

## Attachment 1. Draft Monash Open Space Strategy Submission Responses

Table 1. Draft Monash Open Space Strategy – submission responses on content and structure.

Section	Further Detail	Submission
General		Draft is confusing and repetitive, lacking a logical structure, lacking evidence and maps or tables to support actions. It lacks references to key or supporting documents of Council (Walking and Cycling Plan, Active Recreation Plan, Environmental Sustainability Strategy, Physical Activity Plan and Health and Wellbeing Partnership Plan).
General		Residents don't have access to private golf course and plays no part as parkland or public recreation. Should not be include in the calculation of open space (2).
General		Useful website: Victorian Planning Authority – Metropolitan Open Space Network. Includes gap analysis of 400m walkability to open space from all households across Melbourne.
Glossary		A lack of reference to regional or metropolitan open space and its role in the report.
Glossary	Landscape Setting Table	Landscape setting type table is confusing. Plaza/ paved/ hard court includes civic spaces and organised recreation areas. Specialised sport settings should be separate.
Glossary		Play can happen in any setting without equipment and should be playground or playspace.
Maps		Need to demonstrate logic and be easier to understand. E.g. Jells Park is colour coded the same as a privately owned golf course (can't be freely accessed). Use VPA categories of Public, Private and Restricted open space.
Maps	Section 5	Useful to have more maps to demonstrate areas lacking in sports open space.
Section 1	Pg 11	Needs to strongly argue that open space is a critical and essential part of urban infrastructure.
Section 1		The term ecosystem services should be used to explain the economic and essential services that parks provide.
Section 1		Missing maps that show: existing trails and gaps; predicted densities and growth areas to justify 300m walkability; and not all precinct actions have numbers.
Section 1	Challenges	The following is missing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changing population demographics.</li> <li>• Changing recreation trends and competing demand for space.</li> <li>• Adaptation in response to climate change.</li> <li>• Starting base of less opens space and canopy than other eastern councils.</li> </ul>
Section 1	Vision	Not worded in an inspirational way. Quality of open space missing.
Section 1	Principles	The following are missing – refer VPA Metropolitan Open Space Network planning guide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quantity missing – although many actions subscribe to this principle.</li> <li>• Equitable Distribution should be a principle as Equitable access and connectivity.</li> <li>• Quality is not just fit for purpose but also ability to maintain open spaces to optimise their capacity and resilience.</li> <li>• Diversity - deliver a network of open space types as diverse experiences come from not just the space provided but also other factors such as information and programs.</li> <li>• Sustainability not explained well.</li> <li>• Addition principle could be Partnerships.</li> </ul>
Section 2		Section is too large.
Section 2	Pg 14	Should refer to “community” sporting facility, as private is not freely accessible.

Section 2		First priority should be every household has access to POS within 400m. Do not understand the action green space restorative within 300m.
Section 2		Recommendations not all supported by clear evidence or maps. Where is the argument/ precedent for 300m to med to high density. Map for recommendation No.7.
Section 2	Core service levels	Core services table is confusing and should be a guideline.
Section 2	Core service levels	Consider use of permeable paving options to maintain a smooth surface for cycles and wheelchairs without compromising groundwater maintenance and stormwater attenuation. Consider WSUD principles.
Section 2	Core service levels	Paths and circuits to be made out of a smooth surface to cater for a range of accessibility.
Section 2	Core service levels	Upgraded parks should consider adequate lighting (including for circuit paths), drinking fountains, toilets and shaded areas with shade and picnic facilities.
Section 2	Core service levels	Be careful of gender bias as no reference to netball facilities.
Section 2	Core service levels	No mentioned of MTN.
Section 2	Core service levels	Signage should be mentioned for trails.
Section 2	Quality & diversity	Is more than fit for purpose – is about setting value or amenity.
Section 2	Quality & diversity	Disagree that the size of a reserve dictates quality of experience. Involves many factors such as pre-trip info, signage and cleanliness.
Section 2	Quality & diversity	Disagree that canopy is higher than other Council - if so not equally distributed. See Climate Change adaptability Roadmap for Melbourne's East (2014).
Section 2	Quality & diversity	Development of reaches – many creek corridors are narrow with only width for a vegetation corridor and a path. (pg 23)
Section 2	Map 2	Valley Reserve. Rename “conservation bushland reserve”, as most of the reserve has remnant vegetation not used by visitors to the play space.
Section 2	Map 2	Damper Creek. Not an accessway, but is a conservation park.
Section 2	Map 2	Many accessways are drainage/ floodways. i.e. Mt Waverley Secondary College to Riversdale Golf Course/ drainage line to Napier Park.
Section 2	Map 3	Damper Creek should be classified as ‘bushland’; rather than ‘open grassy areas’ north of High Street and ‘treed parkland south of High Street Road.
Section 2	Pg 26	Last para should say for another park or community purpose.
Section 3	Map	Map needed for med/ high densities & activity centres?
Section 3		Add that it is important for children to have access to natural outdoor spaces without supervision.
Section 4		Action 34 should include schools.
Section 5		Parking and transport access - need to understand how sport works – walkability to local and informal; home and away games create increased traffic which increases with increased programming.
Section 5		Ability to locate some sports in business centres – better programming for parking and benefits for workers?
Section 6		Who are the target groups in Heath & Wellbeing strategy and where are they located?

