



Outdoor Recreation Expected Requirements

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This document outlines Council's expectations and requirements relating to information required in plans and the standards of design and construction of outdoor recreation assets.

It is intended to be used as a high-level summary of Council's requirements and the expectations from the community for the assets they use. It is not to be taken as a technical guide and should not be used as a works specification but rather an overview of the baseline expectations as to what is required to be delivered at these facilities. It does not remove the need for compliance with all relevant statutory requirements. Note that any deviation from this document must be thoroughly justified and is at the discretion of Council.

All designs are to be prepared by a suitably qualified landscape architect or equivalent qualified and experienced industry professional and approved by Council.

1. Strategic and legislative alignment

1.1 Strategic Framework & Best Practice

This document shall be considered in conjunction with State and local government guidelines, strategies and trends, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Maitland's Future (Maitland's Community Strategic Plan)
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- Maitland's Community Infrastructure Strategy and Outdoor Recreation Network Supporting Plan Summary document
- Adventurous Places Guidelines
- Draft Greener Places Design Guide 2020
- Maitland City Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan
- Skate Australia Participation and Competition Strategy 2019
- Any other relevant Maitland City Council documents such as the Environmental Sustainability Strategy

1.2 Standards and authorities

Consultants and developers are reminded of the necessity to comply with all relevant standards, codes of practice and guidelines, including, but not limited to:

- Local and State Government legislative requirements
- Statutory Authorities
- Building Codes
- Australian Standards
- NSW Companion Animals Act 1998

Assets covered by this document:

- Off Leash Dog Areas
- Skate parks
- Multipurpose courts
- Outdoor fitness/exercise equipment
- Community gardens
- Park furniture

2.0 Off Leash Dog Areas

2.1 Site suitability and land requirements

	ALL SITES
Location	<p>Centrally located for the community</p> <p>Accessible via active transport networks or via car</p> <p>Must comply with NSW Companion Animal Act requirements e.g. located away from playspaces</p> <p>Must NOT be located:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- on or in close proximity to conservational land, wildlife protection areas or endangered ecological communities- on a sportsground or conservational area- near major roadways if unfenced- contaminated land- within 10 metres of a netball court, swimming pools, active public recreation areas, playspaces, barbecue or picnic tables
Land size	Minimum 0.3 hectares for unfenced; Minimum 0.5 hectares for fenced
Land shape	Flexible, preferably linear to allow for sufficient movement for dogs
Buffer zones	Buffer required between dog parks and any water courses
Landscaping (vegetation and plantings)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Existing trees and vegetation shall be retained appropriately- Proposed planting with low maintenance and water tolerant- Canopy trees preferred with a minimum 30% canopy cover- Low shrub and mass planting to be less than 0.5m high for surveillance- Locally Indigenous native plants preferred (species list input)- No batter steeper than 1 in 4 for turf area- 300mm mowing strip for fencing and walls
Surfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Primarily grass
Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Off Leash Dog Areas are to be designed in accordance with CPTED principles.

2.2 Supporting infrastructure

	UNFENCED	FENCED
Water bubblers/dog bowls	Preferably dual bubblers that provide access to water for the community as well as dogs.	
Dog waste dispensers	Required	
Rubbish bins	Required – to be provided in appropriate locations	
Seating	Required	
Shade	Required – natural shade is preferred. Note that solid shade must be provided over any seating or picnic tables.	
Agility/exercise equipment	Not required	Basic dog exercise and agility equipment is to be provided.
Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be located at entrances of off leash dog area - Must comply with Maitland City Council's signage requirements including rules and use and outline of Off Leash Dog Area within the reserve - Regulatory and directional signage required 	
Fences and gates	<p>Not required however boundaries to be clearly delineated where the Off Leash Dog Area forms part of a larger recreation hub.</p> <p>Exceptions:</p> <p>Fencing is to be installed where boundaries are not clear.</p> <p>Part fencing where there is a need to reduce the risk of dogs running onto a road or car park (but where the site is not suitable for full fencing)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entry/exit of fenced dog parks to be double-gated - self-closing/latching (2 gates per entry/exit) - Fencing to be consistent with CPTED principles - Maintenance gates - Minimum 1200m high - Fencing to be robust and prevent dogs from escaping through or beneath. Final type to be confirmed by Council.
Pathways	Internal and external pathways to be provided and must be designed to allow for all abilities.	
Parking	On street parking required. Off street parking will be site specific – to be determined in negotiation with Council.	

