

PLAYGROUND SUBURB ANALYSIS

ACTIVE KINGSTON



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PARKDALE



WHO LIVES HERE...

2023 Playgrounds

There are **9 playgrounds** and **5 active recreation facilities**.

2023 Population

12,649 people are estimated to live in Parkdale in 2023 (8% of the Kingston population)

Population change

Forecast change from **2023 to 2038:**

Estimated increase 1,120 people (+9%)

Population change from **2016 to 2021:**

Increase 562 people (+5%)

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

70–74 years 161 people (+41%)

In 2021

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

Care provided to a person with a disability, long term illness or old age:
1,524 people (15%)

Born overseas
2,662 people (22%)

TOP 3 languages other than English spoken at home:

Greek 288 (2%)

Mandarin 185 (2%)

Italian 127 (1%)

Households

There were **4,874** households in Parkdale (8% of Kingston's total households)

Median weekly household income \$2,228

Households did not own a vehicle 269 (6%)

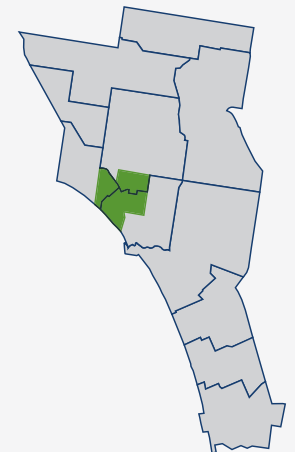
TOP 4 household types:

Couples with children 1,681 (35%)

Lone person 1,297 (27%)

Couples without children 1,157 (24%)

One parent family 488 (10%)



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
Dolomore Reserve	Local	2014			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gerry Green Reserve	Local	2016			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gertrude McKenzie Reserve	Small Local	1993			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Herbert Street Reserve	Small Local	2002			✓	✓	✓		
Ivy Marriott Reserve	Small Local	1989			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Marriott Street Reserve	Local	1992			✓	✓	✓	✓	
McDonald Healy	Local	1999			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Meribah Court Reserve	Small Local	1992			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Walter Galt Reserve	Suburb	2005			✓	✓	✓	✓	

ACTIVE RECREATION FACILITIES

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Location	Asset	Year of Construction	Age
Walter Galt Reserve	Rebound Wall	1995	28
Walter Galt Reserve	Basketball Half-Court	2017	6
Walter Galt Reserve	Outdoor Fitness Equipment	2017	6
Walter Galt Reserve	Cricket Nets	2017	6
Gerry Green Reserve	Cricket Nets	2018	5



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.

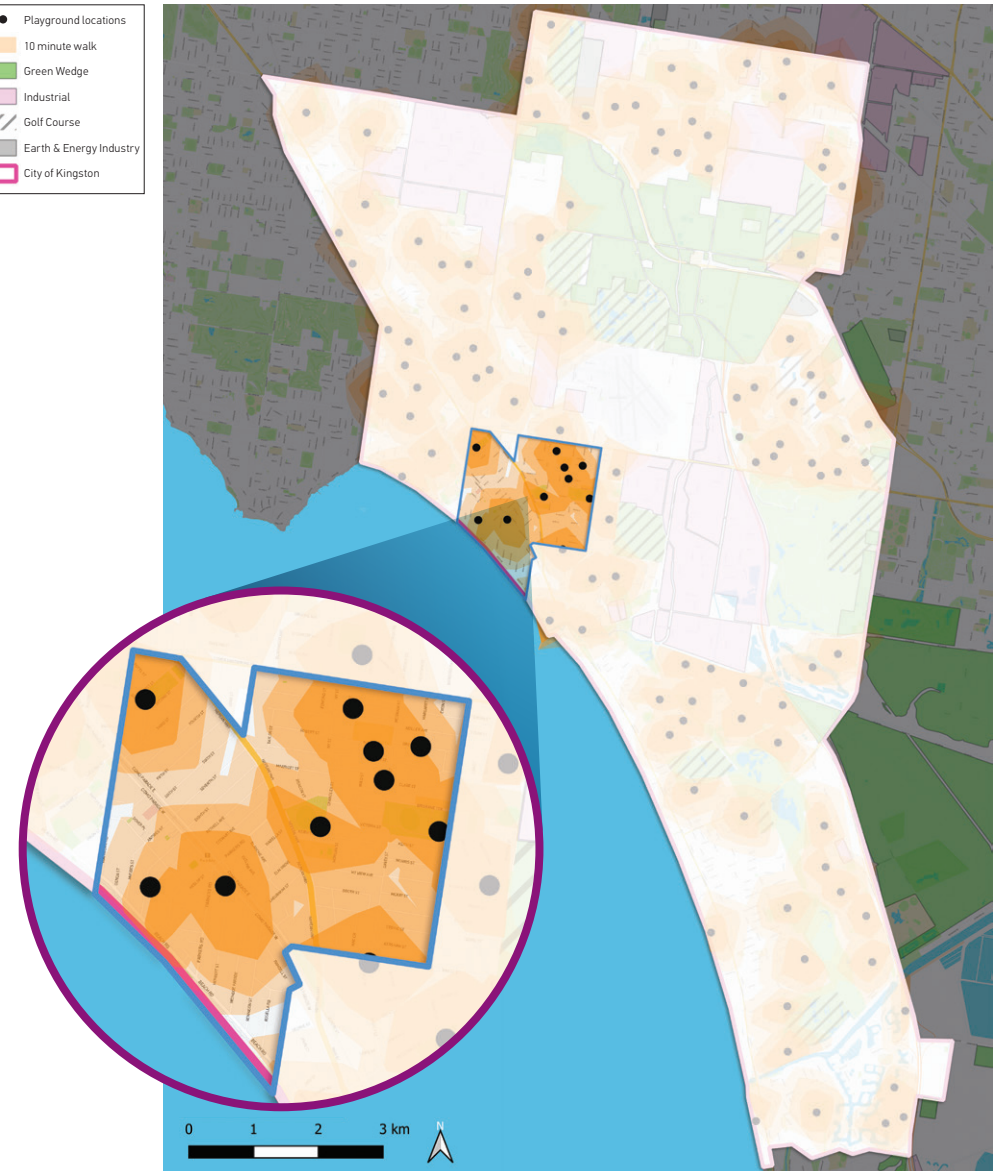
In Parkdale, 99% of the population has access to play within a 10-minute walk from home. This is shown below:

