



Playgrounds & Public Open Space Strategic Plan

2025-2035



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Acknowledgment of Country

The Shire of Esperance acknowledges the Kapa Kurl Wudjari people of the Nyungar nation and Ngadju people, who are the traditional custodians of this land, and their continuing connection to land, waters and community.

We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging and we extend that respect to other Aboriginal Australians today.

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1. Executive Summary

The Shire of Esperance Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2025-2035 guide the management, upgrade and development of playgrounds and public open space within the Shire of Esperance.

It identifies and prioritises renewal works for current assets and provides a schedule and indicative costs for implementation of the recommendations outlined in the Public Open Space Review 2014 and the original Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2015-2025.

Most critically, it formalises a management strategy to ensure all public open space is appropriately developed and maintained to a standard that minimises risk, yet maximises the opportunities for inclusive, high quality play within the community.

Over the past ten years, twelve playgrounds have been renewed, and six local parks converted to landscaped public open space in line with the Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2015-2025.

The priority playgrounds requiring renewal due to aging equipment have been addressed, and the Shire of Esperance has undertaken a review of the Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2015-2025 to confirm the order of priority, classification, and level of capital investment required for the remaining ten sites originally identified for renewal or development.

2. Introduction

The Shire of Esperance Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2015-2025 (Plan) was developed in response to the Public Open Space Review (Review) undertaken by SGL Consulting Group on behalf of the Shire of Esperance (Shire), in 2014. The Review provided a comprehensive snapshot of the Shire's public open space (POS) assets with a clear focus on the safety, suitability and supply-rate of POS playground facilities.

A community consultation process was carried out as part of the Review and identified that whilst POS users were satisfied overall with the general maintenance of POS within the Shire, the feedback provided in relation to POS playgrounds, was that the facilities were generally out dated and offered very little play value for children. POS users also indicated their preference to accept a lesser quantity of playgrounds if the quality of the remaining facilities were of a higher standard. This is the current approach taken by the Shire of Esperance in the management and development of playgrounds and public open space.

From a public liability perspective, playgrounds are high risk areas for Local Governments, with their management being a crucial operational activity requiring an

effective, systematic approach. Consequently, specific risk-reduction methodologies, in addition to the Review findings, have informed the development of this Plan.

3. Background

3.1. Public Open Space Hierarchy

Following the Review, the Shire adopted the recommendation to implement a three tier hierarchical classification for its POS, being -

- Regional open space;
- Precinct open space; and
- Local open space.

However, since this adoption, the Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) has developed a classification framework for POS in Western Australia. This new classification framework identifies four levels of POS, being -

- Regional open space;
- District open space;
- Neighbourhood open space; and
- Local open space

The addition of a District open space level specifically identifies POS that is utilised for formal sporting activities.

Table 3.1, below, defines the four DSR classification levels.

Department of Sport and Recreation Open Space Classification Framework

REGIONAL OPEN SPACE

Description	Amenities	Playground	Grassed Area	Landscaping	Inclusion
<p>Premier open space.</p> <p>Accessible by vehicle by the wider community.</p> <p>Residents living in proximity can also access by cycling or walking.</p>	Car parking, toilets, natural shade for caregivers, picnic tables/seats, BBQ facilities, drinking fountains, security lighting, refuse collection and access pathways.	Play equipment that caters for multiple age groups including soft fall, edging and a shade provision of up to 70%.	Irrigated grassed area of at least 1500m2 with a practice area for at least one sport	Retain and develop natural landscapes features such as mounds, swales and drains. Utilise water wise native plant species suitable for the location and plant suitable trees that provide natural shade.	Provide access provisions for people with disabilities; consider access to power for events

DISTRICT OPEN SPACE

Description	Amenities	Playground	Grassed Area	Landscaping	Inclusion
<p>Principally designed to provide areas for organised sports.</p> <p>Access will primarily be by vehicle and utilised by the wider community.</p> <p>Residents living in close proximity may access by cycling or walking.</p>	Car parking, toilets, natural shade for caregivers, picnic tables/seats, drinking fountains, security lighting, refuse collection and access pathways.	Play equipment will only be provided at District Open Space areas if there is a gap in the catchment area and the reserve also serves as the Neighbourhood open space within that area.	Irrigated grassed area will be provided for formal sports and practice area for at least one sport.	Retain and develop natural landscapes features such as mounds, swales and drains. Utilise water wise native plant species suitable for the location and plant suitable trees that provide natural shade.	Provide access provisions for people with disabilities.

NEIGHBOURHOOD OPEN SPACE

Description	Amenities	Playground	Grassed Area	Landscaping
<p>Neighbourhood parks with access for residents preferably within 800m or a 10-minute walk, and no less than 1ha is size.</p>	Natural shade for caregivers, picnic tables/seats, refuse collection and access pathways.	Play equipment that caters for at least one age group including soft fall, edging and a shade provision of up to 50%.	Irrigated grassed area of at least 1000m.	Retain and develop natural landscapes features such as mounds, swales and drains. Utilise water wise native plant species suitable for the location and plant suitable trees that provide natural shade.

LOCAL OPEN SPACE

Small parcels of open space which are not developed as official playspaces and service only residents within the immediate vicinity.

