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## Catchment and neighbourhood assessments

The following analysis assesses provision of recreation activities and embellishments at the catchment and neighbourhood level (see Section 6 for a description of catchments and neighbourhoods).

There are six catchments and 54 neighbourhoods that cover the current and future urban areas of the mainland, the three urban settlements of North Stradbroke Island, Coochiemudlo Island and the four Southern Moreton Bay Islands.

The catchment level analysis considers factors such as:

- the provision of a diversity of recreation opportunities and sporting activities across each catchment and whether they can be better linked to provide recreation corridors
- does the built form encourage people to be physically active i.e. is riding a bicycle or walking a viable and attractive alternative to car travel for shorter trips?
- within the catchment are there issues with crossing major roads or other barriers and are there any solutions?
- where does medium density housing exist and where is it planned? Is it well serviced by recreation opportunities in public and private open space?
- are there any 'hidden gems' that should be secured for open space?
- are the footpaths and walkways linked and logical?

There is a suite of recreation embellishments that Council believes should be provided, over time, in each catchment. Key elements include:

- dynamic or fixed physical activity stations
- outdoor wedding and ceremony spaces
- ramp parks
- a major all-abilities playground complemented with large picnic areas
- community gardens<sup>1</sup>
- a number of fenced or unfenced dog off-leash areas
- public art in suitable locations
- meeting places for young people
- access to nature on bushwalking trails
- access to a range of sporting codes
- a place for festival and events

Additionally, some sites may lend themselves for use by commercial operators, for example personal trainers and these have been identified and recommended for assessment. Council may pursue these opportunities where it does not detract from public enjoyment of the area.

At the neighbourhood level every recreation and sport open space has been inspected to assess its current role in providing recreation opportunities and whether it has capacity to take on additional or different roles, and even whether it should have its use changed—usually because it replicates the facilities and experiences of an open space area very nearby.

Each open space area was assessed for:

- its recreation function and hierarchy role
- what the park is being used for and what it could be used for
- issues, opportunities or constraints concerning the most suitable functioning of the park
- the surrounding roads and paths to determine if the parks and open spaces can be easily and safely accessed
- location to a medium density zoned area

In terms of embellishment, the assessments were looking at the suitability of a park or open space to provide for the following activities:

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<sup>1</sup> Council's role will be in providing sites to suitably incorporated groups to develop a community garden. Council will not be providing the infrastructure

- a space for kicking a ball, including goal posts
- suitability as a potential site for a community garden
- any natural areas that may be suited to natural play
- features or other aspects that would allow for nature-based play
- toddler and primary school age play
- teenage meeting places or teenage play
- physical activity stations
- dog off-leash areas
- commercial use opportunities
- heritage trees or structures

**Importantly, it should be noted:**

1. **the activities recommended for each park, if supported by the community following an extensive consultation period, will be delivered in a priority order**
2. **the overall time frame for delivery of the strategy's recommendations is 14 years (2012—2026)**
3. **many of the embellishments will not be provided until the existing asset in the park is due for renewal and replacement**
4. **the recommendations will inform the asset management program of Council which has, as a priority, management and renewal of existing assets**

*Wellington Point Recreation Reserve*



## Map Legends

### Planning Scheme

The following legend should be used to interpret the Redland Planning Scheme maps in each Neighbourhood Analysis. So as not to clutter the page it is not repeated throughout.

Redland Planning Scheme	
Conservation	
Open Space	
Community Purpose	
Rural Non Urban	
Environment Protection	
Park Residential	
Commercial Industry	
General Industry	
Major Centre	
District Centre	
Neighbourhood Centre	
SMBI Centre	
Local Centre	
Medium Density Residential	
Low Density Residential	
SMBI Residential	
Point Lookout Residential	
Urban Residential	
Emerging Urban Community	

### Open Space Maps

Similarly to above the following legend should be used to interpret the open space plan maps in each Neighbourhood Analysis.

It should be noted that the classifications reflect the current system as defined in the Redland Open Space Plan 2004—2016. These will be changed to reflect the current terminology and definitions on adoption by Council of this Strategy.

Open Space Plan 2004-2016 Park Catchment Names	
Regional Recreation or Sport Park	
District Recreation or Sport Park	
Local Park	
Conservation Reserve	

## Catchment 6

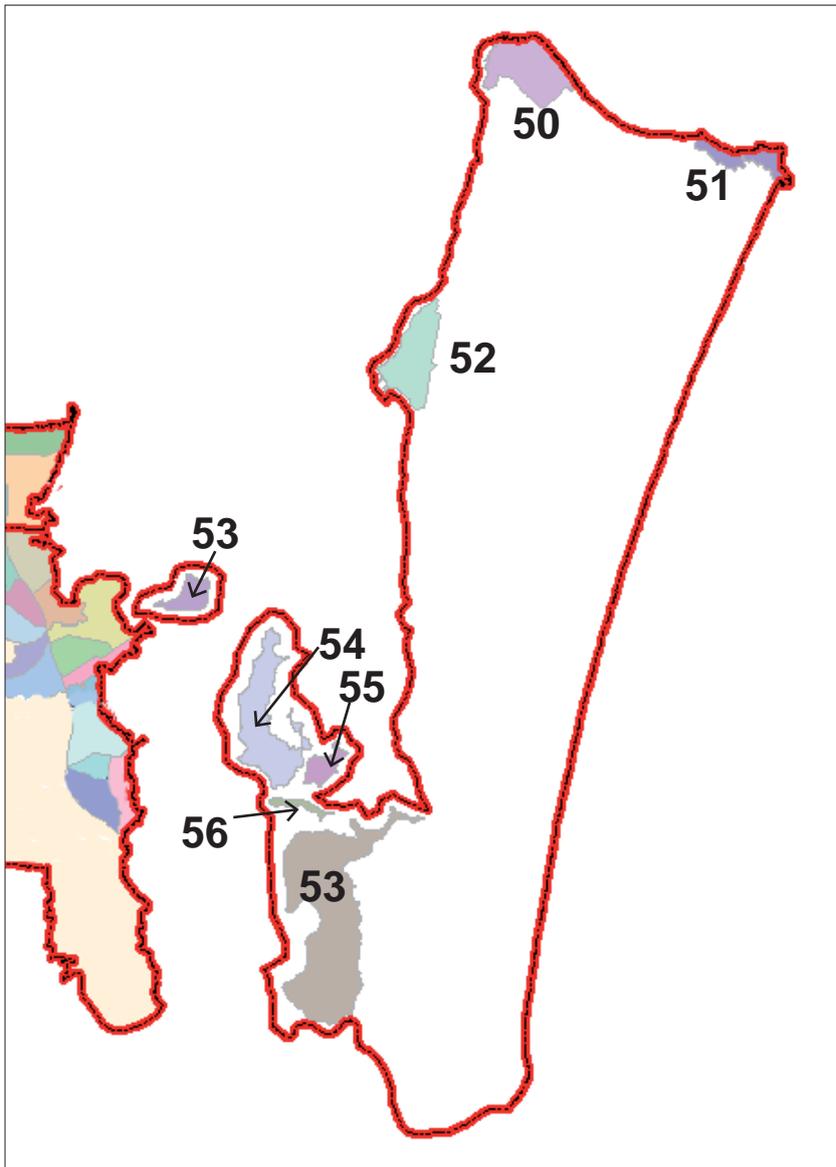
Catchment 6 is recognised in the *Redlands Social Infrastructure Strategy 2009* as three separate, but for the provision of services, interrelated catchments. They are:

- Catchment 6a—North Stradbroke Island
- Catchment 6b—Coochiemudlo Island
- Catchment 6c—Southern Moreton Bay Islands

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

The following discussions consider the provision of desired standards of service in the three catchments. Figure 11-107 shows the neighbourhoods within Catchment 6.

Figure 11-107: Neighbourhoods in Catchment 6



## Catchment 6a

Catchment 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 but they are provided in 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

North Stradbroke Island is in transition to being largely a national park. Even now the Island has considerable levels of national park and conservation areas.

The community on the Island have ready access to many natural areas, including beautiful beaches and are well supplied in this particular regard.

