

Report to the Future Melbourne (Environment) Committee**Agenda item 6.3****Guidelines for Holding Events in Open Space****4 October 2022****Presenter:** David Callow, Director Parks and City Greening**Purpose and background**

1. To seek endorsement to revoke the current Council endorsed guidelines for events in open space and replace them with a new set of operational guidelines which would be managed under delegation and in line with other existing Council policies.
2. The Council has a number of strategies and guides which assist with the management of events in public open space to ensure the range of uses are balanced and well managed across the network.
3. The Sustainability Guidelines for Holding Events in Parks and Gardens (the guidelines) were originally developed to ensure events held in parks and gardens were appropriate to the location and the frequency and size of events did not exceed the carrying capacity of the space. The guidelines were first approved by Council in April 2005 and revised and endorsed by the Council's Environment Committee on 5 June 2007.
4. In 2020-21 an Annual Plan Initiative entitled: 'Optimise the use of public space for events to respond to the impacts of COVID-19' included a specific task to *review and update the 2007 Guidelines to ensure sustainable use and balance between passive, recreational and event use of public space*. A review of the guidelines was recommended because there had been significant changes to the context in which they operate, meaning the information in the guidelines had been superseded by other City of Melbourne policies, including the Open Space Strategy (2012), the Event Assessment Framework (2013) and the Melbourne Event Planning Guide (2019).

Key issues

5. During the review of the guidelines, it was recognised that while out of date, the guidelines were widely used and were a key resource for making decisions about specific event applications and requirements.
6. A revised draft of the guidelines was prepared and trialled by the operational teams of relevant work areas in 2020-21. Comment on the revised draft of the guidelines was sought from the Parks and Gardens Advisory Committee (PGC) March 2022. Feedback was received from the PGC and from the operational trial and used to finalise and rename the guidelines as Guidelines for Holding Events in Open Space (2022) (new guidelines). It is intended the new guidelines be the subject of regular review at an operational level to ensure the information, processes and outcomes remain current, with the first review scheduled for April 2023.
7. While the guidelines were adopted by Council in 2007, the review process highlighted that the new guidelines were primarily an implementation tool and were consistent with Council's higher level policies and directions. For that reason it is recommended that the guidelines be revoked by Council but the new guidelines be adopted and managed under delegation, on the basis they will operate within Council adopted policies and directions.
8. Responsibility for the implementation of the new guidelines will jointly sit with relevant branches.

Recommendation from management

9. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 9.1. revokes the Sustainability Guidelines for Holding Events in Parks and Gardens (2007)
 - 9.2. approves the Guidelines for Holding Events in Open Space 2022, to be managed under existing delegations.

Attachments:

1. Supporting Attachment (Page 2 of 17)
2. Guidelines for Holding Events in Open Space (Page 3 of 17)

Supporting Attachment

Legal

1. There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation from management.

Finance

2. There are no financial implications to Council arising from this report.

Conflict of interest

3. No member of Council staff, or other person engaged under a contract, involved in advising on or preparing this report has declared a material or general conflict of interest in relation to the matter of the report.

Health and Safety

4. In developing this proposal, no OHS issues or opportunities have been identified.

Stakeholder consultation

5. The draft new guidelines were considered by the PGC in March 2022 and the feedback received was incorporated into the final document. As the new guidelines remain consistent with CoM's policies, no further external stakeholder consultation was undertaken.

