

PLAYGROUND SUBURB ANALYSIS

ACTIVE KINGSTON



City of
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ASPENDALE



WHO LIVES HERE...

2023 Playgrounds

There are **3 playgrounds** and **4 active recreation facilities**.

2023 Population

7,594 people are estimated to live in Aspendale in 2023 (5% of the Kingston population)

Population change

Forecast change from **2023 to 2038:**

Estimated increase 560 people (+7%)

Population change from **2016 to 2021:**

Increase 343 people (+5%)

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

10–14 years 120 people (+27%)

In 2021

Assistance needed due to a disability:
280 people (4%)

Care provided to a person with a disability, long term illness or old age:
914 people (16%)

Born overseas
1,400 people (19%)

TOP 3 languages other than English spoken at home:

Greek 90 (1%)

Mandarin 73 (1%)

Russian 69 (1%)

Households

There were **2,670** households in Aspendale (4% of Kingston's total households)

Median weekly household income \$2,311

Households did not own a vehicle 112 (4%)

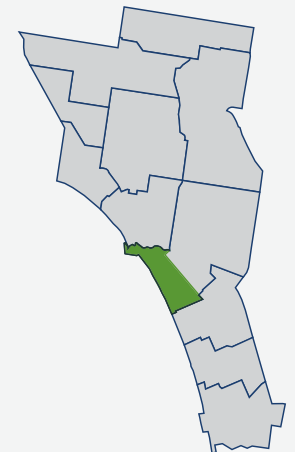
TOP 4 household types:

Couples with children 1,081 (41%)

Couples without children 615 (23%)

Lone person 554 (21%)

One parent family 273 (10%)



PLAY SPACE AND ACTIVE RECREATION FACILITIES

PLAY SPACE CLASSIFICATION

Small Local	Local	Suburb	District	Regional
1	2	-	-	-

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
Albany Crescent Reserve	Small Local	2010		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Carinya Avenue Reserve	Local	2023	✓			✓	✓	✓	
Iluka Reserve	Local	2000			✓	✓	✓	✓	

ACTIVE RECREATION FACILITIES

Location	Asset	Year of Construction	Age
Iluka Reserve	Futsal Goals	2012	11
Iluka Reserve	AFL Goals	2012	11
Regents Park	Cricket Nets	2015	8
Browns Reserve	Cricket Nets	2019	4

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.

