

Victor Harbor Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy

2023-2033

city of
Victor Harbor





Acknowledgement of Country

The City of Victor Harbor acknowledges the Ramindjeri and Ngarindjeri people as the Traditional Custodians of the land and surrounding waters where we live and work. We acknowledge their deep connection to Country and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. This respect is extended to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across Australia.



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Executive Summary

The Victor Harbor Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy provides a strategic direction for the 142 open spaces including 42 recreation spaces, 12 sporting spaces, 77 nature spaces and 11 public realm spaces.

The strategy is based on an audit of each open space area in the City of Victor Harbor (supply), taking the sport and recreation and community needs (demand) into consideration.

This Strategy will provide insight into the facilities and amenities in the region, and will guide the management, development and/or preservation of open space assets over the next 10 years. The goal in developing this Strategy is to provide the community with access to more opportunities to enjoy and be physically active in local parks, reserves and open spaces.

This Strategy document includes:

- Background information
- A vision
- Guiding principles
- Strategic priorities
- City wide recommendation and individual open space recommendations

The City of Victor Harbor is generally well serviced by its open space network. Of the 142 sites the total open space provision for the City is 1,326 hectares (33.18 hectares is classified as sporting, 56.54 hectares is recreation, 7.95 hectares is Public Realm and 1236 hectares is Nature open space).

The Victor Harbor Rural catchment has the most total open space area of all the suburb catchments (1113.98 hectares). It should be noted that majority of this isn't useable open space as its dense bushlands. The Victor Harbor Central catchment has almost all of the sports open space provision (30.59 hectares).

There are 19 playgrounds located across the City of Victor Harbor. Almost all of the playgrounds provided are 'off the shelf' equipment with very few being more natural playspaces/adventurous play. These off-the-shelf playgrounds are traditional in nature and cater primarily for the 0-8 year olds. They offer very little creativity or adventure/risk taking play which children want and is also important for their development.

The vision for Open Space across the City of Victor Harbor is:

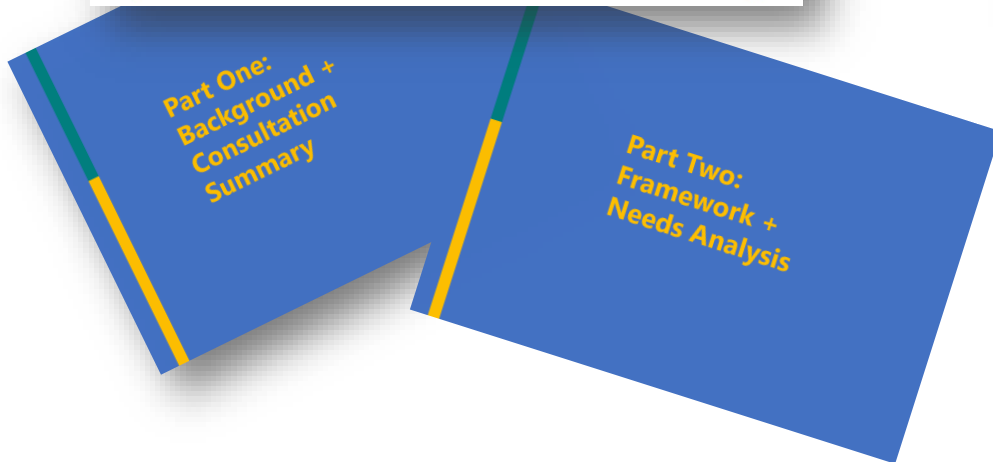
In recognition of the importance of active wellbeing and biodiversity to our lifestyle, the City of Victor Harbor will maintain, conserve and promote a diversity of open spaces for the enjoyment and benefit of our community and visitors.

Five guiding principles have been developed to provide a further framework for the Strategy. The principles are:

1. Our open spaces will be well distributed, connected and be accessible by everyone in our community, regardless of where they reside or frequent within the city.
2. We will strive for our spaces to reflect the principles of universal design by promoting physical access for all abilities and genders.
3. Our sport and recreation facilities will be non-exclusive, fit for purpose and share resources to reduce the burden of our volunteers and ratepayers.
4. Local stories, heritage, environment and culture are considered and interpreted through design, strengthening our identity and fostering community ownership and pride in place.
5. Adopt a classification and hierarchical approach for developing and maintaining our open spaces.



The City of Victor Harbor Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy comprises of two main reports as outlined below. The reports should be read in conjunction with each other to understand the full context of the project. The Background and Needs Analysis Report outlines all background information, findings, community consultation and needs analysis, while the Strategy (this document) focuses on providing direction and site recommendations for open space across the City.



Victor Harbor Context

The City of Victor Harbor is a dynamic and vibrant regional coastal town, located approximately 83 kilometres south of the Adelaide City centre. Covering around 38,510 hectares with a population of 16,720, the City of Victor Harbor enjoys a high standard of living and has assets and experiences to offer residents and visitors alike.

The township of Victor Harbor is the largest in the Southern Fleurieu Region, reflective of its regional status.

While Victor Harbor and its surrounds continue to grow, the pace of growth has stabilised. Recent data forecasts our population will grow to 18,776-19,095 by 2031 (City of Victor Harbor LGA Profile, Future Urban Pty Ltd, 2023) . This growth has implications for the provision of services and infrastructure, as well as how we protect our environment, heritage, lifestyle and sense of community, all of which are highly valued and integral to the city's appeal. Population growth in neighbouring councils also impacts the City of Victor Harbor which has firmly established itself as the service centre for the southern Fleurieu Peninsula region.

The City of Victor Harbor's economy is heavily reliant upon income derived from tourism, and the Council has been focusing on the development of other key industry sectors including agriculture, building and construction, health and community services and manufacturing.

Being a coastal destination within close proximity to Adelaide, Victor Harbor is a favoured holiday destination and in the summer months the population doubles. Attracting around 1.2 million visitors annually, tourism is seen as the significant contributor to the local economy, contributing an estimated \$663 million to the Fleurieu Peninsula regional economy and directly employing approximately 3,700 people (City of Victor Harbor LGA Profile, Future Urban Pty Ltd, 2023).



Strategy Development

What does the Strategy include?

What is Open Space?

Public open space encompasses a variety of spaces within the urban environment that are readily and freely accessible to the wider community for recreation and enjoyment (Healthy Active by Design, Heart Foundation).

Open space can support a range of activities, from less structured activity (walking, cycling, playing with friends) through to more structured activities (team sport competition, training and elite sport). Open Space is generally categorised based on its main function or activity occurring at the site and its size.

Open Space in Victor Harbor

Open space in Victor Harbor contains two central categories – function and catchment hierarchy. These include:

Function (primary use and expected activity)

- Recreation
- Nature/Linear
- Sport
- Public Realm

Catchment Hierarchy (typical size and how far a user might travel)

- Local
- District
- Neighbourhood
- Regional

These two central categories can dictate what should and should not be provided at the site, as well as the catchment. It should also align with the maintenance service levels for each open space area.

It should be noted that sports facilities can be located in regional open spaces but are not necessarily of a regional standard. They will generally have more of a district level value and be dependent on the level of competition played and facility hierarchy of the relevant sports body.

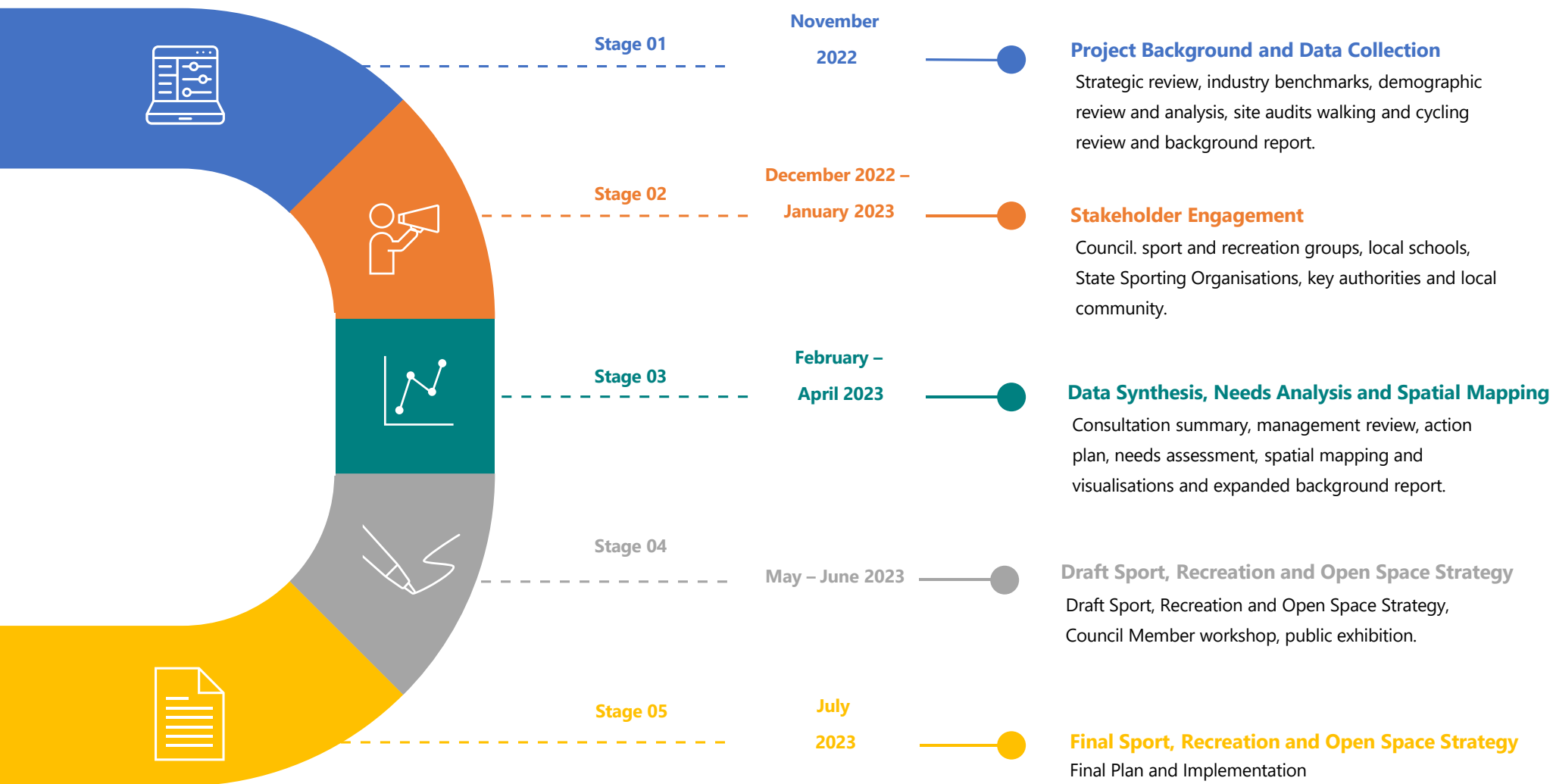
Public open space is the focus of this strategy. Private open space such as private lawn bowls, golf courses, fitness and aquatic centres have not been included in this Strategy. Education facilities have not been included.

