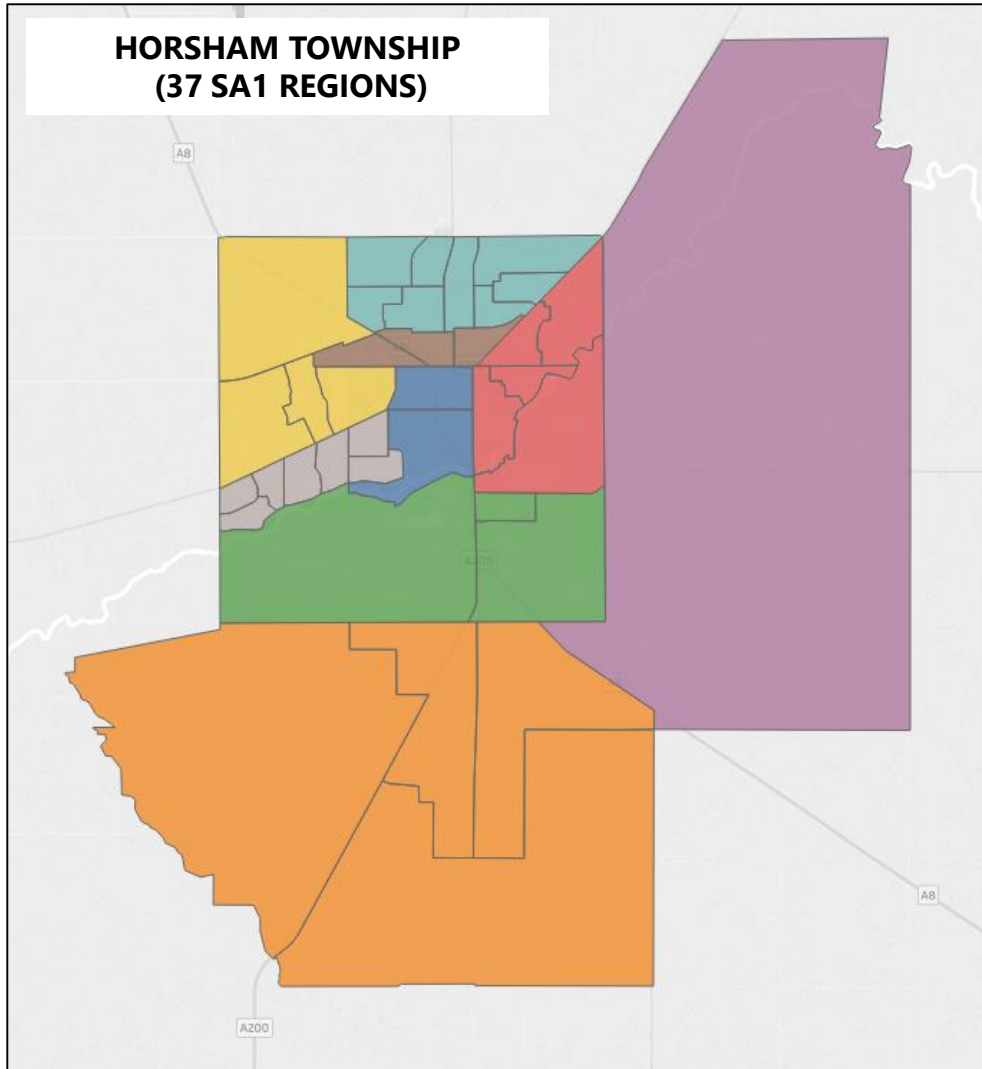


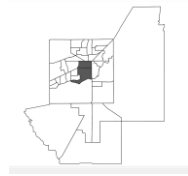


# **HORSHAM TOWNSHIP LOCALITY ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

# GEOGRAPHICAL AREA



|                         | Open Space Precinct/Region Name | ABS SA1 Code (21388XX)         |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Horsham Township</b> | Central Horsham                 | 03, 31                         |
|                         | Horsham North                   | 02, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 |
|                         | Horsham Inner-North             | 21, 32, 33                     |
|                         | Horsham East                    | 04, 07, 28, 34, 35             |
|                         | Horsham South                   | 17, 29, 30                     |
|                         | Horsham South-West              | 05, 06, 16, 25, 26, 36, 37     |
|                         | Horsham West                    | 15, 22, 23, 24                 |
|                         | Haven                           | 18, 19, 20, 27                 |
|                         | Riverside                       | 01                             |



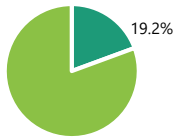
## Specific Description of Open Space in Central Horsham

- Central Horsham is an established area based around the Central Activity District (CAD). Provision of open space in this locality is among the highest in the municipality, with 102 hectares per 1,000 people. This is due to the number of open spaces surrounding the river.
- Open space assets within this region include the Botanic Gardens, City Oval, Sawyer Park and the river foreshore. Together these form the iconic centre-piece of the open space network in Horsham, with high usage and visitation.

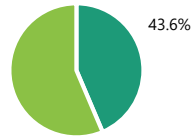
### Fast Facts:



70.0 ha of open space in the locality



19.2% of all open space in Horsham



43.6% of the total locality area is open space



Local=6%  
Neighbourhood=28%  
Municipal=65%  
Regional=0%

|            | Sports grounds | Recreation spaces | Natural areas | Linkages | Civic Spaces | Other |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|
| Number     | 6              | 12                | 2             | 3        | 1            | 1     |
| Hectares   | 28.15          | 24.67             | 4.11          | 12.57    | 0.002        | 0.49  |
| Proportion | 40%            | 35%               | 6%            | 18%      | 0%           | 1%    |

| 2016 Population | 2036 Population | Provision (ha/1000) | Provision Rating |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 682             | 760             | <b>102.63</b>       | <b>Very High</b> |

