

24. Travancore

24.1 Overview

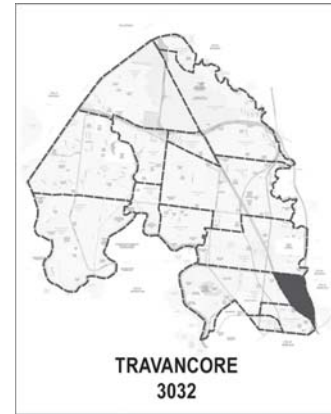
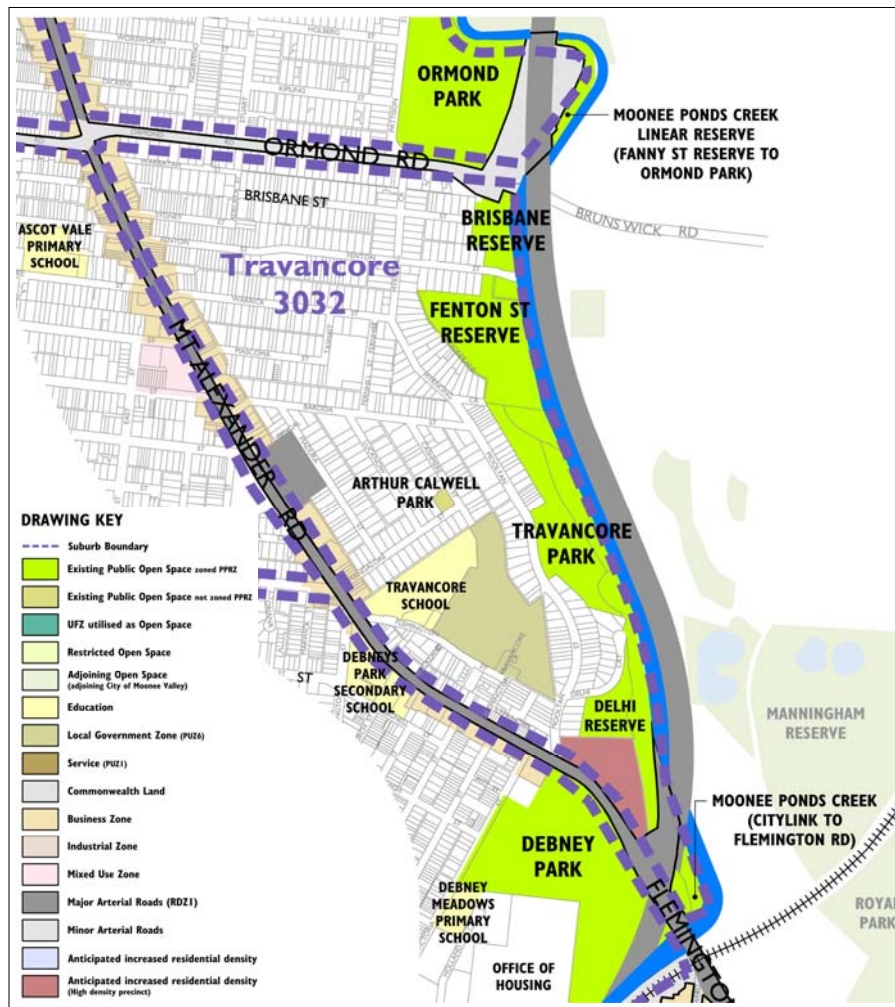


Fig 24~1 Existing open space in Travancore
Extract from Drawing MVOSS-01 Existing Open Space, prepared for this Strategy



Travancore is located in the south-eastern part of Moonee Valley. Mt Alexander Road borders it to the south-west, Ormond Road to the north and Moonee Ponds Creek to the east. There are no significant internal barriers to safe and easy access to open space within Travancore.

Open space adjacent to Moonee Ponds Creek provides a linked linear system of open space for Travancore. This includes informal recreation facilities at Travancore Park and

Delhi Reserve and sporting facilities at Fenton Street Reserve. There is one Small Local open space located within the residential area.

Adjoining open space

Moonee Ponds Creek adjoins the eastern boundary of Travancore, and provides access to the linear open space system in Moonee Valley and the City of Moreland, including open space on the east side of the creek and Ormond Park north of Travancore in Moonee Ponds. There is also access via an on-road shared trail system into Royal Park and Manningham Reserve in City of Melbourne

Natural and Heritage values

Moonee Ponds Creek provides limited natural environmental values where it flows through Travancore, however, it does serve a limited habitat corridor function. There is potential for this to be improved in the longer term. There are no records of heritage values in open space in Travancore.

Ancillary open space

Travancore School is located in the southern area of this precinct and this provides some contribution to the open space character, however, it is not extensive as the school grounds are bounded on one side by housing and the other sides by the Royal Children's Hospital Mental Health Services. The Mental Health Services facility is set in landscaped grounds and does provide a green and treed character to this area of Travancore.

Suburb character

Travancore is an established suburb with buildings predominantly from the 1920's onwards.