Recreation	Accessed by all to play, socialise, exercise, celebrate or participate in other activities that provide personal satisfaction or intrinsic reward. Recreation spaces enhance physical and mental health through activity that provides relaxation, amusement or stimulation.
Sport	Formal structured sporting activities. Activities are organised and generally in a team or competitive environment for either playing or training. Facilities are designed with specific infrastructure requirements such as playing surfaces, buffer zones, on and off field amenities.
Nature/ Linear	Low impact recreation in a setting where people can enjoy nature and protect local biodiversity and natural areas. Sites are managed to enable recreational access while protecting local ecological and biodiversity values. These spaces can also include open spaces that provide connections between spaces or along natural features like waterways.
Public Realm	Includes shared spaces in a city for its visitors and residents to socialise and interact with others. These spaces can include cultural and historical sites, event spaces, plazas, memorials and public art areas. These areas are generally free and open for all.

Source: Department of Sport and Recreation, WA

Development of the Strategy

The Victor Harbor Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy will guide the identification, provision, development and management of sport, recreation and open space services and infrastructure within the region for the next 10 years. The development of the plan is comprised of five project stages which are outlined below.



Open Space in the City of Victor Harbor

A baseline inventory of open space provision was established via the auditing of 142 open space areas across the City of Victor Harbor.

The City of Victor Harbor is made up of the following open spaces:

- 42 Recreation Open Space
- 12 Sporting Open Spaces
- 77 Nature Open Space
- 11 Public Realm Spaces

Facility audits were not carried out on private open space such as private golf courses, private facilities or trails and pathways.

No. of Sites with Sport, Recreation and Open Space Infrastructure:

42	12	77	11
Recreation Open Spaces	Sport Open Spaces	Nature Open Spaces	Public Realm Open Spaces
94	21	18	9
Local Level Open Spaces	Neighbourhood Level Open Spaces	District Level Open Spaces	Regional Level Open Spaces
19	2	1	4
Playgrounds	Skate Parks	BMX / Pump Tracks	Beach Volleyball Courts
2	3	15	1
AFL Oval	Cricket Oval	Tennis Courts	Archery
3	1	9	2
Hockey Pitches (Grass)	Motorcycle	Netball Courts	Lawn Bowl Clubs

Strategic Context

The Victor Harbor Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy is influenced by a range of strategies, plans, policies and research developed by the City of Victor Harbor, government authorities and other agencies.

The following provides a high-level overview of strategic documents which guide and support the development of the Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy .



City of Victor Harbor

- Community Plan 2030
- Urban Growth Management Strategy 2013-2030
- Asset Management Plan - Land, Buildings and Open Space
- Annual Business Plan 2022/23
- City of Victor Harbor Recreation and Open Space Strategy (2017)
- Footpath and Pedestrian Strategy 2022
- Victor Harbor Mountain Bike Strategy
- Disability Access and Inclusion Action Plan
- Environmental Management Plan
- Biodiversity and Natural Assets Management Plan (currently in development)



State and Federal Government

- National Sport Plan 2030
- Ausplay 2019-2020
- Recreation, Sport and Racing Strategic Plan 2021-2025
- Game On: Getting South Australia moving
- State Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Plan 2020-2040
- SportAus Emerging issues and opportunities for sport participation
- South Australian Regional Level Recreation and Sport Facilities Planning Guidelines



Sport, Recreation + Open Space

- The Value of Community Sport Infrastructure
- Heart Foundation Healthy by Design website
- Parks and Leisure Australia (WA) Guidelines for Community Infrastructure
- Various National Sporting Bodies Facility Guidelines
- Various State Sporting Bodies Infrastructure Strategies

The Victor Harbor Community

Population

16,720

47% Male | 53% Female

Median Age

60

SA 41 | RSA 39

Aboriginal & Torrens Strait Islander Population

1.7%

SA 2.4% | RSA 1.4%

Couples with Children

16%

SA 27% | RSA 21%

Lone person households

31%

SA 27% | RSA 29%

Older couples without children

26%

SA 12% | RSA 15%

Median weekly household income

\$953

SA \$1,470 | RSA \$1,133

Medium and High-Density housing

13%

SA 22% | RSA 11%

Median weekly rent

\$290

SA \$300 | RSA \$220

Median weekly mortgage repayment

\$300

SA \$346 | RSA \$265

Households

Renting 20%

SA 27% | RSA 24%

Mortgage 23%

SA 34% | RSA 28%

Overseas born

19%

SA 24% | RSA 12%

Language at home other than English

3%

SA 18% | RSA 5%

Unemployment rate

5.4%

SA 5.4% | RSA 4.8%

SEIFA index of disadvantage 2016

958

SA 979 | RSA 944

Homeless persons estimated

27

SA = South Australia
RSA = Regional SA

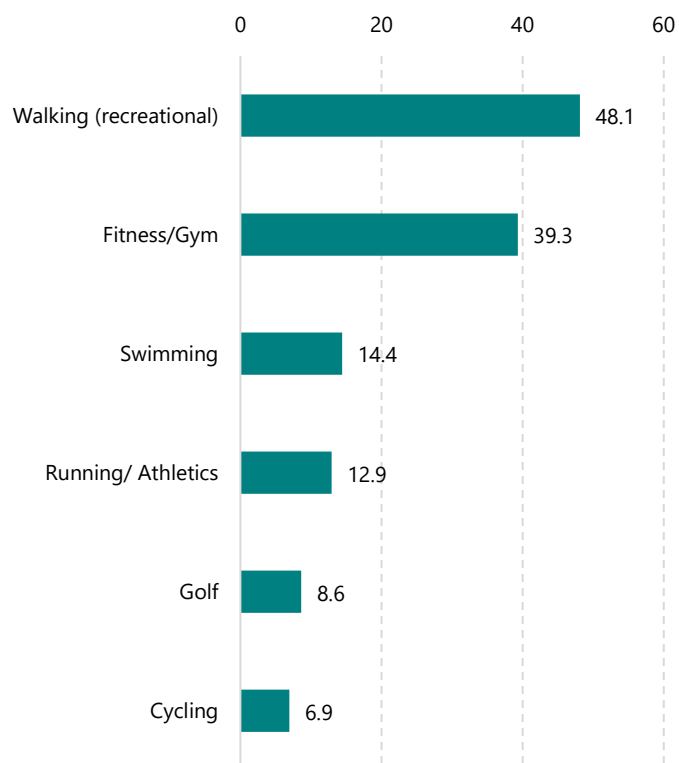
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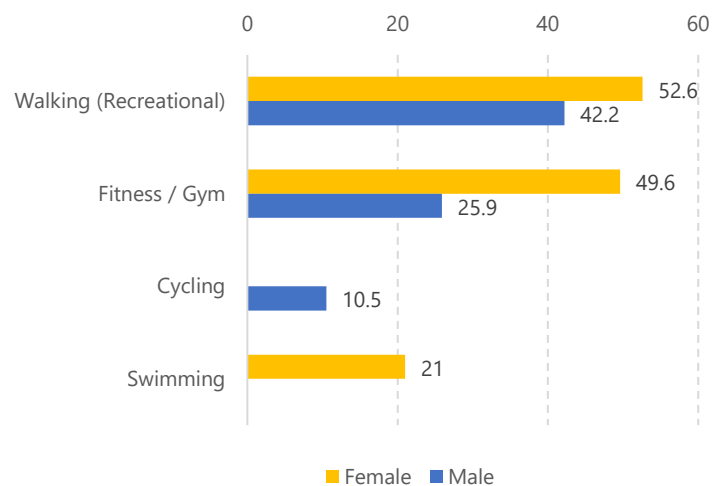
The 2019-2020 Ausplay survey results showed that for people living in the Victor Harbor LGA that:

- The most popular physical activity was walking (recreational), followed by fitness/gym, swimming and running/athletics for all ages/genders.
- Walking (recreational) was the most popular for both female and male participants.

Top Activities in Victor Harbor LGA (All Ages)



Top Activities by Gender in Victor Harbor LGA (All Ages)



*Please note that there was limited data in Victor Harbor, especially children participation data through the Ausplay survey.

WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY



AMOUNT OF SURVEYS COMPLETED
164

37% Male
62% Female

1% PREFERRED NOT TO SAY

WHO DID WE HEAR FROM?

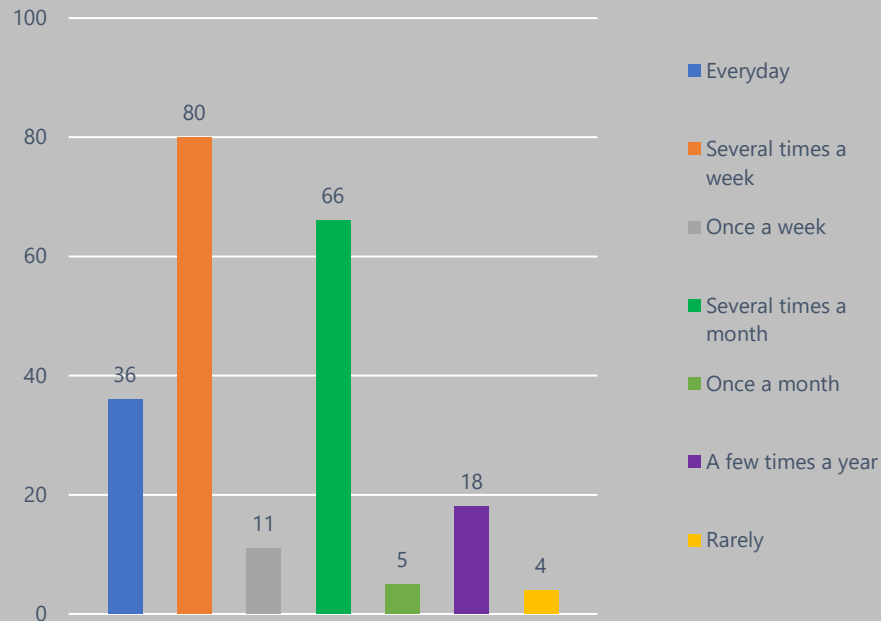
88% were residents of the City of Victor Harbor

16% were members of a Sport, Recreation or Community group in Victor Harbor

8% were residents of an adjoining council

2% were visitors

How often do you use/visit open space, parks, sport and recreation facilities in the City of Victor Harbor?