Toilets	Not required however may be provided as part of surrounding community infrastructure in instances where Off Leash Dog Areas are co-located with other community infrastructure.
Lighting	Site specific, to be agreed upon with Council.

3.0 Skate parks

3.1 Site suitability and land requirements

	LOCAL	DISTRICT	CITYWIDE	REGIONAL
Location	<p>Centrally located for the community in a visible and safe location</p> <p>Accessible via active transport networks, vehicles and public transport (ideally within 500m of public transport)</p> <p>Should be co-located with other community infrastructure e.g. sportsgrounds</p> <p>Skate parks/pump tracks should be located a minimum of 50 metres from residential boundaries.</p> <p>Must NOT be located:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adjacent to playspaces for 0-5 years - On or in close proximity to conservational land, wildlife protection areas or endangered ecological communities - On contaminated land 			
Size (land size)	Approx 200-600m ²	600- 1,200m ²	Over 1,200m ²	Feasibility analysis required
Catchment	<p>Serves a local community. 15 min travel time.</p> <p>1.5m catchment</p>	<p>Service a local community or multiple suburbs, to 30 min travel time.</p> <p>2.5m catchment</p>	Attract users from across the LGA	Attract users from across and outside the LGA
Open lawn/ passive green space	Required – a multi-purpose area that allows for passive recreation activities must be provided.			
Road frontage	Minimum 50% road frontage			
Gradient	Gradient is flexible			
Flood immunity	Not flood prone			
Land shape	Shape is flexible			

Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be clear and visible signage at entry points and junctions - Required to meet Maitland City Council standards - Signage easily understood and located at an appropriate height for all users - Regulatory and directional signage required
Landscaping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Existing trees and vegetation shall be retained appropriately - Proposed planting with low maintenance and water tolerant - Canopy trees preferred - Low shrub and mass planting (less than 0.5m high) for surveillance - Locally Indigenous native plants preferred (species list input)
Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design	<p>The facility shall be designed in accordance with CPTED principles. Site should provide for high passive surveillance.</p>

3.2 Design and supporting infrastructure

	LOCAL	DISTRICT	CITYWIDE	REGIONAL
Length of stay	Short stay, 2 hours	4hrs to half a day	A whole day	Destination
Diversity of elements	Generally single focus (street elements, ramp), as part of broader recreation precinct. Focus on intermediate/beginner but still functional for more advanced users	Provide a mix of recreational, competitive and program formats of participation. Either single user focus (bowl, or street components) or mix used by beginner through to intermediate level.	Provide for high level competition and training, and/or a broad range of sport and active recreation opportunities for a large number. Wi-Fi required.	Caters for multiple user styles Iconic elements of significance Wi-Fi required.
Shade	Site should have a minimum of 50% natural or built shade across the entire site - Natural shade preferred.			
Seating	Required			
Connecting pathways	Required – all abilities. Connected to active transport networks and meets access standards.			
Water bubblers	Required, including wheelchair accessible			
Picnic table	Not required	Required, including wheelchair accessible		
BBQ facilities	Not required	Required including wheelchair accessible		
Rubbish bins	Required			
Lighting	Not required		Required	Required
Public toilets (including accessible toilet)	Not required	Required - Co-location with other facilities preferred.		
Fencing	Fencing is required where there are hazards present, minimum of 10 metres from hazards			
Car parking	Not required	Required	Required	

Certification

For all skate parks, compliance certification with Australian Standards is required to be provided by an independent certifier / auditor prior to handover to Council or public use