3.2. Playground Standards

All playgrounds are required to be designed, developed and managed in accordance with the following Australian Standards -

AS 4685.1:2021	Playground equipment and surfacing - Part 1: General safety requirements and test methods (EN 1176-1:2017, MOD)
AS 4685.2:2021	Playground equipment and surfacing - Part 2: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for swings (EN 1176-2:2017, MOD)
AS 4685.3:2021	Playground equipment and surfacing - Part 3: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for slides (EN 1176-3:2017, MOD)
AS 4685.4:2021	Playground equipment and surfacing - Part 4: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for cableways (EN 1176-4:2017, MOD)
AS 4685.5:2021	Playground equipment and surfacing - Part 5: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for carousels (EN 1176-5:2017, MOD)
AS 4685.6:2021	Playground equipment and surfacing - Part 6: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for rocking equipment (EN 1176-6:2017 MOD)
AS 4685.11:2014	Playground equipment - Part 11: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for spatial network (EN 1176-6:2017 MOD)
AS 4422:2022 (Int)	Playground surfacing - Specifications, requirements and test methods
AS 4685.0:2017	Playground equipment and surfacing - Part 0: Development, installation, inspection, maintenance and operation
AS 16630:2021	Permanently installed outdoor fitness equipment - Safety requirements and test methods

AS EN 14974:2021	Skateparks - Safety requirements and test methods
AS EN 16899:2020	Sports and recreational equipment - Parkour equipment - Safety requirements and test methods
AS 1428.1:2021	Design for access and mobility - Part 1: General requirements for access- New building work

3.3. Playground Useful Life

The useful life of a playground varies depending on a number of factors, including -

- Location of the equipment (coastal or inland, for example);
- Environmental factors;
- Materials used in construction;
- Use of the equipment;
- Maintenance of the equipment; and
- Changes in Australian standards.

The estimated useful life of a playground, generally, based on the above factors and industry best practice, is between 10 - 15 years. This is also consistent with most manufacturers' structural warranty period. Within the Shire of Esperance as a coastal local government external environmental factor such as exposure to the elements also impact estimated useful life to a greater extent. An example of this is play equipment installed on the Esperance Foreshore.

4. Current Profile

4.1. Shire of Esperance POS Hierarchy

In alignment with current Western Australian standards and the new DSR framework, the Shire has classified its POS assets via a four tier hierarchy, as Table 4.1, below, illustrates.