Section 6		Is there are strategic analysis of universal access and gaps? Equitable spread.
Section 7	Precinct 1: Ashwood.	Map does not show existing sports facilities on the Education Department land.
Section 7	Precinct 3. Clayton	There needs to be an agreement with Monash University that they will maintain open space for sport and community use.
Section 7	Precinct 6. Mount Waverley	Fails to recognise the private MCC tennis courts on high street road adjoining the golf course. (Opposite Surrey Road)
Section 7	Precinct 6. Mount Waverley	Recommendation 144 needs to be a priority action. Provide community access to schools.
Section 8.		Need to strengthen partnerships with governments function and education, recognise open space as essential infrastructure to increase development contributions and a sub section on density to reinforce open space per head of population.
Section 9.		Confusing and duplication. Need strategic actions, precinct actions and some detail should be guidelines not actions.

Table 2. Draft Monash Open Space Strategy – submissions responses for requests for new or improved open space facilities or gaps in facilities, or the need for maintenance or minor infrastructure improvement.

Pre-cinct	Park/ Trail Name	Park/ Trail Address	Comments
<b>New or Increased Facilities</b>			
3		West of Clayton Industrial Precinct (P23)	No accessible park in this part of Clayton.
3		Huntingdale	Huntingdale needs more spaces for young families. <i>(Considered as a part of the overall mix).</i>
4	Brentwood Reserve	11-31 Marylands Crescent, Glen Waverley	Good idea to develop. Space available. Only good ideas required. (??)
4	Melbourne Water pipeline	North to south from Highbury Road to Utah Street (High Street Road)	Create a shared path. <i>(Path is formed north of Highbury Road (Whitehorse Council) and between Utah and High Street Roads. Rest is used informally.)</i>
4	Kerrie Road Reserve	39 Kincumber Road, Glen Waverley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Need more playground facilities at this part of the neighbourhood.</li> <li>· And a toilet.</li> </ul>
4		10-12 Danien Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Need more playground facilities at this part of the neighbourhood.</li> <li>· And a toilet.</li> </ul>
4	Davies Reserve	410a Huntingdale Road	Add a fenced dogs off leash area.
4	Janice Road Reserve	14-16 Sandgate Avenue	Utilise the transmission easement. <i>(See Rec 120)</i>
4		Melbourne Water easement from Bushy Park reserve to High Street Road (Gallaghers Rd)	Pipeline track is difficult underfoot and muddy and bikes cant get through. Good to have a cleared track that would enable access for walkers and cyclists. <i>(Not Council land, but could negotiate access)</i>
4	Central Reserve		Monash needs a performance space/ common area for performances and gatherings.
4	Kingsway		Kingsway is a perfect space for community space. Currently it is congested with no room for pedestrians. It needs to be a mall closed to motor traffic. No longer a shopping strip and needs to adapt to the entertainment and dining function.
4	High Street Road		Access to the orchards is difficult along High Street Rd. Possible liason with Knox Council for paths.
4	Glen Waverley		Improve connectivity to the Syndal to Glen Waverley cycle track. <i>(Strategic connectively)</i>
4	Drummies Bridge Reserve		Provide another community garden near the eastern side of the City – near Drummies Bridge Reserve or acquisition of house blocks.
4		811-813 High Street Road	Open space on the corner of Springvale Road/ High Street Road should be more appealing to leisure. <i>(small park with pathways on it - 0.7ha).</i>
4		1-3 Shepherd Road, Glen Waverley	Open space opposite Mount View Primary School could be redeveloped. <i>(Small treed amenity park 0.2ha. Would not be supported)</i>
4	Bogong Reserve		Bogong Reserve is a valuable natural feature and needs to be protected, however there are opportunities for passive recreation facilities given its close location to the activity centre and increasing densities; as well as increased street plantings to improve connections.
4			Avendon estate (Syndal) removal of cypress pines windrows and replanting provides opportunity to create improved pedestrian access through the estate, also to unlock gate to Colemand Parade.

