

### Caravan Parks

#### Lifestyle and Amenity

Caravan parks provide affordable, flexible holiday accommodation that supports lifestyle choices for a broad range of visitors. They enable families, retirees, and tourists to enjoy longer stays in desirable locations without the high costs of hotels or rental housing. This accessibility enhances inclusivity and ensures that tourism and recreation are available to all income groups (Crompton, 2010).

#### Social Benefits of Low-Cost Accommodation

By offering low-cost options, caravan parks encourage greater social mixing. They create spaces where visitors can interact and share experiences. For seasonal workers and travelling families, these facilities are often an essential resource, supporting both the local economy and social wellbeing (Carlsen & Wood, 2004).

#### Foreshore Facilities

Caravan parks located along the foreshore enhance public use of coastal areas, providing shared access to adjacent amenities such as walking paths, picnic areas, and BBQ facilities. These spaces support social gatherings, family holidays, and intergenerational activities that contribute to stronger, healthier communities (Veal, 2018).

### Community Parks

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Community parks are vital for everyday wellbeing. They offer green open spaces where residents can relax, connect, and engage in physical activity. Parks contribute to liveability by improving neighbourhood appeal, fostering safe meeting places, and encouraging healthy, active lifestyles for all ages (Lee & Maheswaran, 2011).

#### Water-Based Activities and Facilities

Access to water-based activities is a strong social driver. Facilities for swimming, kayaking, paddle boarding, and other water sports deliver proven health and wellbeing benefits, promoting physical fitness, stress reduction, and social inclusion. Current demand for water sports facilities far exceeds supply, highlighting a need for investment (Outdoor Council of Australia, 2020).

#### Social and Health Benefits

Community parks with water access encourage families and young people to engage in active, outdoor recreation. This reduces social isolation, builds community pride, and supports youth engagement in positive activities. By addressing the undersupply of water sports infrastructure, communities can unlock significant long-term social and health benefits (Wolch, Byrne & Newell, 2014).