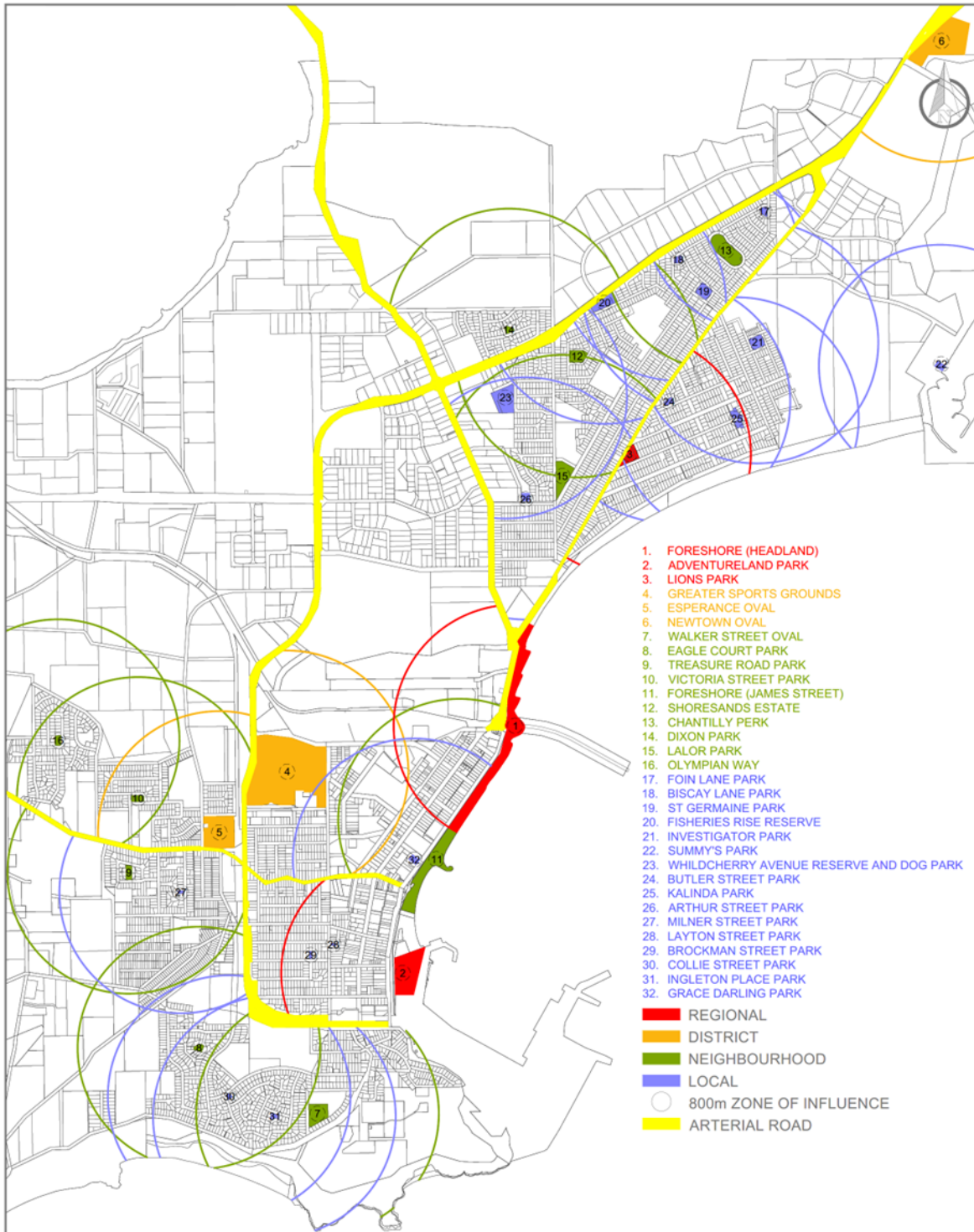
Table 4.1: Public Open Space Hierarchy

No.	Hierarchy	Name	Zone	Locality	Area (ha)	Renewed
1	Regional	Foreshore (Headland)	Urban	Esperance	10.0	
2		Adventureland Park	Urban	Esperance	3.8	2021
3		Lions Park (reclassification)	Urban	Castletown	0.9	
4	District	Greater Sports Ground	Urban	Esperance	20	2017
5		Esperance Oval	Urban	Nulsen	4	
6		Newtown Oval	Urban	Bandy Creek	4	
7		Gibson Oval/Park	Rural	Gibson	4	2023
8	Neighbourhood	Foreshore (James Street)	Urban	Esperance		
9		Victoria St Park	Urban	Nulsen	0.6	2018
10		Olympian Way (reclassification)	Urban	Nulsen	0.3	
11		Treasure Rd Park	Urban	Sinclair	0.4	2023
12		Eagle Court Park	Urban	West Beach	0.3	

13		Walker St Park	Urban	West Beach	1	
14		Lalor Park	Urban	Castletown	1.7	
15		Shoresands Park	Urban	Castletown	0.9	
16		Chantilly Crt Park	Urban	Castletown	2.5	
17		Chatherine St Park	Urban	Dixon Park	0.5	
18		Scaddan Park	Rural	Scaddan	0.2	
19		Cascade Park	Rural	Cascade	0.1	2023
20		Gibson Community Park	Rural	Gibson	0	2024
21		Salmon Gums Park	Rural	Salmon Gums	0.5	2022
22		Grass Patch Park	Rural	Grass Patch	0.1	
23		Condingup Park	Rural	Condingup	0.1	2017
24		Beaumont Park	Rural	Beaumont	0.1	2017
25	Local	Fion Lane POS	Urban	Castletown	0.3	
26		Biscay Lane POS	Urban	Castletown	0.3	
27		St Germain Ave Park	Urban	Castletown	1	

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28		Fisheries Rise Park	Urban	Castletown	1	
29		Investigator Park	Urban	Castletown	0.9	
30		Summy Park	Urban	Bandy Creek	0.2	
31		Wildcherry Ave Park	Urban	Castletown	0.1	
32		Butler St Park	Urban	Castletown	0.2	
33		Kalinda Park	Urban	Castletown	0.6	
34		Arthur St Park	Urban	Castletown	0.3	
35		Milner St Park	Urban	Sinclair	0.1	
36		Layton St Park	Urban	Town	0.1	
37		Collie St Park	Urban	West Beach	0.2	
38		Ingleton PI Park	Urban	West Beach	0.2	
39		Grace Darling Park	Urban	Town	0.3	
40		Brockman St Park	Urban	Town	0.1	
					62.6ha	



- 1. FORESHORE (HEADLAND)
 - 2. ADVENTURELAND PARK
 - 3. LIONS PARK
 - 4. GREATER SPORTS GROUNDS
 - 5. ESPERANCE OVAL
 - 6. NEWTOWN OVAL
 - 7. WALKER STREET OVAL
 - 8. EAGLE COURT PARK
 - 9. TREASURE ROAD PARK
 - 10. VICTORIA STREET PARK
 - 11. FORESHORE (JAMES STREET)
 - 12. SHORESANDS ESTATE
 - 13. CHANTILLY PERK
 - 14. DIXON PARK
 - 15. LALOR PARK
 - 16. OLYMPIAN WAY
 - 17. FOIN LANE PARK
 - 18. BISCAY LANE PARK
 - 19. ST GERMAINE PARK
 - 20. FISHERIES RISE RESERVE
 - 21. INVESTIGATOR PARK
 - 22. SUMMY'S PARK
 - 23. WHILDCHERRY AVENUE RESERVE AND DOG PARK
 - 24. BUTLER STREET PARK
 - 25. KALINDA PARK
 - 26. ARTHUR STREET PARK
 - 27. MILNER STREET PARK
 - 28. LAYTON STREET PARK
 - 29. BROCKMAN STREET PARK
 - 30. COLLIE STREET PARK
 - 31. INGLETON PLACE PARK
 - 32. GRACE DARLING PARK
- REGIONAL
 - DISTRICT
 - NEIGHBOURHOOD
 - LOCAL
 - 800m ZONE OF INFLUENCE
 - ARTERIAL ROAD



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ESPERANCE PUBLIC OPEN SPACES
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4.2. Playground Inventory

Prior to the implementation of the Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2015-25, the Shire managed a total of 36 developed playgrounds, providing a range of different styles and equipment, and aged from brand new to 20+ years old.

In 2012 and 2014, the Shire engaged the services of playground safety consultants, Playright Australia, to undertake playground safety audits on all Shire playgrounds. The audits identified that the majority of the equipment was nearing, or past, its estimated useful life, and only a small percentage of the playgrounds complied with current Australian Standards.

A number of maintenance issues were also reported during the audits. Shire officers undertook programmed works to resolve such, however, due to the condition of the target playgrounds, it was not possible to renew the service levels as required, as the ageing equipment simply needed to be replaced.

Following renewal works undertaken over the past ten years, and rationalisation of Local open spaces with aging equipment, the Shire currently manages a total of 29 developed playgrounds, including the Youth Precinct skate park and pump track.

Table 4.2, below, indicates the age of equipment across all Shire playgrounds in 2014 and 2025.