4 – Multipurpose Courts

4.1 Site suitability and land requirements

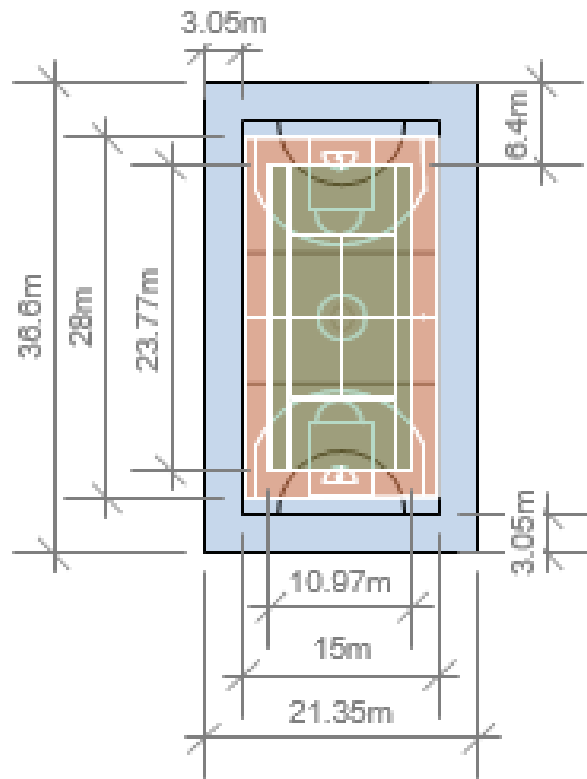
	ALL SITES
Location	Site specific – Should be co-located with other community infrastructure. Accessible via active transport networks, vehicles and public transport (ideally within 500m of public transport). Must be located in a visible and safe location, allowing for evening use.
Size (land size)	Multi-purpose includes provision for casual use or training for tennis, basketball and netball and as such must adhere to the required dimensions as outlined below.
Road frontage	30% road frontage with no road boundaries less than 40 metres.
Gradient	Minimum 1:100 metres
Flood immunity	Not flood prone
Land shape	Shape is flexible however courts must be oriented with play along an approximate north/south axis. A north-south court orientation is preferred to minimise the effects of sun glare.
Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Required to meet Maitland City Council standards- Signage easily understood and located at an appropriate height for all users- Regulatory and directional as required
Landscaping	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Existing trees and vegetation shall be retained appropriately- Proposed planting with low maintenance and water tolerant- Canopy trees preferred- Low shrub and mass planting (less than 0.5m high) for surveillance- Locally indigenous native plants preferred (species list input)

4.2 Design and supporting infrastructure

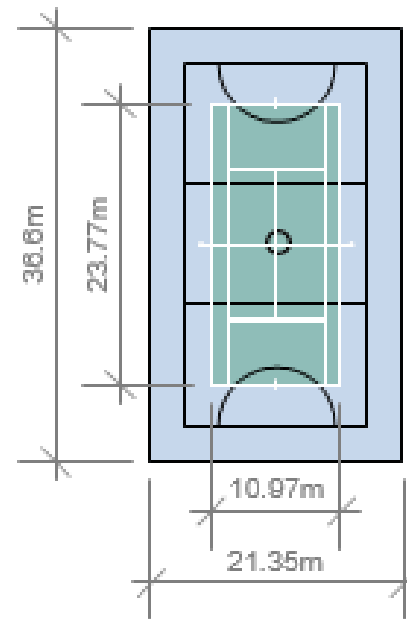
	LOCAL	DISTRICT	CITYWIDE	REGIONAL
Diversity of court structure	Site specific – depending on co-located uses			
Shade	Surrounding site should have 50% natural or built shade - natural shade preferred.			
Connecting pathways	Required - connected to active transport networks and meets access standards.			
Water bubblers	Not required	Required		
Picnic table	Not required	Required		
BBQ facilities	Not Required		Required, noting though that these are usually co-located with other facilities such as skate parks/sports complexes.	
Rubbish bins	Required			
Lighting	Not required			Site specific
Public toilets (including accessible toilet)	Not required – Ideally co-located with other community infrastructure where these may be provided.			
Fencing	Not required			
Car parking	Not required. Bike parking to be provided.	Required minimum four spaces per court. Bike parking to be provided.		
Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design	The facility shall be designed in accordance with CPTED principles. Site should provide for high passive surveillance.			
Surface material	The playing court is to have a flat, hard surface free from obstructions. Must have durability, slip resistance, and shock absorption. Court surfacing should comply with relevant Australian Standards.			

