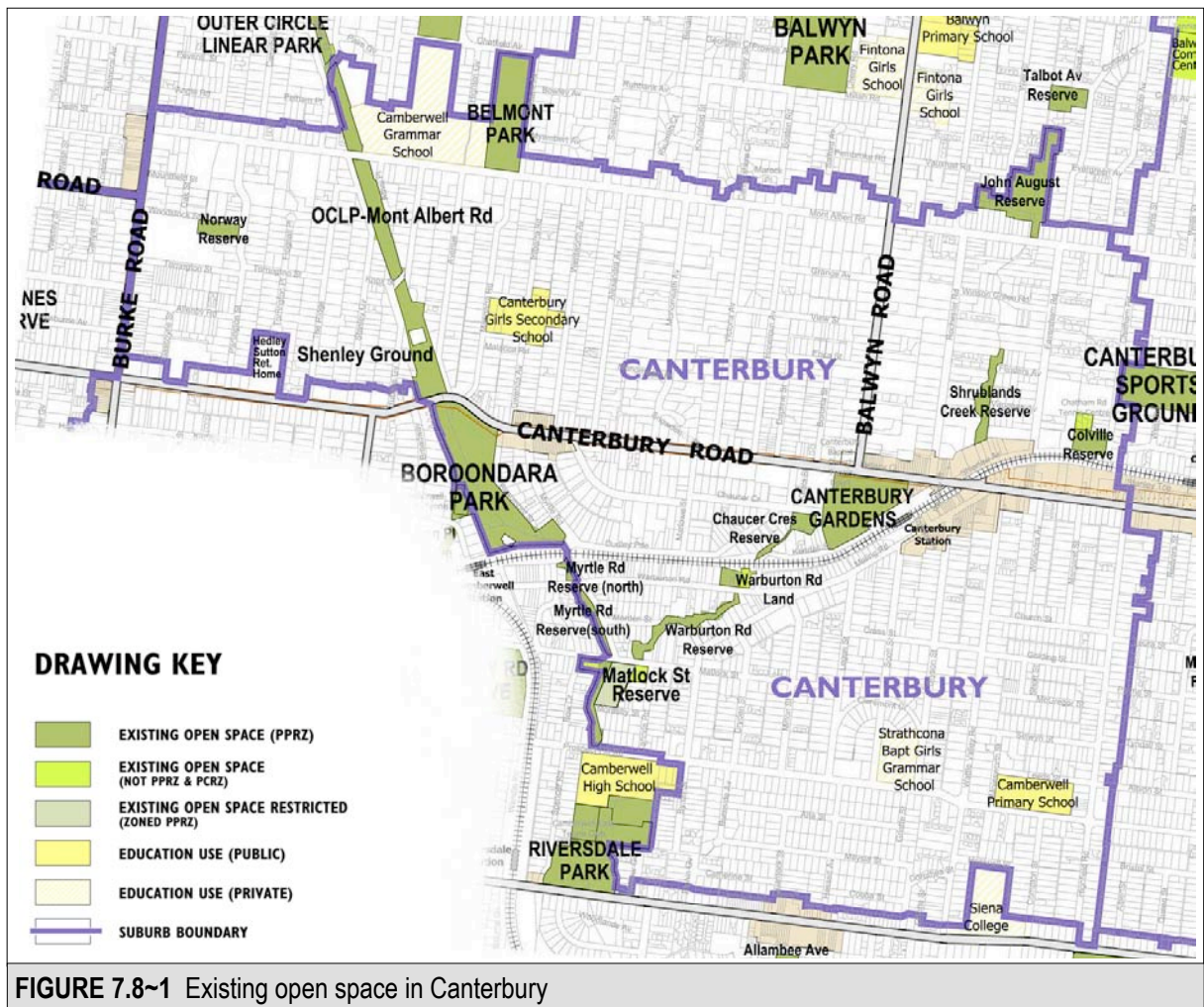


7.8 Canterbury



7.8.1 Existing conditions



7.8.1a Overall precinct description

Extent of precinct

The northern boundary is a line that runs east-west to the north of Mont Albert Road and includes Belmont Park and John August Reserve. To the east the boundary runs in the vicinity of Chatham Road and Highfield Road, the south the boundary runs just north of Riversdale Road to Riversdale Park, and then extends north to Canterbury Road just west of Shenley Ground. Burke Road forms the western boundary.

