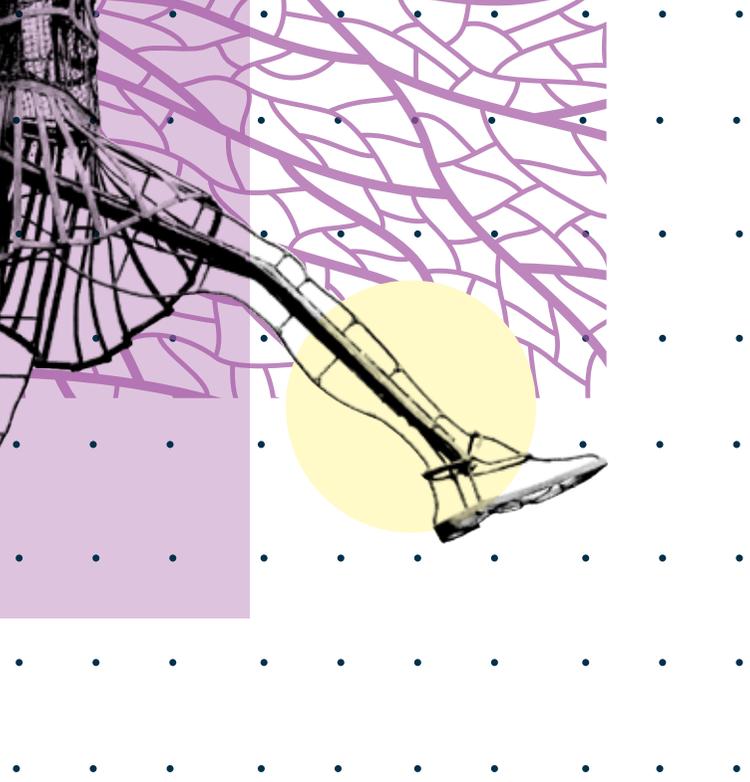




**2020-2035**  
**OPEN SPACE**  
**SUMMARY**



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and the Elders from other communities who may reside in Moyne Shire.

Ross Planning contributed to the Background and Supporting Evidence Report, facilitated a consultation program and undertook the audit of open space in Moyne Shire. Council built on this by preparing the Strategy and Action Plan.

We would also like to acknowledge the following community members who provided some terrific photographs of our open space for this report. We received more than we could use so thank you to all who took the time to send in their photographs.

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The Moyne Shire Open Space Strategy comprises of a suite of documents that provide the rationale, evidence and collected research for the Strategy, our priority projects and actions.



