

7.6 Balwyn/Mont Albert

7.6.1 Existing conditions

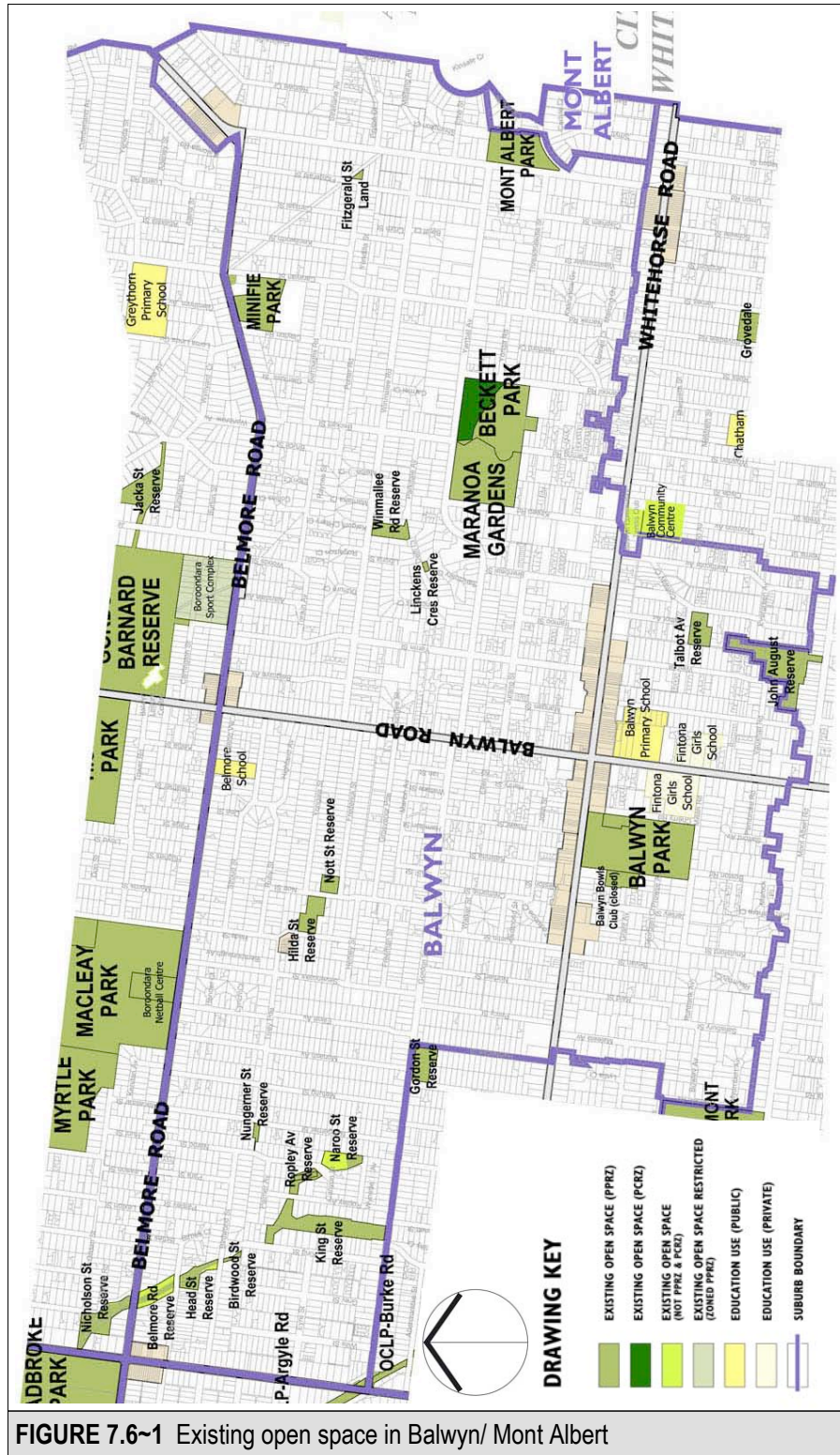


FIGURE 7.6~1 Existing open space in Balwyn/ Mont Albert

7.6.1a Overall precinct description Balwyn/Mont Albert

Extent of precinct

For the purposes of this Strategy, Balwyn has been combined with Mont Albert, given only a small area of Mont Albert is located in Boroondara, as shown on Figure 7.6~1. The boundaries of this precinct are defined by a number of roads and property boundaries, which are generally described below, and more accurately shown on Figure 7.6~1. Belmore Road defines the northern boundary, while a range of smaller residential streets including Evelina Street, Kerry Parade and Barloa Road define the eastern boundary. Burke Road defines the western boundary while a range of roads and property boundaries defines the southern boundary, extending as far south as Mont Albert Road for the central part of the precinct, and Whitehorse Road and Gordon Street form the eastern and western extents of the southern boundary.

Summary of existing open space

Maranoa Gardens is a unique open space to Boroondara containing a native plant botanical collection that is visited by people from all over Melbourne. The high quality attention to and maintenance of this reserve is well appreciated, and deserving of its botanical purpose. Beckett Park, located directly adjacent to Maranoa Gardens, is well used with a range of facilities and remnant indigenous woodland. There are requests for additional facilities at Beckett Park including shelters, barbecues, improved public toilets and seats.

Balwyn Park provides both structured and unstructured recreation facilities, however, the range of these may require review, as this open space is not as well used as others. Given its location within the Balwyn Neighbourhood Activity Centre, the quality of this open space will need to be improved to meet forecast increased use as the centre redevelops.

Minifie Park does not appear to be well used, which may be due to its topography and location in the north of the precinct, however the informal native bushland gives this open space a unique character with the potential to be improved. King Street Reserve is well used and maintained, with a diversity of facilities and established trees.

A range of Local and Small Local open spaces are located across Balwyn particularly towards the western area as part of the linked open space system leading into Stradbroke Park, in adjoining Kew East.

Ancillary open space

There are three schools in Balwyn/Mont Albert, two of them public schools and one private. The public schools include Balwyn Primary School located adjacent to the activity centre. This school has some outdoor sport fields that contribute to the sense of open space given they are visible from the adjoining area, and some informal public use occurs after school hours. Belmore School is predominantly a built facility and does not contribute to the open space character of the precinct.

