

ATTACHMENT D

PARKS REPORT

TO: TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE- MONDAY 13 AUGUST 2012

SUBJECT: PARK REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to provide Council with information regarding the number of parks and their locations within the municipality of Alice Springs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That it be a recommendation to Council:

This report is noted.

REPORT

1. BACKGROUND

ASTC monitors and maintains areas within Alice Springs that includes the following areas:

- Sporting Ovals (12)
- Parks (73)
- Childcare Centres (4)
- Facilities (5)
- Todd and Charles Rivers
- Verges (187km)
- Laneways (13.5km)
- Cap Parks (4)
- Playgrounds (150+ playground pieces)
- Gardens (10)
- Todd Mall
- Aquatic and Leisure Centre
- Cemeteries (3)

Parks within the municipality can be broken down into seven sub-divisions including:

- Gillen Area
- Northside Area
- Eastside Area
- Central Business District
- Larapinta Area
- Golf Course Area
- Industrial Area

Within the seven sub-divisions, the following parks are located within these sub-divisions:

- Gillen Area
 - Ashwin Park
 - Roberts Park
 - Newland Park
 - Day Park
 - Spencer Park
 - Westland Park
 - Frank McEllister Park
 - Plowman Park
 - Chalmers Park
 - Finlayson Park
 - Poeppel Park
 - Forrest Park
 - Chalmers Park
 - Kempeana Park
- Northside Area
 - Grey Park
 - Kunothe Park
 - McCoy Park
 - Madigan Park
 - Tucker Park
 - Campbell Park
 - Maynard Park
 - Dixon Park
 - Rotorac Park
 - Community Park
 - Priest Street Park
- Eastside Area
 - Gosse Street Park
 - Frances Smith Memorial Park
 - Bougainvillea Park
 - Davidson Park
 - Gillen Park
 - Beefwood Park
 - Kilgariff Park
 - Noonie Park
 - Plumbago Park Oleander Park
 - Mercorella Park
 - Reus Park
 - Burke Park
 - Prickle Park
 - Sturt Park
 - Spearwood Park
- Central Business District Area
 - Nishan-E-Afghan Park
 - Library Lawns
 - Civic Centre Lawns
 - Snow Kenna Park
 - Anzac Hill
 - Billy Goat Hill
 - Trevor Reid Park
 - Clara Court Park
 - Discovery Walkway
 - Flynn Church Lawns
 - Gathering Gardens
 - Hospital Lawns
 - Walmulla Park
 - Wills Terrace

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- Larapinta Area
 - Battarbee Park
 - Carmichael Park
 - Diarama Close Park
 - Grant Park
 - Lyndavale Park
 - Heidenreich Park (A)
 - Heidenreich Park (B)
 - Patterson Park
 - Warber Park (A)
 - Warber Park (B)
 - Willoby Park
 - Bowman Close Park
 - Nelson Park
 - William Edward Thompson Park
 - Golf Course Area
 - Lewis Gilbert Park
 - Moore Park
 - McDonnell Park
 - Shanahan Park
 - Industrial Area
 - Spicer Crescent Park

Also within the municipality are the following sporting ovals:

- Gillen Area
 - Flynn Drive Ovals
 - Larapinta Oval
 - Jim McConville Oval
- Northside Area
 - Rhonda Diano Oval
- Eastside Area
 - Ross Park Cricket
 - Ross Park Soccer
 - Ross Park Netball
 - Sadadeen Oval
- Central Business District
 - Anzac Oval
 - Traeger Main Oval
 - Traeger Baseball
 - Traeger Hockey
 - Traeger Tennis
 - Traeger Basketball

- Larapinta Area
 - Albrecht Oval

Council also maintains the following cemeteries within the municipality

- Garden Cemetery
- Memorial Cemetery
- Stuart Town Cemetery (George Crescent)

Other Council maintained facilities include:

- Braitling Childcare Centre
- Eastside Childcare Centre
- Gap Childcare Centre
- Bath Street Childcare Centre
- Albrecht Oval Turf Wicket Nursery
- Anzac Hill Car Park
- Anzac Oval Car Park
- Hartley Street Car Park
- Anzac Oval Mega Fitness Track
- Flynn Drive Shops
- Head Street Shops
- Leichhardt Terrace BBQ Area
- Post Office Laneway
- Senior Citizens
- Skate Park
- Totem Theatre
- Hartley Street School

DISCUSSION

Park classifications are derived from ASTC Developers Guidelines for Public Open Space and include the following infrastructure:

