



POLICY

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To ensure the provision of facilities on Public Open Space to meet community needs by prioritising park upgrades in a planned and coordinated manner.

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Legal Authority	Local Government Act Section 2.7 – The Role of Council

Policy:

1. Definitions

Facilities are defined as park equipment, furniture, pathways and various amenities that are used by residents visiting public open space for recreation and relaxation.

They may include the following:

- Play equipment
- BBQ's
- Picnic tables
- Bridges, ramps and pathways
- Seating
- Exercise equipment
- Artwork
- Bins
- Public toilets

Facilities are infrastructure that is built or installed rather than turf, trees and landscaping which are not covered by this policy.

Parks are defined as public open space that is “usable” by residents for the purpose of passive recreation. These parks are listed in the City of Kwinana’s Community Infrastructure Plan. Bush land such as “Bush Forever” sites are not covered by this policy.

2. Distribution of Facilities

2.1 Priority for installation of facilities will be given to parks in residential areas that are within a 250m radius of dwellings and where no other parks within 250m contain the facilities.

2.2 Parks are given a classification to determine the level and type of facilities based on their position in the suburb, their catchments, whether they are reticulated or have potential to become reticulated, park terrain, demographics of the people in the suburb and size of the park. Consideration is also given to park access and visibility issues.

3. Classification of Parks

Definitions of the classifications of parks are outlined in the City of Kwinana’s Community Infrastructure Plan.

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- 3.1 Parks classified as “Local Parks” will have the highest classification and will have facilities installed which cater for informal recreation such as casual ball sports, social gatherings, picnics and family events.
 - 3.2 Parks classified as “Neighbourhood Parks” are generally smaller and will have facilities installed to cater for informal recreation such as walking, play activities, exercise and quiet reflection.
4. Schedule of Installations
- 4.1 Installation of facilities in Local and Neighbourhood Parks will occur according to priorities identified through continuous community consultation and research.
 - 4.2 Timing of facility installations will be dependent on available resources.