The open and grassed frontage with canopy trees to Fintona Girls School, located adjacent to Balwyn Park, contributes to the open space character of the area.

Summary of neighbourhood character

Balwyn was established slightly later than Camberwell, and has a mixed urban character with predominantly post World War II architecture and a mix of exotic and native garden and street tree planting.

7.6.1b Quantity of open space in Balwyn

The following is a summary of the key statistics on the quantity of open space in Balwyn/Mont Albert:

- 18.16 hectares of open space
- 4.1 per cent of the total suburb area is open space
- 3.0 per cent of the total open space in Boroondara
- 13 sqm of open space per person, based on the estimated population for 2011
- other large adjoining open space include: John August Reserve, Belmont Park, Balwyn Community Centre, Canterbury Sports Ground, Macleay Park and Gordon Barnard Reserve.

Table 7.6(i) Number, size and type of open space in Balwyn/Mont Albert

No	Hierarchy of open space	Area (ha)
1	Regional	2.84
2	Municipal	7.97
3	Neighbourhood	4.55
7	Local	2.36
4	Small Local	0.41
1	Small Local Link	0.04
18	Totals	18.16

7.6.1c Open space hierarchy and character in Balwyn/Mont Albert

Table 7.6(ii) List of existing open space type and character classification in

Open space	Area sqm	Hierarchy	Primary Character Classification	Secondary Character Classification
Balwyn Park	44,223	Municipal	Sporting	Heritage, Botanical
Beckett Park	35,509	Municipal	Heritage	Heritage, Nature conservation, Botanical
Belmore Road Reserve	1,896	Local	Informal	Linear
Birdwood Street Reserve	539	Small Local	Linear	Informal
Fitzgerald Street Land	461	Small Local	Linking space	Informal

Table 7.6(ii) List of existing hierarchy and character classification in continued

Open space	Area sqm	Hierarchy	Primary Character Classification	Secondary Character Classification
Head Street Reserve	3,434	Local	Linear	Informal
Hilda Street Reserve	5,056	Local	Informal	Linking space
King Street Reserve	15,945	Neighbourhood	Informal	Linear
Linckens Crescent Reserve	362	Small Local Link	Linking space	
Maranoa Gardens	28,385	Regional	Botanical	Heritage
Minifie Park	14,297	Neighbourhood	Informal	
Mont Albert Park	15,253	Neighbourhood	Informal	
Naroo Street Reserve	1,400	Local	Informal	Linking space
Nott Street Reserve	2,366	Small Local	Informal	
Nungerner Street Reserve	747	Small Local	Linking space	
Ropley Avenue Reserve	2,773	Local	Restricted sport and rec	
Talbot Road Reserve (or Ave Reserve)	5,061	Local	Informal	Significant road reserve
Winmallee Road Reserve	3,942	Local	Informal	

Heritage values of open space

The following is a summary of the open spaces identified to have significance in existing heritage studies:

Camberwell Conservation Study (1991)

- Beckett Park opened in June 1917 and has been continuously maintained as a public garden. It is significant as a reserve for remnant indigenous vegetation, significant exotic planting and for its formal linear plan and layout of culturally significant structures that date from the 1930s.
- Maranoa Gardens, acquired in 1917 as a site for public gardens, is significant for its early collection of native plant species and for the retention of its semi-formal layout.

Master Plans

Council has one Concept Master Plan for open space in Balwyn:

- Maranoa Gardens and Beckett Park Master Plan (1996).

The Master Plan has recently been reviewed. The majority of actions are either complete or no longer relevant.

