

A Place To Play For All: Yarra Play Space Strategy

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CITY OF YARRA



Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and true sovereigns of the land now known as Yarra. We also acknowledge the significant contributions made by other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to life in Yarra. We pay our respects to Elders from all nations and to their Elders past, present and future.

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Introduction









Purpose

The purpose of the Yarra Play Space Strategy (the Strategy) is to provide the strategic direction for future planning and management of play spaces in the City of Yarra for the next 10 years. The Strategy acknowledges and addresses the needs of the existing population, as well as forward planning for the changing demographics and projected growth.

The Yarra Play Space Strategy is underpinned by a vision statement which has been shaped from feedback received from the wide-ranging consultation undertaken with the Yarra community on this project. The Strategy outlines Council's priorities for the planning of upgrades and replacements to improve the quality and use of the existing play space network, as well as identifying potential expansions and new sites to meet future needs.

The Yarra Play Space Strategy will ensure the design, implementation, works and maintenance of play spaces is appropriate, achievable, and sustainable within Council's resources, with an evenly distributed program and budget across Yarra's 10 precincts. It will provide greater certainty that Yarra's overall network of play spaces is able to cater for a more diverse community into the future.

How we prepared this Strategy



Themes addressed by this Strategy

The Yarra Play Space Strategy is the first such strategy to be prepared by Yarra City Council.

The key themes that have been identified from the research, consultation and analysis stages throughout the development of this Strategy include:

- Substantial projected population growth forecasted through to 2034
- Open space, where location, size, use and configuration are not always suitable for a traditional children's playground
- High visitation and use in many existing open spaces and play spaces, is resulting in wear and tear and increased repair and replacement costs
- Inconsistencies across sites in providing compliant disabled access
- Play spaces need to connect with active (walking or cycling) and public transport
- Play and recreation options need to align with the demographics of the local community
- Perceptions of safety in Yarra's open spaces vary markedly across the community
- A need to create more 'welcoming' spaces for LGBTIQA+ families, older people, people with a disability and women
- A need to improve and expand public places for different members of the Yarra community to socialise

Background

The character of the City of Yarra

As a basis for the development of Yarra's first Play Space Strategy, it is important to discuss the specific characteristics of the City of Yarra and the key points of difference to most other municipalities in metropolitan Melbourne. This will provide an understanding of how Yarra's existing urban fabric, open space structure, and play spaces have been approached and discussed in this report.

History and development

The City of Yarra adjoins the municipalities of Melbourne, Stonnington, Boroondara, Darebin and Merri-bek. Yarra covers an area of approximately 19.5 square kilometres (1,950 hectares ha). The Birrarung (Yarra River), Merri and Darebin Creeks form three of its boundaries to the south, east and north.

Yarra is predominantly a densely built urban area comprising of small lots, with pockets of current and former industrial sites on large urban parcels. There are rapidly increasing levels of medium-high density development occurring across the municipality, changing its residential character and urban fabric.

Yarra contains the suburbs of Abbotsford, Burnley, Clifton Hill, Collingwood, Cremorne, Fitzroy, Fitzroy North, North Carlton, Princes Hill, and Richmond, as well as parts of Alphington and Fairfield. Each of these neighbourhoods have their own unique heritage and character.

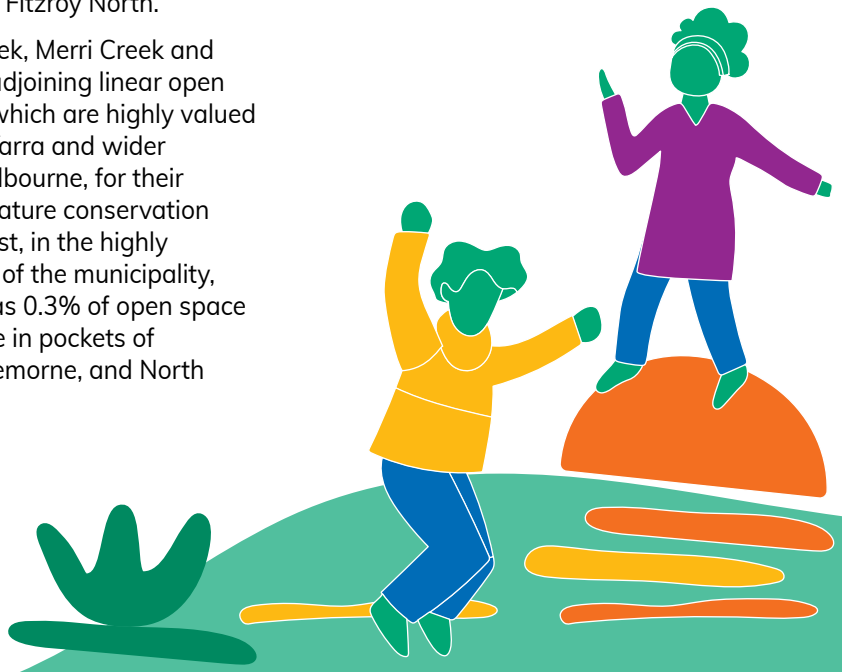
Open space in Yarra

Council manages approximately 180ha of public open space with a range of other reserves managed by various public authorities totalling approximately 235 ha of public open space. Council is proactively investigating opportunities to increase open space offerings across Yarra, in addition to new open spaces resulting from the development on the former AMCOR site in Alphington and Gasworks site in Fitzroy North.

The Darebin Creek, Merri Creek and Birrarung have adjoining linear open space reserves which are highly valued by residents of Yarra and wider metropolitan Melbourne, for their recreation and nature conservation values. In contrast, in the highly urbanised areas of the municipality, there is as little as 0.3% of open space per square metre in pockets of Collingwood, Cremorne, and North Richmond.

Yarra has two large, significant historical gardens of Edinburgh and Darling Gardens located in Fitzroy North and Clifton Hill. The diverse character, use and distribution of Yarra's open spaces reflect the natural, historic, heritage, urban, cultural, and social makeup of the municipality.

In 2020 Council endorsed the Yarra Open Space Strategy (YOSS). The YOSS recommended the development of a play space strategy, as well as guidelines for the upgrade and integration of play spaces and unstructured recreation facilities into open space.



The current state of play in Yarra

Yarra's existing play spaces are made up of a total of 90 sites including:

- **39** existing Council managed open spaces with playgrounds (play equipment)
- **51** complementary spaces for play
- **8** sites with multi-use courts
- **2** skate facilities
- **3** sites with fitness equipment
- **4** sites with recreational games provision

In addition, Council has one shared use agreement with Yarra Primary School:
1 x playground,
1 x multi-use court, and
1 x table tennis table

Play spaces in Yarra



Broader play space

Play spaces

This Strategy uses the term 'play space' to describe the broader setting of open space that provides for play. This includes traditional playgrounds (with play equipment) as well as other structured facilities such as skate parks, multi-use courts, fitness equipment, recreational games including table-tennis, bocce, and chess tables.

Play spaces also include unstructured play elements to support non-prescriptive play.

A play space also describes the broader surrounding open space to include the landscaping and gardens, paths, seating, picnic facilities, shelter, drinking fountains, bike parking, signage and toilets.



Play equipment

Playgrounds

This is Yarra's most recognisable type of play space for children's play. Comprising of one or more pieces of equipment and/or structures such as swings, slides, climbing etc. Playgrounds can include either standard or customised equipment. Whilst this type of equipment can be seen as prescriptive in its' use, children will often adapt it for alternate imaginative uses in play and games.



Urban square

Complementary spaces

It is important to provide incidental opportunities of smaller open spaces for the ability to meet and gather, relax, read, work, eat and enjoy the outdoor environment. These types of spaces are identified as complementary spaces.

These include smaller open spaces (reserves, urban and civic spaces) identified in the precinct network that offer different non-prescriptive opportunities for informal play and recreation. These are generally over 100 square metres and offer additional space and function to support longer dwell times, above what would be provided in a small footpath seating area.

These spaces seek to complement play where accommodating a playground is not a feasible option.



Multi-use court

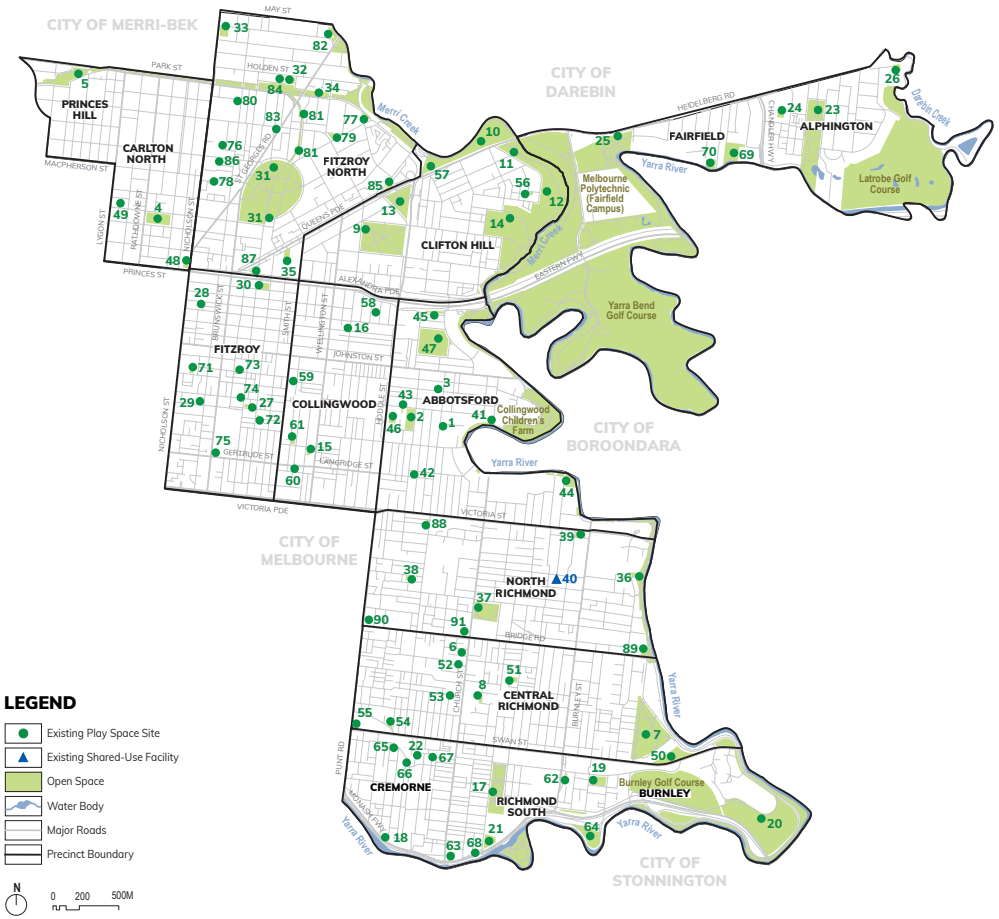
Other play types

These include multi-use courts, recreational games, fitness equipment and skate and wheels. These play types offer flexible recreation opportunities for different age groups.

Across Yarra's open spaces, these play types may be co-located with larger playgrounds or could be the predominant facility. This would be determined for each individual site based on the classification and size of the open space and in response to the demographics and community input.

Existing play space site locations





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KEY GUIDE TO EXISTING PLAY SPACES
(INCLUDING PLAYGROUNDS / UNSTRUCTURED PLAY / SKATE & WHEELS / MULTI-USE COURTS (MUC) / FITNESS (FIT) / RECREATIONAL GAMES (RG)):

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32. Holden Byrne Reserve
33. Langdon Reserve
34. Park Street Reserve
35. Gasworks Park

North Richmond
36. Annettes Place
37. Citizens Park
38. Egan Park
39. Williams Reserve
40. Yarra Primary School (Shared-Use Facility)

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43. Eddy Court Reserve
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48. Nicholson Street Reserve
49. Shakespeare Street Reserve

Central Richmond
50. Circus Site
51. Dame Nellie Melba Memorial Park
52. Peppercorn Park
53. Richmond Terrace Park
54. Wangaratta Street Reserve
55. Corner of Swan Street and Punt Road

Clifton Hill
56. Clifton Street Reserve
57. Coulson Reserve

Collingwood
58. Alexander Street Reserve
59. Otter Street Park
60. Oxford Street Park
61. Peel Street Park

Cremorne – Richmond South –Burnley
62. Athol J Brown Reserve
63. Church Street Reserve
64. Loys Paddock
65. Stephenson Street Reserve
66. Corner of Gwynne and Stephenson Streets
67. Corner of Chestnut Street and Railway Reserve
68. Durham Street Reserve

Fairfield - Alphington
69. Coate Park
70. Rudder Grange

Fitzroy
71. Frank King Park
72. George Street Reserve
73. Greeves Street Reserve
74. Whitlam Place
75. Corner of Gertrude and Brunswick Streets

Fitzroy North
76. Batman Street Reserve
77. Batson Reserve
78. Brookes Crescent Reserve
79. Edwardes Place Park
80. Liverpool Street Reserve
81. Mark Street Linear Park
82. Ottery Reserve
83. Corner of St Georges Road and Best and Scotchmer Streets
84. Porter Street Reserve
85. Raines Reserve
86. Reid Street Park
87. Triangle Park

North Richmond
88. Butler Street Park
89. O'Connell Reserve
90. Urban Arts Square
91. Mary Rogers Square

The importance of play and recreation

Benefits for children

There are five key elements of human development affected by play and recreation, these include:

Physical development

The learning and practise of fine and gross motor skills, as well as balance, spatial / body awareness, speed, and coordination awareness, speed, and coordination

Emotional development

The building of self-confidence and resilience, along with skill mastery and self-discovery

Social development

The learning and practice of skills such as sharing and collaboration, rules and boundaries, negotiation and conflict resolution, leadership, and empathy

Cognitive development

Concept learning and application, problem solving, memory use and practising or testing learnt skills

Language development

The learning and practice of expression, receptiveness, vocabulary, body language, tone, listening skills and eye contact

Benefits for young people and adults

Local access to regular play and recreation for young people and adults provides opportunities for fun, relaxation and respite. This reduces stress and improves physical and mental health.

Young people, adults and older adults use play and recreation as an opportunity to connect socially, making neighbourhoods feel safer and more activated.



A balance of community needs for play and recreation

Each age group will utilise play spaces differently, sometimes at different times and sometimes together.

Wherever possible, play spaces should aim to cater for ages from birth onwards, with multiple activities available.

Smaller 'local' play spaces are often best focused on a targeted age range, as better developed outcomes can be achieved this way. With larger and longer stay play spaces, a wider range of age groups, abilities, and demographics should be catered for to support a diverse community of users.

This aim of developing more diverse experiences and opportunities for a range of age groups, is to accommodate a changing population, within the local precinct play network.

Planning locally for play in Yarra

Planning for future play in Yarra will involve using a 'local lens' that supports the easiest, most walkable access to play spaces for residents and workers.

Precinct play space networks

The Strategy considers play space precincts as local planning areas where all play spaces form a 'local' network that are easy to access through walking, cycling or public transport. A precinct planning method allows Council to avoid a 'cookie-cutter' approach to planning play spaces, by consciously complementing what is offered at different sites in the network (i.e. so what is found at one site is not replicated at the next). This is particularly important for precincts containing mostly small or constrained sites.