POPULATION WITHIN 10 MINUTE WALK OF A PLAY SPACE

Total Population (2023)	Population within 800m	Percentage of population
12,649	12,523	99%



- 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 marginal surplus of playgrounds in Parkdale – 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	
Parkdale	9	12,442	13,015	13,293	13,630	8.9	9.3	9.5	9.7	0.1



ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES



Issues and opportunities



- » 99% of the population has access to play opportunities within a 10-minute walk from home. Many of these playgrounds are aged and offer low levels of accessibility and diversity. Distribution maps illustrate that multiple playground catchments overlap in Parkdale.
- » The Parkdale – Mentone Level Crossing Removal project presents opportunities to increase the supply of play opportunities in Parkdale. Whilst supply appears adequate across the suburb (based on provision ratios), the specific provision is low adjacent to the existing Parkdale station. It will be important to add to the diversity of opportunities as opposed to duplicating play assets; it should also be noted that access within the suburb will improve once the railway line is elevated which will change the existing population catchments.
- » Distribution and supply appears adequate however playgrounds are ageing (66% are beyond their asset life of 20 years). Opportunity should be taken to review and renew play opportunities as assets are renewed, to more suitably reflect current demographics. Of note is the undersupply of opportunities for teen play in Parkdale (at existing playgrounds).



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



Strategic Intentions

- » Duplication of play assets is observed in the north east of Parkdale and playground should be reviewed to identify overlapping catchments and to assess the 10-minute (800m) walkability for residents. Play spaces which provide opportunity to expand the playground and active recreation options should be prioritised for renewal. NB: The 2010 Playground Strategy recommended the removal of a small playground in Parkdale – Ivy Marriot playground (at the end of its useful life).
- » Include additional active recreation opportunities in Parkdale primarily for teen play and social 'hang out' opportunities.
- » Retain and embellish all play options beachside of Nepean Hwy where an undersupply of play, active recreation and green open space is observed.
- » Create a Local level play space at the Parkdale Gardens adjacent to Parkdale Library. This is a long held opportunity for this open space which was acquired by Council with this purpose in mind. Despite the Level Crossing Removal Project including play options in its open space design, this provision does not adequately address need and demand in this catchment and further provision will be required to be made by Council.
- » Reclassify Walter Galt Reserve as a Suburb play space and embellish the site consistent with the playground classification standards e.g. provision of multi-use courts, bouldering, and ninja warrior options which appeal to teens. The site also has space to accommodate play elements such as a flying fox and large play equipment.
- » Herbert Street and Meribah Court Play Spaces should be improved to meet the Local level play space classification, as they have significant forecast populations living within a 10-minute walk of each site.