

# PLAYGROUND SUBURB ANALYSIS

ACTIVEKINGSTON



# CHELSEA

---



Bicentennial Park

# WHO LIVES HERE...

## 2023 Playgrounds

There are **2 playgrounds** and **6 active recreation facilities**.

## 2023 Population

**8,531** people are estimated to live in Chelsea in 2023 (5% of the Kingston population)

## Population change

Forecast change from **2023 to 2038:**

Estimated increase ..... 1,022 people (+12%)

Population change from **2016 to 2021:**

Increase ..... 576 people (+7%)

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

45–49 years ..... 113 people (+22%)

## In 2021

Assistance needed due to a disability:  
610 people ..... (7%)

Care provided to a person with a disability, long term illness or old age:  
924 people ..... (13%)

Born overseas  
2,039 people ..... (24%)

**TOP 3** languages other than English spoken at home:

Greek ..... 148 (2%)

Russian ..... 94 (1%)

Mandarin ..... 92 (1%)

## Households

There were **3,732** households in Chelsea (6% of Kingston's total households)

Median weekly household income ..... \$1,636

Households did not own a vehicle ..... 305 (8%)

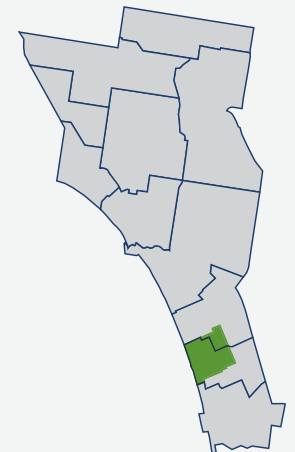
**TOP 4** household types:

Lone person ..... 1,297 (35%)

Couples with children ..... 914 (25%)

Couples without children ..... 857 (23%)

One parent family ..... 396 (11%)



# PLAY SPACE AND ACTIVE RECREATION FACILITIES

## PLAY SPACE CLASSIFICATION

Small Local	Local	Suburb	District	Regional
-	-	-	1	1

## 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
Bicentennial Park	Regional	2009	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Victory Park	District	1997		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

## ACTIVE RECREATION FACILITIES

Location	Asset	Year of Construction	Age
Chelsea Bicentennial Park	Basketball Court	2010	13
Chelsea Bicentennial Park	Futsal Goals	2010	13
Chelsea Bicentennial Park	AFL Goals	2010	13
Chelsea Bicentennial Park	Outdoor Fitness Equipment	2011	12
Chelsea Bicentennial Park	Skate Park	2017	6
Chelsea Recreation Reserve	Cricket Nets	2020	3

