

13.0 Management of Redundant Open Space

13.1. Reclassification of Open Space

As part of Council's routine review and amendments of the existing strategic planning framework which applies to the shire, the Parkes Shire Development Control Plan 2021 (DCP) was prepared to set a comprehensive suite of development controls for new developments.

A key change to the DCP was the removal of the requirement for developers to provide open space within each new residential subdivision area. The strategic intent is to provide larger parks, with high quality infrastructure that service the needs of residents in nearby proximity, that small pocket parks do not afford.

Analysis of the existing network of open spaces in the Parkes Shire, including their function, compliance with safety standards, social, community and economic benefit provides the opportunity to identify existing parks which are of high importance to the public, and the parks which do not positively contribute to the enjoyment of residents.

Parks which are of lesser community value can be reclassified in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and subsequently be used for higher purposes.

The following areas of open space have been identified for re-classification:

- + Rose Street Park.
- + Moon Crescent Park.
- + AE Fox Park.
- + Beryl Logan Park.
- + Boulder Hill Park.
- + Ken Turner Park.
- + Davey Park.
- + Rotoract Park.
- + Lions Play Park.
- + Bernard Maguire Park.
- + Vaucluse Place Park.

For one or more of the following reasons:

- + There is an abundance of parks within the area that are not all required.
- + The park and associated infrastructure is a safety and risk liability.
- + The park does not provide any social, environmental, cultural or economic benefit and is not utilised.
- + A new super park is identified in Council's strategic planning framework that will cater for the surrounding area.

PARKES OPEN SPACE RECLASSIFICATION MAP

The open spaces nominated for reclassification to operation land are shown on the Parkes Open Space Reclassification Map to the right. The parks have been identified 1 - 11 as follows:

1. Rose Street Park - The land is not utilised for recreational purposes and does not provide any community, environmental, cultural or social benefit.
2. Moon Crescent Park - The park play equipment does not comply with current safety regulations and is beyond its anticipated asset life cycle. There is a destination park within the walkable catchment of Moon Crescent Park.
3. AE Fox Park - The park play equipment does not comply with current safety regulations and is beyond its anticipated asset life cycle.
4. Beryl Logan Park - The park play equipment does not comply with current safety regulations and is beyond its anticipated asset life cycle. There is a suitable number of local parks within proximity of Beryl Logan Park.
5. Boulder Hill Park - The park play equipment does not comply with current safety regulations and is beyond its anticipated asset life cycle. There is a destination park within the walkable catchment of Boulder Hill Park.
6. Ken Turner Park - The park play equipment does not comply with current safety regulations and is beyond its anticipated asset life cycle.
7. Davey Park - The park play equipment does not comply with current safety regulations and is beyond its anticipated asset life cycle. There is a destination park within the walkable catchment of Davey Park.
8. Rotoract Park - The play equipment does not comply with current safety regulations and is beyond its anticipated asset life cycle. There is a destination park within the walkable catchment of Rotoract Park.
9. Lions Play Park - The park play equipment does not comply with current safety regulations and is beyond its anticipated asset life cycle. There is a destination park within the walkable catchment of Lions Play Park.
10. Bernard Maguire Park - The play equipment does not comply with current safety regulations and is beyond its anticipated asset life cycle.
11. Vaucluse Place Park - The land is not utilised for recreational purposes and does not provide any community, environmental, cultural or social benefit.