56% said their most visited space was because it was close to home

18% said their most visit space was because the facilities are good

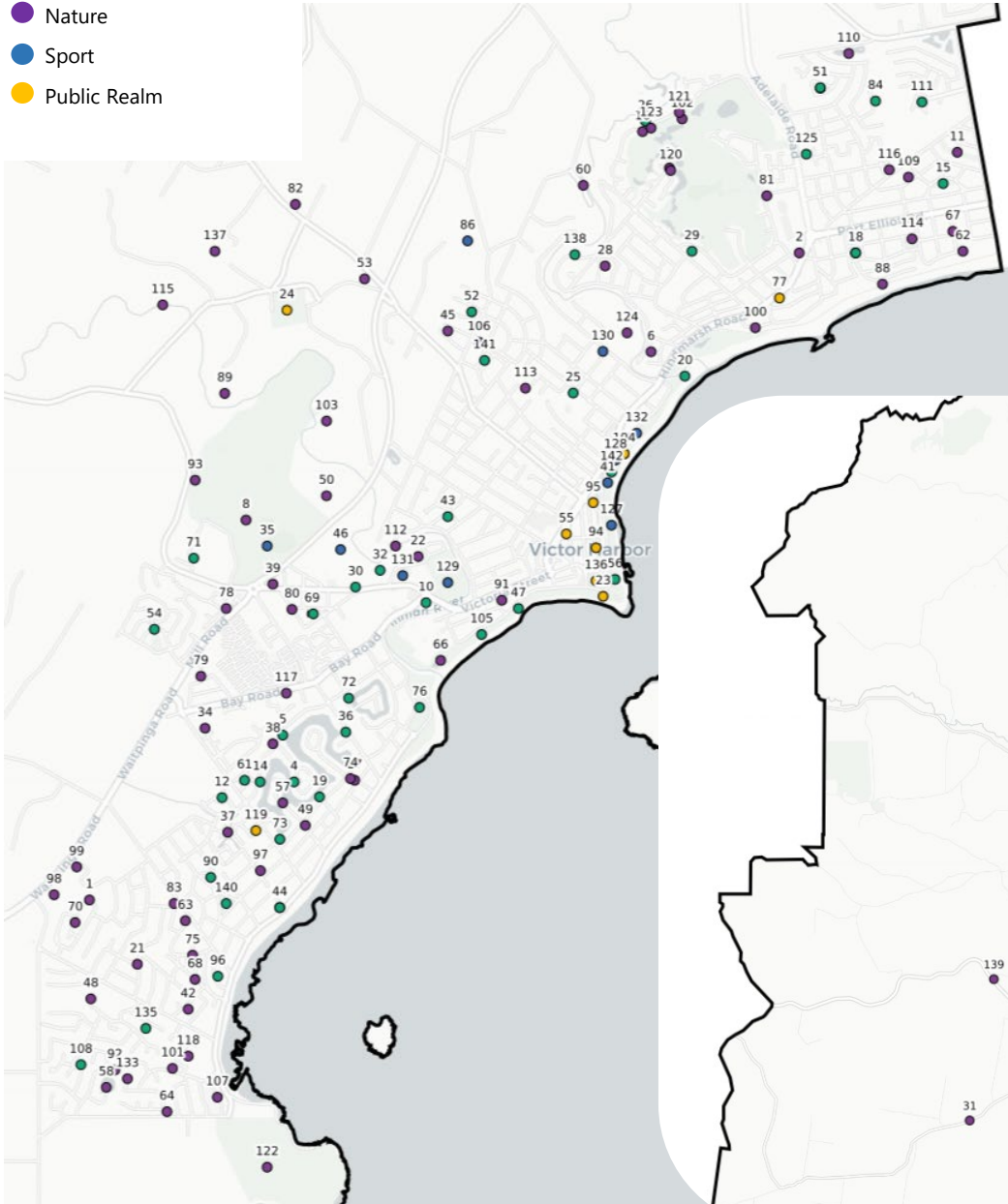
55% said they used a car to get to this space & 37% walked

Overall key themes emerging from the online survey:

- Spaces are being used regularly – several times a week
- Supporting amenities are important and generally drives the usage of the reserve
- Playgrounds need to be improved and offer different play opportunities including exercise equipment along the foreshore
- Need mountain bike trails
- Need more cycling/walking paths that connect open spaces
- Need better maintenance of spaces – overgrown areas, creek maintenance, not enough bins
- Don't need more spaces just need better quality spaces
- Car parking important when using the spaces
- More accessible facilities

Open Space Type:

- Recreation
- Nature
- Sport
- Public Realm

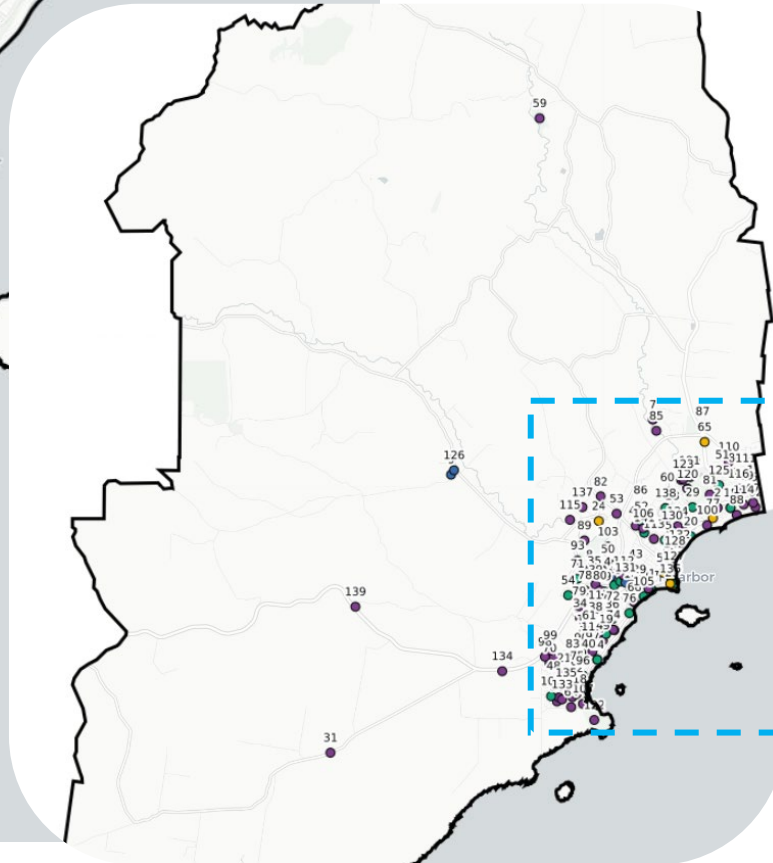


Open Space Inventory

142 open space sites were audited across the City of Victor Harbor as part of this project.

The audit of selected open spaces using *Sports Facility Auditor* collated data on sport, recreation, public realm and nature/linear supporting infrastructure and site characteristics. Part Two of the Background Report (Framework + Needs Analysis) examined open space provision across the City. Facility audits were not carried out on private open space such as private golf courses / tennis facilities, schools or trails and pathways.

Site names for each reserve can be found in appendix 1.



Key Findings:

- The City of Victor Harbor is generally well serviced by its open space network, with between 2.39 and 79.3 hectares of open space per 1,000 people.
- The suburb catchment of McCracken has the lowest provision of open space (0.84%)
- 33.18 hectares is classified as sporting, 37.4 hectares is recreation, 7.96 hectares is Public Realm and 1248.19 hectares is Nature/Linear open space. The Victor Harbor Rural suburb catchment has the most total open space area of all the suburb catchments (1113.98ha).
- Almost all of the playgrounds provided are 'off the shelf' equipment with few being more natural playspaces. The playgrounds are evenly distributed through the local government area.
- Sporting open spaces are provided mainly within the Victor Harbor suburb catchment, which is centrally located within the LGA.

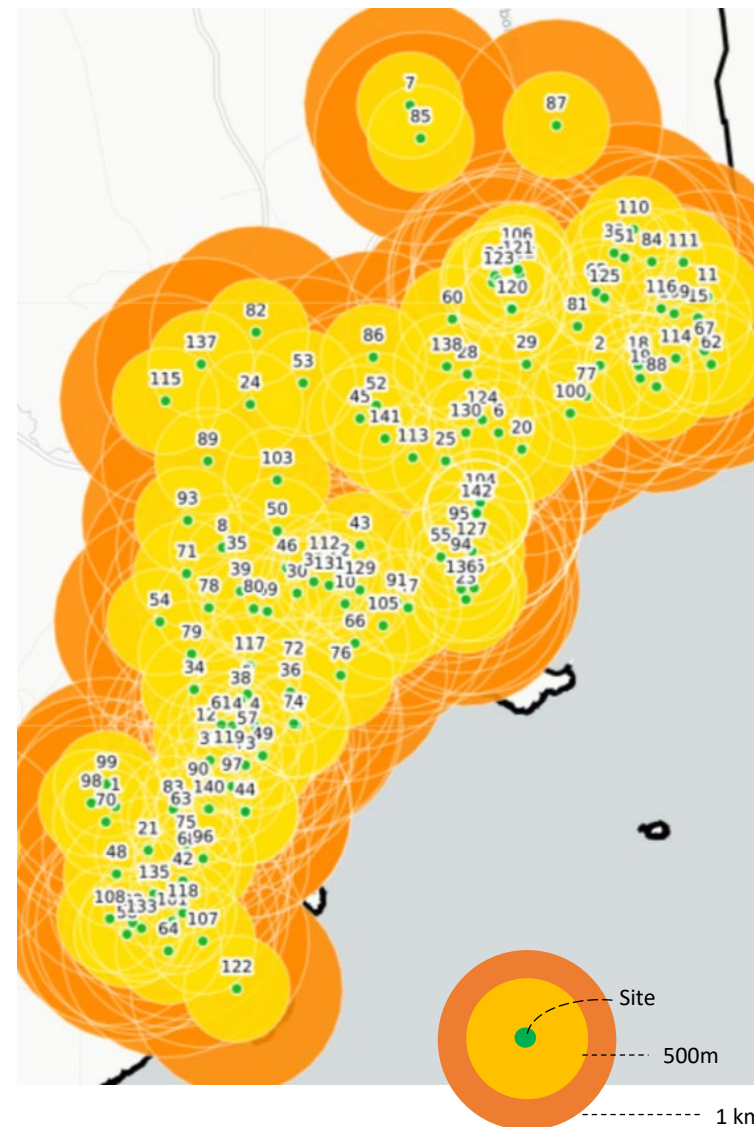
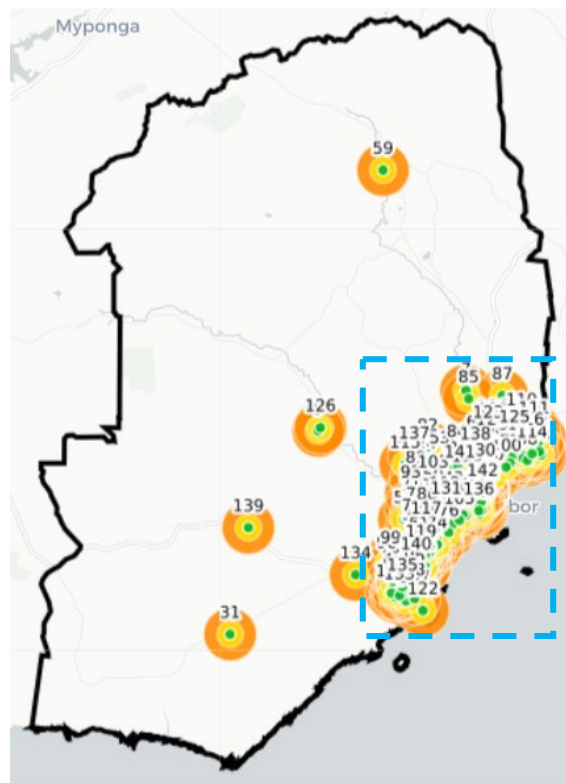
Needs Analysis

The Open Space Needs Analysis identifies gaps in provision, areas of need and opportunities for development.