# 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.

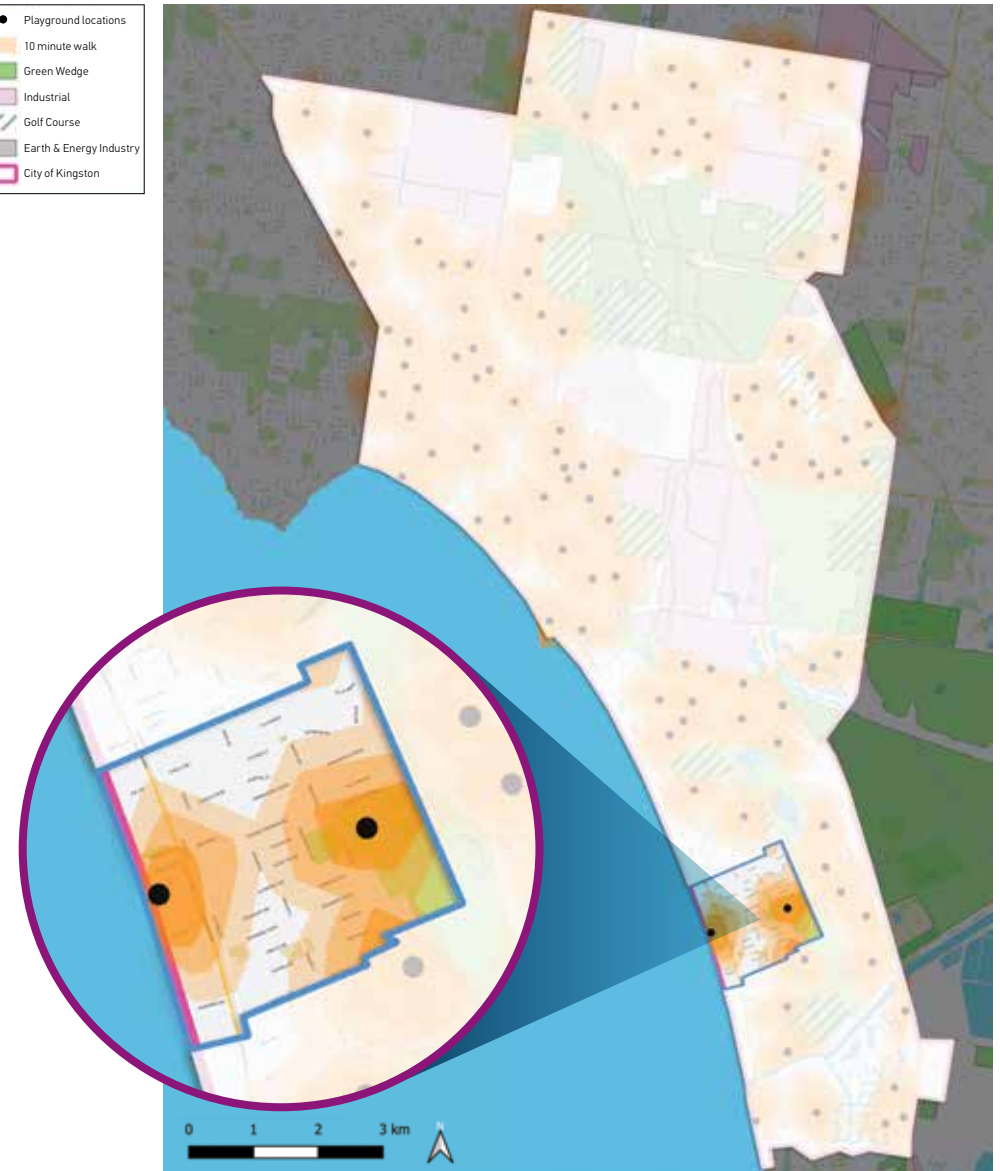
In Chelsea, 65% of the population has access to play within a 10-minute walk from home. This is shown below:

## POPULATION WITHIN 10 MINUTE WALK OF A PLAY SPACE

Total Population (2023)	Population within 800m	Percentage of population
8,531	5,545	65%



- 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 Chelsea – 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	
Chelsea	2	8,404	8,707	9,006	9,400	6.0	6.2	6.4	6.7	-4.0



# ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES



## Issues and opportunities



- » 65% of the population in Chelsea are within a 10-minute walk of a playground. Population projections suggest up to five additional playgrounds may be required in Chelsea to service current and future populations by 2036. However, it is noted that Kingston's largest play space, Chelsea Bicentennial Park, is located within Chelsea. As a Regional play space it provides excellent play opportunities for the suburb.
- » Chelsea lacks small local and local level playgrounds – both of which are considered the most important for childhood development. There may be opportunity to gain access to alternate open spaces or amend the function of existing open space reserves to provide local level play options, especially where populations within the playground catchment are high (likely to be around future residential development sites). Existing play space facilities are aged and in need of upgrade and renewal.
- » The 2010 Playground Strategy recommended the creation of an additional play space in Chelsea which would need to be supported by the acquisition of additional open space for this purpose. The nominated location was Glenola Avenue Reserve (at Chelsea Primary School).
- » Consider the role of the 2023 Open Space Strategy in securing additional public space for provision of playgrounds, or amendment of open space function of any suitably located existing spaces. Consider the use of alternate urban spaces for play provision in this suburb.

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



## Strategic Intentions

- » A priority intention for Chelsea is to secure use of or access to additional open space for the provision of Small Local or Local play options.
- » Urgently commence planning for the renewal of Victory Park Playground on the Chelsea foreshore. Its location, within a harsh foreshore environment, means it cannot endure a 20-year asset life and is nearing end of life. Future provision should include options for a broader range of play including options for older children and teens as well as older adults. Integration with Chelsea precinct/foreshore planning should also be considered.
- » Continue to provide high quality play options at Chelsea Bicentennial Reserve for Chelsea residents. Whilst Bicentennial Park is classified as a regional play space, residents of Chelsea are highly satisfied with the play options here and choose to visit this play space over other lower quality, smaller play spaces provided elsewhere. Furthermore, a new disc golf course will be implemented at this site in 2023 providing additional active recreation activities for the community.

