

# PLAYGROUND SUBURB ANALYSIS

ACTIVE KINGSTON



# CLAYTON SOUTH



The Grange Reserve 'UFO Park' Playground

# WHO LIVES HERE...

## 2023 Playgrounds

There are **12 playgrounds** and **12 active recreation facilities**.

## 2023 Population

**14,575** people are estimated to live in Clayton South in 2023 (9% of the Kingston population)

## Population change

Forecast change from **2023 to 2038:**

Estimated increase ..... 1,732 people (+12%)

Population change from **2016 to 2021:**

Increase ..... 741 people (+6%)

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

25–29 years ..... 262 people (+18%)

## In 2021

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

Care provided to a person with a disability, long term illness or old age:  
1,118 people ..... (10%)

Born overseas  
8,413 people ..... (63%)

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

Mandarin ..... 1,428 (11%)

Greek ..... 1,238 (9%)

Vietnamese ..... 606 (5%)

## Households

There were **4,947** households in Clayton South (8% of Kingston's total households)

Median weekly household income ..... \$1,626

Households did not own a vehicle ..... 433 (9%)

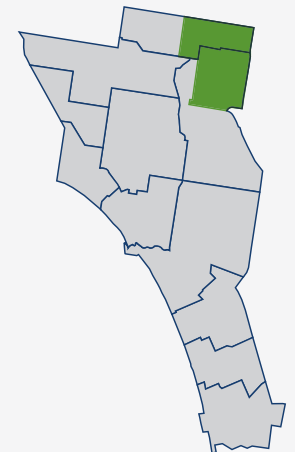
**TOP 4** household types:

Couples with children ..... 1,516 (31%)

Couples without children ..... 1,165 (24%)

Lone person ..... 1,037 (21%)

One parent family ..... 541 (11%)



# PLAY SPACE FACILITIES

## PLAY SPACE CLASSIFICATION

Small Local	Local	Suburb	District	Regional
6	3	2	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
Bemboka Avenue Reserve	Small Local	2009			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
First Street Reserve	Local	2011		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Heatherton Park	Local	2012		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Jackson Green	Small Local	2020		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Keeley Park	Suburb	2017			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Larado Place Reserve	Small Local	2018			✓		✓	✓	
Meppel Drive Reserve	Small Local	1994			✓	✓	✓		
Namatjira Park	Suburb	1999		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Scott Avenue Reserve	Small Local	2003			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sheldon Place Reserve	Small Local	1995			✓	✓	✓	✓	
The Grange Reserve	District	2013			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Warraweena Road Reserve	Local	2022			✓	✓	✓	✓	

# ACTIVE RECREATION FACILITIES

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Location	Asset	Year of Construction	Age
Keeley Park	Basketball Half-Court	1995	28
Namatjira Park	Rebound Wall	1995	28
Namatjira Park	Tennis Court	1995	28
Scott Avenue Reserve	Basketball Half-Court	2002	21
Scott Avenue Reserve	AFL Goals	2002	21
Namatjira Park	Skate Park	2006	17
Namatjira Park	Basketball Half-Court	2006	17
Keeley Park	Cricket Nets	2010	13
Namatjira Park	Outdoor Fitness Equipment	2013	10
Keeley Park	Outdoor Fitness Equipment	2018	5
Warraweena Road Reserve	Basketball Half-Court	2021	2
Heatherton Park	Basketball Half-Court	2022	1