4.3 Court dimensions

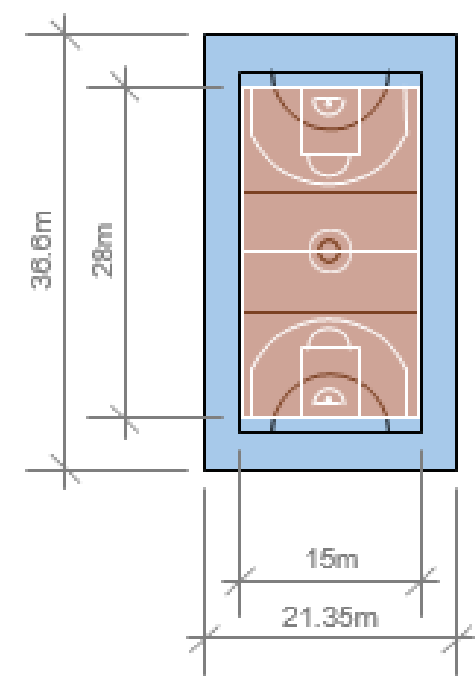
	PLAY SIZE (M)	TOTAL AREA (M)	RUN-OFF (M)
Netball	30.5 x 15.25	36.6 x 21.35	min. 3.05
Basketball	28 x 15	32 x 19	min 2
Tennis	23.77 x 10.97	36.6 x 18.3	min. 3.05



Tennis (green),basketball (red) and Netball (blue) court



Netball (blue) and Tennis (green) court



Netball (blue) and Basketball (red) court

5.0 Outdoor fitness/Exercise equipment

5.1 Site suitability and land requirements

	ALL SITES
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Site specific – usually in open space areas including linear open space- Not within constructed wetlands or road verges- Ideally co-located with other community infrastructure- Accessible via active transport networks and public transport networks
Size (land size)	May vary depending on the activity (e.g. fitness stations or circuit)
Flood immunity	Not flood prone
Land shape	Shape is flexible
Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Must be clear and visible signage at entry points and junctions- Required to meet Maitland City Council standards- Signage easily understood and located at an appropriate height for all users- Regulatory and directional signage required
Landscaping	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Existing trees and vegetation shall be retained appropriately- Proposed planting with low maintenance and water tolerant- Canopy trees preferred- Low shrub and mass planting (less than 0.5m high) for surveillance- Locally Indigenous native plants preferred (species list input)
Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design	The facility shall be designed in accordance with CPTED principles.

5.2 Design and supporting infrastructure

	ALL SITES
Diversity of elements	Static equipment generally. Can be grouped as a fitness hub in a high-use area or stations along a path circuit.
Shade	Entire site in which equipment is located should have minimum 50% natural or built shade - natural shade preferred.
Seating	Required
Connecting pathways	Required – all abilities. Connected to active transport networks and meets access standards.
Water bubblers	Required
Picnic table	Site specific
BBQ facilities	Not required
Rubbish bins	Required
Lighting	Not required
Public toilets (including accessible toilet)	Not required
Fencing	Not required
Car parking	Not required

Certification

For all public outdoor fitness stations, compliance certification with Australian Standards is required to be provided by an independent certifier / auditor prior to handover to Council or public use, including manufacture, installation, structural.