7.6.1d Distribution of open space in Balwyn/Mont Albert

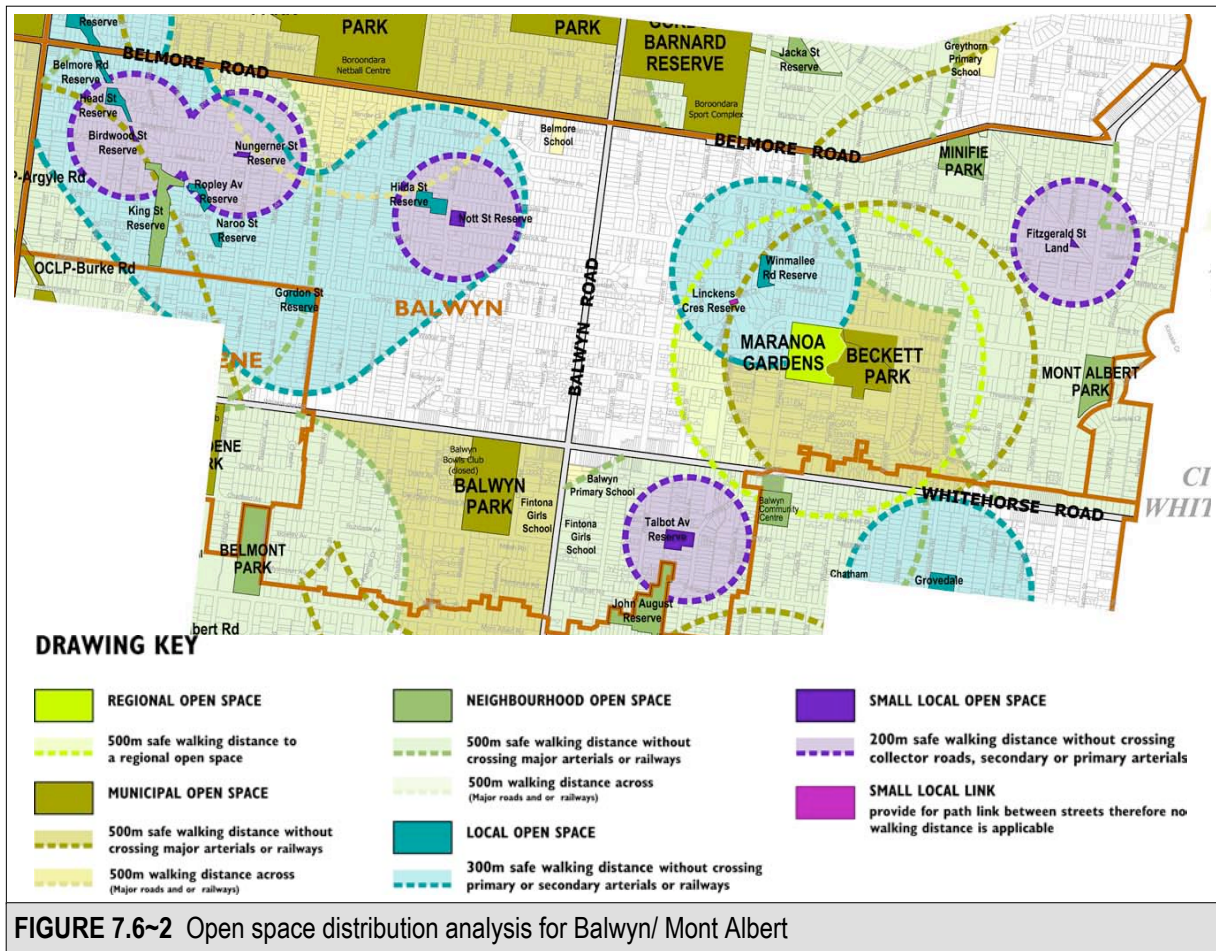


FIGURE 7.6~2 Open space distribution analysis for Balwyn/ Mont Albert

Open space is well distributed in the west, south and east of the precinct, however the central area lacks existing open space on both sides of Balwyn Road. The Balwyn Activity Centre is located along Whitehorse Road in the vicinity of Balwyn Road and will result in increased population in some areas that are currently deficient in open space. Three gap areas are described in the Land use trends Section 7.6.4.

7.6.2 Community characteristics for Balwyn/Mont Albert

Please note that the population forecasts for Balwyn include Mont Albert and Deepdene.

7.6.2a Demographic summary of existing forecast trends for Balwyn/ Mont Albert/Deepdene

Source: ABS Census data, 2006 (.id Consulting 20/1/11)

Please note that the demographic data from Deepdene is included in Balwyn North.

Age structure:

Compared with the Municipal-wide average, there is a larger proportion of people in the younger age groups (0 to 17) and people in the older age groups (60+) and a smaller proportion of people between 25 to 34 years.

Forecast trends through to 2026 include:

- a slight increase in the 15 to 25 age group
- a slight decrease in the 40 to 50 age group
- a reasonable increase in the 60 to 74 age group
- a slight increase in the 75+ age group.

Household type:

Compared with the Municipal-wide average, there is a slightly larger proportion of two adults with children households and one parent families and a lower proportion of group households.

Forecast trends through to 2026 include:

- an increase in couples without dependents
- an increase in lone person households.

Dwelling type:

Compared with the Municipal-wide average, there is a larger proportion of separate house dwellings and semi-detached row terrace/townhouse dwellings and a smaller proportion of apartment/ flat dwellings. Forecast information is not available for dwelling types.

Total population (2011): 15,409*

Forecast population in 2026: 17,485 (addition of 2,076)*

* Source .id Consulting incorporating VIF figures

7.6.2b Summary of household survey outcomes for Balwyn/Mont Albert

A total of 225 household surveys were received from residents of Balwyn/Mont Albert which represents 12 per cent of the total number of surveys received. This is slightly more than the proportion of Balwyn/Mont Albert residents in the Boroondara population, which is 9.4 per cent. Following is a summary of the key outcomes from the household survey.

Most frequently visited open space reserves:

USE	OPEN SPACE	REASONS TO VISIT	SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS
Open space within walking distance			
31%	Maranoa Gardens	native vegetation (30%) peaceful (23%) ambience, beauty (20%) walking (20%) relaxation (14%)	Additional seats, bins and drinking fountains, extend opening hours and additional indigenous planting.
30%	Beckett Park	playground (24%) dog walking (21%) close to home (15%)	Additional seats, improved facilities and maintenance, provide dog off lead area.
14%	Macleay Park	dog walking (41%) walking (31%) exercising (25%)	Additional park facilities, recreational facilities and dog off-lead area.
13%	Balwyn Park	walking (24%) exercising (21%) watching sport (21%)	Additional seats, park facilities, dog off-lead areas and shade trees.

USE	OPEN SPACE	REASONS TO VISIT	SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS
Open space within walking distance			
12%	John August Reserve	dog walking (35%) meeting people (19%) playground and equipment (19%)	Additional seats, fence to playground, park facilities and path upgrades.
Open space beyond walking distance			
19%	Hays Paddock	playground and equipment (55%) walking (17%)	Additional car parking, creek maintenance, seats and signage. Upgrade toilets.
14%	Koonung Creek Reserve	walking (31%) dog walking (28%) cycling (25%)	Additional rubbish bins, toilets and park facilities, dog off-lead areas and additional indigenous planting.
9%	Outer Circle Linear Park	cycling (30%) walking (30%)	Additional park facilities, maintenance and cleaning.
9%	Studley Park	natural bushland (40%) walking (35%)	Additional rubbish bins, shade trees and indigenous vegetation.

Types of open space used (top four):

85% small local parks
84% local streets for exercise
82% open space along the Yarra River
80% large parks and gardens.

Values (top four):

74% trees
72% place to relax and unwind
61% place for kids to play
57% escape from the built environment.

Activities and facilities in open space (top four):

84% walking paths
82% seats
79% open grassed areas
56% drinking fountains.

Provision and maintenance of facilities:

In relation to provision of facilities, respondents identified they are generally satisfied, but with some level of dissatisfaction with the provision of toilets, seats, drinking fountains, picnic tables and shelters. In relation to maintenance, there is a good level of satisfaction with most facilities except public toilets.

General comments:

- The choice and variety of open space in Boroondara is highly valued and appreciated. Open space is important as residential density increases and the existing open space should be retained.

- Trees and indigenous vegetation are important for shade, overall ambience and to support wildlife.
- Open space is generally well maintained, however rubbish removal is to be conducted more regularly.

For further details on household survey outcomes, refer to Appendix B of the Strategy.

