

## Island Catchment Area 6

ICA 6 is recognised in the *Redlands Social Infrastructure Strategy 2009* as three separate interrelated catchments particularly for the provision of services,. They are:

- ICA 6a—North Stradbroke Island
- ICA 6b—Coochiemudlo Island
- ICA 6c—Southern Moreton Bay Islands - Russell, Karragarra, Lamb and Macleay Islands

While Council has a SCA level desired standards of service for the mainland it needs to be applied more pragmatically on the Islands.

### Provision ICA desired service standard

Every SCA has a desired service standard that Council attempts to achieve (see Section 8 for detail). The following

discussion applies the desired service standard to SCA 6. Figure 11-107 shows the neighbourhoods within Catchment 6

## Island Catchment Area 6a

ICA 6a has three neighbourhoods being the communities of Amity Point (including Flinders Beach), Point Lookout and Dunwich.

The communities are not contiguous with 16-20 kilometres distance between each community. Despite this, residents frequently travel between communities to access goods and services such as food, transport and medical services.

### Picnicking

All three communities have picnic facilities in parks that abut Moreton Bay. The neighbourhood analyses make recommendations to improve these parks to improve these attractive settings.

### Exercising dogs off-leash

All communities, including Flinders Beach, have dog off-leash areas with all but the facility at Dunwich having access to the water.

### Access to nature

The Island community and visitors have considerable access to natural areas, including beautiful beaches, the bay, the ocean, foreshores, lakes, sand dunes and bushland. These features all have varying degrees of access. A four wheel drive is often needed.

### Wedding and ceremonies

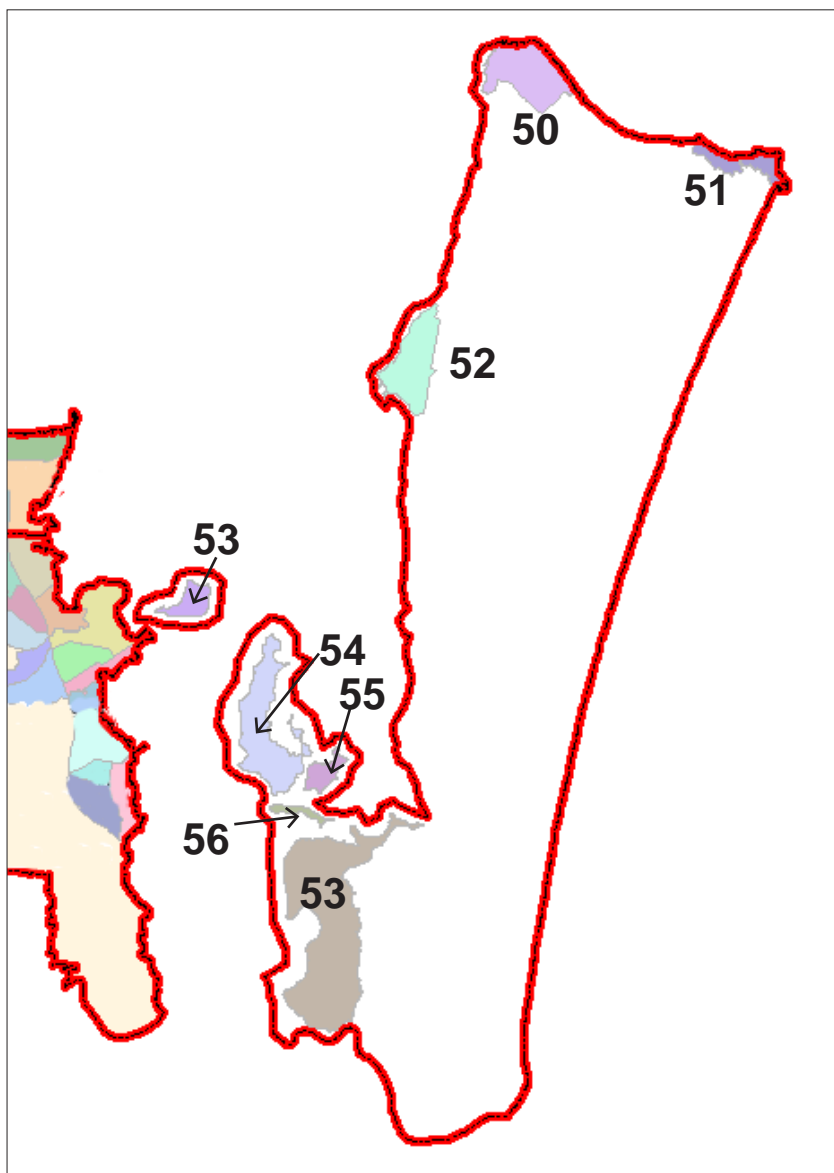
Point Lookout is the most popular location in the city for outdoor weddings and ceremonies. There are a number of sites within Point Lookout that can be booked for wedding services and other ceremonies. Popular sites in Point Lookout are:

- Cylinder Beach
- Deadmans Headland Reserve
- Home Beach
- Pandanus Palms Reserve
- Pub Cove Beach
- South Gorge Beach

A new venue will be developed in Headland Park, Point Lookout.

At Amity Point, Flinders Beach is a popular location for wedding services and ceremonies.

Figure 11-107: Neighbourhoods in ICA 6



## Skateboard riding and BMX

Ramp parks are provided in Point Lookout, Amity Point and there are two ramp parks in Dunwich.

### Council's Redlands Ramp Park Review 2008-21012 made recommendations for all ramp parks in the city.

The recommendations for the four NSI facilities are summarised below:

- Amity Point is a very good facility. The major issue here is to divert overland water flows that deposit sand and small stones on the concourse. Otherwise the facility is well designed with good flow.
- Dunwich Ramp Park (Ron Stark Oval)—this facility suffers serious design flaws that make it not very useful for BMX riders (it is too small) and a compromised course for skateboarders.
- It is recommended that a new open space multi-use skate area with concrete jumps suited to the local BMX riders be constructed.
- Dunwich Bowl (Skatebowl Park)—this facility is very old and in poor condition. For various reasons it is little used and will eventually be removed
- Point Lookout is one of the best ramp parks in the city. Some recommendations have been made to extend and improve the facility but it is a very good design that is extremely popular
- Point Lookout's ramp park would be improved by the development of BMX dirt jumps near the ramp park.
- The *Sport and Recreation Facilities and Services Strategy for North Stradbroke Island 2008* recommends additional recreational standard BMX tracks on the Island.

## Sport

The following sporting activities can be undertaken in ICA 6a primarily in Council sport parks.

- cricket
- golf
- rugby league
- surf life saving
- tennis

The *Sport and Recreation Facilities and Services Strategy for North Stradbroke Island 2008* notes a lack of sporting activities for girls.

## Festival and events in parkland

Point Lookout Oval (Point Lookout), Ron Stark Oval (Dunwich) and Amity Point Recreation Reserve are all capable of holding larger community events. Major events are currently being held on Point Lookout Oval.

## Park user comfort

Given the high tourist use of the Island public toilets are available at some popular beaches—fifteen public toilet

blocks in total. Council is the main provider of public toilets on the Island and has undertaken several recent refurbishments.

It is recognised that the public toilet situation on the Island is not ideal and it is suggested that this be investigated further through the technical papers being developed for the implementation of the State Government's visioning exercise for the future economic development of the Island.

## Walking and cycling

The *Sport and Recreation Facilities and Services Strategy for North Stradbroke Island 2008* recommends that cycleways on North Stradbroke Island be prioritised in the Redlands considering the tourism on the Island. The Strategy also recommended that directional signage be improved.

Further recommendations have been made in the neighbourhood analyses that follow.

## Indoor community activities

### Community halls will be upgraded and managed as per the Hall Review 2010.

Significant recommendation from the review include:

- significant investment is required in the Amity Point Hall but it has very low levels of use (though high levels of community ownership). Alternatives to lift the level of use are to be investigated
- For the Dunwich Hall consider incorporating the hall into planning for a community precinct and for the Minjerribah Knowledge Centre
- Council has recently refurbishment of Point Lookout Community Hall (and library) (2011-12)
- The *Sport and Recreation Facilities and Services Strategy for North Stradbroke Island 2008* recommended that Council investigate a community indoor sport/ youth facility for the Island.

## Commercial activities in open space

Council has undertaken a full assessment of the commercial potential of the open space areas on NSI.

### See the North Stradbroke Island: Overview—Sites and Commercial Uses 2010 for the recommendations.

Thirty-nine sites were assessed as suited to some form of commercial use—from very small events (less than 10 people) to large events (100+) such as the Island Vibe Festival.

## Water-based recreation

There is access to many surf and non-surf beaches and informal boat ramps across the island.

On Flinders and Main Beach a beach permit is required to drive a four wheel drive vehicle.

Local NSI residents and ratepayers can apply for a boat launching permit for Home and Cylinder Beach.

A swimming enclosure on the water front in Dunwich increases the safety of swimming in the bay at this location.

Formalised boat ramps available to the public are located at Amity Point and Dunwich.

## Destination parks (T1)

Cylinder Beach and its foreshore at Point Lookout is recommended as a T1 destination park.

## Community parks (T2)

The following parks are recommended as T2 community parks:

- Ron Stark Oval, Dunwich
- Headland Park, Point Lookout
- Point Lookout Oval

## School facilities

There is one school on North Stradbroke Island:

- Dunwich State School is a P-8 school
- The school has a swimming pool which is used by the community

## Outdoor recreation opportunities

People can participate in the following outdoor recreation activities in ICA 6a:

- bird watching and nature study
- boating (all forms -kayaking, canoeing, sailing, motor boating)
- bushwalking
- fishing
- four-wheel driving on and off beaches
- kite surfing
- wind surfing
- mountain bike riding
- on-road bike riding
- para-sailing
- sand-boarding
- scuba diving and snorkelling
- swimming in the sea
- camping
- caravanning

## Recommendation

- The *Sport and Recreation Facilities and Services Strategy for North Stradbroke Island 2008* recommended that future planning should seek to find an area for BMX tracks.

## Signature experiences and settings

- Point Lookout Gorge Walk
- appreciating the natural environment
- the slow pace of Point Lookout
- access to Moreton Bay for boating, fishing, snorkelling and diving
- visiting and respecting Brown Lake and Blue Lake
- day trip easy access to a national park
- four-wheel driving on beaches
- surf beaches, surfing
- quiet beaches
- swimming and picnicking at The Keyholes
- whale watching
- dining
- ocean views and breezes
- camping on the beach
- getting married - on the beach

## Neighbourhood 50

### Description

Neighbourhood 50 (500ha) comprises the North Stradbroke Island communities of Amity Point and Flinders Beach, located at the northern end of the Island.

### Land use

Land use, as shown in Figure 11-108, is almost entirely urban residential. There are small areas of industry, centres and community purpose land.

### Open space issues

While there are a number of access points to the water's edge within Amity Point—such as at parkland or the at the end of streets—it is not possible to walk along the water's edge for any distance. Private land extends to the water's edge which restricts access. It is therefore important that any existing opportunities are not lost and are enhanced over the long term. Existing open space is shown in Figure 11-109.

The Amity Point Caravan Park is a large area immediately to the south of the Neighbourhood. The area is linked into the Neighbourhood and is well used by day-trippers and local residents as well as people booked into the site.

Old School House Park could be the preeminent park in Amity Point given its location and the natural setting. Its functionality is poor however due to poor planning. For instance, views to the water are blocked by a tennis clubhouse, old toilet block



Figure 11-108: Extract map from Redland Planning Scheme



and the fence of the tennis court, and the entrance gate opens straight onto the half-court. The park needs a simple plan t so that its design can be improved as elements are replaced and to take into consideration foreshore erosion.

The beach between Amity Point and Flinders Beach has numerous access points and it is possible to walk along this stretch with ease. This beach area is also an unfenced dog off-leash area.

While there are no formal nature based play areas the beach is considered a 'natural playground'. No recommendations for created natural play experiences have been made as the beach fills this role admirably.

### Access issues

Some of the points mentioned above concerning open space abutting the water's edge are relevant here as the non-contiguous nature of open space along the beach restricts access along the beach.

However, north and south of Amity Point township beach access for walking is unrestricted. Driving along the beach is also possible in a number of locations.

Neighbourhood access throughout the urban areas is relatively easy as the communities are not large.