Demographic summary for Travancore

These figures are from the ABS Census data 2006.

Travancore demographic information is combined with Flemington, refer to Section 17.1.2.

24.2 Quantity and distribution of open space

24.2.1 Quantity

- 12.1 hectares of open space
- 14.1% of total suburb area is open space
- 26m² per person (Travancore, Newmarket and Flemington population figures are combined and therefore this an average over these three suburbs)
- Major adjoining reserves include Reserve the linear open space corridor along the Moonee Ponds Creek.
- There are no gap areas in Strathmore Heights
- Summary of open space type:

Type of open space in Travancore	No.	Area (ha)
Regional	5	12
Municipal	0	0
Neighbourhood	0	0
Local	0	0
Small Local	1	0.1
Local Link	0	0
<i>Total</i>	6	12.1

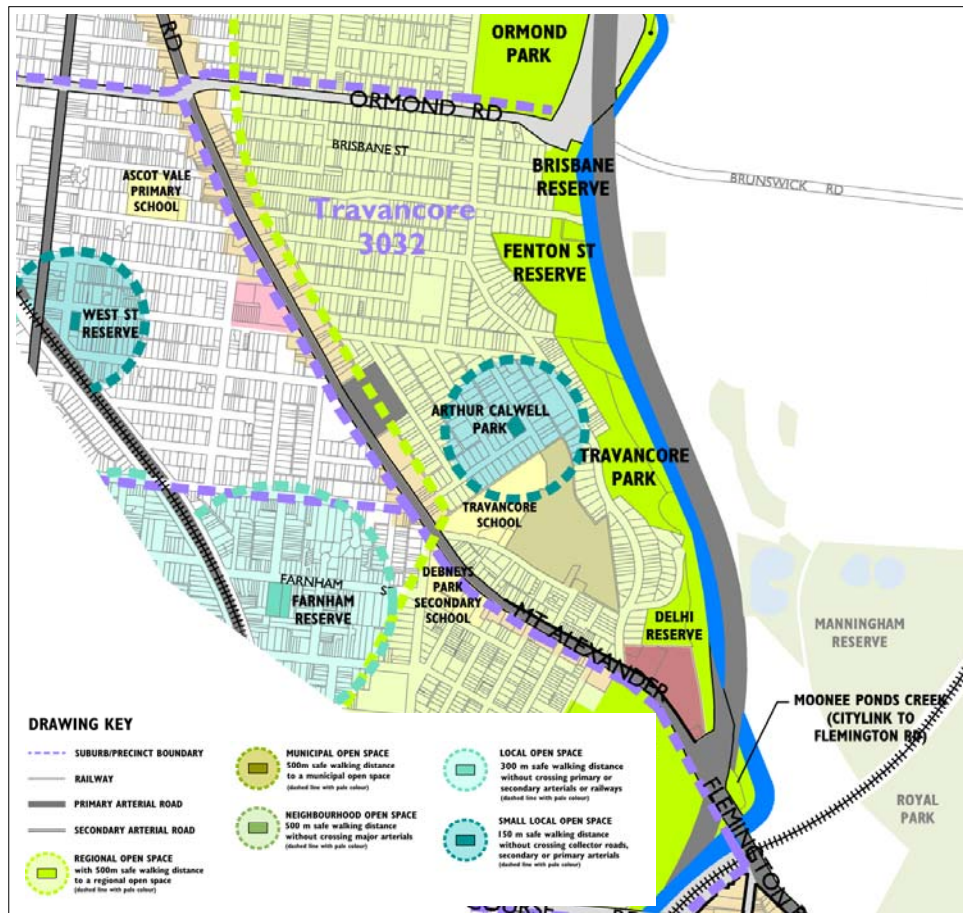
Table 24~1 Existing open space Hierarchy and Character Classification in Travancore

NAME	AREA SQ/M	EXISTING ZONE	USE CLASSIFICATION	CHARACTER CLASSIFICATION (PRIMARY)	CHARACTER CLASSIFICATION (SECONDARY)	EXISTING MASTERPLAN OR CONCEPT PLAN
Arthur Calwell Park	1,226	R1Z	Small Local	Formal		No
Brisbane Reserve	9,842	PPRZ	Regional	Community Garden	Linear, Waterway, Nature conservation	No
Delhi Reserve	22,758	PPRZ	Regional	Informal	Waterway, Nature conservation	Yes
Fenton Street Reserve	36,670	PPRZ	Regional	Sporting	Informal, Waterway, Nature conservation	No
Moonee Ponds Creek (Citylink to Flemington Rd)	6,360	PPRZ	Regional	Linear	Waterway, Nature conservation	No
Travancore Park	43,881	PPRZ	Regional	Linear	Waterway, Nature conservation	No

24.2.2 Distribution

The majority of open space is located along the eastern boundary of the precinct adjacent to the Moonee Ponds Creek. All residents in Travancore are within 500 metres walking distance of regional open space along Moonee Ponds Creek.

