

PLAYGROUND SUBURB ANALYSIS

ACTIVE KINGSTON



City of
KINGSTON

CHELTENHAM



Le Page Park Playground

WHO LIVES HERE...

2023 Playgrounds

There are **15 playgrounds** and **8 active recreation facilities**.

2023 Population

21,039 people are estimated to live in Cheltenham in 2023 (13% of the Kingston population)

Population change

Forecast change from **2023 to 2038:**

Estimated increase 4,515 people (+22%)

Population change from **2016 to 2021:**

Increase 1,200 people (+6%)

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

35–39 years 260 people (+19%)

In 2021

Assistance needed due to a disability:
1,399 people (7%)

Care provided to a person with a disability, long term illness or old age:
2,168 people (13%)

Born overseas
6,212 people (31%)

TOP 3

languages other than English spoken at home:

Greek 949 (5%)

Mandarin 778 (4%)

Russian 406 (2%)

Households

There were **8,227** households in Cheltenham (13% of Kingston's total households)

Median weekly household income \$1,866

Households did not own a vehicle 578 (7%)

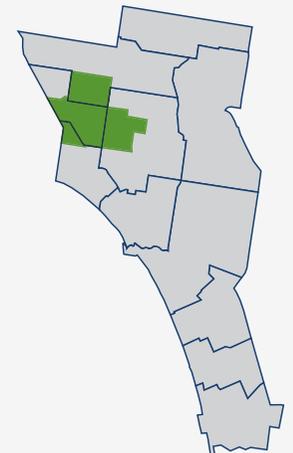
TOP 4 household types:

Couples with children 2,549 (31%)

Lone person 2,384 (29%)

Couples without children 1,867 (23%)

One parent family 876 (11%)



PLAY SPACE FACILITIES

PLAY SPACE CLASSIFICATION

Small Local	Local	Suburb	District	Regional
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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
Blackburn Drive Reserve	Small Local	2008			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Booker Street Reserve	Small Local	2006			✓	✓	✓		
Elliott Street Reserve	Small Local	1995			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Follett Road Reserve	Small Local	2002			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Friendship Square Reserve	Small Local	2013		✓		✓	✓	✓	
Glyn Court Reserve	Small Local	1999			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Jean Street Reserve	Local	2023			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Judd Parade Reserve	Small Local	1998			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Kingston Heath Reserve	Regional	2008		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Le Page Park	Local	2021		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Lincoln Drive Reserve	Small Local	1997			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Lorna Street Reserve	Small Local	2017			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Page Street Reserve	Small Local	2020			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Silver Street Reserve	Small Local	1999			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Stanley Avenue Park	Local	2010	✓			✓	✓	✓	

ACTIVE RECREATION FACILITIES

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Location	Asset	Year of Construction	Age
Kingston Heath Reserve	Rebound Wall	1989	34
Kingston Heath Reserve	Cricket Nets	1995	28
Kingston Heath Reserve	Basketball Half-Court	1995	28
Le Page Park	Rebound Wall	1995	28
Kingston Heath Reserve	Tennis Court	2006	17
Le Page Park	Cricket Nets	2019	4
Barker Street Reserve	Outdoor Fitness Equipment	2020	3
Page Street Reserve	Netball Ring	2020	3