			<i>(Connection through to Marbray street already in place. Trees are amenity feature of the site. Internalised subdivision with pedestrian connectivity through (no major roads). Plus asking for access through private property in parts – acquisition would never be supported.)</i>
5	Argyle Reserve	240-260 Poath Road, Hughesdale	Playground small so tend to drive to larger parks. Suggests more diversity for the park including exercise. Plant more natives in the corner which is bare.
5		End of Richardson Street, Hughesdale	Extend shared path to join up with path on other side of Oakleigh Station. <i>(Think Rosstown Rail Trail – Recommendation 55)</i>
5		Calembeena Avenue, Hughesdale	There are few parks around the area and should be Council priority.
6	Valley Reserve	Mount Waverley	Council should buy adjoining properties to allow bigger buffer between properties and the creek. Buffer from snakes. <i>(Surrounded by residential properties...)</i>
6	Riversdale Golf Club		Encourage green corridors linking Damper Reserve, Ashwood Wetlands and RGC.
6	Mt Waverley Centre	47-61 Virginia Street, Mt Waverley. Hamilton Place/ 285-291 Stephensons Street.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Move car parking underground and re-use the space above as park with benches, paved areas with cafes and restaurants to create a meeting space for the community and give it a village feel. The same for the Woolworths car park.</li> <li>· Need for a village green.</li> </ul>
6	Mt Waverley Centre		Plant indigenous vegetation to make Mt Waverley shops unique. (Considered under other strategies/ structure plan)
6	Mt Waverley various		Plant indigenous trees to provide wildlife habitat corridors between Valley Reserve, Scotchmans Creek and the small reserves off Beverley Grove (Mt Waverley Linear Reserve), Toirram Road (Toirram Rd Reserve), Carmel Avenue (Winbourne Park Playground), Sherwood Road (Sherwood Park) and Waverley Park
6	Melbourne Water Retarding Basin (near Scotchmans Creek)	Carrol Grove MW	Build a bridge to connect on the east side of the lake within the Scotchmans Creek Trail.
6			There is a gap in the trail for recommendation 138/ 139 - connection between Mount Waverley north Primary School to Syndal station.
6			Gap in a trail connection from Federal Reserve to Damper Reserve.
6			Ensure connection from Damper Creek to Jordanville rail trail though the Riversdale golf course if developed. <i>(Rec 141 does state this, but maybe need to clarify.)</i>
6			Provide a connection from Mount Waverley Village to Valley Reserve.
6		27 Bengal Crescent	Council to rezone land for 27 Bengal Crescent for open space purposes given it is adjacent to Damper Creek. <i>(Not Council owned land.)</i>
7		36-38 Wilma Avenue, Mulgrave	Playground needed <i>(Note Rec 148 to acquire more land)</i>
9		Golf Road, Oakleigh South	Create a safe shared path up Golf Road.
9	Huntingdale Station		Improve pedestrian access to Huntingdale Station and the cafe precinct for residents living to the west.
9		Picadilly Street, Oakleigh South	There are no parks around here and should be Council priority.
9		Huntingdale Road	Create a safe shared path along Huntingdale Road that joins into the path at Oakleigh Station and connects Oakleigh South Primary and Secondary.