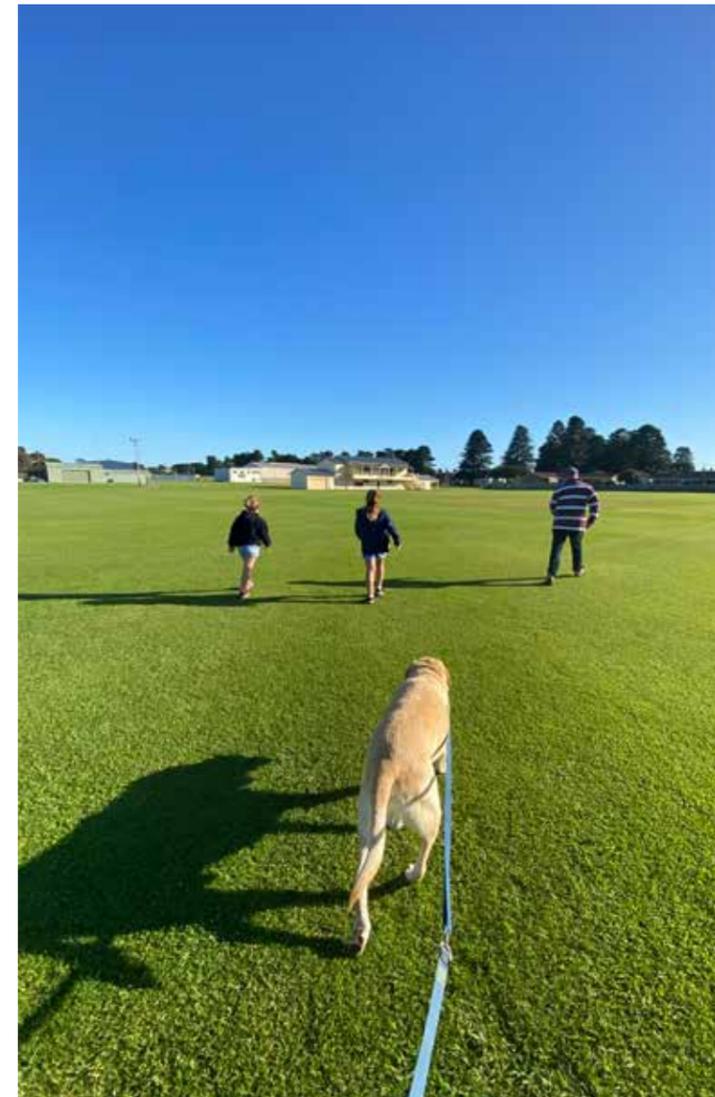
## Open Space Vision

**To continue to deliver high quality, connected and sustainable open spaces that meet community need and provide benefits to the environment, economy and community. Moyne will be known for its natural features and its many strong communities.**

## Introduction

The Open Space Strategy is a key strategic planning document for Council, Council partners and stakeholders in open space and will inform the direction for open space in tMoyne Shire over a 15-year period. It will be reviewed every five years. Regular updates and reporting will also be undertaken by the Strategy governance group.

The Strategy has been developed from extensive background research and consultation. Trends in play and recreation, understanding of economic and visitor activities associated with open space, assessment of existing open space and assets across the Shire and current and future planning policy have all been considered.



The Strategy development gives thought to:

- What we already know about the Shire's open spaces and how they work in our community
- Understanding what our communities value and their preferences for different open space types and functions
- Capacity of community and council to deliver the required infrastructure and service levels to meet community needs and future demand
- Assessment of planning scheme policy and objectives for open space and ensuring Moyne open space standards are consistent with quality provision of open space

Figure 1 - Strategy methodology



Three factors have been considered as central to the development of the Open Space Strategy:

- Open space planning framework - state, regional and local planning environment and frameworks
- Community needs analysis – community values and current and future trends and demand
- Open space assessment - analysis of supply, demand, accessibility, embellishments and potential gaps.

## What is Open Space?

Open space refers to land that has been reserved for the provision of formal and informal sport and recreation, preservation of natural environments and provision of green space.

Open space is integral to environmental protection and provides opportunities for economic development. It is fundamental to participation in recreation, sport and social activities.

Open space creates desirable communities as healthy, active and attractive places to live and visit.

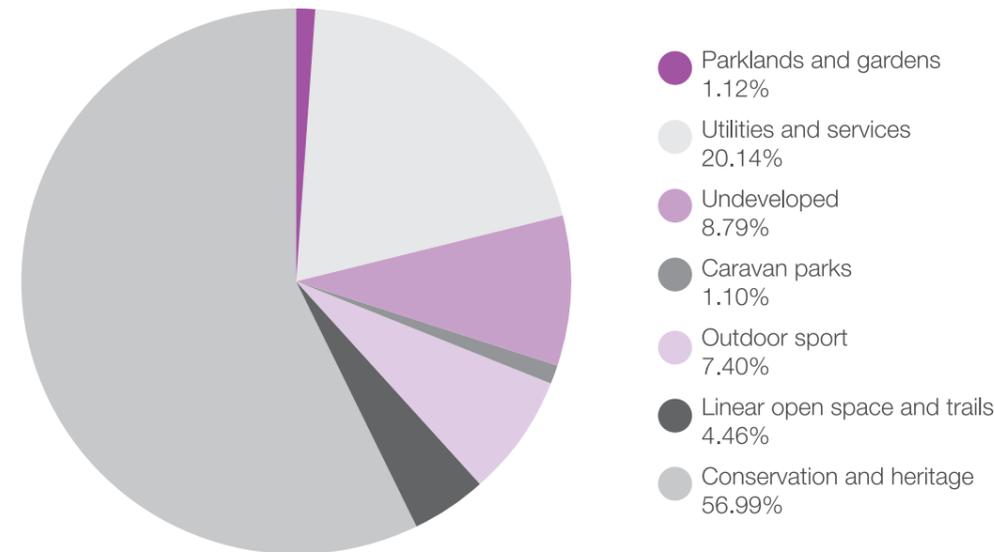


## Open Space in Moyne

The open space landscape in Moyne covers a range of assets and features from parks and gardens, coastal reserves and significant water assets, sporting and recreation reserves, tracks and trails, playgrounds, civic spaces such as community halls and Regional, State and National Parks.

Our open space is used for sport, leisure, events, environmental conservation, visitor services and amenity, commercial activities and formal and informal recreation and social activities.