Key recommendation include:

- The inner suburb catchments have a good provision and distribution of open space sites with only a few gaps. The further you disperse out from the Victor Harbor township, especially around the edges, the provision lessens. It should be noted that the population density lowers in these areas.
- Examine the playground and youth spaces provision and type, and ensure diversity and variety of options across the network
- Provide additional active recreation facilities in local open space where there are gaps in provision, particularly in the outer edges of the municipality.
- Identify reserves that can support Neighbourhood / district level active recreation nodes that support multipurpose use and provision of activity-specific facilities with larger catchments.
- The suburb catchment of McCracken has the lowest provision of open space per 1,000 residents. This should be monitored along with any population growth that may occur in this catchment.

Further detail is available in the Background and Needs Analysis Report and appendix 2 of this strategy.



Walking and Cycling

Victor Harbor’s connectivity plays a crucial role in fostering economic activity within the township, with the foreshore’s popularity as a starting and finishing point for cyclists contributing to this.

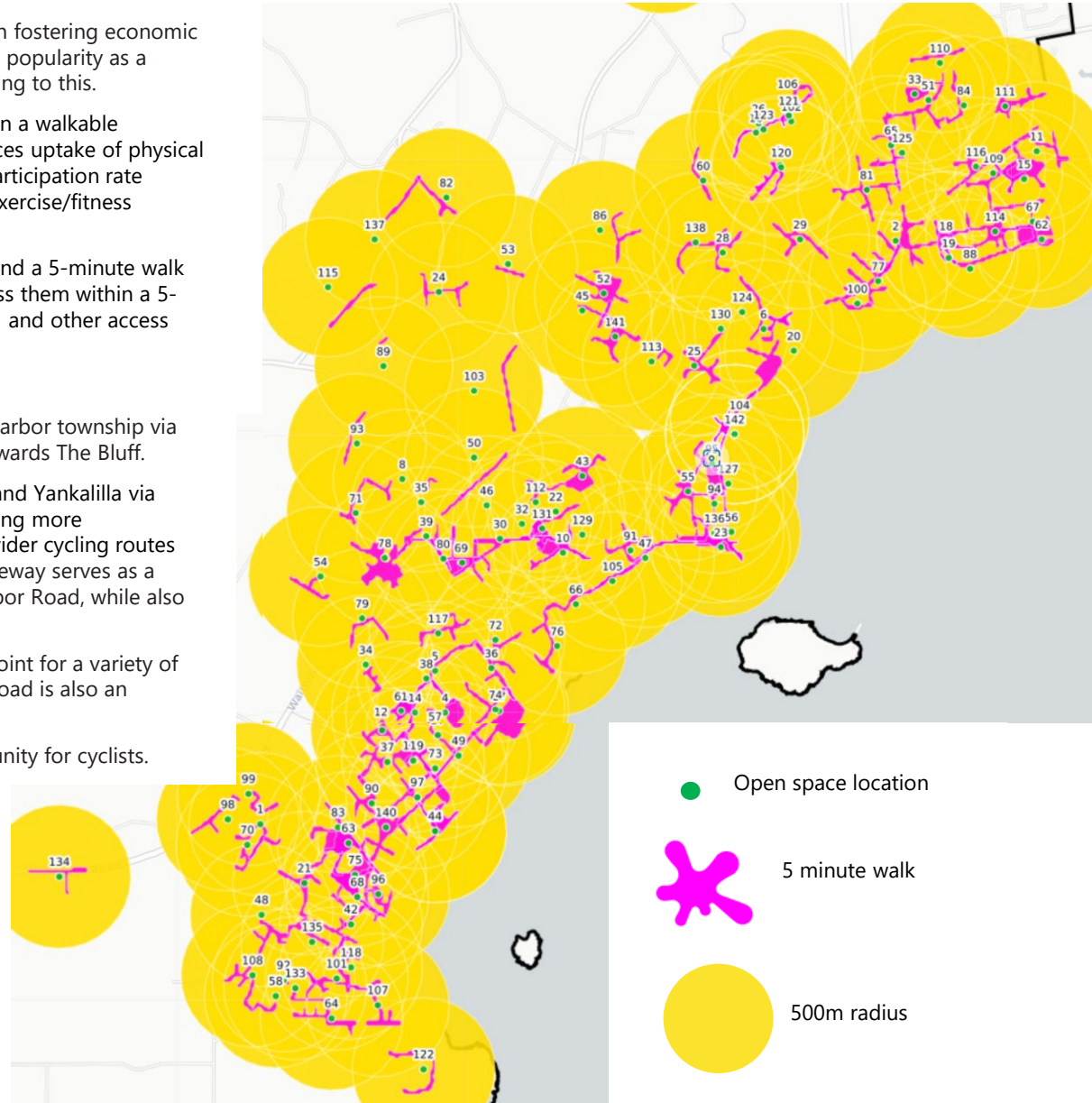
Provision of publicly accessible open space within a walkable catchment (500 metres / 5-minute walk) influences uptake of physical and active recreation activities, including high participation rate activities such as walking, running, cycling and exercise/fitness activities.

The adjacent map outlines all open space sites and a 5-minute walk access ring. Not all residents near sites can access them within a 5-minute walk. This could be due to roads, fencing and other access issues.

Key Findings:

- While there is strong connectivity to Victor Harbor township via key cycling routes, connectivity decreases towards The Bluff.
- Cycling connections between Victor Harbor and Yankalilla via Inman Valley play an important role in enabling more experienced and confident riders to access wider cycling routes linking local Council areas. The Encounter Bikeway serves as a conduit for Crows Nest Road and Victor Harbor Road, while also being an important cycling route.
- Inman Valley Road is a conduit and a focal point for a variety of cycling experiences, while Hindmarsh Tiers Road is also an important cycling route.
- Mt. Alma provides a unique regional opportunity for cyclists.

Further detail is available in the Background and Needs Analysis Report regarding walkability to open spaces.



Sport and Recreation Facility Provision

Sport and Recreation provision and benchmark analysis provides the City of Victor Harbor a guide as to the number of facilities it should provide based on its population. The below table outlines the current provision of sport/recreation facilities across the city and how these compare to the benchmark.

Due to the large numbers of visitors the City of Victor Harbor attracts, this will likely impact the demand for open space and recreation facilities, particularly in relation to foreshore, key playgrounds and trails. Recommendations regarding deficiencies can be found in the implementation section.

Facility Component	Target Provision	Current Provision	Provision need based on 2022 population (16,720)	Provision need based on 2036 population (18,774)	Current Surplus/Deficit	2036 Surplus/Deficit
AFL oval	1:5,000	2	3	4	-1	-2
Cricket oval	1:5,000	3	3	4	0	-1
Aquatic Centre (District level)	1:75,000	1	1	1	0	0
Soccer field	1:6,000	0	3*	3	-3	-3
Netball (outdoor)	1:5,000	9	3	4	+6	+3
Tennis court	1:3,000	15	6	6	+9	+9
Athletics track	1:75,000	1 (school site)	1**	1	0	0
Diamond Sports Field	1:12,000	0	1	1	-1	-1
Hockey field (synthetic)	1:100,000 Should be based on individual business case	3 grass fields	0	0	0	0
Bowls Club	1:30,000	2	1	1	+1	+1
Indoor courts	1: 5,000	2***	3	4	-1	-2
Skate Park	Neighbourhood – 1:7,500 District - 1:25,000 Regional - 1:50,000	2 - -	2 - -	3 - -	0	-1
Playground	Neighbourhood - 1:2,000 District -1:9,000 Regional - 1:50,000	14 5 -	8 2 -	9 2 -	+6 +3 -	+5 +2 -
BMX Track (Dirt track)	1:20,000	1	1	1	0	0

Please note school provision of facilities are only included if they are used by a club for competition and/or training.

*Although there is no soccer fields provided in the City of Victor Harbor region, they are catered for in a soccer precinct in Alexandrina Council

**A higher quality and larger athletics track (but not synthetic or regional level) maybe needed if participation grows. Growing the capacity at the current site is recommended in the first instance.

***Courts are not compliant due to inadequate run off areas – limits competition activities

What we have and what we need

Playspaces

Providing opportunities for children and youth play and develop should be a priority for the City of Victor Harbor. Best practice is to provide an assortment of play opportunities for a variety of ages including adventurous / nature play based to support children in their social and physical development, as well as connecting them to the nature. It is also important to provide inclusive play for all abilities.

What we have – There are currently 19 playgrounds across the City of Victor Harbor. This equates to approximately 12.4 playgrounds per 1,000 children (0-11 years). The industry standard indicates a benchmark of one playground for 2,000 residents.

There are a high number of sites that offer one/two pieces of equipment that don't connect to other equipment or parts of the reserve. Footpaths and access points are often lacking, as well as supporting amenities such as shelters, seating.

What we need – While the city is well supplied with playgrounds, there is a lack of unique / adventurous playgrounds. There are opportunities at the following reserves to offer a variety of different play (including all abilities) that will attract people from outside the catchment area; Cootamundra, Tuck and Wattle Drive reserves. These three sites have been identified based on their size, location and the potential catchment. There is also an opportunity to redevelop several playgrounds into District/Regional level playgrounds, including Kent Reserve and Youth Park given their high destination location.

Outdoor Community Courts

Outdoor courts provide space for formal, informal and social sports and are becoming increasingly popular. Multi-purpose courts allowing for a range of users and should be considered as best practice rather than single lined courts.

What we have – The City of Victor Harbor has an over supply of outdoor courts. There are 15 tennis courts, nine netball courts and a small number of community courts across the City (majority are basketball).

What we need – The industry standard indicates a benchmark of 1:3,000 for tennis courts and 1:5,000 for netball courts. Based on these benchmarks the City of Victor Harbor currently provides a ratio of court per population for tennis of 1:1,114 and 1:1,857 for netball.

