

## Information Sheet: Community, Education and Recreation Facilities

As we plan for the future of Karnup, it's important to include community facilities that will enhance the quality of life for all residents. This information sheet outlines the key considerations for education and recreational facilities within the District Structure Plan.

### Community Facilities and the Karnup Community Infrastructure Plan

The City of Rockingham is preparing the Karnup Community Infrastructure Plan (KCIP) to address the needs of a growing community. With the Karnup population predicted to reach 48,500 by 2046, the KCIP aims to identify the services and facilities required and provide a framework for community infrastructure planning.

The KCIP aims to:

- clearly identify the services and facilities required for our expanding community
- guide the development and potential timing of community infrastructure over the next 20 years
- provide a documented framework of community infrastructure planning principles and guidelines.
- To meet the needs of a growing population, the following community facilities are being considered:
  - active open spaces for sports and community gatherings
  - community centre for local events and services
  - library for learning and leisure
  - indoor recreation facilities for year-round sports and fitness
  - outdoor hard courts for tennis, basketball, and other sports
  - outdoor recreation space for leisure and play, and
  - a youth centre for youth activities and programs.

### Education

Following Western Australian Planning Commission's Operational Policy 2.4 – Planning for School Sites, our education planning anticipates a need for up to 11 primary schools and two high schools (potentially three) within the area by 2046.

#### Primary Schools

Each primary school catering to a local neighbourhood is designed to support approximately 1,500 dwellings. These sites will be identified as part of the District Structure Plan, to optimise access for all residents within the school catchment, however the exact locations will be confirmed at the Local Structure Planning phase.

## Secondary Schools

Secondary schools serve multiple primary school catchments, typically at a ratio of one secondary school for every four to five primary schools. They will have connections to nearby transport nodes for accessibility by the broader catchment area. Confirmation of these sites at the District Structure Plan stage will enable the necessary rezoning of land under the Metropolitan Region Scheme and allow the Department of Education to plan and acquire these sites as early as possible.

## Childcare Centres

Childcare centres can be strategically placed throughout Karnup to meet the needs of young families, ensuring accessibility and integration with other community facilities.

## Recreation

As part of the Perth and Peel @ 3.5 Million strategy (2018), the District Structure Plan will include recreational facilities aimed at fostering a healthy and vibrant community lifestyle.

## Regional Sporting Facility

A large-scale sporting complex, designed to accommodate local and regional sports events, encompassing multiple sports fields, courts for different ball sports, running tracks, and spaces for other fitness activities has been earmarked for the north-east portion of the District Structure Plan area. The established Lark Hill sporting complex is an example of the suggested size and scale of the planned Karnup Regional sporting facility.

## District Playing Fields

Additional playing fields that can cater to sports such as AFL, soccer, cricket, and rugby will be strategically located throughout the district in addition to the regional sporting facility. Subject to collaboration with the Department of Education, there may be an opportunity to co-locate these facilities with planned secondary schools in the area. The new Baldvis Sports Complex on Eighty Road is an example of the size and scale of a district facility.

## Neighbourhood and Local Parks

Neighbourhood parks include amenities such as picnic areas, large open spaces for gatherings and playgrounds.

Local parks are smaller recreational spaces located in residential areas designed for daily leisure activities. They are equipped with basic playground equipment, walking paths, benches, and landscaped areas.

Neighbourhood and local parks are typically planned at the Local Structure Plan stage.

## For More Information

For more information on the Karnup District Structure Plan visit [rockingham.wa.gov.au/kdsp](http://rockingham.wa.gov.au/kdsp)

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