### Wedding and ceremonies

Point Lookout is perhaps the most popular location in the city for park weddings and ceremonies. There are a number of sites within Point Lookout that can be booked for wedding services and 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 during 2012.

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

## Skateboard riding and BMX

Ramp parks are provided in Point Lookout and Amity Point with Dunwich having two facilities.

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:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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
4. 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 Catchment 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 is undertaking a refurbishment of Point Lookout Community Hall (and library) during 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 are many beaches and informal boat ramps across the island so access to water-based recreation is relatively easy (though a license is required to launch from the 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

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

## Catchment level recreation parks

The following parks are recommended as T2 catchment level parks:

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

## School facilities

There is only one school on North Stradbroke Island:

- Dunwich State School is a P-8 school

## Outdoor recreation opportunities

The following outdoor recreation activities are available in catchment 6a:

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

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

- access to Moreton Bay for boating, fishing, snorkelling and diving
- visiting and respecting Brown Lake and Blue Lake
- one day easy access to a national park
- four-wheel driving on beaches
- sand-boarding down sand blows
- surf beaches and quiet beaches
- swimming and picnicking at The Keyholes

## Neighbourhood 50

### Description

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

The Neighbourhood is approximately 500 ha in size.

### 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. Unfortunately

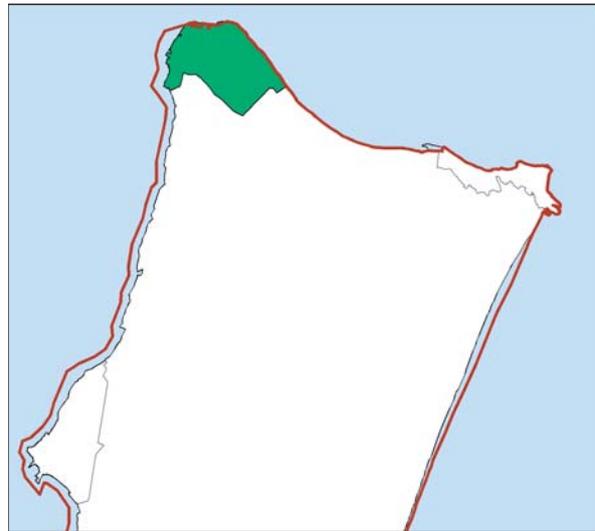


Figure 11-108: Extract map from Redland Planning Scheme



it has been allowed to develop in a piecemeal fashion so that functionally, it is very poor. For instance, views of the water are blocked by a tennis clubhouse, old toilet block and the fence of the tennis court, and the entrance gate opens straight onto the half-court. The park needs a simple master plan to be developed so that its design can be improved as elements are replaced.

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 natural playground 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.

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

### Other matters

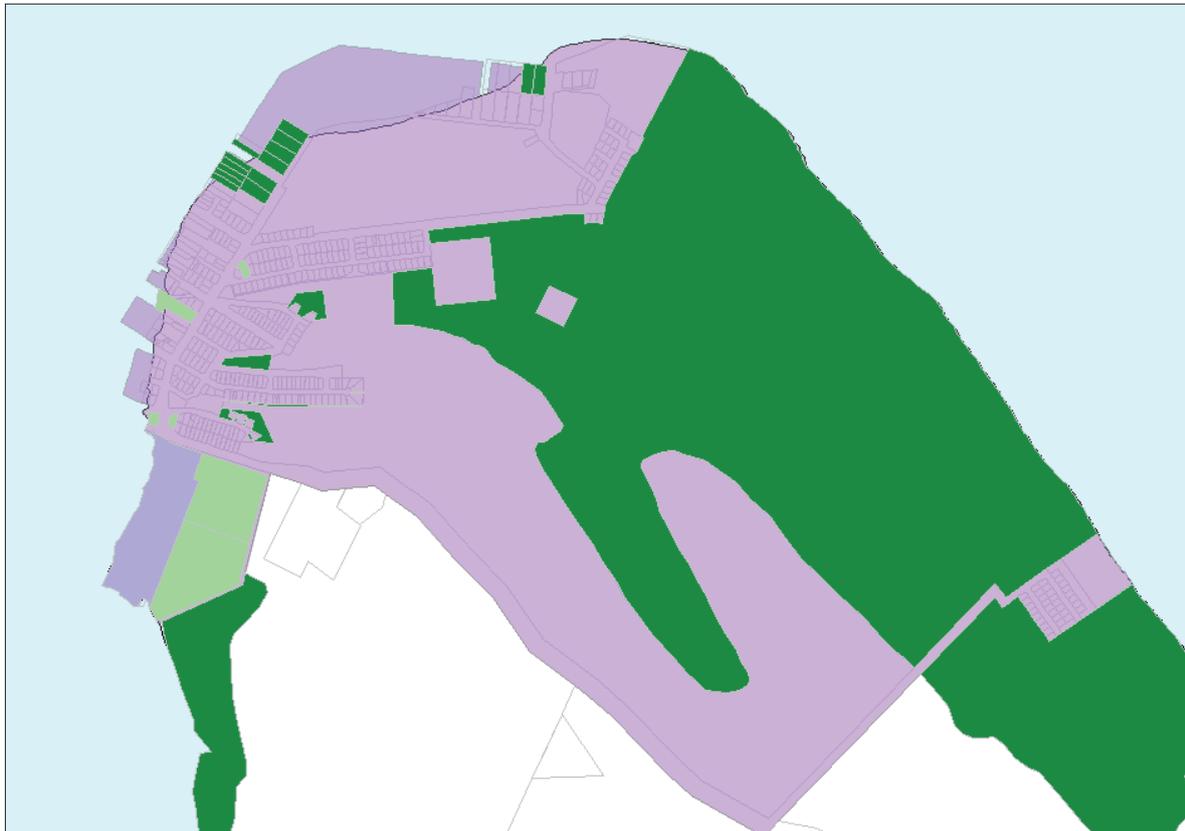
The *North Stradbroke Island: Overview—Sites and Commercial Uses*, prepared by Council in 2010 has considered the commercial use of open space areas in Amity Point.

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.

### Overview of proposed key actions

1. within Llewelyn Street Park:
  - replace all wood burning barbecues with a small number of electric barbecues
  - review night lighting levels in the Park and add lights if required
  - continue the pathway to connect to Amity Point Jetty
2. within Old School House Park develop a master 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)
3. Flinders Beach does not have a designated park. However, there is land at the eastern end of Cumberland Street linking to Providence Street that could be

Figure 11-109: Open space areas in Neighbourhood 50



transformed into a park. Some basic improvements should be added in the first instance to designate the space and improve the park over time. The park's main purpose would be to act as a community meeting space

4. within 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 in the Park 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)
5. 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 Llewelyn Street 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
6. 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.

## Shortfall

In this neighbourhood it has not been possible to find a location for a community garden.

## Neighbourhood 51

### Description

Neighbourhood 51 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.

The Neighbourhood is approximately 217 ha in size.

### 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

With Point Lookout being set within conservation land, and having ready access to extensive beaches, it is considered that residents and visitors have ample opportunity for natural area walking and recreation experiences (see Figure 11-111).

A master plan is currently being developed for Headland Park and this is expected to be finalised in 2012. Key activities expected in the master plan for this park include:

- upgraded public amenities block and car park area



Figure 11-110: Extract map from Redland Planning Scheme



- shelters, barbecues, table settings, drinking fountains and bins, to improve overall park usability and amenity
- 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, softfall zones and multi-age play components

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

Similarly, Point Lookout Oval has a draft landscape master plan that 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 for 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 then Moolooba Road.

Figure 11-111: Open space areas in Neighbourhood 51



## Overview of proposed key actions

1. continue to develop Cylinder Beach and Cylinder Headland parklands in accordance with the adopted master plan.  

