

Banana Shire Council

Park Development

Strategy

2014 - 2019



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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Banana Shire is a progressive shire. Ongoing population growth, increasing visitor numbers, changing community needs, more compact living and environmental challenges are expected to put increasing pressure on park areas.

To plan, design and manage our park areas requires a sound understanding of the social, economic and environmental benefits and values of parks and their role in our communities.

The strategy focuses on Council controlled and managed park areas so as to provide a framework for the future.

The strategy is firmly grounded in the fundamental principles of:

- *Equity* - where people's needs guide the fair distribution of resources,
- *Sustainability* - where the needs of the present are met without compromising the needs of future generations,
- *Protection* - where the current resources are maintained and enhanced,
- *Innovation* - where new and better ways of doing things are encouraged, and
- *Respect* – where the needs of others are considered.

The strategy aspires to achieve seven desired outcomes:

1. Social Wellbeing
2. Economic advantage
3. Environmentally Friendly
4. Enhanced wellbeing
5. Innovative and Maintainable Infrastructure
6. Affordable and responsive management
7. Community involvement and partnership

The policy directions to achieve these desired outcomes are:

1. A lead advocacy role taken in park management.

The Council will take a lead advocacy role in the planning of parks in consultation with stakeholders and the community and in the provision of services performed under contract.

Direction –

- Ensure that Council's practices are leading edge by actively participating in benchmarking programs to identify and adopt best practice park management.
2. Parks and Gardens will be managed to safe and useable standards.

Weekly maintenance of parks and gardens is managed by Council via its staff or contractual arrangements. Quality standards are based on best practice and targets designed to encourage continuous improvement.

Direction –

- Ensure that appropriate quality standards are imbedded in all parks and gardens' management.
3. The planning of the parks and gardens will acknowledge Council's role, taking into account the significance of the parks and needs of local users.

Council manages many parks and reserves. Park plans will be developed for all parks and gardens and will seek to find the balance between the provision of facilities for local users and the needs of the wider community.

Directions –

- Prepare Park Plans for all parks to guide their development and management and review a maximum of every five (5) years.
 - Ensure that planning in the parks and gardens takes into account the needs of special interest groups, such as the disabled, aged and youth.
4. The broader community will be consulted regarding matters of significance to parks.

A variety of strategic planning documents are being developed for parks and gardens. They include Park Master Plans, which will establish the vision for each of the parks in the future, and development guidelines, which provide a decision making framework for management.

The broader community will be consulted in the planning of parks. All stakeholders will be given the opportunity to contribute to major decisions about the future of the parks as part of the planning process. Stakeholders will also be informed prior to major projects commencing.

Directions –

- Consult widely as part of the development of park plans and significant capital works projects.
 - Undertake community surveys to access the broader community.
 - Provide information to stakeholders prior to major projects commencing.
 - Identify the resources required for consultation and incorporate them into the planning and project budgets.
5. Adequate resources will be provided for an ongoing asset replacement program.

The park planning program is necessarily a long term process which draws upon information held in the asset management system to identify and prioritise capital investment required in the parks. Many assets are degraded and need substantial investment for their replacement.

The construction of new and/or the redevelopment of existing facilities and infrastructure will be adequately resourced on an ongoing basis.

Directions –

- Develop and implement a comprehensive asset management plan.
- Complete an assessment of the capital requirements of parks infrastructure and report annually to Council.
- Distinguish capital works projects in the budget allocations as renewal, upgrade or new facility.

6. The overall park network will be developed to provide facilities for residents and visitors including the provision of recreation and leisure opportunities.

Parks and gardens are valuable resources both as community amenities and for the facilities that they provide. The landscape, tourism and recreational potential of the parks and gardens shall be optimised, consistent with appropriate conservation planning.

Directions –

- Improve facilities (age appropriate equipment, Story Trail information and driver reviver facilities) for visitors, to enhance users' experience of the parks.
- Provide facilities as per the Park Development Guidelines for each park and the community need.

7. Facilities and services will be provided to enhance the visitors' experience of the park.

Park development guidelines establish character attributes and themes and make decisions regarding appropriate activities and uses within each of the parks and gardens. Facilities and services, which support such use or events may be financed or provided in a number of ways (ie. directly by Council, by the community and clubs, or commercially by the private sector).

Parks are primarily for public use. Any commercial activity within parks must enhance the experience of park users.

Directions –

- Facilitate events where it is consistent with the recreation and leisure role of the parks.
- Recover costs of event management and seek to generate revenue for park management from commercial activity where appropriate.

8. Park management practice will be environmentally sensitive.

One of Council's primary roles in the management of parks is as custodian for future generations. Implicit in this role is responsible environmental management. Some of the parks consume large quantities of water, generate large quantities of waste and require the use of special chemicals. Council will work towards best practice environmental management including the investigation of alternatives to the use of chemicals and waste management including the investigation of alternatives to the use of chemicals and waste minimisation and recycling options.

The current diversity of flora will be maintained and where appropriate, habitats enhanced for birds and other fauna.

Directions –

- Investigate water consumption in the parks and develop strategies to minimise waste.
- Identify energy consumption in the parks and address where appropriate as part of the Public Lighting Implementation Plan (Parks).

9. Parks will be accessible to all groups in the community.

Development in the parks will aim to improve access to all members of the community by providing safe environments and by including provisions for disabled park users. Traffic (including bicycles, pedestrians, joggers, roller bladers and others) will be managed equitably and separated where necessary to minimise conflict.

Directions –

- Secure a budgetary commitment and develop an implementation plan for the:
 - Public Lighting Implementation Plan (Parks),
 - Parks' Signage Implementation Plan.

The critical component of the strategy is the mapping of the park areas currently provided to the community and the Action Plan (Redevelopment Guidelines / Master Plans) which provides guidance in regards to the future of the development of parkland within the towns of the Shire.

The *Banana Shire Council Park Development Strategy 2014 - 2019* is a long term planning document that will enable Council and the community to plan together for the future of the parkland within each of the towns of the Shire.

2.0 LINKED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are to be read in conjunction with this strategy document:

- Banana Shire Council Public Lighting Implementation Plan (Parks) (*Under development*)
- Banana Shire Council Parks' Signage Implementation Plan (*Under development*)
- Banana Shire Council Pathway Strategy 2014 – 2019 (*Underdevelopment*)
- Banana Shire Council Sporting and Recreation Reserve Strategy 2014 – 2019 (*Under development*)
- Banana Shire Council Stormwater Strategy 2014 – 2019 (*Under development*)
- Current Infrastructure Development 10 year Plan
- Current Infrastructure Development Plan
- Development Guidelines / Master Plan (for each park)

3.0 BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL

3.1 Our Vision

“Shire of Opportunity”

To improve the quality of life for our communities, through the delivery of efficient and effective services and facilities

3.2 Our Mission Statement

Our Council is committed to promoting and striving for continuous improvement in all that we do, for the benefit and growth of the whole of our Shire.

3.3 Our Values

- *Advocacy for our people*
- *Effective and responsive leadership*
- *Integrity and mutual respect*
- *Honesty, equity and consistency in all aspects of Council’s operations*
- *Quality of service to our citizens*
- *Work constructively together, in the spirit of teamwork*
- *Sustainable growth and development*

4.0 INTRODUCTION

The following section highlights Banana Shire Council's (BSC) vision for the provision of park areas/facilities within the shire. It also identifies the process that has been undertaken to develop this strategic document; a document that will be used to achieve the vision set out.

4.1 Purpose

The *Banana Shire Council Park Development Strategy 2014 - 2019* is Council's key document for the planning, development and management of Council controlled park areas. It provides a strategic framework to ensure the ongoing development of the existing park areas and proposes strategies for the response to any increases in the need for park area in the future due to an increase in population.

In practical terms, the strategy seeks to:

- Set a clear direction for the redevelopment of existing park areas within the Shire in the long term
- Promote responsible governance and planning for park areas
- Confirm a set of ‘Defined Use Categories’ for the classification of park areas within the Shire
- Confirm the standard level of service to be met by each of the Defined Use Categories which will promote accessibility and functionality

- Create a master plan for each park areas within the Shire which will provide facilities targeted towards the needs of the community while maximising the use of Council's maintenance and capital budgets

4.2 Output & Approach

The *Banana Shire Council Park Development Strategy 2014 – 2019* provides a master plan, which includes a list of prioritised deliverables, for each of the existing park areas within the Shire so as to meet the existing and future needs of the park users. To understand the need for these facilities and the current safety requirements and best practice within the industry, Council officers have contributed towards the research, planning and development of the following elements:

- Review of previous research results regarding the upgrading of park areas within the Shire
- Literature review of existing Banana Shire Council strategic documents (eg. Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy)
- Literature review of other Local Governments' park and open spaces strategic documents
- Assessment of the existing facilities of the park areas throughout the Shire
- Consultation with the relevant Divisional Councillors
- Public consultation so as to understand the current and future needs of the park users
- Creation of a hierarchical system (Defined Use Categories) for the existing park areas
- Definition of the standard level of service for each of the defined park categories
- Development of a master plan for each park area within the shire. This master plan will establish a list of prioritised deliverables and estimated costs so as to assist in the creation of future Council budgets and funding applications
- General recommendations for the management and maintenance of park areas

