



CITY OF PROSPECT
ADVOCACY
PRIORITIES



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

City of Prospect acknowledges that we are on the traditional country of the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains region and we pay our respect to Elders past and present.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationships with the land and we acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kurna people living today.



OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PRECINCTS

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Population growth, climate change and urban infill will place continued importance on the provision of accessible and diverse urban green spaces in the City of Prospect. Easy to access and well-designed parks provide a wealth of benefits to individuals, families, communities, nature and the environment.

City of Prospect has 23.34 hectares of open space (1.2ha per 1000 people) which represents one of the lowest inner metropolitan open space offerings compared to the average provisions of Inner Metropolitan Councils (8ha per 1000 people).

The recommended walking distance to a playspace should be within 5 minutes walk or 400m distance of every home.

City of Prospect therefore places the improvement of open space as one of its key priorities due to the important role they play in the health and wellbeing of its community.

2022 Residents Satisfaction Survey also highlighted the importance of open space for our community, with over 81% stating they valued open space.

The following open spaces have been identified as current key priority areas:

- **Peppermint Gums Reserve** (Neighbourhood Park) – is seeking construction support to upgrade and enhance the playspace to become City's adventure playspace including nature play upgrade. Improve the street presence and interface with Main North Road to create a 'hub' open space environment, as well as a potential destination for larger gathers through installation of BBQ facilities, and play elements.
- **Broadview Oval Tennis Precinct** – With an endorsed Master Plan the Tennis Precinct Upgrade will deliver a consolidation of the two exiting clubrooms into one new purpose-built facility with viewing areas, an expansion in the number of courts that are Tennis SA compliance, new walkways and shelters and changes to precinct parking. The generational redevelopment project is designed to realise these changes and ensure the future proofing of this critical community facility.

Council will continue to advocate for open space provisions of surplus lands through State Government projects.

PROJECT FUNDING

- Peppermint Gums Reserve – is seeking \$1.1m to support its construction upgrade, to create a destination adventure playspace for the City of Prospect.
- Broadview Oval Tennis Precinct – Council is currently finalising this project to shovel ready status such once appropriate funding is secured it can be delivered.

\$1.1M of funding is required to deliver the Peppermint Gums Reserve upgrade.

KEY BENEFITS

- With the City of Prospect's youth demographic growing by 6% each year, the value and importance of open space areas plays a vital role in the planning of urban growth.
- Statistics also demonstrate the older population who moved to the area in their 40's are staying, creating further importance on accessible open spaces for ageing in place support.
- With the State Government increasing pressure for Council's to create population growth opportunities, offering quality fit-for-purpose open space areas is vital to enhance the community's health and wellbeing.
- Outdoor play allows children to develop more advanced motor skills, including agility, balance and coordination, and creates long-term health benefits including lower obesity rates, improved muscle strength and social development.
- Open space areas foster a love and appreciation for the environment, encouraging action towards climate change mitigation and environmental advocacy in all ages.

NEXT STEPS AND PROJECT TIMEFRAME

The City of Prospect continues to prioritise and allocate funding towards its open space projects where it can, however additional support is needed to ensure Council demonstrates the value placed on open space to complement the pressure and action towards urban growth initiatives.

ECONOMIC IMPACTS

- Investing in open space creates opportunities for local businesses and local employment, improving community prosperity and wellbeing and increasing property values.
- A city with well-maintained open spaces is more attractive to businesses, talent and investment. Organisations will choose to establish offices in the area, enhancing the quality of life for employees and the local community.
- Improving open spaces fosters community capacity to advocate for the environment and wellbeing benefits, reducing the pressure on all levels of government.



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