The playground is in need of an upgrade as it is heavily used during tourist season and is showing 'its age'.
2. develop Point Lookout Oval in accordance with its master plan. In finalising the design a location for physical activity stations needs to be found
3. add a natural play experience to Endeavour Park
4. implement the master plan for Headland Park. Develop play opportunities for older children in the detailed design and implement when resources allow
5. a community garden site could be located at the southwestern end of Bimba Street
6. upgrade Adder Rock Park playground with multi-age equipment
7. when development of the Point Lookout Community Hall is complete assess the need to upgrade the playground for toddlers and primary aged children

## Neighbourhood 52

### Description

Neighbourhood 52 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.

The Neighbourhood is approximately 440 ha in size.

### Land use

The residential areas are mainly zoned urban residential. There is very little medium density zoned land—only two small areas (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 essentially unembellished. The park skirts the foreshore between Ron Stark Oval and Bradburys Beach Caravan Park. A master plan needs to be developed to guide the long term development of the space. Community consultation would be a key component of developing the master plan.

Parson Street Park is, essentially, an undeveloped house block. There are no improvements. Council should review the need for this 'park' and reallocate use or dispose if it is not required.

Similarly Mallon Street Park is not developed as a park and is a large parcel of land (more than 5 ha). Council uses part of the site for stockpiling soil. It may be possible to relocate this activity out of the urban area and this should be investigated. The future of the balance of the site then needs to be considered in consultation with the Quandamooka People, local residents and relevant authorities.

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 unacceptable impacts.

## Access issues

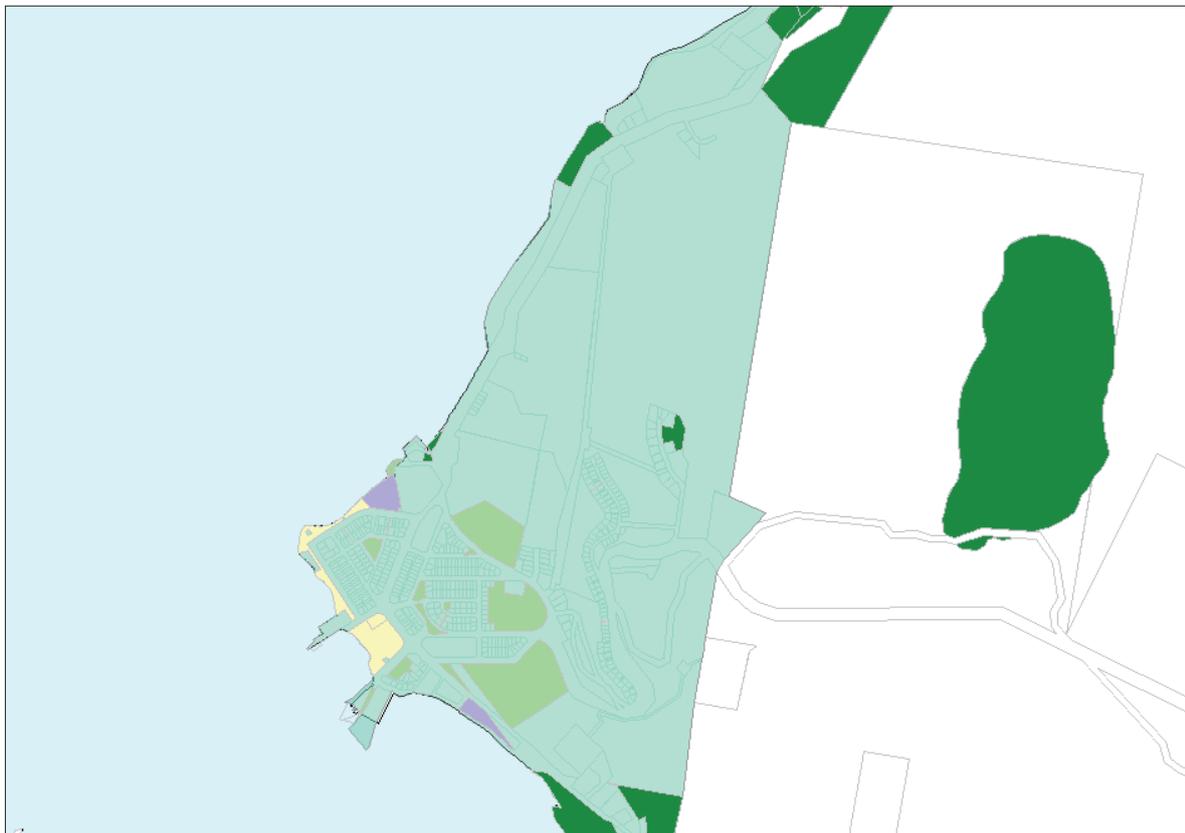
There are limited paths in Dunwich. Those that exist are concentrated around the commercial areas, connect to the ferry and connect up the ridge to the elevated housing behind Dunwich.

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.

## Overview of proposed key actions

1. apply to close the road reserve that runs through Barton Street Park—which is where the skate bowl is located
2. improvements in Junner South Street Park include:
  - 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)
3. install rugby league posts in Bob Wilson Park to create a kick-about area (away from the playground). Provide shade to the playground and basketball court

Figure 11-113: Open space areas in Neighbourhood 52



4. allocate some space in Mallon Street Park for a community garden. Discuss with residents and the Quandamooka People options for the long term use of the balance of the site. Consider relocating Council's use of the site for soil banking to an alternate, out-of-town location
5. at Ron Stark Oval:
  - 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

*Playground in Bob Wilson Park*



## Catchment 6b report

Catchment 6b is Coochiemudlo Island.

This catchment 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 catchment parks:

- picnicking along the beach and water front including Coochiemudlo Island Foreshore (Main Beach, Pioneer Park and Norfolk Beach)
- the master plan for the Coochiemudlo foreshore area in development (2011) is recommending an overhaul of the picnic facilities and the development of new picnic areas

### Exercising dogs off-leash

The only DOLA is on the Coochiemudlo Island Foreshore (west) along Main Beach.

### Access to nature

The bay and the beach are the main natural areas 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

Consideration should be given to developing a special area within the Coochiemudlo Island Foreshore parkland to accommodate weddings and other ceremonies. This would be undercover and able to be booked especially for this type of event. Toilets are always a consideration when encouraging large gatherings in parks including weddings. 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 ceremony venues in the future.

### Skate board riding and BMX

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

### Sport

- Laurie Burns Sportsfields currently provide facilities for tennis, croquet and cricket. These activities will be provided for into the future
- Coochiemudlo Island Golf Course (nine holes and clubhouse facilities)

## 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 major events to date and with improvements being considered as part of the parks master planning for Coochiemudlo Island Foreshores and Laurie Burns Sportsfields the island will be able to host even better festivals and events in the future.

### Park user comfort

The Coochiemudlo Island Foreshore has four public toilets located in the Foreshore (west), Pioneer Park (Main Beach precinct), at Norfolk Beach Foreshore and Flinders Foreshore (Morwong Beach). 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 assessments should be undertaken in the following parks:

- Coochiemudlo Island Foreshore including all beaches
- Laurie Burns Sportsfields

### 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 parks

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

## Catchment level recreation parks

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

## School facilities

There are no schools in the catchment.

## Outdoor recreation opportunities

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

- 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 and recreating at the Emerald Fringe—Coochiemudlo Island Foreshore

## 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 Recreation Reserve. 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 open space on Coochiemudlo Island is made up of the Laurie Burns Recreation Reserve 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).

There is an adopted Land Management Plan for conservation of the Emerald Fringe and a landscape plan is currently in development for the main public recreation areas of the Emerald Fringe (2011). The landscape plan 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.

A landscape plan is also in development for Laurie Burns Recreation Reserve. 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 master plans currently in development (2011) will recommend new footpaths around the foreshore parkland area to improve accessibility and reduce degradation and erosion due to high levels of pedestrian, cycle and vehicle use of the conservation foreshore.