Relation to Council policy

6. The new guidelines align with the 2021-24 Council Plan objectives to: focus on an Economy of the future and to celebrate Melbourne's Unique identify and place: and are consistent with and fall under both the Open Space Strategy (2012) and the Event Assessment Framework (2013).
7. Changes from the guidelines to the new guidelines include:
 - 7.1. Review of the determinants of the impact suitability ratings and the introduction of a new rating of very low.
 - 7.2. Review of each park, and agreed event locations in each park, against the revised impact suitability ratings noting any exceptions to the ratings for individual parks, for example, listing the maximum carrying capacity or maximum number of events permitted in some locations.
 - 7.3. Incorporation of bookable hard spaces where the City of Melbourne has tenure such as Bourke Street Mall and Southbank Promenade.
 - 7.4. Removal of small local and small local link parks from the events booking system and a limit set on the use of local parks to very low impact events only.
 - 7.5. Introduction of six week reinstatement period after high impact events.
 - 7.6. Development of a process to consider specific exemptions to the Guidelines when appropriate.
 - 7.7. Agreement to complete an annual review.
 - 7.8. A change of document name to 'Guidelines for Holding Events in Open Space' to reflect the addition of hard space and to reduce confusion with the use of the word 'sustainability'.
 - 7.9. Agreement to improve systems and reduce resources and time by linking this project to a separate project to upgrade the Experience Melbourne booking system.

Environmental sustainability

8. In developing this proposal, no significant environmental improvements were identified.

Guidelines for Holding Events in Open Space

Owner	Parks and City Greening and Experience Melbourne
Last Revised Date:	28-Sep-22
Next Review Date:	April 2023

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1 Introduction

The Open Space Strategy was developed in 2012 at which time Melbourne's public open space network totalled approximately 562 hectares of publicly owned land. Open space includes public parks, gardens, reserves, waterways, forecourts and squares, set aside primarily for recreation, nature conservation, passive outdoor enjoyment and public gatherings. As of June 2022, Melbourne's public open space network was approximately 585 hectares, of which 460 hectares is the responsibility of the City of Melbourne (CoM).

The parks, gardens and reserves within the open space network are important natural assets for Melbourne as they provide:

- A wide range of passive and active recreational opportunities for visitors and residents such as walking, picnics, barbecues, skate boarding, yoga, quiet relaxation and contemplation.
- Large manicured grassed areas able to accommodate group and cultural activities.
- Facilities that support a wide range of sporting activities such as cricket, football and tennis.
- Valuable habitat for flora and fauna.
- Venues able to accommodate large and diverse events from small weddings to large scale events such as New Year's Eve and Moomba.

The Open Space Strategy (2012) identifies a hierarchy of open space comprised of:

- **Capital City**
Primarily established and managed to stage activities and events of international, national, state and metropolitan importance. These spaces cater to a broader public need and are synonymous with the character of Melbourne. Capital City spaces provide facilities that are known by and are primarily for international and interstate visitors to Melbourne and include Birrarung Marr, Domain Parklands, Carlton Gardens South and Fitzroy Gardens.
- **State and Regional**
Valued and visited by a broad catchment of people including the local community. These spaces are generally easily accessible to people from adjoining municipalities and include Royal Park, Princes Park, Fawkner Park and Flagstaff Gardens.
- **Municipal**
Valued and visited primarily by the CoM population, these spaces fulfil a municipal function and provide facilities to support organised and unstructured sport and recreation activities. Examples include JJ Holland Park and North Melbourne Recreation Reserve.
- **Neighbourhood**
Smaller spaces that provide a diversity of character and facilities that appeal to the local community and include Argyle Square, University Square and Lincoln Square.
- **Local**
Located within walking distance of residential homes, these spaces are not intended for large groups and can accommodate up to two activities. An example is MacArthur Square.
- **Small Local**
Located within walking distance of residential homes these spaces are able to accommodate a single use activity and include spaces like Bellair Street Reserve.
- **Small Local Link**
Provide improved connectivity between streets and open space such as Barring Walk.

2 Background

Events form part of Melbourne's image and identity and contribute to the city's reputation as being one of the world's most liveable cities, and Australia's events capital. Events create jobs and stimulate the economy with data showing the biggest spending days in the city are when events are held. Holding events in open space celebrates Melbourne's diversity, improves connections between local communities, creates a sense of belonging and allows visitors to experience the space in a different way.

The Open Space Strategy (2012) references the need for open space to provide venues for staging major public cultural and sporting events for Victoria and as such, much of the open space listed in the Strategy has multiple bookable spaces suitable for holding events. In July 2021, there were approximately 183 individual bookable event spaces across 34 open spaces. Maps showing the location of these bookable event spaces are available on [City of Melbourne Interactive Map](#). The demand for park based event spaces is particularly high between November and March each year.

