

PLAYGROUND SUBURB ANALYSIS

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ASPENDALE GARDENS



Winners Circle Reserve playground

WHO LIVES HERE...

2023 Playgrounds

There are **7 playgrounds** and **7 active recreation facilities**.

2023 Population

6,516 people are estimated to live in Aspendale Gardens in 2023 (4% of the Kingston population)

Population change

Forecast change from **2023 to 2038:**

Estimated increase 329 people (+5%)

Population change from **2016 to 2021:**

Decrease 103 people (-2%)

Age group with the greatest increase of people from **2016 to 2021:**

55–59 years 92 people (+21%)

In 2021

Assistance needed due to a disability:
338 people (5%)

Care provided to a person with a disability, long term illness or old age:
739 people (14%)

Born overseas
2,048 people (32%)

TOP 3 languages other than English spoken at home:

Mandarin 228 (4%)

Greek 208 (3%)

Vietnamese 117 (2%)

Households

There were **2,195** households in Aspendale Gardens (3% of Kingston's total households)

Median weekly household income \$2,269

Households did not own a vehicle 60 (3%)

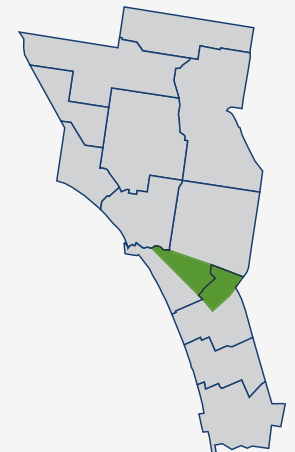
TOP 4 household types:

Couples with children 1,056 (48%)

Couples without children 522 (24%)

Lone person 350 (16%)

One parent family 198 (9%)



PLAY SPACE FACILITIES

PLAY SPACE CLASSIFICATION

Small Local	Local	Suburb	District	Regional
3	4	-	-	-

PLAY SPACE ACCESS AND DIVERSITY

Playground – Location	Classification	Year of Construction	Level of Inclusive and Accessible Play			Range of Play Activities (age groups)			
			Reasonable	Some	Difficult	Toddler/ Pre-School	Primary School	Senior Primary	Teen / Adult
Amott Court Reserve	Small Local	2007			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Branagon Drive Reserve	Small Local	2015		✓		✓	✓	✓	
Kearney Drive Reserve	Local	2023			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
L.L. Stevenson Reserve	Local	2005			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Palm Grove Reserve	Local	2020			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Royal Palms Playground	Small Local	2006		✓		✓	✓	✓	
Winners Circle Playground	Local	2020			✓	✓	✓	✓	

ACTIVE RECREATION FACILITIES

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Location	Asset	Year of Construction	Age
Amott Court Reserve	Basketball Half-Court	1996	26
L.L. Stevenson Reserve (Cage)	Rebound Wall	1998	24
L.L. Stevenson Reserve (Cage)	Futsal Goals	1998	24
Aspendale Gardens Reserve	Cricket Nets	2020	2
Kearney Drive Reserve	Basketball Half-Court	2020	2
Winners Circle Reserve	Basketball Half-Court	2020	2
L.L. Stevenson Reserve	Basketball Half-Court	2022	0



WALKABLE CATCHMENTS – 10 MINUTE WALK

Council’s service level for walkable access to a play space is up to 10-minutes walk from home to a play space for every resident. In 2023, 97% of our residential population can walk ten minutes (approximately 800m) to a play space.

In Aspendale Gardens, 99% of the population has access to play within a 10-minute walk from home. This is shown below:

POPULATION WITHIN 10 MINUTE WALK OF A PLAY SPACE

Total Population (2023)	Population within 800m	Percentage of population
6,516	6,451	99%



- Playground locations
- 10 minute walk
- Green Wedge
- Industrial
- ▨ Golf Course
- Earth & Energy Industry
- City of Kingston



PLAYGROUND GAP ANALYSIS

The application of the general planning provision of one playground per 1,400 residents demonstrates that across 2021 to 2036 (population forecast) there is a surplus of playgrounds in Aspendale Gardens – refer table below. With limited forecast population growth, this surplus is expected to be maintained.

Suburb	No. of Play Spaces	Total Suburb Population				Ideal Playground Provision Rate (1:1,400 people)				2021 Deficit/ Surplus
		2021	2026	2031	2036	2021	2026	2031	2036	
Aspendale Gardens	7	6,482	6,529	6,828	6,844	4.6	4.7	4.9	4.9	2.4



ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES



Issues and opportunities



- » 99% of the residential population in Aspendale Gardens has access to play within a 10-minute walk from home. Only two of the seven playgrounds provide some accessible play options, and only two offer teen/adult play options. There are 5 basketball half courts located in this suburb within a 1km radius.
- » There is a current population based surplus of two playgrounds. Over the coming 15 years, demand for playgrounds will remain steady at five playgrounds for the suburb out to 2036.
- » The 2010 Playground Strategy recommended the removal of Amott Court Playground – this was due to take place in 2016 but is yet unactioned. Its future should be considered alongside 2023 demand for play spaces and other identified open space demands in this area (consistent with permitted land use types e.g. kick about space, tree planting etc).
- » Anecdotally, it is known and observed that bike usage (mountain bike/BMX) for recreation and travel purposes by young people is popular in Aspendale Gardens (and indeed the southern areas of Kingston from Mordialloc to Carrum). Young people also have interest in social recreation opportunities in open space.
- » Aspendale Gardens Residents Association (AGRA) are actively pursuing biking activity outcomes for teens and have contributed to the planning of same. There is significant Melbourne Water owned and managed land within this suburb which may present an option for these types of active recreation uses. This type of provision in Aspendale Gardens would be consistent with planning for mountain biking/BMX/skate facilities which are historically provided across a network as opposed to one per suburb. A spread across Kingston (i.e. north, central, south) is expected as an outcome of any future facility planning for mountain biking/BMX.

STRATEGIC INTENTIONS... WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?



Strategic Intentions

- » Develop a Suburb play space within Aspendale Gardens with a focus on teen play and active recreation options. Preferred location is LL Stevenson Reserve, where a youth focus and supporting community infrastructure already exists. Upgrade this facility to a Suburb/District classification.
- » At end of asset life (2026/27), reclassify Royal Palms from a Small Local to a Local level play space and seek to provide active recreation options for young people and families living close by. Ensure that active recreation inclusions diversify activity options rather than replicate options in this location; suggestions include large swings, bouldering, ninja warrior equipment, skate options, social gathering space.
- » Given the population based surplus provision of playgrounds in this suburb, consider future use of all existing play spaces at end of their asset life. Where a surplus is determined based on overlapping walkable catchments, refer to Council's Open Space Strategy for other local open space demands that may be addressed through alternate use of play spaces in future years.
- » With the upgrade of play facilities, seek to achieve a greater level of accessibility for community access and use.
- » Work towards the provision of facilities for mountain/BMX biking to service Aspendale Gardens and surrounding suburbs.