Age	% 2014	%2025
< 5 years old	10	24
5-10 years old	7	28
10-15 years old	28	14
>15 years old	55	34

In 2014, 83% of the Shire's play equipment was greater than 10 years old and, according to the 2014 playground safety audit, 57% of all play equipment did not comply with current Australian Standards for playground equipment.

In 2025, only 48% of the Shire's play equipment is greater than 10 years old and, of the equipment that is greater than 15 years old, 60% are within Local open space that will be removed at the end of its useful life.

4.3. Playground and Copper Chrome Arsenate

Historically, the Shire had a number of playgrounds with copper chrome arsenate (CCA) treated timber equipment.

A report prepared by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) into the use of CCA, identified concerns over children between the age of three and five having the potential to be exposed to arsenic contamination from CCA treated timber.

CCA has since been discontinued as a suitable treatment for timber, and while no recommendation was made in the APVMA report to remove existing CCA treated timber equipment from playgrounds, the Shire believed it was prudent to do so as a priority.

5. Recommendations

5.1. Local Open Space Rationalisation

As part of the 2014 Review, it was recommended that as current play equipment within Local open space reaches the end of its useful life, or becomes unsafe, it should be removed and not replaced.

The Shire of Esperance recognises that, in some cases, where play equipment is removed from Local open space there is a benefit to retaining some form of low-cost play opportunity to activate the area, such as a swing set with soft fall and edging or sporting goals.

Following further investigation, additional rationalisation of Local open space could be considered with a view to reduce the quantity of Local open space by up to 50%, with the remaining areas developed as landscaped areas of POS with no formal playground, minimal irrigated grass and landscaped utilising water wise native plants, shade trees and park furniture.

5.2. Priority Play Equipment Removal

It is recommended all play equipment that has passed its useful life, is no longer serviceable, or is treated with CCA be removed as priority.

5.3. Future Open Space Development

When undertaking any future POS upgrades, development or capital projects it is vital that the necessary planning and design works are undertaken. The Western Australian Government, in partnership with the DSR, Department of Water and the Western Australian Planning Commission, has developed a set of guidelines for POS development entitled Public Parkland Planning and Design Guide WA (Guide).

The guide has four main sections, being -

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- (1) Land and water use planning;
- (2) Parkland planning;
- (3) Parkland design; and
- (4) Case studies from a range of WA Councils.

Where possible, it is recommended the Guide be used in conjunction with this Plan to inform and regulate future POS upgrades, development or capital projects.

The Shire of Esperance also recognises that there can be some quick wins for the community by providing additional infrastructure or equipment that increase the play value and play experience at already established and developed playspaces.

Following renewal works undertaken over the past ten years, and rationalisation of Local open spaces with aging equipment, the Shire has built internal capacity to actively design, develop and implement playground development within the shire along with capacity to internally audit and manage playgrounds.

5.4. Capital Upgrade Budget

Although a significant number of the Shire's playgrounds did not comply with current Australian Standards when the 2014 Review was undertaken, it is important to understand that this was not the driving factor for capital upgrades, rather that 83% of the equipment was past or nearing the end of its useful life.

This aging equipment was creating a range of operational issues including the requirement for additional resources for inspections and maintenance due to failing components, and the high cost of sourcing and purchasing replacements parts (if available at all).

Over the past 10 years, the priority playgrounds requiring renewal due to aging equipment have been addressed. Ten sites originally identified for renewal or development in the Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2015-2025 remain on the implementation schedule.

Table 5.4 outlines the playground upgrade capital budget that was adopted for the Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2015-2025, based on 2014 market price.

Due to inflation, it is no longer possible to renew or develop a playground that meets the criteria outlined in the DSR open space classification framework for this budget. The proposed capital budget requirement for each classification in the POS hierarchy, based on current market price, is also included in Table 5.4, below.

	Regional Open Space	District Open Space	Neighbourhood Open Space (Urban)	Neighbourhood Open Space (Rural)
	Design	Design	Design	Design
	Play Equipment	Play Equipment	Play Equipment	Play Equipment
	Border Edging	Border Edging	Border Edging	Border Edging
	Soft Fall	Soft Fall	Soft Fall	Soft Fall
	Shade	Shade	Shade	Shade
2014	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$50,000
2025	\$280,000	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$75,000

These capital budget estimates are for the playground facility in POS only. Consideration will also need to be given to all other aspects of the POS, including irrigation and landscaping. There is difficulty in determining capital budget estimates for these components, as it will vary significantly between POS sites. It is recommended that a landscape plan be developed for each POS site and costed accordingly.

6. Community Consultation

The Shire recognises that community engagement and participation processes are a vital part of local democracy and is an integral part of the process for redeveloping parks within the POS network. Community consultation will be undertaken in line with the Community Engagement Policy, and the following 6 steps are proposed to form the basis of community consultation for each park development -

- (1) Invitation to all residents within the catchment area to provide comment on the park development and attend an onsite workshop.
- (2) Conduct an onsite workshop with users completing a survey on their park.
- (3) Review and assess the results of the survey to determine what type and style of facilities are important to the neighbourhood.
- (4) Develop a draft concept plan based on the results of the survey.
- (5) Present plan back to the community for comment.
- (6) Make any changes to the final plan if required.

7. Implementation Schedule

An essential deliverable of the Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2015-2025 was the individual appraisal of each of the Shire's POS assets, including inventory, condition and replacement details.

Based on the outcomes of reviewing the Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2015-25, an updated copy of these reports are provided in Appendix 1 and a revised Implementation Schedule of Works provided in Appendix 2.