5.0 METHODOLOGY

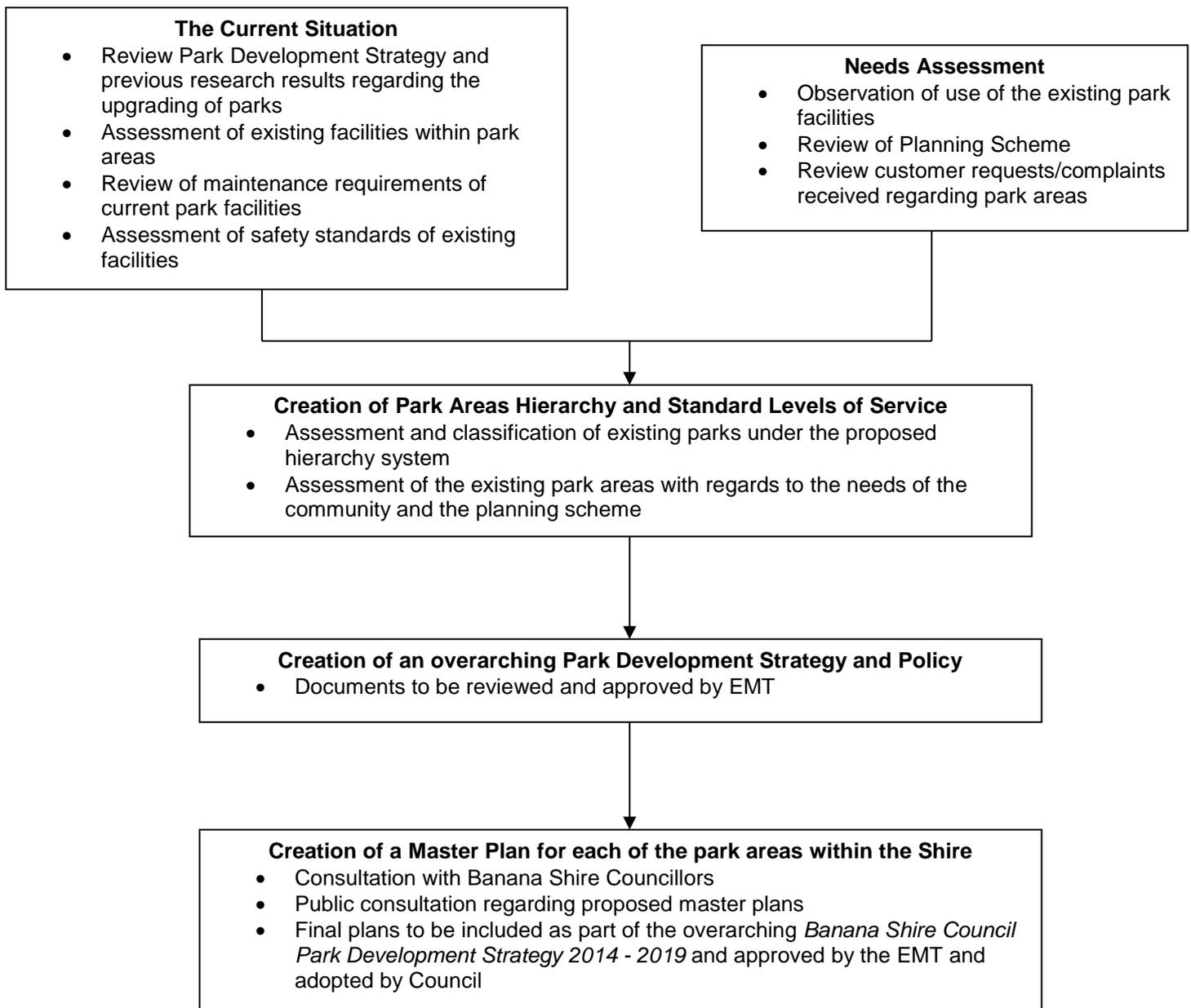


Figure 1: Methodology for the creation of the Park Redevelopment Strategy

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 Shire Snapshot

At a glance Banana Shire currently has 38 Council controlled parks located on designated park reserve. There are also a further 2 more Council controlled parks located within road reserves. See *Appendix 2 for Town Maps of existing Park Areas*

6.2 Existing Park Facilities

To understand how well our existing Council controlled park areas are meeting the community needs, a quantitative and qualitative assessment was undertaken for the park facilities within each town. This information has been combined with extensive consultation with community organisations and the wider community to form the strategy.

Overall, the number, size and location of the parks within each of the Banana Shire towns can be considered to be adequate for the needs of the community, with the following exceptions:

- Baralaba – There is currently no Council controlled park area within the Baralaba township
- Dululu – The only Council controlled park area within the township is located on road reserve
- Goovigen – The only Council controlled park area within the township is located on road reserve and does not contain or have room for any playground equipment
- Jambin – There is currently no Council controlled park area within the Jambin township

An assessment of the facilities provided within the park areas found that while some of the parks contained good to high quality assets, a large majority of the parks had assets (eg. Play equipment, furniture, BBQ's, etc) which were old and damaged, and non-compliant with the required safety standard. It was found that in some areas that there were an excessive number of parks containing play equipment and that this equipment was in great need of replacement due to age and/or safety requirements and that some parks contained equipment that, due to the location of the park area, were being under utilised by the community.

Another observation made was that due to the number of parks located throughout the Shire containing a small number of underused items, Council's parks maintenance budget was not being utilised to its optimum. This results in a poor to average overall condition of most of the parks facilities. This is not considered acceptable by the community.

A more in-depth description of the current condition of the park facilities can be found in the Redevelopment Guidelines / Master Plans for each park and Council's Asset Management Plan for parks and gardens.

7.0 HIERARCHY

The following section outlines the proposed park areas hierarchy for Banana Shire Council. This hierarchy is key to understanding the future need for the provision of facilities within the shire and has been built from the assessment of the existing provisions, best practice, benchmarking against other Councils' facilities, needs analyses and consultation within the community.

7.1 Park Areas Hierarchy

The hierarchy has been developed to provide Council with a methodology for creating a defined use categorisation of parks within the Shire.

The following hierarchy is used to describe the characteristics and level of service proposed for existing and future park areas within each of the towns. The hierarchy also highlights the general distance that users will travel to a park, therefore identifying the catchment areas of the existing parks.

Figure 2 highlights the hierarchy of the park areas for Banana Shire. A description of each defined use category is documented in section 5.2 of this document with a summary found in Table 1.

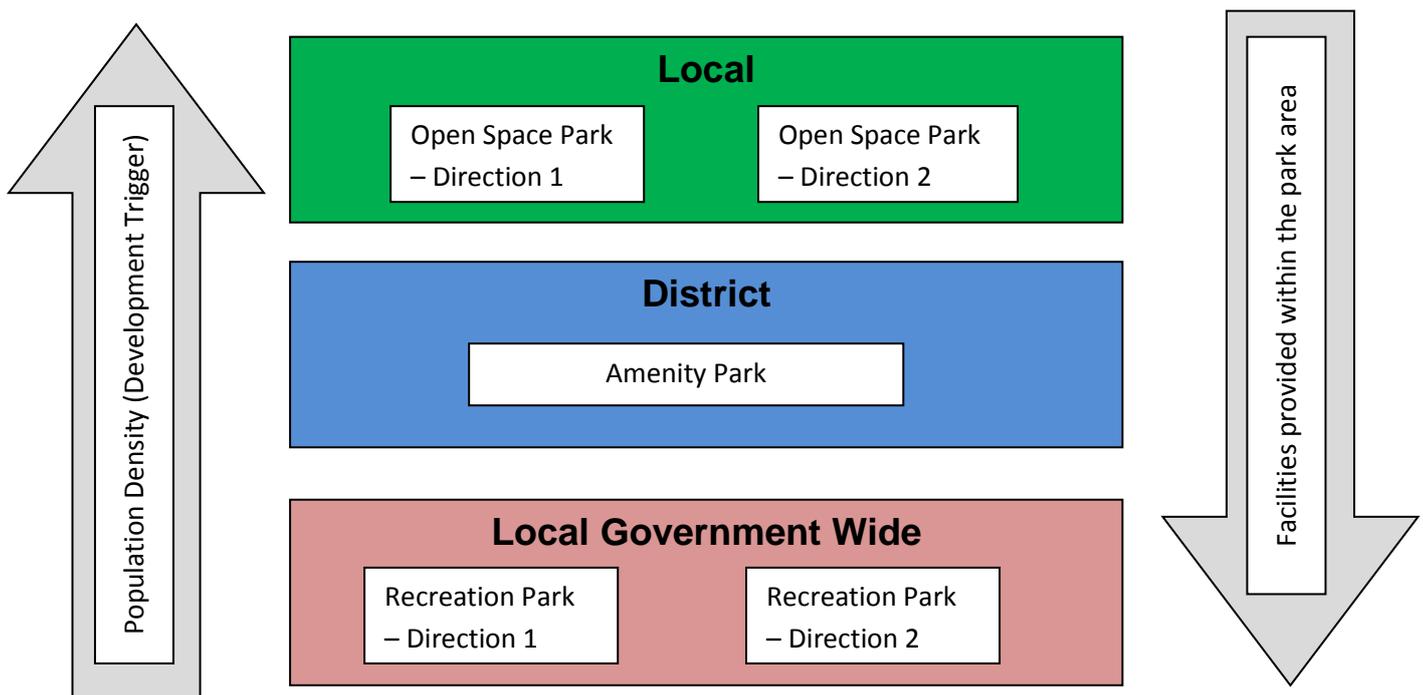


Figure 2: Park Areas Hierarchy

7.2 Developer Contributions

Any park contributions made to Council but local developers shall be attributed to the physically closest designated park area as per the outstanding requirements of the Master Plan for this park. This contribution can be made to Council through a monetary

payment (as per Council's fees and charges and the conditions of the development approval) or through the donation of an asset/s of equivalent value as per the estimates contained within the Master Plan.

