Council will provide linkages between urban and rural areas along watercourses such as the Djerriwarrh, Toolern and Kororoit Creeks. The community expects a high standard of passive and active recreational opportunities in urban areas. Public parks such as Hannah Watts and Navan Park exemplify Council's commitment in this area. Council will continue to require useable parcels of land from developers in order to provide for the future recreational and leisure needs of our community.

Policy Objectives

- To provide for passive and active recreation use by a cross-section of the community.
- To maximise opportunities for multi-use open space and the location of appropriate community and cultural facilities near open space.
- To ensure that open space is appropriately integrated with surrounding land uses, and is responsive to natural landscapes and features.
- To ensure that the maintenance of open space is considered as part of the design process in all development.
- To use linear links to connect parcels of planned open space, residential, civic and commercial areas with existing and planned district and regional recreation facilities.
- To provide adequate open space within walking distance of all residents and workers.
- To locate open space and recreation facilities in new developments to maximise surveillance and direct public access.

Policy

It is local policy ("OP") to:

1. Pursue the creation of a major public open space link along the Toolern Creek between the northern edge of the Melton township and the Werribee River and along the Djerriwarrh Creek between the Diggers Rest-Coimadai Road and Werribee River by requiring creek frontages as part of open space contributions from developers.
2. Pursue the creation of a major open space corridor along the Kororoit Creek in the Melton East Growth Area by requiring creek frontage land from developers as part of their open space contributions.
3. Ensure that parcels of land given to active open space are large enough to cater for a range of activities and uses and generally discourage the creation of small areas of pocket-type parks in residential areas.

4. Apply the Melton East Growth Area public open space contribution, as specified in the Schedule to Clause 52.01, to the area bounded to the south by the Ballarat Railway line, to the west by Clarkes Road, Monaghans Lane and the high voltage transmission line, to the north by a natural watershed and the Bendigo railway line, and to the east by the Melton City boundary.
5. Ensure that development fronts on to open space wherever possible in order to increase surveillance and create a sense of community ownership.
6. Locate community and commercial facilities such as local shops and schools adjacent to large areas of public open space.
7. Link open space to residential and commercial areas by pedestrian, equestrian and cycle links.