

DRAFT OPEN SPACE STRATEGY

OPEN SPACE SNAPSHOT BY PLANNING AREA



Planning Area 10

Geelong West - Manifold Heights - Newtown



Understanding the area



48%
population growth

2021: 20,451
2046: 30,304



1,040 - 1,072 compared to **1,000**
SEIFA index range to national average

SEIFA index describes the relative level of socio-economic advantage or disadvantage in an area. A lower score means greater disadvantage, while a higher score means greater advantage. The national average is 1,000.

How the planning area is performing



Quantity

Amount of open space per person

Planning Area score

13m²
per person by 2046

City-wide target score

30m²
per person by 2046



Accessibility

How easy it is for people to walk to open space

66%
urban dwellings within 400m to open space

95%
urban dwellings within 400m to open space



Quality

How well the open space meets people's needs and feels to use

(Based on The City's 2022 Park Play and Performance Assessment score, rating experience and safety. Not all parks were assessed)

62% score
(range 58% - 67%)

60% score
(City-wide average)

What are the opportunities?



Investigate open spaces that could be expanded through land acquisition.

Investigate new open space opportunities (Pakington North & Pakington Street Urban Design Framework).



Maintain high quality of open spaces.



Strengthen connections between Rotary Centennial Park, Leach Wood Gardens and The Hill Mountain Bike Park to create a diverse regional open space.



Explore partnerships to provide open space opportunities with schools, and improve access to open space along the Barwon River.