Should the closest park to the development be considered to be complete as per the Master plan for this park then the contribution shall be assigned to another designated park within the Shire at the discretion of Council (preference will be given to parks located within the town in which the development is to be constructed).

Any new park areas created by or donated to Council due to an increase in population or the conditions of a development approval shall be assessed as to its location within the town and in reference to other pre-existing designated park areas and the existing facilities located within the park area. This information will then be used to assign a designated Use Category and assist in the creation of a Master Plan for the park.

7.3 Defined Use Categories

All park areas within Banana Shire shall be designated a Define Use Category based on the location, relative distance from surrounding park areas, the existing usage of the park and community consultation. The Define Use Categories can be defined as follows: (Please note that a park area with sufficient land can be considered to fulfil the requirements of multiple Define Use Categories)

7.3.1 Open Space Park

There are two directions for developing Open Space Parks:

Direction 1 – Natural Environment

Scope:

- To enhance nature reserve areas
- Provide natural environment areas to accommodate wildlife and nature enthusiasts
- Reconsider in 5 years for future requirements or redevelopment opportunities

Key Characteristics:

- Grassed areas with existing established trees
- Increasing the tree stock with additional low maintenance species native to the area



Picture 1: Example - Open Space Park – Direction 1

Direction 2 – Natural Environment with provision of observation areas

Scope:

- Further enhancement of nature reserve areas with the provision of seating and/or observation areas
- Provide natural environment areas to accommodate wildlife and nature enthusiasts
- Further enhancement to attract more native wildlife to the area.

Key Characteristics:

- Grassed areas with existing established trees
- Increasing the tree stock with additional species native to the area
- Strategically placed seating and viewing areas to observe the environment and limit any impact. E.g. minimal pathways and footprint



Picture 2: Example – Open Space Park – Direction 2

7.3.2 Amenity Park

Scope:

- To enhance nature reserve areas
- Provide basic amenities for park visitors
- Dedicated areas to accommodate wildlife and nature enthusiasts

Key Characteristics:

- Grassed areas with existing established trees
- Basic facilities of drinking fountain, scattered seating, tables
- Can facilitate minimal recreational facility e.g ½ basketball court, handball court.



Picture 3: Example - Amenity Park

7.3.3 Recreation Park

There are 2 directions for developing Recreational Areas:

Direction 1 - Specific Facilities for Target Group

Scope:

- To provide safe and functional age specific recreation equipment
- Provide full amenities for park visitors

Key Characteristics:

- Grassed areas utilising existing trees
- Full facilities comprising covered tables and chairs, toilets, drinking fountains, scattered seating and internal pathways
- Specific recreational equipment to accommodate target groups



Picture 4: Example – Recreation Park – Direction 1

Direction 2 - Full Facility Recreational Park

Scope:

- To provide safe and functional recreation equipment
- Provide full amenities for park visitors

Key Characteristics:

- Grassed areas utilising existing trees
- Full facilities comprising covered tables and chairs, toilets, drinking fountains, scattered seating and internal pathways
- Various recreational equipment to accommodate all visitors



Picture 5: Example – Recreation Park – Direction 2

Table 1: Park Areas Hierarchy Summary

| | Open Space – Direction 1 | Open Space – Direction 2 | Amenity | Recreation – Direction 1 | Recreation - Direction 2 |
|--|---|-----------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------|
| Population Density (people/ha) | >9 | | >5 | Population of area sufficient so as to be defined as a town | |
| Maximum Catchment Radius (km) | 80 | | 50 | 5 | |
| Minimum Size of Parkland (Ha) | 0.4 | | 0.5 | 1.4 | |
| Maximum Gradient | As agreed to by Council | | 80% of land no greater than 1 in 15 | 80% of land no greater than 1 in 5 | |
| Minimum flood immunity (% of total area) | 50% above Q50 flood level | | 50% above Q50 flood level | 80% above Q50 flood level | |
| Standard Facilities | | | | | |
| Parking | | | ✓ (Optional – Limited Size) | ✓ | ✓ |
| Fencing/bollards | | | ✓ (Optional) | ✓ | ✓ |
| Lighting (Electric) | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Lighting (Solar) | | | ✓ (Optional) | and/or ✓ | and/or ✓ |
| Public Use Power Point/s | | | | ✓ (Optional) | ✓ (Optional) |
| Toilet | | | ✓ (Optional) | ✓ | ✓ |
| Paths | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Seating | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Shade Structure | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Covered Table with Seating | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Tap/bubbler | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| BBQ | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Bins | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Landscaping | | | ✓ (Optional) | ✓ | ✓ |
| Signage | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Playground Equipment | | | | Target Group Specific Equipment | ✓ |
| Park Signage |  | |  |  | |

8.0 ACTION PLAN

The action plan is a guide for the future provision of park areas in the Banana Shire. The Action Plan is based on community consultation, industry advice and the levels of service of the Defined Use Categories. All timeframes are subject to Council budget allocations and funding applications. The estimated costs are indicative of meeting the requirements of the master plans. The need for the provision of parkland and/or facilities indicated has been identified through previous demand indicators, mapping and public consultation.

Table 2: Proposed New Park Areas

| Location | Council Division | Recommended Defined Use Category | Time Frame |
|--|------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Baralaba (proposed site – Baralaba sporting reserve) | 4 | Recreation Park – Direction 2 | Commencement within the next 1-3 years |
| Goovigen (site to be determined) | 4 | Recreation Park – Direction 2 | 10 year Infrastructure Development Plan (IDP) |
| Jambin (site to be determined) | 4 | Recreation Park – Direction 1 | 10 year Infrastructure Development Plan (IDP) |

Table 3: Proposed Development of Existing Park Areas

| Park No. | Name of Park | Location | Council Division | Recommended Defined Use Category | Time Frame | Recommendations |
|----------------|----------------------|--|------------------|--|------------|---|
| Banana | | | | | | |
| 1 | Banana North St Park | Corner of North St and Dawson Hwy | 4/5 | Upgrade - Recreation Park – Direction 2 | 10 yr IDP | <i>Redevelopment Guidelines / Master Plan</i> |
| 2 | Banana Park | Leichhardt and Dawson Hwy Intersection | 4/5 | Downgrade – Amenity Park | 10 yr IDP | |
| Biloela | | | | | | |
| 3 | Bicentennial Park | Callide St | 2 | Upgrade – Amenity Park | 10 yr IDP | <i>Redevelopment Guidelines / Master Plan</i> |
| 1 | Biloela (Oxley) Park | Oxley Ave | 2 | Downgrade – Amenity Park | 10 yr IDP | |
| 6 | Carige Crt Park | Carige Crt | 2 | Maintain – Open Space Park – Direction 1 | 10 yr IDP | |
| 15 | Coorada St Park | Coorada St / Granville St | 1 | Downgrade - Amenity Park | 10 yr IDP | |
| 11 | Eden Park | Dawson Hwy / Thalberg Ave | 1 | Downgrade – Open Space Park – Direction 2 | 10 yr IDP | |
| 9 | Jim Hooper Park | Corner of Dawson Hwy and Valley View Drive | 2 | Upgrade – Recreation Park – Direction 1 (Dog Park) | 10 yr IDP | |
| 2 | Laine Park | Hills Ave | 2 | Maintain – Open Space Park – Direction 1 | 10 yr IDP | |

| Park No. | Name of Park | Location | Council Division | Recommended Defined Use Category | Time Frame | Recommendations |
|---------------|----------------------|--|------------------|--|------------|---|
| 13 | Lions Park | Corner of Dawson Hwy and Cooper St | 1 | Maintain - Recreation Park – Direction 2 | 10 yr IDP | <i>Redevelopment Guidelines / Master Plan</i> |
| 14 | McQuillan Park | Corner of State Farm Road and Prairie St | 1 | Upgrade – Recreation Park – Direction 1 (Exercise Park) | 10 yr IDP | |
| 18 | Melton Park | Melton St | 2 | Redevelopment – Recreation Park – Direction 1 (Target Group ages 0-10) | 10 yr IDP | |
| 4 | Orange Park | Orange St | 2 | Upgrade – Amenity Park | 10 yr IDP | |
| 8 | Panorama St Park | Panorama St | 2 | Downgrade - Amenity Park (Observation Area) | 10 yr IDP | |
| 17 | Possum Park | Tiamby St | 1 | Redevelopment – Amenity Park | 10 yr IDP | |
| 5 | Spier St Park | Spier St | 2 | Maintain – Open Space Park – Direction 1 | 10 yr IDP | |
| 16 | State Farm Road | State Farm Road / Granville St | 1 | Downgrade – Open Space Park – Direction 2 | 10 yr IDP | |
| 12 | Thalberg Ave Park | Thalberg Ave | 1 | Maintain – Open Space Park – Direction 1 | 10 yr IDP | |
| 10 | Tom Dawson Park | Heaton St | 2 | Upgrade - Recreation Park – Direction 1 (Events Park) | 10 yr IDP | |
| 7 | Veneris Park | Next to the Biloela Cemetery | 2 | Maintain - Open Space Park – Direction 1 | 10 yr IDP | |
| Cracow | | | | | | |
| 1 | George Hamilton Park | Across from the Pub – Eidsvold Theodore Rd | 6 | Maintain - Recreation – Direction 2 | 10 yr IDP | <i>Redevelopment Guidelines / Master Plan</i> |
| Dululu | | | | | | |
| 1 | Bert Peacocke Park | Across from the pub | 4 | Maintain – Open Space Park – Direction 1 | 10 yr IDP | <i>Redevelopment Guidelines / Master Plan</i> |

