

Beaconsfield Profile Area

Beaconsfield Area is the smallest area in the Shire and is included in the South East Growth Corridor Plan. The area is predominately residential land and adjoins Cardinia Creek to the west. At the time of the 2021 census the population of Beaconsfield Area was 4,638, with moderate population forecast to 2031.

Open space

There are 19 ha of public open space in Beaconsfield Area across 31 open spaces. This consists of 12 passive, 2 active, 3 drainage, 11 linear, and 3 natural resource areas. Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve is the largest open space in the area at 5 ha.

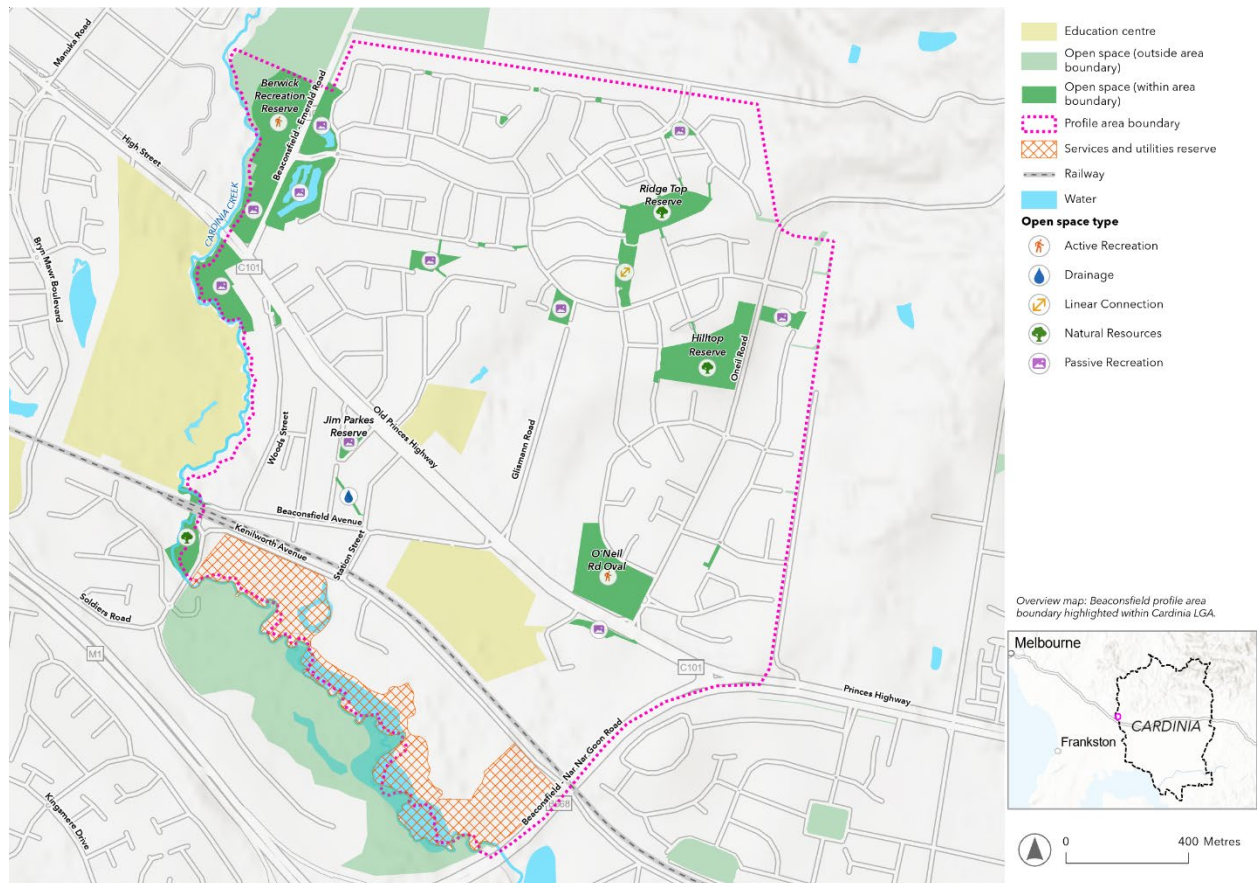


Figure 24: Open space in Beaconsfield Profile Area

Open space provision

The total provision of open space in Beaconsfield Area is currently below the benchmark of 5 ha/1,000 residents. The provision of open space is currently 4.2 ha/1,000 residents. Considering the expected population growth and public open space planned for delivery by 2031, provision is expected to increase to 7.4 ha/1,000 residents, meeting the required benchmark.

Currently, the provision of both active and passive open space is below the provision benchmarks. To meet the active open space benchmark of 2 ha/1,000 residents for the current population an additional 0.8 ha of active open space is needed (increasing to 2.4 ha by 2031). Within the Active Cardinia Strategy measures have been identified to establish demand for sport and active recreation facilities. The framework within the Active Cardinia Strategy will determine whether additional land is required for future active open space.

If additional land is proposed or considered for future active open space, appropriate sites will be investigated to purchase suitable land either within the growth sub-region or outside the growth sub-region. Please refer to the Active Cardinia Strategy for the framework used to establish demand.