7.6.2c Implications of community characteristics on future open space planning

This precinct has a higher proportion of family households and a slightly larger proportion of detached dwellings. The forecast trends include an increase in the 60 plus age group and the younger adult age group. There is also a slight increase of couples without children and lone person households. Therefore future open space are likely to require an increase in the diversity of facilities for older adults, including those that encourage them out into open space to maintain physical and social wellbeing. The increase in informal, unstructured recreation opportunities will also encourage young adults outside. It will be important to maintain a diversity of facilities to meet all age groups as the family households will continue to be present in the precinct.

7.6.3 Land use trends in Balwyn/Mont Albert

7.6.3a Overview

The forecast residential population (including Deepdene) represents a 13 per cent increase with an additional 2,076 people changing from 15,409 in 2011 to 17,485 in 2026. Approximately 80 per cent of the forecast population increase in Balwyn will live in the activity centres with approximately 20 per cent distributed through the remaining areas outside the activity centres. The major proposed change is in the Balwyn Neighbourhood Activity Centre, with the next largest concentration of forecast population being located in Deepdene Activity Centre (refer to Section 8.4 for a description of Deepdene).

These activity centres are shown on Figure 7.6~3 with solid red lines defining the extent of the core part of the activity centre. Balwyn Neighbourhood Activity Centre (NAC) is the largest activity centre and is where the most substantial change is forecast to occur.

Figure 7.6~3 also shows the extent of existing Heritage Overlays within Balwyn. While redevelopment is likely to occur within these areas, it is anticipated they will receive a lower intensity of redevelopment due to the presence of built form that is of heritage significance. Other controls that are likely to influence the type and extent of forecast redevelopment are the Significant Landscape Overlay and the Environmental Significance Overlay and the extent of these are also shown on the land use trends diagram in Figure 7.6~3.

The activity centres located in Balwyn are described after Figure 7.6~3. Balwyn NAC is first with a detailed analysis of future open space provision and needs, given this is the centre that will receive the highest level of forecast population change in Balwyn. Following this are descriptions of the smaller activity centres.

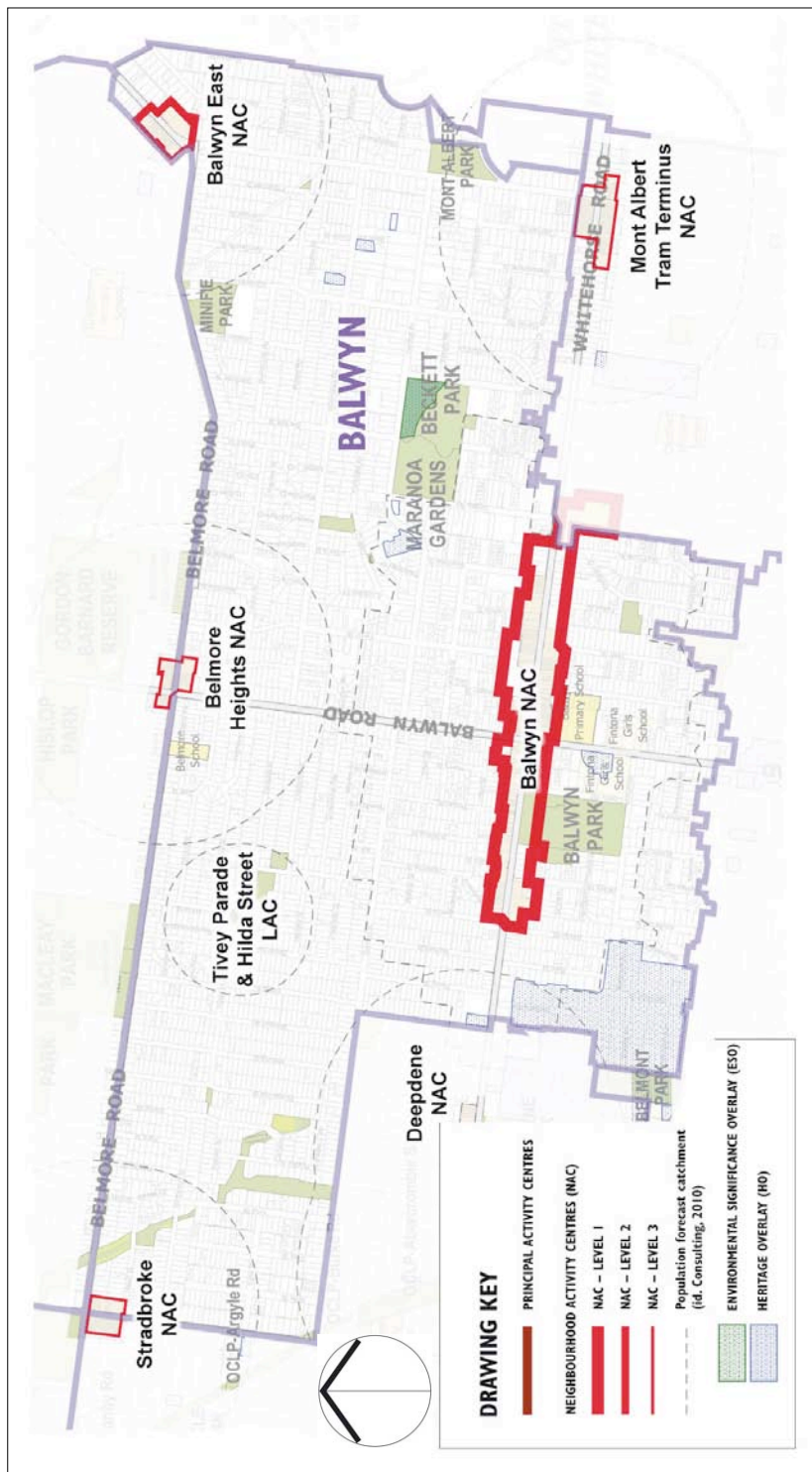


FIGURE 7.6~3 Land use trends in Balwyn/ Mont Albert

7.6.3b Balwyn Neighbourhood Activity Centre

Summary of extent

This area encompasses the business and mixed use precinct on Whitehorse Road extending from Bevan Street in the west to the Balwyn Community Centre in the east (just beyond the precinct boundary into Surrey Hills).