The Strategy has identified 10 precincts in the City of Yarra. These include:

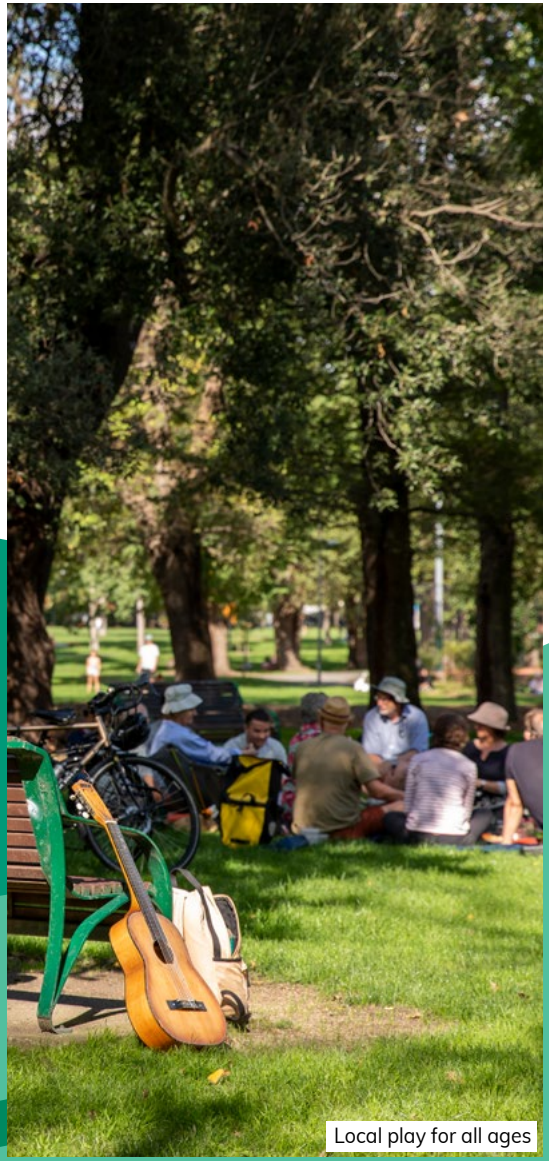
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- Clifton Hill
- Collingwood
- Cremorne, Richmond South and Burnley
- Fairfield – Alphington
- Fitzroy
- Fitzroy North
- North Richmond

Access to other play spaces

The Strategy considers supplementary play opportunities on other sites such as:

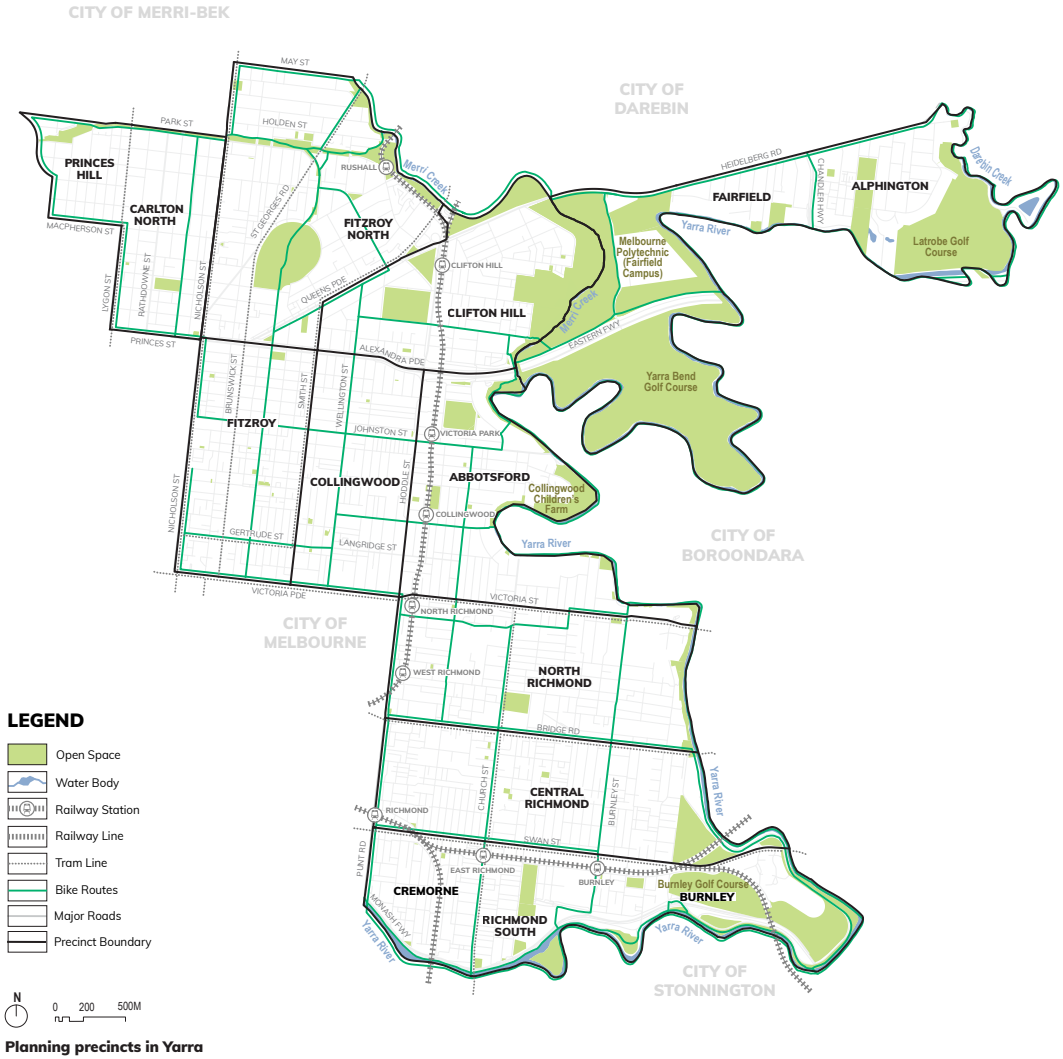
- Public housing precincts
- Schools or community facilities with public access
- Public play spaces in surrounding municipalities





Local play for all ages

Yarra and its community



Planning precincts in Yarra

Yarra's community

Area

19.5km²

Resident population

90,114*

Dwellings

50,057*

*2021 census data

Projected future trends for Yarra

In summary, the projected trends for the coming 10 years are as follows:

- A slightly older median population
- A population increase across all age groups, with the largest increase in adults aged 20-44. Note that Yarra already has a significantly higher proportion of adults aged 25-39 compared with the Greater Melbourne average
- A much higher level of rental tenancy over home ownership, resulting in a more transitional population over long term residency
- Less single occupancy and more multi-person households
- An increasing level of high-density living in multi-residential apartments with no / or little immediate access to private open space

*forecast figures by .id - the population experts 2021

Implications of future trends on Yarra

Yarra's projected changes in demographics and growth into the future, will necessitate careful consideration and strategic thinking for the planning and design of play spaces across Yarra. The key issues for consideration include:

- The future increase of population in precincts with very low open space availability such as Collingwood, Fitzroy, and North Richmond
- The increased dependence on open spaces to cater for people with no or little private open space
- The need for a greater diversity of play space options to cater for an older population and a population with higher numbers of households without children
- The precincts vary greatly in terms of open space provision, population increase and age breakdown

An opportunity for Yarra

Yarra's unique urban fabric and open space character, combined with the city's residential, worker and visitor mix, presents an opportunity to approach play and play spaces in a different way that will benefit the 'whole' community through a range of different and complementary experiences.


Social gathering


Informal recreation


Active travel


Connection with nature

Yarra's future vision for its play spaces

Vision Statement

The Vision for the Yarra Play Space Strategy is:

'Yarra's play spaces will enhance the wider open space network, be engaging, adaptable and accessible, connect to place and be welcoming to all our community.'

Principles and Goals

Principles are general statements around the key values desired by Council and the Yarra community. These are supported by a number of specific and achievable goals.



Respond to changing needs in our community

Goals:

- Providing open-ended, adaptable play and recreation opportunities creating many different experiences and outcomes
- Responding to population growth and projected demographic changes
- Balancing the needs of all users of open spaces



Promote a diversity of experience across the city

Goals:

- Creating a network of play types that complement each other
- Ensuring differences are offered at each play space across a precinct, responding to the local environment and minimising repetition



Support accessibility, inclusion and participation

Goals:

- Considering the needs of all age groups
- Considering the needs of people of different abilities, recognising that there is diversity within disability
- Improving physical access to spaces where feasible and appropriate to the Classification Level and scale of the space
- Creating spaces that are designed to be welcoming and safe
- Designing spaces to activate the senses
- Providing a range of 'play' zones, to suit different abilities and preferences (this may include quiet zones, solo play, group play, and sensory spaces)



Promote healthy living, through activity and social connection

Goals:

- Promoting walkability and active travel to play spaces
- Improving access to open space and natural elements (i.e. sunshine, shade, greenery, expanses of lawn, and fresh air)
- Designing spaces to activate the senses
- Promoting physical fitness and active movement within play spaces
- Providing a range of opportunities for community connection and gathering within play spaces that improves mental health



Be well designed and sustainable

Goals:

- Ensuring selected play types are suited to existing site conditions and scale and reflect local character
- Designing play spaces that are well integrated within the open space environment, including clear sightlines and the consideration of orientation, passive surveillance, and lighting
- Designing play spaces with materials that are sourced locally (where feasible), durable, and consider the lifecycle of the material, including its manufacture and its end of life disposal
- Providing comfortable site facilities and natural shade / canopy to help mitigate the urban heat island effect
- Promoting biodiversity (a variety of living things) within the open space

How we prepared this Strategy

Listening to the Yarra community

Introduction:

The development of the Yarra Play Space Strategy involved two stages of community engagement where Council engaged with multiple targeted groups, held events and implemented methods to both gather information to develop a draft Strategy and then seek feedback on this draft Strategy.

Forums:

The two engagement stages involved multiple methods which included a community survey, online mapping contributions, targeted and informal consultations, community pop-ups, and submissions gathered from various community groups, schools and organisations. The engagement activities were designed to reach the diverse community of Yarra to meaningfully capture the needs and interests of different age groups, abilities and backgrounds.

Stage 1: Gathering information

Timeframes:

October – November 2023

High-level findings:

• The 5 most important features of play spaces for the Yarra community included plenty of shade (12.6%), variety of play experience (10.1%), equipment for all ages (9.7%), close to home (9.1%), and toilets (7.7%).

Stage 2: Seeking feedback on the draft strategy

Timeframes:

July – August 2024

High-level findings:

There was strong support from the community for all 5 draft principles and related draft goals. The principles in order of support were:

1. Be well designed & sustainable
2. Promote healthy living, through activity & social connection
3. Support accessibility, inclusion & participation
4. Respond to changing needs in our community
5. Promote a diversity of experience across the city

Research

Research in current academic thinking and trends around play and recreation and an analysis of Yarra's demographics was undertaken during the development of the Strategy.

Assessments

An assessment and scoring system was applied to all existing playground sites (play equipment) in Yarra. These assessments have provided a broader understanding of the status and rating of Yarra's playgrounds and contributed to the future municipal and precinct actions in the Strategy for all play space types.



Planning tools: inclusion and accessibility

Inclusion at its heart, involves the removal of barriers to participation in community life for everyone.

This section discusses accessibility (or disability access) and inclusion, to provide a clearer understanding and some practical tools for improving the planning of Yarra's play spaces.

Disability is diverse

At least one in five Australians today identify with some form of disability, which equates to about 20% of the population. The number and types of disabilities are varied, and many people have multiple disabilities.

Some disabilities involving mobility are more publicly known and considered. Others, like mental illness, neurodiversity, chronic pain and sensory differences are not often considered in planning - even though they affect a larger portion of the community.

The role of universal design

By adopting a universal design approach when designing and planning play spaces, they will be accessed, understood, and used to the greatest extent possible by everyone regardless of their age, size (height), cultural background, gender, or ability. Everyone in the community subsequently experiences the benefits of this approach.

Universal design is made up of the following 8 goals:

1. Body fit – Accommodating a wide range of body sizes and abilities
2. Comfort – Keeping demands within desirable limits of body function and perception
3. Awareness – Ensuring that critical information for use is easily read and understood
4. Understanding – Making methods of operation and use intuitive, clear and unambiguous
5. Wellness – Contributing to health promotion and protection rom hazards
6. Social integration – Treating all groups with dignity and respect
7. Personalisation – Incorporating opportunities for choice and the expression of individual preferences
8. Cultural appropriateness – Respecting and reinforcing cultural values, and the social and environmental contexts

Making Yarra's play spaces more inclusive

A number of approaches will be considered in the future planning of Yarra's play spaces:

- Clear wayfinding and information signage
- Wide, sealed paths with a flat grade connecting play spaces to street or key facilities
- Scales of difficulty in activities for all ages and abilities
- Variety in activity to promote different types of movement to grow and learn
- Generous approach space to activity entrances and exits
- Path transitions to be continuous and hard surfaces flush to avoid tripping
- Colour contrast on handgrips, balustrading and openings in structures, particularly where climbing is involved and for changes in surface treatment and levels
- Obvious spatial boundaries to play spaces (edging, planting)
- Provision of quiet, respite spaces away from more noisy activity
- Seating under shade connected to a sealed path. Seats with backs and armrests
- Accessible furniture such as drinking fountains, picnic tables, BBQs and toilets
- Sensory planting and material elements
- Provision of non-prescriptive spaces for a diverse range of play types and activities



Planning tools: classifications

What are classifications?

Primarily, classifications are intended to create an equal distribution of play spaces across Yarra and provide a diversity of experiences from site to site.

On a practical level, the classification system responds to the size and situation of the open space which determines the key features of its play space. There are 5 classification types* in Yarra:

- Small Local Level
- Local Level
- Small Neighbourhood Level
- Neighbourhood Level
- City-wide Level



Accessible play



Small Local Level

Open space size & catchment:

0.03-0.10ha (300m2 – 1,000m2)

150m radius

A playground is not feasible in a footprint of less than 170m2 and cannot exceed greater than 25% of the open space.

Definition:

Very small play space, usually only able to accommodate a focused or a small number of play space types and supporting amenity for the immediate local community

Key play space features:

- Should have open-ended or unstructured elements for play
- Should cater to one or a limited age range
- Consider unstructured nature play
- Consider a focused or singular play type, which should differ to surrounding local play spaces



Local Level

Open space size & catchment:

0.10-0.49ha (1,000m2 – 4,900m2)

200m radius

A playground is not feasible in a footprint of less than 170m2 and cannot exceed greater than 25% of the open space.

