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OPEN SPACE

STRATEGY 2020 - 2035 SUMMARY

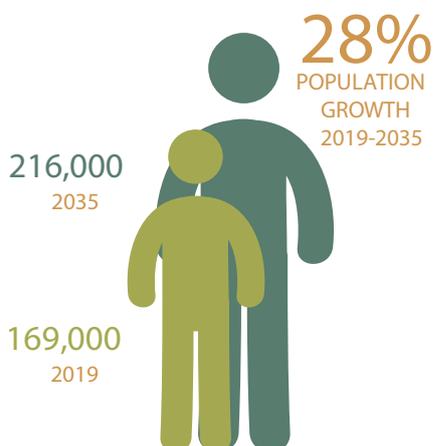
GREATER DANDENONG

HOME TO A HIGH QUALITY, ACCESSIBLE AND
SUSTAINABLE OPEN SPACE NETWORK



The City of Greater Dandenong:

- has a population of around 170,000 people,
- is the most culturally diverse community in Australia; and
- includes 12,900 hectares of land of which almost 700 hectares is public open space (5%).



Greater Dandenong Estimated Population Growth

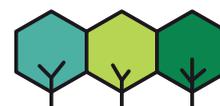
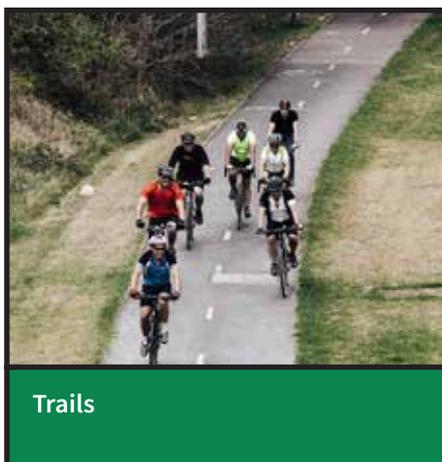
Much of the housing to accommodate this growing population will occur in and around the Dandenong, Noble Park and Springvale Activity Centres.

It's Council's role to plan and respond to the impacts of population growth and climate change on our city, and to ensure open space continues to provide a range of benefits for residents and the environment, therefore Council has developed the draft *Greater Dandenong Open Space Strategy 2020-2035*. The draft *Strategy* provides direction on how Council will improve open space for the benefit of the entire community.

This fact sheet is a summary of the key principles, actions and recommendations of the draft *Strategy*.

WHAT IS OPEN SPACE?

Open space includes:



Open space enables social connections, helps people be healthy, allows trees, plants and animals to survive and thrive, and combats the impact of climate change.

WHAT IS THE DRAFT GREATER DANDENONG OPEN SPACE STRATEGY 2020–2035?

The draft *Strategy*:

- guides how Council will manage existing and future open spaces;
- informs the design of open spaces, including the type of facilities to be provided;
- provides guidance for decision-making and activities relating to open space planning across the municipality, e.g. purchasing land for new open space and/or improving existing open space;
- responds to a range of issues including population growth, cultural diversity, climate change and increasing residential densities.

PRINCIPLES (DRAFT)

- Place – High quality parks, reserves and connections
- People – Open space for all
- Opportunity – Greening our City

PRIORITIES (DRAFT)

- Higher population growth areas (Activity Centres and surrounds)
- Physical open space ‘gap’ areas (residential areas beyond reasonable walking distance of open space)

HOW WILL COUNCIL IMPROVE OPEN SPACE IN GREATER DANDENONG?

The draft *Strategy* includes a suburb-wide analysis of open space provision and identifies where there are gaps in the amount of or access to open space. This helps Council to determine where new open spaces may be needed, and which open spaces may need to be upgraded to meet the demands of a growing population.

Council will:

1. Increase the **quantity** of open space

- repurpose existing Council land (including streets);
- purchase land for new open spaces in areas of identified need;
- utilise land not typically considered public open space (including schools and other community facilities).
- extend or improve access to existing open space.

2. Improve the **quality** of open space

- improve and maintain the comfort and quality of existing spaces and links to ensure appropriate level of facilities for the area, particularly within higher density neighbourhoods;
- improve connections both on and off road to further encourage walking and cycling;
- continue to implement master plans and concept plans;
- continue upgrades in response to the needs of both the existing and future population.

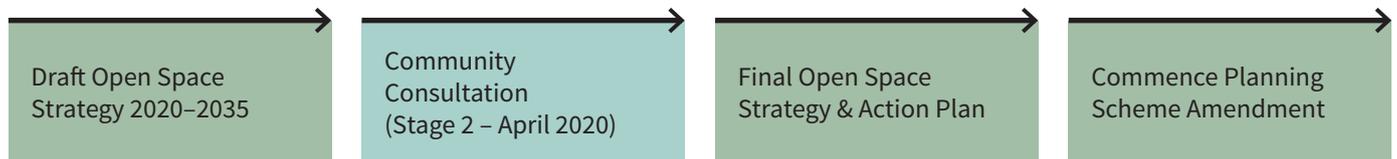
HOW WILL COUNCIL FUND THE DRAFT STRATEGY’S ACTIONS AND MAINTAIN OPEN SPACE?

Actions will be subject to available budget and will generally be resourced according to their stated priority. Funding is derived from general rate revenue, government grants and contributions by developers, which Council collects and holds in an Open Space Reserve fund.



NEXT STEPS

Community feedback will be considered, and where appropriate incorporated into the final *Strategy* and help Council to prioritise the proposed actions.



FURTHER INFORMATION

The draft *Greater Dandenong Open Space Strategy 2020–2035* is available to be viewed at:
www.greaterdandenong.com/futureofopenspace



Have your say on the draft Greater Dandenong Open Space Strategy 2020-2035 by completing a short survey on line at:

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