### Other matters

The *North Stradbroke Island: Overview—Sites and Commercial Uses*, prepared by Council in 2010 has

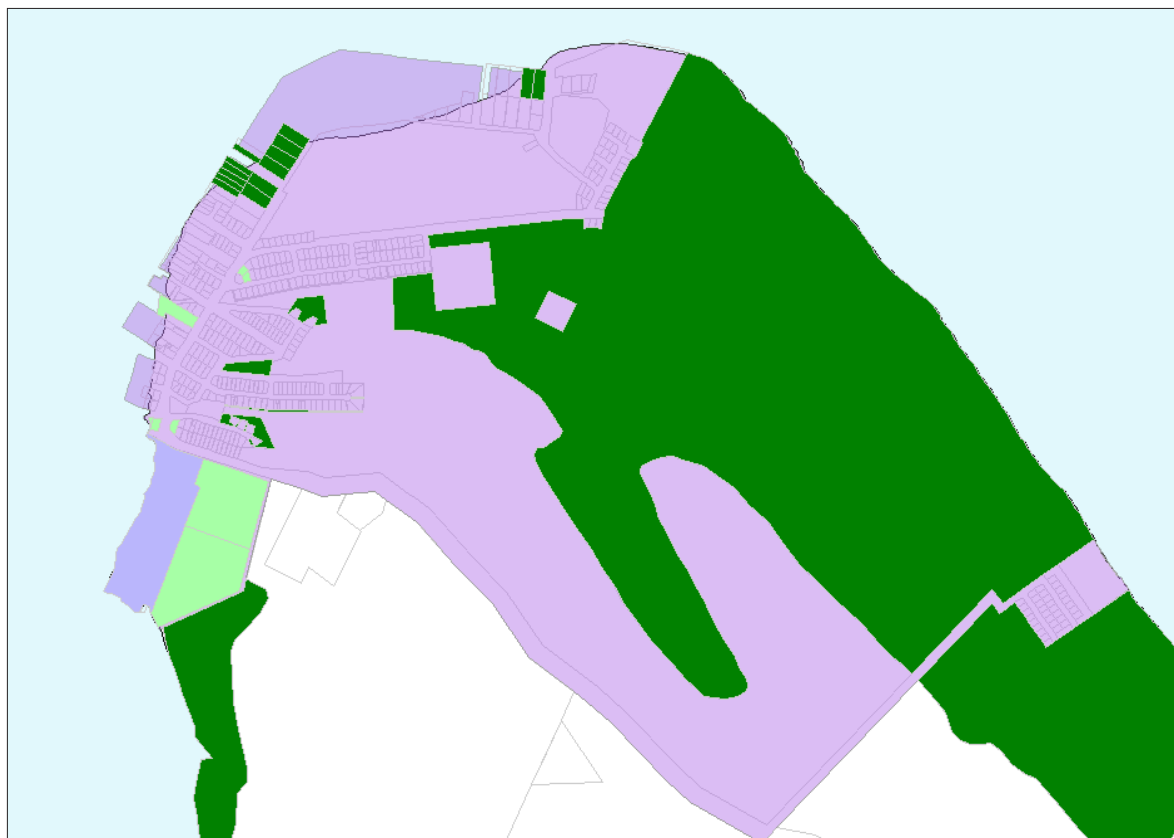
considered the commercial use of open space areas in Amity Point.

It has recommended that larger events are held on the Amity Point Recreation Reserve while giving due consideration to the needs of sporting activities. For other parks and beach areas the group sizes recommended are no more than 50 people with many being somewhat less.

### Recommended key actions

- Picnic Park (next to boat ramp)
  - replace all wood burning barbecues with a small number of electric barbecues
  - review night lighting levels and add lights if required
  - continue the pathway to connect to Amity Point Jetty
  - continue the public access pathway all the way to south end of the reserve so that people can access the public bait collecting area and safe anchorage
  - Allow for continued commercial use of the park but assess the types of activities that are appropriate in this area. During peak holiday times the swimming enclosure and the foreshore areas are busy and commercial activities should not interfere with people's enjoyment of the area and safety.
  - the 2010 commercial use assessment of the park indicates that the park is small and it is Amity's main swimming area. The assessment recommends only very small groups be allowed to commercially use the area, 15 or less people at a time.

Figure 11-109: Open space areas in Neighbourhood 50



- the small bay at the end of the Amity Point Caravan park is currently approved as a public bait collecting area. The small bay is also an excellent anchorage and should public access continue may also be a good or better location for future commercial activities including kayak hire. This should be investigated.
- Old School House Park
  - develop a basic plan to guide future development and as part of that consider:
  - replacing all wood burning barbecues with a double electric barbecue
  - replacing the existing toilets with a single uni-sex module (in a new location)
- Flinders Beach does not have a designated park
  - land at the eastern end of Cumberland Street linking to Providence Street that could be transformed into a park.
  - a basic upgrade should be added in the first instance to designate the space and improve the park over time - consider seats and tables
  - the park's main purpose would be to act as a community meeting space
- Cabarita Park:
  - remove the wood burning barbecue and replace with an electric barbecue (or upgrade the existing single electric barbecue to double barbecue unit)
  - review night lighting levels and add lights if required
  - formalise car parking between the Park and Ballow Street. This should be undertaken as part of the car park development for the boat ramp (see below)
- Amity Point Recreation Reserve
  - is the focus for sport and teenage activity at the ramp park.
  - physical activity equipment should be located here, near the skate park, to serve the community and people staying in the caravan park.
- there are no designated car parking arrangements at the Amity Point Boat Ramp and it can become quite chaotic at times. People also have to walk across this space from the end of the pathway at Cabarita Park to where it recommences at Picnic Park as the pathway does not connect. A car park needs to be designed and constructed to improve the capacity of the car park and to make it safer for people crossing the space

## Shortfall

- it has not been possible to find a location for a community garden in this neighbourhood



## Neighbourhood 51

### Description

Neighbourhood 51 (271ha) comprises the North Stradbroke Island community of Point Lookout. The development is linear, stretching along the beach and along the hillside creating a long, narrow community.

### Land use

The land use is predominantly Point Lookout Residential with Point Lookout Tourist and some small areas of Centres and Medium Density zones. Areas of open space and some large areas of community purpose land are the remaining major land zones (see Figure 11-110).

Point Lookout is set within Conservation zoned land which extends around and through the community.

### Open space issues

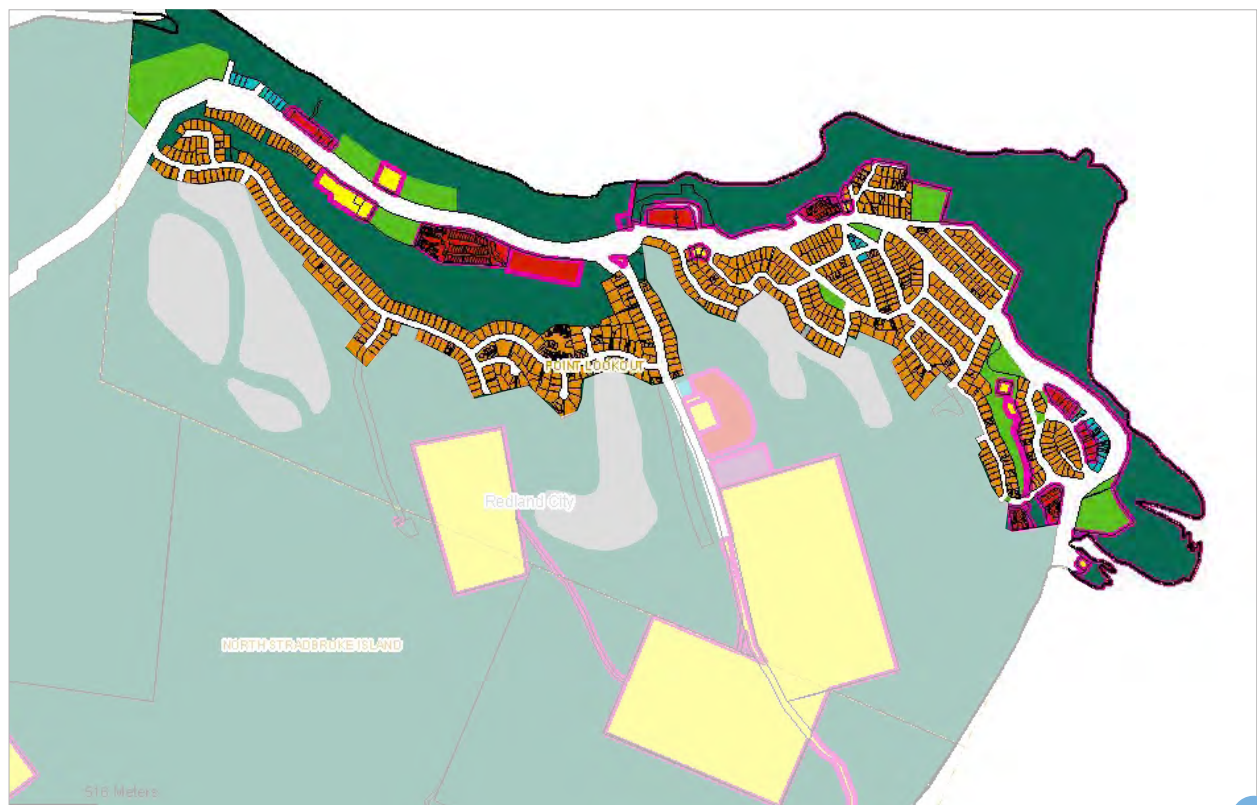
Residents and visitors have excellent opportunities for recreation experiences with Point Lookout being set within conservation land, and having ready access to extensive beaches. (see Figure 11-111).

The Headland Park master plan proposes activities including:

- an upgraded public amenities block and car park area
- upgraded shelters, barbecues, table settings, drinking fountains and bins, to improve overall park usability and amenity



Figure 11-110: Extract map from Redland Planning Scheme



- new pedestrian linkages throughout site to enhance circulation patterns and improve access to Point Lookout Gorge Walk
- multi-use areas for events and ceremonial activities to increase the spectrum of park uses
- entertainment deck and grassed amphitheatre to create new opportunities for future park activities
- children’s playground to include terraced platforms, soffit zones and multi-age play components

Council is proceeding with car park and public amenity upgrades in 2011/12 with further improvements scheduled in later years.

The Point Lookout Oval master plan proposes:

- increased vegetation of areas within the reserve, along drainage swales and creek lines, at entry points and along paths
- improved car parking to enable increase level of accessibility and bus parking for up to four coaches
- upgrading of existing concrete paths
- new decomposed granite bush track around edge of open grassed area and raised timber boardwalk to Home Beach, improving accessibility and movement around the park and to the beach
- improved seating, picnic areas, viewing platforms and shower facilities throughout the park
- interpretive signage and information
- earthworks to create an amphitheatre for outdoor events and buffering and delineation of activities within the park

## Other matters

The *North Stradbroke Island: Overview—Sites and Commercial Uses*, prepared by Council in 2010 has considered the commercial use of open space areas in Point Lookout.

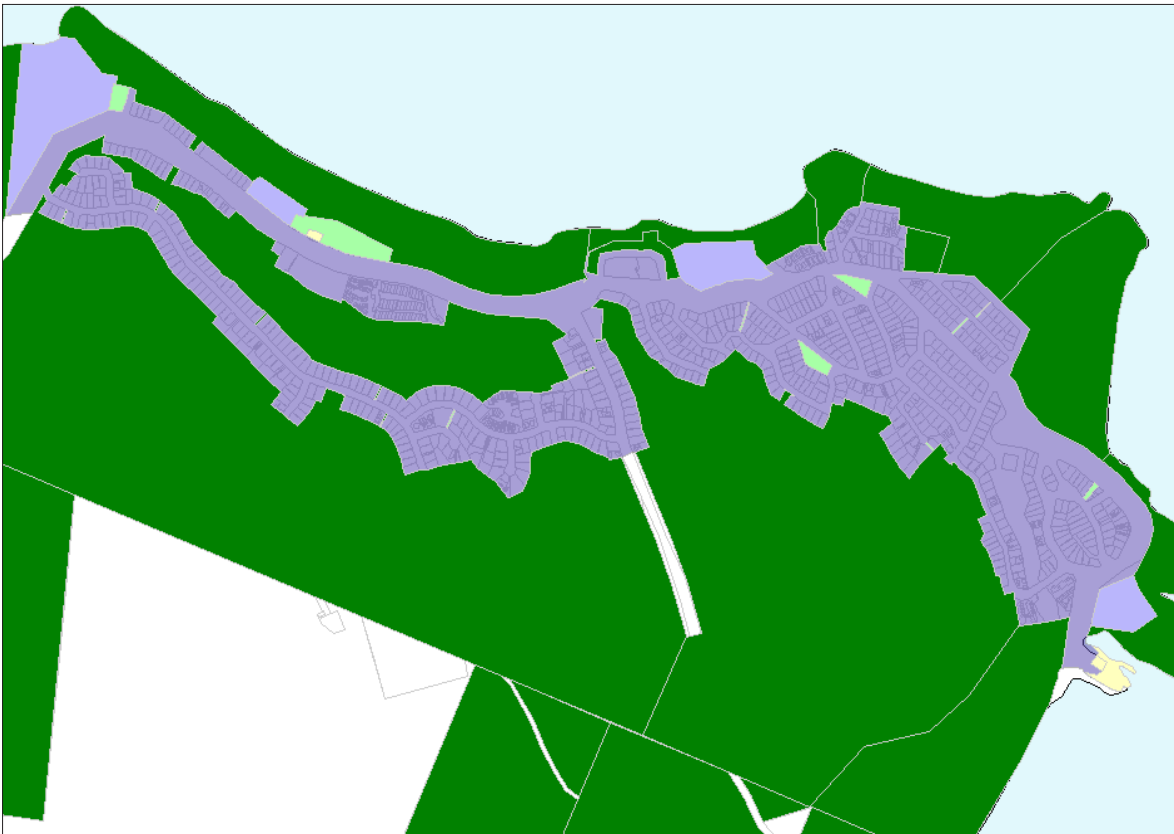
Thirty nine sites were assessed for their commercial potential. The study considered the likely impacts that an event may have on things such as the environment, residential amenity and commercial enterprises.