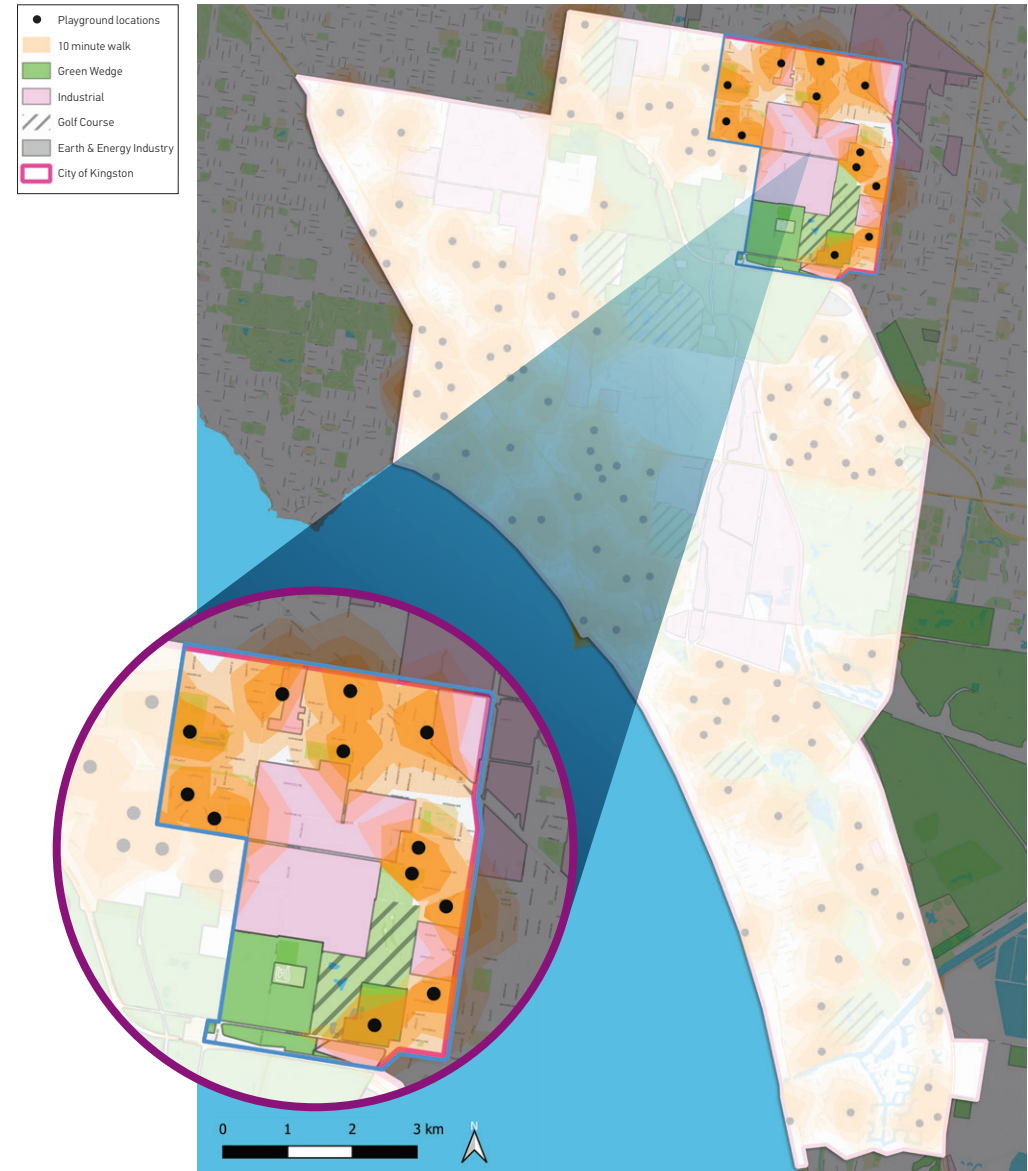
# WALKABLE CATCHMENTS – 10 MINUTE WALK

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 Clayton South, 96% 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
14,575	13,992	96%



# 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 Clayton South – 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	
Clayton South	12	13,590	14,969	15,385	15,823	9.7	10.7	11.0	11.3	3.3



# ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES



## Issues and opportunities



- » 96% of the population in Clayton South are within a 10-minute walk of a playground. There is a good supply of active recreation facilities in Clayton South; 12 active recreation facilities are available including outdoor fitness equipment, basketball half-courts, and a skate facility at Namatjira Reserve. An additional active recreation space is proposed via the Namatjira Reserve Master Plan. Seven active recreation assets are ageing and should be reviewed before renewing, not for rationalisation purposes but to consider if the offering is appropriate and still suitable to the surrounding population profile.
- » By comparison to other suburbs, vehicle ownership is low and so is income; appropriate provision for play at no cost and close to home is critical to ensure equitable access is available to residents in Clayton South. Equitable access to services and facilities is a key objective of Council's *2021–2025 Public Health and Wellbeing Plan* and should be applied to playgrounds/active recreation assets also.
- » Almost two thirds of all residents living in Clayton South were born overseas, so consideration regarding cultural influences on physical activity pursuits and play interests should be considered in play space design and supporting amenities.
- » The population residing within each 800m walkable catchment in Clayton South will increase significantly for most Small Local playgrounds by 2031 and/or 2041. This has implications for quality and quantity of play facilities. Some locations will be limited by physical barriers (e.g. roads), and classifications should be reviewed with this in mind. There is a clustering of play spaces in the western section of the suburb which are likely all servicing similar catchments.
- » The State government's proposed Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) project will significantly impact demand for play provision in Clayton and its surrounds, including Clayton South in Kingston. An estimated additional 32,000 will live in Clayton and its surrounds in future years. It is most likely that there will be a need to consider the use of alternate urban spaces for play provision or seek to gain access to additional open space for play (and other) purposes. Council could consider planning controls for large-scale residential developments to assist in providing further provision for play.
- » Council could consider advocacy to SRL project regarding adequate provision for open space related activities via the project and/or other compensatory measures. There may be opportunities in Clayton South to consider use of former landfill sites through the Chain of Parks for further provision of play as the population increases (SRL based growth).

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



## Strategic Intentions

- » Prioritise investment at Namatjira Reserve to deliver the play and active recreation related recommendations of the Namatjira Park Master Plan (endorsed by Council in 2022).
- » As a high priority, a review of existing Small Local and Local play spaces should be undertaken and a plan for suitable siting of play facilities determined for the entire suburb. This will ensure that a network of quality and diversified play spaces is provided, rather than duplicating play options.
- » To this end, Bemboka, Jackson Green, First Street and Meppell Drive play spaces all have significant populations living within a 10-minute walk to the space. At end of life, these play space classifications should be reviewed with a view to enhancing the quality and extent/size of the play and active recreation offering for these residents, either at these sites or alternative locations within close proximity/same play space catchment.

