

9.1 Appendix One

From “Redland Shire Council Open Space Plan 2004-20016” pp 7-8.

“What defines a Local Park?”

It is a park servicing the people of one residential neighbourhood usually within 500m to 800m safe walking distance. 500m is the preferred distance residents should be from a local park. It provides recreation opportunities closest to home. Activity is usually of an informal nature. The park may have a swing set and seating and often a kick about space. Good supervision and safety considerations are essential as these parks are often small with close street frontage and adjoining residences.

What defines a District Park?

A district park is usually larger than a local park serving several adjoining neighbourhoods within a 5km radius. A district park typically provides a more comprehensive range of facilities including sporting fields, clubhouse, public amenities, car parking playground equipment, BXM, skate parks, dog off leash areas, basketball court, BBQ and picnic facilities and sometimes access to Moreton Bay. It would be expected that people would drive to a district park and stay longer due to the variety of activities that can be undertaken. These are great parks for events, gatherings, family parties and celebrations.

What defines a Regional Park?

Regionally significant open space is land which is regionally significant for any open space function. (Open Space for Sport and Recreation Planning Principals and Implementation Notes – Sport and Recreation Qld 2003)

A regional recreation park is a tract of land, large in some cases, intended to serve the Shire and adjacent communities who live within a 10km range. In the Redlands, regional parks are often not large but are situated beside Moreton Bay, often with direct water access via the beach or a boat ramp. Visitors to these parks come from all over Southeast Queensland and some parks attract interstate and international visitors. The recreation, leisure and visual amenity of these parks is highly desirable. Facility quality and quantity should reflect the high visitation numbers and standard that the Shire wants to present to the rest of the region and interstate.

Regional sport parks are high quality facilities, developed in the Redlands for a specific code. Regional sporting venues in the Shire cater for baseball, softball, AFL, cricket and netball, amongst others. Competitors travel long distances to train and compete at these parks. Lighting, field and clubhouse facilities usually reflect the standard of competition.

A standards approach

Open space standards however will not, on their own, necessarily ensure useful land for recreation and sport. An approach that assesses the community, its needs, the physical characteristics of the area and the range of recreation settings already available and possible is supported. (Open Space for Sport and Recreation – Planning Principals and Implementation Notes 2003 Sport and Recreation Qld)

	Local Recreation	District Recreation	District Sports	Regional Recreation	Regional Sports	Informal
Toilets	none	1 unisex disabled cubicle	2 unisex cubicles, & or clubhouse	As per Master Plan	4 unisex cubicles, & or clubhouse	none
Showers	none	Open/external where swimming occurs in foreshore parks	In clubhouse	Open/external where swimming occurs in foreshore parks	In clubhouse	none
Change Room	none	none	In clubhouse	1 male 1 female on foreshore parks	In clubhouse	none
Walking/	Optional play element or as commuter/ pedestrian /cycle access path as per Pedestrian & Cycle Strategy	Optional circuit or linear with links to regional network as per Pedestrian & Cycle Strategy	Optional circuit or linear with links to regional network as per Pedestrian & Cycle Strategy	Circuit or linear with links to regional network as per Pedestrian & Cycle Strategy	Circuit or linear with links to regional network as per Pedestrian & Cycle Strategy	as per Pedestrian & Cycle Strategy