Figure 2 - Current supply of open space by type

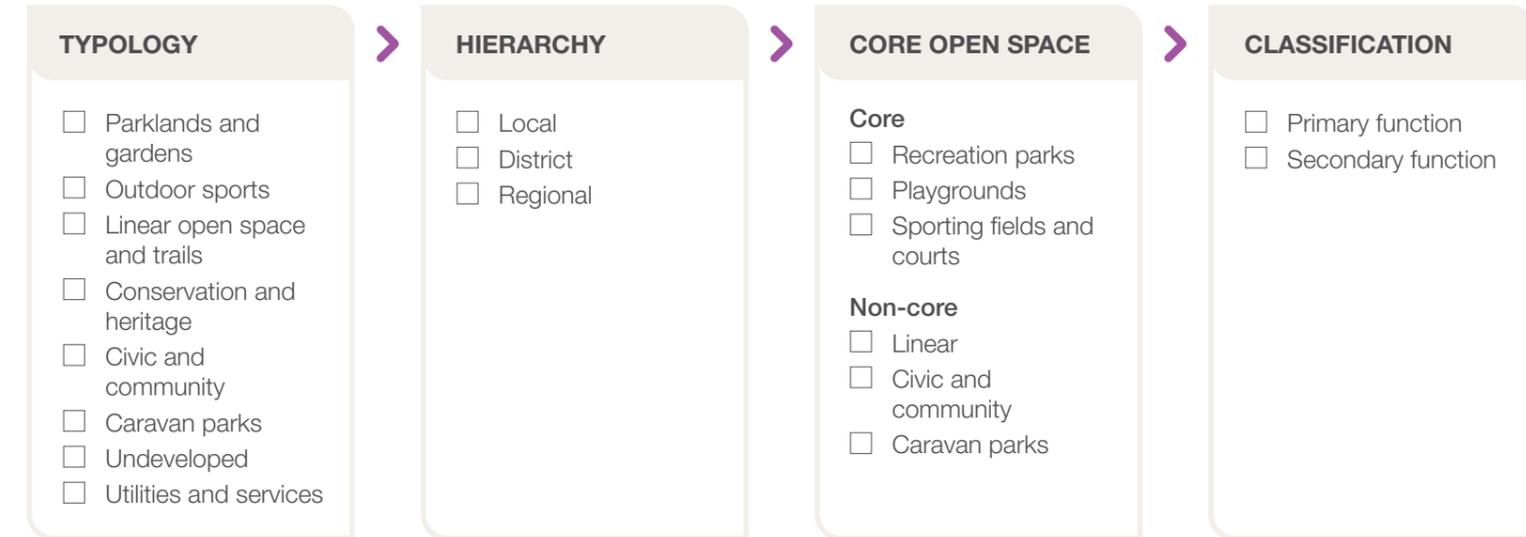


Moyne Shire covers an area of 5,478km<sup>2</sup>. There is 3,859ha of open space across the Shire but only 407ha or 10.5% of the total open space is considered core open space for the primary purposes of the Strategy - recreation gardens and parklands, and sporting fields and outdoor courts.

Whilst the Strategy does not directly include conservation areas, national parks, beaches and foreshores, it does acknowledge their importance to our community. They have an increasing role in providing varied recreation and nature-based experiences to residents and visitors and for the protection of flora and fauna habitats.



Figure 3 - How we classify open space



These classifications will form part of the framework for Council and community decisions (see Decision making framework section) for planning, development, management, investment and/or rationalisation of existing and new potential open space by assessing:

- What type of open space is it?
- What catchment and use does it represent?
- Is it core open space for Council, the community and users?
- What is the primary function for the open space, even if there are multiple uses and users?



## Primary findings

Moyne Shire has a sufficient supply of open space under the proposed provision standard of 2.8ha/1,000 residents and will continue to meet future demand for open space to 2041 in line with forecast population growth and the profile of our residents.

