
Existing Open Spaces Assessment

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5.1 Existing Open Spaces

This chapter assesses the current conditions of the existing open spaces and public car parks within the HACMP boundaries. The assessment criteria include access, permeability aesthetics, amenities, facilities, ecology and maintenance. The assessment encompasses public open spaces and spaces within private land such as the Heidelberg Bowling Club and Our Lady of Mercy College.

Existing Spaces

1. Repatriation Hospital
2. Ivanhoe Lions Park
3. James Reserve
4. Melbourne Water Reserve
5. Warringal Cemetery
6. Powlett Street Reserve
7. Burgundy Street Reserve
8. Foley Reserve
9. Austin Hospital Forecourt
10. Heidelberg Bowling Club (West)
11. Heidelberg Bowling Club (East)
12. Site at Burgundy Street/Stradbroke Ave
13. Service Reserve
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17. Remembrance Park
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20. Heidelberg Primary School
21. St John's Church
22. St John's Primary School
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24. Salt Creek Floodplains
25. Heidelberg Park
26. Yarra Valley Parklands



Figure 41: Existing Open Spaces Map

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5.2 Existing Open Spaces Assessment

Yarra Valley Parklands		Existing Amenities:		Heidelberg Park		Existing Amenities:	
Area:	2.43 ha	• Cycling & walking path		Area:	10.09 ha	• Sports field	
Typology:	Green Space	• Bushland environment		Typology:	Green Space	• Cricket nets	
Hierarchy:	Metropolitan Open Space	• Significant trees		Hierarchy:	Regional Open Space	• Club pavilion	
Ownership:	State Government	• Connection to Yarra River		Ownership:	Banyule City Council	• Picnic tables	
Access:	Open			Access:	Open	• Barbecues	
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal and Passive Recreation • Environmental Recreation • Play 			Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal and Active Recreation • Informal and Passive Recreation • Environmental Recreation • Play 	• Lighting	
						• Public toilet	
						• Bushland environment	
						• Seating	
						• Formal and informal paths	
						• Car park	
						• Significant trees	

	Excellent	Good	Acceptable	Poor	Very Poor
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Permeability					
Aesthetics					
Amenities/Facilities					
Ecology					
Maintenance					

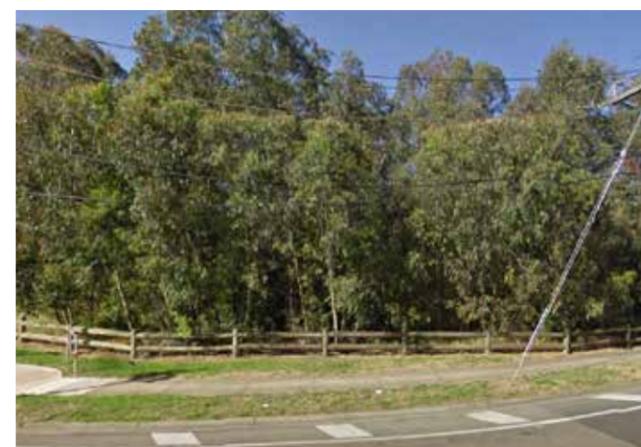


Figure 42: Yarra Valley Parklands



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Access					
Permeability					
Aesthetics					
Amenities/Facilities					
Ecology					
Maintenance					



Figure 43: Heidelberg Park



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James Reserve

Area:	1.45 ha
Typology:	Green Space
Hierarchy:	Neighbourhood Open Space
Ownership:	Banyule City Council
Access:	Open
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal and Active Recreation Informal and Passive Recreation Play

Existing Amenities:

- Playground
- Sports field
- Sports pavilion
- Seating

Transport Reserve (South)

Area:	0.57 ha
Typology:	Urban Space
Hierarchy:	Neighbourhood Open Space
Ownership:	Public Authority
Access:	Open
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal and Passive Recreation

Existing Amenities:

- Formal and informal seating
- Kiosk
- Picnic tables
- Significant trees
- Wayfinding signs
- (Proximity to retail)