Summary of existing open space

The Outer Circle Linear Park (OCLP) continues through Canterbury and the Anniversary trail links the main spine of open space in a north-south direction through the suburb. This main spine of open space includes Boroondara Park, Riversdale Park and Matlock Reserve. A waterway valley line provides connectivity in an easterly direction from Matlock Street Reserve to Canterbury Gardens.

Boroondara Park, Riversdale Park, Matlock Street Reserve and the OCLP are all Municipal open spaces providing both structured and unstructured recreational use. OCLP is the most frequently visited open space in Canterbury for a range of reasons including walking, getting away from busy roads and traffic, cycling and dog walking. Canterbury Gardens is an older established open space with a heritage garden character and is the second most frequently visited open space after the OCLP, mainly for its ambience and beauty. Boroondara Park is popular for dog walking, the playground and walking, and Belmont Park is visited for the trees and dog walking. Belmont Park has remnant indigenous woodland and provides a contrasting character to the formal public garden style of Canterbury Gardens. Many of the Local and Small Local open spaces provide a range of unstructured recreational activities and many form linear links to the main open space system.

Ancillary open space

Two public schools are located in Canterbury, with Canterbury Primary school's outdoor courts and athletics track contributing to a sense of openness and providing some informal access after hours, while the Canterbury Girls Secondary School has some outdoor courts that are not as visible from the surrounding area.

The synthetic multipurpose courts in Strathcona Baptist Girls Grammar School are visible but not accessible to the general community. The Camberwell Grammar School open sports fields do contribute to the open space character and complement the adjacent Belmont Park, however these grounds are not accessible to the general public.

7.8.1b Quantity of open space in Canterbury

Following is a brief summary of the key statistics for quantity of open space in Canterbury:

- 17.93 hectares of the open space
- 5.7 per cent of the total suburb area is open space
- 3 per cent of all open space in the City of Boroondara
- 22 sqm of open space per person, based on the estimated population for 2011
- other large adjoining open space include: Canterbury Sports Ground to the east, Deepdene Park and Balwyn Park to the north, Riversdale Park and Highfield Park to the south.

Table 7.8(i) Number, size and type of open space

No	Hierarchy of open space	Area (ha)
0	Regional	0
2	Municipal	54.49
4	Neighbourhood	8.20
8	Local	4.13
1	Small Local	0.11
0	Small Local Link	0
15	Totals	17.93

7.8.1c Open space hierarchy and character in Canterbury

Table 7.8(ii) List of existing open space type and character classification

Open space	Area sqm	Hierarchy	Primary Character Classification	Secondary Character Classification
Belmont Park	24,115	Neighbourhood	Botanical	Nature conservation
Boroondara Park	43,832	Municipal	Informal	Linear, Heritage, Botanical
Canterbury Gardens	23,895	Neighbourhood	Heritage	Formal, Botanical, Public Garden
Chaucer Crescent Reserve	3,643	Local	Linear	Informal
Colville Reserve	6,018	Local	Informal	Botanical, Heritage, Linking space
John August Reserve	20,271	Neighbourhood	Informal	Linking space
Matlock Street Reserve	10,763	Local	Restricted sport & rec	Linear
Myrtle Road Reserve (North)	1,144	Small Local	Linear	
Myrtle Road Reserve (South)	3,184	Local	Linear	Heritage
Norway Reserve	3,662	Local	Informal	
OCLP - Mont Albert Road	11,049	Municipal	Linear	Railway easement/ siding
Shenley Ground	13,704	Neighbourhood	Linear	Sporting, Restricted sport and recreation, Service easement
Shrublands Creek Reserve	5,845	Local	Service easement	Informal, Botanical, Linear
Warburton Road Land	1,900	Local	Linear	Undeveloped
Warburton Road Reserve	6,266	Local	Linear	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)

- Boroondara Park, significant for its mature native and exotic plants and existing disused infrastructure and buildings associated with the former railway land use of this reserve.

