

### 6.2.3.2 Open space zone code

- (1) The purpose of the Open space zone code provides for informal recreation where the built form is not essential to the enjoyment of the space. The Open space zone provides for local, district and metropolitan scale parks that serve the recreational needs of a wide range of residents and visitors. Where required to meet community needs, development may include shelters, amenity facilities, picnic tables and playgrounds and infrastructure to support safe access and essential management.
- (2) The local government purpose of the code is to:
  - (a) Implement the policy direction set in the Strategic Framework, in particular:
    - (i) Theme 2: Brisbane's outstanding lifestyle and Element 2.4 – Brisbane's community facilities, services, open space and recreation infrastructure;
    - (ii) Theme 3: Brisbane's clean and green leading environmental performance and Element 3.1 – Brisbane's environmental values;
    - (iii) Theme 4: Brisbane's highly effective transport and infrastructure networks and Element 4.2 – Brisbane's other infrastructure networks;
    - (iv) Theme 5: Brisbane's CityShape, Element 5.5 – Brisbane's Suburban Living Areas and Element 5.6 – Brisbane's Greenspace System.
  - (b) Provide for informal open air recreation, outdoor cultural and educational activities, and opportunities for informal sports or other events on a casual basis.
  - (c) Serve the recreational needs of Brisbane's residents, workers and visitors on local, district and metropolitan scales.
  - (d) Tailor the nature and range of activities to the type of park, as shown in the zone precincts.
  - (e) Acquire privately owned lands in the zone for public park purposes at some stage in the future, generally in accordance with the acquisition priorities listed in the priority infrastructure plan.

Note—The majority of land in the Open space zone is included in a zone precinct. Privately owned land has not been included in a zone precinct. Once these sites come into Council ownership they will be included in a relevant zone precinct consistent with their park classification. The zone precincts reflect the hierarchy of the Council's parks. Each zone precinct defines the level of use or scale of development a park is intended to receive and is capable of sustaining. It includes consideration of the likely extent of user catchment, park size and capacity for sustained visitation. This is an important component in planning and managing the park network, as it describes the level to which a park can be developed without impacting on the integrity of the intended use and sustainability. The zone precincts are:

- Metropolitan zone precinct – a major park (including regional) with a high level of infrastructure that caters for major events and high levels of use over long periods;
- District zone precinct – a park with a medium to high level of infrastructure that caters for a medium to high level of use at peak times;
- Local zone precinct – a park with a low level of infrastructure that caters for a low level of use.

- (3) The purpose of the code will be achieved through overall outcomes for:
  - (a) development location and uses;
  - (b) development form;
  - (c) the following zone precincts:
    - (i) Metropolitan zone precinct;
    - (ii) District zone precinct;
    - (iii) Local zone precinct;
- (4) Development location and uses overall outcomes are:
  - (a) Development provides for public open space to be accessible to the general public, primarily as a park or environment facility, for a range of outdoor activities.
  - (b) Development provides for land in the Open space zone to make an important contribution to Brisbane's liveability and provide visual relief from the built environment and a retreat from developed areas.
  - (c) Development requiring permanent facilities is accommodated where it is located in a district or metropolitan scale park.

- (d) Development provides for a wide range of informal and limited formal recreational, cultural and educational activities to be accommodated.
  - (e) Development provides for open space qualities that are valued by residents to be maintained.
  - (f) Development for a compatible land use of club, community use, food and drink outlet, market, publicly accessible outdoor sport and recreation or theatre (where an outdoor cinema) may be located in a district or metropolitan scale park where it complements the leisure and recreation experience of users.
  - (g) Development provides ancillary structures and buildings such as shelters, amenity facilities, picnic tables and playgrounds where necessary, generally in accordance with recommendations for public park infrastructure embellishments in the priority infrastructure plan.
- (5) Development form overall outcomes are:
- (a) Development minimises any adverse impact on surrounding land uses through appropriate location, site design and management.
  - (b) Development is not carried out on land that is susceptible to flooding or drainage problems except for park facilities or infrastructure which has been designed and constructed for flood resilience.
  - (c) Development is designed to incorporate sustainable practices including water sensitive design.
  - (d) Development of high patronage activities is supported by the necessary level of transport infrastructure to promote safe and efficient public transport use, walking and cycling.
  - (e) Development responds to land constraints, mitigates any adverse impacts on environmental values and addresses other specific characteristics, as identified by overlays affecting the site or in codes applicable to the development.
- (6) Metropolitan zone precinct overall outcomes are:
- (a) Development provides a park setting that will attract and cater for users from across the Brisbane metropolitan area.
- (7) District zone precinct overall outcomes are:
- (a) Development provides a park setting that will attract and cater for users from a district (i.e 2 to 3 suburbs, area of approximately 2km radius).
- (8) Local zone precinct overall outcomes are:
- (a) Development provides a park setting that will attract and cater for users from a local area (i.e 1 suburb, area of area of approximately 500m radius).

Editor's note—To meet community needs, land in the Open space zone will be actively programmed with events and activities, where appropriate.

Note—Land in the Open space zone is generally publicly owned, or intended to be publicly acquired in accordance with recommendations for public park infrastructure in the priority infrastructure plan or Council's annual budget.