



10. WORKS POLICIES

10.2 PARKS AND GARDENS

10.2.2 Standard of Maintenance for Parks Assets Within the Shire

Background & Issues

Parks and reserves (also known as Public Open Space) in the Shire of Manjimup provide many advantages: formal and informal sport and recreation, preservation of natural environments, provision of green space and even urban storm water management. Well managed and maintained parks and reserves also benefit our community with improved physical health and wellbeing, improved quality of life and long-term health, improved mental health, reduced healthcare costs and enhanced social outcomes such as reducing crime and social dysfunction.

Council makes a significant investment into the development and maintenance of streetscapes, sporting reserves, playgrounds, and other parks infrastructure. While the result of Council's investment into capital projects is obvious, the value Council receives for its maintenance expenditure is not so clear. The setting of a standard, commensurate with the budget, provides a clear statement of the application of Council's parks maintenance investment. In addition, with increasing higher level government pressure to adopt service levels for assets, along with pressure to adopt asset management plans, adopting a standard of maintenance will ensure Council is able to comply with future statutory and grant condition requirements.

Objectives

To ensure an appropriate standard of maintenance and Level of Service (LOS) for Parks and Gardens infrastructure within the Shire.

The Policy will also provide a basis for determining the required budget when asset expansion occurs (usually through subdivision development or capital investment) and enable the Shire to control the expenditure of its maintenance investment through adjusting the LOS to suit the desires of the community weighed up against the Council's overall capacity to pay.

Area of Application

This policy applies to funded and managed Parks and Gardens infrastructure within the Shire of Manjimup.

Policy Measures

To maintain public open space in accordance with priority and Category of POS, as per Appendix A, attached.

Administration

Implementation of this policy will be by the Manager of Park Operations.

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The Administration of this Policy is by Infrastructure Services.

APPENDIX A

	Category	Overview
RESERVES		
	Category 1	Organised sport and passive recreation reserves with reticulated grounds.
	Category 2	Individual recreation by a wide-ranging number of users with reticulated grounds.
	Category 3	Individual recreation with un-reticulated grounds.
	Category 4	Urban Drain Reserves
BUILDING ENVIRONS		
	Category A	Extensive garden beds and lawns, have a high level of public use.
	Category B	Less extensive garden beds and often located within sporting reserves.
	Category C	Reasonably high level of public use and have garden or lawn surrounds that may be reticulated or part reticulated.
ROAD VERGES		
	Category 1	High Profile Roadways
	Category 2	Visible Roadways
	Category 3	Verges (Other Urban Edges outer Towns)
PUBLIC ACCESS WAYS		
	Constructed PAW'S	
	Footpaths	
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT DEVICES & ENTRY STATEMENTS		
	Reticulated	
	Un-reticulated	
CEMETERIES		
	Category 1	Extensive garden beds and lawns, reticulated with public amenities.
	Category 2	Less extensive garden beds, reticulated with public amenities.
	Category 3	Minor gardens and lawns, not reticulated
RSL MEMORIALS		
	All Towns	