

# PLAYGROUND SUBURB ANALYSIS

ACTIVE KINGSTON



# MENTONE



Patty Street Playground

# WHO LIVES HERE...

## 2023 Playgrounds

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

## 2023 Population

**13,519** people are estimated to live in Mentone in 2023 (8% of the Kingston population)

## Population change

Forecast change from **2023 to 2038:**

Estimated increase ..... 3,214 people (+24%)

Population change from **2016 to 2021:**

Increase ..... 256 people (+2%)

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

50–54 years ..... 115 people (+13%)

## In 2021

Assistance needed due to a disability:  
733 people ..... (6%)

Care provided to a person with a disability, long term illness or old age:  
1,613 people ..... (15%)

Born overseas  
3,814 people ..... (29%)

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

Greek ..... 460 (4%)

Mandarin ..... 407 (3%)

Russian ..... 195 (2%)

## Households

There were **5,790** households in Mentone (9% of Kingston's total households)

Median weekly household income ..... \$1,866

Households did not own a vehicle ..... 427 (7%)

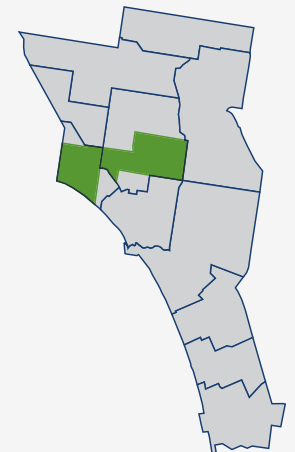
**TOP 4** household types:

Lone person ..... 1,869 (32%)

Couples with children ..... 1,547 (27%)

Couples without children ..... 1,477 (26%)

One parent family ..... 578 (10%)



# PLAY SPACE FACILITIES

## PLAY SPACE CLASSIFICATION

| Small Local | Local | Suburb | District | Regional |
|-------------|-------|--------|----------|----------|
| 3           | 4     | -      | 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 |
| Balcombe Road                   | Small Local    | 1993                 |  |      | ✓         | ✓                                     | ✓              | ✓              | ✓            |
| Bourke and Patty Street Reserve | Small Local    | 1995                 |  |      | ✓         | ✓                                     | ✓              | ✓              | ✓            |
| Keith Styles Reserve            | Local          | 1990                 |  |      | ✓         | ✓                                     | ✓              | ✓              |              |
| Mentone Foreshore Playground*   | Local          | 2024                 |  | ✓    |           | ✓                                     | ✓              | ✓              |              |
| Mentone Racecourse Reserve      | District       | 2012                 | ✓                                      |      |           | ✓                                     | ✓              | ✓              | ✓            |
| Phillip Street Reserve          | Small Local    | 1995                 |  |      | ✓         | ✓                                     | ✓              | ✓              |              |
| Reg Marlow Reserve              | Local          | 2012                 |  | ✓    |           | ✓                                     | ✓              | ✓              | ✓            |
| Southern Road Reserve           | Local          | 2018                 |  |      | ✓         | ✓                                     | ✓              | ✓              |              |

\* A new playground has been designed for this site and construction will commence in early-2024.

# ACTIVE RECREATION FACILITIES

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| Location                        | Asset                     | Year of Construction | Age |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----|
| Bourke and Patty Street Reserve | Basketball Half-Court     | 1999                 | 24  |
| Mentone Racecourse Reserve      | Futsal Goals              | 2012                 | 11  |
| Mentone Racecourse Reserve      | AFL Goals                 | 2012                 | 11  |
| Mentone Racecourse Reserve      | Basketball Half-Court     | 2012                 | 11  |
| Mentone Racecourse Reserve      | Rebound Wall              | 2012                 | 11  |
| Reg Marlow Park                 | Outdoor Fitness Equipment | 2015                 | 8   |
| Southern Road Reserve           | Cricket Nets              | 2019                 | 4   |
| Mentone 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.