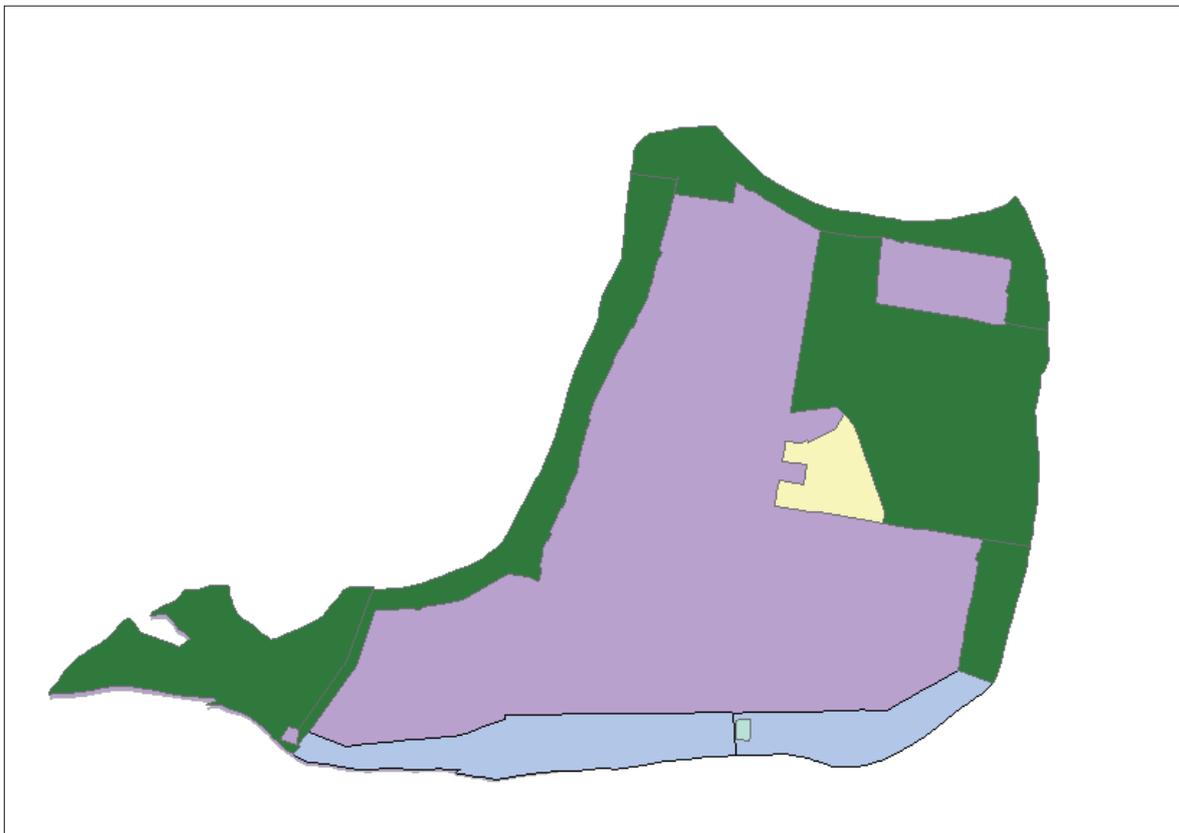
## Other matters

The landscape master plans for the foreshore open space and Laurie Burns Recreation Reserve, being undertaken by City Space, Public Place Projects Unit are still in development and are not adopted Council plans as yet (December 2011).

## Overview of Proposed Key Actions

1. Laurie Burns Recreation Reserve—a landscape master plan is in development (2011) and is proposing providing the following recreation and sporting opportunities in the reserve:
  - an upgraded cricket oval and kick-about area that also provides the landing area for helicopters
  - spectator areas
  - nature-based play
  - a meeting and activity space for young people
  - a festival and event space with a stage area and power
  - walking and cycling paths

Figure 11-115: Open space areas in Neighbourhood 53



Additionally:

- the park will continue to be used for tennis and croquet
  - the Community Recreation Club will be expanded
  - a Community Workshop will be developed (Men's Shed)
  - access and parking will be improved
  - the community use areas of the park will be consolidated
  - drainage will be improved and re-vegetation will be undertaken
2. Coochiemudlo Island Foreshore (Main Beach West)—a landscape master plan is in development (2011) and is proposing providing the recreation opportunities in the foreshore reserve:
    - continued provision of the dog off-leash beach
    - path systems for improved walking and cycling
    - additional and improved picnic facilities with barbecues and shelters
  3. Pioneer Park (Main Beach Central)—a landscape master plan is in development (2011) and is proposing the following recreation opportunities in the foreshore reserve:
    - improved public toilet facilities with showers for after swimming
    - improved access to the boat ramp with better car parking
    - path systems for improved walking and cycling
    - a meeting and activity hub for young people and a new arrival and meeting place
    - improved ferry terminal area that provides shelter and all-abilities pedestrian access
    - an upgraded play area for toddlers and primary school aged children

- upgraded picnic facilities
- enhancement of the existing area for markets, festivals and events
- a kick-about space

Also proposed for this part of the foreshore are a new RSL Memorial and public art features.

Coochiemudlo Island Foreshore (Main Beach East and Norfolk Beach)—a landscape master plan is in development (2011) and is proposing providing the recreation opportunities in the foreshore reserve:

- path systems for improved walking and cycling
  - nature-based play
  - improved access to the beach for swimming and beach activities
  - a Coochie Lookout for viewing Macleay Island and pods of dolphins
  - improved public toilets
  - an area set aside for a local community garden
  - improved picnic facilities
4. Flinders Foreshore (Morwong Beach)—a landscape master plan is in development (2011) and is proposing providing the recreation opportunities in the foreshore reserve:
    - new toddler and primary play activities
    - path systems for improved walking and cycling
    - improved picnic facilities
    - improved boat ramp access
    - additional seating and shade trees
  5. 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.



## Catchment 6c

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

This catchment sits in the 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 master 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 catchment 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, Macleay Island (unfenced with beach access)
- Pioneer Children's Memorial Park, Russell Island (fenced)
- Pioneer Park, Lamb Island (unfenced)

## Access to nature

The bay and the beach are the main natural areas available to residents of the SMBI catchment. 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 very 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's access to conservation areas.

## Weddings and ceremonies

Consideration should be given to developing special areas on the SMBI for parkland weddings and other ceremonies. This would involve providing pergolas 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

The recommendations of the *Redland City Ramp Park Strategy 2008* should be implemented. 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. It is recommended that the BMX track be rebuilt at a time in the future in the Pioneer Children's Memorial Park
- a new ramp park facility is recommended and planned for Southsea Terrace Park

## Sport

Catchment 6c has the following sporting parks:

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

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

There are two planning projects underway (in 2011) for sports parks in the catchment including:

- Russell Island Sport and Recreation Park master plan which is recommending multiple use courts including tennis and netball and a football field
- Macleay Island Sport and Recreation Park master plan which is still in early review however the original master plan suggested that courts for tennis, basketball or netball would fit as well as a playing field for football codes and additionally a downhill BMX track.

## Festivals and events in parkland

- Pats Park is the location of annual memorial events and a large pergola, barbecue facilities and a new public toilet support these activities
- festivals and events will, when the parks are realised, be held at the two sporting and recreation parks
- an event space is being designed (in 2011) for Southsea Terrace Park, opposite the community hall on Macleay Island. Construction of some of this new park's infrastructure will be undertaken in 2013-2014

## 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, Jackson Road north-south link to Lions Park
- Macleay Island Heritage Trail
- 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, different expectations and higher levels of socio-economic disadvantage 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.

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

'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.

## Commercial activities in open space

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

Catchment 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 enclosure 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 park master plan proposes moving the enclosure within the same area to allow better access and use of the parklands.

The High Street Park 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.

## Destinations parks in the catchment

Pats Park Macleay Island will continue to be a T1 destination park.

## Catchment level recreation parks

The following parks are recommended as T2 catchment parks:

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

## Schools

There are two primary schools in the catchment:

- Macleay Island State School
- Russell Island State School

Each of these schools have recreation activity infrastructure including sporting ovals, tennis and basketball courts and now new indoor halls 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. The principal of the Macleay Island State school was supportive of developing the school as a community hub.