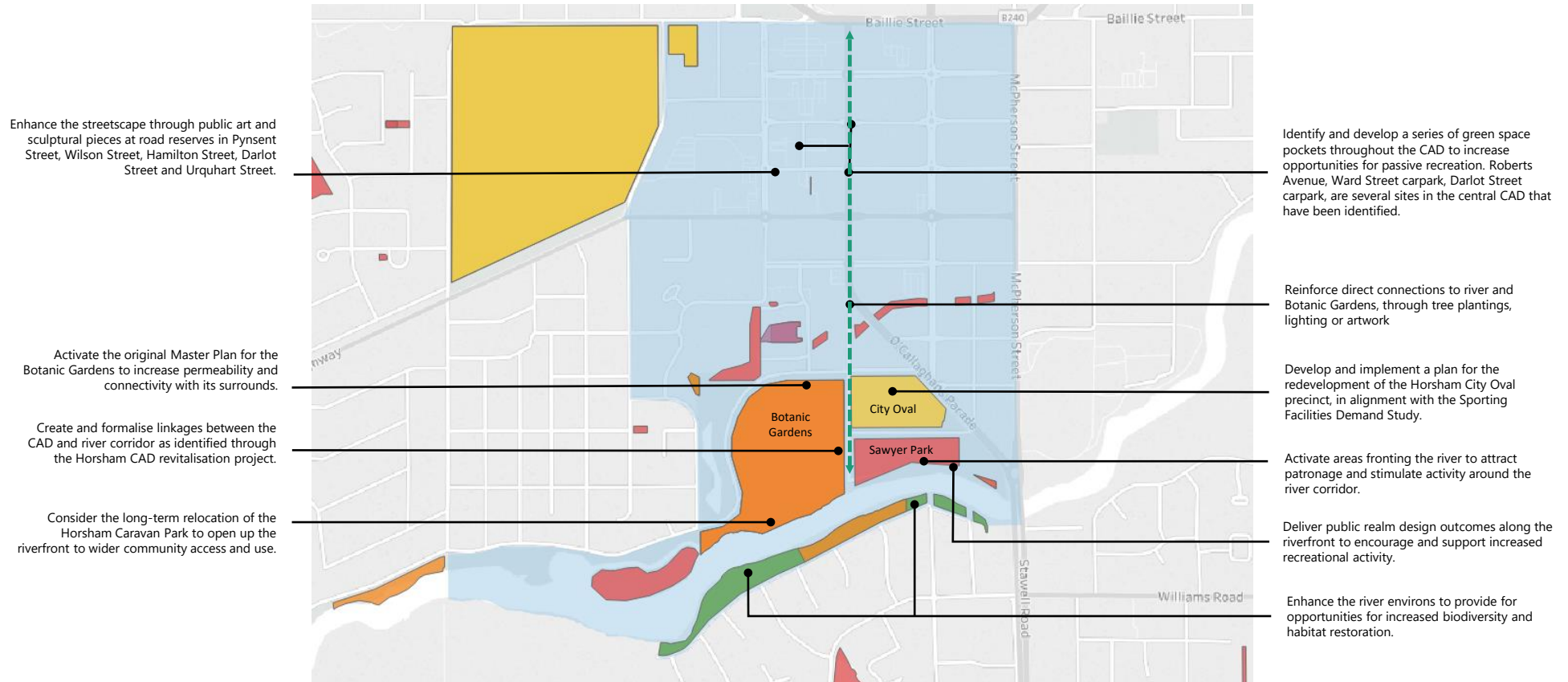
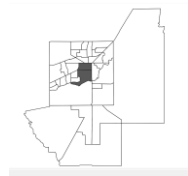
## Key Issues

- While the provision ratio of open space per 1,000 people is very high, the actual use, connectivity and access to open space in the CAD is poor. Provision of, and access to civic spaces, such as community gardens is limited in the CAD and surrounding residential grid.
- City Oval is one of Horsham's key sport and recreational assets. However it appears closed off to the general public, and it is difficult to find usage times.
- The River Precinct is somewhat underutilised, and has the potential to be a major destination for recreational and social enjoyment.

## Recommendations

- Develop a list of iconic assets and spaces that must be strongly enhanced – or partnered with for long-term reinvestment.
- Identify and develop a series of green space pockets throughout the CAD to increase opportunities for passive recreation.
- Enhance the streetscape through public art and sculptural pieces at road reserves in Pynsent Street, Wilson Street, Hamilton Street, Darlot Street and Urquhart Street presents opportunities to enhance public open space.
- Provide opportunities for improved integration of activities in the Horsham Central Activities District with the river corridor.
- Create and formalise linkages between the CAD and river corridor as identified through the Horsham CAD revitalisation project.
- Activate areas fronting the river to attract patronage and stimulate activity around the river corridor, such as the development of riverside catering/dining venues.
- Deliver public realm design outcomes along the riverfront to encourage and support increased recreational activity.
- Enhance the river environs to provide for opportunities for increased biodiversity and habitat restoration.

# CENTRAL HORSHAM



Enhance the streetscape through public art and sculptural pieces at road reserves in Pynsent Street, Wilson Street, Hamilton Street, Darlot Street and Urquhart Street.

Identify and develop a series of green space pockets throughout the CAD to increase opportunities for passive recreation. Roberts Avenue, Ward Street carpark, Darlot Street carpark, are several sites in the central CAD that have been identified.

Activate the original Master Plan for the Botanic Gardens to increase permeability and connectivity with its surrounds.

Reinforce direct connections to river and Botanic Gardens, through tree plantings, lighting or artwork

Create and formalise linkages between the CAD and river corridor as identified through the Horsham CAD revitalisation project.

Develop and implement a plan for the redevelopment of the Horsham City Oval precinct, in alignment with the Sporting Facilities Demand Study.

Consider the long-term relocation of the Horsham Caravan Park to open up the riverfront to wider community access and use.

Activate areas fronting the river to attract patronage and stimulate activity around the river corridor.

Deliver public realm design outcomes along the riverfront to encourage and support increased recreational activity.

Enhance the river environs to provide for opportunities for increased biodiversity and habitat restoration.

- Legend**
- Sports grounds
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  - Natural areas
  - Civic spaces
  - Linkages
  - Other

←→ Proposed improvements to connectivity



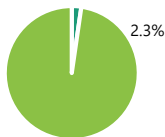
## Specific Description of Open Space in Horsham North

- The major observation is that the North of Horsham is underserved by publicly accessible and activated open space.
- Horsham North has the highest population of all localities, however provision of open space is one of the lowest, with only 2.53 hectares per 1,000 people.
- Horsham North’s urban area is characterised by poor town planning outcomes, evident through the lack of a defined structure or hierarchy between places and connections.
- Dudley Cornell Park is the key open space asset in Horsham North, and is primarily used for athletics, cricket and soccer.

### Fast Facts:



8.37 ha of open space in the locality



2.3% of all open space in Horsham



2.7% of the total locality area is open space



Local=10%  
Neighbourhood=90%  
Municipal=0%  
Regional=0%

|            | Sports grounds | Recreation spaces | Natural areas | Linkages | Civic Spaces | Other |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|
| Number     | 1              | 11                | 0             | 0        | 0            | 1     |
| Hectares   | 0.00           | 8.02              | 0.00          | 0.00     | 0.00         | 0.35  |
| Proportion | 0%             | 96%               | 0%            | 0%       | 0%           | 4%    |

| 2016 Population | 2036 Population | Provision (ha/1000) | Provision Rating |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 3,309           | 3,689           | 2.53                | Low              |