| Park No. | Name of Park | Location | Council Division | Recommended Defined Use Category | Time Frame | Recommendations |
|-----------------|---------------------|--|------------------|---|------------|--|
| Goovigen | | | | | | |
| 1 | Goovigen Park | Int of Stone Cr and Stanley St | 4 | Maintain – Amenity Park | 10 yr IDP | Redevelopment Guidelines / Master Plan |
| Moura | | | | | | |
| 6 | Engle Park | Engle St | 5 | Maintain – Amenity Park (Retention of existing Play Equipment) | 10 yr IDP | Redevelopment Guidelines / Master Plan |
| 2 | King St Park | King St | 5 | Downgrade – Open Space Park – Direction 1 | 10 yr IDP | |
| 3 | Lions Park | Corner of Dawson Hwy and Bell St | 5 | Upgrade - Recreation Park – Direction 2 | 10 yr IDP | |
| 4 | Memorial Gully Park | Corner of Knaggs St and Shirley St | 5 | Maintain – Open Space Park – Direction 2 | 10 yr IDP | |
| 1 | Rotary Park | Corner of Dawson Hwy and Theodore Moura Rd | 5 | Upgrade – Amenity Park (Retention of existing Toilet block) | 10 yr IDP | |
| 5 | Tandarra Gully Park | Corner of Shirley St and McArthur St | 5 | Maintain – Open Space Park – Direction 2 | 10 yr IDP | |
| Taroom | | | | | | |
| 1 | Gilberts Lookout | Bonner St | 6 | Upgrade – Amenity Park (Events Park / Observation Area) | 10 yr IDP | Redevelopment Guidelines / Master Plan |
| 4 | Leichhardt Park | Yaldwyn St (next to the Council office) | 6 | Maintain – Amenity Park | 10 yr IDP | |
| 2 | Lions Park | Lions Park Lane | 6 | Maintain - Recreation Park – Direction 2 | 10 yr IDP | |
| 3 | RSL Park | Yaldwyn St (next to the RSL building) | 6 | Downgrade – Amenity Park (Reduction in existing play equipment) | 10 yr IDP | |

| Park No. | Name of Park | Location | Council Division | Recommended Defined Use Category | Time Frame | Recommendations |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---|------------|---|
| Thangool | | | | | | |
| 1 | Apex Memorial Park | Burnett Hwy | 3 | Maintain – Recreation Park – Direction 2 | 10 yr IDP | <i>Redevelopment Guidelines / Master Plan</i> |
| 2 | Geoff Webb Memorial Park | Stanley St | 3 | Maintain – Open Space Park – Direction 2 | 10 yr IDP | |
| Theodore | | | | | | |
| 1 | Junction Park | Junction Park Lane | 6 | Upgrade – Recreation Park – Direction 1 (Bontanic Garden) | 10 yr IDP | <i>Redevelopment Guidelines / Master Plan</i> |
| 2 | Neville Hewitt (Bullring) Park | The Boulevard | 6 | Maintain – Recreation Park – Direction 2 | 10 yr IDP | |
| 3 | Rotary Park | Patridge Dr | 6 | Maintain – Skate Park | 10 yr IDP | |
| Wowan | | | | | | |
| 1 | Wowan Park | Dee River Rd | 4 | Upgrade – Recreation Park – Direction 2 | 10 yr IDP | <i>Redevelopment Guidelines / Master Plan</i> |

NOTE: For more detailed information regarding development of existing Park Areas please refer to the Park Redevelopment Guidelines / Master Plans for each park.

9.0 MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE

9.1 Park Areas Management and Maintenance Framework

The Defined Use Category (Open Space, Amenity, Recreation) for each park area has been identified in the Section 6.0 (Action Plan) and the individual park Redevelopment Guidelines / Master Plans. Management and maintenance activities, based on these Defined Use Categories are listed in Table 4.

Table 4: Park Areas Management and Maintenance Framework

| | Open Space Park | Amenity Park | Recreation Park |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Service Summary | Minimal maintenance regime – Estimated Annual Maintenance Costs \$4,000 - \$5000 <i>(May vary due to the size of the park)</i> | Minimal / Moderate maintenance regime – Estimated Annual Maintenance Costs \$8,000 - \$10,000 <i>(May vary due to the size of the park)</i> | High maintenance regime – Estimated Annual Maintenance Costs \$20,000 - \$25,000 <i>(May vary due to the size of the park)</i> |
| Service / Intervention Levels | -Annual risk, safety and condition inspection | -Annual risk, safety and condition inspection -Repairs initiated according to risk profile -Extreme/very high: within 24 hours -High: within 5 working days -Medium: within 1 month -Low: monitor -Exclusion fence to be installed at time of inspection on safety related matters | -Annual risk, safety and condition inspection -Routine inspection when maintenance crews on site for other works -Annual structural inspection of any shade structures and ablution blocks -Repairs initiated according to risk profile -Extreme/very high: within 24 hours -High: within 5 working days -Medium: within 1 month -Low: monitor Exclusion fence to be installed at time of inspection on safety related matters |
| Customer Service Response Times | -Emergencies/Priority: 4hrs -Inspection: 5 days | -Emergencies/Priority: 4hrs -Inspection: 5 days | -Emergencies/Priority: 4hrs -Inspection: 5 days |
| Maintenance Performance Standards | -Regular mowing <i>(including Visual Safety Inspection)</i> | -Regular mowing <i>(including Visual Safety Inspection)</i> -Weekly inspection of playground (including softfall) -Annual maintenance of any play equipment -Watering and maintenance of landscaping as required | -Regular mowing - Weekly inspection of playground (including softfall) -Annual maintenance of any play equipment -Watering and maintenance of landscaping as required -Structural maintenance of shade structures and ablution blocks and observation decks as required |

9.2 Playground Equipment Maintenance Standards

So as to ensure the safety of all park users the following guidelines have been established regarding the appropriate establishment and maintenance of playground equipment for parks.

All playground equipment purchased by Council, donated or supplied on a joint venture basis and constructed on Council owned or controlled land shall be installed and maintained as per these standards.

Table 5: Current Playground equipment Installation and Maintenance Standards

| STANDARD NO. | YEAR | DESCRIPTION |
|---|--------------|---|
| AS 4685.1 | 2004 | Playground equipment Part 1: General safety requirements and test methods |
| AS4685.1/Amdt 1/2006-10-24 2/2008-04-28 | 2006 2008 | Amendment No.1 Amendment No.2 |
| AS 4685.2 | 2004 | Playground equipment Part 2: Particular safety requirements and test methods for SWINGS |
| AS4685.2/Amdt 1/2006-10-23 2/2008-04-28 | 2006 2008 | Amendment No.1 Amendment No.2 |
| AS 4685.3 | 2004 | Playground equipment Part 3: Particular safety requirements and test methods for SLIDES |
| AS4685.3/Amdt 1/2006-10-23 | 2006 | Amendment No.1 |
| AS 4685.4 | 2004 | Playground equipment Part 3: Particular safety requirements and test methods for RUNWAYS |
| AS 4685.5 | 2004 | Playground equipment Part 5: Particular safety requirements and test methods for CAROUSELS |
| AS4685.5/Amdt 1/2006-10-23 | 2006 | Amendment No.1 |
| AS 4685.6 | 2004 | Playground equipment Part 5: Particular safety requirements and test methods for ROCKING EQUIPMENT |
| AS4685.6/Amdt 1/2008-04-28 | 2008 | Amendment No.1 |
| AS/NZS 4360 | 2004 | Risk Management |

Table 6: On-Going Playground equipment Installation and Maintenance Standards

| STANDARD NO. | YEAR | DESCRIPTION |
|----------------------------|------|---|
| AS 2555 | 1982 | Supervised adventure playgrounds |
| AS/NZS 4422 | 1996 | Playground Surfacing – Specifications, requirements and test method |
| AS4422–1996/Admt 1-1999 | 1999 | Amendment No.1 |
| AS/NZS 4486 | 1997 | Playgrounds and Playground Equipment Part 1 – Development, installation, inspection, maintenance and operation. Supersedes AS2155 1982 and NZS 5828.1 1986 |
| AS1428 | 1997 | Design for Access and Mobility, Part 1-4 |

9.3 Park Facilities Replacement Schedule

The replacement budget for each of the parks will be reliant on the Defined Use Category assigned to each park and the facilities provided within. Indicative costs and time frames for the replacement of park facilities / furniture are shown in the Development Guidelines / Master Plans for each park