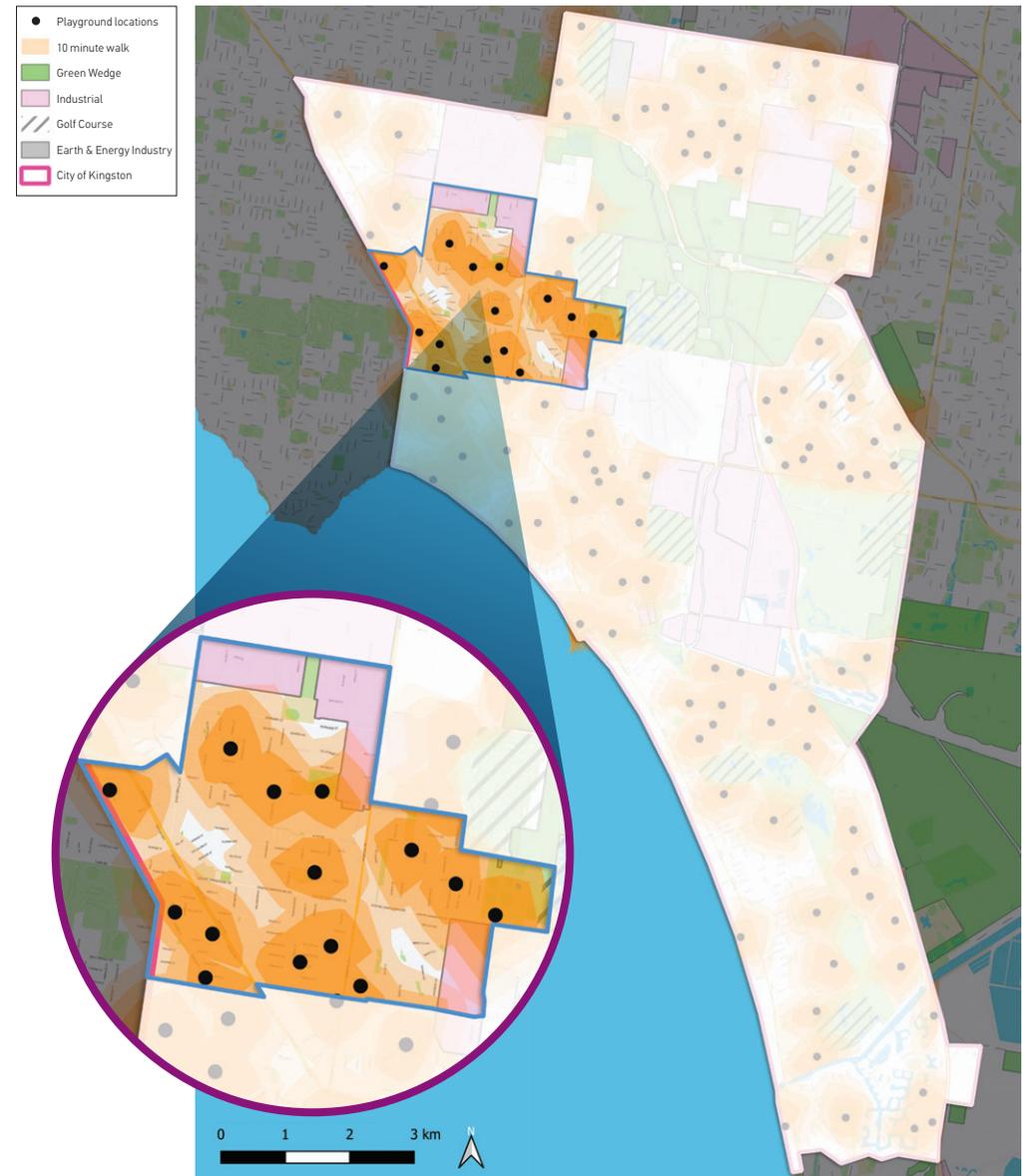
WALKABLE CATCHMENTS – 10 MINUTE WALK

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 Cheltenham, 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
21,039	20,829	99%



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 slight surplus of playgrounds in Cheltenham – 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	
Cheltenham	15	20,248	22,671	24,008	25,144	14.5	16.2	17.1	18.0	0.5



ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES



Issues and opportunities



- » Opportunities for teen/adult play are limited in this suburb, and numbers of teens are high and forecast to increase significantly. Accessibility at existing playgrounds is poor, there are minimal opportunities for play for people with a disability. Seven playgrounds are beyond their useful life, which equates to almost 50% of available playgrounds in this suburb. Within the next three to five years, the regional play space facilities at Kingston Heath Reserve will require renewal, which should be undertaken consistent with the direction of the Play Strategy.
- » The area lacks a District level play space – there may be opportunity to amend the classification of one or more existing Small Local or Local play spaces where populations within the playground catchment are high. Amending classification also broadens the catchment and total population serviced by the play space.
- » The population residing within a 10-minute walkable catchment will increase significantly for most Small Local play spaces by 2031 and/or 2041. This has implications for quality and quantity of play and active recreation equipment. Some locations will be limited by physical barriers (e.g. major roads) and classifications should be reviewed with this in mind.
- » The State government’s proposed Suburban Rail Loop project, will significantly impact demand for play provision in Cheltenham and its surrounds. An estimated (yet unconfirmed) additional 32,000 will live in Cheltenham and its surrounds by 2041. It is most likely that there will be a need to consider the use of alternate urban spaces for play provision. Council should continue to work with State agencies to determine and provide additional sites to provide for future play, particularly near large scale residential developments. The use of Fixed Term play spaces may present opportunities to meet future active recreation needs and interests.
- » Consider the role of the 2023 Open Space Strategy in securing additional public space for provision of play spaces or amendment of open space function of existing spaces.

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



Strategic Intentions

- » Review Small Local and Local play spaces in Cheltenham to ensure diversity of play is adequately planned and provided for, and that existing play space locations are appropriately sited to meet walkable catchments for residential populations (2021–2031 and beyond).
- » Provide a Suburb classification play space at Le Page Reserve (including the development of an active recreation zone), via the implementation of the Council endorsed Le Page Park Master Plan.
- » Commence planning for the renewal of Kingston Heath Reserve Regional play space.
- » Enhance teen play and social gathering options in Cheltenham via the use of Fixed Term play spaces to meet emerging interests and short-term activation of under-utilised urban spaces. Localised interests include multi-use courts such as basketball and futsal, as well as street skate, parkour, outdoor fitness equipment and bike options around high profile retail and railway station locations.