Fig. 24~2 Gap analysis of open space in Travancore
 Extract from Drawing MVOSS-02 Open space distribution, prepared for this Strategy



24.3 Community use of open space

Residents of Travancore completed a total of 22 Household Surveys.

- Travancore Park is by far the most popular park within walking distance followed by Moonee Ponds Creek in general. Maribyrnong River and Queens Park as the most popular open space beyond walking distance.
- Need to improve the condition of walking paths, open grassed areas and cycle paths
- Key issues include dog waste, conflicts between cyclist and pedestrians
- Value the open space, retain what is there

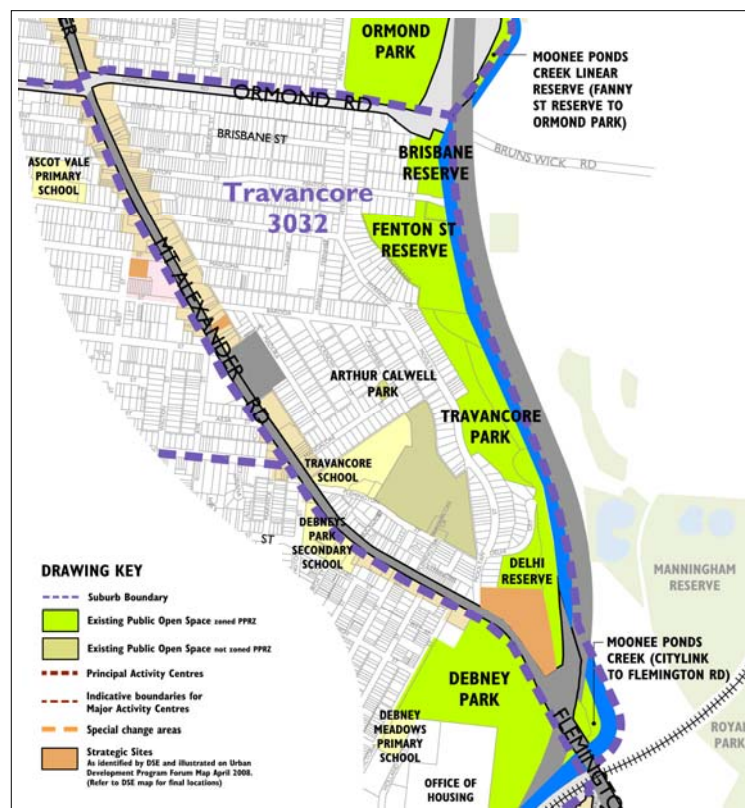
For a complete summary refer to Community consultation during research phase summary report.

24.4 Summary of anticipated future change in Travancore

Planning for future growth including the future population predictions for Travancore has been included in the Flemington growth figures. Refer to extract from Section 17.4 below:

It is anticipated that there will be additional growth between 2008 and 2020 with an additional 415 dwellings, with approximately 85% located on strategic site, and the remaining 15% distributed through the suburb. The additional dwellings are anticipated to result in an additional 698 residents, representing a 7.8% change. Refer to Section 5 for further discussion and recommendations associated with the Flemington and Travancore.

Fig. 24-3 Future change areas in Travancore
Extract from Drawing MVOSS-03 Future change areas, prepared for this Strategy



The main Strategic site for Travancore is the Lombard Paper site, which has approved development already occurring on the site. The Tram Depot on Racecourse Road is a potential strategic site, however, this has not been identified at this stage as there is a Heritage Overlay on the site, and the future need for the site as a depot has not been determined. Future increased demand for open space is anticipated to be on improving facilities in existing open space.

24.5 Precinct recommendations for Travancore

Open space provision and distribution

Travancore residents live within reasonable walking distance of open space and there is currently no identified need to provide additional open space in Travancore.

Open space quality and design

There is a need to improve the quality of design of reserves including facility provision particularly the condition of cycle and walking paths. The improvements are required for existing and future residents.

24.5.1 Individual reserve recommendations for Travancore

The reserves are listed in alphabetical order by hierarchy.

Regional open space

NO.	RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY & AGENCY
24.5.1a	Brisbane Reserve Continue to maintain this reserve and improve vehicle control measures on the site.	High Council
24.5.1b	Delhi Reserve Continue to maintain this reserve.	Ongoing Council
24.5.1c	Fenton Street Reserve Continue to maintain this reserve for hockey use. Minor improvements to be undertaken to improve pedestrian access through the reserve.	Very High Council
24.5.1d	Moonee Ponds Creek Linear Reserve (CityLink to Flemington Road) Continue to maintain this linear reserve and path connection.	Ongoing Council
24.5.1e	Travancore Park Prepare and implement a landscape master plan to address the issues raised in the consultation including dog management in this dog off-leash reserve, paths, planting and play area.	High Council

Small Local open space

NO.	RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY & AGENCY
24.5.1f	Arthur Caldwell Park Continue to maintain this reserve, review the need to retain the BBQ in the longer term given the size and classification of this reserve.	Ongoing Council