

PLAYGROUND SUBURB ANALYSIS

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DINGLEY VILLAGE



WHO LIVES HERE...

2023 Playgrounds

There are **16 playgrounds** and **8 active recreation facilities**.

2023 Population

10,747 people are estimated to live in Dingley Village in 2023 (7% of the Kingston population)

Population change

Forecast change from **2023 to 2038:**

Estimated increase 677 people (+6%)

Population change from **2016 to 2021:**

Increase 171 people (+2%)

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

75–79 years 101 people (+27%)

In 2021

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

Care provided to a person with a disability, long term illness or old age:
1,315 people (15%)

Born overseas
2,767 people (26%)

TOP 3 languages other than English spoken at home:

Greek 414 (4%)

Mandarin 282 (3%)

Vietnamese 160 (2%)

Households

There were **3,859** households in Dingley Village (6% of Kingston's total households)

Median weekly household income \$1,935

Households did not own a vehicle 118 (3%)

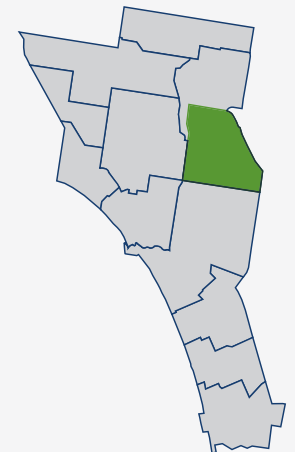
TOP 4 household types:

Couples with children 1,525 (40%)

Couples without children 1,012 (26%)

Lone person 762 (20%)

One parent family 384 (10%)



PLAY SPACE FACILITIES

PLAY SPACE CLASSIFICATION

Small Local	Local	Suburb	District	Regional
10	6	-	-	-

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
Ashbourne Place Reserve	Small Local	1996			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Balcombe Place Reserve	Small Local	2009			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Cassava Court Reserve	Small Local	2000			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chadwick Reserve	Local	2021			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Coughlan Reserve	Local	1996			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dingley Reserve	Local	2020			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gartside Reserve	Local	1996			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Golf Links Crescent Reserve	Small Local	1996			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Golfwood Close Reserve	Small Local	2004			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Greenwoods Close Reserve	Small Local	2000			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gumley Court Reserve	Small Local	1996			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Holland Avenue Reserve	Small Local	2007			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Laurie Barnett Reserve	Small Local	1996			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Rowan Road Reserve	Local	2003			✓	✓	✓	✓	
William Bardoel Reserve	Local	1989			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Williams Close Reserve	Small Local	2022			✓	✓	✓	✓	

ACTIVE RECREATION FACILITIES

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Location	Asset	Year of Construction	Age
Gartside Reserve	Basketball Half-Court	2000	23
Rowan Road Reserve	Rebound Wall	2000	23
William Bardoel Reserve	Basketball Half-Court	2000	23
Dingley Reserve	Basketball Half-Court	2006	17
Rowan Road Park	Skate Park	2017	6
Chadwick Reserve	Basketball Half-Court	2021	2
Chadwick Reserve	Pump Track	2021	2
Dingley Reserve	Cricket Nets	2022	1