Definition:

Small play space focussed on providing support to the local community to play and socialise through a small range of structured play equipment pieces and facilities

Key play space features:

- Should have open-ended or unstructured elements for play
- Should cater to more than one age group
- Consider unstructured nature play
- Consider a small sized playground, which should differ to surrounding play space offerings
- Consider multi-use court
- Consider recreational games



Small Neighbourhood Level

Open space size & catchment:

0.50-0.99ha (5,000m2 – 9,900m2)

300m radius

Definition:

Small - medium sized play space focussed on supporting the broader local community to play and socialise - with some structured play. These spaces are large enough to also include other informal recreation such as multi-use courts

Key features:

- Should have open-ended or unstructured elements for play and informal recreation
- Should have a small sized playground, which should differ to surrounding play spaces in precinct
- Should have unstructured nature play
- Consider multi-use court
- Consider recreational games

Neighbourhood Level

Open space size & catchment:

Minimum 1 hectare (>10,000m2)

400m radius

Definition:

Informal recreation and socialising for different ages and abilities. Designed to complement the local environment, with a nuanced theme or treatment to attract interest. There is structured play, informal play, and other facilities

Key play space features:

- Should have open-ended or unstructured elements for play and informal recreation
- Should have a small-medium sized playground, which should differ to surrounding playgrounds in precinct
- Should have unstructured nature play
- Consider multi-use court
- Consider fitness equipment
- Consider recreational games

City-wide Level

Open space size & catchment:

Generally preferred size of 7 hectares (70,000m2) with a minimum of 3 hectares (>30,000m2)

500m radius

Definition:

Medium – large play spaces (or more than one play space in open space) focussed on providing a high level of diverse play and recreation experiences and facilities. These are in open space providing a customised theme or treatment that appeals to residents across the municipality and visitors travelling from outside of Yarra, and can be paired with sports facilities, historical gardens, or highly valued environments. These play spaces are still intended to be walked or cycled to, whilst providing some car parking

Key play space features:

- Should have open-ended or unstructured elements for play and informal recreation
- Should have a medium sized playground (or dual playgrounds where suitable to site), which should differ within play space and to surrounding play spaces in precinct
- Should have unstructured nature play
- Consider structured nature play (i.e. climbing, swings etc.)
- Consider multi-use court
- Consider fitness equipment
- Consider recreational games


Small Local Level


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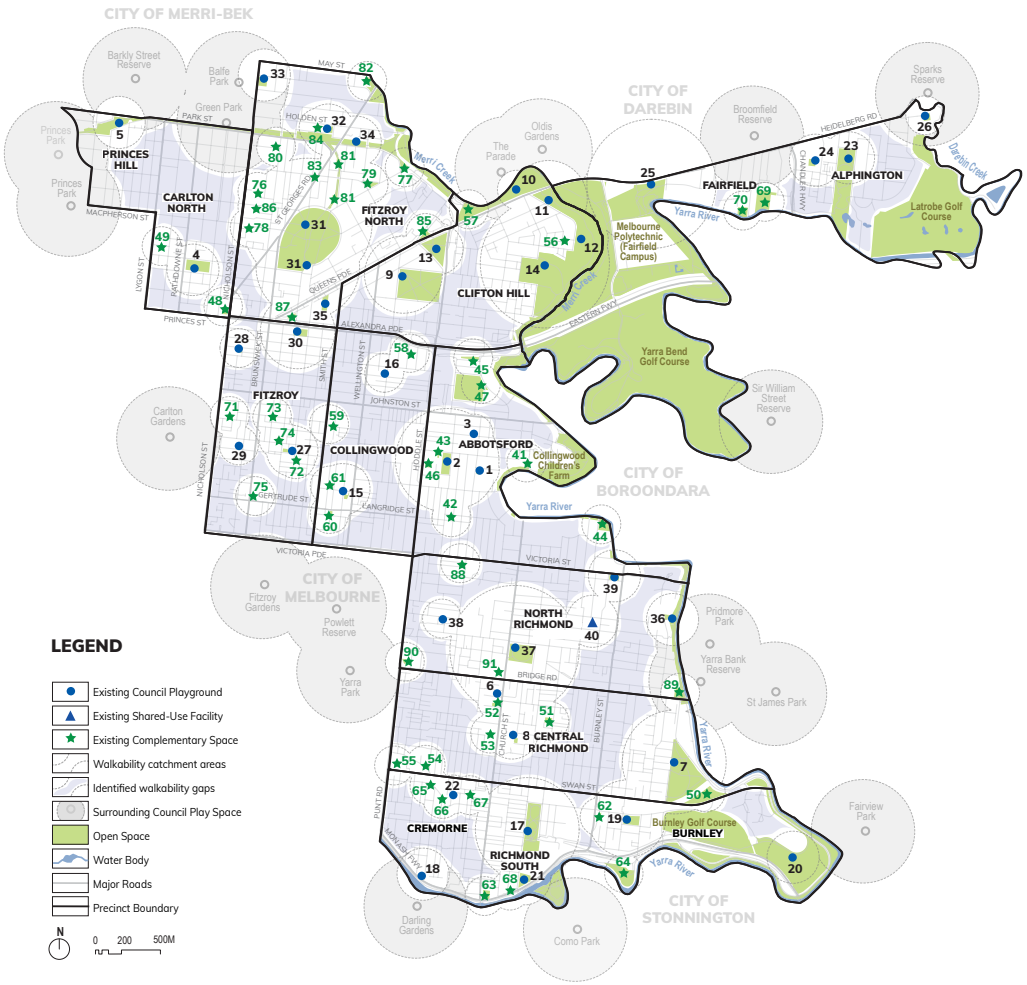

Small Neighbourhood Level


Neighbourhood Level


City-wide Level

Access to play spaces and identified gaps





LEGEND

- Existing Council Playground
- Existing Shared-Use Facility
- Existing Complementary Space
- Walkability catchment areas
- Identified walkability gaps
- Surrounding Council Play Space
- Open Space
- Water Body
- Major Roads
- Precinct Boundary

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Clifton Hill
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57. Coulson Reserve

Collingwood
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59. Otter Street Park
60. Oxford Street Park
61. Peel Street Park

Cremorne – Richmond South –Burnley
62. Athol J Brown Reserve
63. Church Street Reserve
64. Loys Paddock
65. Stephenson Street Reserve
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Fairfield - Alphington
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70. Rudder Grange

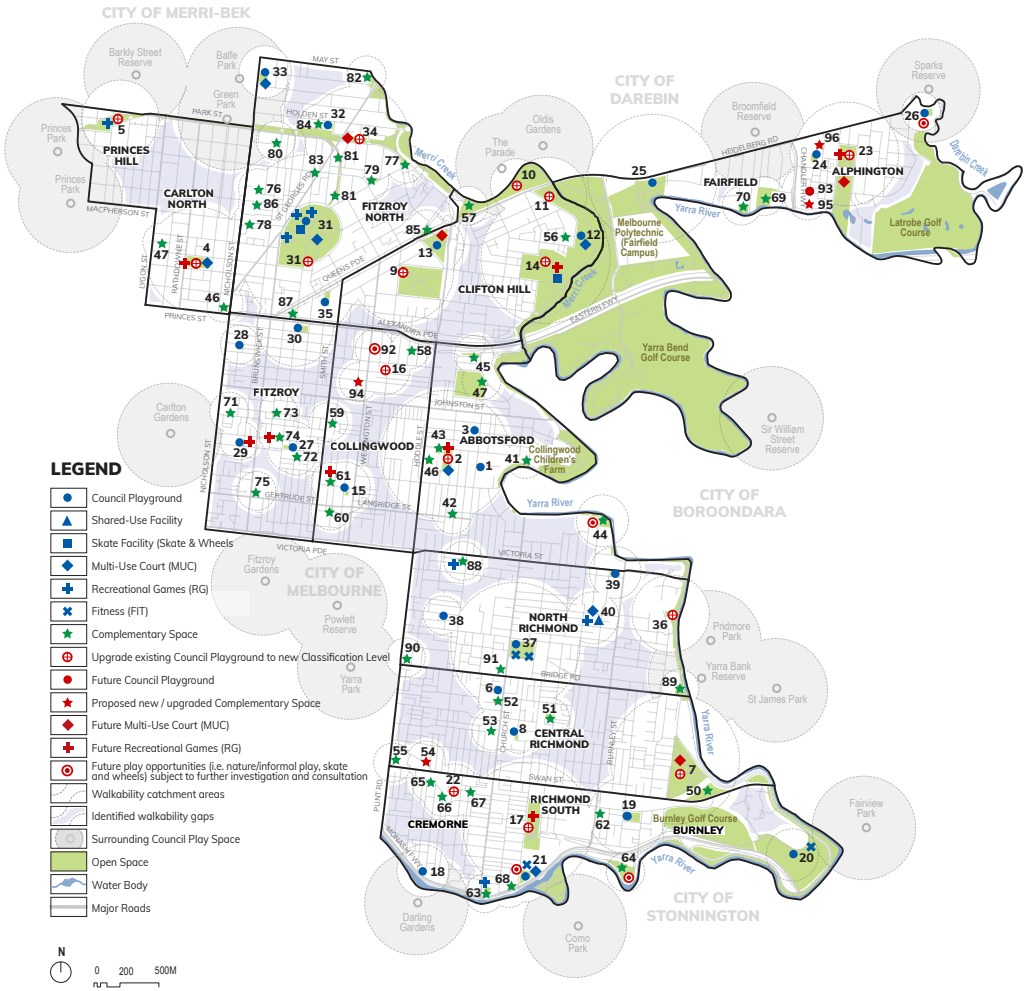
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90. Urban Arts Square
91. Mary Rogers Square

Future access to play spaces





Future access to play spaces

EXISTING & FUTURE PROPOSED PLAY SPACES (INCLUDING PLAYGROUNDS / SKATE & WHEELS / MULTI-USE COURTS (MUC) / FITNESS (FIT) / RECREATIONAL GAMES (RG)):

Abbotsford
1. Browns Reserve
2. Gahan Reserve
3. Studley Reserve

Carlton North - Princes Hill
4. Curtain Square
5. Hardy Gallagher Reserve

Central Richmond
6. Ben Alexander Reserve
7. Burnley Park
8. Cairns Reserve

Clifton Hill
9. Darling Gardens
10. George Knott Reserve
11. Hall Reserve North
12. Hall Reserve South
13. Mayors Park
14. Quarries Park

Collingwood
15. Cambridge Street Reserve
16. McNamara Reserve
92. Mater Street Park

Cremorne - Richmond South - Burnley
17. Barkly Gardens
18. Charles Evans Reserve
19. Golden Square Bicentennial Park
20. Kevin Bartlett Reserve
21. McConchie Reserve
22. White Street Reserve

Fairfield - Alphington
23. Alphington Park
24. Artisan Park
25. Fairfield Park
26. Alphington Grammar School
93. Workshop Park

Fitzroy
27. Condell Street Reserve
28. Garryowen Park
29. King William Reserve
30. Smith Reserve

Fitzroy North
31. Edinburgh Gardens
32. Holden Byrne Reserve
33. Langdon Reserve
34. Park Street Reserve
35. Gasworks Park

North Richmond
36. Annettes Place
37. Citizens Park
38. Egan Park
39. Williams Reserve
40. Yarra Primary School (Shared-Use Facility)

EXISTING & FUTURE PROPOSED COMPLEMENTARY SPACES (INCLUDING RECREATIONAL GAMES (RG)):

Abbotsford
41. Clarke Street Reserve
42. Charles Mollison Reserve
43. Eddy Court Reserve
44. Flockhart Reserve
45. Maugie Street Reserve
46. Saint Phillips Reserve
47. Victoria Park (including Bath Street and Brearley Reserves)

Carlton North - Princes Hill
48. Nicholson Street Reserve
49. Shakespeare Street Reserve

Central Richmond
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53. Richmond Terrace Park
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57. Coulson Reserve

Collingwood
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67. Corner of Chestnut Street and Railway Reserve
68. Durham Street Reserve

Fairfield - Alphington
69. Coate Park
70. Rudder Grange
95. Heritage Park
96. Village Square

Fitzroy
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72. George Street Reserve
73. Greeves Street Reserve
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Action plan

Replacement

The term **replacement** (also sometimes referred to as 'renewal') relates to Yarra play spaces where play provision is updated with like for like facilities, with no increase in service. This occurs when an asset requires intervention in terms of condition, or it presents a risk.

Upgrade, expansion and new play spaces

The term **upgrade** as it relates to Yarra play spaces means an increase in level of service and is driven by an increase in demand or where like for like is not possible.

The term **expand** as it relates to Yarra play spaces means, where feasible, an increase in area, scale and diversity of play opportunities and is driven by an increase in demand, where open space size is suitable and where like for like is not possible and or suitable.

New play space projects in new or existing open space will be initiated where and when there is a need, and where all options have been evaluated. Upgrades to existing play spaces and new play spaces will be integrated into Council's 10-year capital works program.

Priority implementation	
Priorities in the Yarra Play Space Strategy relate to the following timeframes:	
HIGH	1-3 years
MEDIUM	4-6 years
LOW	7-10 years
RECENT UPGRADE / NEW SPACE	Re-assess in 10 years



General Actions

Recommendation:	Priority
1. Align the **10-year Play Space Priority Plan** with Yarra's 10-year **capital works program** for all open space design and construction works. Each play space site is to be developed as part of a 2-3 year program as follows: • Year 1 (or 2 years if complex project) – Design and Community Consultation • Year 2 – Construction	ONGOING
2. Review existing maintenance practices and service levels in line with proposed new classification definitions, aligned key features. and planning guidelines for Yarra's play spaces and provide recommendations.	HIGH & ONGOING
3. Undertake community consultation on play space design projects during their development, and promote all play space projects on Council's website.	ONGOING
4. Continue to develop and link capital works information and the open space directory on Council's website to provide consistent and up to date information for the community on play spaces.	ONGOING
5. As part of State Government *Commission for Gender Equality in the Public Sector* reporting requirements, a Gender Impact Assessment (GIA) for this Play Space Strategy has been completed and will be used to inform future play space projects in Yarra.	ONGOING
6. Continue to identify new sites for open space and play space, currently being done as part of the YOSS, prioritising gap areas and areas of high demand.	ONGOING
7. Advocate to State Government agencies and landowners to improve access to play spaces on sites that are not maintained by Council, including housing estates and schools.	ONGOING
8. Investigate opportunities for new fitness equipment where possible and where funding is available.	ONGOING
9. Fund minor upgrades and improvements annually where possible.	ONGOING
10. Actively pursue grant opportunities to support the design and delivery of play space upgrades.	ONGOING
11. Review Strategy and make administrative changes where required.	LOW

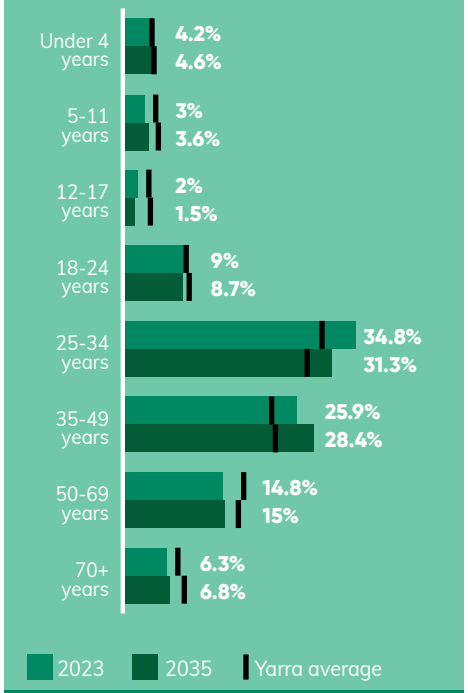
Precinct Actions



Abbotsford

Quick precinct statistics

Area:	**2km²**
Playgrounds:	**3**
Complementary Spaces:	**7**
Population (2023):	**10,008**
Forecast Pop (2035):	**12,068**



Forecast figures by .id - the population experts 2021 (figures are subject to change and should be updated for future play space projects)

Existing provision, distribution and future actions

Abbotsford has a mixture of residential pockets and large areas of commercial/ industrial land, and includes the Johnston and Victoria Street Activity Centres and the Birrarung forming the eastern boundary.

This precinct has a higher percentage of adults (aged 25-49) and a lower proportion of children (aged 5-17) and older adults (aged 50+), as compared to the Yarra average. Abbotsford is expected to significantly grow into the future, however only 7.5% of the precinct is open space (YOSS).

Gahan Reserve is the predominant play space in the precinct with two small play spaces within close walking distance; Browns and Studley Reserves. Gahan Reserve could be upgraded to City-wide Level to support a wider catchment, by providing some additional play opportunities next to the existing playground, upgrading the multi-use court and investigating opportunities for new recreational games. Studley Reserve should address a lack of play type diversity when replaced.

Seven complementary spaces support the precinct: Maugie Street Reserve and Victoria Park to the north, St Phillips and Eddy Court Reserves in the central area adjacent to Collingwood train station



and Gahan Reserve, Clarke Street Reserve to the east, Charles Mollison Reserve to the south-west and Flockhart Reserve to the south-east. These spaces should continue to be maintained.