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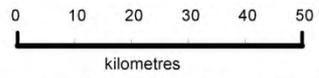
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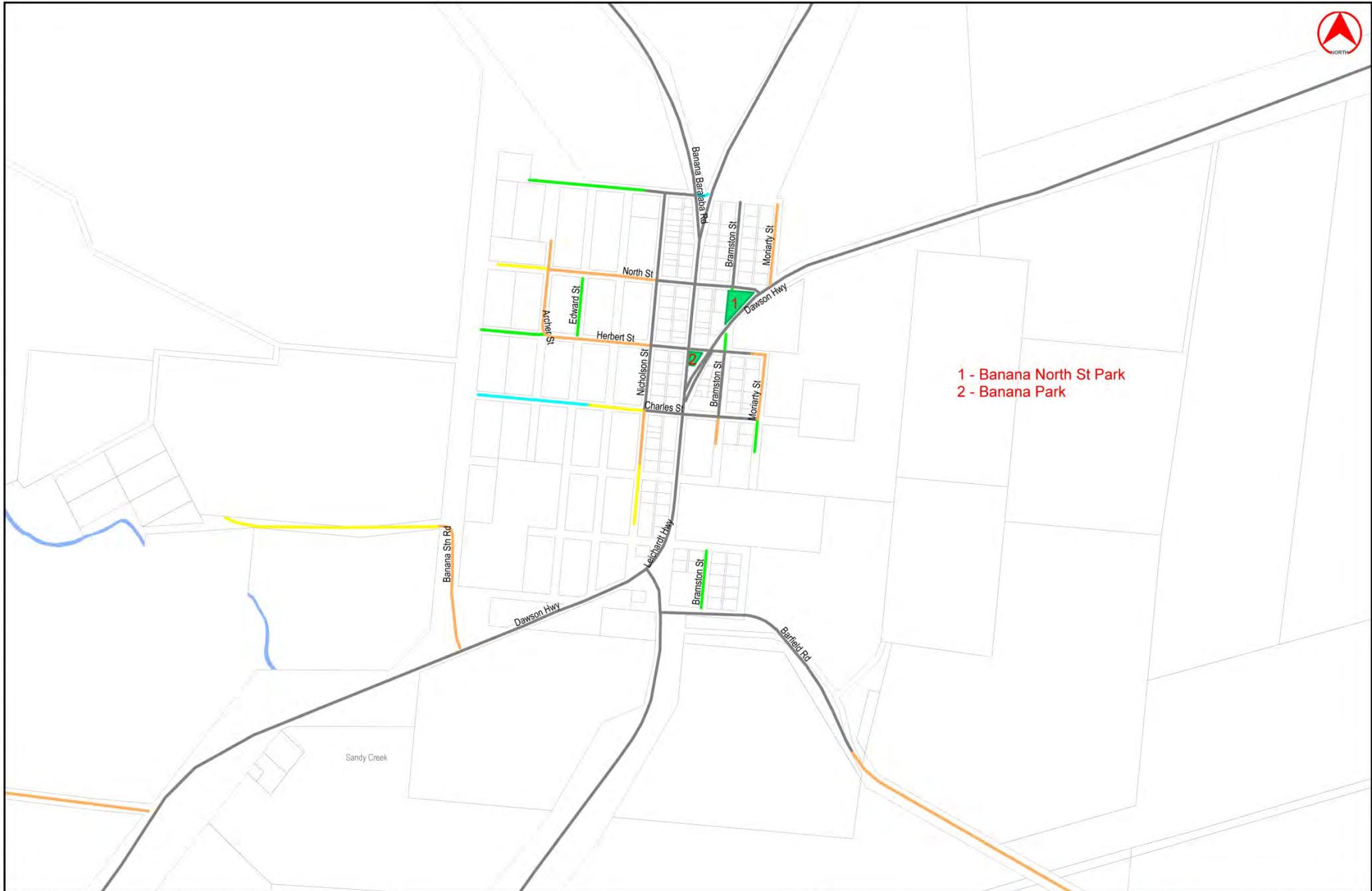


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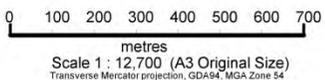




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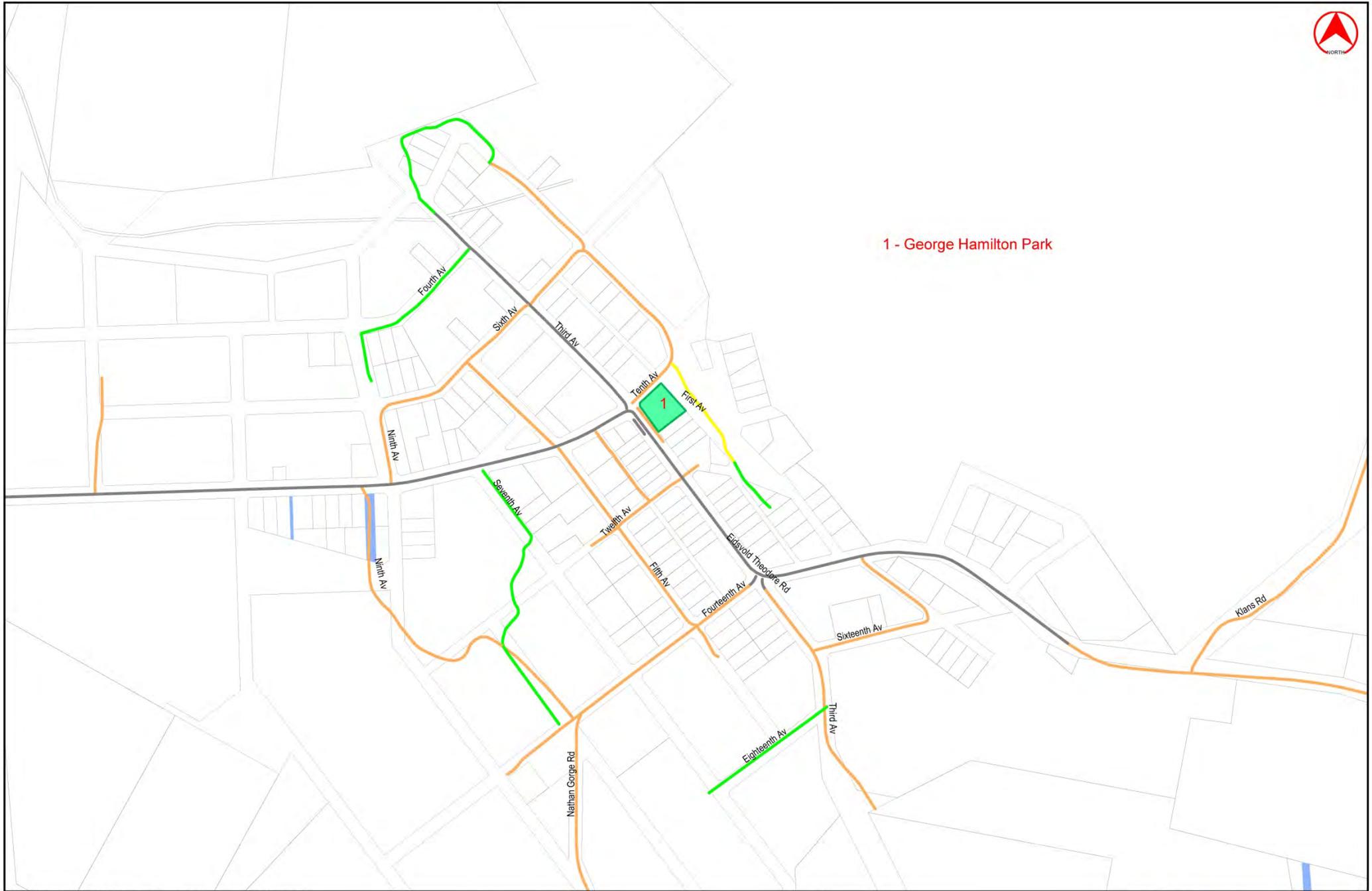


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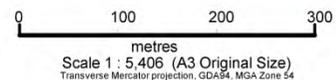


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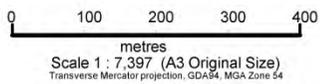




