Park Hierarchy

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1. Local Park

Purpose and Function: Local parks are usually small parklands that service the recreational needs of the immediate residential population. They are primarily used for recreation and may include small areas of nature space.

Quantity / Typical size	4,000m2 to 1ha*
Distance / Access	Within 400m or 5 minute walk.
Location and Design	Local parks should: • Be located within a 5 minute walk from surrounding residences. • Include accessible, safe pedestrian and cycling connections. • Form part of an overall pedestrian and cycling network to connect key destination points. • Support good passive surveillance. • Be responsive to natural site features. • Build on sense of place. • Assist to preserve local biodiversity and natural area values.
Activities	Activities may include: • Children's play, dog walking, picnics, friends and family gatherings. • Relaxation and rest spots. • Walking, running, general exercise or cycling

Infrastructure Provision (to City Specification) • 1x Brass water taps and post • 400m (approx.) Bollards @ 1.5m spacings • Garden beds with native plants • Turf & irrigation system, inc. associated infrastructure e.g. piping, tanks, pumps, pump shed. • 1x Park name sign • 1x information sign • Associated drainage infrastructure (if required) • 1x bench seat	

2. Neighbourhood Park

Purpose and Function: Neighbourhood parks serve as the recreational and social focus of a community. Residents are attracted by the variety of features and facilities and opportunities to socialise. They can assist to engender sense of place and protect specific conservation values through retention of nature spaces. Neighbourhood parks may be used for informal junior sport or sports training (not sporting fixtures) if appropriate space is available.

Quantity / Typical size	1ha to 5ha
Distance / Access	Within 800m or 10 minute walk.
Location and Design	Neighbourhood parks should: • Be central to surrounding neighbourhoods. • Include accessible, safe pedestrian and cycling connections. • Form part of an overall pedestrian and cycling network to connect key destination points. • Support good passive surveillance. • Be responsive to natural site features. • Build on sense of place. • Assist to preserve local biodiversity and natural area values. Neighbourhood parks may also: • Be collocated with schools to create a community hub.
Activities	• Neighbourhood parks may include a combination of open parkland and bushland with activity spaces for casual play.

Infrastructure Provision (to City Specification)	
• 2x Brass water taps and post • 1000m (approx.) Bollards @ 1.5m spacings • Garden beds with native plants • Turf & irrigation system, inc. associated infrastructure e.g. piping, tanks, pumps, pump shed. • 1x Bin • 1x Park name sign • 2x information signs • Associated drainage infrastructure (if required)	• 1x bench seat • 1x small playground, inc. shade, softfall & edging • 1x Gazebo (i.e. shelter with seats & table) • 1x drinking fountain • 1x bicycle rack • 1x picnic table • Lighting (if required) • 75m length, 2m width concrete path

3. District Park

Purpose and Function: District parks are principally for larger scale public recreational activities. It could also provide for informal sport. They will very likely include substantial recreation space and some nature space. Their design and function should consider biodiversity principles and environmental management goals. District parks serve several neighbourhoods with visitors travelling from surrounding districts.

Quantity / Typical size	5ha to 15+ha
Distance / Access	Within 2km or 5 minute drive. District parks may provide sporting facilities for the wider district and surrounding communities.
Location and Design	District parks should: • Be central to the catchment to maximise accessibility. • Accommodate the recommended dimensions and supporting amenity for recreation. • Be located on district distributor roads (where possible) with good passive surveillance. • Ideally serviced by public transport networks. • Include accessible, safe pedestrian and cycling connections. District parks may also: • Be collocated with a school or other community facilities to create a community hub. • Provide a significant visual break in the urban environment, particularly along major thoroughfares. • Assist to preserve local biodiversity and natural area values.
Activities	District parks may: • Consist of sufficient space to accommodate a variety of concurrent uses, including informal sports, children's play, picnicking, exercising the dog, social gatherings and individual activities. • Include a combination of bushland, open parkland for casual play and space for organised sport.

Infrastructure Provision (to City Specification)	
• 3x Brass water taps and post • 1500m (approx.) Bollards @ 1.5m spacings • Garden beds with native plants • Turf & Irrigation system, inc. associated infrastructure e.g. piping, tanks, pumps, pump shed. • 2x Bin • 1x Park name sign • 4x information signs • Associated drainage infrastructure (if required) • 1x medium playground, inc. shade, softfall & edging • 2x Gazebo (i.e. shelter with seats & table)	• 2x drinking fountain • 2x bicycle rack • 150m length, 2m width concrete path • Lighting (if required) • Monument/Statue (if required) • 1x small toilet block, inc. 1x disabled, 1x ambulant, 3x unisex + associated services, e.g. power, water & sewerage. • 1x BBQ facility (2x plate) • Public Art (if required)

4. Premier Park

Purpose and Function: Premier parks play a major role within the City of Greater Geraldton community. These are generally situated along the coastline which means that accessibility to these areas is high and they provide a large catchment for both active and passive recreational facilities to surrounding localities.

Infrastructure Provision (to City Specification)	• No set standard for infrastructure provision – as required by Councillors and the City. • Consideration regarding the provision of universal playgrounds will be restricted to Premier Parks which will allow mobility impaired people to enjoy a level of accessibility dependent on the park.