While the current provision of passive open space is below the benchmark of 3 ha/1,000 residents, two additional passive open spaces will be added to the area by 2031 which will mean the benchmark will be met by 2031. One new open space will be delivered as part of the Glismann Road Development Plan, and one will be delivered as part of the Cardinia Creek Regional Parklands Future Directions Plan 2022. To further enhance the open space network in Beaconsfield Area, Jim Parkes Reserve has been reclassified as a Township Park and a master plan will be prepared to reflect this classification.

The Cardinia Creek Regional Parklands is a key linear open space starting from the northern part of Beaconsfield Area that provides sporting facilities, pathways, play spaces, passive open space, and natural resource areas. The endorsed Cardinia Creek Regional Parklands Future Directions Plan (2022) was developed in partnership with all open space land managers and agencies along the Parklands. The Plan will guide the future enhancement of open space along this linear reserve that will link Beaconsfield to townships in the southern part of the Shire and into the City of Casey to the west.

Access to open space

Nearly 95% of residents in Beaconsfield Area have access to public open space within 500m walking distance. Open spaces are relatively well distributed; however, the presence of barriers (freeway and train line) has significantly influenced accessibility in some areas. Open space is restricted in the eastern part of the precinct by the Princess Highway and the Pakenham train line.

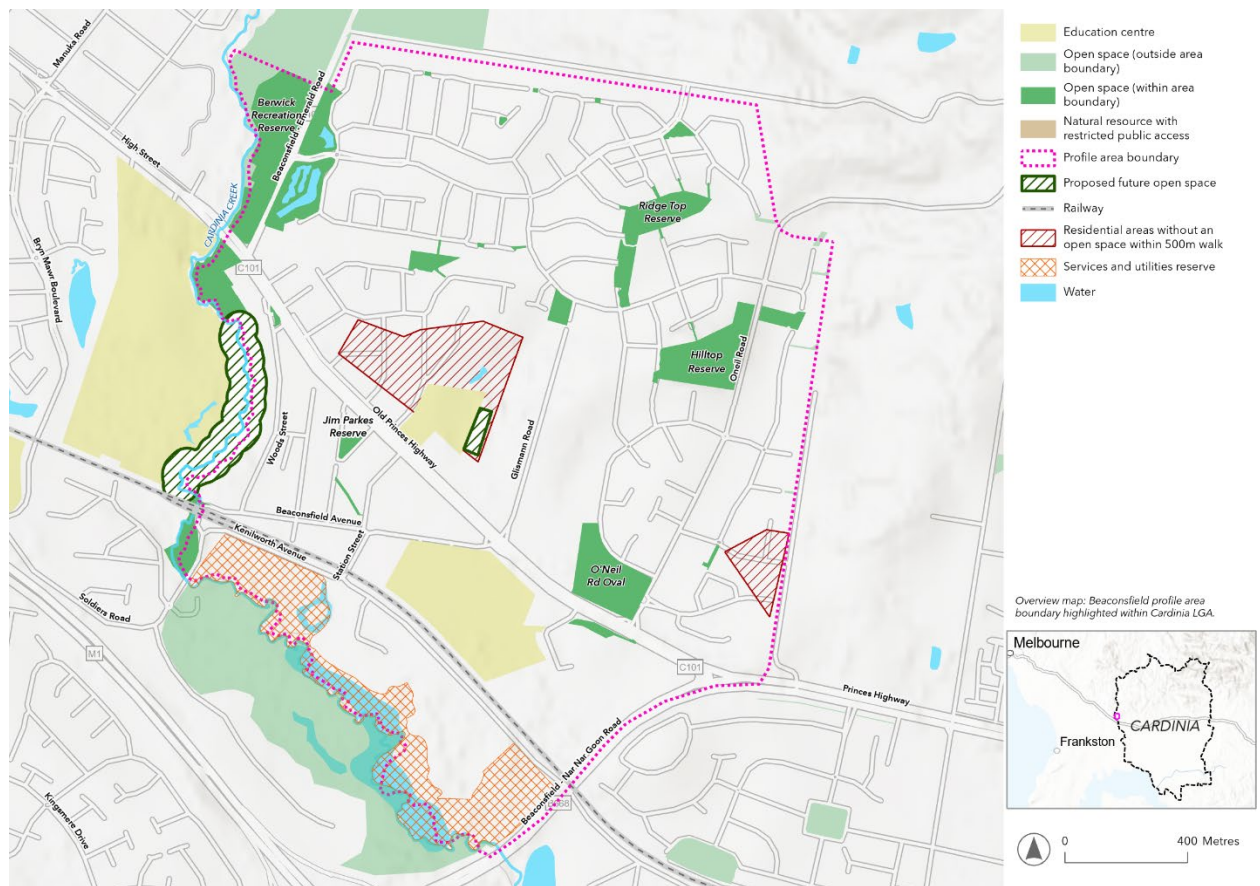


Figure 25: Residential areas in Beaconsfield Profile Area without an open space within 500m walk

Recommendation

The following recommendation is proposed to enhance the open space network in Beaconsfield Area.

- Prepare a master plan for Jim Parkes Reserve to appropriately reflect its classification as a Township Park. Subsequent delivery will be dependent upon available funding and resources.

- Advocate for and support the enhancement of the open space network in Beaconsfield Area as part of the implementation of the Cardinia Creek Regional Parklands Future Directions Plan 2022.
- Work with developers on the delivery of a new open space as part of the implementation of the Glismann Road Development Plan.