- Canterbury Gardens, purchased in 1904 as a site for public gardens, significant for its mature exotic plant species and retention of its original layout.
- Colville Reserve, acquired in 1929 as a site for public recreation, significant for its mature exotic trees.
- Myrtle Road Reserve, managed by Council since 1923 and formally acquired by Council in 1973, significant for its exotic plant species.

Master Plans

There are no current Master Plans for the open space reserves in Canterbury.

7.8.1d Distribution of open space in Canterbury



The Outer Circle Linear Park and the linked open space corridor provide good access to open space in the western area of Canterbury. The linked open space system along a former waterway provides good access to open space between Canterbury Gardens and Matlock Street Reserve in central Canterbury.

While the open space is well connected and distributed in the west and north east of the precinct, there are two open space gap areas in Canterbury, and these are shown as white areas in Figure 7.8~2. Of these two gap areas, one coincides with an area of forecast growth and solutions to address this have been considered in the context of both the existing conditions and land use trends. Refer to the description of gap areas in the land use trends Section 7.8.3.

7.8.2 Community characteristics for Canterbury

7.8.2a Demographic summary of existing forecast trends

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

Age structure:

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

Forecast trends through to 2026 include:

- a slight decrease in all ages below 45
- a decrease in the 45 to 54 age group
- an increase in the 65+ age group.

Household type:

Compared with the Municipal-wide average, there is a larger proportion of two adults with children households and a smaller proportion of one parent families and two adults without children families.

Forecast trends through to 2026 include:

- an increase in couples without dependents
- a decrease in couple families with dependents
- an increase in lone person households.

Dwelling type:

Compared with the Municipal-wide average, there is a larger proportion of separate house dwellings but a smaller proportion of apartment/flat dwellings.

Forecast information is not available for dwelling types.

Total population (2011): 8,179*

Forecast population in 2026: 8,361 (increase of 182)*

* *Source: .id Consulting incorporating VIF figures.*

7.8.2b Summary of household survey outcomes for Canterbury

A total of 37 household surveys were received from residents of Canterbury which represents two per cent of the total number of surveys received. This is slightly less than the proportion of Canterbury residents in the Boroondara population which is five per cent.

Most frequently visited open space reserves:

USE	OPEN SPACE	REASONS TO VISIT	SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS
Open space within walking distance			
11	Outer Circle Linear Park	walking avoid traffic ambience, beauty cycling	Improve access, additional seats.
10	Canterbury Gardens	ambience, beauty walking peaceful picnics	Upgrade path surface, additional native/indigenous vegetation.
8	Boroondara Park	dog walking playground and equipment close to home exercising	Additional drinking fountains, dog waste bags/bins.
5	Belmont Park	dog walking trees birdlife dog off-lead area	Additional dog off- lead areas, drinking fountains, seats, replace older/dying trees.
4	Balwyn Park	close to home playground and equipment recreation	Additional dog off- lead areas, seats and regular rubbish removal.
4	Shenley Ground	dog walking close to home dog off-lead area jogging/running	Regular maintenance, provide fenced dog off-lead area.
Open space beyond walking distance			
10	Hays Paddock	playground and equipment dog walking ambience, beauty	Additional dog off- lead areas, drinking fountains, shelters and vegetation.
10	Maranoa Gardens	native vegetation ambience, beauty gardens	Additional seats, shelters and native vegetation and trees.
4	Studley Park	walking picnics cafe and kiosk facilities	Additional seats and distance markers for cyclists.