Summary of the existing structure plan

Retail activity will remain focussed along Whitehorse Road between Balwyn Road and Brenbeal Street to the east. To the west of Balwyn Road the centre will remain predominantly commercial use with some larger strategic sites. Residential use is encouraged at the rear and above the ground floor commercial use. Increased housing density is supported within the Balwyn Neighbourhood Activity Centre. This includes focussing on sites that are vacant or underutilised at the rear of the retail and commercial centre.

Forecast population growth in Balwyn Neighbourhood Activity Centre

Residential population

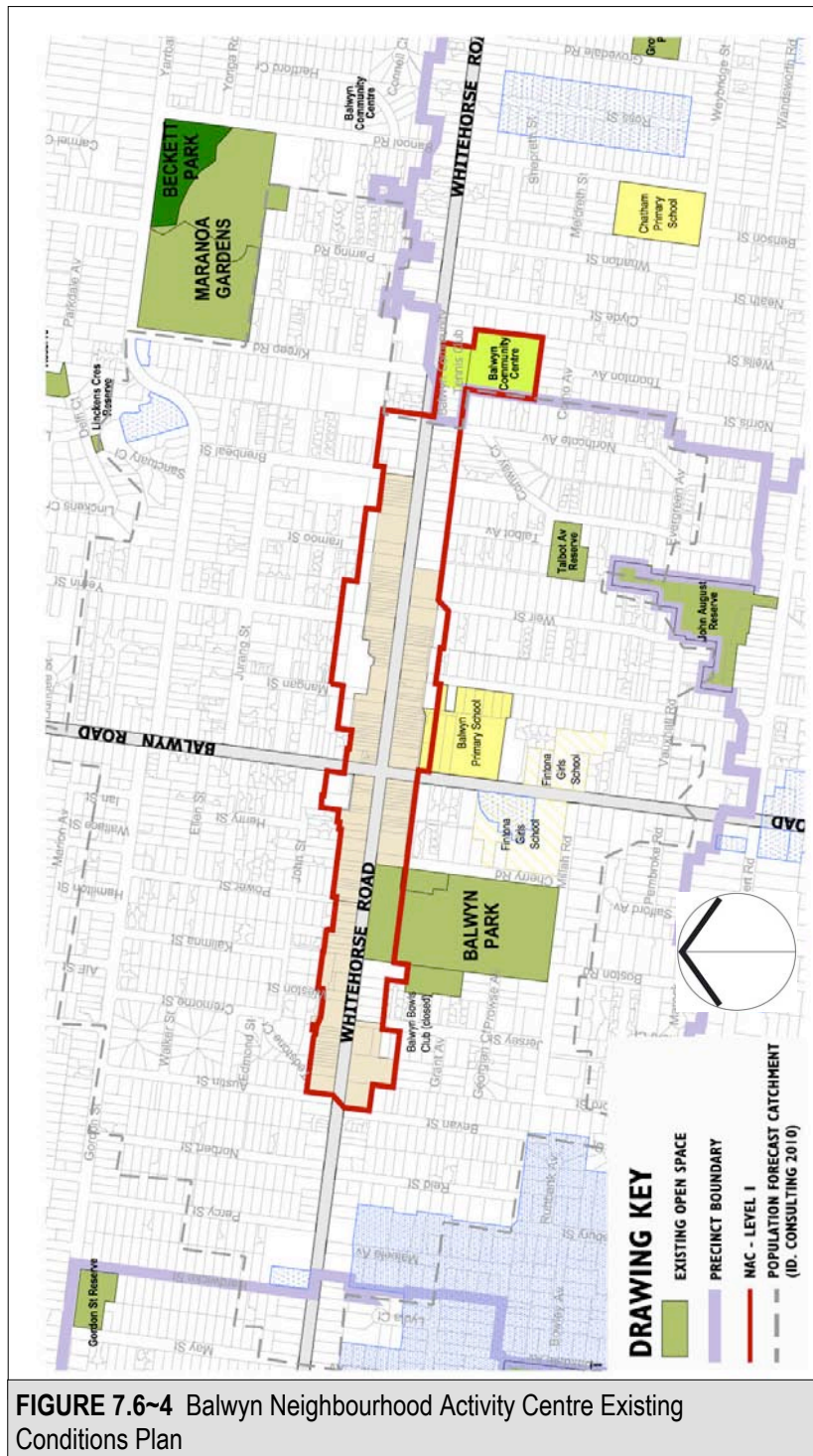
The forecast residential population increase within the Activity Centre between 2011 and 2026 is in the order of 1,340 people in the Balwyn precinct, with an additional 30 allocated to Surrey Hills. (*Source: .id Consulting, 29 November 2010, refer to Table 5A of this Strategy*), changing from 4,122 in 2011 to 5,466 residents in 2026.

Non-residential population

The Balwyn Activity Centre Structure Plan - *A Better Way Balwyn Structure Plan 2009* encourages mixed use within the centre. As a result, growth in the non-residential population is forecast to be in the order of an additional 200 people by 2020. The estimated employee population in 2009 is 1,375 and 1,586 in 2026 (*Source: based on floorspace data and average persons/sqm rate derived from Essential Economics, 2010, refer to Table 5B of this Strategy*).

Total additional population

Combining the residential and non-residential population, there is forecast to be an additional 1,540 people either employed or living in the centre by 2026.



Open space distribution and forecast population growth in the Balwyn Road Neighbourhood Activity Centre

Within the Activity Centre major arterial roads form east-west and north-south barriers to easy safe access to open space. Future open space provision and needs in the Activity Centre has been analysed on a sub-precinct basis to accurately reflect the local accessibility to open space within the different areas of the Centre. Both the existing and forecast population has been considered in this analysis.

The major roads define four open space sub-precincts within Balwyn Neighbourhood Activity Centre, and these are illustrated in Figure 7.6~4. These

sub-precincts are based on the ability of people working or living in the Activity Centre to easily reach open space. A summary of open space provision in the open space sub-precincts is described in Table 7.6(iii).