	Excellent	Good	Acceptable	Poor	Very Poor
Access					
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Aesthetics					
Amenities/Facilities					
Ecology					
Maintenance					

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Amenities/Facilities					
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Figure 44: James Reserve

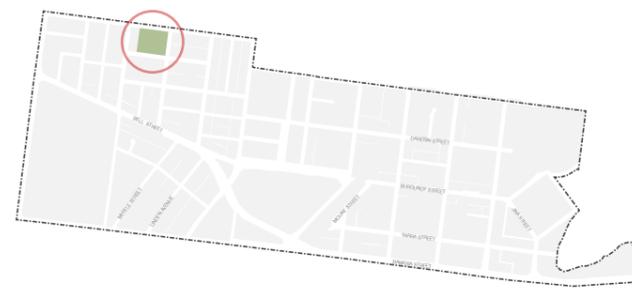


Figure 45: Transport Reserve (South)



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Warringal Cemetery	
Area:	3.66 ha
Typology:	Green Space
Hierarchy:	Neighbourhood Open Space
Ownership:	Public Authority
Access:	Open
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal and Passive Recreation

Existing Amenities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking path Significant trees Thoroughfare
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Permeability					
Aesthetics					
Amenities/Facilities					
Ecology					
Maintenance					



Figure 46: Warringal Cemetery



Heidelberg Primary School	
Area:	1.09 ha
Typology:	Semi-Public Space
Hierarchy:	Neighbourhood Open Space
Ownership:	State Government
Access:	Restricted
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal and Active Recreation Play

Existing Amenities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground Sports courts Sports field School facilities Seating
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Permeability					
Aesthetics					
Amenities/Facilities					
Ecology					
Maintenance					



Figure 47: Heidelberg Primary School



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St John's Primary School	
Area:	0.54 ha
Typology:	Semi-Public Space
Hierarchy:	Neighbourhood Open Space
Ownership:	Private
Access:	Restricted
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal and Active Recreation Play

Existing Amenities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sporting fields Tennis courts Seating School facilities Playground Significant trees
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Permeability					
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Amenities/Facilities					
Ecology					
Maintenance					



Figure 48: St John's Primary School



Our Lady of Mercy College	
Area:	1.04 ha
Typology:	Semi-Public Space
Hierarchy:	Neighbourhood Open Space
Ownership:	State Government
Access:	Controlled
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal and Active Recreation Play

Existing Amenities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground Significant trees School facilities Seating Sporting fields
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Amenities/Facilities					
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Maintenance					



Figure 49: Our Lady of Mercy College



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Heidelberg Bowling Club (West Lawn)

Area:	0.33 ha
Typology:	Semi-Public Space
Hierarchy:	Neighbourhood Open Space
Ownership:	Private
Access:	Restricted
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal and Active Recreation Play

Existing Amenities:

- Bowling green
- Seating

Heidelberg Bowling Club (East Lawn)

Area:	0.42 ha
Typology:	Semi-Public Space
Hierarchy:	Neighbourhood Open Space
Ownership:	Private
Access:	Restricted
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal and Active Recreation Play

Existing Amenities:

- Bowling green
- Private car parking
- Seating
- Sports pavillion

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Figure 50: Heidelberg Bowling Club (West Lawn)

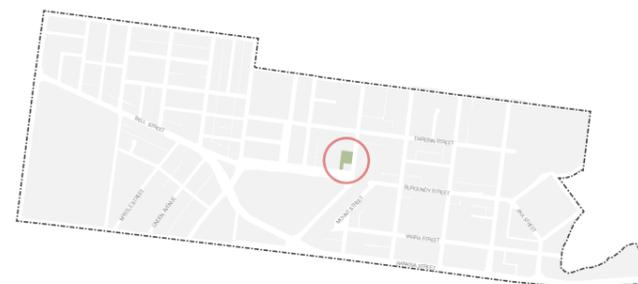
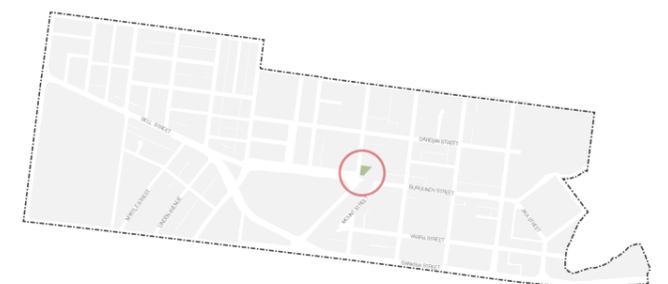