Types of open space used (top four):

97% walking paths
86% open grassed areas
76% seats
62% drinking fountains.

Values (top four):

76% trees
65% natural character
62% escape built environment
59% place for kids to play.

Activities and facilities in open space (top four):

89% local streets for exercise

81% small local parks

78% large parks and gardens

68% open space along Outer Circle Linear Park.

Provision and maintenance of facilities:

In relation to provision of facilities, respondents identified they are generally satisfied with the provision of the majority, but there is some level of dissatisfaction with the provision of toilets, drinking fountains, dog off-lead areas, picnic tables and seats. In relation to maintenance, there is a good level of satisfaction with most facilities with the exception of drinking fountains.

General comments:

- Value the choice and variety of open space in Boroondara.
- Open space is important to retain as residential densities increase.
- Open space is well maintained.
- Retain existing open space and provide additional open space.
- Ensure adjoining buildings do not overshadow open space.
- Trees are valued including street trees, and ongoing maintenance is required.

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

7.8.2c Implications of community characteristics on future open space planning

This precinct has a higher proportion of people less than 17 years and people in the 65 plus age range. The forecast trends include an increase in the 65 plus age group and a slight decrease in younger ages. Forecast trends in household types include an increase in lone persons and couples without dependents. Therefore future open space will need to increase the diversity of facilities for older adults, including those that encourage them into open space to maintain physical and social wellbeing. It will also be important to maintain a diversity of facilities to meet the needs of all age groups, as they will continue to be present in the precinct.

7.8.3 Land use trends in Canterbury

7.8.3a Overview

The forecast population change in Canterbury represents approximately two per cent of the population with just over 180 additional residents forecast to live in Canterbury by 2026. Approximately 70 per cent of the forecast additional residents are likely to live in the activity centres, illustrated in the Figure 7.8~3. The remaining 30 per cent of additional residents are forecast to be located outside the activity centres through the rest of the suburb. Additionally the Canterbury Road Enterprise Corridor is partially located in Canterbury and is forecast to have some increase in the employee population of this area.

The activity centres are shown on Figure 7.8~3 with solid red lines defining the extent of the core part of the activity centres and orange lines defining the Canterbury Road Enterprise Corridor. The enterprise corridor is the largest activity centre and is where the most substantial change is forecast to occur.

Figure 7.8~3 also shows the extent of existing Heritage Overlays within Canterbury. 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.

The activity centres located in Canterbury are described after Figure 7.8~3. Canterbury Road Enterprise Corridor is described first followed by the smaller activity centres.