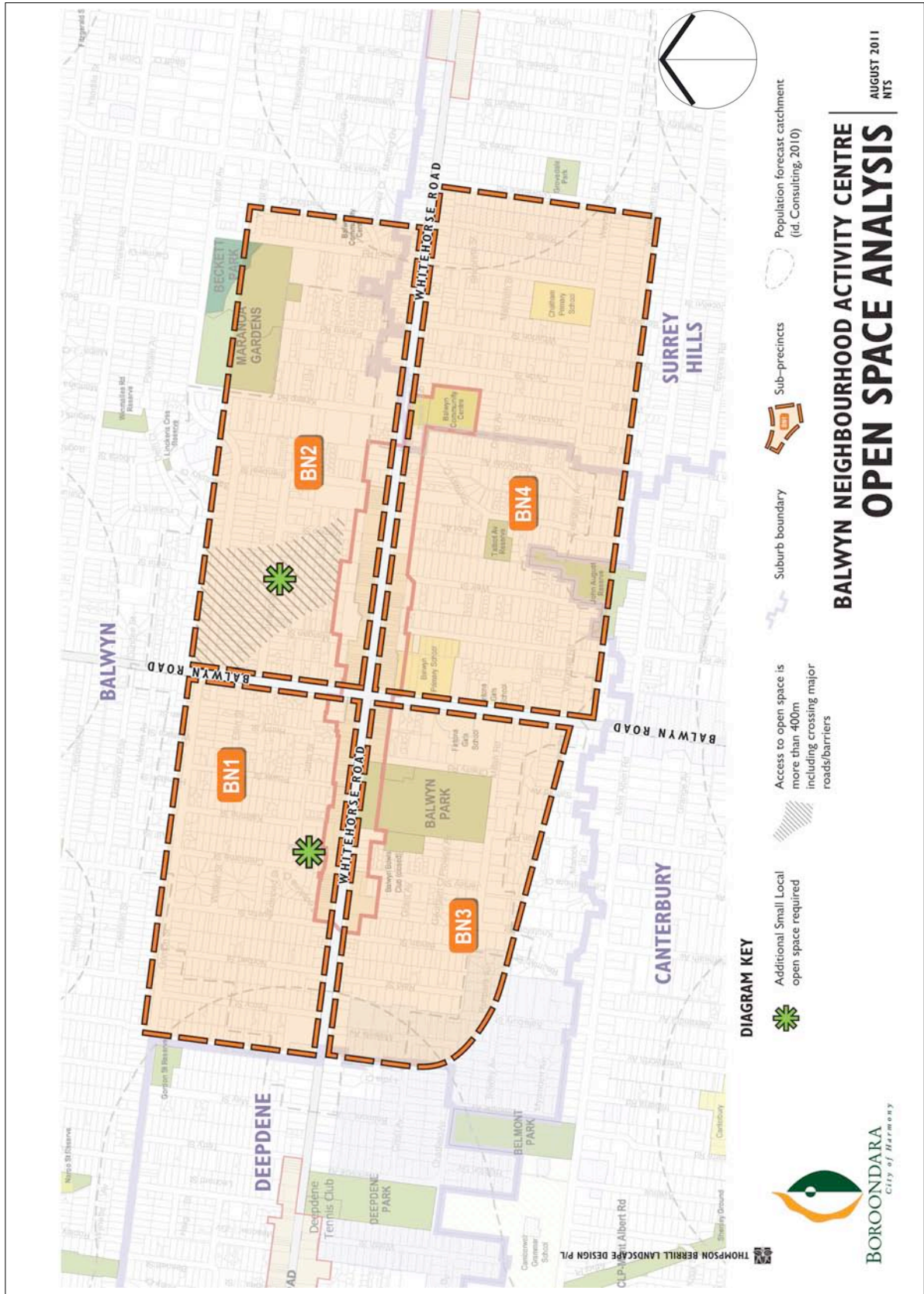


FIGURE 7.6~5 Balwyn Neighbourhood Activity Centre Open Space Analysis & Sub-precincts

Table 7.6(iii) Balwyn Neighbourhood Activity Centre sub-precinct open space analysis

Refer to Figure 7.6~5 for the location of each of these sub-precincts

AC Sub-precinct	Description	Conclusions
BN1	Gordon Street generally defines the north of this sub-precinct, Whitehorse Road the south, Hardwicke Street the west and Balwyn Road the east. Currently there is no public open space located in this sub-precinct. Balwyn Park is located to the south across a major road. Gordon Street Reserve, located to the west of the sub-precinct will provide some access for the population in the western half of this sub-precinct. The absence of Heritage Overlays and the larger strategic sites on the north side of Whitehorse Road is likely to increase the population in this sub-precinct.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a lack of adequate open space within safe walking distance of existing residents, and this will be exacerbated with forecast increased population. • Establish a Small Local open space to the central or eastern end of the sub-precinct BN1 to better cater to the existing and forecast population. This space will be located in a position that is accessible to people, taking into account the dominant north-south street network.
BN2	Yarrabat Avenue generally defines the northern extent of this sub-precinct, Whitehorse Road the south, Balwyn Road the west and Narrak Road the east. Maranoa Gardens and Beckett Park are partially included in the north eastern extent of this sub-precinct and are within safe walking distance for existing and forecast population at the eastern extent of the Activity Centre. To the western end of this sub-precinct there is no existing open space within safe walking distance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need to establish a new Small Local open space in the western end of this sub-precinct to provide for the existing and forecast population. Alternatively, an additional Local open space could be established to the north of BN2 in the Gap Area B-2, refer to Gap Area B-2 description in Table 7.6(iv).
BN3	Whitehorse Road defines this sub-precinct to the north. The south is defined by a range of residential streets, Maleella Avenue defines the west and Balwyn Road the east. Balwyn Park is the main open space located in this sub-precinct and is within safe walking distance of the population in this area. It is anticipated that the forecast population will be located throughout the precinct and along Whitehorse Road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balwyn Park will require upgrade to cater to the forecast population. This will require upgrade to the quality and diversity of facilities to maximise the opportunities for structured and informal recreational use.
BN4	Whitehorse Road defines the northern boundary of this sub-precinct, with smaller residential streets defining the south, Balwyn Road to the west and Ross Street to the east. The sub-precinct includes three open spaces including John August Reserve, Talbot Avenue Reserve and Balwyn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This sub-precinct has an adequate provision of open space for the existing and forecast population, however there is a need to increase the quality of this open space and review the facilities to meet the needs of the forecast population.

