

Open space, sport and recreation



Relevant Targets

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Ensure a diverse range of quality public open space and places

The role and value of public open spaces is becoming increasingly important as living patterns within Greater Adelaide continue to change. An increasing number of people are choosing apartments rather than houses, with many new houses having small backyards. Greater emphasis must be placed on quality public open spaces within our communities that can support a diverse range of activities.

Quality green spaces will provide a focus for social interaction between neighbours and help support safe, healthy and connected communities. Parks and other areas of public open space will provide physical activity levels, which improves the overall mental and physical health of the community and its liveability. Access to nature and green spaces also helps promote positive health and wellbeing.

The greening and cooling effect that soft landscaping has on residential and commercial areas will also be a key adaption response to the increase in frequent extreme temperatures and the urban heat island effect as a result of climate change.

Engagement in sport is also key to promoting physical activity and its many benefits. Participation in sports and clubs also provides a valuable vehicle for social support and cohesion in our community.



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Policies

- P98.** Provide for a Greater Adelaide open-space framework that builds on the Metropolitan Open Space System (MOSS) to create quality open space across the region. The open space will feature urban forests and parks, watercourse and coastal linear parks, trails, greenways, shared use paths and green buffers, and sustainable recreation and sporting facilities (See Map 11).
- P99.** Ensure quality open space is within walking distance of all neighbourhoods to:
- link, integrate and protect biodiversity assets and natural habitats
 - provide linkages to encourage walking and cycling to local activities, local activity centres and regional centres
 - be multi-functional, multi-use (including the shared use of strategically located school facilities) and able to accommodate changing use over time
- incorporate the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design for safety and amenity
 - contain appropriate and low-maintenance species and locate trees to maximise shade
 - encourage unstructured recreation opportunities such as the provision of a variety of paths and children's play equipment
 - foster a connection to the natural environment through the provision of nature play spaces and urban forest opportunities.
- P100.** Ensure that the Planning and Development Fund is strategically aligned to public realm and open space projects which support the implementation of Greater Adelaide's new urban form.
- P101.** Protect and improve the amenity, accessibility and usability of the Adelaide Park Lands to ensure they function as a highly valued open space green belt for the city and as a focal point for community activity.
- P102.** Strategically locate sports and recreational facilities to cater for community needs.
- P103.** Ensure that public open space is adequately greened and irrigated (where appropriate) to act as a natural cooling system to reduce heat island effects in urban areas.
- P104.** Investigate opportunities to increase the amount and/or quality of public open space provision in areas of low open space provision and areas of increasing population growth.



SA Athletics Stadium

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Sports and recreation contributes more than \$1 billion to the SA economy, including \$643 million health benefit and \$271 million volunteer contribution.¹²

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Case Study: Adelaide Parklands upgrade

The section of the Adelaide Park Lands located directly across the road from the Bowden Development has been upgraded to link the CBD and the Riverbank Precinct with Bowden and the Park Lands.

It involves:

- Shared-use path link (Park Lands Trail)
- Youth space – skateable area
- Nature play area
- Future community gardens
- Kick about area with picnic facilities and shelters
- Petanque piste (bocce)
- Basketball court
- Tennis court with fence & rebound wall
- Retained soccer pitches

It is a collaboration between the Adelaide City Council, City of Charles Sturt and Renewal SA.

“As we move to a new way of living in and along the city’s edge, the Park Lands will become the new backyards and meeting places for locals and visitors.”

“Revitalising the Adelaide Park Lands will attract more people to meet family and friends, play sport, exercise and visit playgrounds and cafes.”

Premier Jay Weatherill, November 2013



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The State Government has committed **\$20 million over four years** for Park Lands revitalisation projects through the Planning and Development Fund.

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Coast Park

Coast Park is a State Government initiative to develop a 70km coastal linear park along the length of the metropolitan coast from North Haven to Sellicks Beach.

