

Quick analysis of the Shire's open space network using the layer created by ROSS Planning, using the cadastre

Planning areas

Mullumbimby	Current population:	3,532	3,532	4,996	4,996
	DSS	2.83	1.415		
	Current supply (excluding parks in road reserves)	Demand 2017 (DSS x (population/1,000))	Gap 2017 (current supply - demand)	Demand 2036 (DSS x (population/1,000))	Gap 2036 (current supply - demand)
Total	15.89	10.00	+5.89	14.14	+1.75
Recreation	6.92	5.00	+1.92	7.07	-0.15
Sport	8.97	5.00	+3.97	7.07	+1.90

Recreation (Currently has 6.92ha of developed recreation open space (current surplus of 1.92ha, future deficiency of 0.15ha (which is not significant))

A large proportion of Mullumbimby's recreation parks are located in road reserves, including sections of Heritage Park. As they are not on Council owned or managed land they have not been included in this demand and supply assessment which refers only to lot and plans owned and managed by Council. The community garden is located within a small area of Lot 22 DP 1073165 (approximately 2.7ha). The remainder of the site has not been included in the analysis as it is currently considered undeveloped open space.

The open space demand and supply analysis, which uses ha/1,000 people, only looks at developed recreation parks (local, town/village, regional and linear recreation parks) and concludes that Mullumbimby is well supplied with open space for recreation purposes now and into the future, despite a minimal deficiency of 0.15ha by 2036. This deficiency however, is not significant due to the large amount of open space currently residing in road reserves, particularly that along the Brunswick River and sections of Heritage Park (which have not been included in this analysis). As such, it is recommended that Council rezone Lot 22 DP 1073165, excluding the section currently developed as the community garden, which shall remain RE1.

If Lot 22 DP 1073165 is rezoned R1 (residential), residents on the most eastern section of the development (near the railway line) will be within 600m (in a direct line) of a quality recreation/sport park (Mullumbimby Recreation Grounds). As such, and with community support expressed through the results of the community survey, it is recommended that a path/pedestrian network be established in the Lot 22 DP 1073165 that connects residents to Mullumbimby Recreation Grounds, as opposed to a new local recreation park.

If Mullumbimby does experience significant unpredicted population growth, there are a number of undeveloped parcels of open space (RE1) in the area that can be embellished to a local recreation park standard. However, the community would prefer to see Council develop/enhance town/village recreation parks as opposed to developing more local recreation parks. Heritage Park and Mullumbimby Recreation Grounds will become Mullumbimby's key destination parks (town/village recreation parks).

Sport (Currently has 8.972ha of developed sports open space (current surplus of 3.97ha, future surplus 1.90ha)

There are currently two sportsgrounds in Mullumbimby, Pine Street Oval and the Mullumbimby Recreation Grounds. Other sporting ovals/facilities are also found in the area, ranging from private sports grounds to specialised sports grounds (showgrounds, bowls clubs, golf clubs). However, as they are not freely available to the public, they are not considered public open space, thus not eligible for developer contributions.

Overall, Mullumbimby is well supplied with land for sport, especially considering the Mullumbimby Recreation Ground is underutilised. Lot 22 does not need to be retained for sporting purposes. There are plans for the tennis club to expand and more formalised parking for netball be developed, however, there is sufficient space in the current park, especially if proper planning is conducted via a master plan.