To ensure events held in open space are appropriate to the location and that the frequency and size of events do not exceed the carrying capacity of the space, the Sustainability Guidelines for Holding Events in Parks and Gardens were developed and subsequently endorsed by Council on 5 June 2007. The Guidelines apply to the open spaces designated as Capital City, State, Regional, Municipal, Neighbourhood and Local, where the CoM has tenure, and also includes hard surface spaces such as the Bourke Street Mall, Melbourne Town Hall Forecourt and Southbank Promenade. Open space excluded from the Guidelines includes:

- Space with restricted access where leases or licences have been granted e.g. lawn bowls clubs.
- Crown Land where CoM is not the trustee or the Committee of Management, e.g. Yarra Park.
- Space managed by other areas within CoM e.g. Chinatown Plaza.

Events and activities conducted in open space must be held in accordance with a permit issued under the *Activities Local Law 2019*. To ensure a consistent approach on the evaluation of event documents submitted to the CoM by event organisers, the Experience Melbourne (formerly Tourism and Events) Branch created the Event Assessment Framework (EAF) in 2013. The EAF is constructed around a sliding risk scale based on the size, scale and nature of an event and assists the Event Operations Team to evaluate the validity and completeness of an event plan and to make informed decisions on the following three key areas of the event permit process. These Guidelines are used in Step 1.

1. Pre-event plan assessment
2. Event operations
3. Post-event compliance and evaluation

The CoM is the Committee of Management under the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978* for many public open spaces in the municipality including most of the large parks and gardens. The CoM is also either the sole or joint trustee of several Crown land reserves, and events on such reserves must abide by the *Melbourne Parks and Gardens (Joint Trustees Reserves) Regulations 1994*. The requirements of these Regulations have been incorporated into the [Melbourne Event Planning Guide 2019](#) to assist event organisers to ensure compliance. Some reserves are held freehold.

3 Scope

The CoM identified events as crucial to Melbourne's recovery post-COVID-19, partnering with the Victorian Government to jointly invest \$300 million to reignite the city in an events-led recovery to attract visitors back to the city. This resulted in a 2020-21 Annual Plan Initiative entitled: 'Optimise the use of public space for events to respond to the impacts of COVID-19'. A deliverable of this API was to 'review and update the Sustainability Guidelines for Holding Events in Parks and Gardens to ensure sustainable use and balance between passive, recreational and event use of public space'.

A review of the guidelines was recommended due to the significant changes to the context in which the guidelines operate, such as new CoM strategies, new open space and changes to the amount of open space managed by CoM.

4 Types of Impacts

The EAF determines the potential risk to health and safety of an event by assessing the event profile and attendance; infrastructure requirements such as inflatables and amusements; traffic and transport disruptions; political and stakeholder sensitivity; and organiser expertise. The Guidelines however, ensure that events held in open space do not have a negative impact to the space, in particular, to park biodiversity and park infrastructure and as such, consider physical impacts, carrying capacity and frequency of use.

The PWG reviewed the determinants of the three impact ratings as stated in the current Guidelines and agreed they were still relevant. The PWG did introduce a new impact rating of very low to accommodate events with minimal infrastructure and an attendance of less than 250 people. The biodiversity and park infrastructure impact suitability ratings of very low, low, medium and high impacts are outlined in [Table 1 – Impact suitability rating](#).

Each open space was individually reviewed using the revised impact suitability ratings and changes were made to the Guidelines where appropriate. Where there was a need to increase the protection of a particular space, more than that specified in Table 1, a specified upper limit was noted for that space. [Table 2 – Capital City, State, Regional, Municipal and Neighbourhood parks](#) and [Table 3 – Local, Small Local, Small Local Link parks](#) lists all open space and any exceptions.

4.1 Physical

Physical impacts refer to the impacts an event's infrastructure or its attendees may have on the short and long term biodiversity of the park and park infrastructure. Physical impacts include:

- Damage to grassed surfaces, shrub or garden beds, trees, tree root systems, signage, buildings, pathways and biodiversity.
- Compaction of soil in open grassed areas generally affected by the number of participants, structures and event vehicles.
- Damage to sensitive habitat e.g. smoke, noise, trampling, light.
- Pollution from waste water and litter.