## Outdoor recreation opportunities

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

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

In the future:

- a bush walk trail system around conservation areas on Russell Island is recommended but it is not in the planning stages as yet
- 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

## Signature experiences and settings

- 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

## 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.

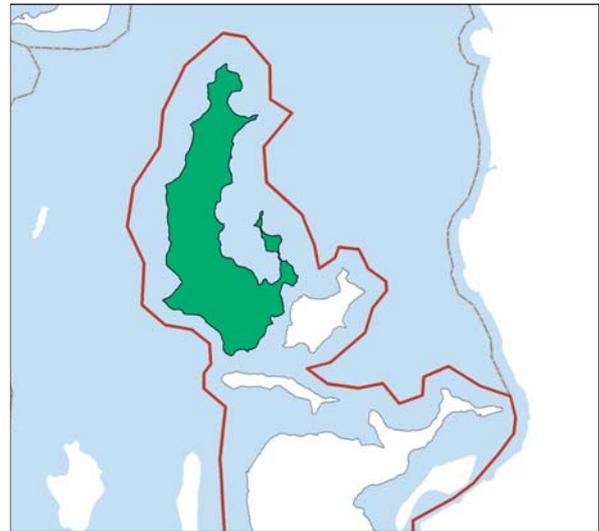
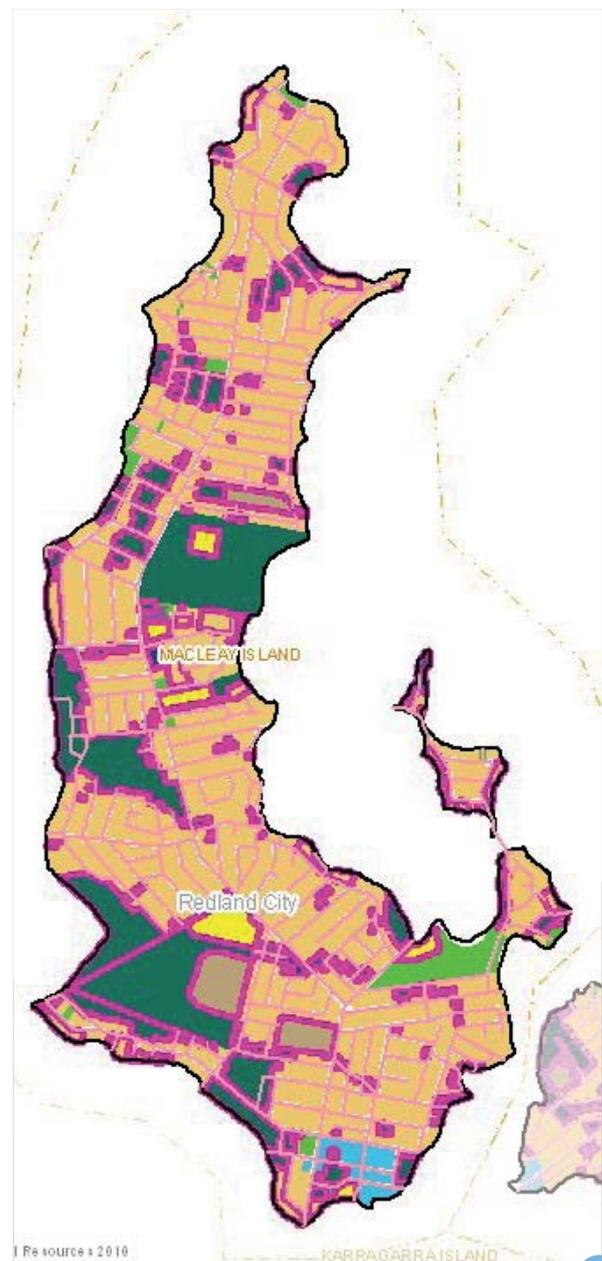


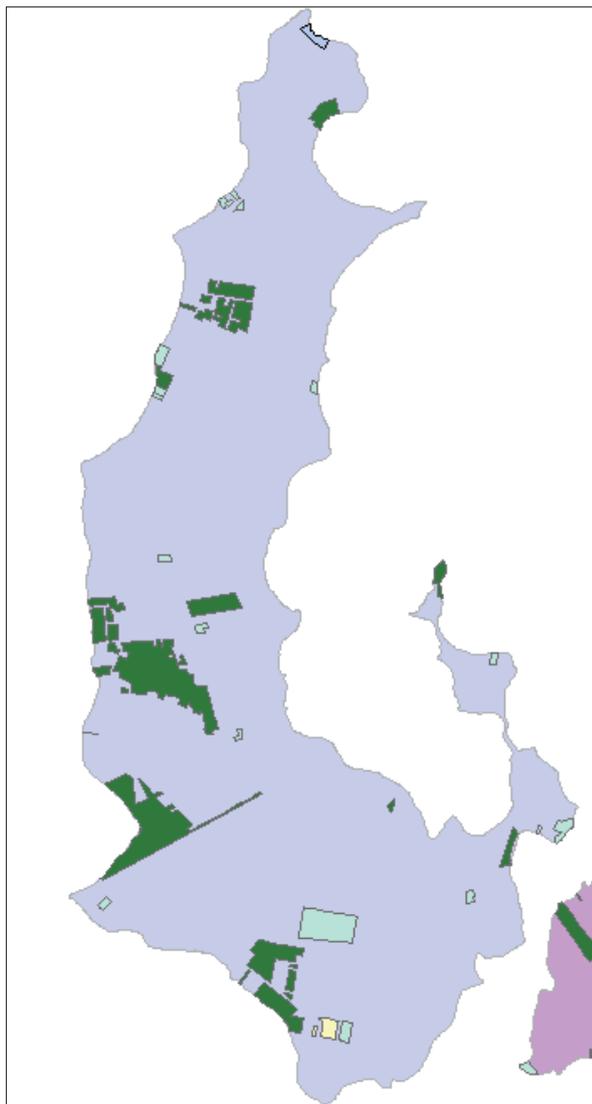
Figure 11-116: Extract map from Redland Planning Scheme



## Overview of Proposed Key Actions

1. Pats Park—is the main catchment park on the SMBI due to its northerly aspect, accessible sandy beach, public amenities and swimming enclosure. The park also has a significant War Memorial 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
2. Sentosa Street Park—is a toddler play park with the opportunity to complement the basic play elements with nature-based play and environmental education activities in and around the large fallen tree
3. 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). Play activities are suitable for primary school aged children (though the playground is not shaded) and there are barbecue facilities. It is recommended that visitors to the park take their own table and chairs as there is only one set in the park. This matter should be addressed over time so that more people can enjoy

Figure 11-117: Open space areas in Neighbourhood 54



4. Dalpura Street Parklands—is a waterfront park providing access to a sandy beach for swimming and relaxing, a boat ramp and picnic facilities. Toddler play should be provided in the future in the barbecue and picnic park (Whiting Street). Public toilets, constructed recently, provide residents and visitors with the opportunity for extended visits to this area
5. South Sea Terrace Park—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
6. 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
7. Western Road Park—is a local park that will be developed in the future and will include toddler and primary play activities
8. High Central Road Sportsfields—this park site will meet the future needs of field and court sports on Macleay Island as well as serving the needs of smaller islands. The site is being planned at present (2011) 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:
  - one full size playing field (120 m x 80 m with clearances) with lighting. (Note that construction will require approximately 3.6 metres of cut and fill)
  - 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
  - amphitheatre/ performance space
  - on-site parking
  - a walking trail circuit
  - local art to be celebrated in the park design
9. Francis Road Park—a future local park to serve the needs of adjacent and nearby residents will be developed here and include toddler and primary school aged activities including a nature-based play area to take advantage of the natural area within the park
10. Pecan Street Foreshore Park—this area will make an attractive foreshore park in the future with easy access to the water. Council will investigate the feasibility of a boat ramp or other infrastructure to improve access to the park concurrently. This park should be provided with some additional physical activities in the future including a basketball court, shaded picnic pergolas and that the play equipment be upgraded. The park could also cater as an unfenced off-leash dog area including giving dogs access to the water to swim. All improvements should be in keeping with the cultural heritage plan for the Southern Moreton Bay Islands

the water and will also add picnic and nature-based play activities relating to the site