Recommendations are made for all sites. Point Lookout Oval has been assessed as suited to large-scale events. Several other sites have been assessed as suited to groups for up to 100 people with others being suited to smaller groups, or in some cases, no activities as the area is already degraded or would become so if activity was allowed.

## Access issues

Access along the length of Point Lookout is good with a pathway running along East Coast Road and Mooloomba Road.

Figure 11-111: Open space areas in Neighbourhood 51





## Recommended key actions

- Cylinder Beach and Cylinder Headland parklands
  - continue to develop in accordance with the adopted master plan
  - upgrade playground with multi-age equipment
- Point Lookout Oval
  - develop in accordance with the master plan
  - provide physical activity stations
  - when development of the Point Lookout Community Hall is complete assess the need to upgrade the playground for toddlers and primary aged children
- Headland Park
  - continue to develop in accordance with the adopted master plan
  - upgrade playground with multi-age equipment
- Endeavour Park
  - provide a nature play experience to implement the master plan for Headland Park.
  - provide play opportunities for primary aged children in the detailed design and implement when resources allow
- Adder Rock Park
  - upgrade playground with multi-age equipment
- Mooloomba Park
  - a community garden could be considered in this park
  - if not suitable then a site for a community garden cannot be found at Point Lookout

## Neighbourhood 52

### Description

Neighbourhood 52 (440ha) comprises the North Stradbroke Island community of Dunwich. Dunwich is on the western side of the Island and is the main point for car and passenger ferries from the mainland.

### Land use

The residential areas are mainly zoned urban residential. There are only two small areas of medium density zoned land—(see Figure 11-112).

Otherwise zoning covers commercial, industrial, community purpose and open space uses.

### Open space issues

The entrance to Dunwich from the jetty is made very attractive by the open space areas on both sides of the road—Junner Street South Park and Ron Stark Oval.

Barton Street Park is split by an unformed road reserve. The skate bowl located in the park is on this road reserve. This road reserve should be closed so that the park can be used to its potential.

The eastern extent of Dunwich is residential development terraced into the hillside—essentially along two streets running along the contour of the hillside. There are no



Figure 11-112: Extract map from Redland Planning Scheme



established parks in this part of the neighbourhood though there is easy access to bushland.

Polka Point Park is unembellished open space skirting the foreshore between Ron Stark Oval and Bradburys Beach Caravan Park.

Parson Street Park is, essentially, an undeveloped house block. There are no improvements.

Existing open space is shown in Figure 11-113.

## Other matters

The *North Stradbroke Island: Overview—Sites and Commercial Uses*, prepared by Council in 2010 has considered the commercial use of open space areas in Dunwich.

Ron Stark Oval is the designated area for large community events. Other spaces are restricted to small groups due to potential unacceptable impacts.

## Access issues

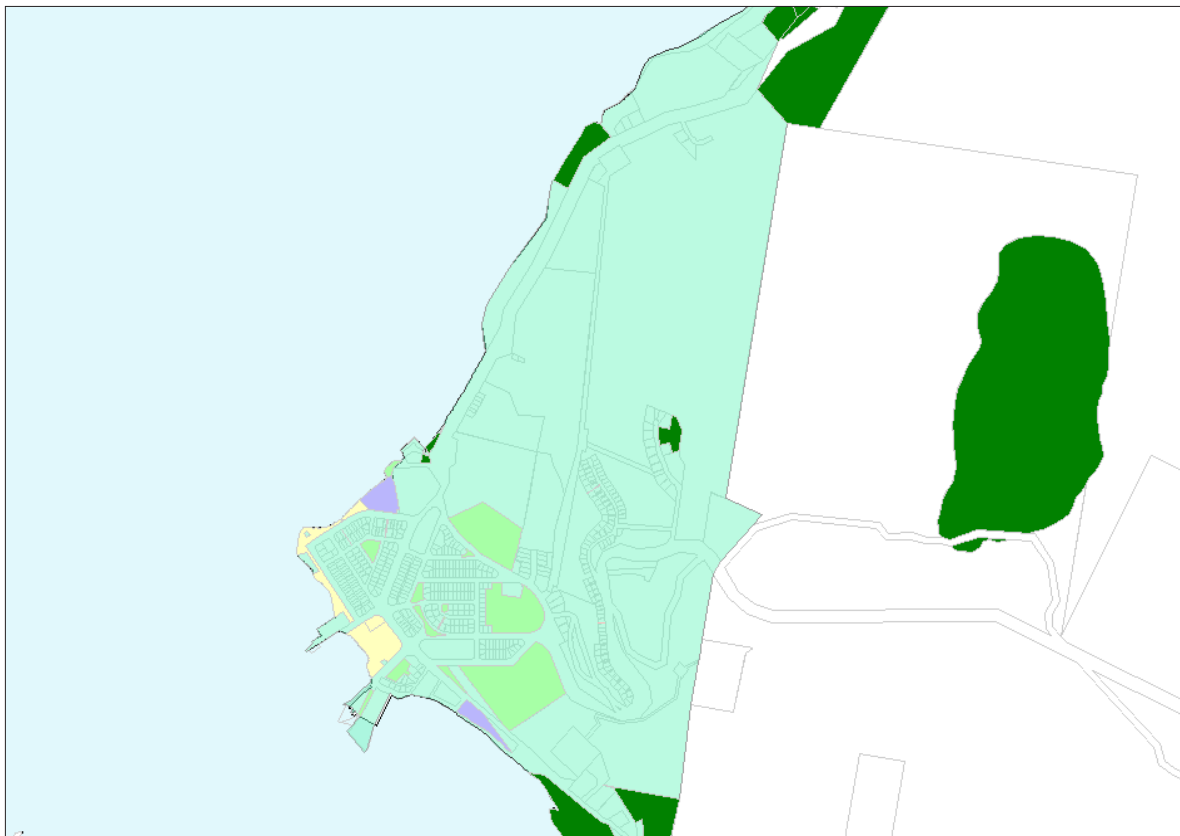
There are limited paths in Dunwich. Those that exist are concentrated around the commercial areas, connect to the ferry and connect up the ridge to the elevated housing behind Dunwich.

Despite this Dunwich is a relatively easy community to move around in. Wide, quiet streets allow people to use the grass verges and occasionally walk on the road when required.

## Recommended key actions

- Barton Street Park
  - close the road reserve that runs through which is where the skate bowl is located
- Junner South Street Park
  - rezone the site to open space from its current Community Purpose zoning
  - formalise the commuter car park
  - review plantings along Junner Street to create an avenue as an entrance statement into Dunwich (this also applies to the Ron Stark Oval side of Junner Street)
- Bob Wilson Park
  - install rugby league posts to create a kick-about area (away from the playground)
  - provide shade to the playground and basketball court
  - work with the club to develop a new public toilet block in a new location away from the entrance the clubhouse
  - review plantings along Junner Street to create an avenue as an entrance statement into Dunwich (this also applies to the Junner Street South Park side of the street)
  - install fitness equipment
  - formalise car parking and access in the area between the sportsfield and the recreation area

Figure 11-113: Open space areas in Neighbourhood 52







*Playground in Bob Wilson Park*



## Island Catchment Area 6b

ICA 6b is Coochiemudlo Island. The ICA sits in the Urban Footprint and is predominantly urban residential, conservation and open space land.

### Picnicking

Picnicking facilities for large groups are currently provided in the following destination and community parks:

- picnicking along the beach and water front including Coochiemudlo Island Foreshore including Main Beach, Norfolk Beach Park and Morwong Beach

### Recommendation

- implement the master plan for the Coochiemudlo Foreshore in development (2012) which is recommending a rationalisation and upgrade of the picnic facilities and the development of new picnic areas

### Exercising dogs off-leash

The dog off leash area is on along Main Beach West and operates with shared hours. It is available to residents at only certain times of the year so as not to disturb the arrival patterns of migratory birds.

### Access to nature

The bay and the beach are natural features available to residents of Coochiemudlo Island. Walking along the beach is a pleasant and relaxing recreation pastime. Swimming and boating in the bay equally so.

Residents also have access to some of the bushland areas of the island along formed and unformed walking paths.

### Weddings and ceremonies

#### Recommendation

Weddings and ceremonies, if they take place in Island will be done in natural surroundings with no built structures.

### Skate board riding and BMX

A ramp park is not currently recommended for ICA 6b Coochiemudlo Island. The nearest ramp park is at Cascades Gardens in Victoria Point.

There are dirt BMX mounds in Laurie Burns Sportsfield.

### Sport

- Laurie Burns Sportsfield currently provide facilities for;
  - tennis,
  - croquet
  - cricket
  - BMX dirt track
  - the park plan recommends providing for all these activities into the future except the BMX track
- Coochiemudlo Island Golf Course
  - nine holes and clubhouse facilities
- Coochiemudlo Foreshore

- surf life saving
- sailing

### Festivals and events in parkland

Coochiemudlo Island has two locations that can currently and sustainably cater for festival and events. These locations have been hosting events to date and with improvements being considered as part of the parks planning for Coochiemudlo Island Foreshores and Laurie Burns Sportsfield the island will be able to host festivals and events in the future in improved surroundings.

### Park user comfort

Five public toilets located along the Coochiemudlo Island;

- Laurie Burns Sportsfield (temporary)
- Main Beach Central
- Main Beach West
- Norfolk Beach
- Morwong Beach.

### Recommendation

Three of these will be recommended for refurbishment in the draft master plan. Council's *At Your Convenience: A strategic review of public toilets (2011)* also addresses the future of these facilities.

### Walking and cycling

The main north-south spine along Elizabeth Street has a formed footpath. This leads from the jetty to Laurie Burns Sportsfields.

Most other movement around the island is via walking and cycling along the street network.

### Indoor community activities

There is one Council owned and managed community hall in the catchment, that being Coochiemudlo Island Community Hall.

### Commercial activities in open space

Commercial use should be carefully planned if it is going to take place at all (e.g. boat hire). An assessment of suitable location should be undertaken including in following areas:

- Coochiemudlo Island Foreshore including all beaches
- Laurie Burns Sportsfield

### Water based recreation

Coochiemudlo Island has one boat ramp and a public transport jetty.

The island is surrounded on three sides (approximately) with sandy beaches.

The island has a designated bathing reserve which is serviced by a surf life saving club.



## Destination foreshore (T1)

Coochiemudlo Island Foreshore is recommended to be classified a T1 destination.

## Community park (T2)

Laurie Burns Sportsfield is recommended to be a T2 community park.

## School facilities

There are no schools in the ICA.

## Outdoor recreation opportunities

The following outdoor recreation activities are able to be undertaken in this ICA:

- bird watching and nature study
- boating (kayaking, power boating, sailing, para-sailing, canoeing)
- bushwalking in urban conservation reserves
- cycling in conservation reserves and unformed road reserves
- fishing
- on road cycling
- picnicking in beach setting
- swimming in the bay

## Signature experiences and settings

- visiting the natural Emerald Fringe—Coochiemudlo Island Foreshore
- historical significance of the Island
- water based recreation

## Neighbourhood 53

### Description

Coochiemudlo Island is a small island that sits in between the mainland and the four Southern Moreton Bay Islands. The island maintains its own separate identity due to its unique history of discovery and settlement and its closer proximity to the mainland making it more easily accessible to residents and visitors.

It is 131 ha in area and is bounded by Moreton Bay (Marine Park). Coochiemudlo is in the South East Queensland Regional Plan's Urban Footprint. The island is 2 km long and 1 km across at its widest point.

### Land use

The land use types for Coochiemudlo Island are the same as the mainland. The neighbourhood island is generally urban residential and the street layout is on a grid pattern. There are three areas of medium density residential (see Figure 11-114).

The community purpose areas (Allconnex, Fire Brigade, Energex, communication towers) are all contained inside the public open space area of Laurie Burns Sportsfield. It is recommended that a wider area be zoned for community purpose taking in the land on which the recreation club and future community workshop are situated.

There are also pockets of private and publicly owned conservation land including many that are wetlands or drainage constrained.



Figure 11-114: Extract map from Redland Planning Scheme



## Open space issues

The island has a unique character. The Emerald Fringe open space in particular, should retain a highly natural landscape character while accommodating the needs of visitors. All recreation infrastructure design will be sympathetic to the surrounding environment and the protection of the landscape character.