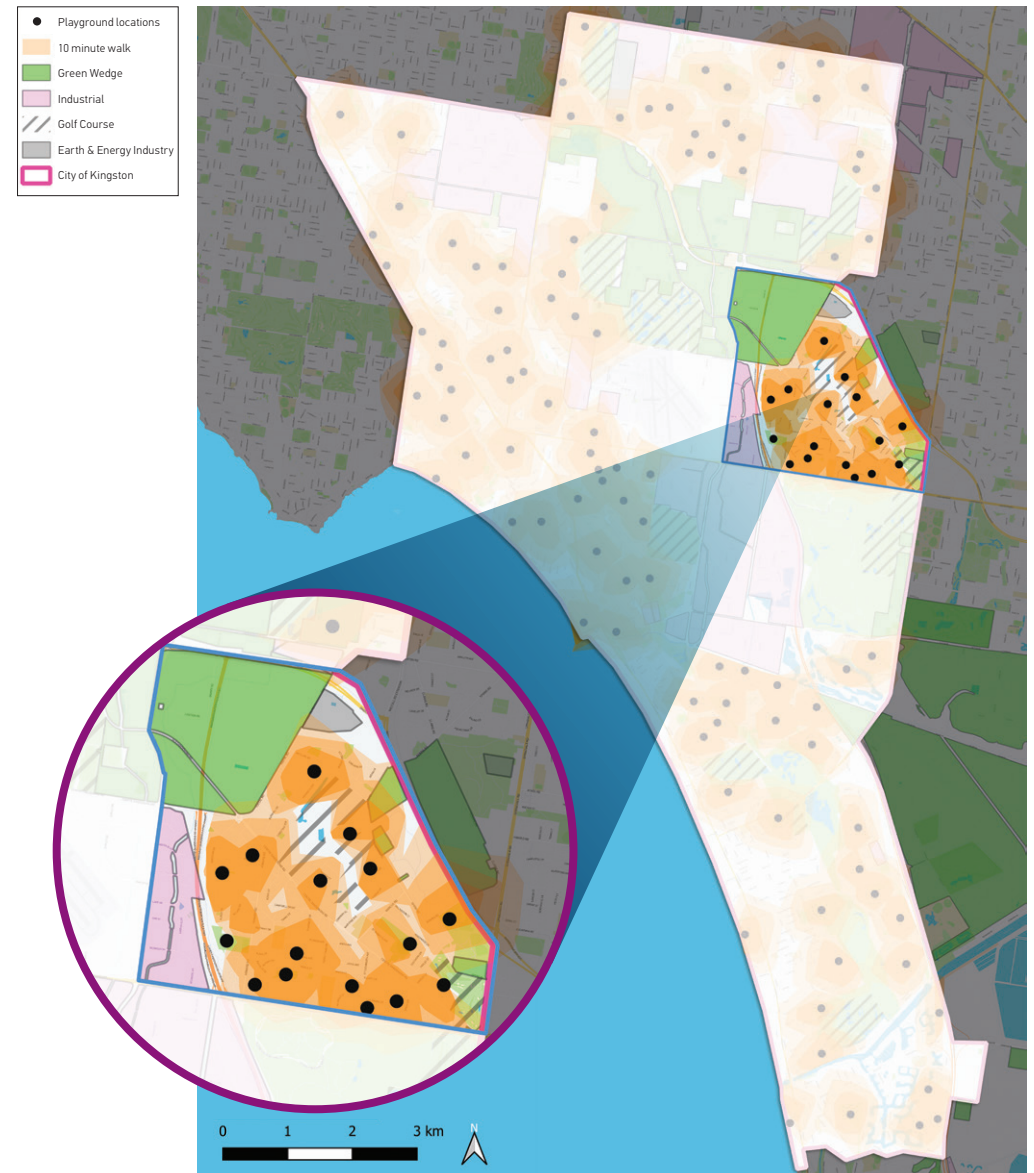
WALKABLE CATCHMENTS – 10 MINUTE WALK

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 Dingley Village, 98% 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
10,747	10,532	98%



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 considerable surplus of playgrounds in Dingley Village – 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	
Dingley Village	16	10,534	10,982	11,202	11,362	7.5	7.8	8.0	8.1	8.5



ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES



Issues and opportunities



- » 98% of the Dingley Village population has access to a playground within a 10-minute walk from home, however 10 out of 16 playgrounds are at end of their 20-year asset life (forecast). There is a current over supply of between five and eight playgrounds (based purely on population numbers and 1:1400 playground provision ratio) however, suburb design consists of cul-de-sacs which have impact on walkable access to play sites. In relation to supply catchments and usage levels, the distribution of play in this suburb should be reviewed at the end of asset life. The 2010 Playground Strategy recommended removal of two playgrounds in Dingley Village – Ashbourne Place and Balcombe Place playgrounds.
- » Opportunities for teen/adult play within Dingley Village are limited however, there is a good range of active recreation options including a skate facility and four basketball half courts at four sites. The diversity of play spaces is limited to Local and Small Local level play space classification.
- » Accessibility at existing playgrounds is poor and there are minimal opportunities for play for people with a disability.
- » The Kingswood Golf Course residential development proposal includes up to four additional play spaces for this suburb (proposed by proponent), including a Regional level play space on the Centre Dandenong Road frontage. Dingley Village residents also have good access to neighbouring Braeside Park (Parks Victoria site) which offers a Regional play space. Regional play opportunities have also been identified for the proposed Kingston Fields sporting precinct (location yet to be determined).
- » Large open space areas such as Spring Road Reserve presents opportunities for play – currently being consider as part of a broader reserve master plan process.

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



Strategic Intentions

- » With a significant over supply of playgrounds, limited diversity and accessibility, and aging play facilities, a suburb wide review of existing play spaces is required. Future planning for play should be in line with a 10-minute walkability (800m) service level to determine where there may be overlapping catchments. Play spaces which are required to service close to 5,000 people should be classified as a Local level.
- » Continue planning for the provision of future play at larger open space areas, such as Spring Road Reserve – potential for a Suburb level play space. Opportunities for play to service new residential developments should also be given consideration within this suburb.
- » Upgrade the classification of Chadwick Reserve to Suburb level classification and build on existing play opportunities.
- » Diversify play equipment type as well as active recreation options – opportunities include bouldering, climbing activities and large play equipment suitable for teens such as basket swings, parkour type bars and trampolines.
- » Continue to advocate to the State Government for the provision of Kingston Fields regional sporting precinct (location yet to be determined), inclusive of appropriately classified play facilities.

