Wyndham City Council Landscape Subdivisions



Information Sheet: Local Parks

Purpose:

Local Parks are an intermediate form of open space with an area of 5,000 – 10,000 m² that cater to residents within 400m walkable catchments. Local Parks allow for flexible play and recreation, provide opportunities for social interactions and moments of relaxation. Local Parks cater specifically to short duration visits from surrounding residents and should therefore be designed minimally to allow for adaptable community level use.

Objectives

- Ensure Local Parks allow provision for flexible play and recreational opportunities.
- Avoid the over design and embellishment of Local Parks.

Diagrams



- Pathways to the peripheries so as not to divide the reserve
- Programming collected to one end of the reserve as to not divide the open space
- Limited play and programming
- High tree canopy coverage
- Pathways and programming dissecting and dividing flexible open space
- Over provision of programmed play and hardscape
- Lack of tree canopy coverage, particularly to hardscape/ play areas

Guidelines

- Pathways should be limited to the perimeters of the park and must not dissect or reduce flexible open space.
- Programmed space of no more than 30% of the reserve should be collected and located to one end of the reserve to allow for a large amount of unprogrammed, flexible space.
- Unprogrammed, flexible space must equate to no less than 70% of the reserve.
- Shade trees should ideally provide a total coverage of 30% of the Park.
- Shade from trees or shade structures must be provided to play areas.
- Hardscape and programming must be minimal and consider human scale as to not dominate the reserve.
- Design materials must be robust and allow for whole of life maintenance and replacement.
- Furniture and play equipment must be proprietary catalogue items.
- Gradients of grass areas must not exceed 1:6 to allow for maintenance.
- Gradients of garden beds must not exceed 1:3 to allow for maintenance.

General Requirements

REQUIRED	NOT PERMITED
 Park name signage Shade trees A shelter Proprietary play equipment Proprietary furniture Turfed kick about space Bins Drinking fountain and dog bowl 	 Waterplay Large built structures Barbeques Lighting Toilets Substations or Electrical Kiosks Dog off leash dedicated facilities