Skate and Youth Spaces

Providing youth spaces for the community is vital to the social and physical health of the youth community. These spaces are not limited to skate parks or BMX tracks but also play areas of interest to teens that are inclusive regardless of age or gender.

Best practice youth recreation spaces are designed for safety including lighting; located close to public transport, shops, schools and other facilities; include amenities such as seating in groups, shelter, shade and bins; and involve young people (including girls, and culturally diverse young people) in the design and management of these places.

What we have – The City of Victor Harbor currently has two skate parks and one BMX dirt track across the City.

What we need – Industry benchmarks indicate a benchmark of 1 BMX (dirt track) for 20,000 people. Benchmarks also recommend the following for skate parks; Neighbourhood 1: 7,500, District 1: 25,000 and Regional 1: 50,000. This could see the area needing an additional skate by 2036 or it is suggested that one of the current facilities be upgrade to a district size skate park giving it a larger catchment.

Sports Grounds

Multi- purpose sports grounds are generally provided at a District level open space. Best practice is to provide sports fields in a double format to support summer and winter sports as well as senior and junior club-based participation. Off-field amenities should also be present and include clubroom (canteen, storage, change rooms and toilets), spectator viewing areas, play spaces, car parking and other facilities such as cricket practice nets and outdoor courts.

What we have – There are 12 sporting open space areas, including two oval complexes , three hockey fields, two bowling clubs, a croquet facility an archery facility and an athletics track (located at a school site).

What we need – The industry benchmark indicates a combined benchmark of 1 sports space for 4,000-5,000 residents. The City of Victor Harbor meets this benchmark, however based on oval needs and current known participation it is likely that an additional oval will be required in the next 3-5 years. It is recommended that any new oval provided, can cater for a number of sports or a current school oval be upgraded to grow the capacity and be able to facilitate club sport. This could also assist in the provision of an athletics facility.

Framework and Strategic Priorities

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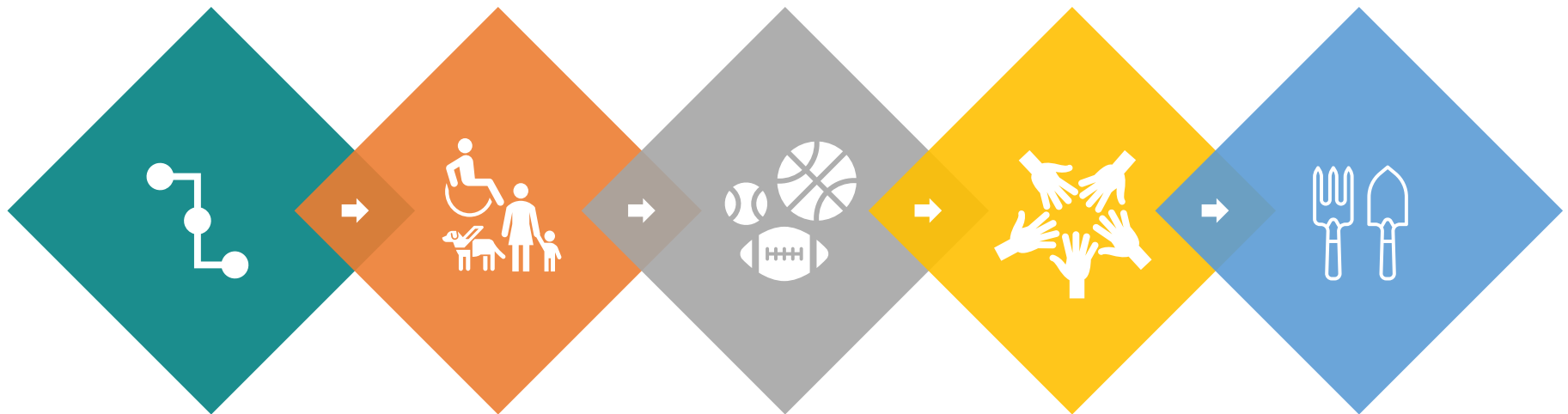
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Strategic Priorities and Principles

The Victor Harbor Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy establishes five key strategic priorities that aim to create a network of accessible and connected high quality open spaces that encourages the community to be active.

The following principles should be considered in the planning, design and management of any new or existing open spaces across the City of Victor Harbor. These principles are based on best practice approaches to the provision of open space and the needs of the Victor Harbor community.



01

Our open spaces will be well distributed, connected and be accessible by everyone in our community, regardless of where they reside or frequent within the city.

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We will strive for our spaces to reflect the principles of universal design by promoting physical access for all abilities and genders.

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Our sport and recreation facilities will be non-exclusive, fit for purpose and share resources to reduce the burden of our volunteers and ratepayers.

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Local stories, heritage, environment and culture are considered and interpreted through design, strengthening our identity and fostering community ownership and pride in place.

05

Adopt a classification and hierarchical approach for developing and maintaining our open spaces.

Sport, Recreation and Open Space Framework

The Sport, Recreation and Open Space Framework outlines open spaces by a number of key characteristics. These characteristics relate to the purpose/function of the site, accessibility (catchment), activities and site infrastructure. It recognises that not all open space can or should be developed and maintained at the same level and will vary according to its hierarchy catchment. The Sport, Recreation and Open Space Framework will assist Council in developing agreed service levels that align with this hierarchy. A list of all sites and their catchment category can be found in appendix 1.

Characteristics	Local	Neighbourhood
Purpose / Function	Small park that services recreation needs of the immediate surrounding residential population. Unlikely to be used for sport.	Serves as the recreational and social focus of a community. Residents are attracted by a variety of features. Can be used for junior sport or training if appropriate in size.
Access	Within 500 metres or 5-minute walk	Within 1 kilometre or 10-minute walk
Size	0.4 hectares to 1 hectare	1 hectares to 5 hectares
Length of Stay (approx.)	30-45 minutes	45-60 minutes
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's play, dog walking, picnics, socialising. • Relaxation and rest stops. • Walking, running and cycling. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's play that accommodates a range of ages. • Other recreation opportunities i.e. basketball court, small pump track. • Open parkland and nature spaces.
Site Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard play equipment and combination system. • Seating. • Natural shade. • Irrigated grass areas. • Plantings. • Pathways. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play equipment and nature play elements. • Seats and picnic facilities. • Drinking fountain. • Shelter structure. • Natural shade and vegetation plantings. • Youth spaces which could include multi-purpose court.
Sport Infrastructure	Formal sport is not recommended to be developed in local level open spaces.	Facilities to be developed and maintained at the appropriate standard set out by the relevant SSO's facility guidelines based on site classification for the sport. Sport played at these sites will be for junior sport if the size permits.

Characteristics	District	Regional
Purpose / Function	Principally designed to provide for organised formal sport. Likely to include substantial recreation space and some nature space. Serves several neighbourhoods with players and visitors travelling from surrounding districts. Multiple activities can be played at one time.	Can accommodate important recreation and organised sport spaces as well as significant conservation and/or environmental features. May provide substantial facilities for organised sport, play, social interaction, relaxation and enjoyment of nature.
Access	Within 3 kilometres or 5-minute drive.	Serves one or more geographical or social regions and is likely to attract visitors from outside any one local government area. Users not living within close proximity will use either private vehicles or public transport.
Size	5 hectares +	Size is variable and dependent on function. When sporting space is identified as a necessary regional function, allocations for playing fields and sports facilities should be assessed on a case by case basis.
Length of Stay (approx.)	60-90 minutes	60-120 minutes +
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sufficient space to accommodate a variety of concurrent uses, including organised sports, children’s play, picnicking, exercising the dog, social gatherings and individual activities. • Includes a combination of bushland, open parkland for casual play and space for organised sport. • Accommodate multiple user groups, clubs and associations. 	Should be large enough to accommodate various concurrent uses, including organised sports, children’s play, picnicking, bush walking, and protection of natural features.
Site Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play equipment, combination system, climbing structures, potential basketball/netball half court, natural play elements, iconic features. • Seats, multiple picnic facilities, BBQ, drink fountain. • Shade and Shelter. • Amenity landscaping and large turf area for a kick about depending on site constraints. • Car parking. • Integrated Public Art. • Public Toilet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive play equipment with opportunity for site specific play elements. • Seats, multiple picnic facilities, BBQs, drink fountains. • Landscaping treatments including adequate plantings for shade. • Internal and connected pathways. • Shade and shelter. Potential for artificial shade over play equipment. • Large turf area for a kick about depending on site constraints. • Multipurpose courts / Rage Cage. • Integrated Youth Spaces. • Car parking / storm water works. • Integrated Public art. • Lighting. • Public Toilet.
Sport Infrastructure	<p>Facilities to be developed and maintained at the appropriate standard set out by the relevant SSO’s facility guidelines based on site classification for the sport.</p> <p>Facility caters for regular training and competition needs of a club. Facilities and playing surface are provided to a “home and away” competition standard (not large events or finals). Depending on size of the site multiple sport could be accommodated at the same time.</p>	<p>Facilities to be developed and maintained at the appropriate standard set out by the relevant SSO’s facility guidelines based on site classification/ competition played for the sport. These spaces are often used for Association level competitions.</p> <p>Facilities should cater for more than one code or activity. These facilities ideally have the capacity to host finals and representative games and have high quality playing surfaces which are maintained to a high standard along with the appropriate off-fields amenities such as clubrooms and spectator viewing areas.</p>

City Wide Strategic Priorities

No	Strategic Priority	Strategic Priority Implementation
01	Our open spaces will be well distributed, connected and be accessible by everyone in our community, regardless of where they reside or frequent within the city	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure any new open space is developed based on the appropriate hierarchy, function and is accessible by the immediate community. 2. Provide circuit paths within reserves to encourage walking and running within open spaces. 3. Improve connectivity to well utilised running and walking trails to support ongoing usage. 4. Develop multipurpose facilities at each open space site that cater for a range of activities. 5. Consider opportunities for older people in any open space renewal or improvement activities such as social gathering spaces, exercise equipment and appropriate walking path surfaces. 6. Incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles in the design and upgrade of open space and recreation facilities. 7. Seek to deliver Neighbourhood open space to areas of undersupply. This will be achieved by raising an existing local open space to Neighbourhood standard – increasing size may be problematic but increasing the level of enhancement is valid. 8. Develop a Master Plan for key recreation and sporting sites across the City such as Encounter Bay Sporting Complex and Foreshore reserves. 9. Ensure safe and accessible pedestrian and cycling infrastructure including primary and secondary routes. 10. Encourage physical activity and maintain and strengthen connections to facilitate people’s movement outside the Victor Harbor township. 11. Create a diverse range of trails and cycling opportunities for different age groups and user types through quality recreation spaces and facilities that are interconnected.
02	We will strive for our spaces to reflect the principles of universal design by promoting physical access for all abilities and genders.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure any new playspace design considers and includes play elements for all abilities, genders and ages. 2. Ensure future footpath networks provide logical and safe connections to recreational, sport and open spaces, and are suitable for recreational activities such as walking and running for all ages and abilities. 3. Foster a community that is active, healthy and engaged.
03	Our sport and recreation facilities will be non- exclusive, fit for purpose and share resources to reduce the burden of our volunteers and ratepayers.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase the diversity of sport and recreation opportunities in parks and reserves especially for those sports that currently do not have a home ground. 2. Co-locate active recreation facilities with existing recreation opportunities such as playspaces and playing fields. 3. Identify opportunities to incorporate unique facility components into multipurpose design. 4. Partner with peak bodies, clubs, community organisations and adjoining councils to deliver sport and recreation opportunities targeting new participants in parks and reserves.