9	North Road		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Create a bike trail that links trails on Huntingdale Golf Club along Voumard Street across North Road and connecting to Oakleigh shopping centre via the rail path.</li> <li>· North Road connection/ overpass.</li> </ul>
9	WA Scammall Reserve		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Add an adventure playground.</li> <li>· Improve playground facilities – lacks imagination and creativity. Provide seating and BBQ.</li> <li>· Plant more trees.</li> <li>· Acquire more land.</li> </ul>
9	Stan Riley Reserve	Cameron Ave, Oakleigh South	Extend this reserve, provide picnic and BBQ facilities and create a new large and creative playground. Create a bike trail from the park to the Oakleigh Activity Centre.
9		52 Golf Road, Oakleigh South	Purchase land at Beryl Avenue (old Oakleigh South Primary school.) <i>(Site for future residential development. Open space contributions through development)</i>
10	Baynton Court Reserve	21 Baynton Street, Oakleigh	Empty expanse of grass that could be better used.
10		Andrew Street, Oakleigh	Add a connection over the rail line to connect to the rail trail. (There is a connection over Golf Links Avenue)
10		Oakleigh Station/ Atkinson Street	Connect Oakleigh Station to Scotsmans Creek trail. <i>(Not sure how connects to Atkinson Street – Town Centre and major roads to cross also, including Princess Highway).</i>
10	Huntingdale/ Oakleigh Stations		Trail between both stations is isolated, no trees and graffiti. Re-imagine as park land strip with genuine connections to other shared trails. <i>(Not sure if this is a formal trail. See also Rec 52 and 181)</i>
10	Oakleigh	Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Oakleigh needs a green corridor to link up with other green corridors such as Scotsmans Creek.</li> <li>· Link should be along Drummond Street and Logie street to Achinson Street to avoid steep hills.</li> </ul>
10	Jack Edwards Reserve	Gadd Street/ Haughton Road	Connect Gadd Street to Jack Edwards Reserve to make it more accessible.
10	Oakleigh		High density housing is being built and no parks available. Should be Council priority.
10		Wilson Street, Oakleigh (North Road)	There are no parks around here and should be Council priority. <i>(See Rec 178 - Provide safe crossing over north road to Scammell Reserve for greater accessibility)</i>
10	Oakleigh Public Golf Course		Abolish golf course and convert to bushland/ parkland like Damper Creek.
10	Scotchmans Creek Trail and Oakleigh Major Activity Centre	Atkinson Street, Oakleigh	Create a bike/walking trail along Atkinson St, from the Scotchmans Creek Trail and the Oakleigh Activity Centre.
11	FE Hunt Reserve	1A Highland Avenue, Oakleigh East	Space seems quite large and underutilised. <i>(See Rec 184)</i>
11		1A Nonna Street, Oakleigh East	Space is underutilised as an open field and trees. <i>(Very small amenity space. 333m2)</i>
11	Strelden Reserve	8-10 Strelden Avenue, Oakleigh East (still in GR22)	Shade cloth or suitable covering could offer a more useful space in summer as currently there is little UV protection. A bench and table would also make the space more friendly and useful, encouraging more residents to use the space if it's made more functional. Add a BBQ and basketball court.
11	Hurst Reserve	Corner of Ferntree Gully Road and Princes Highway	Transform into an open Plaza with seating and paved concrete. <i>(Strategy states (OE3) that there is no viable option to convert to a SFR (connection and location on two major bus roads)).</i>
12		860 Ferntree Gully Road, Wheelers Hill	Add a children playground to the Wheelers Hill Library area of one of the minor open space areas to the east.
12	Netherby Avenue Reserve	Wheelers Hill	Add a community garden