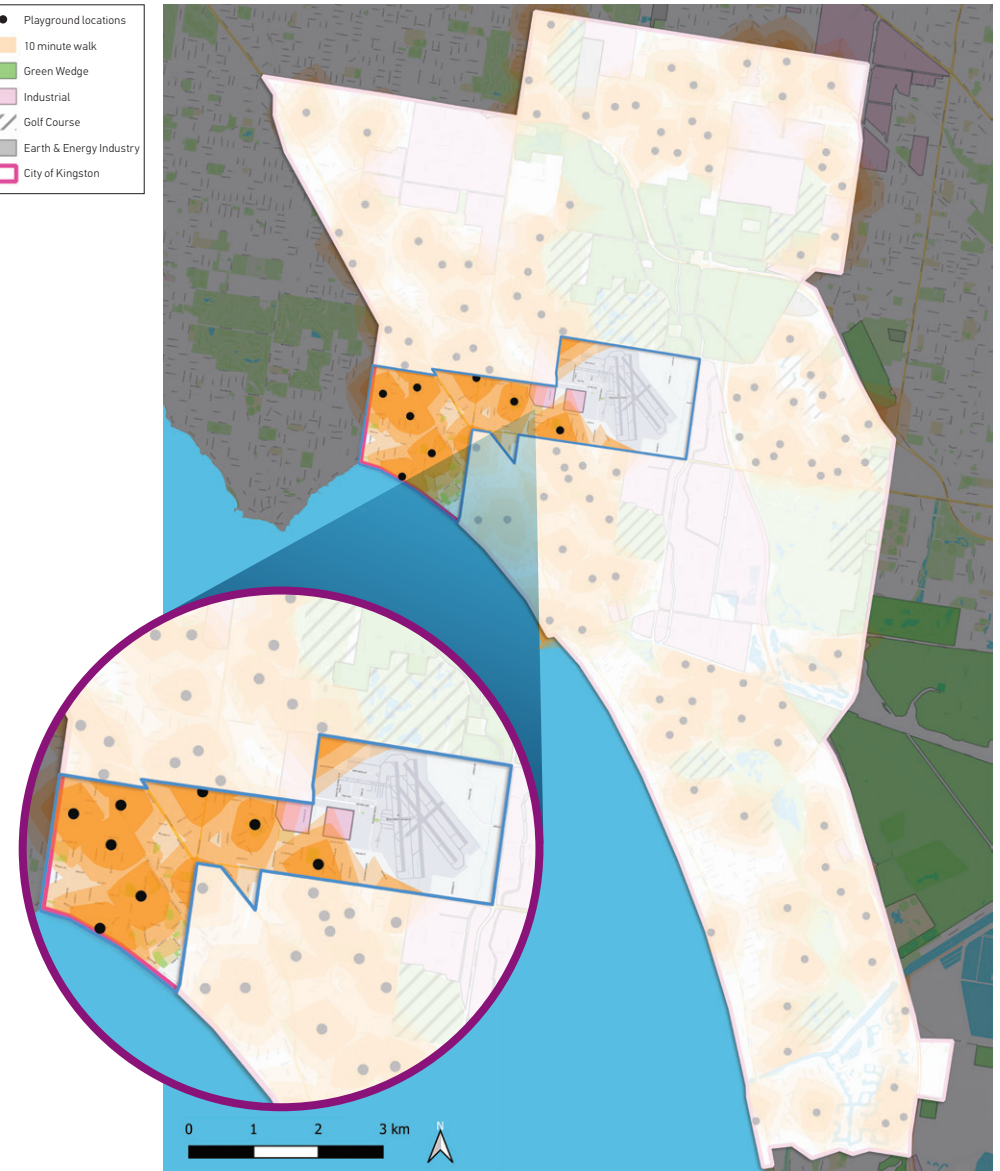
In Mentone, 97% of the population has access to play within a 10-minute walk from home. This is shown below:

## POPULATION WITHIN 10 MINUTE WALK OF A PLAY SPACE

| Total Population (2023) | Population within 800m | Percentage of population |
|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 13,519                  | 13,113                 | 97%                      |



- 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 Mentone – 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 |                       |
| Mentone | 8                  | 13,304                  | 14,075 | 15,247 | 16,343 | 9.5  | 10.1 | 10.9 | 11.7 | -1.5                  |



# ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES



## Issues and opportunities



- » 98% of the population has access to play opportunities within 10-minutes walk from home. Five out of eight playgrounds are well beyond their 20-year asset life (forecast). Each play space should be reviewed before design/construction of a new play space to ensure opportunity to best respond to current demand and interests. Distribution and supply appears adequate however, there is a forecast (2036) need to increase supply of playgrounds by four.
- » The Parkdale – Mentone Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) presents opportunities to increase the supply of play and active recreation opportunities in the section of Mentone to the east of Mentone Village. There are significant numbers of teens in Mentone and only 50% of existing play spaces cater to this cohort. It will be important to add to the diversity of opportunities to include this demographic as opposed to duplicating play assets for 0-12 year olds. Further, there are many secondary schools located within the Mentone area, contributing to a need for suitable and targeted play space elements.
- » Pedestrian access within the suburb will improve once the railway line is elevated at the Warrigal Road crossing and will change markedly if the proposal to close the Latrobe Street level crossing to vehicles is pursued. Both outcomes will change the existing access catchments for play, and usage patterns. Opportunity should be taken to review active recreation opportunities as assets are renewed, to more suitably reflect current demographics. Of note is the undersupply of opportunities for teen play in Mentone (at existing play spaces).
- » Consider the role of the Open Space Strategy to secure additional open space for play purposes. Additionally, school sites may present opportunities to establish partnerships for access to play, however given the limitations on accessible hours and school access practices, this option will not address overall issue of undersupply and may not be practical.

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



## Strategic Intentions

- » Provide a Suburb level play space at Mentone/Keith Styles Reserves with a focus on teen play, active recreation and social gathering for young people. This is a highly prevalent need in this location with school kids gathering after school/on weekends and minimal public space available for this purpose. Keith Styles Reserve play space on Mentone Parade frontage is a valued and important play space for young children. In this location it may be most suitable to locate the active recreation zone on Council's Remo Street properties, thus enabling separation of uses, and a more teen focused space within the sporting reserve. Young people should also be engaged in the decision making and design outcomes for future play elements.
- » Provide active recreation options including a multi-use court and outdoor fitness equipment to the existing play space at Southern Road Reserve to create options for more teenagers to play in this location.
- » Consider use of a Fixed Term play space within the Mentone Activity Centre to respond to the shortfall of active recreation within this catchment – there are five secondary schools within 1km of the activity centre and many young people pass through and/or have affinity with this area. It would be an excellent location to encourage teens to be physically active.
- » Bourke and Patty Street play space is a critical reserve for a large amount of our population living within a 10-minute walk of the site. Forecast population growth (2036) will increase significantly and this small play space will service over 6,000 residents. The play space should be reclassified to a Local level and embellished accordingly. In response to the need for activities for older children and teens, a larger footprint within the Reserve should be allocated for purposeful active recreation elements.
- » Given the forecast undersupply (based on population growth), it is very important to ensure the timely renewal of high quality play spaces with a diverse range of play and active recreation options are made available to this community.