No	Strategic Priority	Strategic Priority Implementation
04	Local stories, heritage, environment and culture are considered and interpreted through design, strengthening our identity and fostering community ownership and pride in place.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consult with the local Aboriginal community about opportunities to share and celebrate local Aboriginal heritage and significant sites throughout the City. 2. Consult with local heritage groups about opportunities to share and celebrate the local history of Victor Harbor in our open spaces. 3. Implement public art and other cultural initiatives in parks and open spaces as opportunities present. 4. Strengthen cultural education and opportunities, including on-site-learning, demonstrations, and spaces to support community events. 5. Encourage learning, inclusion, and engagement to promote cultural awareness and understanding. 6. Preserve, sustain, and enhance the biodiversity of natural areas to provide people with opportunities to experience natural environments, promote a balance between urban and natural environments, and create habitats for wildlife.
05	Adopt a classification and hierarchical approach for developing and maintaining our open spaces.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review and establish new service standards to better reflect use, profile and maintenance of open space according to its hierarchy. This includes providing information for the community to understand. 2. Deliver a best practice design manual for new and existing open space to advocate for the delivery of quality spaces. 3. Seek funding opportunities for sport, recreation and open space developments from new and existing sources.



Implementation

Implementation

The development of sport, recreation and open spaces usually requires funding from a range of sources. The following stakeholders are identified as potential sources of funding to help deliver and implement this strategy:

- Own source funding through council income and rates.
- State Government (e.g. Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing).
- Federal Government.
- State Sporting Organisations.
- Private sector.
- Trusts and Foundations (e.g. Australian Sports Foundation).

Not all strategies, projects and works are the same priority, and it may not be feasible for Council and other stakeholders to commit to achieving every item. A strategic approach to the implementation that considers the priorities, ensures equitable outcomes across the community and reflects available funding is therefore required.

An implementation plan has been developed to summarise the potential projects and works identified in the Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy. This includes a 10 Year Implementation Plan that identifies higher priorities and potential projects for implementation over the next 10 years.

Having a strategy that clearly indicates what needs to be done and what the priorities are is extremely important. The implementation plan aims to guide Council and other stakeholders in future decision making and resource allocation.

Establishing programs and initiatives that activate facilities and build partnerships with stakeholders will ensure that the impact of investment in sport and recreation facilities is maximised.



The following site recommendations aim to guide the prioritised delivery of recommendations of the Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy. The recommendations outlined in the below table are based on the assessment of opportunities at the time of the development of the Strategy and may change over time depending on funding and other relevant factors. They are based on the outcomes of the open space audits, community consultation and analysis undertaken as part of the development of this strategy. The implementation of these recommendations will be undertaken in accordance with Council’s budget process and will be dependent on Council’s prioritisation across the organisation. Open Space sites that don’t appear in the list below, are to be maintained as is. (i.e. No improvements/recommendation required).

RECREATION		
Open Space Site	Recommendation	Priority Level High = 0-3 years Medium = 4-10 years Low = 10+ years
Belmont Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain space as is. Determine long term if the BBQ remains and if so explore the option to include other amenities to support this such as informal play. Develop based on hierarchy. 	Low
Blocker Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance play elements at this site. Include green space for informal ball activities that integrates with the basketball court and seating. Shelter 	Low
Cootamundra Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance play elements, when the current pieces reach their end of life. Broaden the play offering and integrate the natural surroundings Provide additional seating and shelter This space could become a recreation/rest node along the Hindmarsh River 	Medium
Dog Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor the use of this space and expand if necessary. 	Low
Drummond Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance play space and the park offerings when the current equipment reaches its end of life. Use the natural slope of the site to integrate play elements. Shade and seating to be included. 	Medium
Franklin Parade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor and upgrade shared use path as needed inline with Council’s Footpath and Pedestrian Strategy 	Low
Grimble Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain space as is. No improvement needed. Once play equipment reaches its end of life, explore differ play offering for different ages. Youth elements should be explored in this space (more adventurous play). Playground could be larger in size to increases its catchment. 	Low
John W Crompton Jnr Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once play equipment reaches its end of life, explore different play offering for different ages. 	Low
Kent Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a master plan for the site. Play equipment and amenities are disjointed. Include play elements that integrate and celebrate the history of the site and its local surrounds. This play space could become a destination playground for the city. 	High
Soldiers' Memorial Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once play equipment reaches its end of life, explore different play offering for different ages. 	Low
Tuck Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once play equipment reaches its end of life, explore different play offering for different ages. The playground could be larger in size to increase its catchment. 	Medium
Wallage Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently been upgraded. Maintain space as is. No improvement needed. Monitor the condition of the basketball court. Small dirt pump track could also be included which lends itself to the nature landscape of the site. 	Medium
Wattle Drive Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance the play space and broaden the age focus of the site Include natural play elements and supporting amenities such as bins, seating and shelters. The playground could be larger in size to increase its catchment. 	High
Yilki Common Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance play space and the park offerings when the current equipment reaches its end of life. 	Medium
Youth Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a master plan for the site incorporating the skate park, playground, and foreshore courts. The spaces needs to connect to each other and offer a range of activities. 	High

SPORT

Open Space Site	Recommendation	Priority Level High = 0-3 years Medium = 4-10 years Low = 10+ years
Back Valley Recreation Ground (Tennis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the courts reach their end of life, ensure they are upgraded to meet the current run off areas for recreational/club tennis. 	Low
Encounter Bay Sporting Complex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a master plan for the site in partnership with site users, that will provide a coordinated and strategic planning approach to the provision and development of sport and recreation infrastructure ensuring it is fit for purpose and meets the needs of the community. Athletics club to be involved in planning exercise to discuss their needs and whether suitable for the site. 	Medium
Victor Harbor Croquet Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor the clubrooms and greens in regards to coastal erosion and upgrades. 	Ongoing
Victor Harbor Oval Complex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a master plan for the site in partnership with site users, that will provide a coordinated and strategic planning approach to the provision and development of sport and recreation infrastructure ensuring it is fit for purpose and meets the needs of the community. 	Medium

NATURE / LINEAR

Open Space Site	Recommendation	Priority Level High = 0-3 years Medium = 4-10 years Low = 10+ years
All sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to protect and enhance local biodiversity sites so that the community can enjoy these sites through the establishment of natural pathways which provide safe and accessible walking opportunities while protecting the environment. Protect and regenerate key coastal and bushland areas. Continue to respond to climate change through natural area revegetation and management. 	Ongoing
Walking / Cycling Links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate new cycling routes that connect from the Victor Harbor townships towards The Bluff. Continue to strengthen the connections between Victor Harbor and Yankalilla. Continue to develop the Encounter Bikeway and provide rest stops and amenities in crucial parts of the network. These rest stops can also be focal points to celebrate the local history and significance of the region. Undertake pathway, landscape and signage improvements along the Hindmarsh and Inman River trails. 	Medium

PUBLIC REALM

Open Space Site	Recommendation	Priority Level High = 0-3 years Medium = 4-10 years Low = 10+ years
All Sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to develop public realm sites across the City of Victor Harbor inline with Council's Mainstreet and Public Art Strategy that celebrates the local history and cultural significance of the area while bring the community together. 	Ongoing

Appendices

Appendix 1

Site Names and descriptions

Map Ref No.	Open Space Name	Suburb Catchment Area	Open Space Function	Open Space Catchment	Description
1	Adams Reserve	Encounter Bay	Nature	local	Large sloped site with bushland type vegetation. No amenities present.
2	Adelaide Road Triangle	Hayborough	Nature	local	Road reserve
3	Africane Reserve	McCracken	Nature	local	Walkway that connects to the McCracken Golf Course. No amenities.
4	Alf Siegert Reserve	Encounter Bay	Recreation	local	Small reserve that connects to Encounter Lakes. Natural shade with area for informal activities. No amenities.
5	Allenby Parsons Reserve	Encounter Bay	Recreation	local	Small reserve that connects to Encounter Lakes. Natural shade with area for informal activities. No amenities.
6	Anderson Walkway	McCracken	Nature	local	Walkway that connects to the river. No amenities
7	Appaloosa Drive Reserve	Hindmarsh Valley	Nature	local	Walkway behind harness track/Inman River. No amenities
8	Bacchus Scrub Reserve	Victor Harbor	Nature	Neighbourhood	Between the golf course and sporting precinct. Scrub and bushland with walking trails. No amenities.
9	Back Valley Recreation Ground (tennis)	Back Valley	Sporting	Neighbourhood	4 tennis courts with small clubroom
10	Barker Reserve	Victor Harbor	Recreation	Neighbourhood	Reserve along the Inman river. Picnic and BBQ facilities along with toilets. Area for informal activities.
11	Bastian Reserve	Hayborough	Nature	local	Walkway with large trees
12	Belmont Park	Encounter Bay	Recreation	Local	Small reserve with shelter, BBQ and seating.
13	Bert Puxley Reserve	Encounter Bay	Nature	Neighbourhood	Green space along the foreshore next to the boat ramp. Shared use path runs through it. No amenities.
14	Bill WJ White Reserve	Encounter Bay	Recreation	Local	Small reserve that connects to Encounter Lakes. Natural shade with area for informal activities. No amenities.
15	Blocker Reserve	Hayborough	Recreation	Local	Small reserve with playground and half court basketball.
16	Bonnie Doone Reserve	McCracken	Nature	local	Walkway that connects to McCracken Golf Course. No amenities.
17	Brandwood Reserve (North)	Hayborough	Recreation	Local	Small reserve with nature playspace.
18	Brandwood Reserve (South)	Hayborough	Recreation	Local	Drainage reserve with space for informal recreation activities. No amenities
19	Brian Spilsbury Reserve	Encounter Bay	Recreation	Local	Small reserve that connects to Encounter Lakes. Natural shade with area for informal activities. No amenities apart from a park bench.
20	Bridge Point Reserve	Victor Harbor	Recreation	Neighbourhood	Small reserve along the foreshore. No amenities. Space for informal recreation activities.
21	Brookman Reserve	Encounter Bay	Nature	Local	Small sloped reserve with vegetation and seating.