There is a lack of access to play spaces along the Birrarung corridor, which is somewhat supported by the Collingwood Children's Farm and Clarke Street and Flockhart Reserves. To improve this, play opportunities should be explored at Flockhart Reserve that complement the existing uses on site and focus on connecting people to water through improving access to the Birrarung.

A gap area is at the north-east of the precinct, which is supplemented by the offering at Collingwood Children's Farm and the Abbotsford Convent. A larger gap area exists to the south, which is predominately commercial and industrial land and includes the Carlton and United Breweries site. Future open space and play space opportunities should be explored if this area is developed in future.

Recommendations

Playgrounds & Informal Recreation: Replacements

Studley Reserve	Improve diversity of play type in Small Local when replacement is required	LOW

Playgrounds & Informal Recreation: Upgrade / Expansion

Gahan Reserve	Upgrade from Neighbourhood to City-wide to provide additional play offering next to existing playground, upgraded MUC and recreational games	MEDIUM

Playgrounds & Informal Recreation: Maintain

Browns Reserve	Monitor to determine future need of Small Local	RECENT UPGRADE

Complementary Spaces (Proposed Changes)

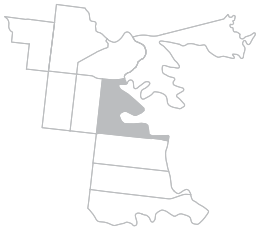
Flockhart Reserve	Investigate potential for play opportunities	LOW

Complementary Spaces (Maintain)

- Clarke Street Reserve
- Charles Mollison Reserve
- Eddy Court Reserve
- Maugie Street Reserve
- Saint Phillips Reserve
- Victoria Park (including Bath Street and Brearley Reserves)

Precinct Map: Abbotsford

Proposed future play space provision and gap area



LEGEND

- Existing Council Playground
- Existing Multi-Use Court (MUC)
- Existing Complementary Space
- Upgrade existing Council Playground to new Classification Level
- Future proposed Recreational Games (RG)
- Future play opportunities requiring further investigation and community input
- Walkability catchment areas
- Identified walkability gaps
- Activity Centres / Commercial Precincts
- Residential Zones
- Commercial Zones
- Industrial Zones
- Special Purpose Zones
- Open Space
- Water Body
- Railway Station
- Railway Line
- Tram Line
- Bike Route
- Major Roads

PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION LEVELS

(Including upgrades, replacements, expansions and monitoring)

- Small Local Level
- Local Level
- Small Neighbourhood Level
- Neighbourhood Level
- City Wide Level

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SITE LIST

PLAY SPACES

1. Browns Reserve
2. Gahan Reserve
3. Studley Reserve

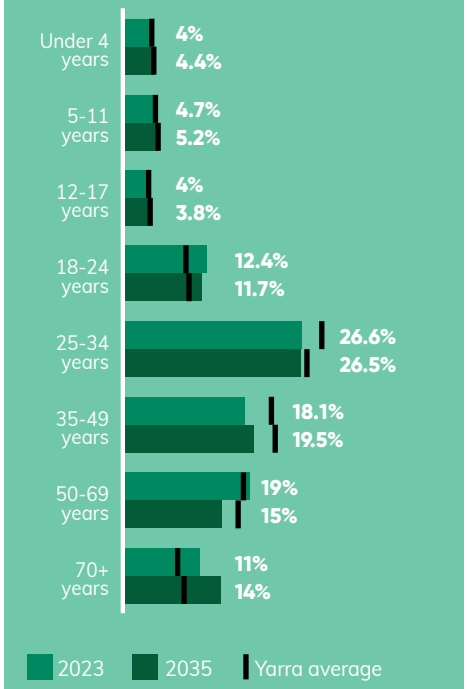
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41. Clarke Street Reserve
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43. Eddy Court Reserve
44. Flockhart Reserve
45. Maugie Street Reserve
46. Saint Phillips Reserve
47. Victoria Park (including Bath Street and Brearley Reserves)

Carlton North - Princes Hill

Quick precinct statistics

Area:	**1.58km²**
Playgrounds:	**2**
Complementary Spaces:	**2**
Population (2023):	**8,531**
Forecast Pop (2035):	**8,777**



Forecast figures by .id - the population experts 2021 (figures are subject to change and should be updated for future play space projects)

Existing provision, distribution and future actions

Carlton North and Princes Hill are characterised by established residential neighbourhoods and include the Rathdowne and Nicholson Street Activity Centres. The precinct has low levels of open space, 4% (YOSS), however the area benefits from the Inner Circle Railway Linear Parklands to the north and neighbouring Princes Park to the west (City of Melbourne).

The area has a slightly higher percentage of younger and older adults (aged 18-24 and 70+) and lower proportion of adults aged 25-49, as compared to the Yarra average. This precinct is expected to have low levels of growth compared to other precincts in Yarra.

Curtain Square is the largest play space in the precinct providing a range of activity central to Carlton North. This play space could be upgraded to Neighbourhood Level to support a wider catchment and provide a better diversity of play for a wider range of ages, including new recreational games. Hardy Gallagher Reserve is well connected to both community facilities and the shared trail along Linear Parklands. However, this space would benefit from better access from the east-west corridor shared trail and



integration with the North Carlton Railway Neighbourhood House and associated community garden.

The precinct is also supported by complementary spaces at Shakespeare Reserve to the central west and Nicholson Street Reserve to the south-east.

The area is also supported to some extent by Princes Hill Secondary College, which provides some seating areas and multi-use court facilities which are publicly accessible.

There is a larger gap area to the north of the precinct, which is somewhat supported by neighbouring Green Park (City of Merri-bek). This gap should be monitored in case there are any future open space and play space opportunities to support the local community.

Recommendations

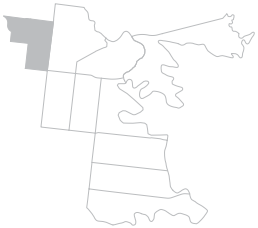
Playgrounds & Informal Recreation: Upgrade / Expansion

Curtain Square	Upgrade from Local to Neighbourhood Level Proposed recreational games	HIGH
Hardy Gallagher Reserve	Upgrade from Local to Small Neighbourhood Level	MEDIUM

Complementary Spaces (Maintain)

- Nicholson Street Reserve
- Shakespeare Street Reserve

Precinct Map: Carlton North - Princes Hill
Proposed future play space provision and gap area



LEGEND

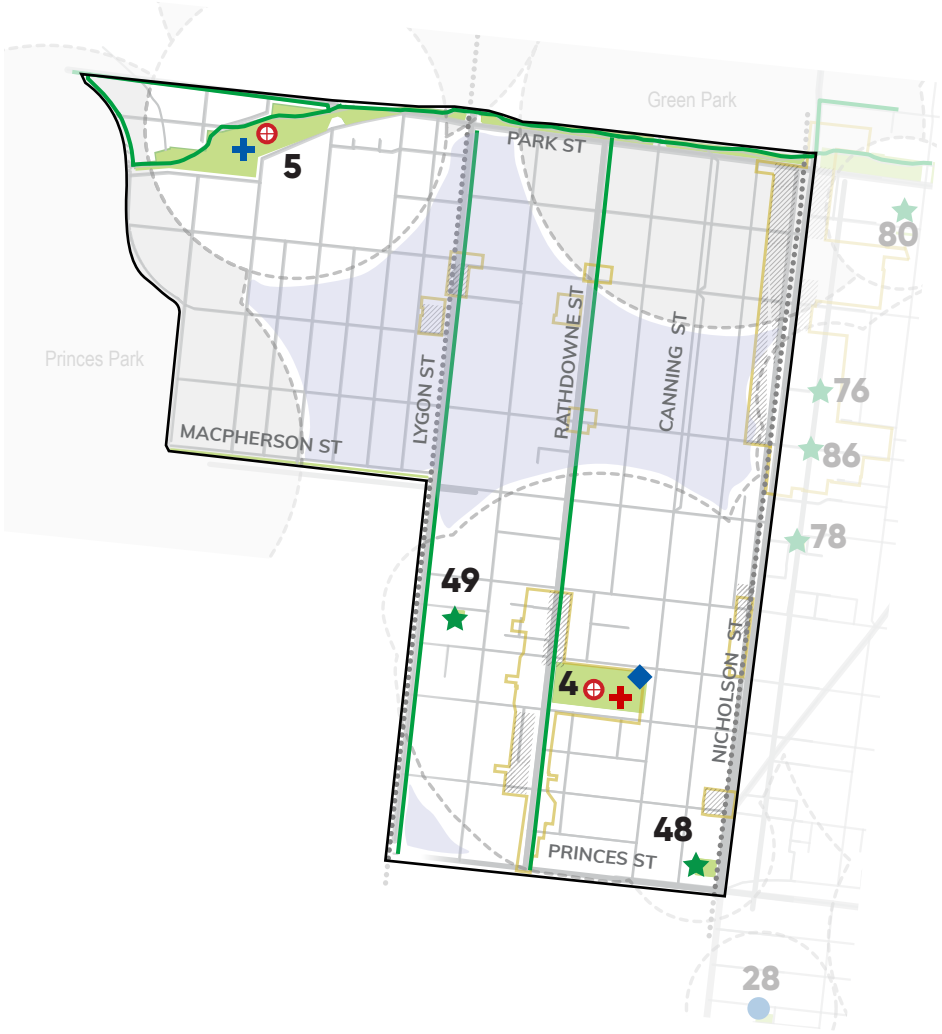
- Existing Multi-Use Court (MUC)
- Existing Recreational Games (RG)
- Existing Complementary Space
- Upgrade existing Council Playground to new Classification Level
- Future proposed Recreational Games (RG)
- Walkability catchment areas
- Identified walkability gaps
- Surrounding Council Play Space
- Activity Centres / Commercial Precincts
- Residential Zones
- Commercial Zones
- Open Space
- Water Body
- Tram Line
- Bike Route
- Major Roads

PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION LEVELS

(Including upgrades, replacements, expansions and monitoring)

- Small Local Level
- Local Level
- Small Neighbourhood Level
- Neighbourhood Level
- City Wide Level

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SITE LIST

PLAY SPACES

- 4. Curtain Square
- 5. Hardy Gallagher Reserve

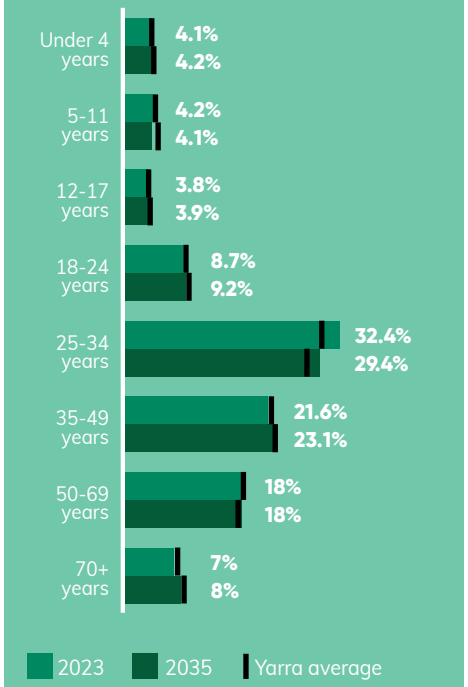
COMPLEMENTARY SPACES

- 48. Nicholson Street Reserve
- 49. Shakespeare Street Reserve

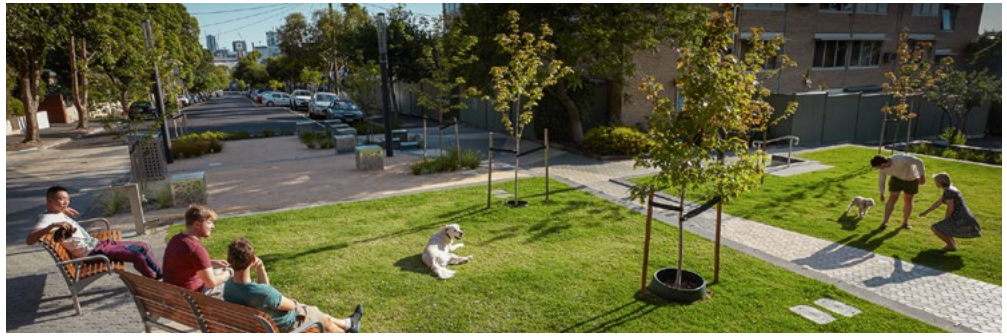
Central Richmond

Quick precinct statistics

Area:	**2.2km²**
Playgrounds:	**3**
Complementary Spaces:	**6**
Population (2023):	**14,024**
Forecast Pop (2035):	**16,328**



Forecast figures by .id - the population experts 2021 (figures are subject to change and should be updated for future play space projects)



Existing provision, distribution and future actions

Central Richmond is made up of established residential neighbourhoods bounded by the Bridge Road and Swan Street Activity Centres, Punt Road to the west and the Birrarung forming the eastern boundary.

The area has a slightly higher proportion of adults aged 25-34 as compared to the Yarra average. The area is expected to have significant population growth in the future. Overall, open space makes up 12% of the precinct (YOSS), it is noted however that the western and eastern sections of the precinct differ enormously in terms of open space provision.

Burnley Park is the main play space and is located at the eastern end of the precinct. Given the size of the park and its connections to active transport and the Birrarung, this site has the potential to provide a larger, more expansive play space, upgrading it to City-wide Level. This could include a larger playground, a new multi-use court and social gathering areas. This provision should consider the nearby complementary space at the Circus Site.

Small playgrounds are provided at Ben Alexander and Cairns Reserves (recently upgraded) in the centre of this precinct.

Additional complementary spaces are provided to the south-west (corner Swan Street and Punt Road), and centrally (Dame Nellie Melba Memorial Park, Peppercorn Park and Richmond Terrace Park) and should be maintained. The existing complementary space at Wangaratta Street Reserve could be expanded to provide additional seating, plantings and paths to support the existing function of the space.

This precinct has two main gap areas; western area and eastern-central area (east of Coppin Street and along the Burnley Street corridor). These areas should be monitored for future open space and play space opportunities.