6.0 Community Gardens

6.1 Site suitability and land requirements

	ALL SITES
Location	<p>Will need to be assessed on a case-by-case basis but located on Council owned land or Crown land under Council management. These sites are usually established for community use such as parks, open spaces, and community centres.</p> <p>Sites with easy access to water or buildings nearby from which rainwater can be collected are preferred.</p> <p>Community garden sites will need to ensure they do not compromise public space accessibility and any of the current or planned functional requirements/uses of public land or have a significant detrimental impact on neighbouring land uses.</p> <p>Sites may need to be checked to ensure there is no soil contamination.</p> <p>Refer to Council's webpage for pre-approved site options: https://www.maitland.nsw.gov.au/services/environment-sustainability/starting-a-community-garden</p>
Size (land size)	<p>Fit for purpose. There are no set size stipulations for community gardens. However, sites will need to accommodate basic garden facilities. Sites will be assessed on a site by site basis and size limits may be required depending on the location. Some sites may require a Development Application (DA).</p>
Solar Access	<p>Sites need to be suitable for growing food and receive full sunlight. Ideally 5 – 6 hours of sunlight per day throughout the year.</p>
Gradient	<p>The site of the proposed community garden should be reasonably flat.</p>
Land shape	<p>Shape is flexible</p>
Accessibility	<p>Sites should be accessible via active transport networks and public transport networks and meet access standards.</p> <p>Sites should be accessible for a range of user groups including for people with a disability. Sites should also be easily accessible for maintenance and delivery of materials. Beds raised and at an accessible height for various users. If a DA is required, specific accessibility considerations must be addressed as identified in the DA documentation.</p>
Signage	<p>- Must be clear and visible signage at entry points and junctions and at an appropriate height for all users</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Required to meet Maitland City Council standards- Regulatory and directional signage required
Landscaping	<p>Surrounding site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Existing trees and vegetation shall be retained appropriately- Proposed planting with low maintenance and water tolerant- Canopy trees preferred- Low shrub and mass planting in playspaces (less than 0.5m high) for surveillance- Indigenous native plants preferred (species list input) <p>Community garden bed plantings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Refer to Community Garden Guidelines

6.2 Community Gardens design and supporting infrastructure

	ALL SITES
Length of stay	Variable
Shade	Shade to be provided on site to allow space for community gardeners to rest out of the sun. Natural shade is preferred. Site specific.
Seating	Preferred
Connecting pathways	Required. Pathways must be an accessible surface material for wheelchair users and meet access requirements
Water bubblers	Optional. Site must provide access to water for purposes of watering community gardens.
Picnic table	As required
BBQ facilities	As required
Rubbish bins	Required
Lighting	Not required
Public toilets (including accessible toilet)	Not required
Fencing	As required
Car parking	Existing only
Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design	Sites should be designed in accordance with CPTED principles.
Other	No shipping containers will be permissible.

Approvals

Refer to Maitland City Council's Community Garden Policy and Guidelines for further information.

7.0 Park furniture

7.1 Site suitability and land requirements

	LOCAL	DISTRICT	CITYWIDE	REGIONAL
Location	Local opportunities (table/ shelter) provided as part of local community parkland.	Required- areas that support picnics, barbecues, functions and events		
Type	- Picnic settings with shade - Seating	- Picnic settings with shade - Depending on co-location, BBQ facilities may be provided - Seating	Site specific	
Accessibility and Location	Picnic settings shall include wheelchair seat access and shade Seats with backs and armrests for all abilities	Picnic settings & BBQ shall include wheelchair seat access and shade Seats with backs and armrests for all abilities		

7.2 Design and supporting infrastructure

	LOCAL	DISTRICT	CITYWIDE	REGIONAL
Diversity of elements	Nil	Single and grouped picnic settings with shade for large groups		
Setting	Installed on concrete slab in accordance with Australian Standards.			
Shade	Over picnic & BBQ settings			
Seating	Minimum two	Minimum four	Minimum five	Site specific
Connecting pathways	Required within park to picnic facility for wheelchair access			
Water bubblers	Minimum one	Minimum two		Site specific
Picnic table	Minimum one	Minimum two	Minimum three	Site specific
BBQ facilities	Nil	Minimum one double	Minimum two double – site specific	Site specific
Rubbish bins	Minimum one	Minimum two		Site specific