The open space on Coochiemudlo Island is made up of the Laurie Burns Sportfield in the centre of the island and a foreshore conservation reserve and road that circles the whole island known as the Emerald Fringe (see Figure 11-115).

The Land Management Plan (LMP 2004) provides direction on conservation of the Emerald Fringe and a planning is underway for the main public recreation areas within the Emerald Fringe (2012). The planning will take the recommendations of the land management plan and with the assistance of the community through an engagement process, translate the recommendations into practical solutions on the ground to improve the visual amenity and the recreation and environmental values of the foreshore of Coochiemudlo.

Review the LMP (2004) here: [http://web01.redland.qld.gov.au/robo/plans/Coochiemudlo\\_LMP/coochiemudlo\\_plan.htm](http://web01.redland.qld.gov.au/robo/plans/Coochiemudlo_LMP/coochiemudlo_plan.htm)

The LMP (2004) for example advises that no structures should be located within the beach or foreshore management areas and infrastructure developed for activities within

the open space areas are to be integrated into the natural environment.

A plan has also been developed for Laurie Burns Sportfield. The plan, with the involvement of local residents, is addressing a full range of issues including community and commercial use, recreation activities, re-vegetation, accessibility and movement around the reserve and vehicle access and parking.

## Access issues

Pedestrian and cycle access around Coochiemudlo Island is along streets and unformed footpaths where possible.

A formed footpath has been constructed along Elizabeth Street and along the foreshore in a few locations.

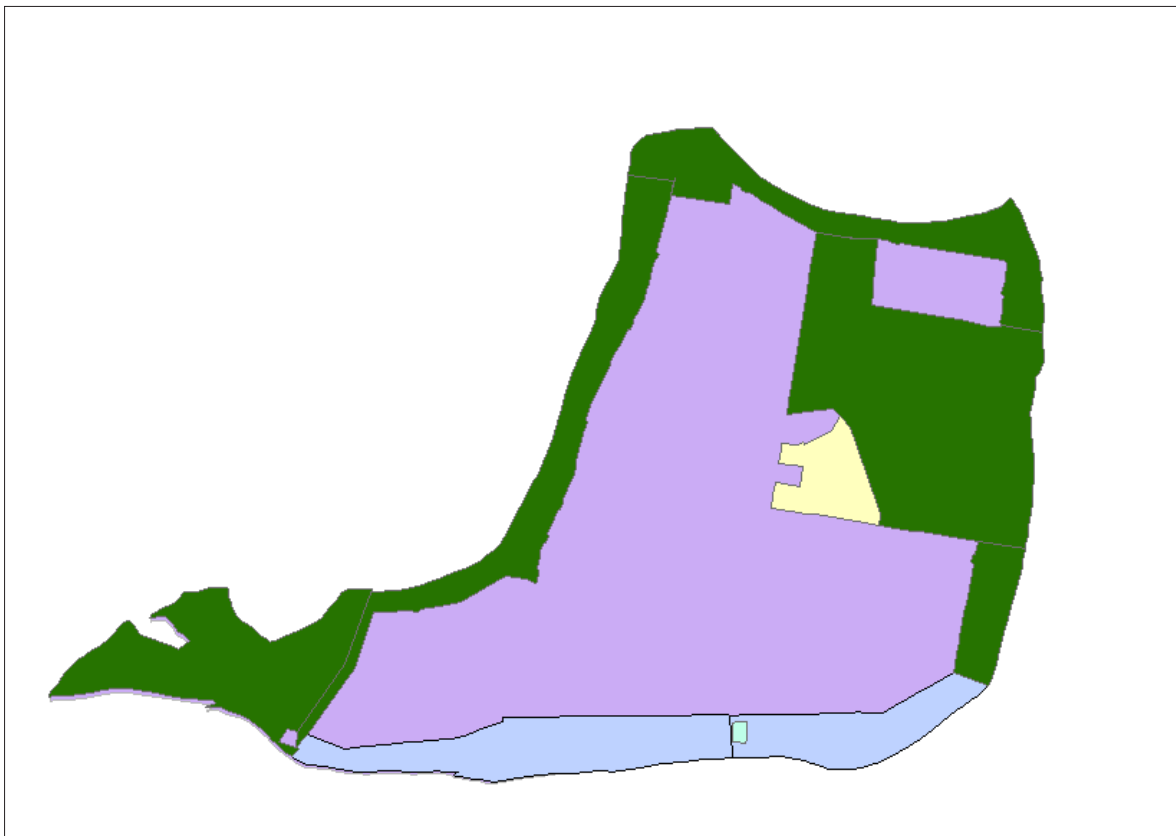
The plans currently in development (2012) will recommend new footpaths around the foreshore area to improve accessibility and reduce degradation and erosion due to high levels of pedestrian, cycle and vehicle use of the conservation foreshore.

In particular footpath along Elizabeth Street needs to be finished and a walking track around the island needs to be completed.

## Other matters

The plan for the Coochiemudlo Foreshore is still in development and is not an adopted Council plan as yet

Figure 11-115: Open space areas in Neighbourhood 53





(October 2012). It is proposed to only adopt the section of the Foreshore that is provided for the in capital works program.

## Recommended key actions

- Laurie Burns Sportsfield
  - an upgraded cricket oval and kick-about area that also provides the landing area for helicopters
  - develop spectator areas
  - provide nature-based play
  - provide a meeting space for young people
  - provide a festival and event space with a stage area and power
  - upgrade walking and cycling paths expand the Community Recreation Club will be
  - develop a Community Workshop (Men's Shed)
  - upgrade access and parking
  - upgrade drainage through the park
  - undertake re-vegetation
- Main Beach West
  - continued provision of the dog off-leash beach
  - upgrade path systems for walking and cycling
  - upgrade picnic facilities with barbecues and shelters
- Main Beach Central
  - upgrade public toilet facilities with showers
  - improved access to the boat ramp with better car parking
  - upgrade the path systems for improved walking and cycling
  - provide a meeting and activity hub for young people and a new arrival and meeting place
  - upgrade the ferry terminal area including providing shelter and all-abilities pedestrian access
- upgrade the play area for toddlers and primary school aged children
- upgrade picnic facilities
- upgrade an area for markets, festivals and events
- incorporate the RSL proposal for an upgraded RSL Memorial and public art features.
- Norfolk Beach
  - upgrade path systems for improved walking and cycling
  - provide nature-based play
  - improve access to the beach for swimming and beach activities
  - provide a Coochiemudlo Lookout for viewing Macleay Island and pods of dolphins
  - upgrade the public toilets
  - upgrade the picnic facilities
- Morwong Beach
  - provide new toddler and primary play activities
  - upgrade the path systems for improved walking and cycling
  - upgrade the picnic facilities
  - upgrade the boat ramp access
  - upgrade seating and shade trees
- Coochiemudlo Golf Course
  - a landscape master plan has been developed for this sporting area and any future development of the golf course facilities will be in keeping with the master plan



## Island Catchment Area 6c

ICA 6c is the Southern Moreton Bay Islands (SMBI) of Russell, Macleay, Lamb and Karragarra Islands.

The ICA sits in the SEQ Regional Plan's Urban Footprint and is predominantly SMBI residential, conservation and open space land. The catchment has three primary SMBI Centres' zones and numerous community purpose areas.

In 2008 Council developed the *Southern Moreton Bay Islands Sport and Recreation Strategy*. A broad summary of feedback from the community, across the islands, is:

- improved amenity and embellishment of key gateway and foreshore parks
- more diverse and meaningful play settings for children and teenagers
- improved accessibility to parks via the pathway system
- better access for older people and people with special needs
- embellish existing parks that have no or little infrastructure
- more foreshore parks with water access
- integration of physical activity elements such as walking circuits and fitness stations
- better dog control in parks and at the beach
- pest management—spraying to control ticks, mosquitoes and midges
- master planning required for major parks

## Picnicking facilities

The most popular picnic facilities are provided along the beach and waterfront including Pats Park (Macleay Island), Karragarra Island Foreshore and Pioneer Park (Lamb Island).

The parks plans and detailed designs currently in development for Jock Kennedy Park, Southsea Terrace Park and both Russell Island and Macleay Island sport and recreation parks are recommending the development of much needed community picnic areas. Corroboree Place Park has the potential to be a great picnic ground for local residents but is currently lacking in many facilities to encourage this activity.

## Exercising dogs off-leash

The following dog off-leash areas are provided in the catchment:

- Attunga Street, MI (unfenced/beach access)
- Pioneer Children's Memorial Park, RI (fenced)
- Pioneer Park, LI (unfenced)
- Lions Park, RI (unfenced/beach access with shared hours)

## Recommendation

- fully fence the Attunga Street DOLA
- provide a unfenced DOLA along Golden Sands Boulevard Foreshore
- consider a future fully fenced DOLA in the High Central Parklands (MI)
- future DOLAs in Cowderoy Ave Park and Cunningham Ave Park

## Access to nature

The bay and the beach are the natural areas available to residents of the SMBI catchment area. A large number of residents on all the islands have direct access to the bay from their own properties, however many do not. Council has been progressively increasing the number of water access points on all the islands for swimming and beach going as well as boat launching.

Residents also have limited access to some of the bushland areas of the island along unformed walking tracks. An island strategy for the development of bushland trails needs to be developed in the future to improve resident and visitor access to conservation areas.

## Weddings and ceremonies

Weddings and ceremonies will be taking place in natural areas and parkland in the SMBI but with limited facilities to support them.

## Recommendation

Consideration should be given to developing a limited number of special areas on the SMBI for parkland weddings and other ceremonies. This would involve providing a pergola in that location that can be booked for this type of event.

Toilets are always a consideration when encouraging group gatherings in parks. Only parks with existing public toilets, access to toilets or a reasonable chance of having them built in the future should be encouraged as wedding and ceremony venues in the future. The following parks should be developed for wedding and other ceremonies:

- Pats Park, Macleay Island
- Southsea Terrace Park (next to Macleay Island Hall)
- Alison Crescent Park (next to Russell Island Hall)

## Skate board riding and BMX

Currently there are ramp park facilities in the following locations:

- a small half pipe is situated in the Jackson Road Parkland precinct
- a small BMX track is situated beside the Macleay Island Community Hall
- a large BMX track is situated in the Jackson Road Parkland precinct, however a new master plan being developed for this area is recommending that the track be removed.

## The recommendations of the Redland City Ramp Park Strategy 2008 should be implemented.

Additionally

- It is recommended that the BMX track be rebuilt at a time in the future in the newly acquired High Street Nature Belt



- a new ramp park facility is recommended and planned for Southsea Terrace Park

## Sport

ICA 6c has the following sporting parks and facilities:

- Pioneer Park, Lamb Island
- Jackson Road Oval, Russell Island
- Macleay Island Golf Course
- Macleay Island bowling green
- Russell Island bowling green
- Russell Island public swimming pool

These parks and facilities enable the following sporting activities to be undertaken:

- cricket is able to be played on Lamb Island and Russell Island on Council parkland
- club and recreation swimming occurs at the Russell Island Swimming Pool
- lawn bowls is played on Russell and Macleay Island
- golf is played on Macleay Island
- Macleay State School has a cricket oval and a tennis court
- Russell Island State School has a small kick-about area where a game of football could be played and a tennis/basketball court
- club sailing is organised through the Tingara Boat Club

## Recommendation

- Continue to progress the two main sports planning projects currently underway in the ICA including:
  - Russell Island Sport and Recreation Park development which see the construction of multiple use courts including tennis and netball and a football field
  - Macleay Island Sport and Recreation Park plan which is still in early review however the original master plan suggested that courts for tennis, basketball or netball would fit and additionally a downhill BMX track
- Water access
  - investigate improved water access for small craft (sailing dinghy) for sailing competition

## Festivals and events in parkland

- Pats Park is the location of annual memorial events and a large pergola, barbecue facilities and a public toilet support these activities
- festivals and events will be held at the two sporting and recreation parks when the parks are developed
- an event space is being designed for Southsea Terrace Park, opposite the community hall on Macleay Island.

## Park user comfort

Public toilets are provided in

- Pats Park
- Dulpura Beach Park
- Jackson Road Oval
- Lions Park Russell Island
- Karragarra Foreshore Park
- Pioneer Park Lamb Island

- Public toilets are also available at the community halls.

## Walking and cycling

Macleay, Russell and Lamb Islands have a main central road that links the grid street pattern the entire length of each island.

On Karragarra Island the linking road is the Foreshore Esplanade. On Karragarra Island walking and cycling is predominantly on the streets including the Esplanade.

A formed footpath system has been constructed the full length of Macleay Island and almost the full length of Lamb Island. Russell Islands main spine has a formed footpath from the jetty to Jackson Road.