Figure 4 - Forecast population of Moyne

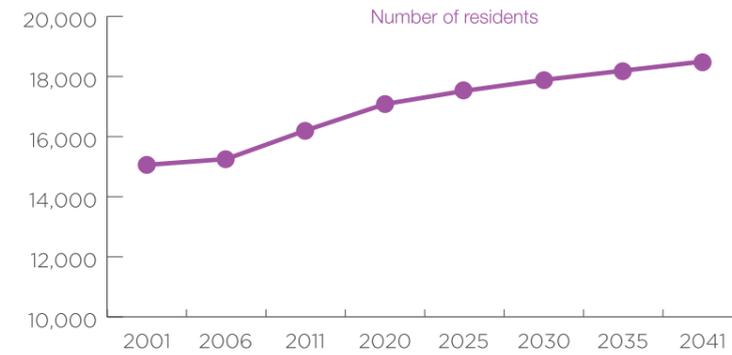
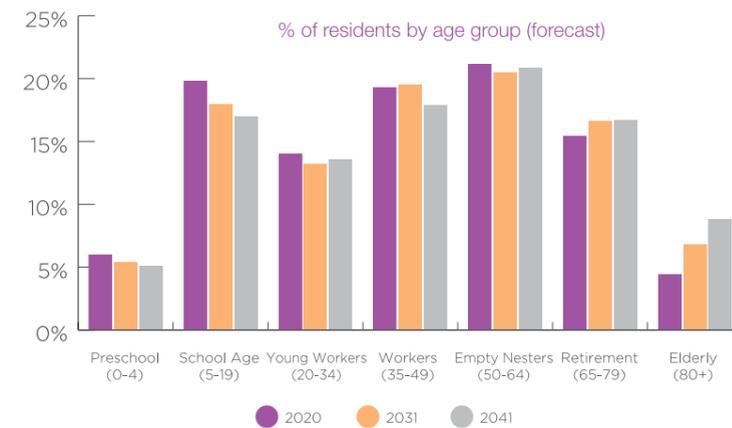


Figure 5 - Forecast population by age group



There are a number of places that have accessibility shortfalls with a need to implement a rolling program of footpath and cycling path provision across the Shire.

Greenfield residential developments will require open space provision in accordance with the Moyne Planning Scheme. Additionally, land set aside for open space should be considered for biodiversity / habitat purposes and where land is flood prone.

Whilst there is no one experience that is truly lacking across the Shire, there are a number of improvements and embellishments that can be made to enhance the diversity of existing open space experiences across a number of localities.

Opportunities exist to diversify sporting, recreation and leisure options for emerging sports, older residents, all abilities and younger people.

Where appropriate, desired service standards will apply for quantity, quality, accessibility and embellishment by:

- Core open space— parklands and gardens; and sporting fields and outdoor courts
- Open space hierarchy – local, district or regional spaces
- Settlement hierarchy under the Tier classifications

The principal focus of the Strategy is on improvements to existing core open space rather than the development of new. Whilst the Strategy does not propose the development of any new open space within the Shire, ensuring sufficient supply of accessible and appropriate open space will be considered as communities grow or change.

## Community open space values

Our residents consider open space to be one of our most valuable assets across a number of qualities and features.

Consultation highlighted the level of importance put on the provision of quality open space. It is also evident that residents place a high value on environmental areas and the flora and fauna that inhabit them. Conservation and protection of these assets is central to the Strategy.

The consultation highlighted the following community priorities for open space related improvements.



Figure 6 - Community open space priorities



The Strategy Action Plan addresses these priorities in either specific localities, or as part of Council's overall approach to Shire-wide open space planning and investment.





## Flagship projects

The following Action Plan highlights some of the flagship projects that will be implemented over a five-year period from 2020-2025. These projects and action plans will be reviewed annually to ensure we accurately track our progress, while providing flexibility to address emerging challenges and new opportunities.

All actions are aligned to the following guiding principles that will inform any action regarding open space upgrades, development and ongoing maintenance practices:

- › Quality planning
- › Partnerships
- › Accessible and connected
- › Attractive
- › Adaptable
- › Adequately resourced

Actions have been developed with a whole-of-council approach in mind but include actions that will be achieved in collaboration with key land managers, community, government and other stakeholders. Further actions and projects are provided in the Open Space Action Plan report.

## Strategic governance

These actions will support and guide the management and reporting of the Strategy such as resource planning, budget and funding allocations for projects. This will also include policies and systems to support the sustainable use and development of open space in the Shire.

- › Establish an internal open space governance group who will oversee the planning, development and management of the open space network in a coordinated and strategic manner
- › Develop design guidelines for open space infrastructure and amenities
- › Develop a portfolio of shovel-ready projects that have the potential to be funded

The Strategy report details robust processes for decision-making for open space to inform investment, improvements and provision of new open space.