AC Sub-precinct	Description	Conclusions
	Community Centre, two of which are located outside the Balwyn suburb boundary in Surrey Hills. Within this sub-precinct, Balwyn Primary School also provides some ancillary open space.	

Refer to **Section 7.6.5** for the Actions to implement the conclusion.

7.6.3c Level 2 Neighbourhood Activity Centres (NAC)

Balwyn East NAC

This Activity Centre is located in the north-east of this precinct on Belmore Road near the junction with Union Road. Current planning for this Centre encourages predominantly future retail use at ground level with shop top housing development up to three levels on the north and potentially up to six levels on the south. The forecast population increase in the Centre is approximately 110 people with 46 located in the Balwyn area of the Centre.

7.6.3d Level 3 Neighbourhood Activity Centres (NAC)

Belmore Heights NAC

Positioned between two Gap areas B1 and B2, refer to Figure 7.6~6 at the intersection of Belmore Road and Balwyn Road, the Centre is forecast to have a residential population increase of approximately 110, with approximately 65 in Balwyn and the remainder in Balwyn North. This increased population will place additional demand on the need for open space in both these gap areas. Refer to conclusions in Table 7.6(iv).

Stradbroke NAC

Positioned on Burke and Belmore Road intersection, this Activity Centre straddles two suburbs, Balwyn and Kew. It is forecast to have a residential population increase of approximately 55, with approximately 33 in Balwyn and the remainder in Kew. This increased population will use the existing open space nearby and place additional demand on the facilities and quality of it.

Mont Albert Tram Terminus NAC

The core retail and commercial focus of this Activity Centre is located immediately south of Balwyn in Surrey Hills. This is positioned in the south eastern corner of the precinct and includes Mont Albert Park within walking distance of the centre. It is forecast to have a residential population increase of approximately 43 people within Balwyn and it is anticipated they will place demand on the existing facilities in Mont Albert Park. A minor upgrade of Mont Albert Park is recommended to cater to this increased demand for use.

7.6.3e Remainder of suburb and Local Activity Centre (LAC)

Across the remaining areas of Balwyn the planned population increase is approximately 300 people, along with an additional 40 in other Local centres, resulting in an additional 340 residents. This will place increased demand on existing open space and facilities, and some of this population is likely to be located within the gap areas. A contribution from this forecast population towards the provision of new open space and upgrade of existing open space will be required. There is one Local Activity Centre:

- Tivey Parade and Hilda Street LAC.

7.6.4 Gaps in open space distribution in Balwyn/Mont Albert

There are some gap areas in the distribution of open space in Balwyn. Each of these has been numbered and illustrated diagrammatically in Figure 7.6~6, with a brief analysis and conclusion for each gap area described below in Table 7.6(iv). Some of these gap areas extend into the Balwyn NAC and where this occurs the open space sub-precinct number from the Balwyn NAC has been referenced. The Balwyn NAC open space sub-precincts are illustrated in Figure 7.6~5.

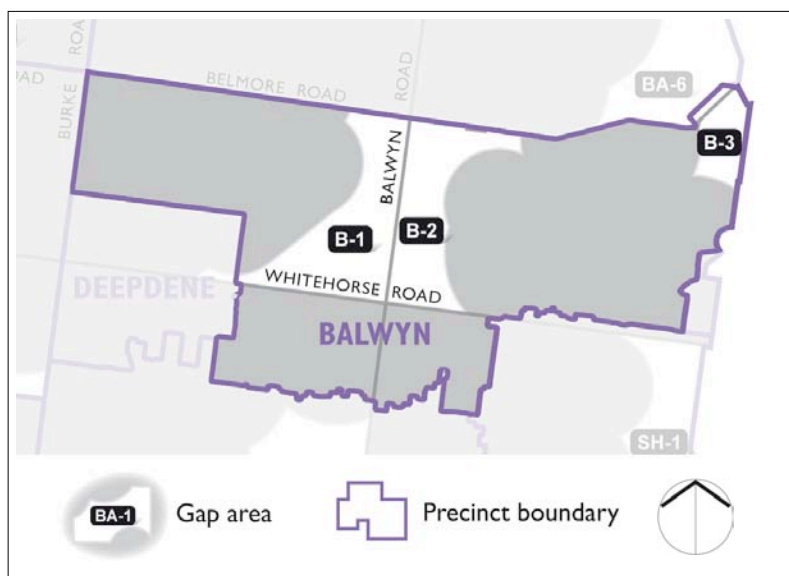


FIGURE 7.6~6 Gap areas in Balwyn

Table 7.6(iv) Open space gap areas for Balwyn/Mont Albert

Gap area	Description	Conclusions for gap areas in Balwyn
B-1	Located between Belmore Road and Whitehorse Road and extending for a varying distance west of Balwyn Road, this gap area is partially addressed by recommendations in Activity Centre sub-precinct BN1. The northern part of this gap area has east-west oriented streets with poor north-south connectivity, so any future open space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to description and conclusion in Balwyn Neighbourhood Activity Centre sub-precinct BN1.

Gap area	Description	Conclusions for gap areas in Balwyn
	located in this area would require a lengthy walk to reach it.	
B-2	Located east of Balwyn Road, this area extends from Belmore Road south to Whitehorse Road and east to approximately Yerrin Street.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to description and conclusion in Balwyn Neighbourhood Activity Centre sub-precinct BN2. • Identify opportunities to establish either a new Local open space relatively central in sub-precinct BN2 in a position that makes it accessible to the population to the north as well as the population in the Activity Centre; or two additional Small Local open spaces, with one in the north and one in the south. This is required primarily for the existing population and also for the forecast population.
B-3	Located to the south of Belmore Road and to the east of Union Street, this gap area is close to the Balwyn East Neighbourhood Activity Centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate options to improve facilities in nearby open space including Fitzgerald Street Land and Minifie Park. • Investigate the potential to improve the pedestrian amenity in the local street network from the Balwyn East NAC to Fitzgerald Street Land. • Investigate the feasibility to establish an off-road path access between Fitzgerald Street Land and Minifie Park in consultation with Melbourne Water.