## Feedback from the community in developing the Southern Moreton Bay Islands Sport and Recreation Strategy 2008 nominated the following priority links:

- Russell Island—Canaipa Road (underway)
- Jackson Road north-south link to Lions Park
- Macleay Island Heritage Trail (coastal walk)
- Karragarra Island—Esplanade Foreshore
- Lamb Island—Lucas Drive

## Indoor community activities

Council owns community halls on three of the four Southern Moreton Bay Islands. The needs on the islands differ from the mainland in a number of respects. The islands tend to have fewer alternate facilities and different expectations than mainland communities. The small populations on each island mean that many of the activities located in mainland halls—such as dance classes and martial arts—are not commercially viable. Usage on the islands is much lower than in the mainland halls.

'Building the Education Revolution' program resourced the building of large shelters at Macleay Island State School and Russell Island State School.

## Refer to the Redland City Council Strategic Development Plan for Community Facilities Plan and Report (2010) for actions and the future direction for each of these halls.

- Russell Island Community Hall
- Macleay Island Community hall
- Pioneer Hall Lamb Island

## Commercial activities in open space

### Recommendation

Commercial use assessments should be undertaken in the following parks:

- Jackson Road Oval

- Macleay Island Sport and Recreation Park
- Russell Island Sport and Recreation Park
- Southsea Terrace Park

## Water based recreation

ICa 6c has three formalised boat ramps and four public transport jetties and barge ramps.

The list below are public boat ramps not associated with public transport:

- Dalpura Bay Macleay Island boat ramp
- Jock Kennedy Park Russell Island boat ramp
- Wahine Drive Russell Island Boat Ramp
- many other informal water access points are being used by the community
- many people have private boat ramps and jetties

The sandy beach areas around each island provide access to the island by people in a variety of water craft and boats. In particular the public toilet facilities and sandy swimming beach at Dalpura Bay Macleay Island will continue to mean that this is popular anchorage for visitors to the island.

Swimming enclosures are located on all four islands in the following locations;

- Pats Park Macleay Island
- Pioneer Park Lamb Island
- High Street Park Russel Island
- Karragarra Foreshore

Swimming enclosures on the water front increases the safety of swimming in the bay at these locations and they should be maintained in this or alternate locations on all the islands.

The Pioneer Park LI park plan proposes moving the enclosure within the same area to allow better access and use of the parklands.

The High Street Park RI enclosure is located at beside the barge ramp and consideration in the past has been given to locating this in an alternate location due to barge traffic. No alternate location has been determined and the enclosure remains popular in its current central location.

A canoe trail is a highly sort after experience by SMBI Residents and as such all possible safe water access points for small water craft (canoes, kayaks) should be investigated and secured for use for these purposes.

### Recommendation

Identify all possible small craft water access points and aim to enhance the safety and accessibility of these locations and secure them for current and future use.

## Destinations park (T1)

Pats Park Macleay Island will be a T1 destination park.

## Community parks (T2)

The following parks are recommended as T2 community recreation parks:

- Southsea Terrace Park, Macleay Island
- Jock Kennedy Park, Russell Island

- Pioneer Park , Lamb Island
- Russell Island Sport and Recreation Park

## Schools

There are two primary schools in the catchment:

- Macleay Island State School
- Russell Island State School

Each of these schools have infrastructure including sporting ovals, tennis and basketball courts and now undercover space in which recreation and sporting activities can be enjoyed. At the time of development for the *Southern Moreton Bay Islands Sport and Recreation Strategy 2008* schools were allowing community use of the outdoor sporting facilities.

## Outdoor recreation opportunities

The following outdoor recreation activities are able to be undertaken in this ICA:

- bird watching and nature study
- boating (kayaking, power boating, sailing, canoeing, windsurfing)
- cycling on unformed roads
- fishing
- limited bushwalking in conservation reserves with compass or GPS
- on-road cycling
- picnicking
- swimming in the bay and in a pool

### Recommendation

- a future bush walk trail system around conservation areas on Russell Island is recommended
- a camping area is proposed in Pioneer Park Lamb Island
- a heritage trail walk around Macleay Island is proposed
- improved small craft (kayak, canoe, dinghy) access will be provided on Lamb Island
- develop a canoe trail around the SMBI
- increase access to the water on all islands
- upgrade existing and future water access points on all island
- increase the number of free camping areas on the SMBI in consultation with each neighbourhood community

## Signature experiences and settings

- Pats Park Destination Park
- future outdoor recreation and environmental conservation opportunities in the Russell Island Conservation Park including bushwalking, wildlife spotting and photography, mountain bike riding, bush track bike riding
- a future kayaking and canoeing trail around the islands with special arrival and launching areas and associated camping or B&B stays
- the Macleay Island Heritage Trail

## Neighbourhood 54

### Description

Macleay Island is the second largest of the Southern Moreton Bay Islands. It is 609 ha in area and is bounded by Moreton Bay (Marine Park). The SMBI are in the South East Queensland Regional Plan's Urban Footprint. The island is 6 km long and 1.5 km across at its widest point.

### Land use

Macleay Island has the full mix of land uses. The SMBI have specific zones that relate to just the SMBI including SMBI Residential, Island Industry and SMBI Centre. Macleay Island also has areas of Community Purpose, Rural Non-Urban, and large areas of Conservation and Open Space (see Figure 11-116).

Consistent with SMBI Residential are dwelling houses, home businesses, relative's apartments and small lot housing. The island land use form is a grid street system along a central road spine and a not connected 'perimeter' streets. The foreshore areas of the island are predominantly privately owned to the high water mark.

### Open space issues

The *SMBI Open Space Plan 2006* was the strategic response to meeting current and future shortfalls of parkland across all of the islands. The plan's recommendations have, and are, being implemented. The new city-wide Open Space Strategy will make recommendations as to the best recreation, community and sporting use of the existing and future SMBI parks.

Existing open space is shown in Figure 11-117.

### Access issues

Pedestrian and cycle access around Macleay Island is predominantly along street and unformed footpaths.

A formed footpath system runs along one side of Kate Street and High Central Road running from Pats Park in the north to the ferry terminal in the south.

A number of recommendations in regard to footpaths have been made.

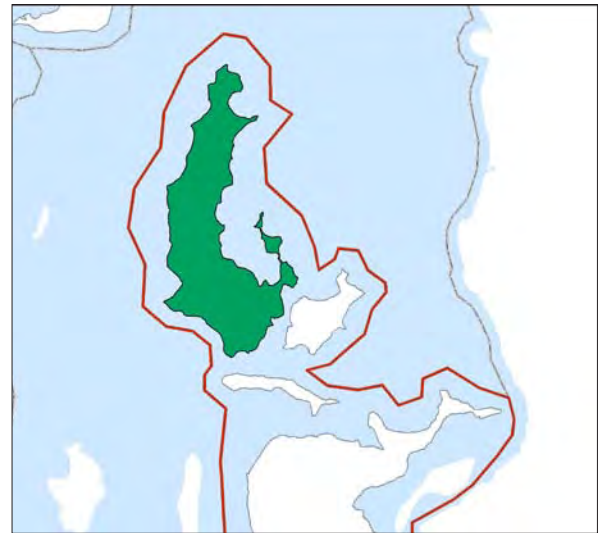
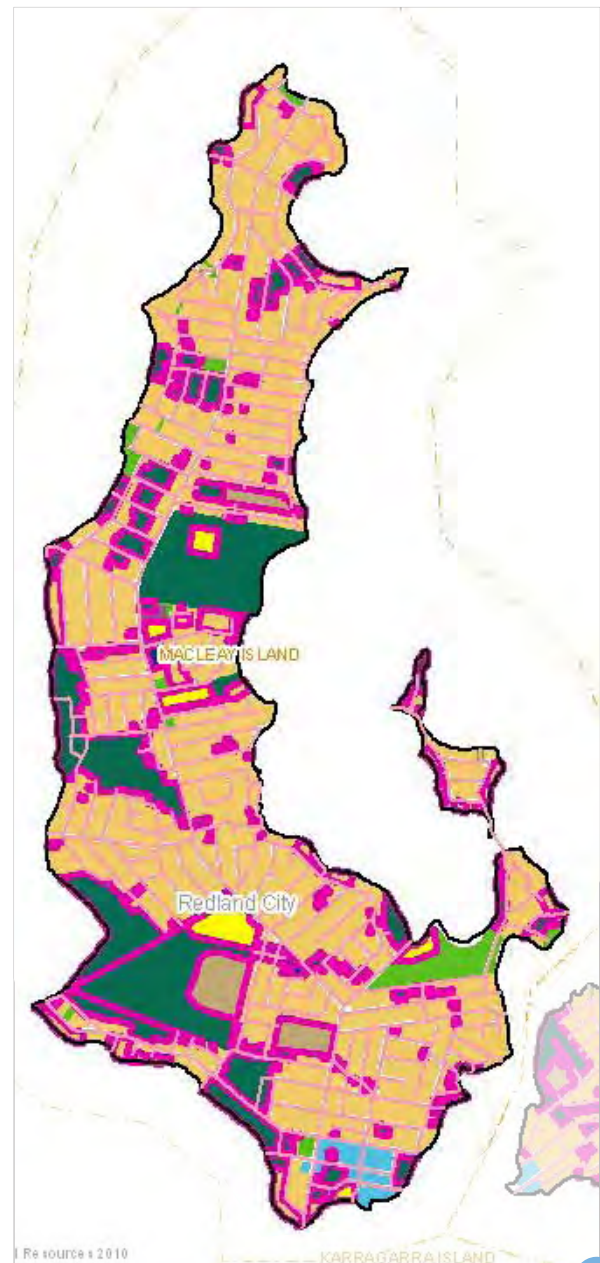


Figure 11-116: Extract map from Redland Planning Scheme

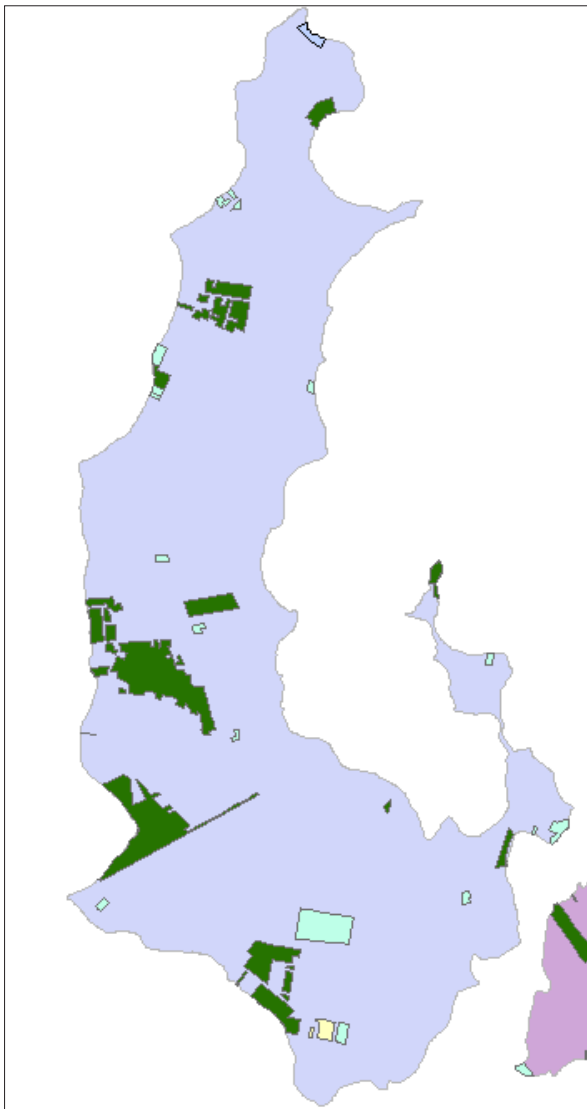


## Recommended key actions

- Pats Park (T1)
  - is the destination park on the SMBI due to its northerly aspect, accessible sandy beach, public amenities and swimming enclosure. The park also has a cenotaph and is the site of annual remembrance activities
  - Pats Park will continue to provide the following activities: swimming, toddler and primary play, a meeting place for young people, families and groups. The park was upgraded in 2011.
  - a footpath should be constructed in front of Pats Park to improve accessibility particularly for seniors attending memorial events at the Cenotaph
- Sentosa Street Park
  - is a toddler play park
  - upgrade with nature-based play and environmental education activities in and around the large fallen tree
- Corroboree Park
  - is a waterfront park with minimal activities
  - the water can be accessed by people for swimming and small craft for boating