Recommendations

Playgrounds & Informal Recreation: Replacements

Ben Alexander Reserve	Replace playground at Small Local Level as required	LOW
Cairns Reserve	Maintain playground at Local Level	RECENT UPGRADE

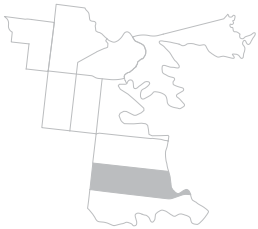
Playgrounds & Informal Recreation: Upgrade / Expansion

Burnley Park	Upgrade playground and MUC from Neighbourhood to City-wide Level	MEDIUM
Wangaratta Street Reserve	Expand existing Complementary Space	HIGH

Complementary Spaces (Maintain)

- Circus Site
- Dame Nellie Melba Memorial Park
- Peppercorn Park
- Richmond Terrace Park
- Corner Swan Street and Punt Road

Precinct Map: Central Richmond
Proposed future play space provision and gap area



LEGEND

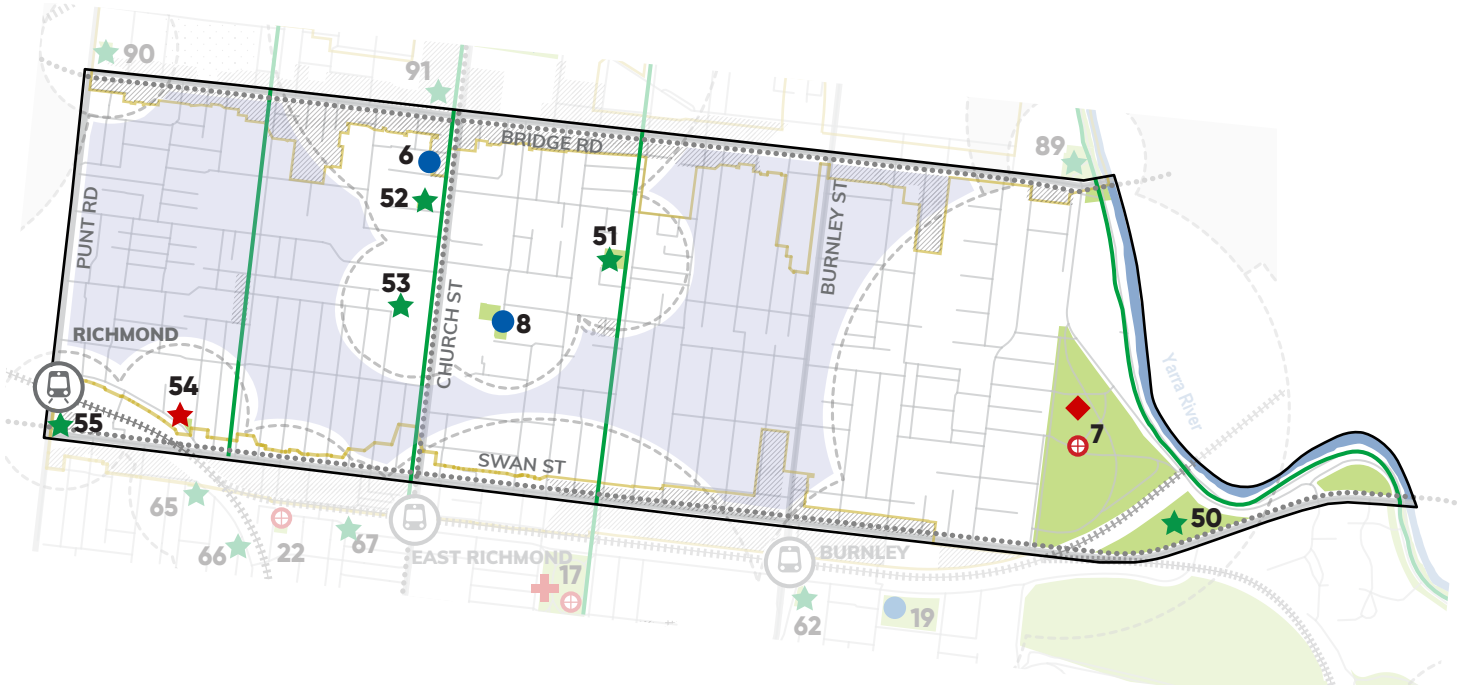
- Existing Council Playground
- Existing Multi-Use Court (MUC)
- Existing Complementary Space
- Upgrade existing Council Playground to new Classification Level
- Future Multi-Use Court (MUC)
- Proposed new / updated Complementary Space
- Walkability catchment areas
- Identified walkability gaps
- Surrounding Council Play Space
- Activity Centres / Commercial Precincts
- Residential Zones
- Commercial Zones
- Open Space
- Water Body
- Railway Station
- Railway Line
- Tram Line
- Bike Route
- Major Roads

PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION LEVELS

(Including upgrades, replacements, expansions and monitoring)

- Small Local Level
- Local Level
- Small Neighbourhood Level
- Neighbourhood Level
- City Wide Level

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SITE LIST

PLAY SPACES

- 6. Ben Alexander Reserve
- 7. Burnley Park
- 8. Cairns Reserve

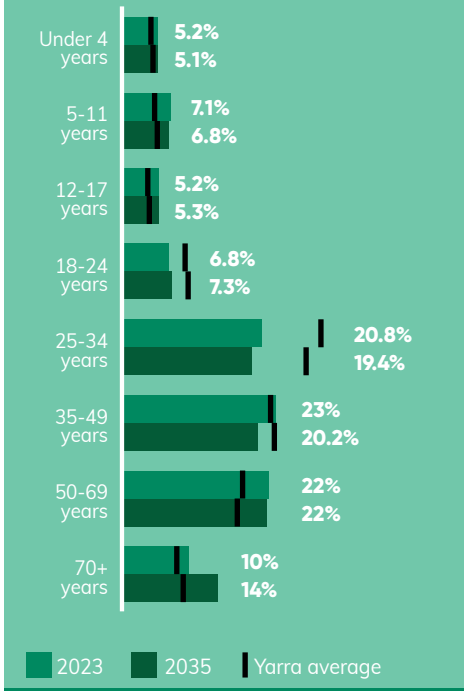
COMPLEMENTARY SPACES

- 50. Circus Site
- 51. Dame Nellie Melba Memorial Park
- 52. Peppercorn Park
- 53. Richmond Terrace Park
- 54. Wangaratta Street Reserve
- 55. Corner of Swan Street and Punt Road

Clifton Hill

Quick precinct statistics

Area:	**1.88km²**
Playgrounds:	**6**
Complementary Spaces:	**2**
Population (2023):	**7,197**
Forecast Pop (2035):	**7,321**



Forecast figures by .id - the population experts 2021 (figures are subject to change and should be updated for future play space projects)

Existing provision, distribution and future actions

Clifton Hill comprises established residential pockets bounded by Heidelberg Road/Queens Parade, Alexandra Parade/Eastern Freeway and the Merri Creek corridor.

The area has a higher percentage of children aged 5-17 years old and older adults aged 50+, and lower proportion of people aged 18-34 years old. The area is expected to have lower levels of growth compared to other precincts. 24.8% of the precinct is open space (YOSS).

The area is well supported by a range of larger and smaller play spaces. At the eastern edge of the precinct, adjacent to the Merri Creek corridor, lies Quarries Park which provides a larger playground and skate facility, Hall Reserve South which provides a playground, multi-use court and cricket nets, and Hall Reserve North which provides a playground. It is recommended to upgrade the playground at Quarries Park and provide new recreational games to complement the play and existing skate offering. Hall Reserve North should also be upgraded (to Small Neighbourhood Level) to serve a wider catchment and diversify the play offer from Hall Reserve South, as well as relocated to improve local access and strengthen connection to the nearby school.



The sports facility at George Knott Reserve in the north has a small playground, which requires upgrade. This could investigate play offerings that consider needs of adjacent athletic track users and wider neighbourhood.

To the west, Darling Gardens and Mayors Park provide more formal parks with playgrounds within walking distance of each other. Darling Gardens could be upgraded to Neighbourhood Level to serve a wider catchment (with improved connections between the toilets and playground), whilst ensuring a point of difference from Mayors Park. Mayors Park could provide a new multi-use court.

The precinct is also supported by complementary spaces at Clifton Street Reserve to the central-east and Coulson Reserve to the central-north. These should be maintained.

The precinct includes a central gap area just east of the railway line. Any future opportunities should be considered in this area.

Recommendations

Playgrounds & Informal Recreation: Replacements

Hall Reserve South	Replace playground and multi-use court at Local Level as required	LOW
Mayors Park	Replace playground at Local Level Proposed multi-use court	LOW

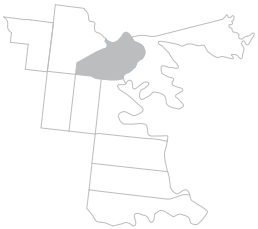
Playgrounds & Informal Recreation: Upgrade / Expansion

Darling Gardens	Upgrade from Small Neighbourhood to Neighbourhood	MEDIUM
George Knott Reserve	Upgrade from Small Local to Local	HIGH
Hall Reserve North	Upgrade from Small Local to Small Neighbourhood	HIGH
Quarries Park	Upgrade City-wide Level playground and skate Proposed recreational games	HIGH

Complementary Spaces (Maintain)

- Clifton Street Reserve
- Coulson Reserve

Precinct Map: Clifton Hill
Proposed future play space provision and gap area



LEGEND

- Existing Council Playground
- Existing Skate Facility (Skate & Wheels)
- Existing Multi-Use Court (MUC)
- Existing Complementary Space
- Upgrade existing Council Playground to new Classification Level
- Future proposed Multi-Use Court (MUC)
- Future proposed Recreational Games (RG)
- Walkability catchment areas
- Identified walkability gaps
- Surrounding Council Play Space
- Activity Centres / Commercial Precincts
- Residential Zones
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- Major Roads

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(Including upgrades, replacements, expansions and monitoring)

- Small Local Level
- Local Level
- Small Neighbourhood Level
- Neighbourhood Level
- City Wide Level

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SITE LIST

PLAY SPACES

- 9. Darling Gardens
- 10. George Knott Reserve
- 11. Hall Reserve North
- 12. Hall Reserve South
- 13. Mayors Park
- 14. Quarries Park

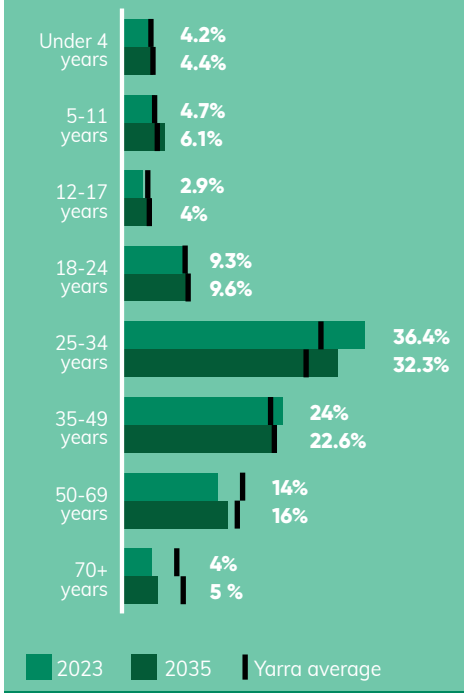
COMPLEMENTARY SPACES

- 56. Clifton Street Reserve
- 57. Coulson Reserve

Collingwood

Quick precinct statistics

Area:	**1.45km²**
Playgrounds:	**2**
Complementary Spaces:	**5**
Population (2023):	**10,485**
Forecast Pop (2035):	**12,691**



Forecast figures by .id - the population experts 2021 (figures are subject to change and should be updated for future play space projects)

Existing provision, distribution and future actions

Collingwood is an inner-city area that is made up of, as well as bordered by, a number of busy roads and activity centres. The area is largely defined by commercial and former industrial land that has seen significant growth and development. It also accommodates the Collingwood Housing Estate, which is located centrally.

The precinct has a higher percentage of adults aged 25-34 years and a lower proportion of older adults over 50+ years, as compared to Yarra. Only 0.3% of the precinct is open space (YOSS).

The two play spaces in Collingwood include McNamara Reserve and the recently upgraded and expanded Cambridge Street Reserve, which has responded to local population increase. McNamara Reserve could be upgraded to serve a wider catchment and compliment the experiences at other play spaces within the precinct, with more of a focus on play for younger children, given its proximity to the Gold Street Children's Centre. Additional play equipment has been incorporated at Cambridge Street, following recent upgrades and community feedback.

Along the western boundary, a few complementary spaces support the precinct including, Peel Street and Oxford Street Parks.



There is an opportunity to provide new recreational games at Peel Street Park. A new open space, Otter Street Park, has recently been developed to serve as a complementary space and provide some respite from the bustling Smith Street Activity Centre.

To the north, a complementary space is provided at Alexander Street Reserve, which should be maintained. Two new parks are currently being progressed at Budd and Mater Streets, to support the network.

Although new and upgraded spaces have been delivered in this precinct in recent years, this precinct still includes substantial gap areas. Future opportunities in these gap areas should continue to be explored to support forecast population growth and age demographics moving forward.

Recommendations

Playgrounds & Informal Recreation: Upgrade / Expansion

Mater Street Park	New Small Local space	IN PROGRESS
McNamara Reserve	Upgrade playground from Small Local to Local	MEDIUM

Playgrounds & Informal Recreation: Maintain

Cambridge Street Reserve	Monitor to determine any required replacements in future	RECENT UPGRADE

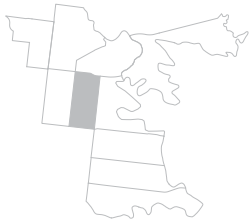
Complementary Spaces (Proposed Changes)

Budd Street Park	New Complementary Space	IN PROGRESS
Peel Street Park	Complementary Space with proposed recreational games	MEDIUM

Complementary Spaces (Maintain)

- Alexander Street Reserve
- Otter Street Park (NEW SPACE)
- Oxford Street Park

Precinct Map: Collingwood
Proposed future play space provision and gap area



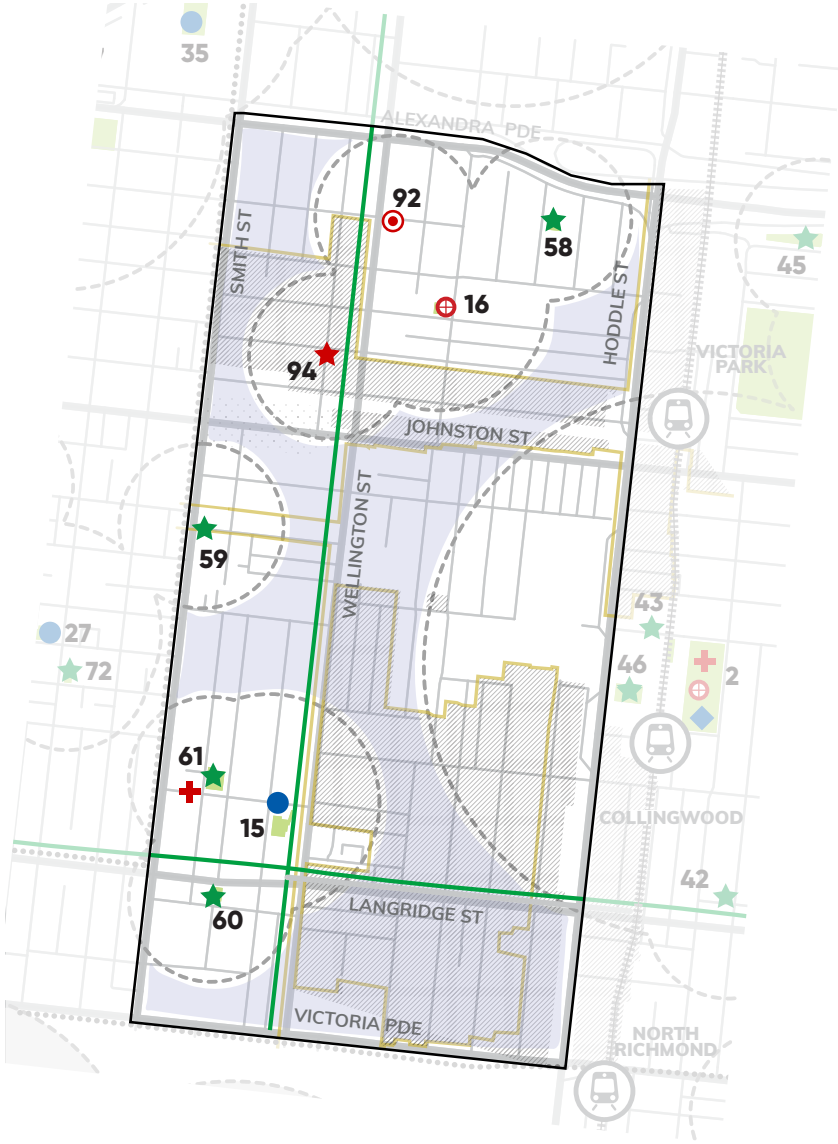
LEGEND

- Existing Council Playground
- Existing Complementary Space
- Upgrade existing Council Playground to new Classification Level
- Future proposed play provision
- Future proposed Recreational Games (RG)
- Proposed new/upgraded Complementary Space
- Walkability catchment areas
- Identified walkability gaps
- Activity Centres /Commercial Precincts
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- Bike Route
- Major Roads

PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION LEVELS
(Including upgrades, replacements, expansions and monitoring)

- Small Local Level
- Local Level
- Small Neighbourhood Level
- Neighbourhood Level
- City Wide Level

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SITE LIST

PLAY SPACES

- 15. Cambridge Street Reserve
- 16. McNamara Reserve
- 92. Mater Street Park

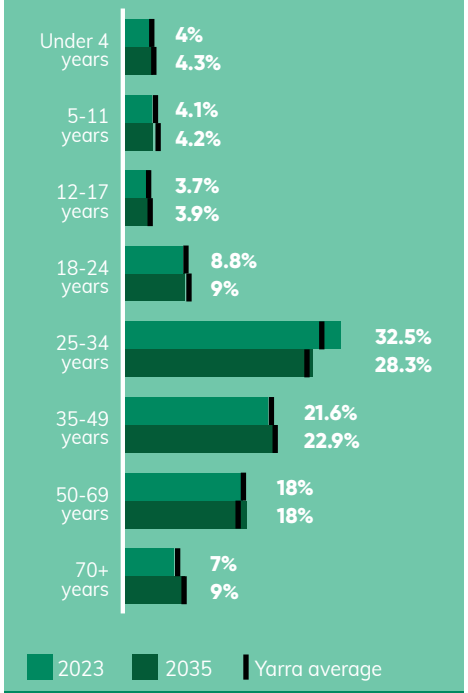
COMPLEMENTARY SPACES

- 58. Alexander Street Reserve
- 59. Otter Street Park
- 60. Oxford Street Park
- 61. Peel Street Park
- 94. Budd Street Park

Cremorne, Richmond South and Burnley

Quick precinct statistics

Area:	**2.61km²**
Playgrounds:	**6**
Complementary Spaces:	**7**
Population (2023):	**4,660**
Forecast Pop (2035):	**6,879**



Forecast figures by .id - the population experts 2021 (figures are subject to change and should be updated for future play space projects)

Existing provision, distribution and future actions

Cremorne, Richmond South and Burnley extend between the Swan Street Activity Centre and the Birrarung (as well as sections of the Monash Freeway). The precinct has a slightly higher proportion of adults aged 25-34 as compared to Yarra. Overall, the precinct has 19.3% open space (YOSS), however the three suburbs vary greatly in terms of land use, density and open space provision.

To the west, Cremorne is designated as an 'Enterprise Precinct' and has experienced substantial growth, predominantly made up with office use. Some small residential pockets still remain and there is very little open space. White Street Reserve and Charles Evans Reserve are two Small local play spaces with playgrounds (Charles Evans Reserve has been recently upgraded). Corner of Chestnut Street and Railway Crescent, Durham Street Reserve, Stephenson Street Reserve and Corner of Gwynne Street and Stephenson Street support the network. Church Street Reserve is a larger complementary space with recreational games located close to the Birrarung.

Central Richmond South is a residential pocket which accommodates Barkly Gardens and McConchie Reserve, which both currently have playgrounds.



McConchie Reserve also has recreational games and a multi-use court.

To improve the offerings across both spaces, Barkly Gardens could be upgraded to City-wide Level to serve a wider catchment and provide a larger playground. At McConchie Reserve, play opportunities could be explored, considering existing uses, play provision at nearby Barkly Gardens and community input on future priorities. A complementary space is at Athol J Brown, and should be maintained.

Burnley, in the east, is made up of a smaller residential pocket and a larger portion taken up by the Burnley Golf Course. Golden Square Bicentennial Park and Kevin Bartlett Reserve are two medium sized play spaces which both provide playgrounds. Golden Square Bicentennial Park has recently been upgraded to Small Neighbourhood Level, to serve a wider catchment. Play opportunities should be investigated at Loys Paddock, considering existing uses and community input on future priorities.

The large gap area in Cremorne should be monitored for any future play space opportunities.

Recommendations

Playgrounds & Informal Recreation: Replacements

Kevin Bartlett Reserve	Replace playground at Local Level	LOW
McConchie Reserve	Investigate future play opportunities	LOW

Playgrounds & Informal Recreation: Upgrade / Expansion

Barkly Gardens	Upgrade Neighbourhood to City-wide Level New proposed recreational games	MEDIUM
Charles Evans Reserve	Monitor to determine any required replacements in future	RECENT UPGRADE
Golden Square Bicentennial Park	Monitor to determine any required replacements in future	RECENT UPGRADE
White Street Reserve	Upgrade playground from Small Local to Local Level	MEDIUM

Complementary Spaces (Proposed Changes)

Loys Paddock	Investigate future play opportunities	LOW

Complementary Spaces (Maintain)

- Athol J Brown Reserve
- Church Street Reserve
- Corner of Chestnut Street and Railway Crescent
- Durham Street Reserve
- Stephenson Street Reserve (NEW SPACE)
- Corner of Gwynne Street and Stephenson Street (NEW SPACE)

Precinct Map: Cremorne, Richmond South and Burnley
Proposed future play space provision and gap area



LEGEND

- Existing Council Playground
- Existing Multi-Use Court (MUC)
- Existing Recreational Games (RG)
- Existing Fitness (FIT)
- Existing Complementary Space
- Upgrade existing Council Playground to new Classification Level
- Future proposed Recreational Games (RG)
- Future play opportunities requiring further investigation and community input
- Walkability catchment areas
- Identified walkability gaps
- Surrounding Council Play Space
- Activity Centres / Commercial Precincts
- Residential Zones
- Commercial Zones
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- Tram Line
- Bike Route
- Major Roads

PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION LEVELS

(Including upgrades, replacements, expansions and monitoring)

- Small Local Level
- Local Level
- Small Neighbourhood Level
- Neighbourhood Level
- City Wide Level



SITE LIST

PLAY SPACES

17. Barkly Gardens
18. Charles Evans Reserve
19. Golden Square Bicentennial Park
20. Kevin Bartlett Reserve
21. McConchie Reserve
22. White Street Reserve

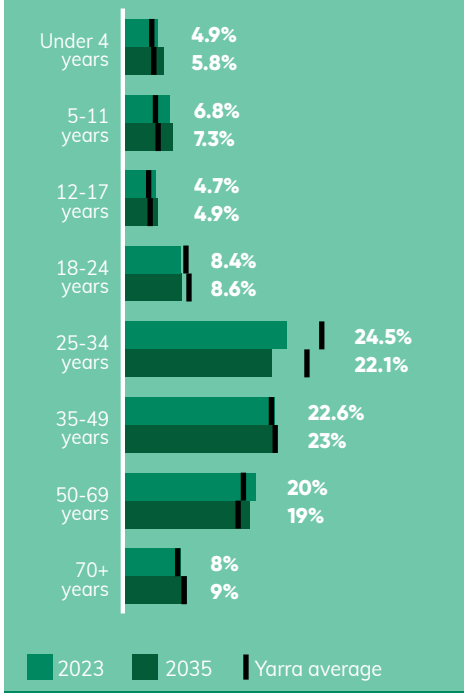
COMPLEMENTARY SPACES

62. Athol J Brown Reserve
63. Church Street Reserve
64. Loys Paddock
65. Stephenson Street Reserve
66. Corner of Gwynne and Stephenson Streets
67. Corner of Chestnut Street and Railway Reserve
68. Durham Street Reserve

Fairfield - Alphington

Quick precinct statistics

Area:	**3.88km²**
Playgrounds:	**4**
Complementary Spaces:	**2**
Population (2023):	**3,776**
Forecast Pop (2035):	**8,256**



Forecast figures by .id - the population experts 2021 (figures are subject to change and should be updated for future play space projects)

Existing provision, distribution and future actions

The suburbs of Fairfield and Alphington are situated south of Heidelberg Road and are bound to the west, south and east by the Merri Creek, Birrarung, and Darebin Creek water corridors. The area is predominately residential with the larger open spaces along the waterways occupied by Melbourne Polytechnic and the Yarra Bend and Latrobe Golf Courses. The area is undergoing significant change and growth with the development of the former Alphington Paper Mills site (also known as AMCOR). As of 2020, 28% of the precinct is open space (YOSS) and this percentage will grow slightly because of new parks being built within the AMCOR development site. The area has a slightly higher proportion of children (aged 5-17) and adults (aged 50-69) and lower proportion of adults (aged 18-34).

Fairfield Park is situated at the west of the precinct which is close to; sports facilities, Fairfield Boathouse, the Amphitheater and the Yarra Bend Parklands. Council has recently upgraded this play space to City-wide Level to serve a wider catchment and support the high number of visitors to the area.

Coate Park and Rudder Grange are two complementary spaces located in the centre of the precinct and should be maintained.



At the east of the precinct lies Alphington Park and the recently completed Artisan Park (located within the AMCOR development site). A number of additional new play spaces are proposed as a part of the AMCOR development; Workshop Park which includes a playground, and future complementary spaces at Heritage Park and Village Square. It is proposed to upgrade Alphington Park to Neighbourhood Level to serve a wider catchment and provide a new multi-use court and recreational games.

The existing publicly accessible playground at Alphington Grammar School is in need of upgrade. This should consider the play provision at nearby Sparks Reserve and wider network.

The precinct includes some small gap areas however these are located close to the river environment.

Recommendations

Playgrounds & Informal Recreation: New

Workshop Park	New Local Level playground	IN PROGRESS

Playgrounds & Informal Recreation: Upgrade / Expansion

Alphington Park	Upgrade playground from Local to Neighbourhood Level Proposed multi-use court and Recreational Games	LOW
Fairfield Park	Monitor to determine any required replacements in future	RECENT UPGRADE
Alphington Grammar School	Upgrade play space to Small Local and respond to provision in wider precinct.	LOW

Playgrounds & Informal Recreation: Maintain

Artisan Park	New Local Level playground	NEW SPACE

Complementary Spaces (Proposed Changes)

Heritage Park	New Complementary Space	FUTURE SPACE
Village Square	New Complementary Space	FUTURE SPACE

Complementary Spaces (Maintain)

- Coate Park
- Rudder Grange

Precinct Map: Fairfield - Alphington
Proposed future play space provision and gap area



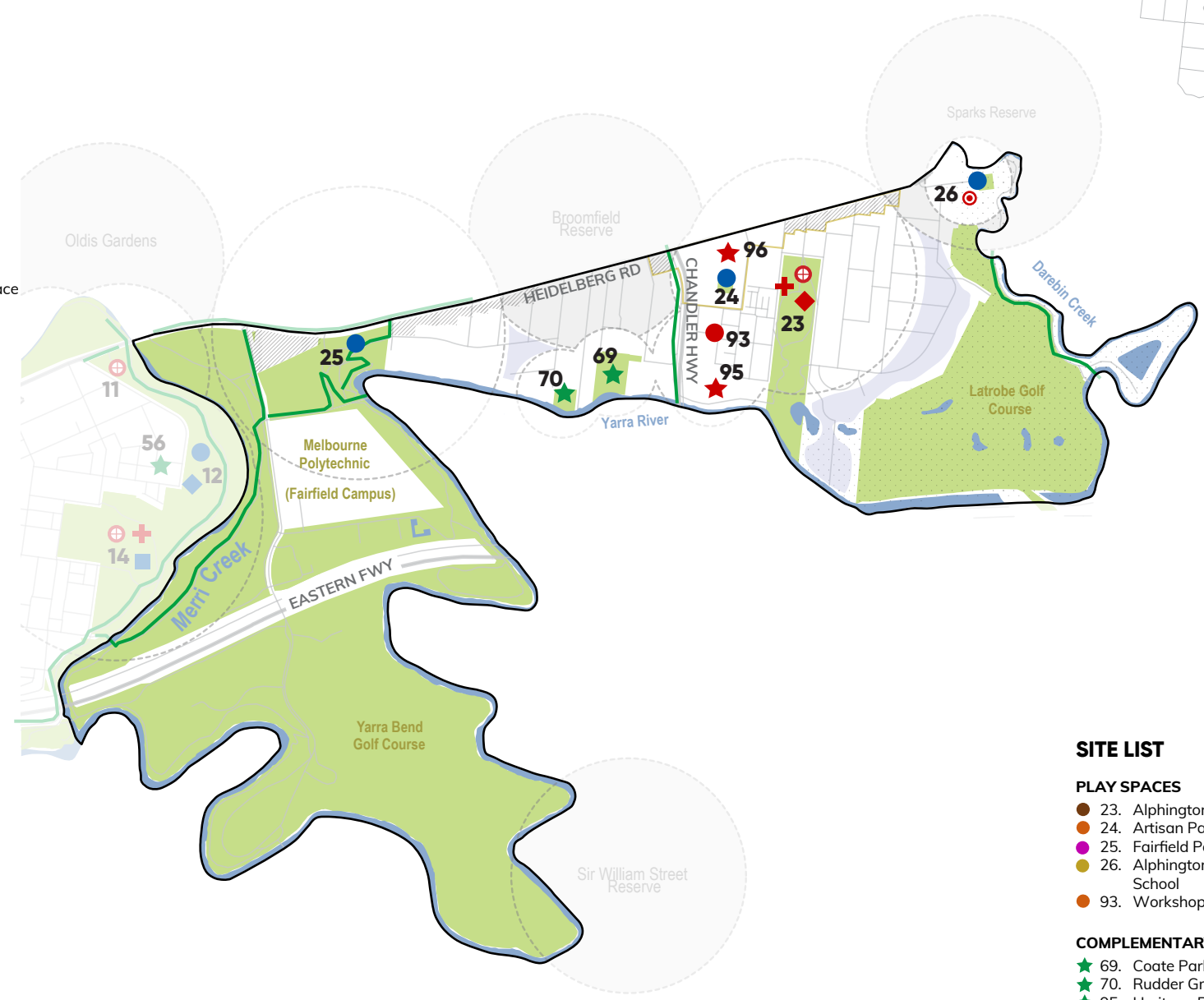
LEGEND

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- Existing Complementary Space
- Upgrade existing Council Playground to new Classification Level
- Future proposed Council Playground
- Proposed new / upgraded Complementary Space
- Future proposed Recreational Games (RG)
- Future proposed Multi-Use Court (MUC)
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- Major Roads

PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION LEVELS
(Including upgrades, replacements, expansions and monitoring)

- Small Local Level
- Local Level
- Small Neighbourhood Level
- Neighbourhood Level
- City Wide Level

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SITE LIST

PLAY SPACES

- 23. Alphington Park
- 24. Artisan Park
- 25. Fairfield Park
- 26. Alphington Grammar School
- 93. Workshop Park

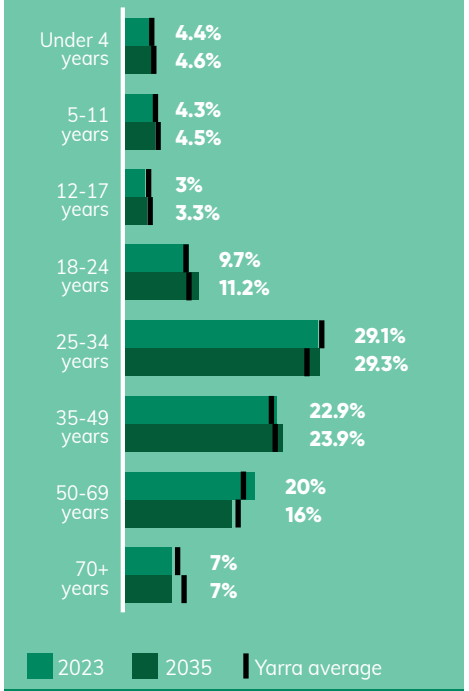
COMPLEMENTARY SPACES

- 69. Coate Park
- 70. Rudder Grange
- 95. Heritage Park
- 96. Village Square

Fitzroy

Quick precinct statistics

Area:	**1.57km²**
Playgrounds:	**4**
Complementary Spaces:	**5**
Population (2023):	**11,484**
Forecast Pop (2035):	**15,250**



Forecast figures by .id - the population experts 2021 (figures are subject to change and should be updated for future play space projects)

Existing provision, distribution and future actions

Fitzroy is an inner-city area that has a mix of residential and commercial/mixed use land. The precinct has a number of busy roads and activity centres that pass through and form its boundary. St Vincents Hospital and the Australian Catholic University (ACU) are situated at the south, and the Atherton Gardens Housing Estate is in the centre of the precinct. The area has a slightly lower percentage of older adults (aged 70+). The area is undergoing significant change and development and has very little open space, 1.6% (YOSS).