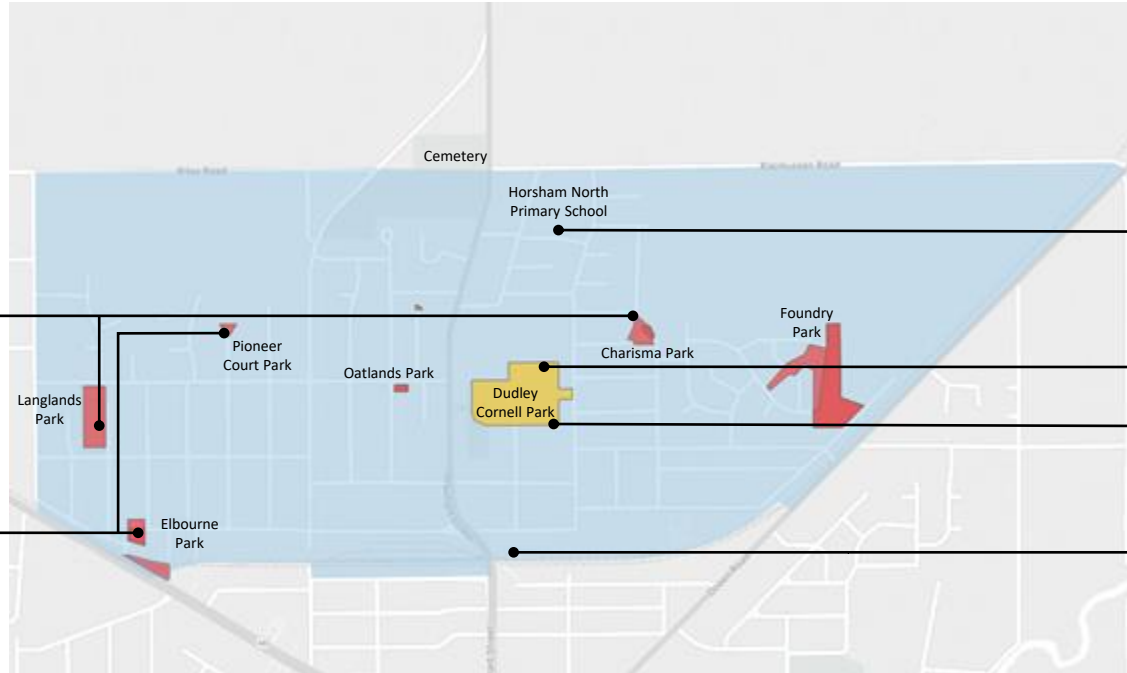
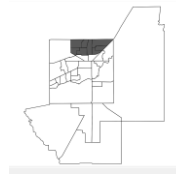
## Key Issues

- Key public open spaces in Horsham North (Dudley Cornell Park and Foundry Park) are surrounded by backyard fences, which reduce the amenity, safety and character of these spaces.
- There is poor connectivity to the centre of the town with no formalised bike or pedestrian routes. This poses a safety risk for residents and limits accessibility.
- Horsham North is isolated and separated from the rest of Horsham by the railway corridor and adjoining land, and the poor quality connections across the railway. While the Railway Corridor restricts accessibility in some cases, it has the potential to provide the East/West connectivity and alleviate the barrier between North and South Horsham.

## Recommendations

- Activate existing open space with community amenities such as barbecues, picnic tables, public toilets at Languard’s Park and Charisma Park.
- Develop pedestrian and cycle links between the Kalkee Road Children’s Hub, Police Paddock and Dudley Cornell to provide connection between key open spaces in the North.
- Use Dudley Cornell Park for broader lifestyle and recreational use by local residents, with athletics relocated to another site (medium term).
- Develop initiatives to help re-integrate the urban areas on each side of the railway to change the dynamic of Horsham North.
- Investigate opportunities to redevelop the existing Horsham North Primary School site as a passive recreation space. This includes the existing North Gym, along with new walking trails, and passive open spaces.
- Create a series of “Safe Places” where residents can meet, or wait for public transport, in a safe environment. These Safe Places should be carefully designed with CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) principles at key intersections and streets.

# HORSHAM NORTH



Activate existing open space with community amenities such as barbecues, picnic tables, public toilets at Langland's Park and Charisma Park.

Continue to maintain and upgrade as required to meet future safety and design standards

Investigate opportunities to redevelop the existing Horsham North Primary School site as a passive recreation space including the existing North Gym, along with new walking trails, and passive open spaces.

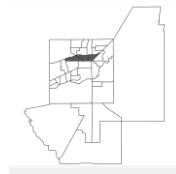
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Develop initiatives to help re-integrate the urban areas on each side of the railway to change the dynamic of Horsham North.

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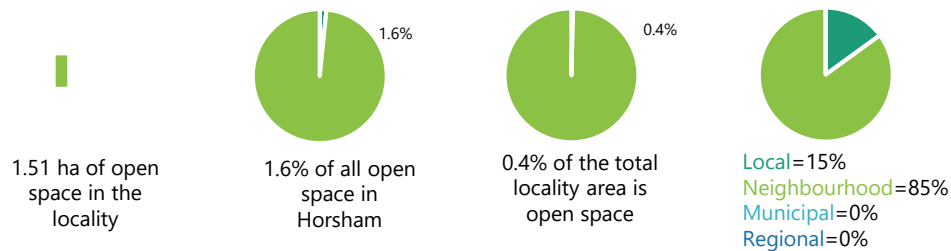
# HORSHAM INNER NORTH



## Specific Description of Open Space in Horsham Inner North

- Horsham Inner North is a residential area that is bounded by the railway corridor land to the North and Baillie Street to the South.
- On the south side of the railway corridor, it does not have the same sense of separation and isolation as North Horsham, yet the railway corridor and adjoining land means there are poor quality connections to the open space network in the north of Horsham.
- May Park is the key open space asset within the locality. Birch Avenue also has a footpath reserve, which leads to an unnamed road bounded by backyard fences.

### Fast Facts:



|            | Sports grounds | Recreation spaces | Natural areas | Linkages | Civic Spaces | Other |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|
| Number     | 0              | 3                 | 0             | 0        | 0            | 0     |
| Hectares   | 0.00           | 1.51              | 0.00          | 0.00     | 0.00         | 0.00  |
| Proportion | 0%             | 100%              | 0%            | 0%       | 0%           | 0%    |

| 2016 Population | 2036 Population | Provision (ha/1000) | Provision Rating |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 1,260           | 1,405           | 1.51                | Low              |

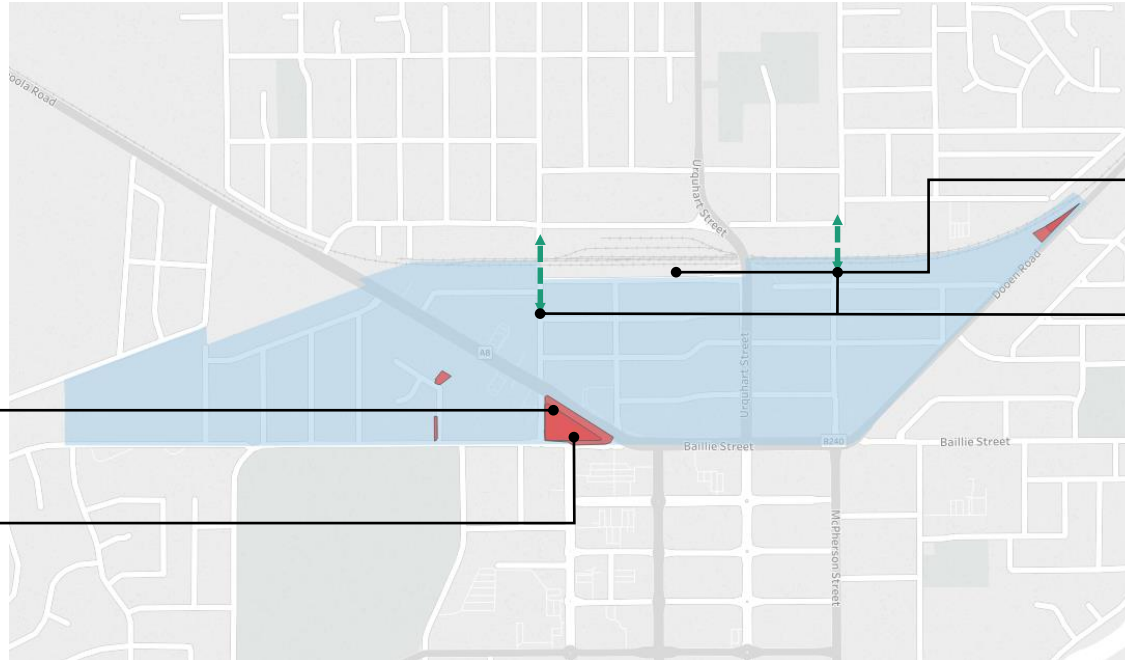
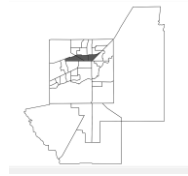
## Key Issues