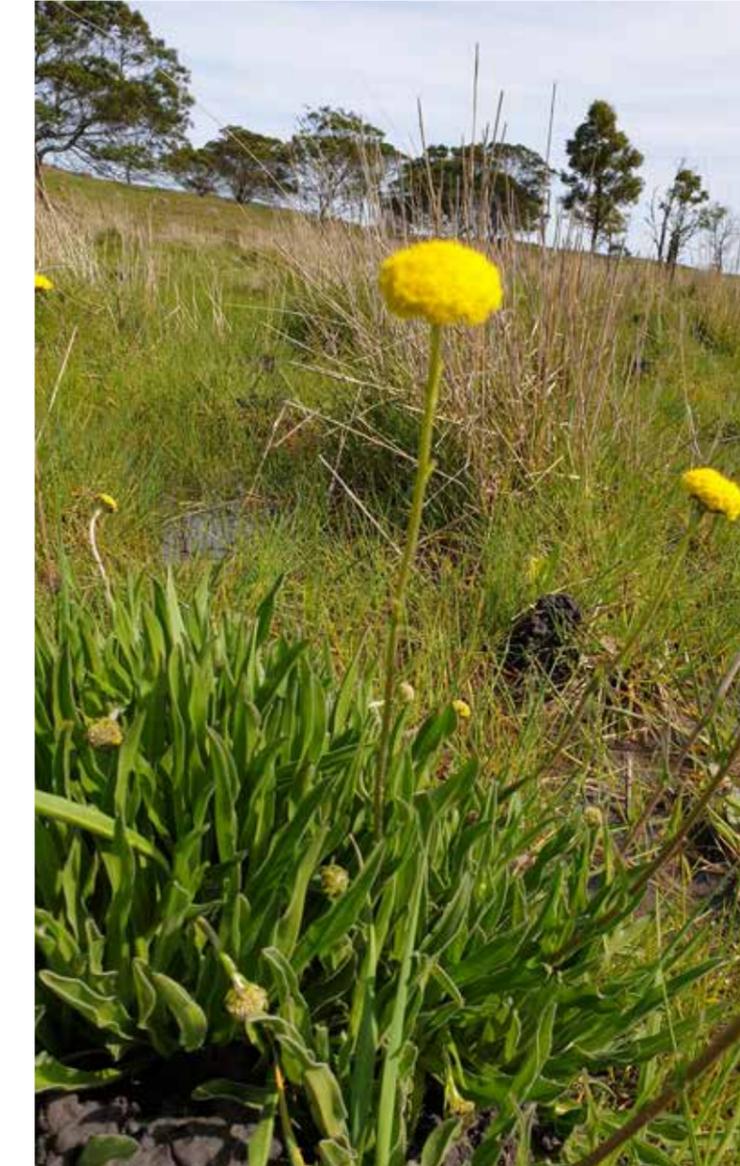


## Key projects

A number of projects and actions are not location specific, but cover the use, management and development of open space across the Shire.

These actions will be embedded into Council's approach to open space management and planning.

- › Ensure licence and lease agreements with Committees of Management / user groups are maintained and up-to-date with relevant terms and conditions
- › Continue to implement a rolling program of footpath, cycling paths, trails and sealed road connections
- › Identify unencumbered land to be set-aside for open space to cater for potential residential growth
- › Investigate and promote integrated water management strategies and capital works that deliver sustainable approaches to core open space management
- › Review the role and impact of free camping and event camping on public open spaces



## Towns, villages and hamlets

The following are some of the projects and initiatives that have been identified for communities across the Shire to be commenced or implemented within the first 5-year period.

Further projects (existing and potential) will be reviewed for inclusion as part of annual Strategy reviews by the governance group.

- › Implement activation projects for Railway Place in Port Fairy
- › Continue to implement the Masterplans for the Gardens Reserve and East Beach Port Fairy
- › Complete a Master Plan for the Port of Port Fairy Precinct
- › Support the implementation of the recommendations of the Victoria Park Master Plan, Koroit Structure Plan, Koroit Streetscape Plan, Tower Hill Activation and Linkages Plan and the Koroit Youth Space Development Plan
- › Continue to improve the amenity of open space within Koroit and improve wayfinding and pedestrian / cycling connections to support more active lifestyles
- › Continue to implement the Tea Tree Lake Master Plan and the Mortlake Recreation Reserve Master Plan
- › Support the development of the proposed arts and historical precinct of Settlers Run in Mortlake
- › Plan for upgrades and renewal of the Mortlake Market Square Playground
- › Implement the Macarthur Market Street Precinct Plan
- › Support the development of iconic cultural and visitor product of the UNESCO World Heritage Budj Bim site
- › Implement the Peterborough Irvine Reserve Master Plan
- › Promote active lifestyles in Cudjee through connections to residential areas and community assets
- › Develop the new community hub and open space in Garvoc
- › Re-develop the playground at the Hawkesdale Recreation Reserve
- › Support the Purnim community to renew / replace community playground assets
- › Support the community to create a community open space associated with the Wangoom Hall upgrades
- › Implement the Woorndoo Township and Streetscape Plan





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