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22	Bruce Reserve	Victor Harbor	Nature	Neighbourhood	Green space along the river. Shared use path. No amenities
23	Causeway Plaza	Victor Harbor	Public Realm	Regional	Entry to Granite. Plaza area. Event space
24	Cemetery	Victor Harbor	Public Realm	Neighbourhood	Large cemetery with plantings and walking paths throughout
25	Connell Reserve	Victor Harbor	Recreation	Local	Small Reserve with seating and trees. No amenities. Space for informal recreation activities
26	Cootamundra Reserve	McCracken	Recreation	Local	Small park with playground along the river.
27	Coote Park	Encounter Bay	Nature	local	Walkway that connects to Joy Beer Park. No amenities
28	Cowan/Ives Walkway	McCracken	Nature	Local	Walkway with no amenities. No formal path
29	Cudmore Reserve	McCracken	Recreation	Local	Small reserve with no amenities.
30	Davis Reserve	Victor Harbor	Recreation	Local	Small reserve with no amenities. Next to TAFE.
31	Dennis Road Reserve	Waitpinga	Nature	Regional	Newland Head Conservation Park
32	Dog Park	Victor Harbor	Recreation	Neighbourhood	Fully fences dog park with 2 separate areas for different sized dogs.
33	Drummond Reserve	Hayborough	Recreation	Local	Sloped reserve with playground
34	Ena Reid Reserve	Encounter Bay	Nature	Local	Walkway with dense shrubs
35	Encounter Bay Sporting Complex	Victor Harbor	Sporting	District	Large multi-sport site
36	Encounter Lakes (Dragon Boating / Paddling) / Cliff Thorpe Reserve	Encounter Bay	Recreation	District	Reserve connected to Encounter lakes. Toilets, picnic tables and bins provided. Aquatic programs
37	Encounter Wetlands	Encounter Bay	Nature	Neighbourhood	Wetlands with walking paths.
38	Eric Ashby Reserve	Encounter Bay	Nature	Local	Small reserve that includes walkway through to houses behind. No amenities
39	Ewen Reserve	Victor Harbor	Nature	Local	Road reserve with no amenities. Intersection of two main roads. Not suitable for recreation activities.
40	Foreshore Amphitheatre	Victor Harbor	Public Realm	Neighbourhood	Open green space with Amphitheatre. Connects to the foreshore
41	Foreshore Volleyball Courts	Victor Harbor	Sporting	District	4 outdoor beach volleyball courts
42	Francis Douglas Reserve	Encounter Bay	Nature	Local	Nature reserve with no amenities
43	Frank Swain Reserve	Victor Harbor	Recreation	Local	Green space with no amenities. Space for informal recreation activities.

Map Ref No.	Open Space Name	Suburb Catchment Area	Open Space Function	Open Space Catchment	Description
44	Franklin Parade	Encounter Bay	Recreation	District	Shared Use Path along the foreshore
45	Freebairn Reserve	Victor Harbor	Nature	Local	Reserve with dense trees and shrubs. No amenities. No space for informal recreation activities.
46	Future Sports Precinct	Victor Harbor	Sporting	Regional	Future site for Indoor Recreation Precinct
47	G.S. Read Reserve	Victor Harbor	Recreation	District	Reserve along the foreshore. Shared use path and breakout green space and seating.
48	Geoff Walker Reserve	Encounter Bay	Nature	Neighbourhood	Nature space with bushlands and tree plantings. No amenities or formal paths
49	George Battye Reserve	Encounter Bay	Nature	Local	Small reserve with walkway. No amenities. No space for recreation activities
50	Gillespie Land	Victor Harbor	Nature	District	Vacant land - potential future sport site
51	Gillespie Reserve	McCracken	Recreation	Local	Small reserve with seat and space for informal recreation activities. No other amenities.
52	Graham Shipway Reserve	Victor Harbor	Recreation	Local	Small reserve with large trees. No amenities with space for informal recreation activities.
53	Greenhills Reserve	Lower Inman Valley	Nature	Local	Nature reserve with dense trees and shrubs. No amenities or paths
54	Grimble Reserve	Encounter Bay	Recreation	Neighbourhood	Medium size green space with playground and walking paths. Natural swale. No other amenities.
55	Grosvenor Gardens	Victor Harbor	Public Realm	Neighbourhood	Town park with Rotunda. Event space used for farmers markets.
56	GT Fisher Playground	Victor Harbor	Recreation	District	Large fenced playground along the foreshore. BBQs, Shelters, toilets and drinking fountains.
57	Herb HE Welch Reserve	Encounter Bay	Nature	Local	Green space along Encounter Lakes. Dense planting
58	Hicks Reserve	Encounter Bay	Nature	Local	Reserve with wetland and walking path around.
59	Hindmarsh Falls	Hindmarsh Valley	Nature	Regional	Waterfall that cascades over numerous pools. Natural setting with picnic areas. Formal walking paths
60	Hindmarsh River Estuary	Victor Harbor	Nature	Regional	Lagoon with formal boardwalk. River meets the sea.
61	Horrie E Mayfield Reserve	Encounter Bay	Recreation	Local	Green space. No play equipment or amenities. Space for informal recreation activities.
62	Humphris Reserve	Hayborough	Nature	Local	Green space with no amenities. Sloped block not suitable for informal recreation activities.
63	Hurrell Reserve	Encounter Bay	Nature	Local	No walking paths or amenities. Open space unusable for recreation due to slope.
64	Hyde Parke	Encounter Bay	Nature	Local	Small reserve with no amenities. Slight slope.
65	Information Bay Reserve	Hindmarsh Valley	Public Realm	Neighbourhood	Information Bay with caravan/RV ezy dump. No amenities

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66	Inman River Estuary	Victor Harbor	Nature	Regional	Inman River meets the sea with formal walking trail
67	Investigator Reserve	Hayborough	Nature	Local	Green space with no amenities. Sloped block not suitable for informal recreation activities.
68	Island View Crescent Drainway	Encounter Bay	Nature	Local	Drainage reserve. Not suitable for recreation
69	Jack Roads Reserve	Victor Harbor	Recreation	Local	Green space with no amenities. Space for informal activities.
70	James Long Reserve	Encounter Bay	Nature	Local	Nature reserve with no amenities. Large trees and not suitable for recreation.
71	Jasmine Drive Reserve	Victor Harbor	Recreation	Local	Green space with no amenities. Space for informal activities.
72	John Simmons Reserve	Encounter Bay	Recreation	Local	Small park with playground
73	John W Crompton Jnr Reserve	Encounter Bay	Recreation	Neighbourhood	Park with playground and toilets on Encounter Lakes.
74	Joy Beer Park	Encounter Bay	Nature	Local	Small reserve with memorial . No space for recreation activities
75	Joy Beer Reserve / Ephiriam Tripp Reserve	Encounter Bay	Nature	Local	Nature reserve with swale and dense tree plantings. No space for recreation activities.
76	Kent Reserve	Victor Harbor	Recreation	District	Large Recreation reserve with playground and amenities.
77	Kleinigs Hill Lookout	Victor Harbor	Public Realm	District	Lookout reserve located at the top of the hill along Hindmarsh Road. Includes Kondoli - local Symbol of Reconciliation, a mosaic tile whale feature. Includes picnic tables and toilets.
78	Lorne Mayfield Reserve	Encounter Bay	Nature	Local	Nature space - drainage reserve. No amenities. Walking path along the back fence.
79	Marlin Terrace Reserve	Encounter Bay	Nature	Local	Nature space with walkway. No amenities.
80	Mayfield Wetlands/Reserve	Victor Harbor	Nature	Local	Reserve with wetlands. No amenities. No space for recreation activities
81	McCracken Reserve	McCracken	Nature	Local	Green space along road with no amenities. Not suitable for recreation. Footpath along roadside.
82	McNamara Reserve	Lower Inman Valley	Nature	Local	Nature reserve with dense trees and shrubs. No amenities or paths
83	Miri Miri Reserve	Encounter Bay	Nature	Local	Green nature space with trees. No amenities or suitable space for recreation.
84	Missen Reserve	Hayborough	Recreation	Local	Green space with no amenities. Space for recreation activities.
85	Morgan Park Reserve/Walkway	Hindmarsh Valley	Nature	Regional	Large nature space with dense trees and shrubs.
86	Mud N Tars Motorcycle Club (Day Road Reserve)	Victor Harbor	Sporting	District	Motorcycle racing facility. Dirt track with clubroom and car parking.
87	Nangawooka Flora Reserve	Hindmarsh Valley	Nature	District	Large flora reserve

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88	Olivers Parade Foreshore Reserve	Hayborough	Nature	Local	Green space with no amenities
89	Pages Reserve	Victor Harbor	Nature	Local	Bushland reserve. No amenities
90	Peter Matthews Reserve	Encounter Bay	Recreation	Local	Small reserve with no amenities. Space for informal recreation activities.
91	Phillips Garden	Victor Harbor	Nature	Local	Small reserve with no amenities. Not suitable for recreation activities.
92	Pollard Reserve	Encounter Bay	Nature	Local	Walkway through to Gribble Court
93	Porters Hill Reserve	Victor Harbor	Nature	Local	Green space along road with no amenities. Not suitable for recreation.
94	Railway Plaza	Victor Harbor	Public Realm	District	Plaza next to railway line that has recently been upgraded.
95	Railway Turntable Park	Victor Harbor	Public Realm	Neighbourhood	Railway turntable that celebrates the Steamranger
96	Ramindjeri Crescent Reserve	Encounter Bay	Recreation	Local	Small green space with no amenities. Space for recreation activities.
97	Ridge Avenue Walkway	Encounter Bay	Nature	Local	Walkway. No amenities. Trees and plantings
98	Robert Barry Reserve	Encounter Bay	Nature	Neighbourhood	Large space. Very sloped, that cant be accessed to be used for recreational activities.
99	Robinson Reserve	Encounter Bay	Nature	Local	Large nature reserve. No amenities.
100	Rocky Reserve	Hayborough	Nature	Local	Small nature reserve
101	Russel Bird Reserve	Encounter Bay	Nature	Local	Nature reserve with dense plantings.
102	Scott McKenzie Reserve	McCracken	Nature	Local	Green space that connects to the Hindmarsh river. Informal walking paths.
103	Section 696	Victor Harbor	Nature	Regional	Large natural reserve with trails along the Inman River.
104	Soldiers' Memorial Gardens	Victor Harbor	Public Realm	District	Foreshore reserve that celebrates the cross of remembrance.
105	Soldiers' Memorial Reserve	Victor Harbor	Recreation	District	Reserve with playground, toilets, picnic settings and BBQs.
106	Solly Reserve	Victor Harbor	Nature	Local	Nature strip with plantings
107	Solway Reserve	Encounter Bay	Nature	Local	Road nature reserve
108	Sonar Reserve	Encounter Bay	Recreation	Local	Green space with no amenities. Walking path and space for recreation activities.
109	Sorrento Parade Reserve	Hayborough	Nature	Local	Nature road reserve. No amenities.
110	Stan Farquhar Reserve	Hayborough	Nature	Neighbourhood	Wetland reserve with walking paths. No amenities.