- The extensive area of underutilised land within the urban area, especially close to the railway line, creates unsightly gaps in the urban fabric, and prevents any sense of cohesion, intimacy or amenity in the area.
- Lack of linkages to the existing open space network – through dedicated pedestrian and cycle routes – hinders and prevents accessibility.

## Recommendations

- Strategically acquiring the railway corridor land will change the dynamics of the township, and this opportunity must be pursued to completion. This is assuming that environmental issues can be overcome.
- Connect public open space to the surrounding pedestrian network. Pedestrian and cycle paths that connect the river to May Park and Police Paddocks are needed to enhance connectivity and accessibility.
- As soon as practical, upgrade lighting at May Park to illuminate paths and areas for night-time use and to improve the perceived after-dark safety aspect.
- Improve existing pedestrian/cycle connections across the railway, and work with Victrack to improve underpasses between Horsham North and wider Horsham

# HORSHAM INNER NORTH



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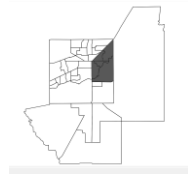
Ensure directional signage points pedestrians from May Park towards the riverfront and CAD destinations

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Improve existing pedestrian/cycle connections across the railway.

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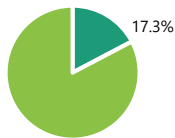
## Specific Description of Open Space in Horsham East

- Horsham East is a residential area with a number of schools in the locality including St. Brigids College, Horsham 298 Primary School and the Lutheran Primary School.
- There is good provision of open space within Horsham East, with 16% of the total area classified as open space and a provision ratio of 22.72 hectares per 1000 people.
- Key open space assets within the locality include Sunnyside Park, Coughlin Park and the Menadue Street foreshore. A key natural asset is the Burnt Creek corridor from Williams Road to the confluence with the Wimmera River.

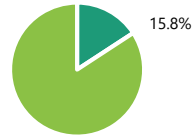
### Fast Facts:



62.86 ha of open space in the locality



17.3% of all open space in Horsham



15.8% of the total locality area is open space



Local=5%  
Neighbourhood=31%  
Municipal=29%  
Regional=35%

|            | Sports grounds | Recreation spaces | Natural areas | Linkages | Civic Spaces | Other |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|
| Number     | 4              | 9                 | 2             | 2        | 0            | 4     |
| Hectares   | 7.92           | 6.39              | 18.48         | 3.45     | 0.00         | 26.62 |
| Proportion | 13%            | 10%               | 29%           | 5%       | 0%           | 42%   |

| 2016 Population | 2036 Population | Provision (ha/1000) | Provision Rating |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 2,766           | 3,084           | <b>22.72</b>        | <b>High</b>      |

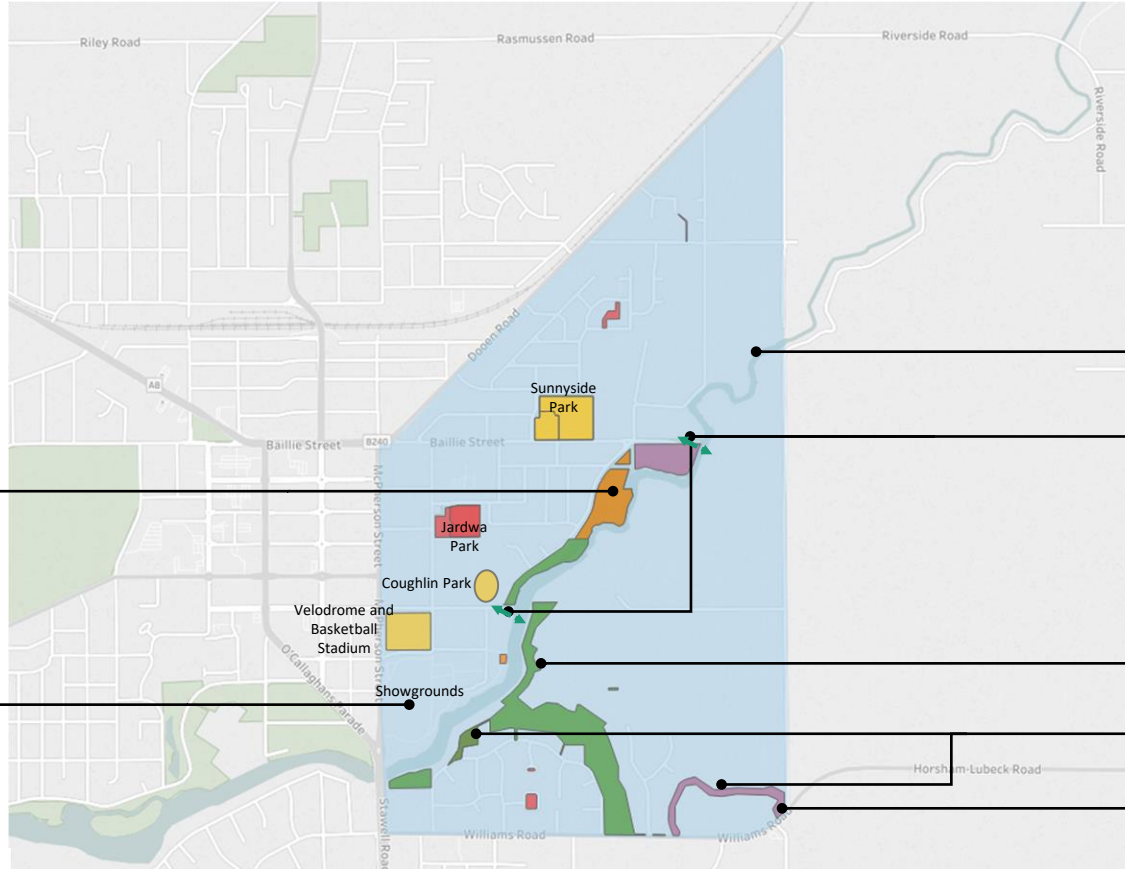
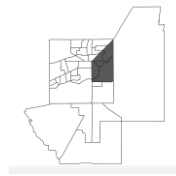
## Key Issues

- This locality is also home to the Horsham Showgrounds which houses the Horsham Greyhound track. Often described as an 'eyesore' by both visitors and the local community, this area has great potential to be opened up for better community use.
- There are a number of existing recreational paths along the river corridor, both formal and informal in nature. These do not yet form a consistent link along the corridor.
- There are no crossings towards the north eastern end of the river, and primary feedback from residents and stakeholders relates to the lack of connectivity across the river to the three local schools. The lack of dedicated pedestrian and cycle crossings is also major safety concern due to cyclists and pedestrians having to cross the highway and major roads.

