

Key Actions

Council will undertake key actions to achieve the Open Space Strategy’s four strategic directions. The key actions will be further refined through community feedback, costings, feasibility and prioritisation.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

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<p>1. ADDRESSING GAPS AND IMPROVING CONNECTIONS ACROSS OUR OPEN SPACE NETWORK</p>	<p>Acquire land for new open space to address gaps, increase access and improve environmental outcomes. New open space will be prioritised, especially:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For areas with the highest population density (e.g. Moonee Ponds, Essendon, Flemington, Keilor Road/Essendon North). • Where walking and cycling connections or habitat connectivity is needed such as along waterways. <hr/> <p>Repurpose or unlock other land for new open space. Explore opportunities to improve access and use of other land for open space such as schools, streets and service easements.</p>
<p>2. ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF OUR OPEN SPACE</p>	<p>Implement open space improvements in line with adopted and future master plans. Council will implement current master plans (e.g. Montgomery Park, Clifton Park and Fairbairn Park) and determine priority locations for where new master plans (e.g. FJ Davies Reserve) need to be developed.</p> <hr/> <p>Establish a comprehensive long-term park upgrade program to improve our smaller parks. To improve the amenity of small parks including in areas with limited open space (e.g. Flemington) or underutilised small open spaces, such as those in the west of Moonee Valley.</p> <hr/> <p>Increase community access to parks and ensure diverse and multi-functional open spaces. This will be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extending lighting at suitable, high-use open spaces to support informal evening exercise and recreation • Providing additional dog off-leash spaces and dog parks. • Providing multi-use infrastructure in appropriate open spaces to support community events and programs.
<p>3. STRENGTHENING THE CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND BIODIVERSITY OF OUR OPEN SPACE</p>	<p>Increase habitat and plant trees within open space to enhance biodiversity and expand our urban forest. For instance, along Steele Creek and Moonee Ponds Creek.</p> <hr/> <p>Implement water-sensitive urban design to improve the health of our waterways, manage flood risks, and treat and reuse stormwater. For instance, AJ Davis Reserve, Boeing Reserve, and Queens Park.</p> <hr/> <p>Create cool, green and irrigated informal open space areas to support community resilience in heat waves. Locations will be prioritised that are vulnerable to urban heat, and include higher population densities and social disadvantage.</p>
<p>4. PLANNING TOGETHER FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR OPEN SPACE</p>	<p>Work with Traditional Custodians, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung to identify sites and opportunities for land management, cultural heritage protection, cultural practices and cultural interpretation.</p> <hr/> <p>Develop a play and recreation plan for the equitable provision, distribution and upgrade of facilities across Moonee Valley.</p> <hr/> <p>Continue the Chain of Ponds Collaboration to enhance and improve the environmental, social and culture values of the Moonee Ponds Creek corridor.</p> <hr/> <p>Review the Open Space Contribution rate to ensure it sufficiently responds to the open space needs of the future population.</p>