As there are no known endangered or rare species within any parks or gardens and pollution from waste water and litter are considered during the permit process, criteria for these has not been included in this impact. The impacts listed above can be measured from very low to high.

4.2 Carrying capacity

Carrying capacity is the maximum number of attendees a park can accommodate with minimal impact. To determine the maximum carrying capacity impact rating the following were considered:

- Surface (grass or hard).
- Location.
- Accessibility (footpaths, public transport or car parking).
- Topography (availability of flat cleared land).
- Shape and size.
- Existing patterns of usage (demand or leases).
- Conservation and biodiversity values.
- Endorsed Master Plans, Crown land regulations, zoning, open space strategy hierarchy and other CoM plans and strategies.

4.3 Frequency

Frequency refers to balancing event use with passive and recreational use ensuring adequate time for a park to recuperate after an event, whilst managing any impacts on biodiversity. Each open space was assessed to determine an appropriate frequency of events suitable for the space.

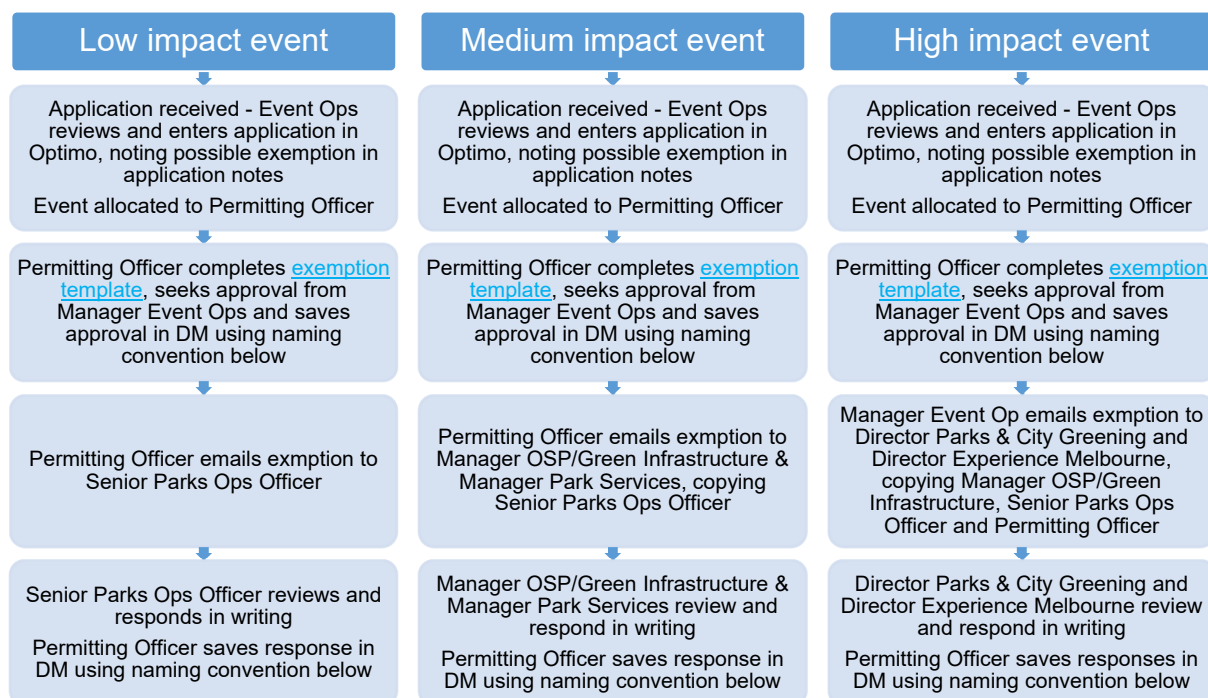
Frequency:

- Is measured by the number of events allowed per week, month and/or year and includes specifying a frequency for different event impact levels.
- Is identified by the minimum number of days or weeks required between events. The length of time may vary according to the seasons and/or the event impact level.
- Identifies certain times of the year when events are not allowed within a specific area of an open space.
- Ensures adequate time between events for a park to recuperate.
- Manages impacts on biodiversity.
- Balances event use with passive and recreational use.

