

What about my suburb?

Suburb maps

Maps outlining the City's vision for POS have been created for each suburb.

These can be viewed at the City's website, along with the Strategy, under About our City > Major initiatives > Public Open Space Strategy.

For more information or a copy of any map, please email council@gosnells.wa.gov.au or call the Facilities Planning Officer on 9397 3236.

The Strategy can also be viewed at any City library or at the Civic Centre, 2120 Albany Highway, Gosnells.

What do the maps mean?

The maps detail the City's current thinking on public open space in various suburbs.

It is essential to use the legend provided with the maps to understand their meaning.



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Public Open Space Strategy

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Space for our growing community

What is Public Open Space?

Public Open Space (POS) includes your local parks, sporting fields and conservation areas.

It is vital in shaping liveable suburbs and healthy communities.

POS falls into five categories in the City of Gosnells: Local; Neighbourhood; District; Regional; and Biodiversity Asset.

Why is POS important?

POS creates a sense of wellbeing and provides positive lifestyle and recreation opportunities, as well as a place to meet, relax or take part in sporting activities.

It offers health, economic and environmental benefits, while quality POS assists in crime reduction by bringing communities together.

What is the Strategy and what will it do?

The City of Gosnells has created a Strategy to prioritise the development of POS and to ensure it is well managed.

Under the Strategy, all POS in the City has been reviewed and recommendations have been made for future use.

The Strategy also considers the acquisition of land for POS and the disposal or partial disposal of land that is considered to be surplus or does not serve a public recreation function.

Any park upgrades or changes to land use will be undertaken in consultation with the community.

Strategy directions

The Strategy identifies nine key directions, which will guide the Strategy's implementation across the City's 11 suburbs.

- 1. Designation of POS by Outline Development Plans (ODPs)** – that new ODPs and changes to existing ones allocate POS in line with Liveable Neighbourhoods and the City's Strategy plans.
- 2. Acquisition of POS via subdivision** – that the City seeks to acquire POS through the subdivision process in accordance with any adopted ODPs or Strategy plans.
- 3. Acquisition of strategically important sites for POS** – accounting for future requirements and financial constraints, the City will look at opportunities to acquire strategically important sites for POS. This may include Crown land, land required for POS as part of an approved statutory framework or privately owned single lots next to existing POS.
- 4. Cash-in-lieu** – that for proposed subdivisions creating three or more lots, the City will recommend to the WA Planning Commission that it imposes a POS cash-in-lieu condition in accordance with Local Planning Policy 3.2 – Coordination of Infill Development.
- 5. Disposal of surplus POS** – that the City seeks to dispose of any POS that is above current or expected needs. Proceeds from the sale of such land will fund the upgrade and acquisition of POS under the Strategy.
- 6. Strategic subdivision of underperforming areas of POS** – that the City investigates the strategic subdivision of underperforming areas of POS. Any proceeds from the subdivision and sale of such land will fund the enhancement and acquisition of POS as part of the Strategy.
- 7. Management of POS** – that, as funding and resources allow, the City will endeavour to enhance three parks a year.
- 8. Improving access to existing POS** – that, as funding and resources allow, the City improves pedestrian access to existing POS and investigates options of including POS as part of libraries, recreation centres and other community buildings in areas lacking POS.
- 9. Assessment of parks and recreation land** – that the City regularly assess all parks and recreation land, reviewing developed areas and prioritising undeveloped areas for improvement as required.