Figure 51: Heidelberg Bowling Club (East Lawn)



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Hawdon Street/Cape Street Car Park

Area:	0.37 ha
Typology:	Urban Space
Hierarchy:	Neighbourhood Open Space
Ownership:	Banyule City Council
Access:	Open
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car Park

Existing Amenities:

- Walking path
- Thoroughfare
- Car parking

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Permeability					
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Amenities/Facilities					
Ecology					
Maintenance					



Figure 52: Hawdon Street/Cape Street Car Park



Car Park at Cartmell Street

Area:	0.33 ha
Typology:	Urban Space
Hierarchy:	Neighbourhood Open Space
Ownership:	Banyule City Council
Access:	Open
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car Park

Existing Amenities:

- Car park

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Figure 53: Car Park at Cartmell Street



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Remembrance Park	
Area:	1.82 ha
Typology:	Green Space
Hierarchy:	Neighbourhood Open Space
Ownership:	Banyule City Council
Access:	Open
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal and Passive Recreation • Play

Existing Amenities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking path • Seating • Thoroughfare • Significant trees • Pond • Information boards
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Service Reserve	
Area:	0.86 ha
Typology:	Green Space
Hierarchy:	Local Open Space
Ownership:	Banyule City Council
Access:	Open
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal and Passive Recreation

Existing Amenities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking path • Thoroughfare • Significant trees • Seating
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Figure 55: Remembrance Park



Figure 54: Service Reserve



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Transport Reserve (North)

Area:	0.43 ha
Typology:	Open Space
Hierarchy:	Local Open Space
Ownership:	Public Authority
Access:	Open
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal and Passive Recreation

Existing Amenities:

- Walking path
- Thoroughfare
- Significant trees

Burgundy and Powlett Street Reserves

Area:	1.40 ha
Typology:	Green Space
Hierarchy:	Local Open Space
Ownership:	Public Authority
Access:	Open
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal and Passive Recreation Play

Existing Amenities:

- Walking path
- Thoroughfare
- Significant trees
- Seating

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Figure 56: Transport Reserve (North)

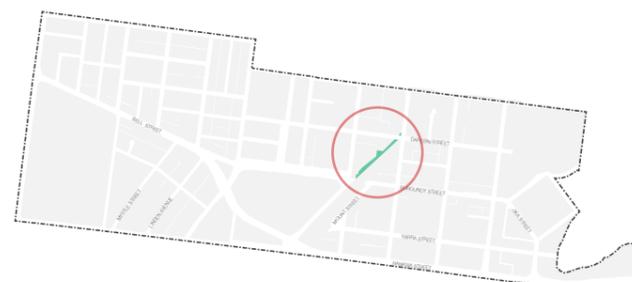


Figure 57: Burgundy and Powlett Street Reserves



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Repatriation Hospital

Area:	5.92 ha
Typology:	Green Space
Hierarchy:	Local Open Space
Ownership:	State Government
Access:	Restricted
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal and Passive Recreation

Existing Amenities:

- Car park
- Fields
- Seating
- Pedestrian paths
- Significant trees
- Thoroughfare

St John's Church

Area:	0.09 ha
Typology:	Green Space
Hierarchy:	Local Open Space
Ownership:	Public Authority
Access:	Open
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal and Passive Recreation

Existing Amenities:

- Car park
- Seating
- Walking paths
- Significant trees

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Permeability					
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Ecology					
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Figure 58: Repatriation Hospital