			Bike track between Huntingdale and Oakleigh stations and the University ( <i>Recommendation 52</i> )
			Improve off road cycle provision between Forster Road and Jells Park and signage for on-road sections.
			Bike trail connecting Monash university along Wellington Road. ( <i>There is a shared path on the north side of Wellington Road. Not all the way to Springvale though.</i> )
<b>Other</b>			
3	Clayton Hall	264-266 Clayton Road	Area in front of Clayton Hall not shown in the strategy – used by residents for picnics and by wildlife. ( <i>landscaping for Monash Council...</i> )
	Various		More outdoor sporting facilities, such as basketball courts.
<b>Not Support</b>			
1	Gardiners Reserve	Sixth Avenues, Burwood	The synthetic soccer field – teams that play on it aren't resident in Monash anymore.
6	Valley Reserve	80 Waimarie Drive, Mount Waverley	Recommendation 46: Create a more accessible path to Alf Salkin Landing - Needs more consideration with horticultural services group as is a sensitive location.
6	Damper Creek Reserve	38-50 Park Road, Mount Waverley	Don't allow toilets or BBQs at Damper reserve.
<b>Maintenance/ Minor Infrastructure</b>			
1	Gardiners Creek Trail/ North Ashwood Reserve	Crossing at High Street (95-107)	Constant problems with tanbark being washed over the path.
1	Gardeners Creek Trail – Holmsglen Reserve		Need asphalt on top of concrete as concrete and joins not comfortable to ride on.
1	Gardeners Creek Trail – Ashwood	End Zodiac Street, Burwood	As above.
1		71-73 Ashwood Drive, Ashwood	New path constructed to connect to Gardiners Creek Trail from Ashwood Road. Path suits riders coming in from the north of Ashwood Road and not the south. Install new path in a 'y' design'. ( <i>path already constructed to follow playground and is an extra 20m for people to walk</i> ).
2		Batesford Road/ Power Avenue	Big lump in the asphalt in the middle of the road on the western side of the intersection (near Aliza's cafe), which is a death trap to cyclists.
3	Evelyn Street Reserve	16-42 Evelyn Street, Clayton	Playground needs an urgent upgrade. ( <i>See Rec 104F</i> )
3	Wellington Rd	Cnr Wellington Road and Blackburn Road. NW corner	Bus shelter in bike path is a safety hazard.
4	Central Park		One person liked the park. Another considered more trees could be planted.
4	Damper Creek trail		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Small lights on the side of the path. Expand the areas for protected vegetation.</li> <li>· Don't support lights. Beauty is the natural setting.</li> </ul>
4	Davies Reserve	410a Huntingdale Road	Running track needs fixing up. Encourage greater participation.
4		6 Herriotts Boulevard, Glen Waverley	( <i>See also Something I like below</i> ). "Minor upgrade of playground.
4	Hinkler Reserve		Add a drinking fountain.
4		The Glen/ Kingsway	Replace metal seats with timber or recycled plastic.
4	Lindwall Street Reserve	160-166 Springvale Road	More tree planting. Replace loss of indigenous trees in the area.

4	Virgil Reserve	32 Ferres Court, Glen Waverley	Could do with more care and maintenance.
4		Coleman Parade	Jordanville to Glen Waverley stations trail is well used although the connection along Coleman Parade is least safe and poorly articulated – should be a priority to maintain.
5			Create a safe, well lit, aesthetic trail between Oakleigh and Hughesdale Station. ( <i>Upgrade – as already is a link?</i> )
5	Brine Street Childcare Centre.	31-33 Brine Street, Hughesdale	Small area adjacent to the childcare centre could be developed with plants and a bench and planting to decrease mowing. (Predominantly childcare. Open space a very small area)
6	Glen Waverley Rail Trail		Land between rail tracks and bike path is underutilised. Tree planting and maintenance would have a huge impact.
6	Damper Creek Reserve		Signs looking tired and old and need replacement.
6	Federal Reserve	Mount Waverly	Need a regular spraying program.
6		Eastern portion of 34-36 Marianne Way, Mount Waverley	Water fountain for people and dogs. ( <i>Assuming this is referring to this small corridor between houses. Is a small corridor with vegetation, but no path– note Rec 139 seeks a connection</i> ).
6		Mt Waverley Centre	Lights in the underpass should be brighter
6	Scotchmans Creek Trail	Intersection with Blackburn Road	Paths on both sides of bridge are pretty average and not bike or pedestrian friendly. Need signpost.
6	Scotchmans Creek Trail	Intersection with Waverley Road	Poor transition for cyclists.
6	Scotchmans Creek Trail	Therese Ave, MW	Improve lighting under underpass for Monash Freeway
6	St Clair Crescent Reserve	Reserve to the east of St Clair Crescent, Mount Waverley	Additional trees, seating and more frequent cutting of grass.
6	Valley Reserve	Waimarie Drive Entrance	Return the seats previously at this entrance.
7	Freeway Reserve	Mulgrave	Need a replanting scheme to replace land affected by water board works.
9	Huntingdale Station/ North Road overpass		Area extremely unattractive. Trees needed around the car park and surrounding area.
10		Cnr Princes Highway and Atkinson Street	When crossing Princess Highway in a southerly direction the asphalt is brutally rough.
10	Oakleigh to Huntingdale Trail connection		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Improve for safety lighting and aesthetics – isolated area makes it unsafe. Plant screening trees.</li> <li>· Comment that light a low concern. Happy with a path not constantly dug up.</li> </ul>
10	Oakleigh Town Centre	Eaton Mall	Make the mall more pedestrian friendly and adjust lights. ( <i>N/A – Structure Plan</i> )
10		Metropolitan and Huntingdale golf course.	Extend track between golf courses into Oakleigh Shopping Precinct.
10	Scotchmans Creek Trail	Grandview Grove, Oakleigh	Improve signage and reduce delays when path intersects major roads.
10	Warawee Park, Oakleigh		Creative interactive installation for information on indigenous community.
11	Reg Harris Reserve		Install a toilet.
12	View Mount Road	Between Ferntree Gully Road and Waverley Road	Install garden beds and plants in the nature strip.
			Any future creation of a trail along Glen Waverley train line should consider more secure bike racks.



