



Frankston City Council

Play Strategy 2021



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Acknowledgement of Country

Frankston City Council acknowledges the Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters in and around Frankston City, and value and recognise local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, heritage and connection to land as a proud part of a shared identity for Frankston City.

Council pays respect to Elders past and present and recognises their importance in maintaining knowledge, traditions and culture in our community.

Council also respectfully acknowledges the Bunurong Land Council as the Registered Aboriginal Party responsible for managing the Aboriginal cultural heritage of the land and waters where Frankston City Council is situated.

This Plan was adopted by Council in October 2021.



Mayor's Forward

Vibrant and inclusive play spaces improve community connections and help us learn about ourselves and the world we live in. We are committed to improving play opportunities across Frankston City to encourage the community to be healthy and active to improve overall wellbeing.

Increasingly, the importance of access to parks and open spaces has been highlighted as essential for health and wellbeing particularly in the declining prominence of suburban backyards and increasing higher density living in Australia. While play is especially important for children and their development, it is also important to provide play and recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to facilitate an active, healthy and engaged lifestyle.

Through extensive consultation, our community helped shape and inform this Play Strategy.

The Play Strategy Action Plan sets out a clear direction for how Council intends to improve play spaces over the next 15-20 years. It provides a basis and direction for Council to prioritise projects to ensure our community has equitable access to play in high-quality and valued spaces. Play spaces and local parks across the municipality have been assessed and action plans developed to guide future play and local park improvements.

The priorities outlined within this Play Strategy summarise the core areas of Council's focus for improvement including:

- Safe and well maintained play spaces
- Inclusive and accessible experiences
- Diverse play
- Sustainable facilities
- Valued open space
- Flexible community infrastructure
- Community awareness

By improving our play spaces, we can create desirable places for the whole community to come together and enjoy.



Cr Kris Bolam
Mayor, Frankston City



Why a strategy for play?

Play is mostly experienced through being and doing.

Play is about activity, participation and exploration; it contributes to physical development, by testing boundaries and learning new skills and information. Play develops confidence in self, collaborations with others and situation judgment.

Play involves interaction with others, an opportunity to communicate feelings and intentions, negotiate and compromise.

Play can be a chance to let off steam and energy, or imagine and create. The value of play to our physical and emotional wellbeing is immeasurable, tackling contemporary health issues of all kinds.

Some of the key community benefits for municipal play and research that supports them are outlined below:

Increased physical activity

- Only 1 in 10 young people in Australia meet the physical activity recommendation of 60 minutes per day
- Less than 30% of young people (5-17 years) in Australia meet the recommended no more than 2 hours screen based entertainment per day
- Research shows that presently only 1 in 3 children in Australia engage in 'free play' outdoors daily

Healthier community

- 1 in 4 young people in Australia are obese or overweight
- Anxiety related problems are increasing amongst children with an incidence 10 times that of diabetes
- Contact with the outdoors and nature is extremely valuable for stimulating full-body engagement and recovery from fatigue and stress

Liveability

- Active adolescents in Australia report the importance of walkability, including ease of movement within an area to get to parks
- Access to parks and open space is increasingly important given the declining prominence of the suburban backyard and increasing higher density living in Australia

Business and tourism

- [Greater] Melbourne's internationally acclaimed parks, gardens and waterways aren't just picturesque, soothing and cooling, but central to efforts to attract visitors who will spend an estimated \$25 billion by 2027
- In [Greater] Melbourne, the amenity value for some 12,000 residents immediately adjacent to metropolitan parks alone is estimated at \$21–28 million a year

Social connection

- Green space amenities like urban parks, gardens or community gardens also provide neighbours with an opportunity to build community by facilitating interaction through chance encounters
- The quality of public space (shaded areas, public seating, connected pedestrian walkways, etc.) also contributes to social cohesion and building community

Environmental stewardship

- Most people will only come to care for the environment if they come to love nature through personal experience

Why call it a playspace?

The term playspace refers to the broader landscape environment in which sits play equipment, nature play elements, paths and undersurfacing, shade, furniture, planting and sometimes art elements and fencing. It replaces the older term playground, which is typically associated with modular play equipment and undersurfacing.

