

21.13 OPEN SPACE

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21.13-1 Overview

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Public open space is highly valued in the City of Glen Eira and fulfils a wide variety of functions. Glen Eira has approximately 70 parks and gardens comprising 173 hectares of open space. The diversity of open space in Glen Eira ranges from large reserves to historical gardens and smaller spaces with informal and urban characters.

Increasing levels of multi unit residential development has led to declining levels of private open space on residential lots in Glen Eira. This places increased pressure on Glen Eira's public open space network.

Glen Eira has a deficiency in the amount of public open space when compared to other metropolitan municipalities.

Current challenges within Glen Eira include the need to carefully plan for the optimum and balanced use of our highly valued larger open spaces, along with providing more open spaces, and improving our smaller open spaces, so that the community can easily walk to and enjoy the benefits of open space.

City of Glen Eira Open Space Strategy 8 April 2014

The Open Space Strategy will direct future planning, provisions, design and management of open space in Glen Eira from 2013 – 2026. The strategy identifies the open space needs and expectations of the existing and forecast populations of the City, identifies the limitations and gaps of the existing open space system, determines potential opportunities available and develops a strategy plan for future open space provision and improvements to the quality of open space in Glen Eira.

The Strategy commits to a 13 year framework of actions that will be funded from a variety of sources. The Strategy also nominates areas where a land contribution for open space may be requested by Council and includes the criteria for land as open space. These criteria are set out in Clause 22.12 Public Open Space Contributions.

The Open Space Strategy, together with the City of Glen Eira Open Space Strategy: Public Open Space Contributions Program Paper 1 July 2014, sets a new, flat rate for open space contributions for all applicable subdivisions of 5.7% at Clause 52. 01 of the planning scheme.

21.13-2 Objectives and Strategies

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To improve the amount, distribution and quality of open space that meets the needs of Glen Eira's existing and future populations.

Strategies

- Implement the City of Glen Eira Open Space Strategy 8 April 2014.
- Encourage development that will result in improvements to Glen Eira's public open space network.
- Encourage the protection of indigenous flora.
- Ensure that if land is subdivided, a public open space contribution is sought.

Implementation

These strategies are to be implemented by:

Policy and exercise of discretion

- Ensuring that if land is subdivided, public open space contributions are sought via Clause 52.01 of the planning scheme.
- Requiring the provision of open space linkages in new subdivisions and large developments where possible.
- Ensuring siting and design of new development maximises community safety and provides opportunities for surveillance of public open space.
- Protecting existing and encourage further use of indigenous vegetation as appropriate.

Zones and overlays

- Applying the Public Acquisition Overlay to sites identified as being required for the future provision of public open space in order to reserve land for that purpose and to ensure that changes to the use or development do not prejudice the purpose for which the land is to be acquired.
- Protecting existing and future public open space links by including them in the Public Park and Recreation Zone or by applying the Public Acquisition Overlay.

Other actions

- Implementing the City of Glen Eira Open Space Strategy 8 April 2014.
- Encouraging the development of a connected bicycle network throughout the municipality.

Reference documents

City of Glen Eira Open Space Strategy 8 April 2014

City of Glen Eira Open Space Strategy: Public Open Space Contributions Program 1 July 2014