Table 3. Draft Monash Open Space Strategy – submissions responses for a park a person likes.

Park/ Trail Name	Park/ Trail Address	Comments
Brickmakers Park	23-39 Stamford Road, Oakleigh	Nicer to visit than a few years ago.
Callaghan Avenue Reserve	73-107 Herriotts Boulevard, Glen Waverley	Excellent wetland space
Dandenong Creek	Adjacent to Waverley Baseball Club	Wonderful walking area – Wattles by the creek, birds.
Freeway Reserve	Mulgrave	Fitness track suitable for seniors
Galbally Reserve	19 Arthur Street, Hughesdale	Regularly see birds and bats. With the closing of part of the park for rail crossing removal will there be protection measures for wildlife.
Glen Waverly North Reserve		Trees and native plants attractive. Can walk from home.
Highview Park		Lovely park to walk in.
Hinkler Reserve	69-77 Hinkler Reserve, Glen Waverley	Lots of trees, paths seats and children’s playground. More parks like this.
Jells Park		Wonderful area to walk.
Larpen Reserve		Well used space I enjoy.
Scotchmans Creek Trail		Like the creek.
Scotchmans Creek Trail	Stampford Road, Oakleigh	Appreciate the fabulous parklands/ golf course/ swimming pool/ bike path/picnic and play areas in the area bounded by Huntingdale Rd/ Warrigal Rd/ Princes Hwy/ Waverley Rd.
Shepherds Bush	Shepherd Road, Glen Waverley	Indigenous garden and community garden are wonderful.
Stan Riley Reserve	Cameron Ave, Oakleigh South	BMX track is well utilised and loved
Trail between the Huntingdale Golf Club and the Metropolitan Golf Club	Windsor Avenue extension, Oakleigh South	We love this trail for walking/jogging and the bushland feel.
Valley Reserve		Wonderful park. Love it here
	13-15 Brighton Street, Glen Waverly	A lovely reserve to walk through.
	Bushy Park	Access to the Bushy park and long walking track
	6 Herriotts Boulevard, Glen Waverley	Great entry to Herriotts Estate.
	Houghton Road/ Bishop Street/ Princess Street Reserve	Tidy up trees that run along the railway line in this area.
	Near Glen Waverley Station car park	Loveliest areas of vegetation in the area that needs preserving.
	29 Thompsons Road, Glen Waverley	Lovely trees and nice space.
	Cnr High Street/ Springvale Road, Glen Waverley	Beautiful area, wonderful trees to walk through and forget buildings and traffic noise.
	Huntingdale Golf Club	Track between Huntingdale and Metropolitan Golf Course. Must be kept and remain open. Doesn’t need any improvement as its natural state gives the feel of a track in the country.
		Recommendations 94, 96 A&B for Ashwood.