Figure 59: St John's Church

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Arthur Rylah Institute	
Area:	0.40 ha
Typology:	Green Space
Hierarchy:	Local Open Space
Ownership:	State Government
Access:	Open
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal and Passive Recreation

Existing Amenities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant trees
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Foley Reserve	
Area:	0.04 ha
Typology:	Green Space
Hierarchy:	Pocket Park
Ownership:	Banyule City Council
Access:	Open
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal and Passive Recreation

Existing Amenities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking path Thoroughfare Seating
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Figure 60: Arthur Rylah Institute



Figure 61: Foley Reserve



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Austin Hospital Forecourt

Area:	0.06 ha
Typology:	Urban Space
Hierarchy:	Pocket Park
Ownership:	Public Authority
Access:	Open
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal and Passive Recreation

Existing Amenities:

- Significant trees
- Monument
- Informal seating

Melbourne Water Reserve

Area:	0.09 ha
Typology:	Green Space
Hierarchy:	Pocket Park
Ownership:	Banyule City Council
Access:	Open
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal and Passive Recreation

Existing Amenities:

- Significant trees
- Basketball court
- Seating
- Playground
- Picnic tables
- Barbecues

	Excellent	Good	Acceptable	Poor	Very Poor
Access			Acceptable		
Permeability			Acceptable		
Aesthetics		Good			
Amenities/Facilities			Acceptable		
Ecology		Good			
Maintenance			Acceptable		

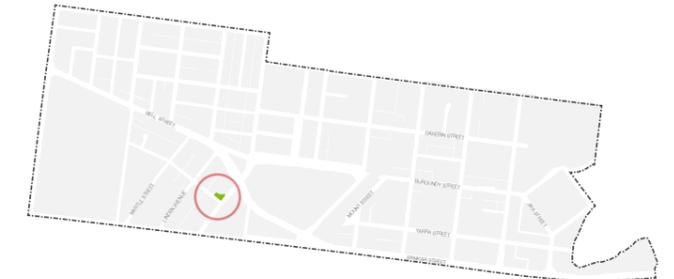
	Excellent	Good	Acceptable	Poor	Very Poor
Access			Acceptable		
Permeability				Poor	
Aesthetics					Very Poor
Amenities/Facilities				Poor	
Ecology			Acceptable		
Maintenance					Very Poor



Figure 62: Austin Hospital Forecourt



Figure 63: Melbourne Water Reserve



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Ivanhoe Lions Park

Area:	0.05 ha
Typology:	Green Space
Hierarchy:	Pocket Park
Ownership:	Banyule City Council
Access:	Open
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal and Passive Recreation

Existing Amenities:

- Pedestrian path
- Seating
- Significant trees

Salt Creek Floodplains

Area:	0.39 ha
Typology:	Green Space
Hierarchy:	Pocket Park
Ownership:	State Government
Access:	Closed
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No activities

Existing Amenities:

- Inundation pathway
- Bushland environment
- Significant trees

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Permeability					
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Amenities/Facilities					
Ecology					
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Figure 64: Ivanhoe Lions Park



Figure 65: Salt Creek Flood Planes



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Site at Burgundy Street/Stradbroke Ave

Area:	1.12 ha
Typology:	Vacant Land
Hierarchy:	Vacant Land
Ownership:	Banyule City Council
Access:	Closed
Activities:	-

Existing Amenities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant trees
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Figure 66: Site at Burgundy Street/Stradbroke Ave



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Vision

The Heidelberg Activity Centre and Medical Precinct offers a unique opportunity to support the sustainable growth of the Heidelberg community, delivering a state-of-the-art public open space network that encourages social interaction, recreation and healthy living and celebrates existing biodiversity and the diversity of the community.

Highly-permeable networks of streets, paths and public spaces will prioritise the safe and convenient movement of people within and around the Precinct. Mixed-use development will contribute positively to the character and amenity of the site, while new and existing public spaces will provide a diverse range of areas for community recreation and for community gatherings and connections.



Figure 67: Illustrative images