- there is a large area suitable for kick-about and other ball sports (social cricket).
- upgrade the play activities for toddler and primary school aged children including shade
- it is recommended that visitors to the park take their own table and chairs as there is only one set in the park
- provide shaded picnic tables and seats over time
- provided additional physical activities in the future including a basketball court
- all improvements should be in keeping with the cultural heritage plan for the Southern Moreton Bay Islands
- Dalpura Street Parklands
  - is a group of small open space areas providing access to a sandy beach for swimming and relaxing, a boat ramp and picnic facilities
  - public toilets, constructed recently, provide residents and visitors with the opportunity for extended visits to this area
  - upgrade with toddler play facilities in the Whiting Street park
  - accessibility around the Dalpura Street Parklands would be greatly improved with a path system linking the public toilets, picnic facilities and water front
  - address erosion problems on the water front of Dalpura Beach as a matter of urgency
- South Sea Terrace Park (T2)
  - will be developed in the near future with a range of recreational facilities including a bmx track and skate area, toddler and primary play activities, relocated fitness stations, walking paths, and a space for festivals and events and where a ball could be kicked or hit with a bat. This will also be a great place to hang out and meet family and friends
- Karrawarra Street Park
  - is a bushland park setting providing a toddler play area and picnic spot that can be visited by nearby residents or by islanders when going to the shops across the road
- Western Road Park
  - upgrade this neighbourhood park in the future with toddler and primary play activities
- High Central Road Sportsfields
  - this park site may be able to meet the future need for court sports on Macleay Island as well as serving the needs of smaller islands.
  - the site is being planned at present (2012) and a range of sporting and recreation activities and facilities are being recommended. Provision of some or all of these activities will be subject to budget allocation and State Government subsidy over a number of years:
    - multi-use sports courts
    - community clubhouse
    - downhill jump park, mountain bike trail
    - multi-age adventure play space
    - exercise and fitness equipment
    - picnic areas
    - fenced dog exercise area

Figure 11-117: Open space areas in Neighbourhood 54





- amphitheatre/ performance space
- on-site parking
- a walking trail circuit
- local art to be celebrated in the park design
- Francis Road Park
  - a future neighbourhood park to serve the needs of adjacent and nearby residents
  - upgrade with toddler and primary school aged activities
  - provide a nature-based play area to take advantage of the natural area within the park
- Pecan Street Foreshore Park
  - this area will make an attractive foreshore park in the future with easy access to the water
  - investigate the feasibility of a boat ramp or other infrastructure to improve access to the water
  - upgrade with seating and picnic facilities
  - provide nature-based play activities relating to the site
- Citron Street Park
  - upgrade with seats in this neighbourhood park to serve as a rest stop for walkers on the SMBI Heritage Trail
  - upgrade with a local toddler play park for nearby residents
  - an area within the park could also be made available in the future for the establishment of a community garden
- Koonwarra Parade Foreshore Park
  - a future 2,800 m<sup>2</sup> neighbourhood park (when combined with the unformed road reserve)
  - the park is adjacent to a sandy beach
  - upgrade with seating and picnic facilities
  - provide access to the water
  - upgrade with primary play facilities (e.g. space net)
  - provide nature play
- Coast Road Foreshore Park
  - Council has acquired five lots of land to extend the Coast Road Foreshore Park to the south. The Macleay Island Arts Council and the Macleay Island Bowls Club are also on this Park. The addition of this land will allow better access to Sandpiper Beach
  - upgrade with seating and picnic facilities
  - provide toddler and nature-based play opportunities
  - upgrade with physical activities such as beach volleyball
  - provide an all-abilities access to the water front in the near future
- Aruma Street Park
  - Council has acquired a number of blocks near the corner of Kate and Aruma Streets to create a park at the northeast corner of the Balaka Street Urban Habitat.
  - the future neighbourhood park is central to the surrounding residences and has good street frontage to Kate Street.
  - recreation activities in this park will be sensitive to the environmental values of the site and the neighbouring urban habitat
  - upgrade with toddler
    - provide a nature-based play area
    - upgrade with a meeting place for young people
- Golden Sands Foreshore Park
  - re-align the road reserve to provide an esplanade road and an defined foreshore recreation area
  - provide nature based play
  - upgrade with seating and picnic tables
  - upgrade with fitness activity stations to compliment swimming
  - allow dog to run off leash along the corridor
  - the Boulevard requires a path system to provide a great foreshore walking experience
- The following improvements to footpaths should be undertaken:
  - path linkages between Tingara Street and Kim Crescent and Orana and Kalara Streets should be constructed as soon as possible. These linkages provide a walking trail system closer to the water and to water front parks
  - a path through Koonwarra Street from Baracoota to Morwong Street with improve access to the foreshore and through this open space
  - a footpath down Benowa Street and upper Coast Road will improve walkability to the bowls club and other community facilities in this area
- Additional ideas for improved access to the water for swimming, boating and camping;
  - at the end of Orion St - canoe/camping/seats
  - at the end of Nunkerri Drive – beach access and seats
  - end of Kooberry St (upper part of Golden Sands Boulevard) - viewing seat
  - 48 Coorong St - viewing seats
  - Parson's Point public land (canoe access/camping) - small scale outdoor recreation area
  - Sandpiper Beach - improved foreshore, water and beach access in front of community and club facilities
  - Thompsons Point - end of Wharf Street – park/ viewing point/fishing jetty (Old Kanaka jetty area)/ shelter
  - Perrebinga Point end Western Road - bird hide
  - Western Road – water access direct off end of Thomas Street viewing point -
  - 75 Beelong Street just south of Cow Bay (opp Cross Street) seating to enjoy the nice view from the higher level
  - at the end of Anglers Place, Perupla Island- upgrade the water access and provide seating and picnic facilities
  - at the end of Blue Vista Street, Perupla Island- upgrade seating and picnic facilities on the RCC owned land



## Neighbourhood 55

### Description

Lamb Island is one of the four Southern Moreton Bay Islands. It is 111 ha in area and is bounded by Moreton Bay (Marine Park). The SMBI are in the South East Queensland Regional Plan's Urban Footprint. The island is 2 km long and about 1 km across at its widest point.

### Land use

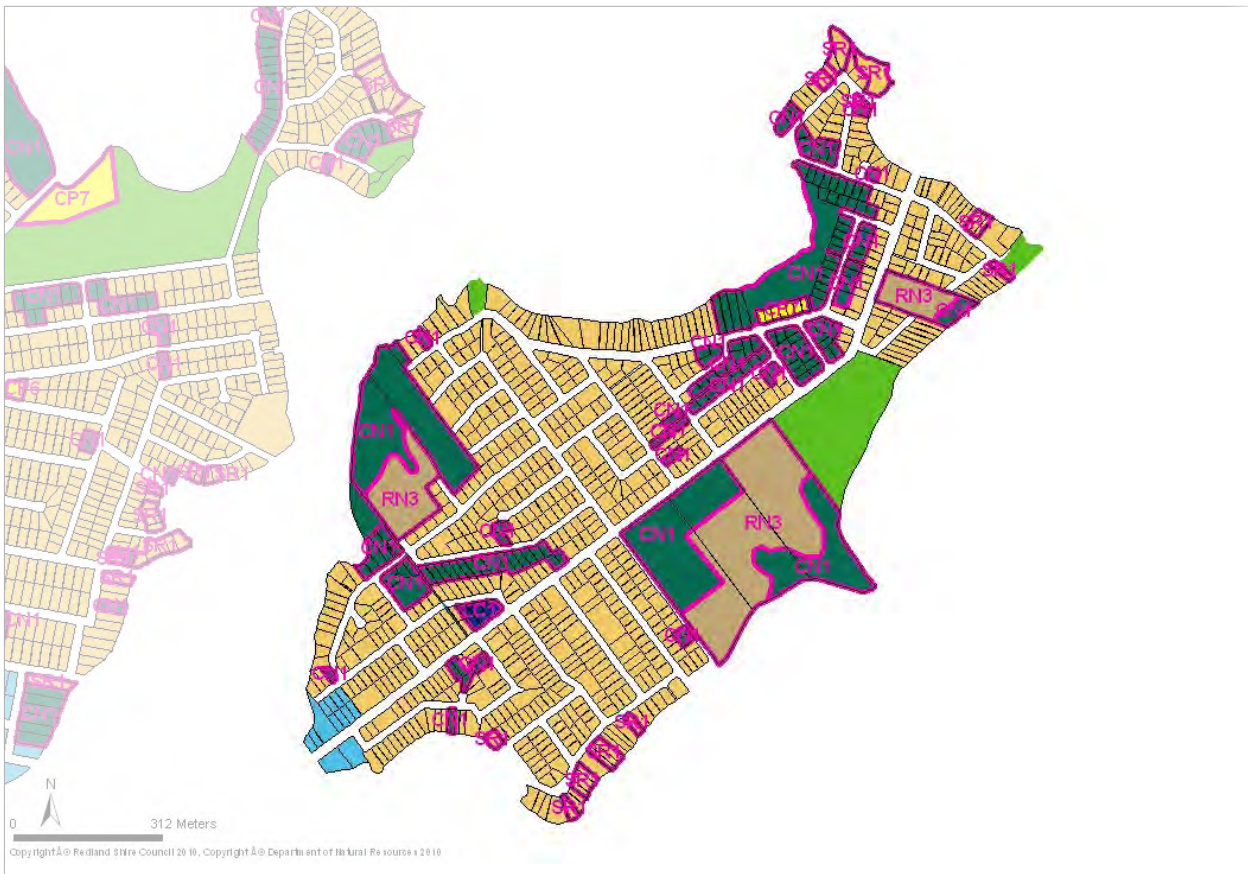
The SMBI have specific zones including SMBI Residential, Island Industry and SMBI Centre.

Lamb Island is generally SMBI residential with a small area of Community Purpose zoning for the transfer station, an SMBI Centre area, and a Local Centre, areas of Rural Non-Urban, and large areas of Conservation and Open Space.

Consistent with SMBI Residential are dwelling houses, home businesses, relative's apartments and small lot housing. The island land use form is a grid street system along a central road spine. The foreshore areas of the island are predominantly privately owned to the high water mark.



Figure 11-118: Extract map from Redland Planning Scheme



## Open space issues

The *SMBI Open Space Plan 2006* was the strategic response to meeting current and future shortfalls of parkland across all of the islands. The plan's recommendations have and are being implemented. The new city wide Open Space Strategy will make recommendations as to the best recreation, community and sporting use of the existing and future SMBI parks.

Existing open space is shown in Figure 11-119.

## Access issues

Pedestrian and cycle access around Lamb Island is predominantly along street and unformed footpaths where possible. A formed footpath system runs along Lucas Drive from Pioneer Park to the ferry terminal.

Footpaths along Halcyon Street and Perulpa Drive should be considered in the future to encourage walking and all-abilities movement around the island.

## Other matters

Tina Avenue Foreshore Park (which is part of the bay) and Melaleuca Drive Park should not be named parks any longer and re-assigned to other uses.

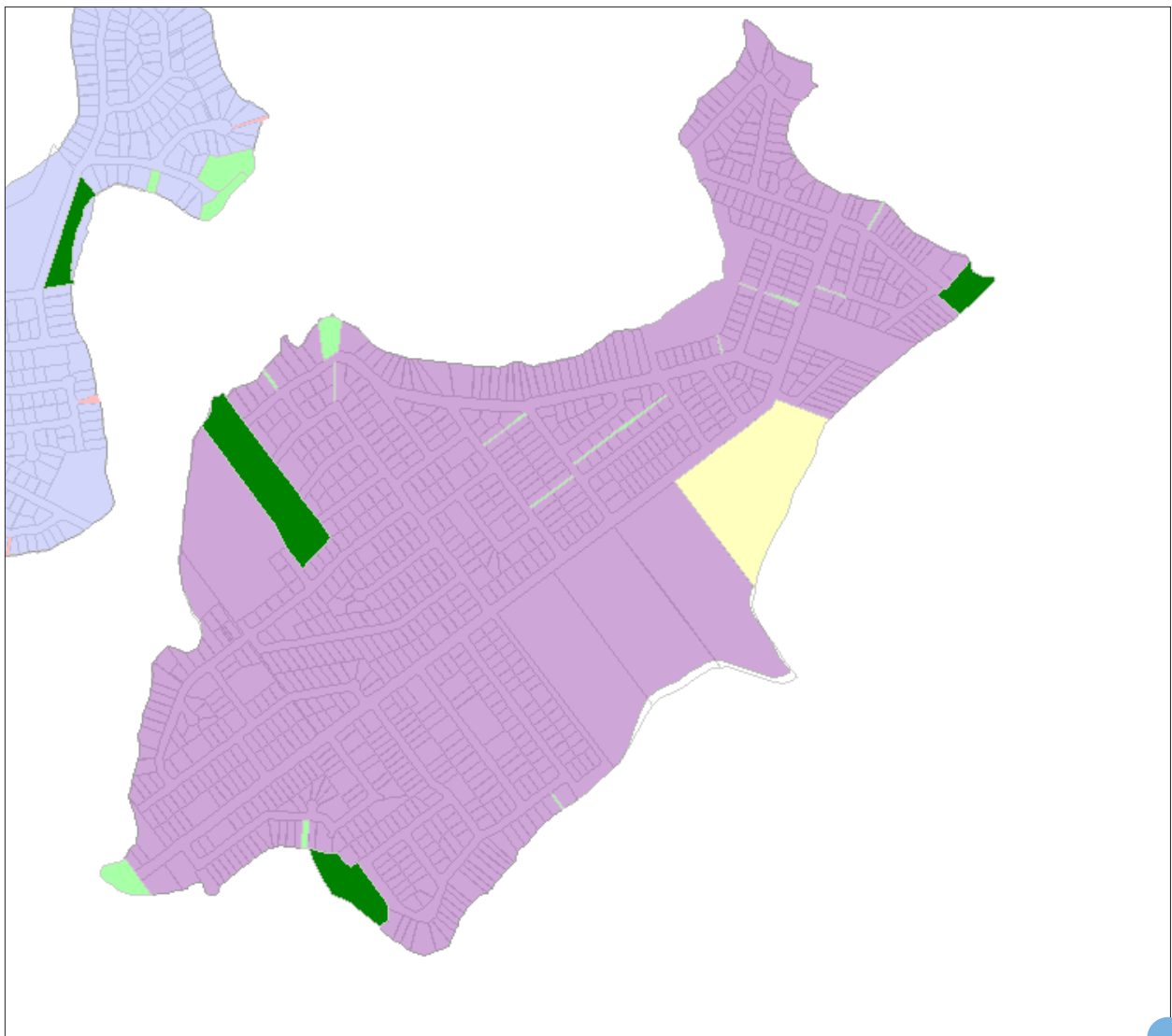
## Recommended key actions

- Pioneer Park is the island's main recreation area. A plan has been developed for the park to provide a wider range of activities and facilities for island residents and visitors.