Large Local Park	0.3 Ha (3 000 m ²) to 0.5 Ha (5 000 m ²)	5 minutes walk from home	landscaped arid garden (i.e. no irrigation) CPTED layout with ordinary street lighting 1 x water fountain (i.e. bubbler) 2 x litter bins 2 x shaded seating locations [^] (i.e. 6 trees/seat) 1 x seat-table & shade structure 1 x double swing park signage
Neighbourhood Park	0.5 Ha (5 000m ²) to 0.8 Ha (8 000 m ²)	15 minutes walk from home	100% Kikuyu turf with permanent irrigation by pop up sprinklers [#] CPTED layout with ordinary street lighting 2 x water fountains (i.e. bubblers) 4 x litter bins 2 x seat-table & shade structure 4 x shaded seating locations (i.e. 6 trees/seat) 1 x double swing 1 x playground feature bollards, park signage

Precinct Park	0.8 Ha (8 000 m ²) to 2.8 ha (28 000 m ²)	1 per precinct	Minimum 60% Kikuyu turf with permanent irrigation by pop-up sprinklers# Minimum 30% landscaped garden under drip irrigation CPTED layout with pedestrian lighting (P4) 2.5m wide gravel or concrete path 1 x water fountains (i.e. bubbler) per 4 000 m ² 1 x shaded seating location^ per 4 000 m ² (i.e. 6 trees/seat) 1 x seat-table & shade structure per 4 000m ² 1 x double swing per 4 000 m ² 1 x playground feature per 4 000 m ² 1 x litter bin per 2 000 m ² 1 x dual burner gas barbecue 1 x car park per 2 000 m ² bollards, park signage public toilet (3F+2M+U+DA+Family Room)
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Council has identified and reviewed the maintenance costs associated with maintaining the amount of parks, ovals, cemeteries, etc that are under the care and control of the Alice Springs Town Council. Within each sub-division, it has been highlighted that each area should have one precinct park.

The following parks have been earmarked as potential parks that could handle the infrastructure of a precinct park:

- Gillen Area – Currently Frank McEllister Park is the precinct park in the Gillen Area
- Northside Area – Rotorac Park has been identified as the potential precinct park for Northside area. One issue with Rotorac Park is that it is NT Government land under the care and control of ASTC
- Eastside Area – Frances Smith Memorial Park has been identified as the potential precinct park for Eastside area.
- Central Business District – the Aquatic and Leisure Centre has been identified as the potential precinct park for the CBD area. This would enhance the already outstanding facility open to the general public
- Larapinta Area – Albrecht Oval has been identified as the potential precinct park for the Larapinta area

The Industrial Area and Golf Course Area have not been gazetted a precinct park due to their respective smaller park sizes. It is proposed that Spicer Crescent Park (Industrial Area) and Lewis Gilbert Park (Golf Course Area) have neighbourhood parks installed.

The following parks have been earmarked as potential parks that could handle the infrastructure of a neighbourhood park:

- Gillen Area
 - Finlayson Park
 - Newland Park
- Northside Area
 - Grey Court Park or Kunothe Park
- Eastside Area
 - Bougainvillea Park
 - Oleander Park
 - Beefwood Park
 - Gillen Park
- Central Business District
 - Anzac Oval
- Larapinta Area
 - Lyndavale Park
- Golf Course Area
 - Lewis Gilbert Park
- Industrial Area
 - Spicer Crescent Park

Council also has the opportunity to promote an Adopt-A-Park scheme for residents surrounding parks. They would have the opportunity to gain ownership of a park and provide input into the parks development. This has worked at other Councils around Australia. Residents would be asked to sign an MOU with Council to ensure agreed upon works is completed.

3. POLICY IMPACTS

It is the responsibility of ASTC to provide and maintain open space areas for the general public and tourists of the Alice Springs community.

4. FINANCIAL IMPACTS

Full costings will be provided at a later date.

5. SOCIAL IMPACTS

Modern society is currently experiencing an epidemic regarding obesity. Having attractive precinct and neighbourhood parks will provide open space areas for families to spend time together and socialise with others. The impact for families is unmeasurable in regards to fighting obesity and socialising with family and friends.

Having the parks more populated with users will also act as a deterrent for anti-social behaviour within the community with the hope that residents and park users will take greater ownership of parks and open space areas.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

N/A

7. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Increasing the quality of parks will improve family's ability to utilise the facilities on offer. Having more neighbourhood and precinct parks will allow families a one stop shop for their growing family's requirements.

8. ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A:	Ovals, Parks and Playgrounds of Alice Springs (USB Stick)
ATTACHMENT B:	Map of all parks located within Alice Springs Municipality
ATTACHMENT C:	Gillen Area
ATTACHMENT D:	Northside Area
ATTACHMENT E:	Eastside Area
ATTACHMENT F:	Central Business District
ATTACHMENT G:	Larapinta Area
ATTACHMENT H:	Golf Course Area
ATTACHMENT I:	Industrial Area

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