## Recommendations

- Investigate additional river crossings to provide better connectivity and enhance safety and access between the CAD and the rest of the township. The approximate location of these crossings are: the Eastern end of Baillie Street and the Eastern end of Hamilton Street.
- In conjunction with the Showgrounds Committee of Management and GRV, develop a 20-year strategy for the Showgrounds. The objective should be to open up this asset to the community, whilst ensuring the greyhound racing club activities are secured for the safety of the public.
- Ensure all land that abuts the Wimmera River and Burnt Creek is in public ownership.
- Upgrade and extend the existing all-abilities shared path network in the north-eastern direction along the river corridor within the urban area. This should include installing or upgrading access and pathway infrastructure to incorporate universal design principles.

# HORSHAM EAST



Develop more community amenities along Menadue street and the river foreshore.

In conjunction with the Showgrounds Committee of Management and GRV, develop a 20 year strategy for the Showgrounds locality. The objective should be to open up this asset to the community 24/7, whilst ensuring the greyhound racing club activities are secured at all times for the safety of the public.

Upgrade and extend the existing all-abilities shared path network in the north-eastern direction along the river corridor within the urban area. This should include installing or upgrading access and pathway infrastructure to incorporate universal design principles.

Investigate the development of additional pedestrian crossings at the Eastern end of Baillie Street and the Eastern end of Hamilton Street. Incorporate universal design principles in any proposed bridges or river crossings.

Enhance the river environs to provide for opportunities for increased biodiversity and habitat restoration.

Ensure all land that abuts the Wimmera River and Burnt Creek is in public ownership.

Enhance the waterway environs at Burnt Creek to provide for opportunities for increased biodiversity and habitat restoration.

## Legend

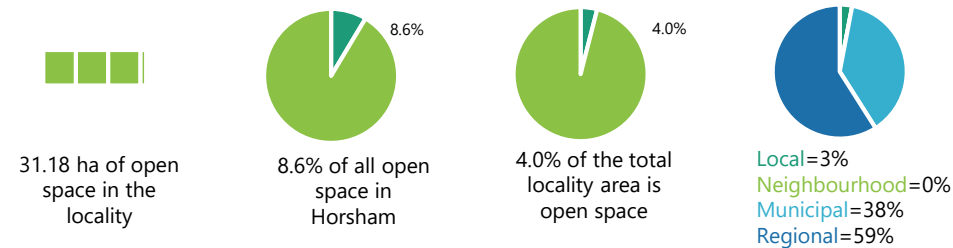
- Sports grounds
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- Natural areas
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- Linkages
- Other

←→→ Proposed improvements to connectivity

## Specific Description of Open Space in Horsham South

- While there is an adequate provision ratio of open space per 1,000 people in this locality, new housing developments in Horsham South have proceeded with inadequate consideration of open space due to the lack of an HRCC open space contributions policy.
- Fisher Square provides a vital pocket of green space within walking distance of neighbouring houses, and the Barnes Boulevard river frontage on the north bank of the river is a vital natural and open space asset.
- The Wopet Bungundilar Cultural Place is one of the most significant areas of cultural heritage in Western Victoria and is situated in the locality.

### Fast Facts:



|            | Sports grounds | Recreation spaces | Natural areas | Linkages | Civic Spaces | Other |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|
| Number     | 0              | 11                | 3             | 0        | 0            | 2     |
| Hectares   | 0.00           | 2.17              | 28.81         | 0.00     | 0.00         | 44.79 |
| Proportion | 0%             | 3%                | 38%           | 0%       | 0%           | 59%   |

| 2016 Population | 2036 Population | Provision (ha/1000)               | Provision Rating |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1,714           | 1,911           | 18.19 (excluding vacant farmland) | Adequate         |

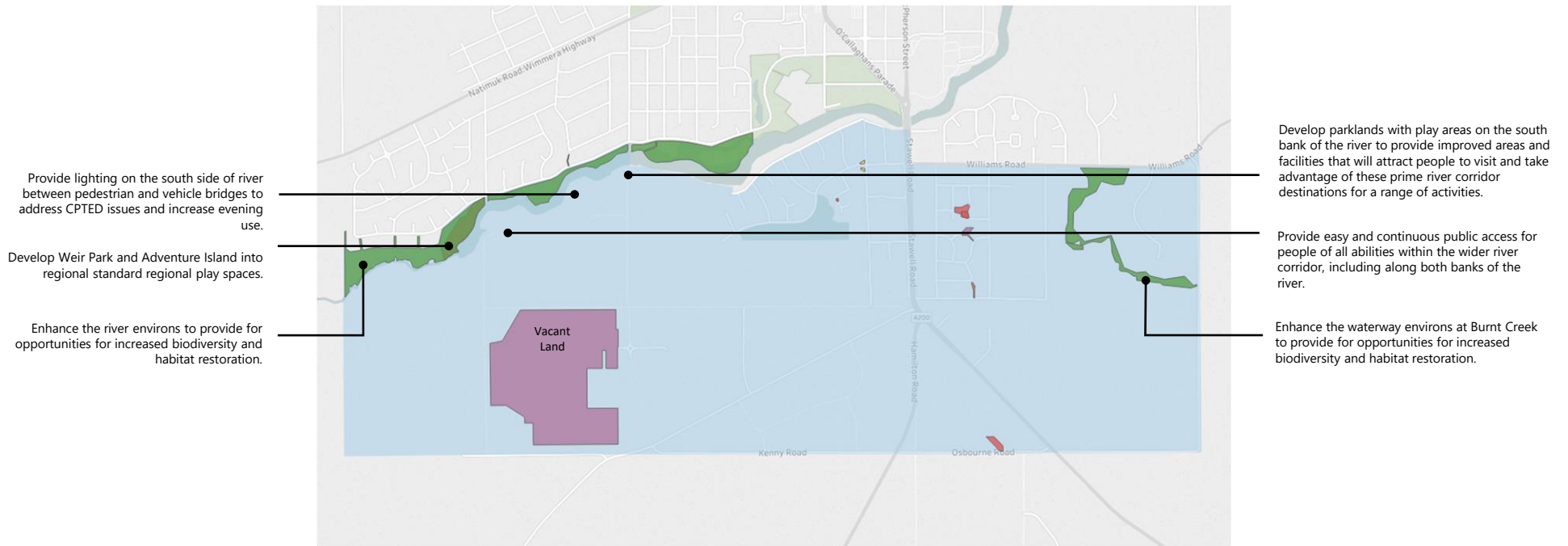
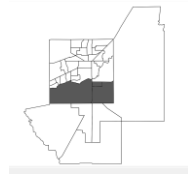
## Key Issues

- Due to previous uncoordinated planning and inadequate planning controls for South Horsham, development has occurred in an ad hoc manner, with no overarching plan to provide guidance on infrastructure or open space provision.
- Transport and infrastructure linkages and connectivity between Horsham South and Horsham's other urban areas is also poor, with one vehicle river crossing and one pedestrian/cycle bridge connection servicing the locality.