At the moment the following activities can be undertaken:

- cricket and other field sport games
- picnicking
- swimming in the bay
- tennis
- toddler and primary play
- walking your dog off-lead

Figure 11-119: Open space areas in Neighbourhood 55



Proposed in the future are the following activities:

- lawn bowls
- canoe launching
- camping
- skateboard and BMX riding

There are also a number of buildings including a hall, a bowls club, public toilets and a Day Care Centre. The *Open Space Strategy 2026* supports the implementation of the park master plan over a ten-year period

- Ian Ward Road Reserve
  - provides direct access to the water
  - provide seating and picnic facilities
  - provide primary play equipment (the area is wide enough to accommodate increased uses)
  - construct a path through the road reserve to the water to improve access to the water and through the open space particularly during wet times
  - close the road and making the area an official park

## Neighbourhood 56

### Description

Karragarra Island is one of the four Southern Moreton Bay Islands. It is 52 ha in area and is bounded by Moreton Bay (Marine Park). The SMBI are in the South East Queensland Regional Plan's Urban Footprint. The island is 2 km long and 200m-300m wide for the most part.

### Land use

The SMBI have specific zones including SMBI Residential, Island Industry and SMBI Centre.

Karragarra Island is generally SMBI residential with a small area of Community Purpose zoning for the transfer station and fire shed. There are also areas of Rural Non-Urban, and small areas of Conservation and Open Space including an esplanade foreshore (see Figure 11-120).

Consistent with SMBI Residential are dwelling houses, home businesses, relative's apartments and small lot housing.

### Open space issues

The open space on Karragarra Island is made up of a small urban style park and a foreshore esplanade. There are also pockets of private and publicly owned conservation areas. The main community park is situated in conservation foreshore area that is constrained by a wetland and also by traffic and parking issues associated with the barge loading ramps and the water taxi jetty. Some of the foreshore open space is being redesigned and investigated through two Council processes at present including a parks plan for the foreshore park area and a wetland management plan for the neighbouring wetland area.



Figure 11-120: Extract map from Redland Planning Scheme



## Access issues

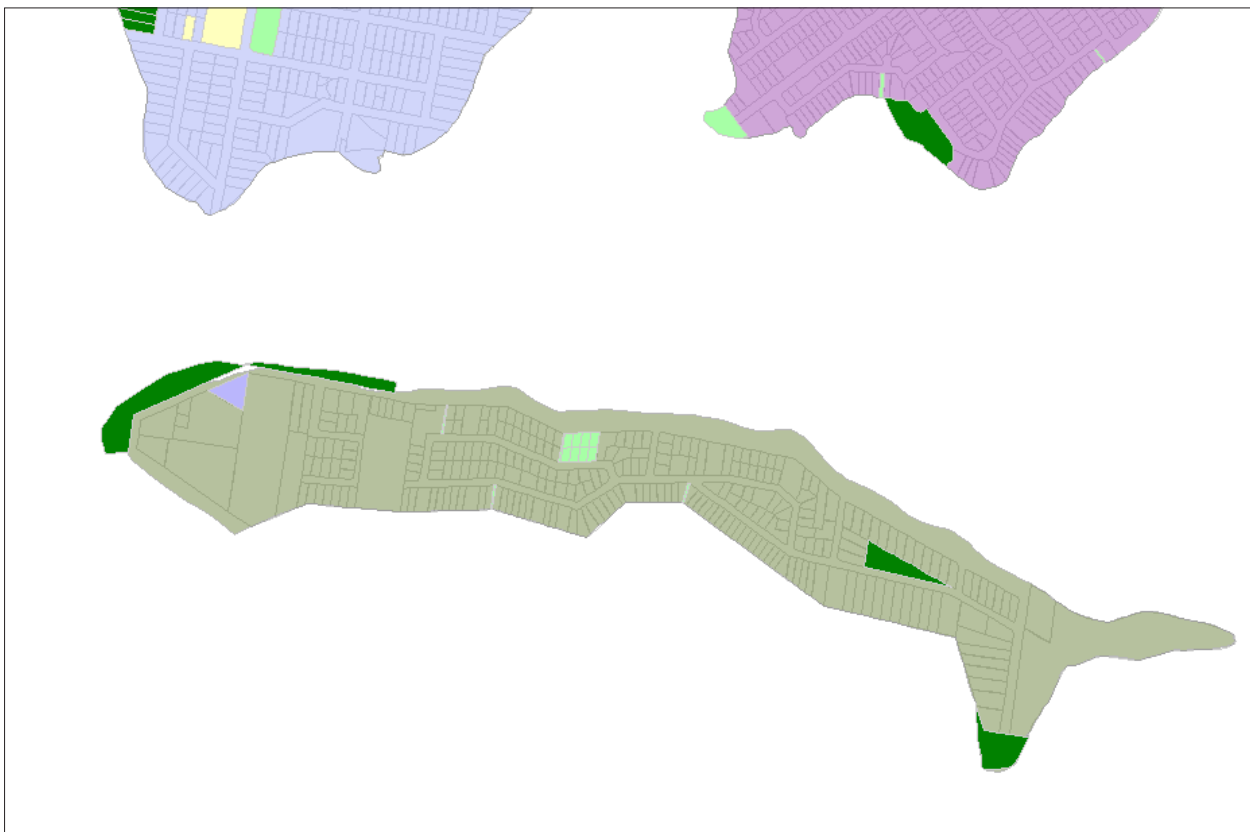
Pedestrian and cycle access around Karragarra Island is along street and unformed footpaths where possible. There are no formed footpaths on Karragarra.

The Esplanade should be considered a shared use zoned and upgraded to meet the standard.

## Recommended key actions

- Karragarra Island Community Park
  - provide a quiet haven beside the fire shed and the island's transfer station
  - tree planting around the park area protects the space from dust and noise from the transfer station
  - provide play activities for toddlers
  - provide play activities for primary school children
  - provide seating and picnic facilities
- Karragarra Island Foreshore Park
  - is one of the hubs of the island's community activities as well as a popular place for island visitors
  - the local island community have developed many picnic facilities in the park over the years. The area is being planned to address recreation opportunities, environmental management issues, traffic and parking for the future
  - the master plan will consider the future of play facilities in this park
  - join the shelter sheds to create a covered all purpose weather proof area and build a covered shelter over the electric BBQ positioned on the beach directly opposite including a power point
- Karragarra Island Foreshore
  - is the foreshore area that provides the swimming enclosure for safe swimming and bike parking areas
  - this area is also being considered in the planning of the parkland in this area (2011)
- Karragarra Island—The Esplanade
  - is a road reserve and undeveloped open space and could be considered in the future for a number of activities should the community request including:
    - community gardening
    - a fenced off-leash area for dogs to prevent ongoing use of conservation and foreshore areas for exercising dogs
    - physical activities such basketball exercise stations
    - a formalised walking and cycling circuit running east west along the Esplanade to East Road
- Karragarra Island Urban Habitat - Treasure Island Ave
  - investigate, in consultation with the Island Residents the best future recreation uses suitable in this urban habitat area.
  - the urban habitat is 4985 sqm and does have cleared areas that could be suitable to for recreation use for example a nature play space and picnic area

Figure 11-121: Open space areas in Neighbourhood 56





## Neighbourhood 57

### Description

Russell Island is the largest of the Southern Moreton Bay Islands. It is 1,430 ha in area and is bounded by Moreton Bay (Marine Park). The SMBI are in the South East Queensland Regional Plan's Urban Footprint. The island is 7 km long and approximately 2 km wide at its widest point.

### Land use

Russell Island has the full mix of land uses. The SMBI have specific zones that relate to just the SMBI including SMBI Residential, Island Industry and SMBI Centre. Russell Island also has areas of Community Purpose, Rural Non-Urban, and large areas of Conservation and Open Space. Consistent with SMBI Residential are dwelling houses, home businesses, relative's apartments and small lot housing.

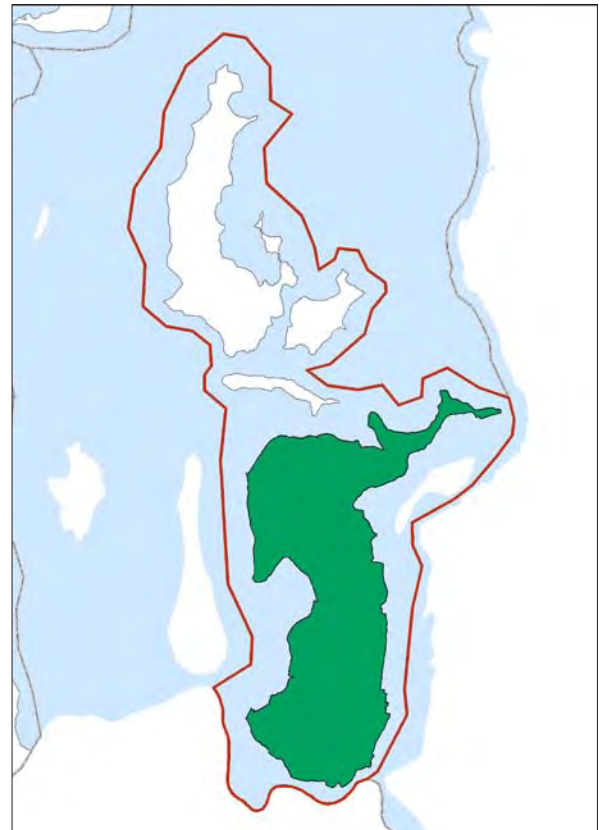
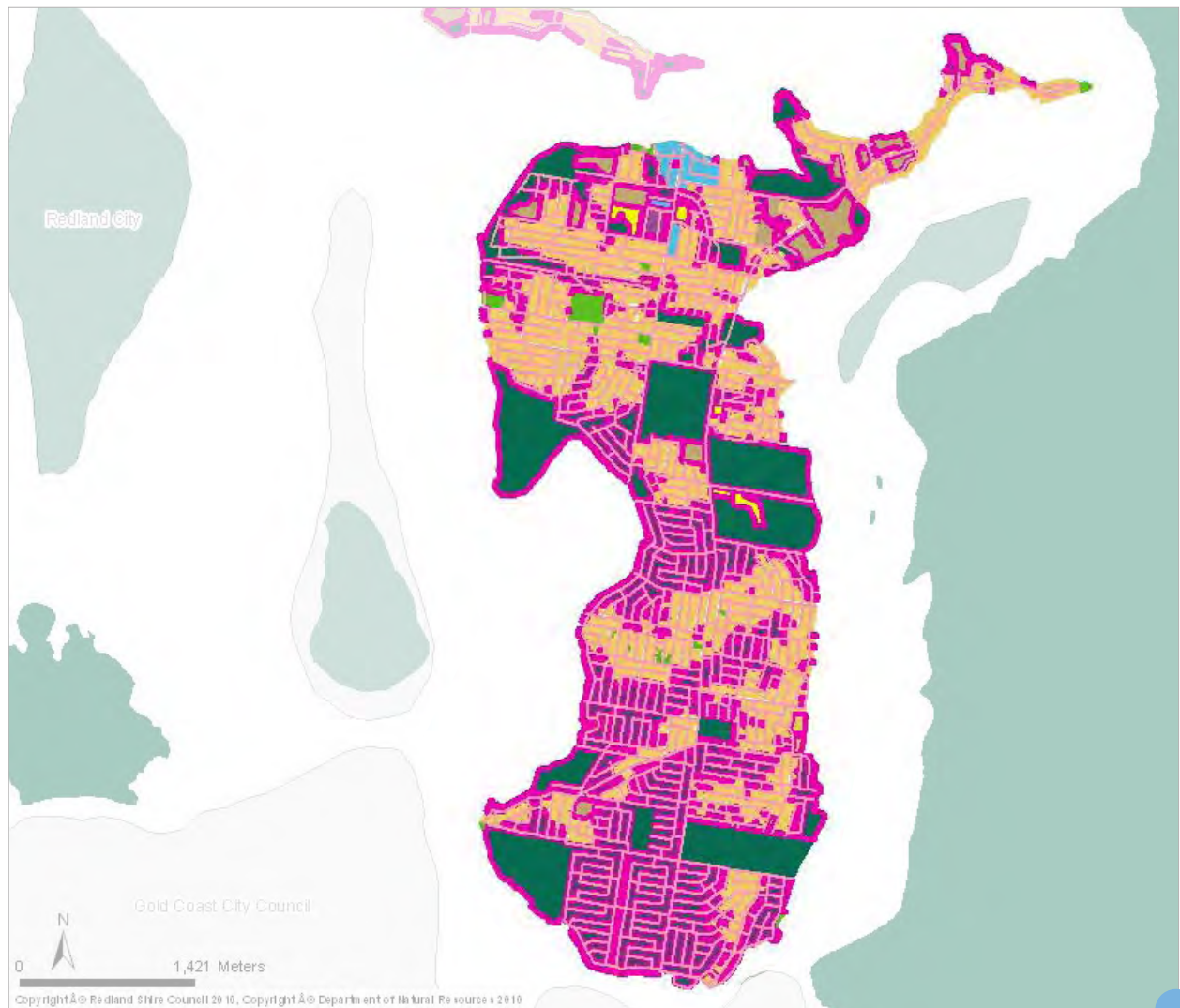


