2. Recreation and open space zone

Council’s Planning Scheme commenced on 1 February 2016. Since this time council has been working on the proposed amendment to the scheme to ensure it remains a living document that supports growth and maintains the region’s unique characteristics.

Council previously consulted the community on the proposed improvements to the planning scheme and supporting planning scheme policies. Council has now reviewed and considered much of this feedback, using it to inform the development of a new planning scheme amendment.

Council is now seeking community feedback on the new proposed amendment to the planning scheme and planning scheme policies.

The proposed changes generally aim to improve functionality and address implementation issues which have been identified since the planning scheme first came into effect.

The changes summarised in this information sheet may also be made in other areas of the planning scheme where similar outcomes are sought.

The proposed amendment only relates to changes to certain parts and provisions of the planning scheme. For example, whilst the proposed amendment is seeking to change car parking provisions for secondary dwellings, other requirements for secondary dwelling already exist in the planning scheme (design and setbacks etc.) and are proposed to continue. To determine the requirements for any proposed development the planning scheme must be considered in full.

The proposed key changes described in this information sheet relate to facilitating use of council owned and controlled land most of which is contained within the Recreation and open space zone in the current planning scheme.
Proposed key changes include the following:

Use of Council land in accordance with a Council Master Plan
Council owned or controlled land needs to be managed in the interests of council and the community. Council endorsed Master Plans guide decisions on how such land is intended to be managed and used. A Master Plan typically outlines land uses, detailed urban design, built form, infrastructure and service provision and identifies the measures used to deliver the vision and outcomes sought.

For some sites the Master Plan might encourage a variety of uses to be undertaken whereas for others only certain kinds of development will be appropriate and desirable. Input from the community is sought and taken into account during the preparation of Master Plans for Council owned or controlled land.

The planning scheme currently allows certain land uses on Council owned or controlled land to be undertaken without a development application if in accordance with a Master Plan. The proposed changes reinforce and clarify that, where a Master Plan is in place, there are no additional planning considerations (beyond what is contained within the Master Plan) for development involving the following:

- Animal husbandry
- Animal keeping
- Bar
- Childcare centre
- Club
- Community care centre
- Community use
- Educational establishment
- Emergency services
- Food and drink outlet
- Function facility
- Garden centre
- Healthcare services (apart from 148 and 160 Klingner Road, Kippa-Ring)
- Indoor sport and recreation
- Intensive horticulture
- Landing
- Market
- Motor sport facility
- Nature-based tourism
- Night club entertainment facility
- Outdoor sport and recreation
- Parking station
- Research and technology industry
- Service industry
- Shop
- Tourist attraction
- Tourist park (a new addition to the list of uses that can be undertaken without an application - note this is a change from the current scheme that identifies a streamlined application process for this development)
- Wholesale nursery

These proposed changes occur in Part 5 and Part 6 of the planning scheme.
Use of Council owned or controlled land not subject to a Council Master Plan
The planning scheme currently identifies a number of land uses that may be undertaken, without a
development application, on council owned or controlled land not subject to a Council Master Plan, so long
as certain requirements are met. The proposed changes reinforce and clarify the requirements to be met.
Such requirements cover matters such as: building form; lighting; waste; infrastructure; access; dealing with
hazards and constraints; and guidance for specific types of development. The proposed changes are for
development involving the following:

- Club
- Community use
- Emergency services
- Food and drink outlet
- Function facility
- Indoor sport and recreation
- Landing
- Market (also note that under the changes a Market that is not located on Council owned or
  controlled land will also be allowable without an application so long as the requirements are met)
- Motor sport facility
- Outdoor sport and recreation

These proposed changes occur in Part 5 of the planning scheme.