11. Citron Street Park—Council has dedicated this land as a small park to serve as a rest stop for walkers on the SMBI Heritage Trail as well as 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
12. Koonwarra Parade Foreshore Park—Council has dedicated three lots of land to create a 2,800 m<sup>2</sup> park when combined with the unformed road reserve. The park is adjacent to a sandy beach and will one day be developed as a pleasant place to picnic, relax and swim
13. 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 and for facilities to be developed at a later time for picnicking, toddler nature-based play and physical activities such as beach volleyball and basketball
14. 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. This site is very 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 and will include toddler nature-based play and a meeting place for young people
15. Beelong Street Park—if required in the future, a neighbourhood play park could be developed on Council owned conservation and drainage constrained lots (18-24 Beelong Street) in this street
16. 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
  - Coast Road Foreshore Park will require all-abilities access to the water front in the near future. Golden Sands Boulevard Park requires a path system to provide a great foreshore walking experience
  - 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
  - accessibility around the Dalpura Street Parklands would be greatly improved with a path system linking the public toilets, picnic facilities and water front
  - a footpath should be constructed in front of Pats Park to improve accessibility particularly for seniors attending memorial events at the Cenotaph

## 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

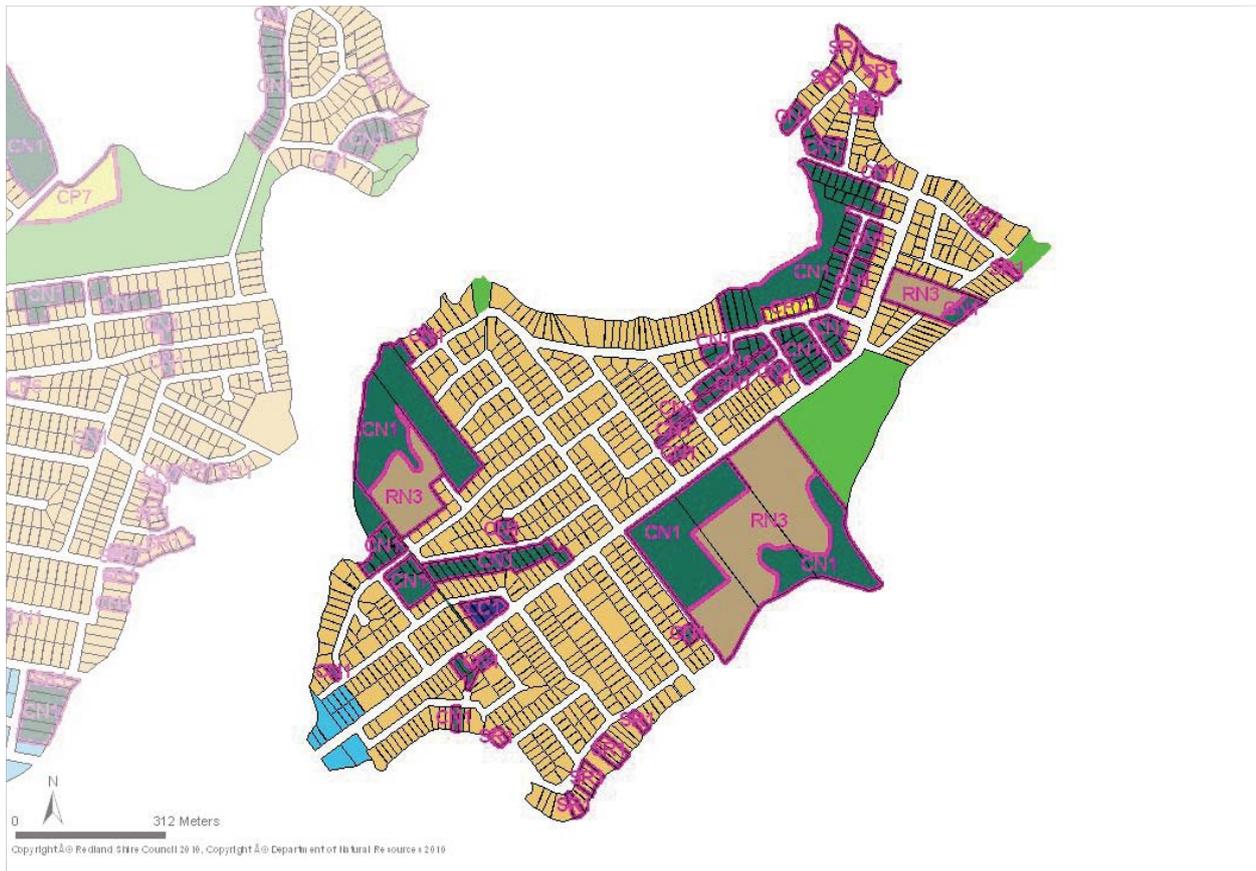
The SMBI have specific zones including SMBI Residential, Island Industry and SMBI Centre.

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 rezoned to community purpose (CP7 infrastructure).

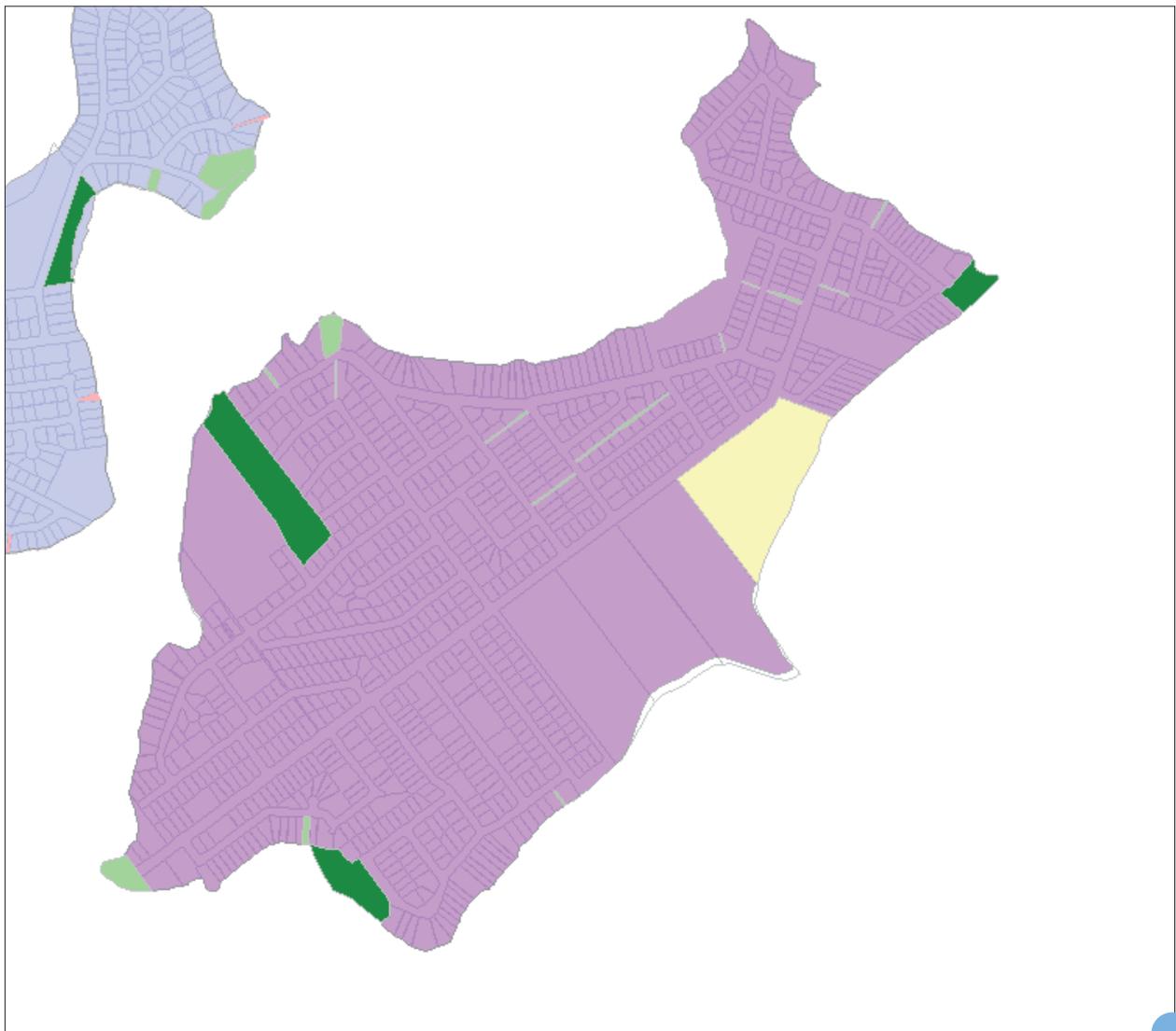
## Overview of Proposed Key Actions

1. Pioneer Park is the island's main recreation area. A master plan is in development 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

2. Ian Ward Road Reserve—provides direct access to the water and is wide enough to have improved landscaping and primary play equipment. Consideration should be given to constructing a path through the road reserve to the water to improve access to the water and through the open space particularly during wet times. Consideration should also be given to closing 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 200-300 m 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.