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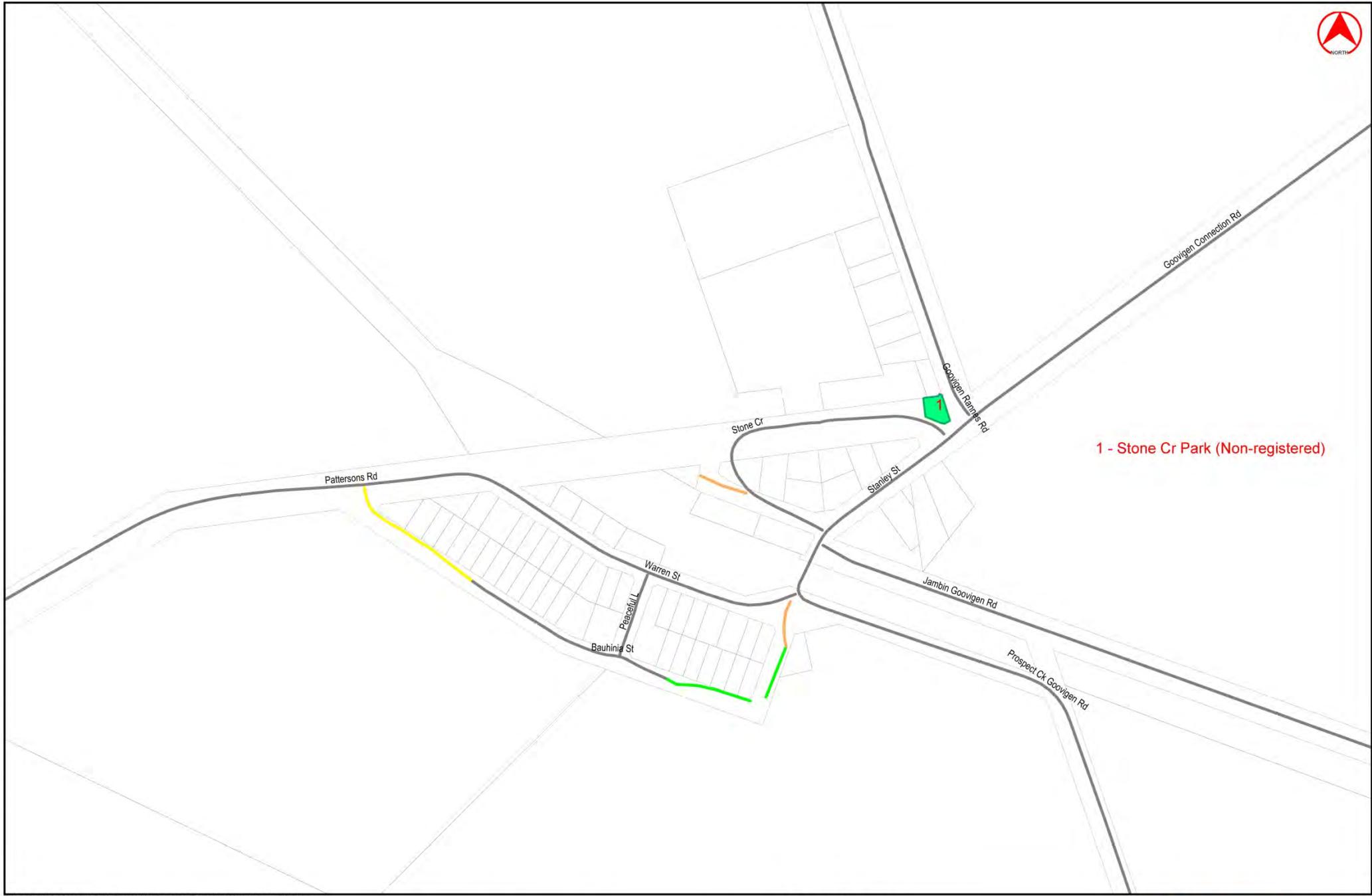
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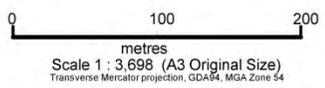


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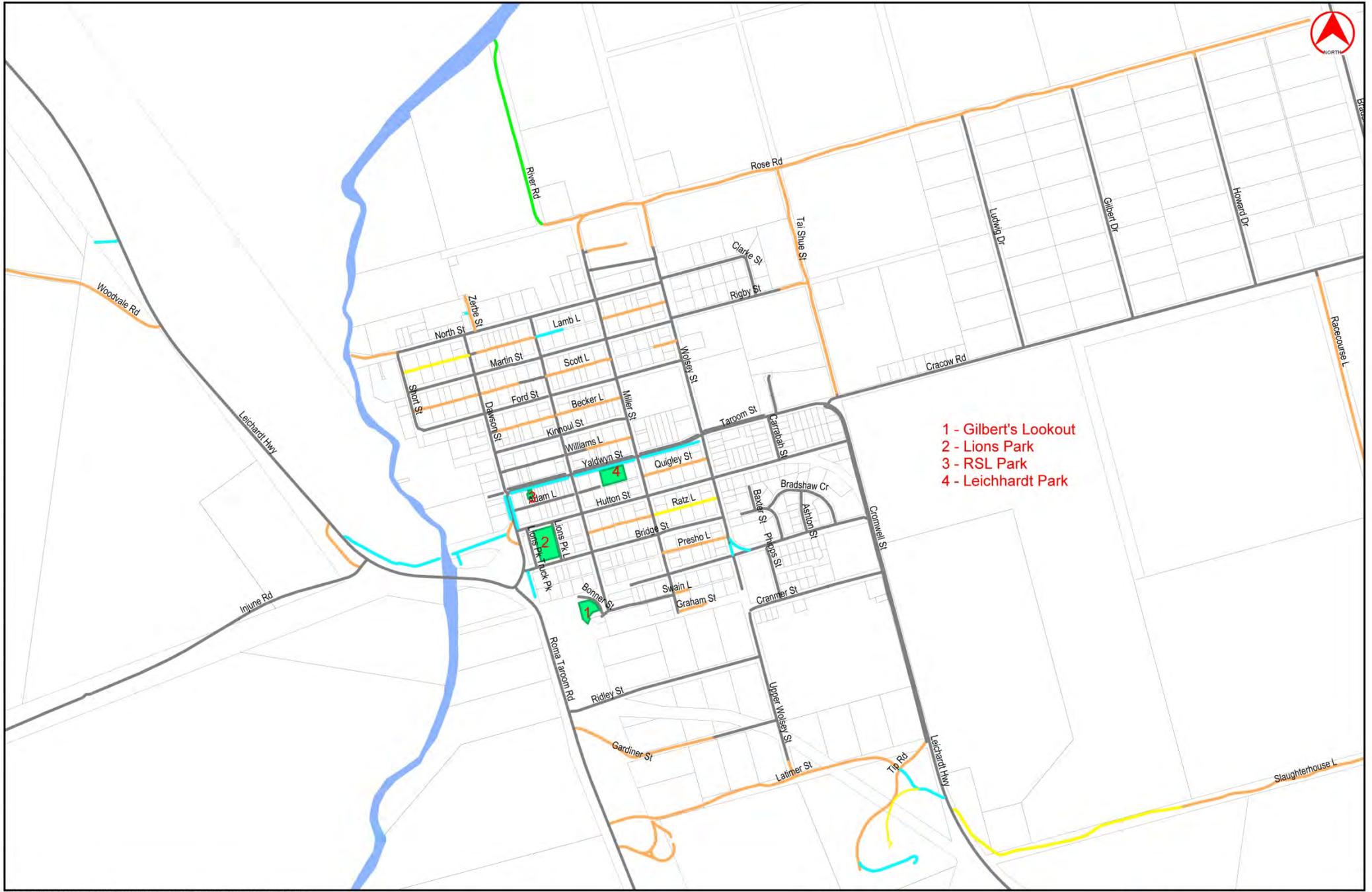
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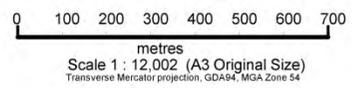


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- 1 - Gilbert's Lookout
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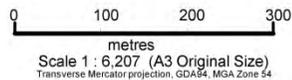