8. Inspection & Maintenance Schedule

In line with AS 4685.0:2017, the Shire of Esperance undertake weekly visual inspections and quarterly operational inspections of all Shire playgrounds to identify hazards that can result from wear and tear, vandalism or weather conditions. A comprehensive annual inspection is also completed to determine conformance with current Australian Standards, and to establish the overall level of safety of the equipment, foundations and playground surfaces.

All playground inspections are completed by accredited playground inspectors, and regular maintenance is carried out as required to ensure a safe play environment for the public, and sustainable use of the assets.

9. Conclusion

The Shire of Esperance Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2015-2025 was designed to provide the Shire with clear direction moving forward with the management, upgrade, and development of playgrounds and public open space within the Shire of Esperance.

A review of the Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2015-2025 has been undertaken, assessing the classification of current and future public open space, levels of infrastructure and amenities for each classification, priorities for renewal, and indicative costs based on current market price.

The recommendations outlined in this review support the existing management strategy to ensure future development of public open space within the Shire is completed to a standard that minimises risk yet maximises the social benefits of having high quality playspaces within the community for future generations.

10. Appendices

10.1. Appendix 1 – Shire of Esperance POS Appraisals

10.1.1. Regional

Foreshore Headland



Site	Foreshore (Headland)
Locality	Esperance
Reserve No.	27318
Reserve Area	20ha
Classification	Regional
Inventory	Custom Crow's Nest Climber Custom Boat Climbing Net Custom Whale Skeleton Climbing Net Musical Tubes Nature play Trail Shade Sails, Fencing, Park furniture, Rubber and Sand Soft Fall
Value	\$450,000
Comment	New playground installed 2014 Current condition rating: 3 (FAIR)
Recommendation	Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule. Fence entire playground as a quick win to value add to the play experience and provide and safe enclosed playspace.

Adventureland Park



Site	Adventureland Park
Locality	Esperance
Reserve No.	28207
Reserve Area	3.8ha
Classification	Regional
Inventory	Large Combination Unit Gyro 4.5 Giant Group Swing Flyway 25 Double Cableway Cellula Natural Ropes Course Percussion Play Small Combination Unit 2 x Double Swing Containment Edging and Sand Soft Fall Landscaping Shelter, Seating and Drinking Fountain
Value	\$550,000
Comment	New playground installed 2021 Current condition rating: 2 (GOOD)
Recommendation	Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule. Quick win with the implementation of fencing upgrades at junior playground and installation of toodle play equipment.

Lions Park



Site	Lions Park
Locality	Esperance
Reserve No.	41745
Reserve Area	0.9ha
Classification	Regional
Inventory	Combination Unit Junior Double Swing and Senior Double Swing Climbing Net Carousel Double Spring Rocker 2 x Activity Panels 1 x Exercise Equipment Containment Edging and Sand Soft Fall Shade Sails, Shelters, Seating and Drinking Fountain
Comment	Majority of the play equipment was replaced in 2010. Shade sails and edging was installed in 2014. Carousel and Double Spring Rocker were installed in 2024. Reclassified from Neighbourhood to Regional in 2025 due to future residential developments and accessibility. Current condition rating: 3 (FAIR)
Recommendation	Reclassify as a Regional Playspace due to future residential developments and accessibility. Undertake consultation with all relevant stakeholders and prepare concept plans for the replacement playground. Replace playground as per the Implementation Schedule.

10.1.2. District

Greater Sports Ground



Site	Greater Sports Ground
Locality	Esperance
Reserve No.	3287
Reserve Area	19.8ha
Classification	District
Inventory	Large Combination Unit Group Swing Wave Rider Spring Rocker Containment Edging and Sand soft Fall Seating
Value	\$100,000
Comment	New playground installed 2017 Current condition rating: 3 (FAIR)
Recommendation	Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule.

Gibson Oval



Site	Gibson Oval
Locality	Gibson
Reserve No.	25639
Reserve Area	28.4ha
Classification	District
Inventory	Medium Combination Unit Double Swing Nature Play Elements Containment Edging and Sand soft Fall
Value	\$130,000
Comment	New playground installed 2023 Current condition rating: 1 (VERY GOOD)
Recommendation	Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule.

10.1.3. Neighbourhood

Foreshore (James Street)



Site	Foreshore (James Street)
Locality	Esperance
Reserve No.	27318
Reserve Area	20ha
Classification	Neighbourhood
Inventory	Weevos (LS023) Cozy Dome LS118) We-Saw (LS343) Removed- end of useful life Boogie Board (LS395) Removed- end of useful life Oodle Swing (LS213) Inclusive Single Swing Inclusive Orbit (PD150) Shade Sails, Fencing, Park furniture, Rubber Soft Fall
Value	\$250,000
Comment	New playground installed 2015 Reclassified from Regional to Neighbourhood in 2025 due to future development of James St Precinct. Current condition rating: 4 (POOR)
Recommendation	Relocate all abilities playground to James Street Precinct. Remove existing playground equipment as it reaches the end of its useful life, and redesign playground to suit environmental conditions with installation of nature play timber elements. Reclassify to Neighbourhood due to future development of the James St Precinct.

Victoria Street Park



Site	Victoria Street Park
Locality	Nulsen
Reserve No.	39303
Reserve Area	0.6ha
Classification	Neighbourhood
Inventory	Combination Unit Tornado Group Swing Concord Double Swing Containment Edging and Sand Soft Fall Half-court Basketball Seating
Value	\$100,000
Comment	New playground installed 2018 Current condition rating: 2 (GOOD) There are 12 mature Tuart trees within the park which are scheduled for removal due to Armillaria Fungal disease being present within the reserve.
Recommendation	Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule.