Condell Reserve provides a play space with a larger playground. It has a strong community feel, located in the centre of the precinct, adjacent to the Fitzroy Town Hall and nearby community facilities. This space would benefit from additional picnic facilities when upgraded in future. Whitlam Place and George Street Reserve are two complementary spaces located nearby. It is recommended to provide recreational games at Whitlam Place to complement the offering in this community hub.

Existing play spaces with playgrounds in the west of this precinct include, King William Reserve and Garryowen Park, both of which are very limited in size and offering and need to be diversified



in terms of play experience when replaced. King William Reserve should investigate recreational games opportunities.

Other complementary spaces that support this precinct include; Frank King Park to the west, Greeves Street Reserve in the centre, George Street Reserve, and corner of Gertrude and Brunswick Streets (new space) to the south.

At the north of the precinct, Council has recently upgraded Smith Reserve (to Small Neighbourhood Level), which includes informal recreation and playground upgrade.

The area includes some gaps in provision, mainly along the Johnston Street corridor, south-east corner and south-west corner (which is supplemented by two publicly accessible spaces in the ACU site which also support university visitors). These gaps should be monitored for any future open space opportunities.

Recommendations

Playgrounds & Informal Recreation: Replacements

Condell Street Reserve	Replace playground at Local Level as required	LOW
Garryowen Park	Replace playground at Small Local Level as required	IN PROGRESS
King William Reserve	Replace playground at Small Local Level as required and investigate recreational games opportunities	MEDIUM

Playgrounds & Informal Recreation: Maintain

Smith Reserve	Monitor to determine any required replacements in future	RECENT UPGRADE

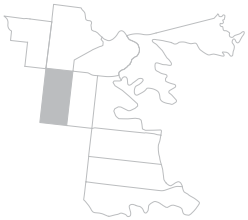
Complementary Spaces (Proposed Changes)

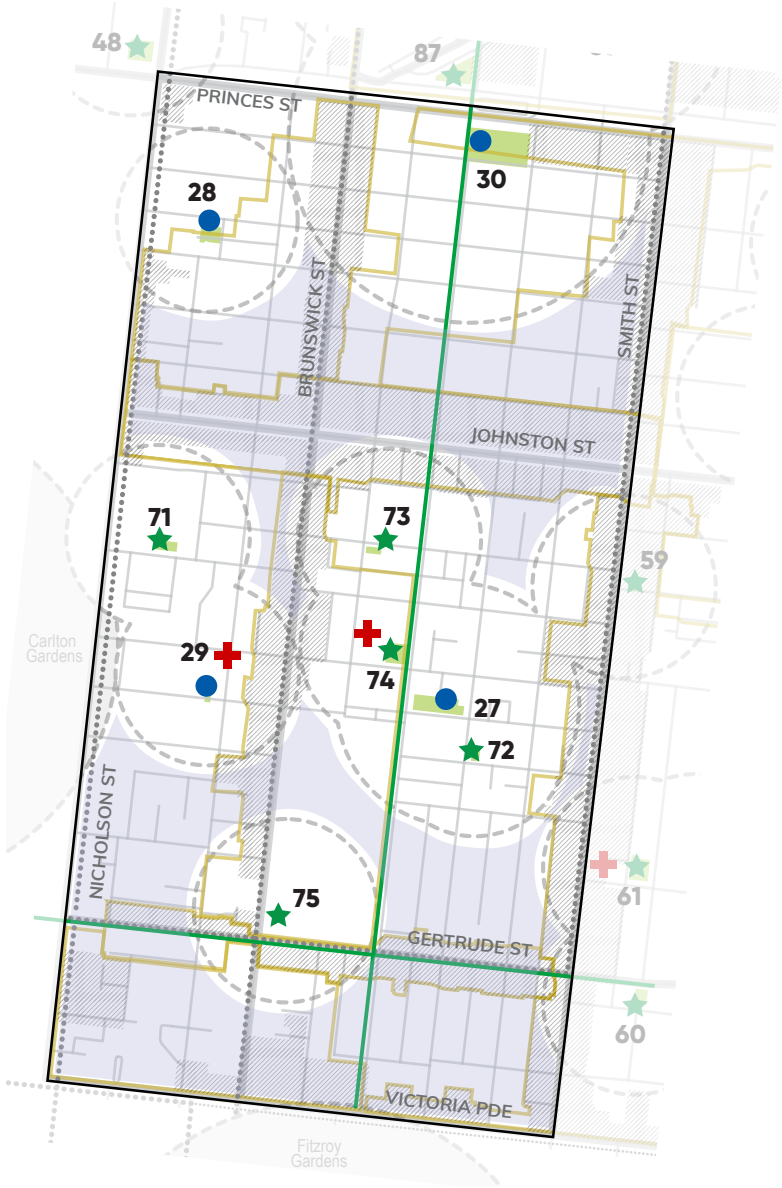
Whitlam Place	Proposed recreational games	MEDIUM

Complementary Spaces (Maintain)

- Frank King Park
- George Street Reserve
- Greeves Street Reserve
- Corner of Gertrude and Brunswick Streets (NEW SPACE)

Precinct Map: Fitzroy
Proposed future play space provision and gap area





LEGEND

- Existing Council Playground
- Existing Complementary Space
- Future proposed Recreational Games (RG)
- Walkability catchment areas
- Identified walkability gaps
- Surrounding Council Play Space
- Activity Centres / Commercial Precincts
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PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION LEVELS
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- Small Local Level
- Local Level
- Small Neighbourhood Level
- Neighbourhood Level
- City Wide Level

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SITE LIST

PLAY SPACES

27. Condell Street Reserve
28. Garryowen Park
29. King William Reserve
30. Smith Reserve

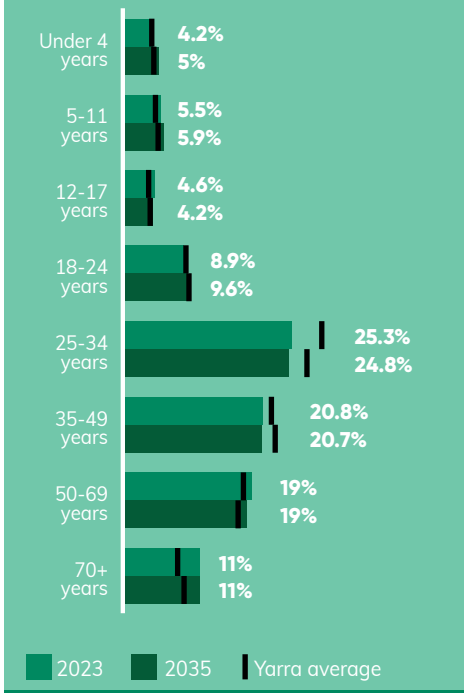
COMPLEMENTARY SPACES

71. Frank King Park
72. George Street Reserve
73. Greeves Street Reserve
74. Whitlam Place
75. Corner of Gertrude and Brunswick Streets

Fitzroy North

Quick precinct statistics

Area:	**2.61km²**
Playgrounds:	**6**
Complementary Spaces:	**12**
Population (2023):	**12,391**
Forecast Pop (2035):	**16,041**



Forecast figures by .id - the population experts 2021 (figures are subject to change and should be updated for future play space projects)

Existing provision, distribution and future actions

Fitzroy North is an established residential area that has a diverse and connected open space network making up 12.8% of the precinct (YOSS). A number of neighbourhood activity centres run through/border the precinct. It also includes a section of the Inner Circle Railway Linear Parklands, and is bordered to the east by the Merri Creek. The precinct has a slightly higher percentage of older adults (aged 50+) and lower percentage of adults aged 25-49. The area is forecast to significantly grow, mainly through the development of the Gasworks site to the south.

Edinburgh Gardens is the main open space in the precinct and attracts high numbers of visitors. It includes two larger playgrounds (north and south), skate, multi-use court and recreational games. It is considered Yarra's most valued and used open space, however the high volume of use at times is not ideal. The southern playground could be upgraded to City-wide Level with a point of difference to complement the offerings to the north. Edwardes Place Park (north-east of Edinburgh Gardens) has recently been upgraded to support passive recreation and informal play, to alleviate pressure and also meet local gaps east of St Georges Road.



The Inner Circle Railway Linear Parklands provides a highly valuable active transport corridor with connections between Park Street Reserve play space including, two playgrounds and a multi-use court, and Holden Byrne Reserve play space. Park Street Reserve should be upgraded to Neighbourhood Level with renewed multi-use court and better integration of all facilities.

The Langdon Reserve play space provides a playground and multi-use court to the very north of the precinct. A new play space including playground (underway), will be provided at Gasworks Park in the south.

Twelve complementary spaces are scattered throughout the precinct (with some close to areas of activity such as Triangle Park near a school and Piedimonte's near the shops), providing smaller spaces for play, all of which should be maintained.

The precinct has some gaps in provision to the south of Rushall Station and to the north which should be monitored.

Recommendations

Playgrounds & Informal Recreation: New

Gasworks Park	Proposed new Local Level playground	NEW SPACE (Stage 1 complete)

Playgrounds & Informal Recreation: Replacements

Edinburgh Gardens (North)	Replace playground at City-wide Level as required	LOW
Holden Byrne Reserve	Replace playground at Local Level as required	LOW
Langdon Reserve	Replace playground at Local Level as required	HIGH

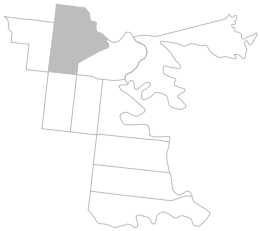
Playgrounds & Informal Recreation: Upgrade / Expansion

Edinburgh Gardens (South)	Upgrade playground from Neighbourhood to City-wide Level and provide diversity to North site	MEDIUM
Park Street Reserve	Upgrade playground from Local to Neighbourhood Level, improve MUC and integrate facilities	HIGH

Complementary Spaces (Maintain)

- Batman Street Reserve
- Batson Reserve
- Brookes Crescent Reserve
- Edwardes Place Park
- Liverpool Street Reserve
- Mark Street Linear Park
- Ottery Reserve
- Corner of St Georges Road and Best and Scotchmer Streets
- Porter Street Reserve
- Raines Reserve
- Reid Street Park
- Triangle Park

Precinct Map: Fitzroy North
Proposed future play space provision and gap area



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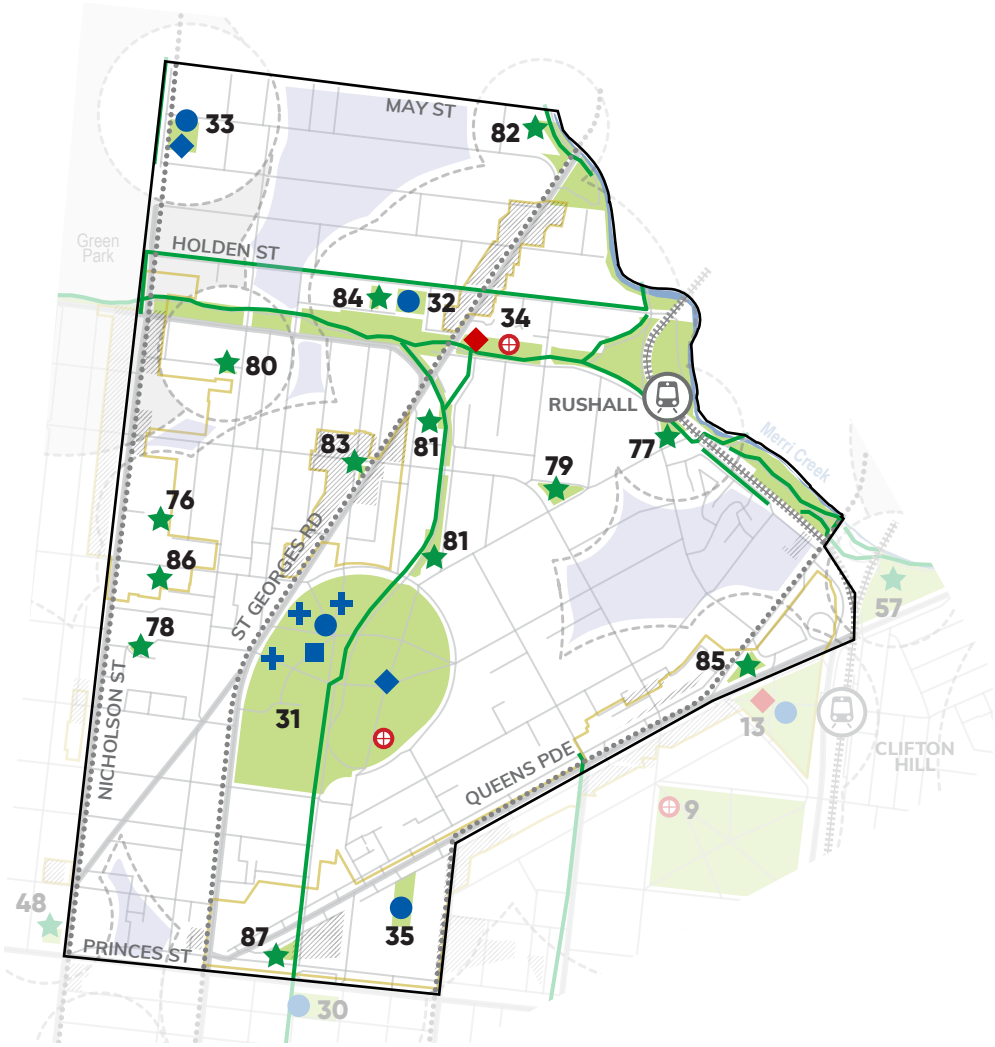
- Existing Council Playground
- Existing Skate Facility (Skate & Wheels)
- Existing Multi-Use Court (MUC)
- Existing Recreational Games (RG)
- Existing Complementary Space
- Upgrade existing Council Playground to new Classification Level
- Future Multi-Use Court (MUC)
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PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION LEVELS

(Including upgrades, replacements, expansions and monitoring)

- Small Local Level
- Local Level
- Small Neighbourhood Level
- Neighbourhood Level
- City Wide Level

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SITE LIST

PLAY SPACES

31. Edinburgh Gardens
32. Holden Byrne Reserve
33. Langdon Reserve
34. Park Street Reserve
35. Gasworks Park

COMPLEMENTARY SPACES

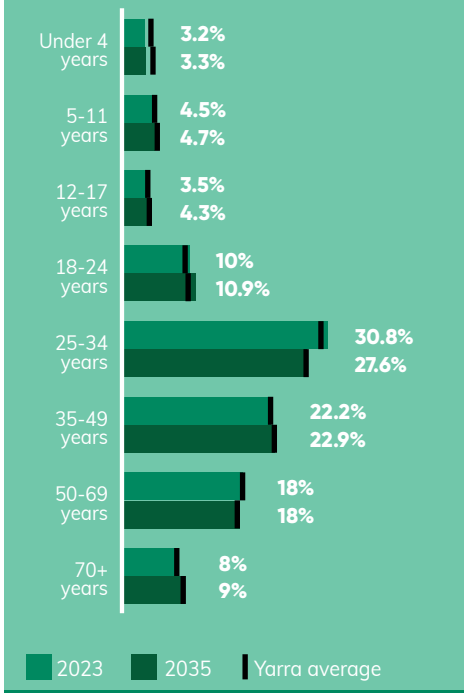
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83. Corner of St Georges Road and Best and Scotchmer Streets
84. Porter Street Reserve
85. Raines Reserve
86. Reid Street Park
87. Triangle Park

North Richmond

Quick precinct statistics

Area: 2.6km²
Playgrounds: 4
Complementary Spaces: 4
Shared Use Space: 1

Population (2023): 14,884
Forecast Pop (2035): 18,511



Forecast figures by .id - the population experts 2021 (figures are subject to change and should be updated for future play space projects)

Existing provision, distribution and future actions

North Richmond precinct runs between the Victoria Street and Bridge Road Activity Centres, the Birrarung forming the eastern boundary. The precinct accommodates; larger areas of residential land (including the North Richmond Housing Estate), Victoria Gardens Shopping Centre and smaller pockets of commercial land. The area has a slightly lower proportion of children (aged 0-4) as compared to the Yarra average. The area is expected to significantly grow in the future, however only 3% of the precinct is open space (YOSS).