## Recommendations

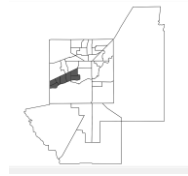
- Provide easy and continuous public access for people of all abilities within the wider river corridor, including along both banks of the river.
- Establish new linkages across the river to better connect South Horsham with the rest of the urban area.
- Develop parklands with play areas on the south bank of the river to provide improved usage and facilities that will attract residents and activity, and take full advantage of these prime river corridor destinations.
- Provide lighting on the south side of river between pedestrian and vehicle bridges to address CPTED issues and increase evening use.
- Ensure all river access is sustainable and respectful of biodiversity, river health, Wotjobaluk and post-contact cultural heritage.
- Engage with the community, Wimmera Catchment Management Authority, and other key stakeholders in determining the optimum location and design of access to the river.
- Enhance the river environs to provide for opportunities for increased biodiversity and habitat restoration.

# HORSHAM SOUTH



- Legend**
- Sports grounds
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  - Civic spaces
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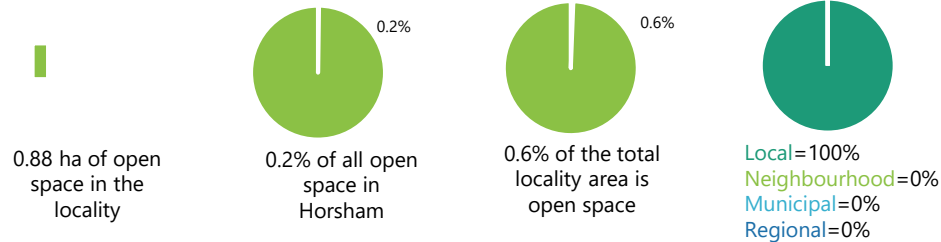
# HORSHAM SOUTH WEST



## Specific Description of Open Space in Horsham South West

- Horsham South West is a residential area in close proximity to the Horsham CAD. It has the lowest provision of open space across all localities, with a provision ration of 0.31 hectares per 1,000 people.
- Population growth across the municipality is primarily focused on Horsham West, however this will also impact the future of Horsham South West.
- Open space in the locality is characterised by drainage reserves and small pocket parks such as Drummond Park, Dawson Court Park, Windsor Court Park, Hartigan Court Park and Gardenia Street Park.

### Fast Facts:



|            | Sports grounds | Recreation spaces | Natural areas | Linkages | Civic Spaces | Other |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|
| Number     | 0              | 7                 | 1             | 0        | 0            | 1     |
| Hectares   | 0.00           | 0.57              | 0.16          | 0.00     | 0.00         | 0.15  |
| Proportion | 0%             | 65%               | 18%           | 0%       | 0%           | 17%   |

| 2016 Population | 2036 Population | Provision (ha/1000) | Provision Rating |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 2,847           | 3,174           | 0.31                | Low              |

## Key Issues

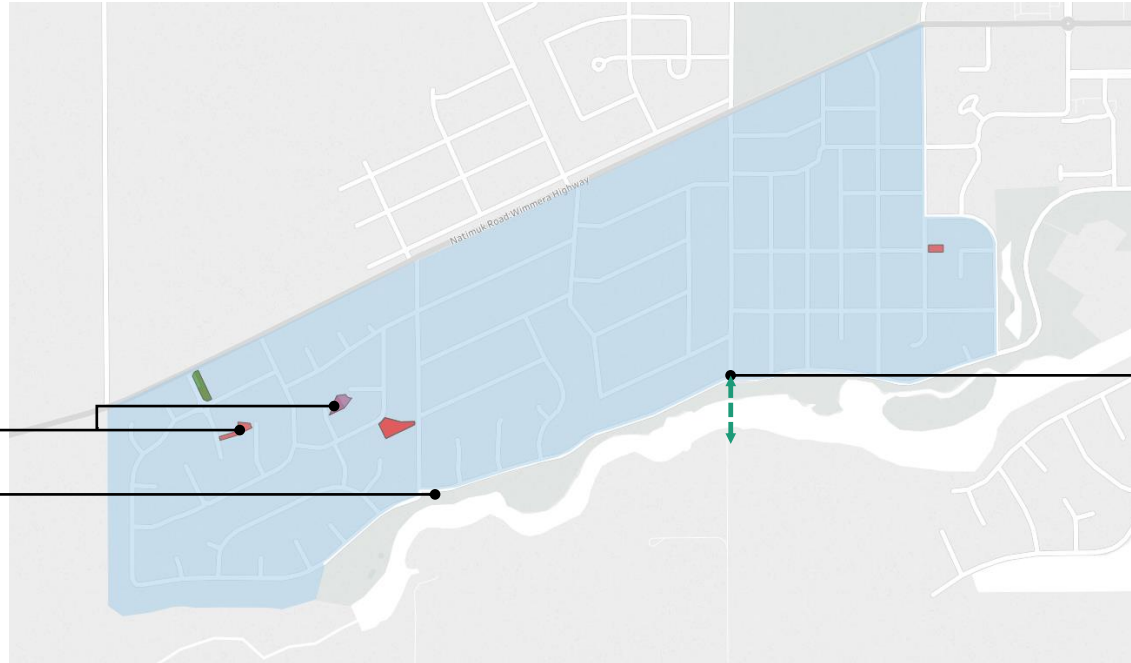
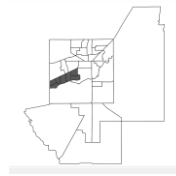
- There is a distinct lack of purposeful green and open spaces in the locality, and there are poor cycling linkages to the rest of the township.
- There are no sports grounds, linkages or civic space in Horsham South West.

## Recommendations

- In future planning, ensure that urban open space in Horsham South West provides for nature conservation, recreation and play, formal and informal sport, social interaction, opportunities to connect with nature and peace and solitude.
- Transform road reserves into purposeful spaces by selecting Indigenous planting and landscape elements that support the existing or preferred future character of the area. This will assist in enhancing usage and beautification of these spaces.
- Considering this locality borders the river, an improved bicycle network would be advantageous for the community to enhance connections to the river and the CAD. This should include identifying and developing all-abilities access locations to the corridor and the river, and upgrading access infrastructure and pathway infrastructure to incorporate universal design principles.



# HORSHAM SOUTH WEST



Transform road reserves into purposeful spaces by selecting suitable vegetation species, Indigenous plantings and landscape elements that support the existing character or preferred future character of the area. This will enhance usage and beautification of these spaces..

Considering this locality borders the river, an improved bicycle network would be advantageous for the community to enhance connections down the west side of the river and up to the CAD.

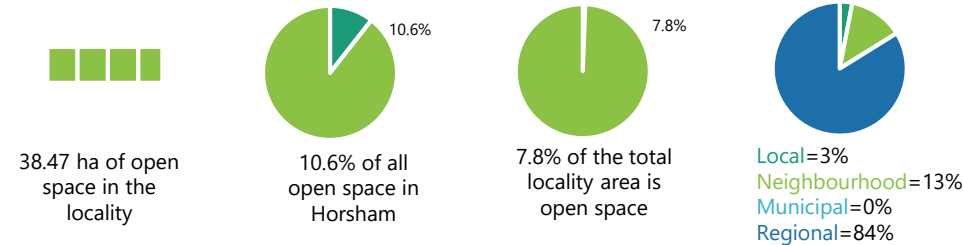
Investigate the development of additional pedestrian crossings at the Southern end of Bennet Road. Incorporate universal design principles in any proposed bridges or river crossings.