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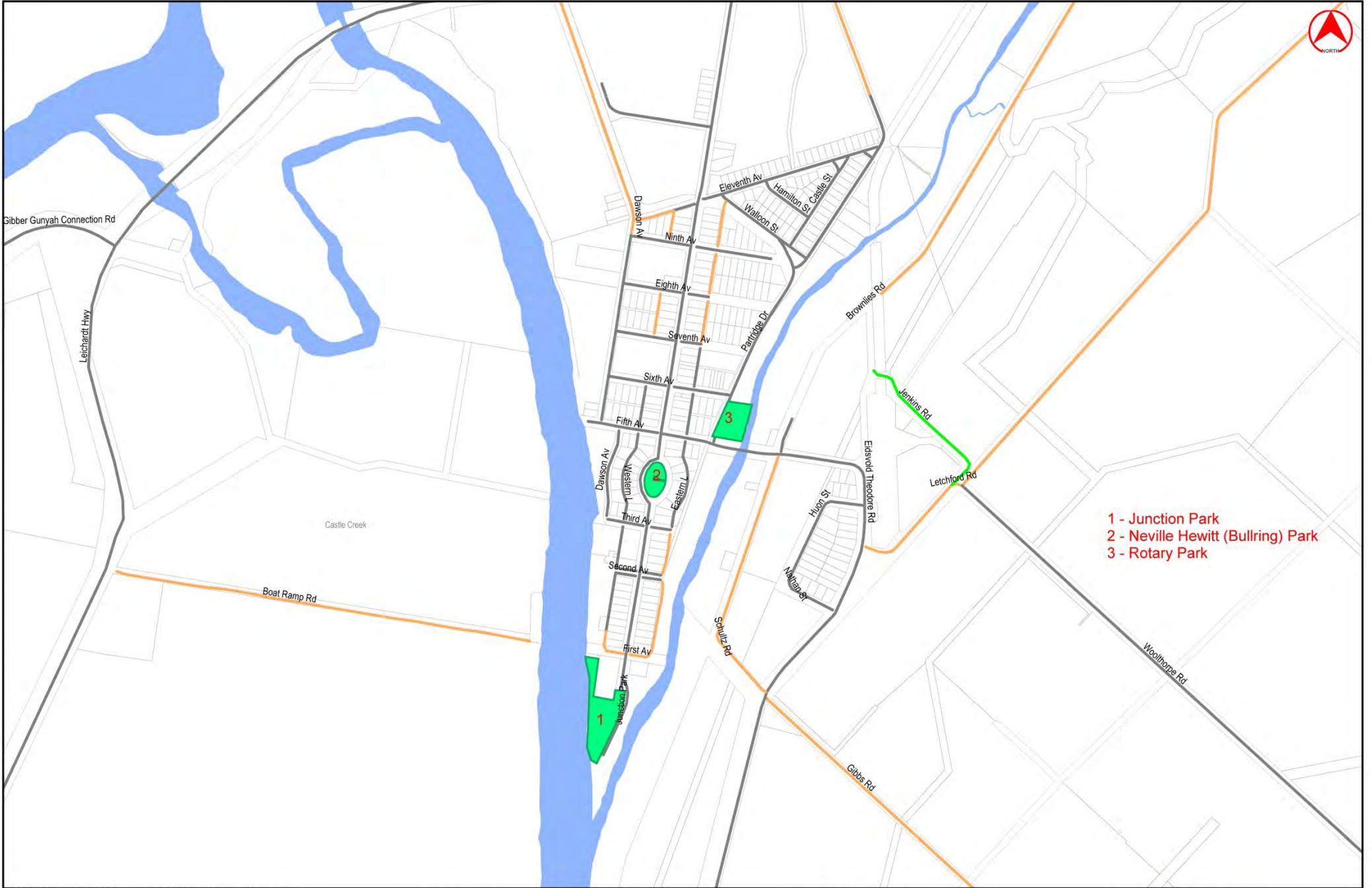
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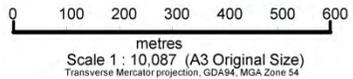
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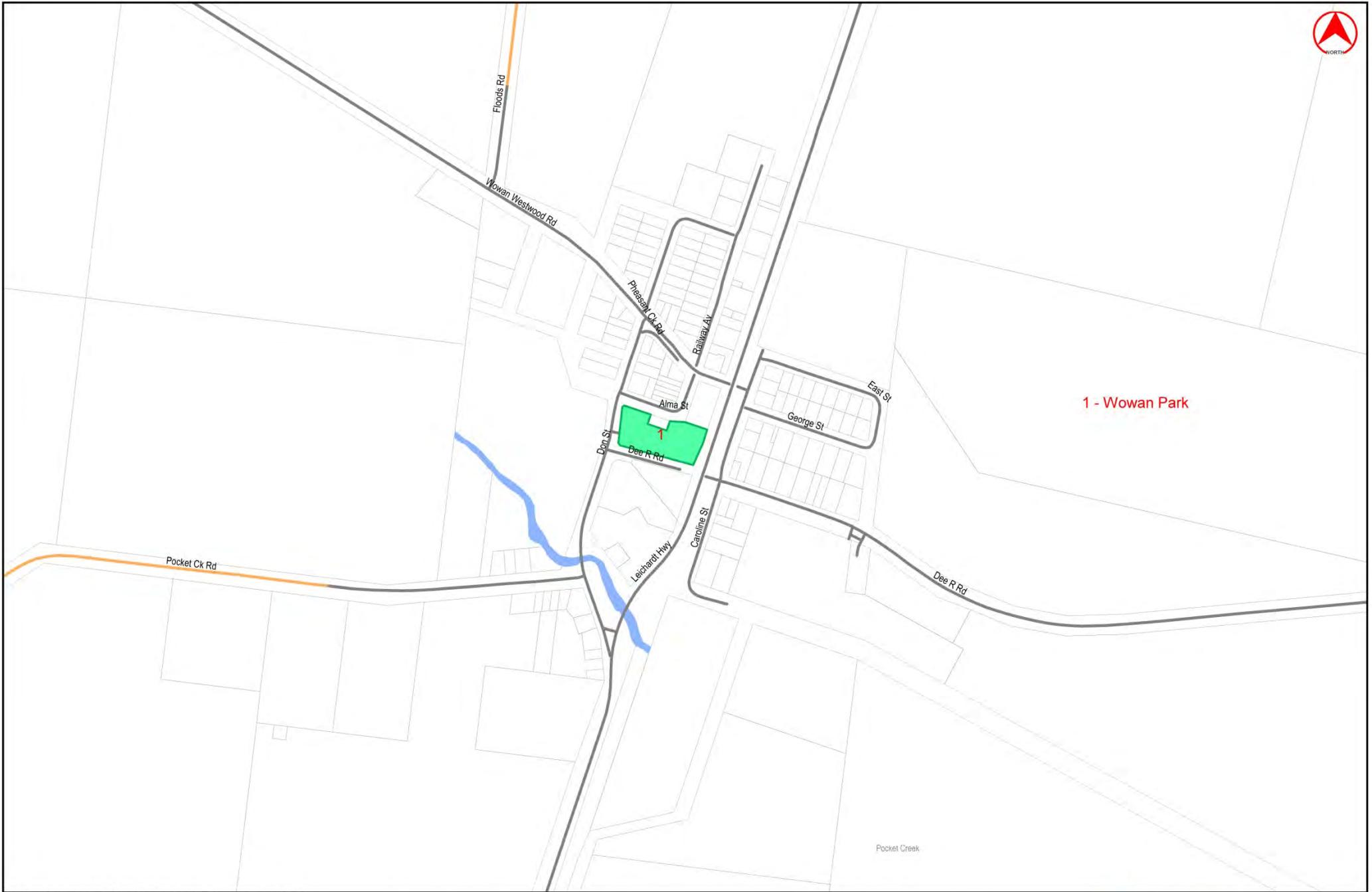
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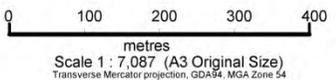
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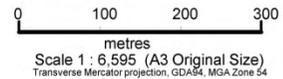
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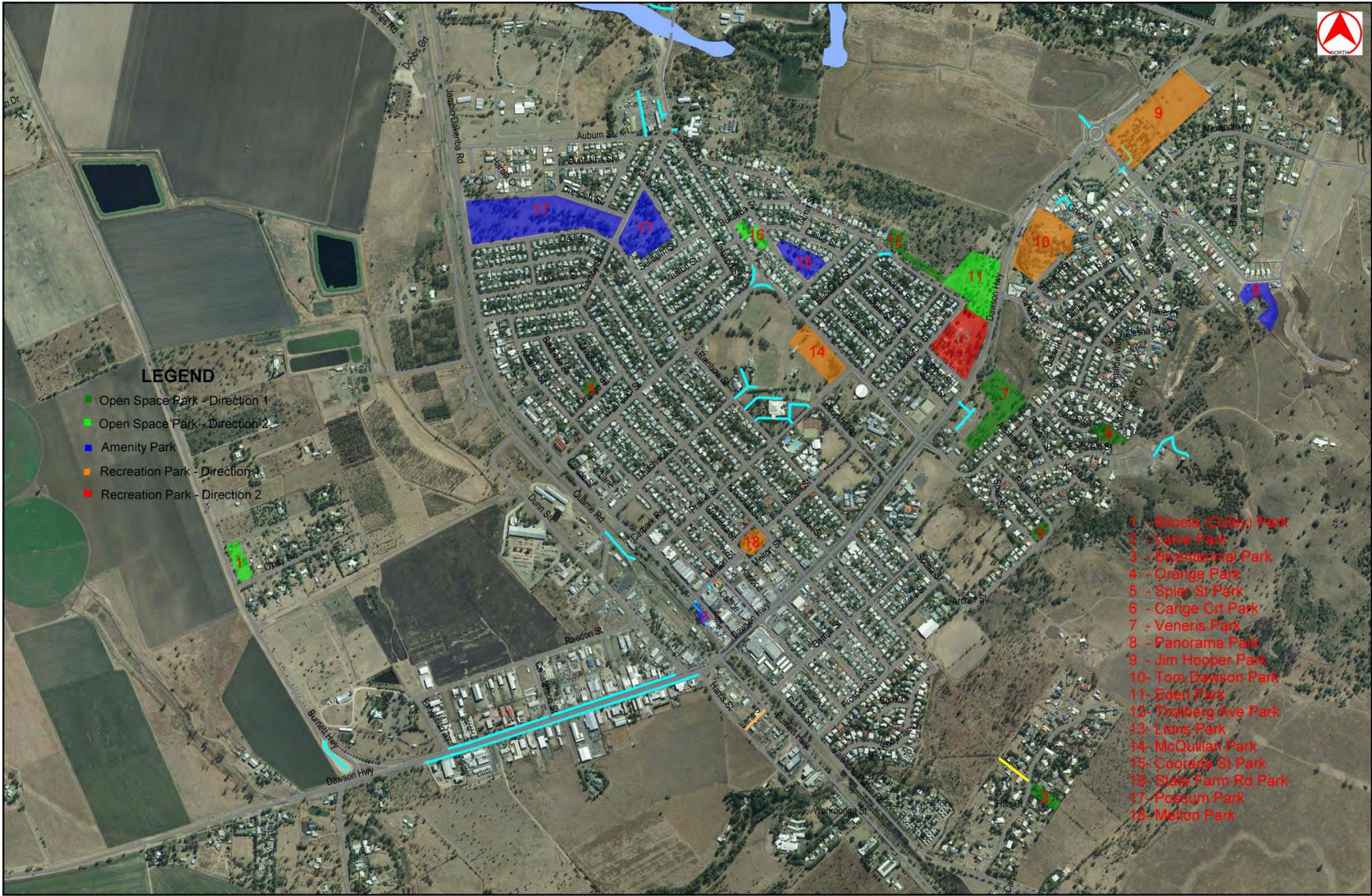
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Banana Park Strategy