5 Exemptions

5.1 Process

If an event application will exceed the maximum impact suitability rating stated in the Guidelines for the requested space, the Experience Melbourne Branch can submit a request to Open Space Planning and Green Infrastructure for an exemption to be considered. The following diagram outlines the process for seeking an exemption.



In the instance where agreement cannot be reached between the parties assessing the exemption, the request should be referred to the staff members listed as approving the next impact level i.e. if agreement for a low impact event cannot be reached, exemption is sought from the approvers for a medium impact event. If the exemption application reaches the Directors and agreement cannot be reached, the matter should be referred to the General Managers for a resolution.

The [exemption template](#) must be used for all requests and saved in Council records as follows:

Public Event - **Event Name** – **Month and Year** – **Guidelines exemption request** - **BP**

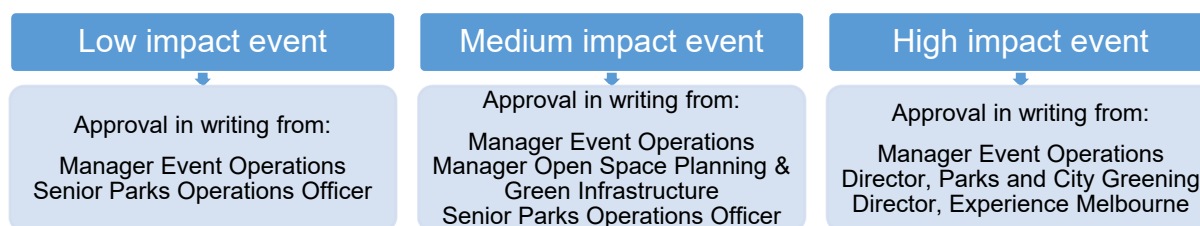
All approvals must be saved using the following naming convention:

Public Event – **Event Name** – **Month and Year** – **XX Guidelines exemption approval** – **BP**

*E.G. Public Event - **AFL Community Fun Day** – **August 2022** – **Director, Parks and City Greening Guidelines exemption approval** – **BP 1234***

5.2 Approvals

The below diagram summarises the approvals required for each event impact level.



6 Conclusion

To ensure the Guidelines remain current, the PWG committed to an annual review coordinated by Open Space Planning and Green Infrastructure. A register where operational staff can record feedback on the Guidelines will form the basis of the annual review. Between annual reviews, and in certain circumstances only, new open space can be added to the Guidelines and/or event booking database subject to the impact suitability rating being determined by the Manager Open Space Planning and Green Infrastructure, with input from Park Services and Experience Melbourne.

A draft version of the Guidelines was presented to the Parks and Gardens Advisory Committee on 2 March 2022 at which feedback was provided. The feedback was recorded in the register and reviewed by the PWG with the Guidelines updated where applicable. The feedback suggested a change to the title of the document due to the word sustainability being deemed misleading. As this version also includes hard spaces as well as parks and gardens, the PWG changed the name of the document to 'Guidelines for Holding Events in Open Space'.

The Guidelines were then finalised with implementation commencing for operational teams from 1 July 2022. A review of the Guidelines post 9 months of operation is scheduled for April 2023.

7 Table 1 – Impact suitability rating (ISR)

Very Low Impact	Low Impact	Medium Impact	High Impact
Structures are limited to no more than two 3m x 3m marquees OR one 6m x 3m marquee. No other structures permitted	Up to 5 structures	6 to 20 structures	More than 20 structures
1 food van with track matting. Vehicle must be able to be driven with a normal licence (limits per park apply)	No more than 2 food vans	3 food vans or more	

More than 50 people and less than 250 people	Up to 250 people and less than 1,000 people over the course of the event	More than 1,000 people and less than 10,000 people over the course of the event	More than 10,000 people, with a mass crowd movement at some point of more than 5,000 people
Event duration is less than 1 day	Event duration is less than 3 days	Event duration is between 4 - 10 days	Event duration is more than 10 days

