

Cash splashed on potential parkland

KINGSTON Council has splashed \$2.6 million on two properties in Clarinda for potential use as parkland, sporting field or a market garden.

Mayor Georgina Oxley said the two properties, inside the Green Wedge, were neighbouring to a former waste site which will be transformed into a park as part of council's Chain of Parks project.

"When the two properties came on the market council jumped at the opportunity as they are in a key location neighbouring the future Victory Road Park," Cr Oxley said.

"The site next door will soon be transformed from a waste site into a fantastic new public park, so it made sense to buy these properties to give us options for the future."

The two sites total 3.02 hectares, and were purchased using council's Green Wedge fund. The balance for that fund was at \$8.75 million at the end of the 17/18 financial year.

The Chain of Parks projects aims to convert former landfill seats in the municipality into public parks.

"Council's Chain of Parks plan is now

actually being implemented. The area was once home to over 30 active landfill sites, which are thankfully almost all gone, Cr Oxley said.

"By purchasing these two properties Kingston Council is taking yet another step to ensuring a bright future for Kingston's Green Wedge for the community to enjoy."

"Council is also looking forward to working closely with the Victorian Government, which promised during the recent election campaign to invest in Kingston Council's Chain of Parks trail."