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111	Starfish Park	Hayborough	Recreation	Neighbourhood	Reserve with playground, toilets, picnic settings and BBQs.
112	Stevenson Reserve	Victor Harbor	Nature	Neighbourhood	Green space along the Inman river. Dense tree planting. No amenities
113	Stock Reserve	Victor Harbor	Nature	Neighbourhood	Reserve with dense tree plantings. Informal walking tracks.
114	Stringer Reserve	Victor Harbor	Nature	Local	Small reserve with shrubs and trees. No amenities.
115	Summerlea Reserve	Lower Inman Valley	Nature	Neighbourhood	Natural bushland. No amenities
116	Sutherland Avenue Reserve	Hayborough	Nature	Local	Small road reserve with no amenities
117	Sweetman's Corner	Encounter Bay	Nature	Local	Road reserve with no amenities
118	Swincer Reserve	Encounter Bay	Nature	Local	Nature reserve. No amenities
119	Tabernacle Church Cemetery Reserve	Encounter Bay	Public Realm	Local	Cemetery with headstones and memorials. Celebrates the historical significance of the area.
120	Tam O'Shanter Reserve	McCracken	Nature	Local	Nature reserve with creek bed running through the site. No amenities.
121	Tee Reserve	McCracken	Nature	Local	Road reserve with plantings.
122	The Bluff Reserve	Encounter Bay	Nature	Regional	Reserve/Lookout with formal and informal walks.
123	Tom Builder Reserve	McCracken	Nature	Local	Green space that connects to the McCracken Golf Course.
124	Tom Stephens Memorial	Victor Harbor	Nature	Neighbourhood	Large bushland reserve along the Hindmarsh River running through. Walking path through the reserve.
125	Tuck Reserve	Hayborough	Recreation	local	Small reserve with playground
126	Victor Harbor Archery	Back Valley	Sporting	District	Archery Club with both indoor and outdoor shooting range.
127	Victor Harbor Bowling Club	Victor Harbor	Sporting	District	Bowling Club with 4 greens.
128	Victor Harbor Croquet Club	Victor Harbor	Sporting	District	Croquet Club with 3 greens
129	Victor Harbor Oval Complex	Victor Harbor	Sporting	District	Large multi-sport site
130	Victor Harbor R-6 School (Athletics)	Victor Harbor	Sporting	District	School Oval used for Athletics
131	Victor Harbor Recreation Centre	Victor Harbor	Sporting	District	Indoor Recreation with 2 multipurpose courts and social/breakout rooms
132	Victor Harbor Yacht Club	Victor Harbor	Sporting	Local	Yacht Club with space for boats and clubrooms. Access to the beach.

Map Ref No.	Open Space Name	Suburb Catchment Area	Open Space Function	Open Space Catchment	Description
133	W.B. Lalor Park	Encounter Bay	Nature	Local	Nature reserve with drainage. Connects through to Hicks Reserve. Not suitable for recreation.
134	Waitpinga Stone Reserve	Waitpinga	Nature	Local	Dense bushland. No amenities
135	Wallage Reserve	Encounter Bay	Recreation	Local	Reserve with new playground and half court basketball.
136	Warland Reserve	Victor Harbor	Public Realm	Regional	Town centre public park. Popular event space
137	Water Reserve	Lower Inman Valley	Nature	Local	Dense bushland. No amenities
138	Wattle Drive Reserve	McCracken	Recreation	Neighbourhood	Large reserve with small playground.
139	Wilson Hill Memorial Reserve	Waitpinga	Nature	Local	Nature reserve with memorial. No amenities.
140	Yilki Common Reserve	Encounter Bay	Recreation	Local	Reserve with playground
141	Young Reserve	Victor Harbor	Recreation	Local	Reserve with playground.
142	Youth Park	Victor Harbor	Recreation	Neighbourhood	Reserve with skate park, playground and community courts and toilets.

Appendix 2

Open Space Provision and Maps

Open Space Provision Breakdown

Suburb Catchment	No. of Open Space	Total Land Area (ha)	Open Space Land (ha)	% of Total land (ha)	Population 2021	Open Space per 1,000 residents
Victor Harbor LGA	142	38,510	1,326.74	3.44%	16,720	79.3
Hayborough	17	278	10.01	3.6%	2,238	4.47
McCracken	13	592	4.98	0.84%	2,076	2.39
Victor Harbor Central	51	368	121.97	33.14%	4,520	26.98
Encounter Bay	47	786	75.80	9.64%	5,305	14.28
Victor Harbor Rural	14	36,486	1113.98	3.05%	2,076	536.59

Open Space Provision by Function

Of the 142 sites audited the total open space provision for the City of Victor Harbor is 1326 ha. 33.18ha is classified as sporting, 56.54ha is recreation, 7.95ha is Public Realm and 1236ha is Nature open space.

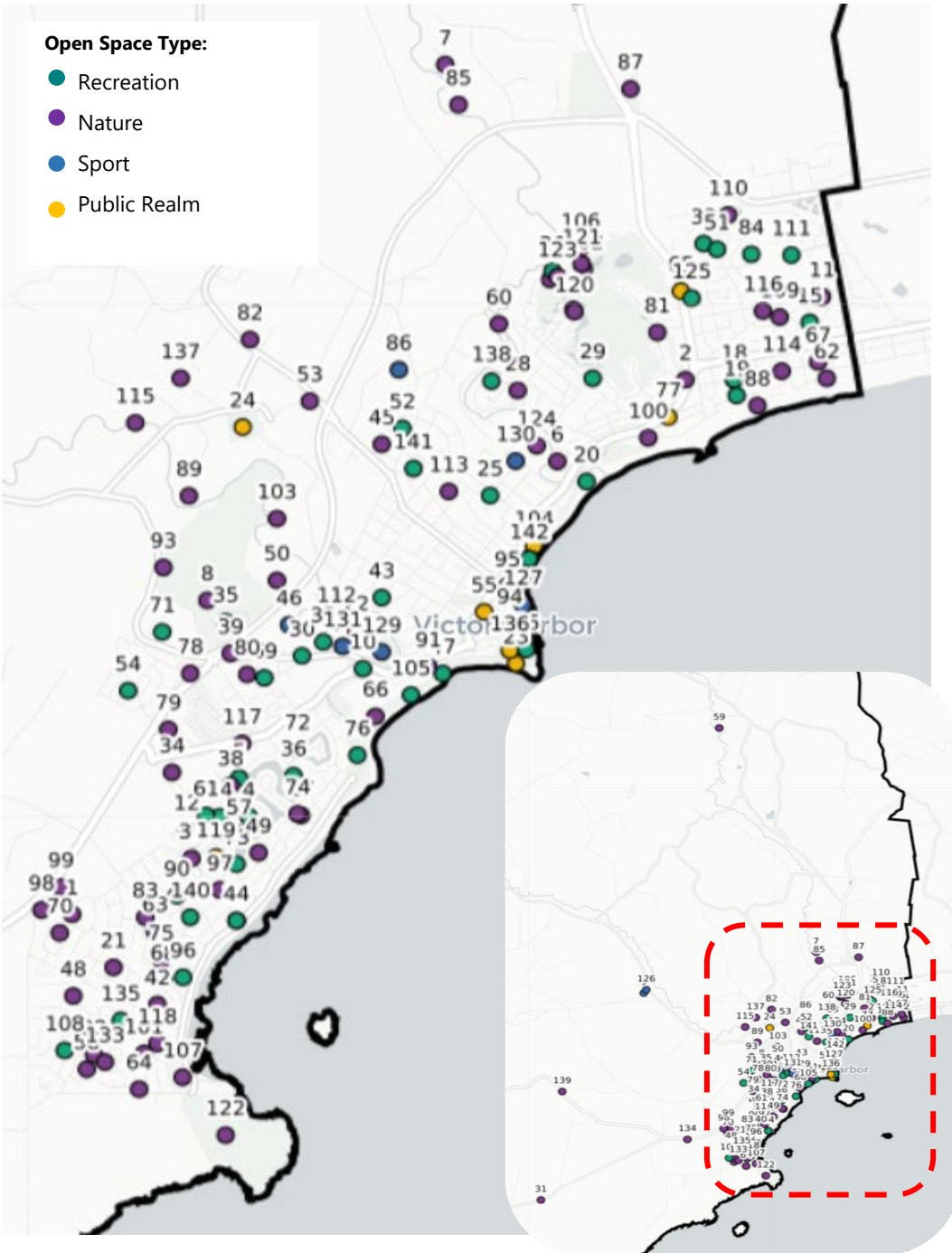
The Victor Harbor Rural catchment has the most total open space area of all the suburb catchments (1113.98ha). It should be noted that majority of this isn't useable open space as its dense bushlands and not suitable.

The Victor Harbor Central catchment has almost all of the sports open space provision (30.59ha).

The Encounter Bay catchment has the largest recreation open space provision (19.47ha), followed by the Victor Harbor Central area (10.51ha).

The majority of the Public Realm open space can be found in the Victor Harbor Central catchment (7.38ha), with majority linked to the foreshore.

Suburb Catchment	Total Open Space (ha)	Sporting Open Space (ha)	Recreation Open Space (ha)	Public Realm Open Space (ha)	Nature/Linear Open Space (ha)
Victor Harbor LGA	1326	33.18	37.52	7.95	1248
Hayborough	9.55	-	4.54		5.01
McCracken	4.79	-	2.30		1.80
Victor Harbor Central	122.55	30.59	10.51	7.38	74.06
Encounter Bay	75.86	-	19.47	0.35	56.03
Victor Harbor Rural	1113.98	2.59	-	0.22	1111.1



Open Space Provision by Catchment

There is the following distribution of open space per catchment across the City of Victor Harbor:

- Local Level – 45.37 hectares
- Neighbourhood Level – 39.59 hectares
- District Level – 57.70 hectares
- Regional Level – 1,184.08 hectares

The Victor Harbor catchment has the most Local level open space (14.17 hectares) as well as Neighbourhood level (20.54 hectares) and District level open space (36.48 hectares). Victor Harbor Rural has the most Regional open space (1095.24 hectares).

Suburb Catchment	Total Open Space (ha)	Local Open Space (ha)	Neighbourhood Open Space (ha)	District Open Space (ha)	Regional Open Space (ha)
Victor Harbor LGA	1,326.74	45.37	39.59	57.70	1,184.08
Hayborough	10.01	6.98	3.04	-	-
McCracken	4.98	2.98	2.00	-	-
Victor Harbor	121.97	14.17	20.54	36.48	50.77
Encounter Bay	75.80	14.08	9.40	14.24	38.07
Victor Harbor Rural	1113.98	7.16	4.61	6.98	1095.24