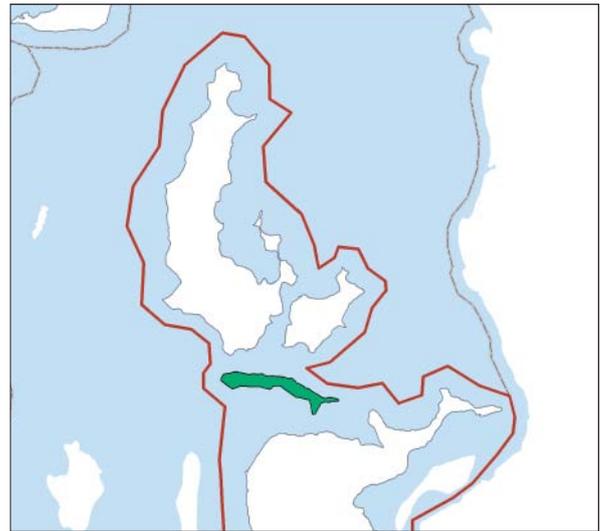


Figure 11-120: Extract map from Redland Planning Scheme



## 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.

## Overview of Proposed Key Actions

1. Karragarra Island Community Park—provide a quiet haven beside the fire shed and the island's transfer station. The tree planting around the park area protects the space from dust and noise from the transfer station. Play activities for toddler and primary school children should always be provided in the park along with complementary picnic facilities
2. 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 currently (2011) being master 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
3. Karragarra Island Foreshore North—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)
4. Karragarra Island—The Esplanade is undeveloped open space (for recreation purposes) and could be considered in the future for the following uses should the community request:
  - community garden area
  - dog off-leash area (fenced or unfenced)
  - physical activity areas such as a basketball court or fitness stations

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.

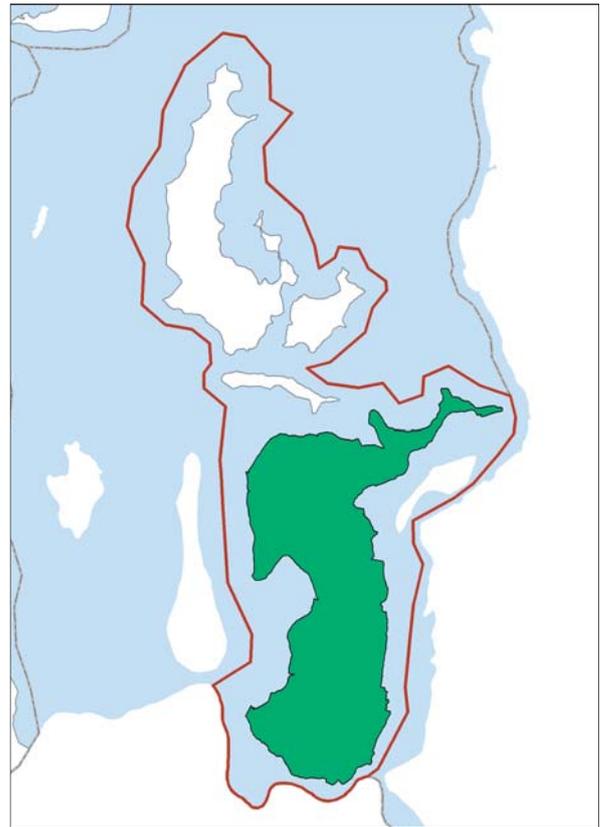
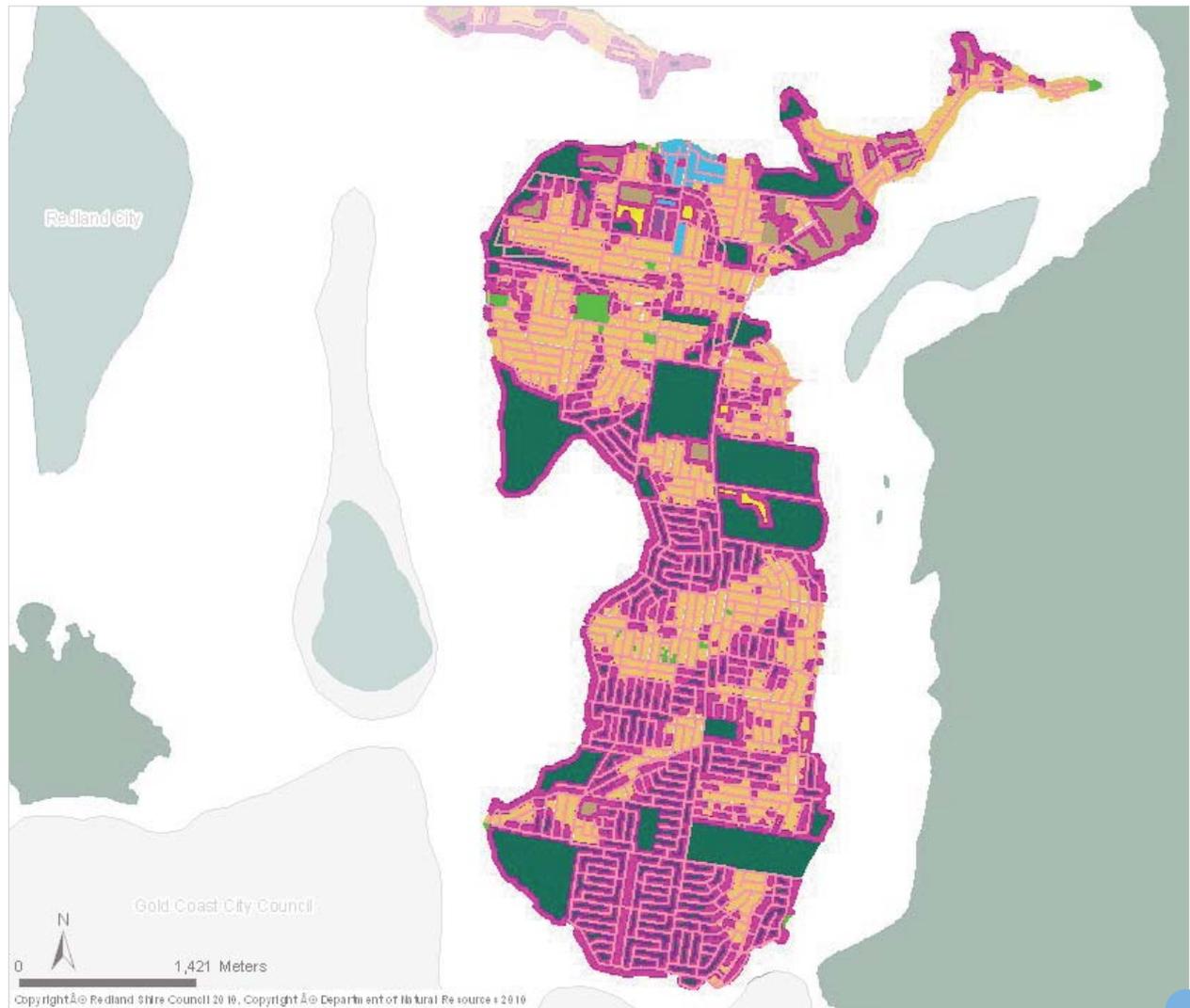


