

# Public Open Space

## Priority 1: Manage water use and re-use, planting and park usage for prolonged drought

### What would success look like?

Parks and gardens are managed to withstand drought and enable local access to sports fields during periods of drought stress.

### What has Council done?

- Completed Drought Management Strategy. The strategy prioritises heritage open spaces and trees such as the St Kilda Botanical Gardens and St Vincent Gardens
- Participated in a feasibility study for water re-use in Alma Park, Garden City, St Vincent's Gardens, St Kilda Botanical Gardens, and Elwood Park - the study focusses on identifying the most appropriate alternative water source for these sites.
- Stormwater Management Plan review currently underway – considering flooding amelioration and water quality issues to inform stormwater reuse options.
- Obtained \$132K in grants for water projects
  - Alma Park 3 X 22,700 litre tanks - to be used for irrigating sports oval
  - Murphy Reserve 150,000 litre tanks - irrigating baseball field
  - Murphy Reserve Sub surface irrigation project
- Planting of warm season grasses at Esplanade Oval (Elwood), Peanut Farm (St Kilda) and Port Melbourne Soccer Ground
- Regional Water Forum for sports clubs conducted by the Cities of Port Phillip, Bayside and Kingston, September 2007
- Parks Victoria and Council continued to give priority to existing tenant clubs for access to sports fields
- City of Port Phillip Water Taskforce established to oversee long-term water conservation & reuse strategies and contribute to Local Water Action Plan 2008-2011.
- Developing irrigation specifications for contractors and a five year plan for water smart plantings.
- The irrigation audit and the development of irrigation specifications are included in the Water Management Implementation Plan due for completion in December 2008.
- Participating with other inner Melbourne councils to develop Water Sensitive Urban Design Guidelines and education program for council staff and an action plan for inner Melbourne.

Alongside a mandate for wise water management, the appearance and upkeep of parks and gardens was raised as a matter needing attention.

Litter and dumping of hard rubbish were highlighted as concerns and an expectation that Council will be more accountable for performance in litter collection and the appearance of streets and other public areas .

### What indicators track our progress?

Indicator	Result (07/08)	Data Source	Explanation
Amount of metered water used by Council in parks and gardens	112 Megalitres used in parks and open space, and sports fields and public amenities	Council Data	Water use last year was 150 Megalitres
Number of households re-using waste water	52.5% of persons living in Port Phillip were in households that collect waste water	2007 Community Indicators Victoria Survey	This is lower than the state average of 74.8%



# Priority 2: Reduce impact of major events on parks

## What would success look like?

Impacts reduced and community satisfied with outcomes

## What has Council done?

- Continued to express its opposition to the Grand Prix event and successfully lobbied State Government to not allow twilight racing
- Developed a new event management strategy that will improve communication and awareness to residents, improve environmental performance of all events and ensure events are planned on basis of providing clear community benefit with minimal community impact.

## What indicators track our progress?

Indicator	Result	Data Source	Explanation
Length of time Albert park is closed to the community or access is limited because of large events			Data not available at time of printing.

# Priority 3: Create more open space

## What would success look like?

Greater access to open space in neighbourhoods that have limited residential open space

## What has Council done?

- Currently converting former works depot into park along the Port Melbourne Light Rail at the end of Raglan Street
- Increased and improved open space at Elwood Foreshore
- Created new kerb extensions alongside the open space on the corner of Victoria Avenue and Moray Street, Albert Park
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## What indicators track our progress?

Indicator	Result	Data Source	Explanation
Total area given over to: Housing, open private space, open public space, roads and road related areas, footpaths, walking tracks and bike paths.			Data not available at time of printing