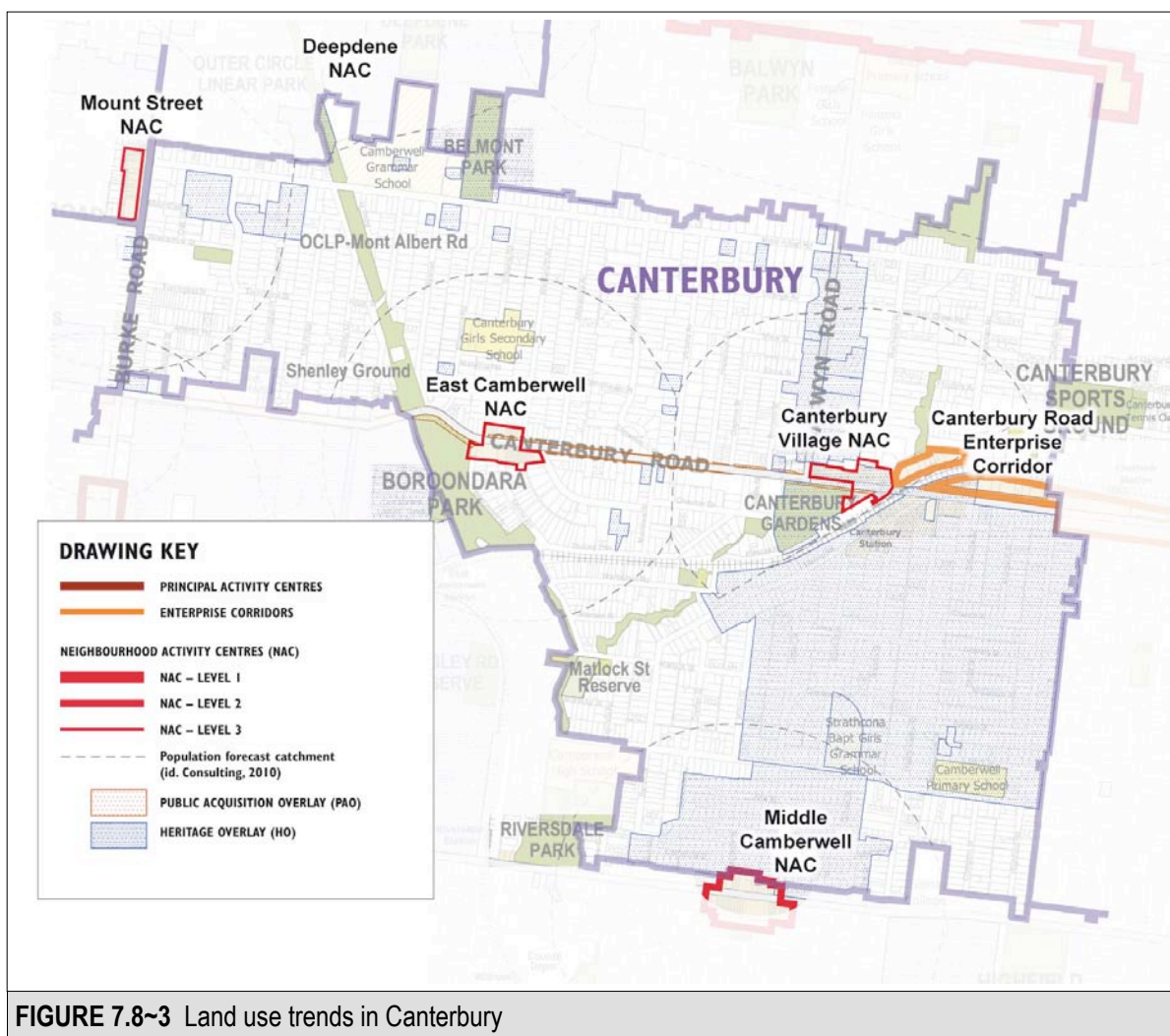


FIGURE 7.8~3 Land use trends in Canterbury

7.8.3b Canterbury Road Enterprise Corridor

Refer to the description of the Canterbury Road Enterprise Corridor in Section 7.7.3, Surrey Hills Precinct.

7.8.3c Level 2 Neighbourhood Activity Centre

Middle Camberwell NAC

The main component of this Centre is located on Riversdale Road in Camberwell, and is described in Section 7.2.3 of this Strategy. Specifically for Canterbury there are two larger potential redevelopment sites and increased densities on the north side of Riversdale Road. The residential population is forecast to change from an estimated 957 people in 2011 to a forecast 980 in 2026, which is a total of approximately 23 people. It is anticipated these residents will primarily visit Riversdale Park, located to the west of the Centre, and will place increased demand on facilities in this open space.

7.8.3d Level 3 Neighbourhood Activity Centre

East Camberwell NAC

This Centre is located on Canterbury Road just east of Boroondara Park. It will continue to provide limited convenience retail and business services to the local community, with the key area of potential change being the larger site to the south-west of the centre adjoining Boroondara Park. The residential population is forecast to change from 1,243 in 2011 to 1,273 in 2026, being a total of approximately 30 people. It is anticipated the forecast population would primarily visit Boroondara Park and Outer Circle Linear Park and place increased demand on facilities in these open spaces.