Olympian Way Park



Site	Olympian Way Park
Locality	Nulsen
Reserve No.	30841
Reserve Area	0.3ha
Classification	Neighbourhood
Inventory	<p>Medium Combination unit Double swing Single Spring Rocker Arm Wrestle Unit Sky Surfer Pommel Swing Sand Soft Fall Bike Path Shelter and Seating</p>
Comment	<p>Small Combination Unit and Double Spring Rocker removed due to poor condition. Reclassified from Local to Neighbourhood in 2025 due to reviewed catchment area criteria. Current condition rating: 4 (POOR)</p>
Recommendation	<p>Remove remaining equipment as it reaches the end of its useful life or becomes unsafe. Reclassify Olympian Way to a Neighbourhood Park due to gap in catchment area and level of use. Undertake consultation with all relevant stakeholders and prepare concept plans for the replacement playground. Replace playground as per the Implementation Schedule.</p>

Treasure Road Park



Site	Treasure Road Park
Locality	Sinclair
Reserve No.	35933
Reserve Area	0.4ha
Classification	Neighbourhood
Inventory	Monolith Bouldering Unit Gyro 4.5 Giant Group Swing Stainless Steel Tunnel Slide Networx Balance Course Containment Edging and Sand Soft Fall Football Goals Landscaping Shelter and Seating
Value	\$130,000
Comment	New playground installed 2023 Current condition rating: 1 (VERY GOOD)
Recommendation	Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule.

Eagle Court Park



Site	Eagle Court Park
Locality	Dempster Heights, West Beach
Reserve No.	44013
Reserve Area	0.3ha
Classification	Neighbourhood
Inventory	Large Combination Unit Double Swing Carousel Wave Rider Spring Rocker Single Spring Rocker Containment Edging and Sand Soft Fall Landscaping Shelter and Seating
Value	\$100,000
Comment	New playground installed 2018 Current condition rating: 2 (GOOD)
Recommendation	Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule.

Walker Street Park



Site	Walker Street Park
Locality	West Beach
Reserve No.	7742
Reserve Area	1.5ha
Classification	Neighbourhood
Inventory	Tornado Group Swing Spacenet Climber Nature Play Obstacle Course Viewing Platform Containment Edging and Sand Soft Fall Nature Trail Signage Shelter and Seating
Comment	Park developed in 2013, and playground equipment is compliant with Australian Standards. Current condition rating: 3 (FAIR)
Recommendation	Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule.

Lalor Park



Site	Lalor Park
Locality	Castletown
Reserve No.	32712
Reserve Area	1.7ha
Classification	Neighbourhood
Inventory	Senior Double Swing Sand Soft Fall Seating
Comment	Current condition rating: 3 (FAIR) The Shire of Esperance has identified a desire for recreational cycling facilities within the Shire to service the youth population. A Mountain Bike Feasibility Study was undertaken in 2020 and identified the need to create a recreational cycling opportunity for the eastern end of town. Lalor Park was recognised as a suitable location to develop this facility, and in 2024 the Shire of Esperance engaged Three Chillies Design to develop a concept design for a pump track.
Recommendation	Allocate capital budget for the detailed design and construction of a cycling facility as per the concept design. Retain and develop a small playspace to ensure there are facilities for riders and non-riders, creating an inviting space for a variety of age groups and families.

Gunton Circle Park (Shoresands Estate)



Site	Gunton Circle Park (Shoresands Estate)
Locality	Castletown
Reserve No.	48893
Reserve Area	0.8ha
Classification	Neighbourhood
Inventory	Currently no playground installed.
Value	\$130,000
Comment	Following the development of the original POS Strategy, catchment area mapping identified a gap in Public Open Space within the Shoresands/Fisheries Rise area.
Recommendation	Due to the identified gap in public open space, it is recommended an additional play opportunity be developed at the Gunton Circle park within Shoresands Estate. Undertake consultation with all relevant stakeholders and prepare concept plans for the new playspace to be constructed as per the Implementation Schedule.

Chantilly Park (Le Grand Estate)



Site	Chantilly Park (Le Grand Estate)
Locality	Castletown
Reserve No.	48910
Reserve Area	2.25ha
Classification	Neighbourhood
Inventory	Medium Combination Unit Shelter with seating Sand Soft Fall
Comment	Park developed in 2011, and combination unit is compliant with Australian Standards. Current condition rating: 3 (FAIR)
Recommendation	Undertake consultation with all relevant stakeholders and prepare concept plans for the replacement playground. Replace playground as per the Implementation Schedule.

Dixon Park (Catherine Street)



Site	Dixon Park (Catherine Street)
Locality	Dixon Park
Reserve No.	37273
Reserve Area	0.2ha
Classification	Neighbourhood
Inventory	Medium Combination Unit Double Swing Sand Soft Fall
Comment	Medium Combination Unit installed 2005 and is compliant with Australian Standards. Current condition rating: 3 (FAIR)
Recommendation	Undertake consultation with all relevant stakeholders and prepare concept plans for the replacement playground. Replace playground as per the Implementation Schedule.

10.1.4. Neighbourhood – Rural

Gibson Community Park



Site	Gibson Community Park
Locality	Gibson
Reserve No.	25639
Reserve Area	1ha
Classification	Neighbourhood - Rural
Inventory	Dirt Jump Track 3-on-3 Basketball Court Small Combination Unit Double Swing Single Spring Rocker Containment Edging and Sand Soft fall Landscaping
Value	\$100,000
Comment	New dirt jump track and 3-on-3 basketball court installed 2024. Current condition rating: 1 (VERY GOOD) Consolidated existing playground equipment with new Containment Edging and Sand Soft Fall. Current condition rating: 3 (FAIR)
Recommendation	Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule.