Note that:

- Event infrastructure is considered to be any item brought to the space that is more than a few chairs and tables, more than four market umbrellas and more than two gas barbecues.
- Infrastructure should not be placed within two metres of onsite public facilities e.g. toilets.
- The suitability of event structures for an open space is considered during the permit process.
- A structure in low to high impact events includes any item which covers the ground for the duration of the event such as a shelter from the rain or sun, inflatable jumping castle etc.
- Event duration includes bump in and bump out.
- Very low impact events are considered to be a wedding or private gathering e.g. birthday party, therefore a petting zoo, jumping castle, stage, portable toilets, generator or outdoor cinema are not permitted.
- Low impact events could be a child's birthday party with a jumping castle and up to five marquees totalling no more than 120 square metres e.g. only one 10m x 12m marquee is permitted. A maximum of five individual portable toilet cubicles is permitted.
- Vehicles are permitted for any event to enable access for people with a disability, provided the open space has vehicle access.
- The facilities, services, vehicle and site restrictions are outlined in more detail in the Site Fact Sheet available for each park on the [CoM Interactive Map](#).
- Events are to consider the cultural and heritage values of the space and the appropriateness of the event to the space and placement of infrastructure within.

8 Table 2 – Capital City, State, Regional, Municipal and Neighbourhood parks

Park name	ISR	Exceptions	Hierarchy
Alexandra Gardens ^{^*}	High	Maximum capacity 50,000	Capital City
Alexandra Park ^{^*}	Medium	High impact events can be considered when booked in conjunction with Alexandra Gardens	Capital City
Argyle Square (Piazza Italia) [^]	Medium	Weight loading considerations apply Larger events may be considered if they use road space as well Larger infrastructure is not to be placed on grassed area. Maximum capacity 2,500 (except for Carlton Italian Festa) Joint Trustees Regulations allows for one specific Automotive Exhibition per year for up to 4 days	Neighbourhood
Batman Park [^]	Medium	Maximum capacity 2,500 Weight restrictions apply due to gas line. Refer Event Operations SharePoint for current process	Capital City
Birrarung Marr [^]	High	Reinstatement period of 2 to 3 days is generally required on granitic sand areas between medium and high impact events Event infrastructure is not permitted at Speakers Corner except a few chairs, tables, 4 market umbrellas and 2 BBQs	Capital City
Bourke Street Mall	High		Capital City
Buluk Park	Low	Maximum of 4 events per year	Neighbourhood
Carlton Gardens North ^{^*~}	Very low	Event infrastructure not permitted except a few chairs, tables, 4 market umbrellas and 2 BBQs	State/Regional
Carlton Gardens South ^{^*~}	Very low	Event infrastructure not permitted except a few chairs, tables, 4 market umbrellas and 2 BBQs Major events must be consistent with the current Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens World Heritage Management Plan Joint Trustees Regulations allows for one Horticultural Exhibition per 12 month period for up to 18 days Part 4A – <i>Crown Land (Reserves) Act</i> allows the Governor in Council, on advice from the Minister, to declare an event or a series of events to be a 'Special Event'. Part 4A governs the management of Special Events	Capital City
City Square	TBA	Currently under construction	Capital City
Chinatown Plaza	High		Capital City
Docklands Park [^]	Low	Maximum capacity 1,000	State/Regional
Elizabeth Street South	Low		Capital City