Canterbury Village NAC

This Centre is located on Canterbury Road west of Maling Road and at the eastern end of the Canterbury Gardens. It will continue to provide the speciality retail for the broader region it is currently known for including home decor and antiques. Limited mixed use development is forecast to occur with approximately 20 additional people in the centre by 2026.

7.8.3e Remainder of suburb Local Activity Centre (LAC)

As noted in Section 7.8.3a, the forecast change in residential population in Canterbury is low with a forecast additional 70 people to be located in the areas outside the activity centre boundaries. This increased population will place additional demand on facilities and additional open space to be provided in the gap areas.

7.8.4 Gaps in open space distribution in Canterbury

There are some gap areas in the distribution of open space in Canterbury. Each of these has been numbered and illustrated diagrammatically in Figure 7.8~4, with a brief analysis and conclusion for each gap area described below in Table 7.8(iii).

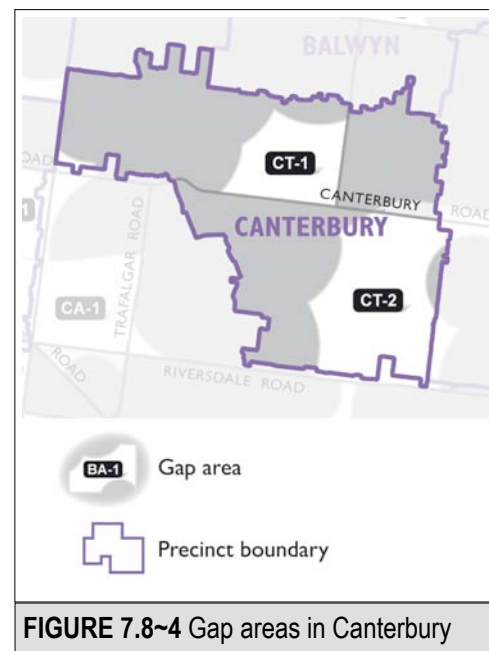


FIGURE 7.8~4 Gap areas in Canterbury

Table 7.8 (iii) Open space gap areas for Canterbury

Gap area	Description	Recommendation
CT-1	Located north of Canterbury Road, south of Mont Albert Road, this gap area extends west from Balwyn Road to Alexandra Avenue. Forecast population increase is anticipated in this gap area as it is located close to the Canterbury Village and East Camberwell Activity Centres along with the Canterbury Road Enterprise Corridor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An additional Small Local open space is required to provide some public open space within safe walking distance of this predominantly residential precinct. This will ideally be located towards the south and east of this gap area where more change is anticipated and there is good access via east-west and north-south streets. This Small Local open space will be for both the existing and forecast population.
CT-2	Located south of Canterbury Road, this gap area extends east to Highfield Road, south to Riversdale Road and west to Logan Street. The Middle Camberwell Activity Centre is located within this gap area along with the Canterbury Road Enterprise Corridor. A heritage overlay extends over the majority of the gap area limiting the opportunities for forecast development and also provision of additional land area as open space.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess and improve the walkability of local streets to improve access to open space via the local residential street network west of the gap area. Improvements may include upgrading the footpath surface, installation of kerb ramps, potential footpath widening and street tree maintenance and/or planting.

7.8.5 Canterbury Actions

7.8.5a Summary of overall intent for open space in Canterbury

Provision and distribution

The linear open space connections within Canterbury are well established and utilised via the Outer Circle Linear Park and the linear system that connects Canterbury Gardens with Matlock Street Reserve. This strategy recommends an additional Small Local open space be provided in the eastern area of the precinct north of Canterbury Road.

Quality and design

The consultation identified that there is a good diversity of open space character types within Canterbury, and the existing residents appreciate this. In the future, these open spaces will receive increased levels of use from the expanding population both within Canterbury and those travelling through via the Outer Circle Linear Park. Upgrade of some facilities in open space is proposed to address increased levels of use and the changing demographics to an older population.