- Legend**
- Sports grounds
  - Recreation spaces
  - Natural areas
  - Civic spaces
  - Linkages
  - Other
  - Proposed improvements to connectivity

## Specific Description of Open Space in Horsham West

- Horsham West is a residential area in close proximity to the CAD, and is considered the growth area of Horsham. Similar to Horsham South West, there are a number of drainage reserves and pocket parks including Dumesny Sreet Park, Bodey Court Park and Carter Street Park.
- The major open space asset in Horsham West is the Racecourse Reserve, accounting for 84% of all open space in the locality.
- With Horsham College, Horsham West Primary School, the Special School and Federation University TAFE, this locality is home to a number of school based assets that are underutilised.

### Fast Facts:



|            | Sports grounds | Recreation spaces | Natural areas | Linkages | Civic Spaces | Other |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|
| Number     | 1              | 7                 | 0             | 0        | 0            | 1     |
| Hectares   | 32.32          | 6.06              | 0.00          | 0.00     | 0.00         | 0.10  |
| Proportion | 84%            | 16%               | 0%            | 0%       | 0%           | 0%    |

| 2016 Population | 2036 Population | Provision (ha/1000) | Provision Rating |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 1,932           | 2,154           | 19.91               | Adequate         |

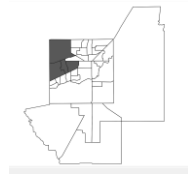
## Key Issues

- 82% of the total area of the Racecourse Reserve is encumbered space and unable to be used by the broader community. This significant area of open space is under-utilised, and could provide a key recreational asset and home to a sporting club(s) if developed to standard.
- With some forward thinking that is aligned to community needs, school-based assets could offer the community recreational and health benefits.

## Recommendations

- In alignment with the Jenkinson Estate Staging Plan, develop Freeman Street/Arthur Drive into a single loaded street so that an open space area can be created to adjoin the pre-existing rail corridor.
- Secure a reliable water supply to the Jenkinson Estate to ensure open space is maintained in good condition.
- The strategic acquisition of the rail corridor should be a medium/long term objective for Council, as it has potential to add to the shared path network for the city, as well as play a role in adding to a regional network of off road shared paths. Any future planning for shared paths should also consider connections with the Big Sky Bicycle Trail and Wimmera River.
- Encourage the Recreation and Open Space Planning department at HRCC to identify and engage with two schools about a pilot program for community use of recreational assets i.e. ovals.
- Build a closer relationship with the Horsham Racing Club and Horsham Harness Racing Club to plan for the long-term future of the Racecourse Reserve. Consider future improvements to the 'in-field' for community sport teams, and enhance the current community footprint, in alignment with the Wimmera River and CAD Revitalisation Project.
- Transform stormwater basins into purposeful spaces by selecting Indigenous planting and landscape elements that support the character of the area.

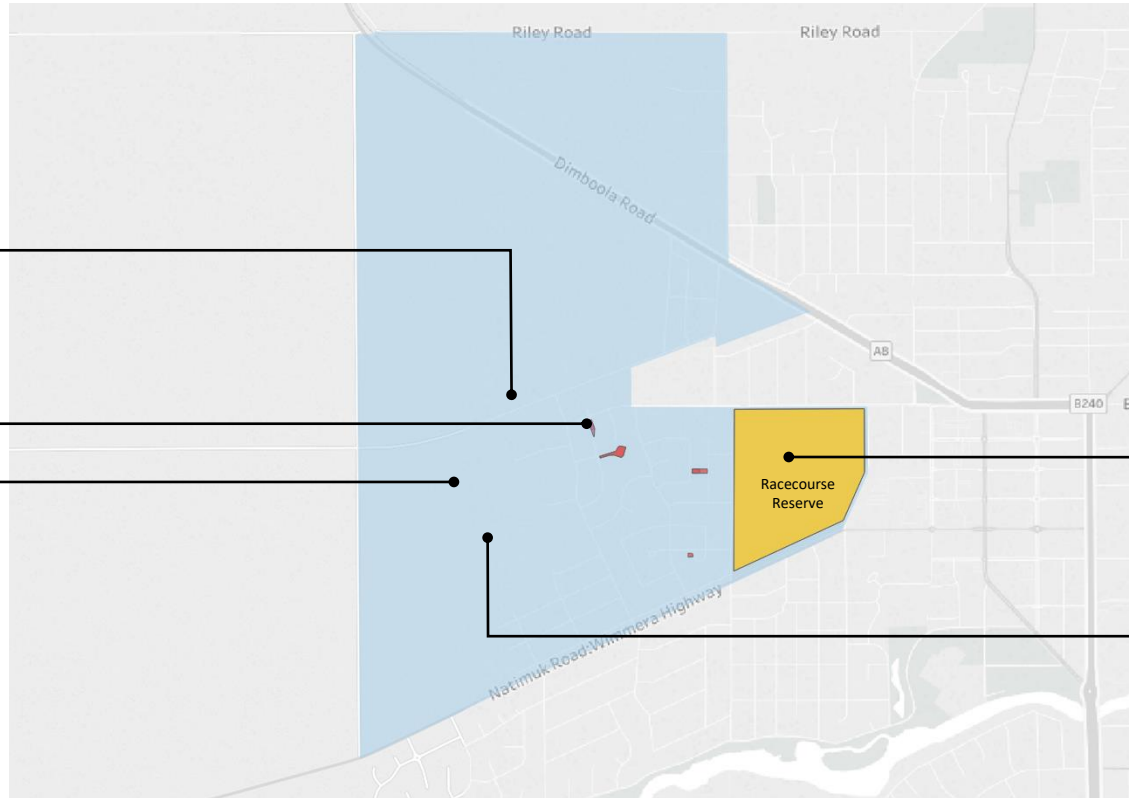
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The Recreation and Open Space Planning department at HRCC should engage with the top three schools in the town to open engagement about a pilot program for community use of school assets.

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Develop a set of criteria and/or a decision making framework to determine unusable and unsuitable open space (e.g. residential area west of the racecourse lacks amenity/provision).

- Legend**
- Sports grounds
  - Recreation spaces
  - Natural areas
  - Civic spaces
  - Linkages
  - Other
  - Proposed improvements to connectivity

## Specific Description of Open Space in Haven

- Haven is a tight-knit and growing community, located to the South of Horsham. The region is well-serviced by open space with 22.23 hectares of open space per 1,000 people. The Recreation Reserve and Primary School serve as a central hub and recreation space for local residents.
- The Council Plan 2018-2022 states that one of its four year priorities is to 'facilitate ongoing development of community facilities at Haven Recreational Reserve.'