Figure 11-122: Extract map from Redland Planning Scheme



## 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

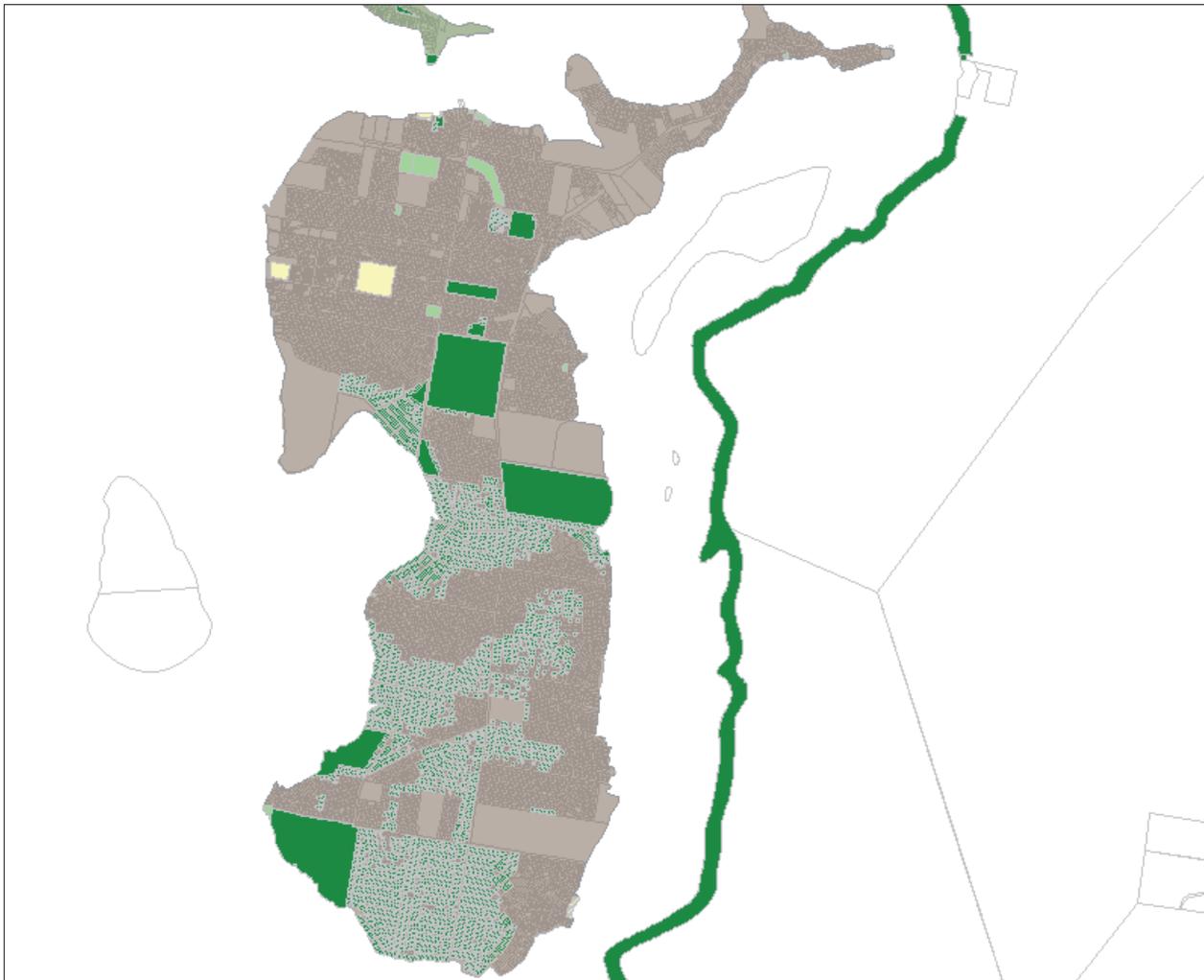
Pedestrian and cycle access around Russell Island is by streets and unformed footpaths. A formed footpath system runs along High Street and terminates at the Community Centre on Jackson Road. It is recommended that the footpath be extended all the way to the cricket oval to encourage walking and use 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



## Overview of Proposed Key Actions

1. 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.
2. Lions Boulevard Park—is a water access park that will be extended to the north and the south in accordance with its master plan. The recreation activities provided in the park include toddler and primary play, picnicking and informal sport. The unformed northern part of the park is used for boat launching and car parking. The park has public toilets which mean that people can stay for an extended time in this relatively remote park
3. Alison Crescent Park—open space on Hawthornden Drive near the ferry terminal exists to provide car parking and parkland to the SMBI centre on Russell Island. Parkland is important in this area as it will provide a focal and meeting point for visitors and the area complements the local shopping centre. The open space above the car park will be developed into usable parkland suitable for picnics and outdoor dining
4. Kings Road Park—is a future park. Currently mown but without facilities. It will be an ideal location for kicking a ball, toddler and primary aged play
5. Vista Street Park—is a future park and will be developed as a destination park due to its elevation. It will be a perfect place for a picnic on a hot summer's day
6. 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
7. High Street Nature Belt Park—this 4.0 ha area, with its mix of cleared and treed areas, will make an ideal site for a large fully fenced dog off-leash park and recreation area in the future. The heavily treed area will be managed for conservation purposes
8. 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
9. Harvey Street Walkway—opposite the Jackson Road Community Precinct will provide a walkable link from homes to the Community and Sport Precinct
10. 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
11. Turtles Swamp Wetlands—a trail head will be developed 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). No walking tracks/ board walks have been developed in either of these conservation areas and this action is probably some way off and maybe done in association with the future development of the Russell Island Conservation Park
12. Tooloona Avenue Park—is a 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
13. Cowderoy Drive Park—will one day be a small neighbourhood park between Cowderoy Avenue and Canaipa Ridge Road that will serve the needs of residents in this vicinity with toddler play and an off-leash area for dogs
14. Centre Road Park—in the future a number of lots will be amalgamated into a recreation park adjacent to a future local shopping centre. The park will provide toddler and primary aged play activities and a meeting place for young people
15. Trevanna Avenue Park and Monaco Avenue Parks—will one day be a small park providing toddler play activities and park functions for nearby residents
16. Cunningham Avenue Park—this future park has some mature trees and will lend itself to natural area play for primary school aged children and for a dog off-leash area
17. Rocky Point Park—is a great destination park with a fantastic aspect to the south across the water. A picnic node and lookout point should be developed here for local residents and island visitors that happen upon this part of the island
18. Russell Island Sport and Recreation Park—this park on Union Street is a 4.7 ha site that is suitable for field and court sports. The land was acquired in March 2008 and since this time Council has undertaken some site remediation and clean up as well as bringing the old farmhouse up to compliance standards for community use. A master 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 with facilities for toddler and primary play activities, community gardening, walking and fitness circuits, multi-purpose courts (tennis, basketball etc) and a sports field for social and competitive ball sports. An area for young people to meet should be developed and the park should be assessed for commercial activities
19. 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 lower tier of the oval is a lovely mowed area of open space and could function in the future for any range of activities including picnicking or as an unfenced dog off-leash area. The park should be assessed for commercial use by personal trainers

20. Bay Islands Pioneer Children’s Memorial Park—currently provides toddler play and an enclosed dog off-leash area. The BMX track should be relocated to the southern part of this park and the toddler play equipment should be replaced with primary school aged equipment
21. High Street Park—is a meeting place park adjacent to the barge and ferry terminal. This park also provides a safe, enclosed Moreton Bay swimming opportunity on a sandy beach. A swing for toddlers and primary children is the maximum play equipment that should be provided for in this park. Additional shade is required
22. 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
23. Cutler Drive Park—five lots will be amalgamated to create a BMX park for residents. The park will have excellent road frontage

## 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 should be given to acquiring additional parkland along the peninsula to cater for the future recreation needs of residents.

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.

*Gorge Walk—Point Lookout*