7.8.5b Precinct Actions for Canterbury

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
7.8A-1	Provide an additional Small Local open space in Gap Area CT-1 in the north-east area of Canterbury close to activity centres. This open space is to cater to both the existing and forecast population open space needs.	Council, Developer	High

B Links to open space

No.	Action	Responsibility	Priority
7.8B-1	In Gap Area CT-2, investigate improvements to the pedestrian amenity in the residential streets (including review of footpath pavement surface condition, presence of kerb ramps and street trees) to encourage access to existing open space west of the gap area.	Council	Very High
7.8B-2	Improve and complete the linear path network and connection between Canterbury Gardens and Matlock Street Reserve including review of a path via Kendall	Council	High

No.	Action	Responsibility	Priority
	Street and Chaucer Cres Reserve.		

7.8.5c Individual open space recommendation for Canterbury

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

C Regional open space

None applicable.

D Municipal open space

No.	Action	Responsibility	Priority
7.8D-1	Boroondara Park Prepare and implement a concept master plan primarily to determine a future use and direction for disused railway and substation buildings in the park including the potential to adaptively reuse them, retaining the interpretation of the former railway land use of this reserve.	Council	Medium
7.8D-2	OCLP - Mont Albert Road Undertake weed management along existing embankment to improve the environmental corridor values of this reserve. Minor upgrade to include additional seats.	Council	Ongoing

E Neighbourhood open space

No.	Action	Responsibility	Priority
7.8E-1	Belmont Park Progressively improve the nature conservation values of this open space by encouraging recruitment of the indigenous overstorey species to expand the open woodland character of this reserve. Minor upgrades to path access, retaining the informal nature conservation of the reserve. In the longer term review the appropriateness of dog off lead designation of this open space.	Council	Ongoing
7.8E-2	Canterbury Gardens Prepare and implement a conservation management plan for this popular open space to inform its ongoing management.	Council	High
7.8E-3	John August Reserve Prepare and implement a landscape design plan to guide appropriate facility design and management of this open space within the context of it receiving higher levels of use as a result of forecast population increase within walking distance of it, particularly from Balwyn.	Council	High
7.8E-4	Shenley Ground Continue to maintain this open space reserve including investigation into the potential to open tennis courts for	Council	Ongoing

No.	Action	Responsibility	Priority
	community use.		

F Local open space

No.	Action	Responsibility	Priority
7.8F-1	Chaucer Crescent Reserve Install a path link through the reserve as part of improving the linear path connection as noted in Action 7.8B-2	Council	Ongoing
7.8F-2	Colville Reserve Investigate the need to prepare a conservation management plan for this reserve. Undertake minor upgrades to this open space's facilities including picnic tables, and other upgrades to meet the needs of older age groups.	Council	Low
7.8F-3	Matlock Street Reserve Continue to maintain this open space reserve for existing sporting use.	Council	Ongoing
7.8F-4	Myrtle Road Reserve (South) Investigate the need to prepare a conservation management plan for this reserve. Continue to maintain it as a linear open space link.	Council	Ongoing
7.8F-5	Norway Reserve Undertake minor upgrade to include additional seating, and continue to maintain the Australian native planting collection to retain cultural heritage values.	Council	Medium
7.8F-6	Shrublands Creek Reserve Continue to maintain this reserve.	Council	Ongoing
7.8F-7	Warburton Road Land Undertake major upgrades to this largely undeveloped open space to provide facilities that meet the local community needs including existing and forecast population. Include a path link to Warburton Road Reserve to improve connectivity as part of the linear path network between Canterbury Gardens and Matlock Street Reserve.	Council	High
7.8F-8	Warburton Road Reserve Continue to maintain this open space reserve, managed primarily as a linear open space and unsealed trail access to Canterbury Gardens and Matlock Street Reserve.	Council	Ongoing

G Small Local open space

No.	Action	Responsibility	Priority
7.8G-1	Myrtle Road Reserve (North) Continue to maintain this open space reserve, managed primarily as a linear open space and shared trail access to Boroondara Park.	Council	Ongoing