7.6.5 Balwyn/Mont Albert Actions

7.6.5a Summary of overall intent for open space in Balwyn/ Mont Albert

Provision and distribution

The central area of Balwyn lacks existing open space and the recommendations in this Strategy aim to address this with additional Small Local open spaces to be provided as this area redevelops around the Balwyn Neighbourhood Activity Centre.

Quality and design

There is potential to improve the quality and design of some existing open spaces, including Balwyn Park located in the heart of the proposed Balwyn Neighbourhood Activity Centre, where it will be catering to increased levels of use. The unique quality of Maranoa Gardens is appreciated and the Strategy supports continued horticultural focus and management of this site.

7.6.5b Precinct Actions for Balwyn/ Mont Albert

The priorities shown in the Action tables are indicative only. The priorities provide guidance on the expected sequence and timeframes for the commencement of actions and may change pending the allocation of suitable funding and resources, along with the actual rate and location of forecast future land use trends and development. Many of the actions will be staged and delivered over a number of years extending beyond the timeframe in which they commenced.

A Additional open space

No.	Action	Responsibility	Priority
7.6A-1	Provide an additional Small Local open space in the central or eastern end of sub-precinct BN1 in the Balwyn Neighbourhood Activity Centre for both the existing and forecast population.	Council, Developer	High
7.6A-2	Provide either: an additional Local open space relatively central in Gap Area B-2, with demonstrated good connectivity for both the population in the north of the Gap Area and in the Balwyn Activity Centre sub-precinct BN2 to the south; or alternatively two Small Local open spaces, with one in the north and the other in the south of this Gap Area. This additional open space is to cater for both the existing and forecast population.	Council, Developer	High

B Links to open space

No.	Action	Responsibility	Priority
7.6B-1	In Gap Area B-1 investigate opportunities for improved north-south connectivity in an urban layout with predominantly east-west streets.	Council	Ongoing
7.6B-2	In Gap Area B-3 investigate opportunities to improve pedestrian amenity in the local residential streets to improve access from the Balwyn East NAC to Fitzgerald Street Land.	Council	Medium
7.6B-3	As part of overcoming lack of open space in Gap Area B-3 investigate opportunities to install a path along the Melbourne Water drainage easement to establish off-road connectivity between Fitzgerald Street Land and Minifie Park.	Council MW	Medium

7.6.5c Individual open space actions for Balwyn/Mont Albert

The reserves are listed in alphabetical order in each hierarchy type.

C Regional open space

No.	Action	Responsibility	Priority
7.6C-1	<p>Maranoa Gardens</p> <p>Prepare and implement a conservation management plan for Maranoa Gardens and Beckett Park to guide management of the heritage values of this reserve. Continue to manage for existing botanical values and use. Refer also to Action 7.6D-2.</p>	Council	Very High

D Municipal open space

No.	Action	Responsibility	Priority
7.6D-1	<p>Balwyn Park</p> <p>Investigate the need to prepare a conservation management plan for Balwyn Park to guide a concept master plan for the reserve. The future concept master plan is to design facilities that cater to both the existing and forecast population, while considering heritage values of the park.</p>	Council	Very High
7.6D-2	<p>Beckett Park</p> <p>Prepare and implement a conservation management plan for Beckett Park (as per Maranoa Gardens). Use the conservation management plan to guide the preparation of a concept master plan to upgrade picnic facilities in Beckett Park and review vehicle access and parking options in and near the open space.</p>	Council	Very High

E Neighbourhood open space

No.	Action	Responsibility	Priority
7.6E-1	<p>King Street Reserve</p> <p>Continue to maintain this open space and retain for informal use.</p>	Council	Ongoing
7.6E-2	<p>Minifie Park</p> <p>Prepare and implement a landscape design plan for this reserve to identify and design additional improvements to meet the needs of the local community and protect the existing native overstorey in the open space, and catering to potential forecast increased levels of use in the future. As part of this plan, address the needs of the older community given the existing aged care centre located adjacent to this park.</p>	Council	High

No.	Action	Responsibility	Priority
7.6E-3	Mont Albert Park Continue to maintain this open space, with consideration of minor upgrade works to increase diversity of use within this open space.	Council	Low

F Local open space

No.	Action	Responsibility	Priority
7.6F-1	Belmore Road Reserve Continue to maintain this informal open space as part of the linear open space system connecting to King Street Reserve.	Council	Ongoing
7.6F-2	Head Street Reserve Continue to maintain this open space as part of the linear open space system connecting to King Street Reserve.	Council	Ongoing
7.6F-3	Hilda Street Reserve Minor upgrade to this open space along with Nott Street Reserve to retain the informal open grassed areas, and review the potential to increase diversity of facilities in the open spaces to improve accessibility, and cater to forecast increased use.	Council	Medium
7.6F-4	Naroo Street Reserve Continue to maintain this linked open space.	Council	Ongoing
7.6F-5	Ropley Avenue Reserve Minor upgrade to facilities in this reserve to meet local community needs, including consideration of increased diversity of facilities.	Council	Medium
7.6F-6	Talbot Road Avenue Reserve Continue to maintain this open space.	Council	Ongoing
7.6F-7	Winmallee Road Reserve Continue to maintain this open space, with installation of path connection to improve accessibility through the open space.	Council	Low

G Small Local open space

No.	Action	Responsibility	Priority
7.6G-1	Birdwood Street Reserve Continue to maintain this open space link.	Council	Ongoing
7.6G-2	Fitzgerald Street Land This open space is located near Gap Area BA-3 and has the potential to be upgraded to include a seating area. Refer to Recommendation 7.6B-2 and 7.6B-3.	Council	Medium

No.	Action	Respons- ibility	Priority
7.6G-3	Nott Street Reserve Minor upgrade to this open space within the context of Hilda Street Reserve. Refer Action 7.6F-3.	Council	Medium
7.6G-4	Nungerner Street Reserve Continue to maintain this open space.	Council	Ongoing

H Small Local Link open space

No.	Action	Respons- ibility	Priority
7.6H-1	Linckens Crescent Reserve Continue to maintain this open space.	Council	Ongoing