Park name	ISR	Exceptions	Hierarchy
Enterprise Park [^]	Medium	Maximum capacity 2,000 Consider impact on Cultural Heritage	Capital City
Fawkner Park ^{^*}	Low	Consider local residents Used for sport and dog off leash areas	State/Regional
Fitzroy Gardens ^{^*}	Very low	Event infrastructure not permitted except a few chairs, tables, 4 market umbrellas and 2 BBQs No vehicles including food vans are permitted	Capital City
Flagstaff Gardens ^{^*}	Medium	Consider local residents Maximum capacity 7,000	State/Regional
Galada Avenue Reserve	Low	No access for vehicles larger than a ute Parking available on the roads around the park	Neighbourhood
Harbour Esplanade ^{^*}	High		State/Regional
Hardy Reserve [^]	Very low		Neighbourhood
Hub Park	Low	No structures due to gas line	Neighbourhood
Ievers Reserve [^]	Very low		Neighbourhood
JJ Holland Park	Medium	Maximum capacity 6,000	Municipal
Kings Domain Lawns 1 to 8 ^{^*}	Medium	Up to 12 medium impact events per year on one or more lawns which includes a maximum of 6 fence extensions by the Sidney Myer Music Bowl. Consider cultural sensitivity when using Lawn 1.	Capital City
Kings Domain Lawn 9/Pillars ^{^*}	Medium		Capital City
Kings Domain Lawns 12 to 14 ^{^*}	Very low		Capital City
Kings Domain Pioneer Women's Garden ^{^*}	Very low	Event infrastructure not permitted except a few chairs, tables, 4 market umbrellas and 2 BBQs No vehicles including food vans are permitted	Capital City
Kings Domain South ^{^*}	Very low		Capital City
Kings Domain Tom's Block ^{^*}	Medium		Capital City
Kings Domain Grotto ^{^*}	Very low		Capital City
Les Erdi Plaza [*]	Low		Capital City
Lincoln Square [^]	Low		Neighbourhood
Melbourne Town Hall Forecourt [*]	TBC	Monthly floral displays have priority except for Melbourne Fashion Week and Melbourne International Comedy Festival	Capital City
Neill St Reserve	Low	Sports courts are not bookable	Neighbourhood
New Quay Promenade ^{^*}	High	New Quay Central Park not suitable for overflow	State/Regional

Park name	ISR	Exceptions	Hierarchy
Newmarket Reserve [^]	Low		Municipal
North Melbourne Community Centre	Medium		Neighbourhood
North Melbourne Recreation Reserve [^]	Low	North Melbourne Football Club may hold medium to high level impact events	Municipal
Point Park [^]	Medium	Popular dog area Maximum capacity 3,000	State/Regional
Powlett Reserve [^]	Low		Municipal
Princes Park Lawn 3 [^]	Medium	Consider adjoining residents Used (leased) for car parking for stadium events	State/Regional
Princes Park Lawn 5 [^]	Very low	Priority is the dog off leash area	State/Regional
Queen Victoria Gardens ^{^*}	Very low	Event infrastructure not permitted except a few chairs, tables, 4 market umbrellas and 2 BBQs	Capital City
Queensbridge Square [^]	High		Capital City
Riverside Park	Low		Neighbourhood
Riverside Quay Reserve	Medium	Structures must be on the hard surface	Capital City
Ron Barassi Senior Park (West)	Medium	Not suitable for high impact music events	Municipal
Royal Park ^{^*}	Low	Native Garden – very low events only	State/Regional
Royal Park Nature Play – Lawn 8 ^{^*}	Low	Preference for events to set up closer to Flemington Road. Events must allow a 20m exclusion zone from water playground. Exemptions for larger events may be sought for Royal Children's Hospital events.	State/Regional
Royal Park Nature Play – Lawn 9 ^{^*}	Low	Preference for events to set up closer to Flemington Road. Events must allow a 20m exclusion zone from water playground. Exemptions for larger events may be sought for Royal Children's Hospital events.	State/Regional
Southbank Promenade [^]	High		Capital City
Stapley Parade Reserve [^]	Very low		Capital City
Treasury Gardens ^{^*}	High	Maximum capacity 10,000. Maximum of 4 high impact events per year	Capital City
University Square [^]	Medium	Weight loading considerations apply Maximum capacity 4,000 except for Melbourne University Open Day	Neighbourhood
Victoria Harbour Promenade ^{^*}	High		State/Regional

Notes:

^ Crown land

* Victorian Heritage Registered site

~ World Heritage Registered site

These are general guidelines and the use of an open space for events may be constrained by other factors such as unexpected weather, drought, maintenance, other use agreements, reinstatement and capital works.