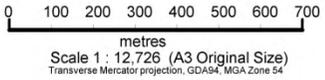


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- Open Space Park - Direction 2
- Amenity Park
- Recreation Park - Direction 1
- Recreation Park - Direction 2

- 1 - Biloea (Oxley) Park
- 2 - Laine Park
- 3 - Bicentennial Park
- 4 - Orange Park
- 5 - Spies St Park
- 6 - Carge Crt Park
- 7 - Veneris Park
- 8 - Panorama Park
- 9 - Jim Hooper Park
- 10 - Tom Dawson Park
- 11 - Eden Park
- 12 - Thalberg Ave Park
- 13 - Lyons Park
- 14 - McQuillan Park
- 15 - Coorady St Park
- 16 - Suez Farm Rd Park
- 17 - Possum Park
- 18 - Melton Park

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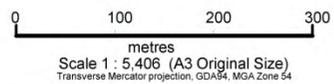
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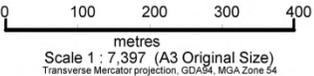


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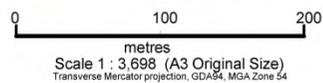




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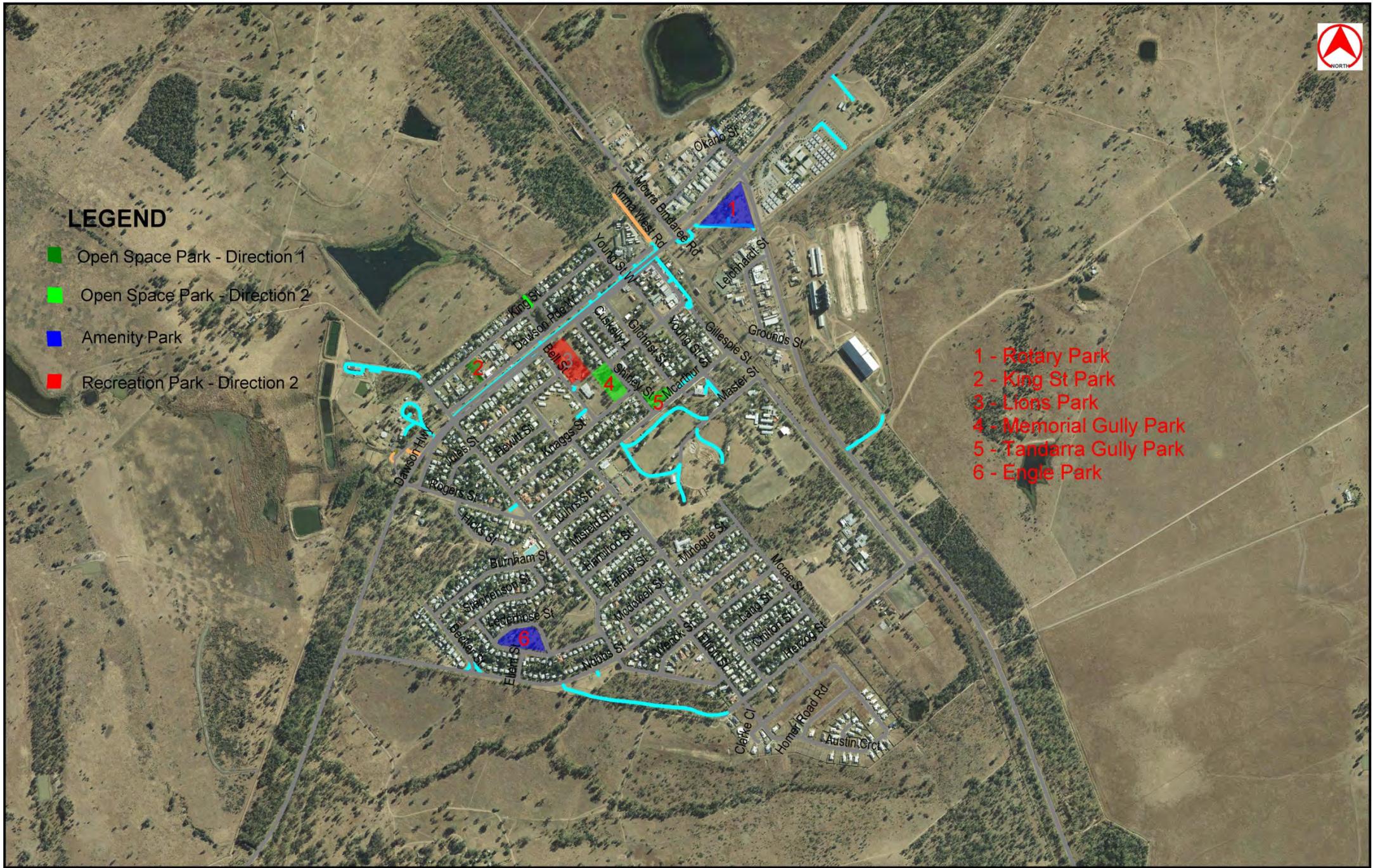
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- Open Space Park - Direction 1
- Open Space Park - Direction 2
- Amenity Park
- Recreation Park - Direction 2

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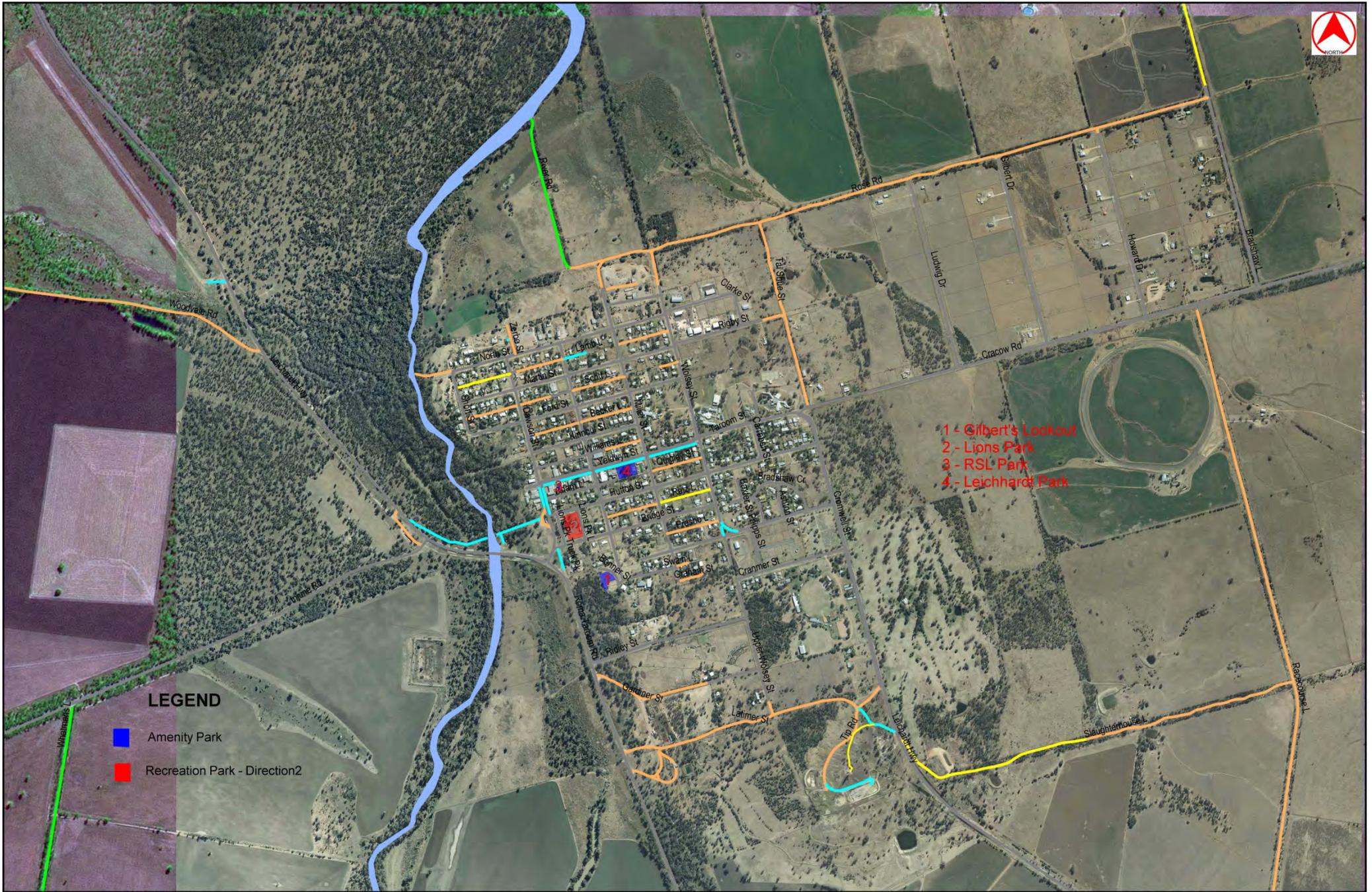
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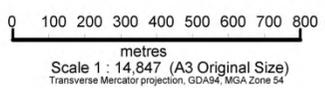
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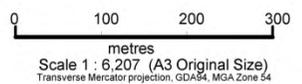
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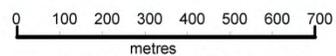




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- Amenity Park (Skate Park)
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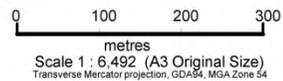


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