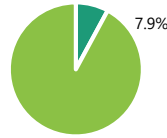
## Recommendations

- Future planning should consider open space areas for multiple uses, such as sports and recreation, active transport routes, wildlife corridors and flood storage basins.
- A shared trail connecting Golf Course Rd to the trail adjacent to Haven Primary School would assist in providing safe active transport connection to the Horsham township.
- Additionally, Hunts Road is also a well utilised road, and a shared cycling and walking track along this route would provide safe passage for the number of young families in the area.
- Future development of the Haven Recreation Reserve should consider incorporating regional standard tennis facilities, introducing walking and cycle linkages to the Horsham CAD, enhancing the natural areas and surrounds and safer entry and exit from the Henty Highway.

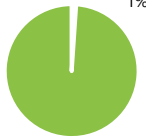
## Fast Facts:



28.96 ha of open space in the locality



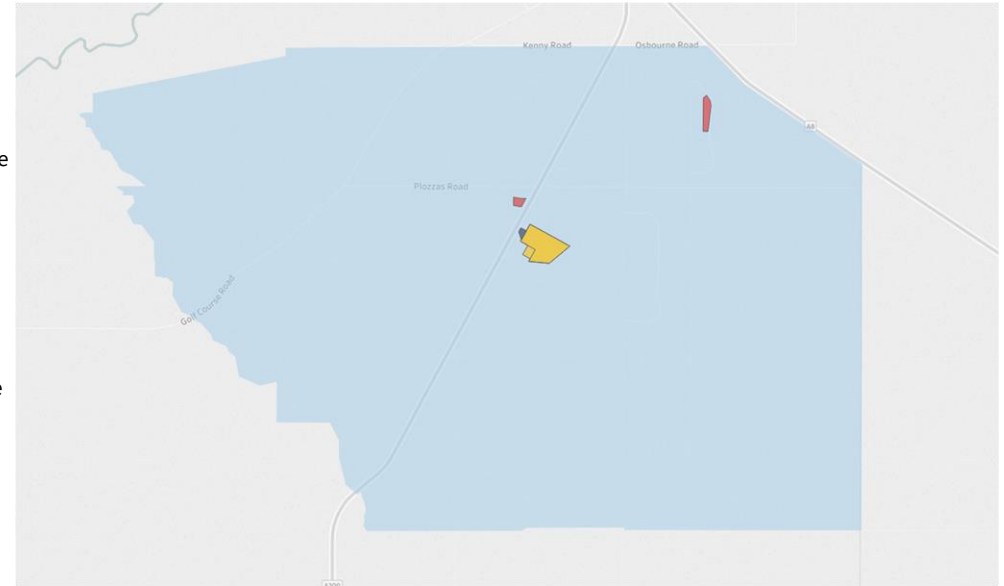
7.9% of all open space in Horsham



1% of the total locality area is open space

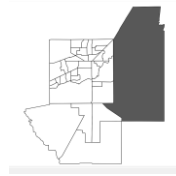


Local=52%  
Neighbourhood=9%  
Municipal=39%  
Regional=0%



|            | Sports grounds | Recreation spaces | Natural areas | Linkages | Civic Spaces | Other |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|
| Number     | 2              | 3                 | 0             | 0        | 1            | 1     |
| Hectares   | 19.01          | 3.18              | 0.00          | 0.00     | 0.41         | 0.66  |
| Proportion | 82%            | 14%               | 0%            | 0%       | 2%           | 3%    |

| 2016 Population | 2036 Population | Provision (ha/1000) | Provision Rating |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 1,303           | 1,453           | <b>22.23</b>        | <b>High</b>      |



## Specific Description of Open Space in Riverside

- Riverside is on the eastern outskirts of the Horsham Township and is primarily farming and rural living.
- The major open space asset in the region is the Riverside Recreation Reserve, which is primarily used for equestrian.
- Within the region there is also the Dooen Swamp Bushland Reserve and the site of the old Dooen Weir, which has historical value, as well as being an attractive natural area on the river. This is a popular area for canoeing, BMX and mountain biking along the riverfront.

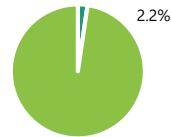
## Recommendations

- Plan and develop a network of connected urban trails incorporating the river corridor. Any planned paths must be considered in future highway developments.
- Formalise and secure easy and continuous public access for people of all abilities within the wider river corridor, including along both banks of the river. This may require the strategic acquisition of land to ensure minimum width standards for a shared path (see appendix).
- Upgrade the access track to the Dooen Weir including provision of signage, public toilets and picnic upgrades.
- Investigate a potential multi purpose mountain bike track/pump track alongside the motocross track.
- Recognise and manage any potential detrimental outcomes from increased access and use of the river corridor.
- Enhance the river environs to provide for opportunities for increased biodiversity and habitat restoration.

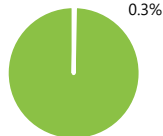
### Fast Facts:



7.91 ha of open space in the locality



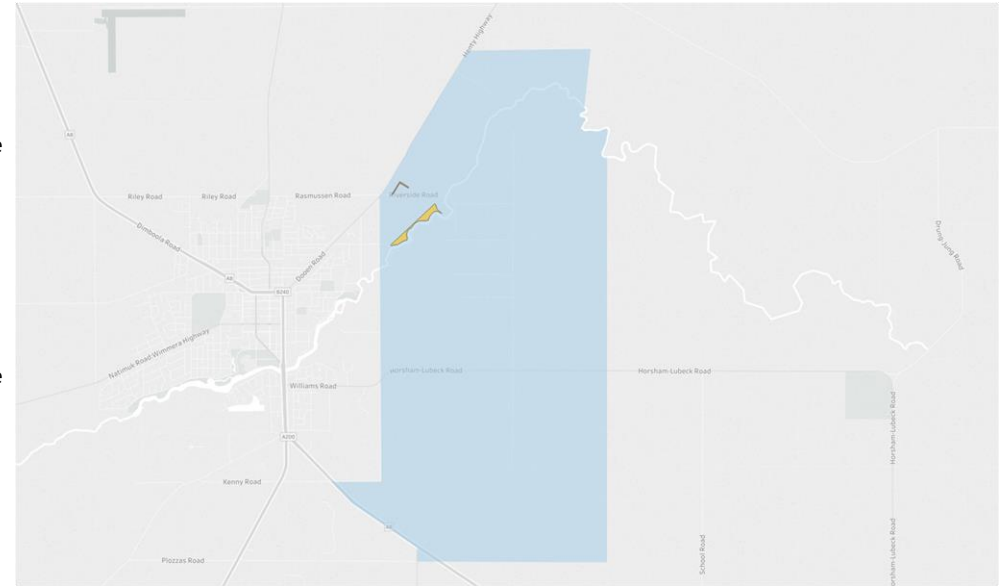
2.2% of all open space in Horsham



0.3% of the total locality area is open space



Local=9%  
Neighbourhood=0%  
Municipal=91%  
Regional=0%



|            | Sports grounds | Recreation spaces | Natural areas | Linkages | Civic Spaces | Other |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|
| Number     | 1              | 0                 | 0             | 1        | 0            | 0     |
| Hectares   | 7.18           | 0.00              | 0.00          | 0.73     | 0.00         | 0.00  |
| Proportion | 91%            | 0%                | 0%            | 9%       | 0%           | 0%    |

| 2016 Population | 2036 Population | Provision (ha/1000) | Provision Rating |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 418             | 466             | <b>19.92</b>        | <b>Adequate</b>  |