Cascade Community Park



Site	Cascade Community Park
Locality	Cascade Community Hall
Reserve No.	35069
Reserve Area	3ha
Classification	Neighbourhood - Rural
Inventory	Tunnel Slide Double Swing Cellula Natural Ropes Course Flyway 40 Cableway Nature Play Elements Containment Edging and Sand Soft Fall
Value	\$100,000
Comment	New playground installed 2023 Current condition rating: 1 (VERY GOOD)
Recommendation	Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule.

Salmon Gums Community Park



Site	Salmon Gums Community Park
Locality	Salmon Gums Townsite
Reserve No.	2043
Reserve Area	0.5ha
Classification	Neighbourhood - Rural
Inventory	Timber Tractor with Slide Double Swing Climbing Net Containment Edging and Sand Soft Fall
Value	\$60,000
Comment	New playground installed 2022 Current condition rating: 2 (GOOD)
Recommendation	Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule.

Condingup Community Park



Site	Condingup Community Park
Locality	Condingup Recreational Centre
Reserve No.	27225
Reserve Area	18ha
Classification	Neighbourhood - Rural
Inventory	Medium Combination Unit Double Swing Concord Digger Containment Edging and Sand Soft Fall
Value	\$50,000
Comment	New playground installed 2017. Playground removed and reinstalled by CDRA in 2020 as part of building development. Current condition rating: 3 (FAIR)
Recommendation	Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule.

Grass Patch Community Park



Site	Grass Patch Community Park
Locality	Grass Patch Community Hall
Reserve No.	30395
Reserve Area	2.8ha
Classification	Neighbourhood - Rural
Inventory	Medium Combination Unit Small combination Unit Fencing
Comment	Medium Combination Unit- sand soft fall replenished 2025. Small Combination Unit is constructed from CCA treated pine and does not comply with Australian Standards. Current condition rating: Medium Combination Unit 3 (FAIR) Small Combination Unit 5 (VERY POOR)
Recommendation	Remove Small Combination Unit. Undertake consultation with all relevant stakeholders and prepare concept plans for a replacement toddler playground to be constructed as per the Implementation Schedule.

Scaddan Pioneer Park



Site	Scaddan Pioneer Park
Locality	Scaddan Townsite
Reserve No.	Road Reserve
Reserve Area	0.5ha
Classification	Neighbourhood – Rural
Inventory	No playground equipment
Comment	
Recommendation	Undertake consultation with all relevant stakeholders and prepare concept plans for the new playground to be constructed as per the Implementation Schedule.

Beaumont Community Park



Site	Beaumont Community Park
Locality	Beaumont Community Hall
Reserve No.	Unknown
Reserve Area	2.8ha
Classification	Neighbourhood - Rural
Inventory	Medium Combination Unit Double Swing Single Spring Rocker Jitterbug Spinna
Value	\$50,000
Comment	New playground installed 2017 Current condition rating: 3 (FAIR)
Recommendation	Replace or renew playground equipment as per the Implementation Schedule.

10.1.5. Local Parks

Brockman Street Park

Site	Brockman Street Park
Locality	Esperance
Reserve No.	35292
Reserve Area	0.1ha
Classification	Local
Inventory	No playground equipment
Comment	All playground equipment has been removed due to non-compliance issues and will not be replaced as per Playgrounds and original POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park.
Recommendation	Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve as a green space.

Layton Street Park

Site	Layton Street Park
Locality	Esperance
Reserve No.	27659
Reserve Area	0.1ha
Classification	Local
Inventory	No playground equipment
Comment	All playground equipment has been removed due to non-compliance issues and will not be replaced as per Playgrounds and POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park.
Recommendation	Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve as a green space.

Ingleton Place Park

Site	Ingleton Place Park
Locality	West Beach
Reserve No.	N/A
Reserve Area	0.15ha
Classification	Local
Inventory	Double Swing Sand Soft Fall Seat
Comment	Small Combination Unit and Trackride removed due to poor condition.
Recommendation	Remove remaining equipment as it reaches the end of its useful life or becomes unsafe. Playground will not be replaced as per Playgrounds and POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park. Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve as a green space.

Collie Street Park

Site	Collie Street Park
Locality	West Beach
Reserve No.	N/A
Reserve Area	0.2ha
Classification	Local
Inventory	Double Swing Containment Edging and Sand Soft Fall Shelter and Seating
Comment	Medium Combination Unit and Double Spring Rocker removed due to poor condition and non-compliance issues.
Recommendation	Remove remaining equipment as it reaches the end of its useful life or becomes unsafe. Playground will not be replaced as per Playgrounds and POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park. Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve as a green space.

Milner Street Park

Site	Milner Street Park
Locality	Sinclair
Reserve No.	N/A
Reserve Area	0.1ha
Classification	Local
Inventory	No playground equipment
Comment	All playground equipment has been removed due to poor condition and non-compliance issues and will not be replaced as per Playgrounds and POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park.
Recommendation	Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve as a green space.

Grace Darling Park

Site	Grace Darling Park
Locality	Esperance
Reserve No.	2611
Reserve Area	0.3ha
Classification	Local
Inventory	Large Combination Unit Junior Double Swing Senior Double Swing Small Slide Unit Pommel Swing Sand Soft Fall
Comment	Single Spring Rocker removed due to poor condition. Majority of play equipment does not comply with current Australian Standards, however, is still in fair condition.
Recommendation	Remove remaining equipment as it reaches the end of its useful life or becomes unsafe. Playground will not be replaced as per Playgrounds and POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park and due to proximity to Foreshore playspace and future James Street Precinct playspace. Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve.