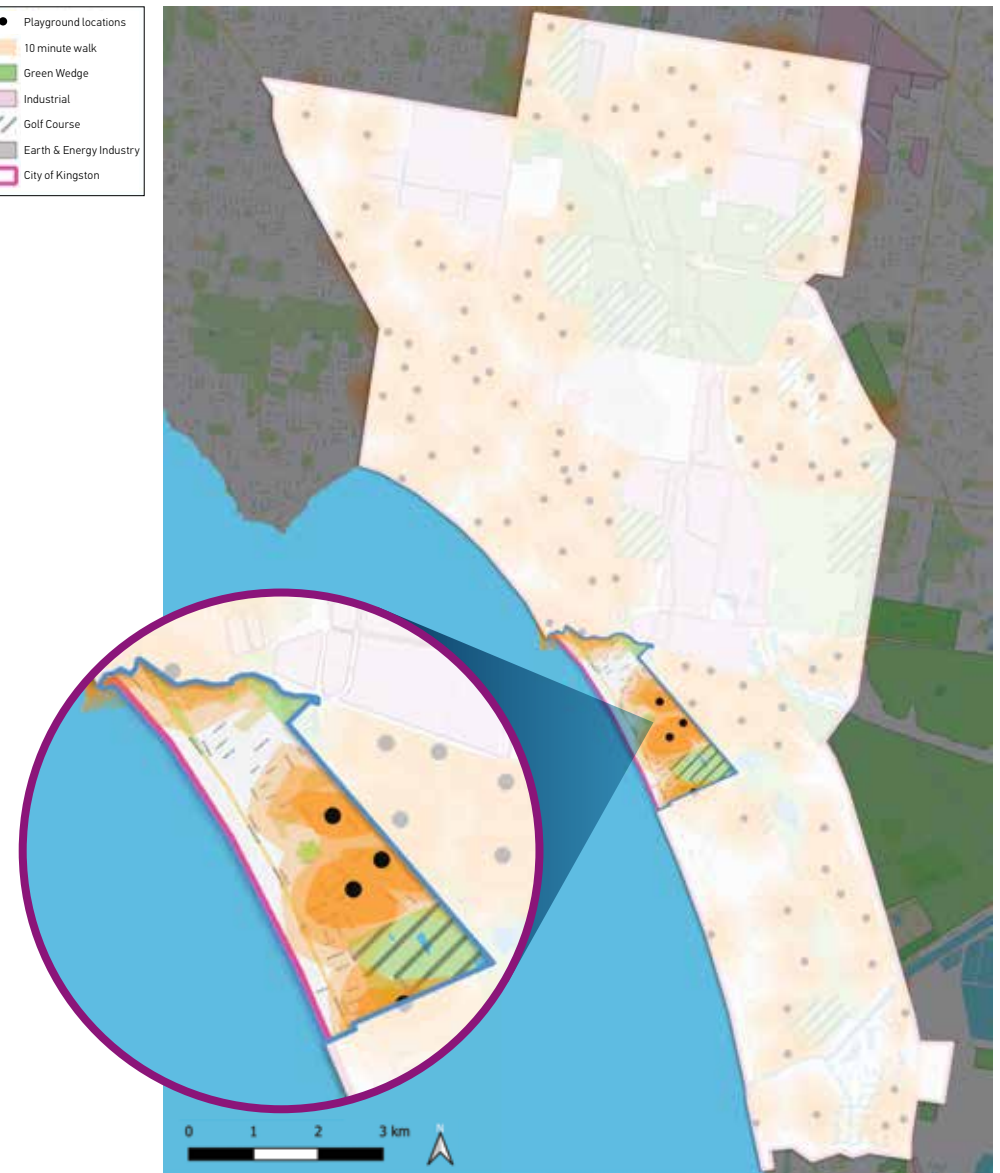
In Aspendale, 73% of the population has access to play within a 10-minute walk from home. This is shown below:

POPULATION WITHIN 10 MINUTE WALK OF A PLAY SPACE

Total Population (2023)	Population within 800m	Percentage of population
7,594	5,543	73%



- 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 deficit of playgrounds in Aspendale – refer table below.

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	3	7,341	7,985	8,139	8,145	5.2	5.7	5.8	5.8	-2.2



ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES



Issues and opportunities



- » A total of 73% of the residential population have access a 10-minute walk from home. Supply and access to play within the north section of the suburb is poor and opportunities to address this issue should be pursued.
- » There is a current population based shortfall of two playgrounds (using 1:1400 playground per population ratio); this figure will not increase over the coming 15 years and demand will increase to six playgrounds for the suburb by 2036. With only one playspace offering teen/adult play options, there is scope for future provision.
- » Anecdotally, it is known and observed that bike usage for recreation and travel purposes (by young people) is popular in Aspendale. Young people also have interest in social recreation opportunities in open space.
- » Consider the role of the 2023 Open Space Strategy to secure additional open space (or partnerships) for play purposes in the north of the suburb (i.e. schools for play or Melbourne Water assets for options such as mountain biking/BMX activities). This should be a priority action within this suburb before any further investment in play assets is pursued.



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



Strategic Intentions

- » As part of Level Crossing Removal Projects (LXRP) at Mordialloc and Aspendale, advocate to State government for the inclusion of active recreation/social public open space facilities for teens.
- » Establish a Suburb level play space in the northern section of Aspendale and provide equipment and facilities as per the Suburb play space classification. An ideal location for this new play space would be close to the Mordialloc Secondary College at Attenborough Park, where a new space is expected to be realised via the LXRP (NB: elevated rail in this location will alter playground catchments and enable improved access between Mordialloc and Aspendale for residents of Aspendale.)
- » Diversify active recreation options within Aspendale, prioritising inclusion of a multi-use court and casual mountain biking/BMX jumps options. This should be incorporated as part of the end-of-life renewal of suitably sized existing play spaces.
- » Continue to provide access to improved quality street skate facilities close by at Attenborough Park.

