

# DRAFT OPEN SPACE STRATEGY

## OPEN SPACE SNAPSHOT BY PLANNING AREA



### Planning Area 11

Bell Park - Bell Post Hill - North Geelong - Ripplside



#### Understanding the area



**55%**  
population growth

2021: 14,811  
2046: 23,015



**942 - 982**  
SEIFA index range

compared to **1,000**  
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

\* does not account for future open space provided through growth area planning



##### Quantity

Amount of open space per person

##### Planning Area score\*

**30m<sup>2</sup>**  
per person by 2046\*

##### City-wide target score

**30m<sup>2</sup>**  
per person by 2046



##### Accessibility

How easy it is for people to walk to open space

**62%**  
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)

**49% score**  
(range 33% - 78%)

**60% score**  
(City-wide average)

#### What are the opportunities?



Investigate pocket open space and identify those which could be improved through land acquisition.



Improve quality of open spaces in established areas, prioritising Bell Post Hill and North Geelong.



Provide open space within industrial precincts to improve linking and relief from urban environment.



Explore partnerships to provide open space opportunities with schools and on encumbered land.



Ensure new open spaces are delivered to best-practice standards.