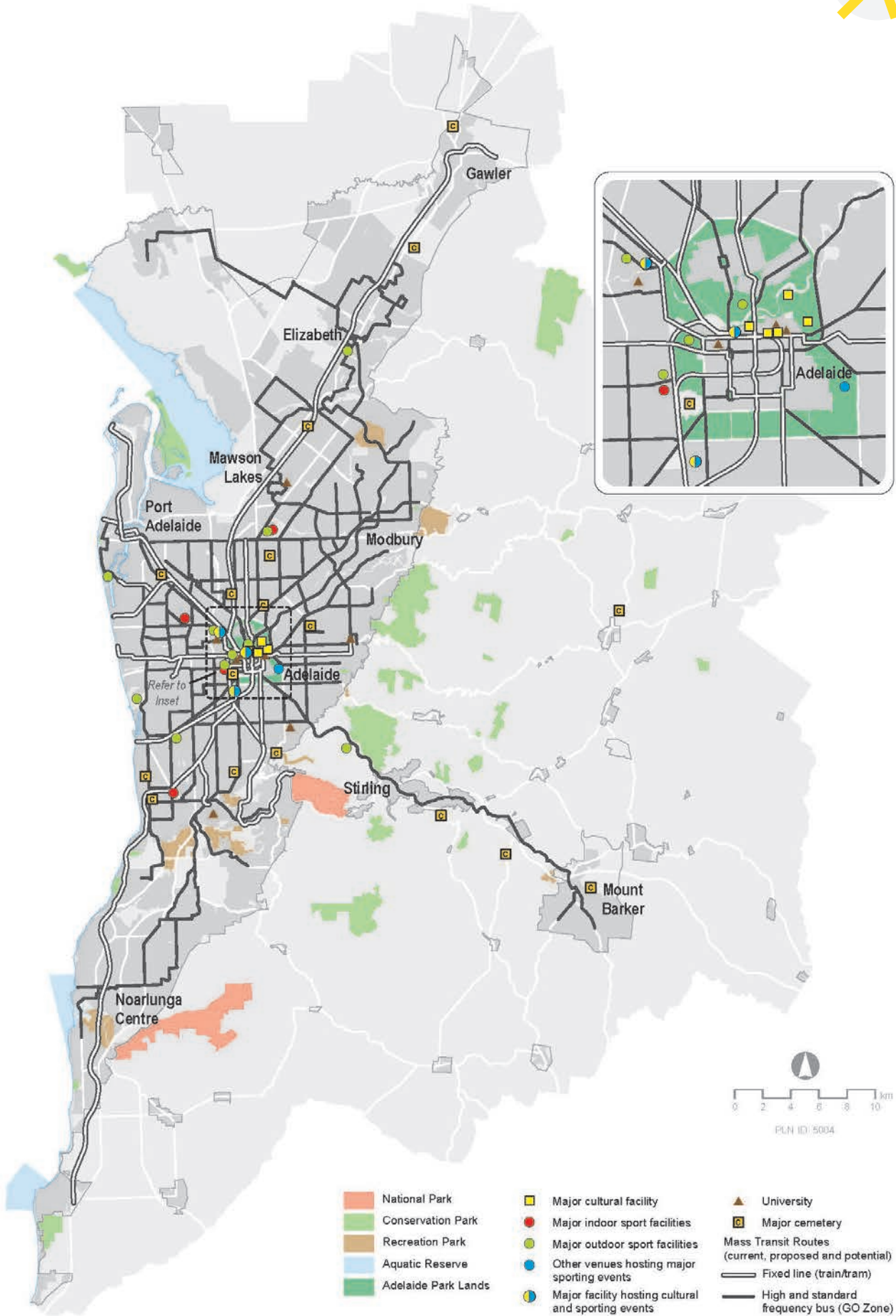
Coastal open space has many important benefits, including amenity and recreation, and is a buffer against the effects of climate change.

Since July 2002, the State Government has contributed over \$25 million towards implementing Coast Park with matching funding support provided by local government.

Approximately 65 per cent of the coastal linear park has now been completed.



Map 11 — Major parks, sporting facilities and cultural facilities



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Making it happen - the planning system

In the short term

A56. Complete the implementation of Coast Park between Grange and Semaphore Park, as a priority focus of the Planning and Development Fund.

A57. Partner with local government through the Open Space grant program to plan and prioritise a series of projects that demonstrate opportunities to provide quality open space outcomes in high density urban renewal areas.

In the medium term

A58. Review the current open space requirement for land divisions and consider alternative approaches to better link development density, different types of neighbourhoods, and community health and wellbeing outcomes.

Other key levers to unlock opportunity

- Continue community grant programs such as the Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program to help organisations to plan, establish and improve sports and active recreation facilities.
- Enhance recreational cycling infrastructure through the investment of \$1.5 million to establish the Adelaide Mount Lofty Ranges as an international mountain biking destination.
- Improve national parks through investment of \$8.9 million to help people access, enjoy and benefit from the national parks on Adelaide's doorstep.
- Develop public open space guidelines to support the creation of quality open space in the new urban form.