Arthur Street Park

Site	Arthur Street Park
Locality	Castletown
Reserve No.	30976
Reserve Area	1.4ha
Classification	Local
Inventory	No playground equipment Seating
Comment	All playground equipment has been removed due to poor condition and non-compliance issues and will not be replaced as per Playgrounds and POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park.
Recommendation	Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve as a green space.

Kalinda Park

Site	Kalinda Park
Locality	Castletown
Reserve No.	35228
Reserve Area	0.6ha
Classification	Local
Inventory	Medium combination unit Trackride Sand Soft Fall Shelter and Seating
Comment	Pommel Swing and Log Roller removed due to poor condition and non-compliance issues.
Recommendation	Remove remaining equipment as it reaches the end of its useful life or becomes unsafe. Play equipment will not be replaced as per Playgrounds and POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park. Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve.

Butler Street Park

Site	Butler Street Park
Locality	Castletown
Reserve No.	39470
Reserve Area	0.2ha
Classification	Local
Inventory	No playground equipment
Comment	All playground equipment has been removed due to poor condition and non-compliance issues and will not be replaced as per Playgrounds and POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park.
Recommendation	Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve.

Wildcherry Avenue Park

Site	Wildcherry Avenue Park
Locality	Castletown
Reserve No.	33339
Reserve Area	1ha
Classification	Local
Inventory	Small combination unit Double swing
Comment	Small combination unit does not comply with current Australian Standards. Drainage issues in close proximity to playground. Current condition rating: 4 (POOR)
Recommendation	Remove equipment as it reaches the end of its useful life or becomes unsafe. Play equipment will not be replaced as per Playgrounds and POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park. Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve.

Investigator Park

Site	Investigator Park
Locality	Bandy Creek
Reserve No.	50611
Reserve Area	0.7ha
Classification	Local
Inventory	Small combination unit Double swing Climbing net Shelter and Seating
Comment	New playground installed 2011 Current condition rating: 3 (FAIR)
Recommendation	Remove equipment as it reaches the end of its useful life or becomes unsafe. Play equipment will not be replaced as per Playgrounds and POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park. Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve.

St Germain Park

Site	St Germain Park
Locality	Castletown
Reserve No.	47919
Reserve Area	1ha
Classification	Local
Inventory	Medium combination unit Double swing
Comment	Double Swing removed due to poor condition. A double swing in good condition recovered from Neighborhood Park upgrade installed 2024. Current condition rating: 3 (FAIR).
Recommendation	Remove equipment as it reaches the end of its useful life or becomes unsafe. Play equipment will not be replaced as per Playgrounds and POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park. Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve.

Limpet Park (Fisheries Rise Estate Park)

Site	Limpet Park
Locality	Castletown
Reserve No.	49978
Reserve Area	1ha
Classification	Local
Inventory	No playground equipment
Comment	Following the development of the original POS Strategy, catchment area mapping identified a gap in POS within the Shoresands/Fisheries Rise area.
Recommendation	Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve.

Summy Park

Site	Summy Park
Locality	Bandy Creek
Reserve No.	N/A
Reserve Area	0.2ha
Classification	Local
Inventory	No playground equipment
Comment	Current shelter and seating in poor condition.
Recommendation	Play equipment will not be installed at this park as per Playgrounds and original POS Strategic Plan recommendations for a Local Park. Investigate options for potential future use of the reserve. Consider upgrading shelter and seating.

11. Appendix 2

11.1. Implementation of Schedule of Works

Park Name	Level	Location	Value	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35
James Street Precinct	Regional	Urban	\$280,000		\$192,000								
Adventureland Park	Regional	Urban	\$280,000										
Foreshore (Headland)	Regional	Urban	\$280,000							\$52,000	\$52,000	\$192,000	
Lions Park	Regional	Urban	\$280,000				\$52,000	\$52,000	\$192,000				
Greater Sports Ground	District	Urban	\$140,000										
Gibson Oval	District	Rural	\$140,000										
Gibson Community Park	District	Rural	\$140,000										
Foreshore (James Street)	Neighbourhood	Urban	\$140,000			\$140,000							

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Victoria Street	Neighbourhood	Urban	\$140,000										
Olympian Way	Neighbourhood	Urban	\$140,000				\$140,000						
Treasure Road	Neighbourhood	Urban	\$140,000										
Eagle Court	Neighbourhood	Urban	\$140,000										
Walker Street	Neighbourhood	Urban	\$140,000							\$140,000			
Lalor Park	Neighbourhood	Urban	\$140,000	\$75,000									
Shoresands	Neighbourhood	Urban	\$140,000										\$117,000
Chantilly Park	Neighbourhood	Urban	\$140,000					\$140,000					
Dixon Park	Neighbourhood	Urban	\$140,000								\$140,000		
Condingup Oval/Park	Neighbourhood	Rural	\$75,000										
Cascades	Neighbourhood	Rural	\$75,000										
Salmon Gums	Neighbourhood	Rural	\$75,000										
Grass Patch	Neighbourhood	Rural	\$75,000	\$75,000									

Scaddan	Neighbourhood	Rural	\$75,000											\$75,000
Beaumont	Neighbourhood	Rural	\$75,000											
Quick Wins				\$42,000		\$52,000								
		NVP Total	\$4,608,000	\$192,000	\$192,000	\$192,000	\$192,000	\$192,000	\$192,000	\$192,000	\$192,000	\$192,000	\$192,000	\$192,000
		Index Total 3.5%	\$192,000	\$198,720	\$205,675	\$212,873	\$220,323	\$228,034	\$236,015	\$244,275	\$252,824	\$261,672		

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