In the south, Citizens Park is the main open space which does the heavy lifting for this precinct. Current play space provision includes a large playground, fitness equipment and social gathering facilities.

Smaller play spaces are provided at Egan Place (to the west) and Annettes Place (to the east adjacent to the Birrarung), and a medium sized play space at Williams Reserve (in the north). Council is currently planning to upgrade Annettes Place to Small Neighbourhood Level to serve a wider catchment and consider other uses on the site. Williams Reserve should provide improved diversity of play options when replaced



There is a 'shared-use' agreement in place with Yarra Primary School, allowing public access to the playground, multi-use court and recreational games facility (table tennis). Multi-use court facilities at Richmond High School are also publicly accessible during certain hours.

Further complementary spaces at Butler Street Park (to the north), O'Connell Reserve and Urban Arts Square and Mary Rogers Square (to the south), address gaps in walkable access to play spaces that provide opportunity for informal and passive recreation.

A number of gap areas still exist in this precinct to the west adjacent to Punt Road, along the Victoria Street corridor, and in the south-east which should be

Recommendations

Playgrounds & Informal Recreation: Replacements

Williams Reserve	Replace playground at Local Level as required and improve diversity of play options	LOW

Playgrounds & Informal Recreation: Maintain

Citizens Park	Monitor to determine future need of City-wide Level	RECENT UPGRADE
Egan Park	Monitor to determine future need of Small Local Level	RECENT UPGRADE

Playgrounds & Informal Recreation: Upgrade / Expansion

Annettes Place	Upgrade playground from Local to Small Neighbourhood Level	IN PROGRESS

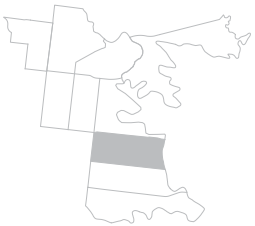
Complementary Spaces (Maintain)

- Butler Street Park
- O'Connell Reserve
- Urban Arts Square
- Mary Rogers Square

Shared-use Agreement (Maintain)

- Yarra Primary School

Precinct Map: North Richmond
Proposed future play space provision and gap area

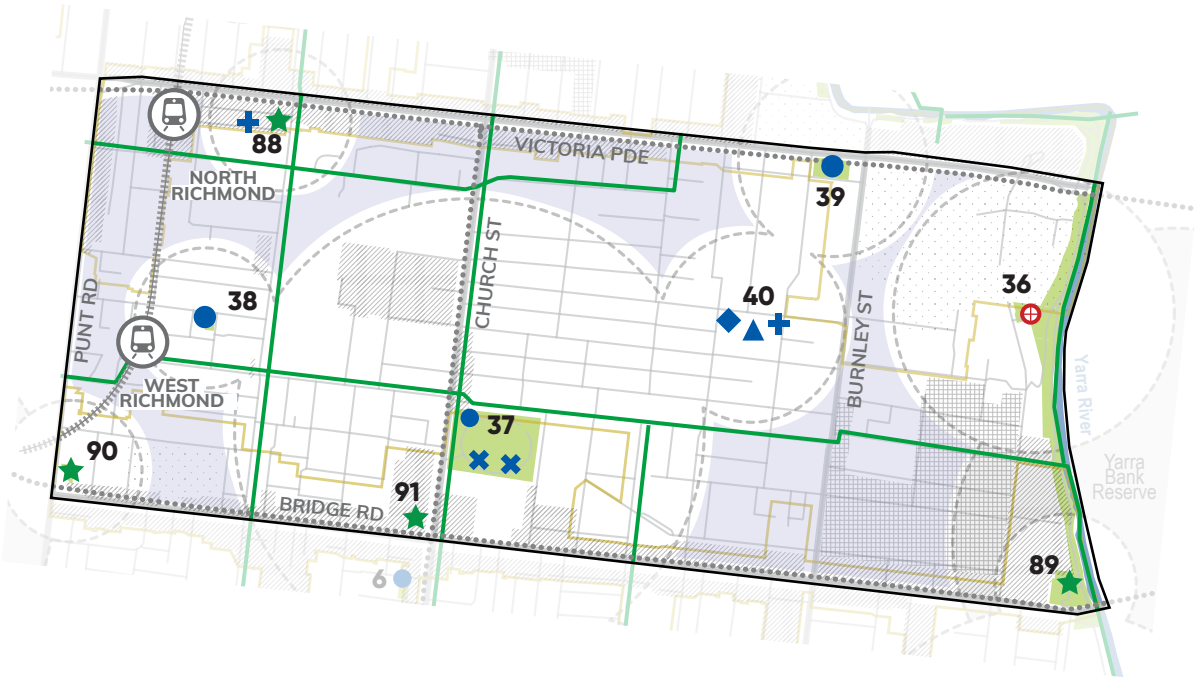


LEGEND

- Existing Council Playground
- Existing Shared Use Facility
- Existing Multi-Use Court (MUC)
- Existing Recreational Games (RG)
- Existing Fitness (FIT)
- Existing Complementary Space
- Upgrade existing Council Playground to new Classification Level
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PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION LEVELS
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- Small Local Level
- Local Level
- Small Neighbourhood Level
- Neighbourhood Level
- City Wide Level



SITE LIST

PLAY SPACES

- 36. Annettes Place
- 37. Citizens Park
- 38. Egan Park
- 39. Williams Reserve
- 40. Yarra Primary School (Shared-use)

COMPLEMENTARY SPACES

- 88. Butler Street Park
- 89. O'Connell Reserve
- 90. Urban Arts Square
- 91. Mary Rogers Square

Glossary

General terms

Accessibility	Where ease of access for users of a play space is considered for people of differing abilities (how they enter and move through a space – pathways, access without barriers, ability to use facilities provided).
Active transport	Predominantly travelling by cycling, but also may include walking, scootering or skating.
Catchment	The area by which local residents and workers will travel to use a play space, usually based on size and complexity of facility.
Complementary spaces	Complementary spaces are parks and reserves that offer a range of qualities such as grassed open space, garden areas, seating, shade etc. for a variety of recreational activities.
Gender equity (as applied to play spaces)	Where a play space is designed in a way that supports everyone, regardless of gender, to feel welcome and supported to participate.
Inclusion	Where all members of the community, regardless of ability, age, gender, or cultural backgrounds are made to feel welcome and supported to participate in a play space.
Informal recreation	Leisure activities and games that are suitable for different age groups using open space features and furniture.
Open space	Open space in this context refers mostly to parks and reserves and some urban spaces that are larger than 300sqm.
Play	A spontaneous, freely chosen, and enjoyable activity allowing the individual, either alone or while socialising with others, to interact with and explore the environment around them in different and dynamic ways.
Playground	A constructed and designed area consisting of play equipment (modular or customised), usually protected by impact-absorbing material as a defined ground treatment (with edging), for the primary purpose of play (prescribed).
Play space	An area that facilitates playful activity by incorporating the whole open space environment, including surfacing, trees and garden areas, level change, furniture, and other elements. This may or may not include a playground.
Play space classifications (Levels)	Play space levels of development and amenity related to their open space classification (as outlined in the YOSS) and catchment of use. Typically, they fall under the classifications Small Local, Local, Small Neighbourhood, Neighbourhood and City-Wide.
Play space types	Play space types are different settings for play and informal recreation that relate to their use.
Play value	The intrinsic value of play elements in relation to the quality and complexity of play that it provides.
Precinct	Geographic areas that generally align with YOSS boundaries and accommodate a mix of residential, commercial and industrial uses supported by an open space and play space network.
Service levels	Established routine maintenance standards in parks and reserves, that refer to cleaning, gardening, repairs to furniture, rubbish collection etc.
Social gathering	The community coming together and connecting in open space. Social gathering is supported by the natural and built environment.
Walkability	The measure of an easy distance by walking.

Council specific terms and acronyms

Council	Yarra City Council (governing body)
FIT	Fitness equipment
MUC	Multi-use court
RG	Recreational games including chess, bocce, and table tennis etc.
Skate and wheels	Skating, roller blading and scootering
this Strategy	Yarra Play Space Strategy
Yarra	Yarra City (municipality)
YOSS	Yarra Open Space Strategy

Appendix

Play Space Priority Plan

No.	Site name	Suburb	Type of works	New Classification Level	Summary of works	Priority rating		
						HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
1	Annettes Place	North Richmond	Upgrade	Small Neighbourhood	Upgrade play space to Small Neighbourhood Level with a new playground and supporting amenities.	✓		
2	Garryowen Park	Fitzroy	Replace	Small Local *	Replace existing play space to Small Local Level with a new playground and supporting amenities.	✓		
3	Quarries Park	Clifton Hill	Upgrade	City-wide *	Upgrade the existing play space (retaining its existing City-wide Level Classification), with a new playground, recreational games and and supporting amenities.	✓		
4	Park Street Reserve	Fitzroy North	Upgrade	Neighbourhood	Upgrade play space to Neighbourhood Level, which involves upgrading the two existing playgrounds into one integrated playground, upgrading the multi use court, and providing a new fitness station, informal recreation areas and supporting amenities. Scope as directed by the Linear Parklands Masterplan.	✓		
5	George Knott Reserve	Clifton Hill	Upgrade	Local	Upgrade play space to Local Level to serve a wider catchment and better connect with the athletic facilities on site.	✓		
6	Curtain Square	Carlton North - Princes Hill	Upgrade	Neighbourhood	Upgrade play space to Neighbourhood Level to support a better diversity of play for a wider range of ages, including recreational games.	✓		
7	Langdon Reserve	Fitzroy North	Replace	Local *	Replace existing play space at Local Level, which includes a playground and multi-use court.	✓		
8	Hall Reserve North	Clifton Hill	Upgrade	Small Neighbourhood	"Upgrade play space to Small Neighbourhood Level to serve a wider catchment and better connect to local area and school. Includes an improved playground and supporting amenities. "	✓		
9	Wangaratta Street Reserve	Central Richmond	Upgrade	Complementary Space	Expand existing Complementary Space.	✓		
10	Burnley Park	Central Richmond	Upgrade	City-wide	Upgrade play space to City-wide Level, including a larger playground, replacing the existing multi-use court and providing social gathering areas and supporting amenities.		✓	
11	Edinburgh Gardens (South)	Fitzroy North	Upgrade	City-wide	Upgrade play space to City-wide Level to provide an improved playground which complements the northern playground offering and supporting amenities.		✓	
12	Gahan Reserve	Abbotsford	Upgrade	City-wide	Upgrade play space to City-wide Level, to provide additional play opportunities that complement the existing offering, plus recreational games.		✓	

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13	White Street Reserve	Cremorne, Richmond South & Burnley	Upgrade	Local	Upgrade play space to Local Level, including an improved playground and supporting amenities.		✓	
14	Hardy Gallagher Reserve	Carlton North - Princes Hill	Upgrade	Small Neighbourhood	Upgrade play space to Small Neighbourhood Level, with an improved playground, fitness station, supporting amenities and improved connections to the nearby neighbourhood house.		✓	
15	Darling Gardens	Clifton Hill	Upgrade	Neighbourhood	Upgrade play space to Neighbourhood Level, with an improved playground and supporting amenities, better connections to the nearby toilets, and point of difference to Mayors Park nearby.		✓	
16	King William Reserve	Fitzroy	Replace	Small Local *	Replace play space at Small Local Level and upgrade the recreactional games or implement a new multi-use court.		✓	
17	McNamara Reserve	Collingwood	Upgrade	Local	Upgrade play space to Local Level, with an improved playground that compliments other play spaces in the area and caters for the nearby Gold Street Children's Centre.		✓	
18	Barkly Gardens	Cremorne, Richmond South & Burnley	Upgrade	City-wide *	Upgrade play space to City-wide Level, with an improved playground, recreational games and supporting amenities.		✓	
19	Whitlam Place	Fitzroy	Upgrade	Complementary Space	Upgrade existing Complementary Space, with new recreational games offering and supporting amenities.		✓	
20	Peel Street Park	Collingwood	Upgrade	Complementary Space	Upgrade existing Complementary Space, with new recreational games offering and supporting amenities.		✓	
21	Hall Reserve South	Clifton Hill	Replace	Local *	Replace existing play space provision at local Level, which includes a playground, multi-use court and supporting amenities.			✓
22	Ben Alexander Reserve	Central Richmond	Replace	Small Local *	Replace existing play space provision at Small Local Level, which includes a playground and supporting amenities.			✓
23	Studley Reserve	Abbotsford	Replace	Small Local *	Replace existing play space provision at Small Local Level, which includes a playground and supporting amenities, and diversify play offer.			✓
24	Kevin Bartlett Reserve	Cremorne, Richmond South & Burnley	Replace	Local *	Replace existing play space at Local Level, which includes a playground and supporting amenities.			✓
25	Holden Byrne Reserve	Fitzroy North	Replace	Local *	Replace existing play space at Local Level, which includes a playground and supporting amenities.			✓

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26	Mayors Park	Clifton Hill	Replace	Local *	Replace existing play space at Local Level, which includes a playground and supporting amenities, and provide a new multi-use court.			✓
27	Williams Reserve	North Richmond	Replace	Local *	Replace play space at Local Level, which includes a playground and supporting amenities, and improve diversity of play options.			✓
28	Edinburgh Gardens (North)	Fitzroy North	Replace	City-wide *	Replace play space at City-wide Level, which includes a playground and supporting amenities.			✓
29	Condell Street Reserve	Fitzroy	Replace	Local *	Replace existing play space at Local Level, which includes a playground and supporting amenities, and provide new picnic facilities.			✓
30	Alphington Park	Fairfield - Alphington	Upgrade	Neighbourhood	Upgrade play space to Neighbourhood Level, to provide an improved playground, new multi-use court/recreational games and supporting amenities.			✓
31	Flockhart Reserve	Abbotsford	Upgrade	TBC	Investigate potential for nature play elements or other play opportunities that complement other uses on site.			✓
32	Loys Paddock	Cremorne, Richmond South & Burnley	Upgrade	TBC	Investigate play opportunities for this site, considering existing uses and community input on future priorities.			✓
33	McConchie Reserve	Cremorne, Richmond South & Burnley	Upgrade	TBC	Investigate play opportunities for this site, considering existing uses, play provision at nearby Barkly Gardens and community input on future priorities.			✓

** Existing Classification Level is retained*



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