

**MITCHELL OPEN SPACE STRATEGY
2016/17 ACTION PLAN**

GOAL	RECOMMENDATION	ACTION	DEPARTMENT	TIMEFRAME
Diversity	Upgrade multi-code sports precincts in Broadford and Kilmore.	Deliver the Harley Hammond Oval Renovation, Broadford	Active Communities	Apr 2017
		Develop Master Plan for J J Clancy Reserve, Kilmore	Active Communities	Jun 2017
		Identify funding opportunities for upgrade of sports lighting at Harley Hammond Oval, Broadford.	Active Communities	Jun 2017
		Convert one turf green at Wallan Bowls Club to a synthetic surface which facilitates year round use.	Active Communities	Mar 2017
	Continue to improve the usability of open space for families, older adults, people with a disability and teenagers.	Deliver regional wet/dry play space at Hadfield Park, Wallan, based on universal design principles.	Active Communities	Nov 2016
		Deliver upgrade of play space at Govett Street, Broadford.	Active Communities	Dec 2016
		Deliver second netball court and netball change rooms at Kings Park, Seymour.	Active Communities	Nov 2017 (subject to grant funding)

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		Undertake research on and identify opportunities for increasing participation of girls and women in sport and physical activity.	Active Communities Community Strengthening	Dec 2017
	Seek to provide new open spaces for sport in Beveridge, Wallan and Kilmore	Identify opportunities for provision of new active open space areas in Wallan and Beveridge (through Structure Plan and Precinct Structure Plan processes)	Strategic Planning and Active Communities	Ongoing
Equity	Ensure that planning and development creates a good distribution of fit for purpose social family recreation and sport open space and off – road trails as the priority in growth areas (egs, Wallan & Beveridge).	Apply the service standards of the Mitchell Open Space Strategy and Mitchell Play Space Strategy to strategic and statutory planning processes.	Active Communities, Strategic Planning and Statutory Planning	Ongoing
		Apply Council’s Tree Policy to assessment of statutory planning applications and apply industry best practice to requirements for developer tree plantings, maintenance and handover of tree assets to Council.	Engineering & Infrastructure	Ongoing

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	Operate within the core service levels and guidelines.	Apply the service standards of the Mitchell Open Space Strategy and Mitchell Play Space Strategy to requests from the community for service improvements.	Active Communities and Operations & Parks	Ongoing
Planning	Advocate for the increase in resources from all sources; to secure, develop and maintain open space, especially in growth areas.	Identify opportunities in the Seymour Structure Plan processes for improving open space and connectivity. Advocate for a regional active open space serving the needs of future residents in the south of the Shire.	Strategic Planning, Active Communities Strategic Planning and Active Communities	Jun 2017 Ongoing
	Ensure roles and responsibilities of Council, community management groups and other agencies are clear and practical considering resources available.	Implement the updated Operations Manual for Committees of Management operating community facilities under Funding and Service Agreements with Council.	Active Communities	Aug 2016

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	Enhance the range, quality and cost effectiveness of the provision and management of open space in partnership with other government bodies, user groups, special interest groups and the community.	Finalise a Contributions Policy for sporting and community group contributions towards community facilities.	Active Communities, Community Strengthening and Finance & Governance	Dec 2016
		Finalise a Leases and Licences Policy for community facilities.	Community Strengthening, Active Communities and Engineering & Asset Services	Feb 2017
		Implement Year 3 of the Monument Hill Reserve Management Plan	Coordinator Environment	Jun 2017
		Continue environmental enhancement of bushland reserves.	Coordinator Environment	Jun 2017
	Advocate for key district open spaces, bushland, buffers and view shed corridors to be set aside to serve Wallan, Beveridge and Kilmore.	Finalise the strategic acquisition of land south of Green Hill Reserve to meet the recreation and open space needs of current and future residents of the southern growth area.	Sustainable Communities	Jun 2017

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		Develop a Master Plan for Green Hill Reserve and the land to the south.	Strategic Planning and Active Communities	Jun 2017
		Deliver female friendly change facilities at Green Hill Reserve Pavilion 2.	Active Communities	Mar 2017
Network of Trails	Identify route feasibility, and advocate for the Wandong to Heathcote Rail Trail.	Complete the Wallan to Heathcote Rail Trail Feasibility Study.	Active Communities	Nov 2016
	Provide additional information about open spaces and recreation on Council's website.	Provide updated and more detailed information about open spaces and sport and recreation opportunities available in Mitchell.	Active Communities	Dec 2016
Communication	Continue to work with community groups in management and promotion of open spaces	Implement facility usage agreement templates for use by Committees of Management.	Active Communities	Aug 2016
		Provide training and development support for Committees of Management.	Active Communities	Ongoing

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	Provide information on the environmental values of open space, including flora, fauna and cultural values.	Enhance information on Council's website about environmental and bushland sites.	Coordinator Environment	Dec 2016
Amenity		Implement Council's 2016/17 Township and Park Tree Planting Program.	Engineering & Infrastructure	Jun 2017