

1.6.4 Open Space

The DSP proposes an interconnected green space network containing a range of public open spaces that will meet a number of different functions. The network will protect and enhance landscape and environmental features, provide for active and passive recreation spaces, and enable the safe and high amenity movement of pedestrians and cyclists throughout the DSP area.

Key elements of the proposed green space network include:

- Murray River together with its associated creek lines, floodway and foreshores;
- Other areas of existing or proposed Regional Open Space;
- Protection of key environmental and landscape features including Regionally Significant Natural Areas identified in the Swan Bioplan, Conservation Category Wetlands and Resource Enhancement Wetlands and areas of remnant vegetation and mature native trees. This will include buffers where appropriate.
- > The Sir Ross McLarty Sporting Precinct and two new Neighbourhood Sport and Recreation Precincts, one each in Urban Expansion Area 3 and LSP 10 - North Pinjarra (also see Fig.13);
- Inclusion of the Murry River floodway within the open space network;
- > Key greenspace park linkages that form a meaningful part of the open space network, and;
- Green streets with wide landscaped verges and limited vehicular access that prioritise pedestrian safety and amenity.

The proposed open space network is show in Figure 3 on the following page and comprises approximately 250 hectares in total.

At the local structure planning stage, proponents are to undertake further site-specific investigations to refine the designated open space areas having regard to any further detailed landscape and environmental investigations.

Open space areas are to be ceded free of cost to the Crown as reserves for recreation, foreshore management, conservation or protection of the environment as appropriate at the time of subdivision or development. The proponent is also to prepare and implement management plans or landscape management plans as appropriate.

Where ever possible a public street interface is to be provided along the boundary of the green space network.

Open Space Network

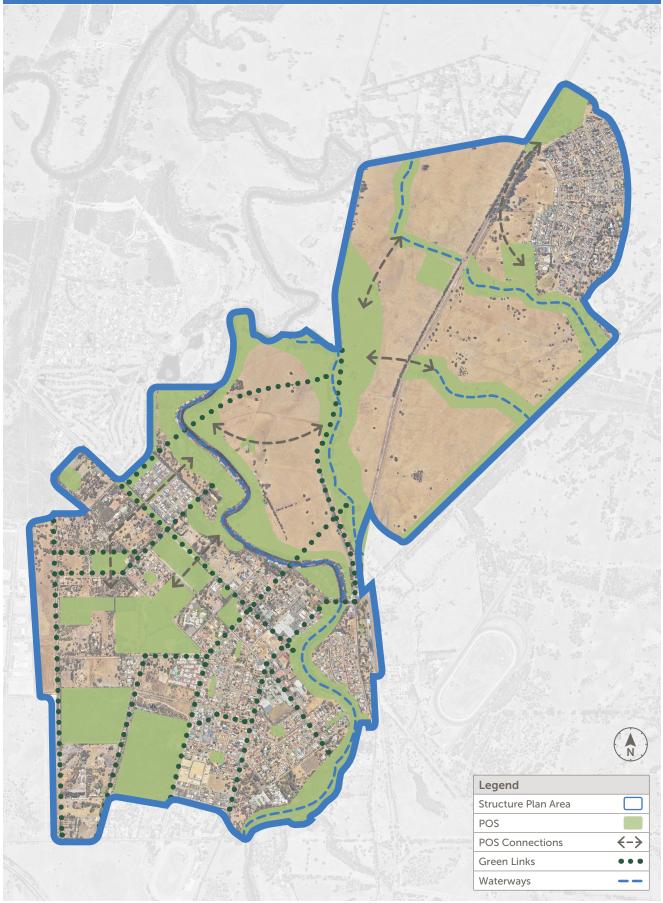


Figure 3: Open Space Network

1.7.7 Public Realm

Objectives

- Create connected public areas that support diverse recreational and social activities, retain and protect mature trees, and foster high quality, active building frontages to adjacent development to enhance vibrancy and community safety.
- > Incorporate landscaping and public art that reflect Pinjarra's rural and cultural heritage, enhancing the town's unique identity and welcoming atmosphere.
- > Establish an integrated network of parks, trails, and open spaces that celebrate the natural landscape features, provide connectivity and easy access to nature.
- > Use high-quality design, materials, street furniture, and public art to create an attractive and inviting urban environment.
- > Implement greening initiatives with new plantings and established vegetation to enhance the visual appeal and environmental quality of streets.

Development Controls

- 1 All development shall include the adjacent street verges in the development's overall landscape design.
- 2 Street trees shall be retained wherever possible, and new street trees should be planted wherever practical.
- 3 Where new street trees are proposed, they shall be of a species to the satisfaction of the Shire of Murray.
- 4 Other vegetation planted in the verge shall be of a type and height that does not obstruct sightlines at intersections and vehicle crossovers.
- 5 Where a verge contains an existing footpath, the footpath material shall be extended over any vehicle crossover.

- 6 Where there is no existing footpath, provision for one shall be provided for in the verge adjacent to the lot boundary.
- 7 Where a development is of scale that includes the establishment of a new street(s), the street(s) shall include street trees and a footpath on each side of the road to the satisfaction of the Shire of Murray.
- 8 Where publicly accessible spaces are provided within a development, they should incorporate trees or other forms of shade, seating, and lighting include a minimum of 50% of the space as vegetated landscape.
- 9 A public art contribution is required pursuant to the Shire's Local Planning Policy - Pinjarra Town Centre Public Art.