Experience Melbourne, together with Parks Services, reserve the right to reduce the number of events in certain open spaces, or parts thereof, if those spaces have become damaged due to unforeseen circumstances.

A period of six weeks is generally required between high impact events (and medium impact events with lots of structures) to reinstate lawn areas. Exemptions can be sought in specific circumstances. Events may be required to modify a setup to adhere to park protection measures such as no pegging of marquees, no placement of infrastructure within tree protection zones, mulched areas, and allowing water saving measures such as drip lines.

9 Table 3 – Local, Small Local, Small Local Link parks

Local (very low impact events)	Small Local (events not permitted)	Small Local Link (events not permitted)
Bayswater Road Park	Adela Lane Reserve	Auckland Lane Reserve ^{^*}
Boyd Park* (limit to 4 per annum)	Bedford Street Reserve [^]	Barkly St Closure [^]
Clayton Reserve [^]	Bellair St Reserve	Barring Walk [^]
Darling Square [^]	Burston Reserve [^]	Burton Reserve [^]
Eades Park [^]	Canning & Neill St Reserve [^]	City Road Park
Gardiner Reserve [^] (limit to 6 per annum)	Canning & Palmerston Reserve [^]	Courtney Street Reserve [^]
Gordon Reserve ^{^*}	Canning Street & Macaulay Road Reserve [^]	Curzon Street Reserve [^]
Grant Street Reserve [^]	Cardigan Street Park*	Hawke & King Street Reserve ^{^*}
Jolimont Reserve [^]	Carrangall Place Reserve [^]	King & Victoria Street Reserve [^]
Kensington Banks Small Reserves*	Chapman Street Reserve [^]	Kingsway & Moray Street Reserve [^]
Kensington Hall Reserve [^]	Clunies Ross Reserve [^]	Manchester Lane Reserve ^{^*}
Kensington Small Reserves (7)	Customs Square [^]	Pitt Street Closure [^]
MacArthur Square [^]	Eastwood St & Rankin Rd Reserve [^]	Railway viewing platform
Market Street Park/Collins Street Reserve [^]	Errol Street Reserve [^]	
Murchison Square [^]	Eureka Reserve	
Newquay Central Park (not suitable for overflow of medium and high impact events from New Quay Promenade)	Exhibition St Reserve [^]	
Parkville Gardens ^{^*}	Flinders & Spencer St Reserve	
Parliament Gardens [^]	Gillott Reserve/Tianjin Gardens [^]	
Pleasance Gardens [^]	Golden Elm Reserve	
Stock Route Reserve*	Hawke & Adderley St Park [^]	
Sturt Street Reserve [^]	Hawke & Curzon St Reserve [^]	
Victoria Green	Howard & Williams St Reserve [^]	
Warun Biik Park (North & South)	Kennedy Park	
Weedon Reserve [^]	Keppel Street Park*	
Wellington Park [^]	Leveson Street Reserve [^]	
Westbourne Road Reserve*	Liddy Street Reserve	
Women's Peace Garden [^] (not suitable for vehicles)	McCracken Street Reserve [^]	
	Miles & Dodds Street Reserve [^]	
	Park Street Reserve [^]	
	Parsons Street Reserve	

Local (very low impact events)	Small Local (events not permitted)	Small Local Link (events not permitted)
	Peppercorn Park	
	Quay Park	
	Railway & Miller Street Reserve^	
	Railway Revegetation Area^	
	Reeves Street Park	
	Robertson Street Reserve	
	Rogan Lane Reserve	
	St Andrews Place Reserve^	
	Station Street Park	
	Stawell Street Park^	
	The Avenue Reserve (North)^	
	Toorak & St Kilda Road Reserve^	
	New unnamed park (71 South Wharf Drive, Docklands)	
	New unnamed park (107 South Wharf Drive, Docklands)	
	Victoria Market Reserve^	
	Wellington Crescent	
	Wharf's Landing	
	Wominjeka Park	

Notes:

^ Crown land

* Victorian Heritage Registered site