Figure 11-122: Extract map from Redland Planning Scheme



## Open space issues

The *SMBI Open Space Plan 2006* was the strategic response to meeting current and future shortfalls of parkland across all of the islands. The plan's recommendations have and are being implemented to date. The new city wide Open Space Strategy will make recommendations as to the best recreation, community and sporting use of the existing and future SMBI parks.

Existing open space is shown in Figure 11-123.

## Access issues

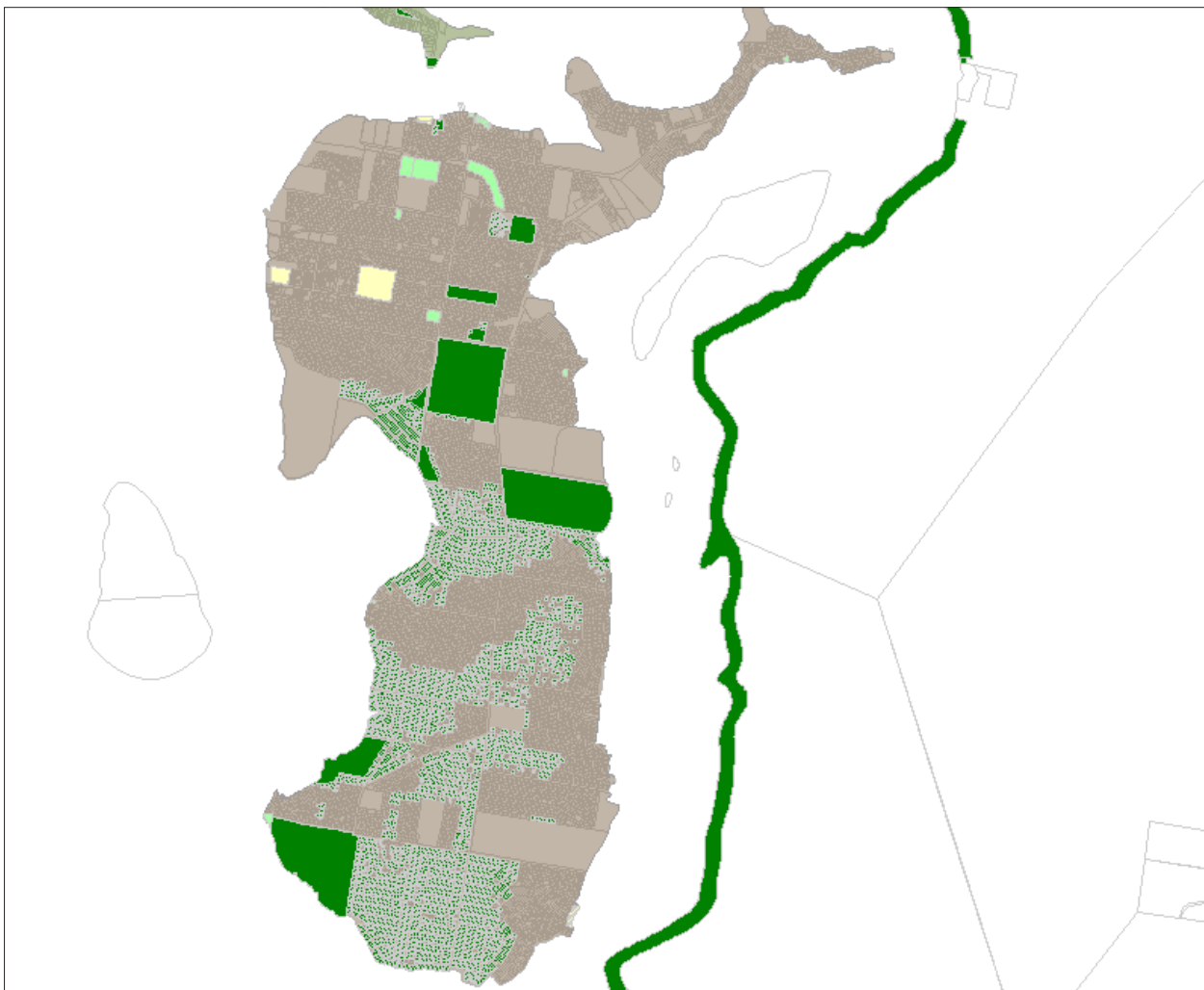
Pedestrian and cycle access around Russell Island is by streets and unformed footpaths. A formed footpath system runs along High Street and terminates at the Community Centre on Jackson Road. It is recommended that the footpath be extended all the way to the cricket oval to encourage walking and use of the sporting facilities. Footpaths need to be constructed in and around the Russell Island Sport and Recreation Park and Jock Kennedy Park including a path along Bayview Road and through Bayview Road Urban Habitat and along Cavendish Road and Robert Street. A cycleway and footpath system along Canaipa Road will also

provide increased accessibility for residents who live on the peninsula to island services and parks.

## Other Matters

The continued acquisition of land for Southern Russell Island Conservation Park and its development will offer fantastic environmental education and eco-tourism based opportunities in the future for island residents and visitors.

Figure 11-123: Open space areas in Neighbourhood 57



## Recommended key actions

- Jock Kennedy Park
  - is one of only a few parks that have direct access to the bay
  - the park will be soon be upgraded to provide a kick-about space, toddler and primary school aged play opportunities and a public toilet for the comfort of park and boat ramp users and residents walking around the neighbourhood
  - adjacent to the park is a new boat ramp and car park.
- Lions Boulevard Park
  - is a water access park
  - the park will be extended to the north and the south in accordance with its parks
  - provided toddler and primary play
  - provide picnicking
  - provide a kick about space
  - the unformed northern part of the park is used for boat launching and car parking
  - provide public toilets enabling extend stays
- Alison Crescent Park
  - is an open space on Hawthornden Drive near the ferry terminal
  - currently it is providing car parking areas
  - define both car parking and park uses with bollards
  - protect the existing trees
  - develop as a focal and meeting point for visitors and the area complements the local shopping centre
  - developed into usable parkland suitable for picnics and outdoor dining
  - develop synergies with the community hall
- Kings Road Park
  - a future neighbourhood park, currently mown but without facilities
  - provide a kick about space
  - provide toddler and primary aged play facilities
- Vista Street Park
  - is an elevated and scenic future neighbourhood park
  - upgrade with large picnic shelters and tables and seating
- Jackson Road Parklands
  - is a community and sports precinct currently home to the Bay Islands Community Services, Russell Island Fire Services, Community Workshop and the Russell Island Bowls Club
  - a 2011 landscape master plan recommends enhancing the area with a festival and events space (community green) and improved path systems, extended car parking, and an additional bowling green
  - the basketball half-court and ramp will stay in place for the time being
- High Street Nature Belt Park
  - is a 4.0 ha area, with its mix of cleared and treed areas, will make an ideal site for a large dirt BMX facility and recreation area in the future
- the heavily treed area will be managed for conservation purposes
- Yacht Street Park
  - five lots will be amalgamated to create space for a toddler and primary play aged activities to serve the needs of adjacent and nearby residents
- Harvey Street Walkway
  - opposite the Jackson Road Community Precinct will provide a walkable link from homes to the Community and Sport Precinct
  - provide a concrete path
- Villa Wood Road Park
  - three lots will be amalgamated in the future to create space for a future toddler and primary play activities and a meeting place for young people near to a future local shopping centre
- Turtles Swamp Wetlands
  - develop a trail head in the future as an entry point to walking trails in this conservation area and nearby Whistling Kite Wetlands (e.g. car parking, interpretive signage, and environmental information)
  - develop walking tracks/board walks in either of the these conservations areas in association with the future development of the Russell Island Conservation Park
- Tooloona Avenue Park
  - is a future neighbourhood park with good road frontage and mature trees and will make an ideal park for toddler and primary aged play and as a meeting place for young people when the nearby population grows
- Cowderoy Drive Park
  - is a future small neighbourhood park between Cowderoy Avenue and Canaipa Ridge Road that will serve the needs of residents in this vicinity as an off-leash area for dogs
- Centre Road Park
  - in the future a number of lots will be amalgamated into a neighbourhood park adjacent to a future local shopping centre.
  - provide toddler and primary aged play activities
  - provide a shelter and picnic table and seats and a meeting place for young people
- Trevanna Avenue Park and Monaco Avenue Parks
  - a future neighbourhood parks providing seating to support walking
- Cunningham Avenue Park
  - is a future neighbourhood park with mature trees
  - provide a nature area play
  - provide a dog off-leash area only if required
  - provide seating
- Rocky Point Park
  - is a lookout park with a fantastic aspect to the south across the water
  - provide a picnic node and lookout point should be developed here for local residents and island visitors that happen upon this part of the island



- Russell Island Sport and Recreation Park
  - is a 4.7 sports park on Union Street
  - the land was acquired in March 2008 and since this time Council has undertaken extensive site remediation and clean up as well as bringing the old farmhouse up to compliance standards for community use
  - a park plan has been prepared for the site with input from the community and Council is now seeking funding support from the State and Federal Governments for construction
  - the recreation and sporting activities that will be supported on-site include;
    - facilities for toddler and primary play activities,
    - community gardening
    - walking and fitness circuits
    - multi-purpose courts (tennis, basketball etc)
    - a sports field for social and competitive ball sports
    - an area for young people to meet should be developed
  - the park should be assessed for commercial activities
  - provide an all abilities path access into the through the park
- Jackson Road Oval
  - provides a playing space for cricket and social sports and kick-about
  - there is also an associated toddler play area and a public toilet
  - the park should be assessed for commercial use by personal trainers
- Bay Islands Pioneer Children's Memorial Park
  - currently provides toddler play and an enclosed dog off-leash area
  - replace the toddler play equipment with primary school aged equipment
- High Street Park
  - is a meeting place park adjacent to the barge and ferry terminal
  - the park also provides a safe, enclosed Moreton Bay swimming opportunity on a sandy beach
  - provide a multi-aged play deck
- Bayview Road Urban Habitat
  - this large (0.5 ha) parcel of land increases access to the foreshore and is an important link between the Russell Island commercial areas and Jock Kennedy Park
  - upgrade the path system through the habitat
- Cutler Drive Park
  - create a BMX park for residents in this location in the future
- Signage
  - develop a strategy for improving signage around Russell Island to help residents and visitors find their way around particularly to the parks, reserved and points of interest

## Shortfall

- Access to recreational parkland and activities along Canaipa Road and Canaipa Point Drive is limited or nonexistent. The residents at the end of the point are approximately 4 km from the island centre and recreation activities provided in public parkland. Consideration will be given to acquiring additional

Gorge Walk—Point Lookout



parkland along the peninsula to cater for the future recreation needs of residents.

- Future water access points (for small vessels - e.g. kayaks) on Canipa Point for consideration for upgrading or making water access safer:
  - Cnr Michel and Bay Drive - narrow waterfront easement
  - Thompson Esplanade - unused road reserve
  - Mangrove Place (Council owned road) middle of Emerson St
  - Road Reserve middle of Oasis Drive
  - end of Hill Street extension
- Access from Jock Kennedy Park to the Russell Island Sport and Recreation Park could be strengthened through the acquisition of vacant land on Cavendish Street. A pathway could be constructed to link the two.