The current state of play

Council currently manages 123 playspaces, 5 skate facilities, 2 BMX facilities and 15 youth spaces (including ball courts and scootering) across Frankston City. There are also 2 main aquatic centres, PARC in Frankston and The Pines in Frankston North.

Playground



versus

Playspace



About this document

The Play Strategy is one of several strategic documents guiding a new approach to open space improvements in Frankston City. The Frankston Open Space Strategy 2016-2036 is the overarching document and is supported by the Frankston Play Strategy and the Local Park Action Plan. The Frankston Play Strategy 2021 provides an overview and recommendations for

all open space containing playspaces, including local parks. The Local Park Action Plan provides a framework for open space improvements for Local Parks that don't contain playspaces. An outcome of the development of the Play Strategy and Local Park Action Plan, Council are changing the way they deliver open space improvements.

Strategic Council Documents for Open Space Improvements in Frankston City





Changing community expectations around play

Since Council last prepared a strategy the purpose and design for play in Frankston City has changed. There has been a shift from settings being mostly modular play equipment providing for physical activity, to more complex spaces that welcome, include and provide better amenity for the 'whole' community.

Furthermore, the impacts of the Covid-19 Pandemic during 2020 / 21 and the resulting lockdown restrictions have highlighted the necessity of good quality 'local' access to open space and play for the health and wellbeing across the whole community, regardless of age or ability.

Current trends

A more diverse range of play types and settings are now trending globally. Alongside more traditional play equipment this includes; destination playspaces, nature play, adventure play, water play, digital play and more inclusive, intergenerational play.

Our vision for play

'Our playspaces will be fun, engaging and inspiring places for everyone'



Priorities and initiatives

The purpose of the strategy is to articulate a vision for the future of play in Frankston City and determine what is required to achieve that vision and meet the needs of the community over the next 15-20 years. Seven guiding principles and associated key objectives have been developed as guidance:

Priority 1. Safe and Well Maintained Playspaces

Initiatives:

- To maintain playspaces and open space so that they comply with safety standards and they are clean, attractive and welcoming
- To design playspaces and open space with a considered application of CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) principles

Priority 2. Inclusive & Accessible Experiences

Initiatives:

- To improve path networks at existing parks to enable safe and easy access to play equipment and other amenities linking playspaces into the residential neighbourhood
- To improve disability access requirements compliant with Australian Standards in the redevelopment or creation of new playspaces; this includes both pathways and access to a range of play activities
- To improve the range of accessible features at regional and district playspaces to not only support people with physical or ambulant disabilities, but also cognitive and vestibular disabilities, hearing and vision impairment, social-emotional disabilities, chronic health conditions, multiple and sensory disabilities

Priority 3. Diverse Play

Initiatives:

- To increase the diversity of play experience available at individual playspaces and across each neighbourhood precinct
- To increase the diversity of play experience for all ages and abilities across all district and regional playspaces, enabling more opportunity for intergenerational play
- To increase the range and diversity of age groups that playspaces cater for
- To create new playspaces where landscape features and play equipment complement and integrate with each other

Priority 4. Sustainable Facilities

Initiatives:

- To specify sustainable materials and surfaces (where appropriate) in all playspace design
- To support local procurement of materials, equipment, furniture and plants (where appropriate)
- To improve the life-span of play equipment (existing and new) and amenity
- To consider sustainable use of resources (in particular water) and energy
- To improve the natural shade cover and micro-climate of playspaces
- To choose water-wise, hardy and diverse plants for garden areas in playspaces

Priority 5. Valued Open Space

Initiatives:

- To connect playspaces with surrounding vegetation, parklands and waterways / coastal environments
- To increase awareness, knowledge and care of the local, natural environment through design for play
- To introduce various types of complementary water play to the play network

Priority 6. Flexible Community Infrastructure

Initiatives:

- To extend flexible use of playspaces with connection to community facilities (such as libraries, community centres etc.), by introducing a new classification of Community Level playspaces
- To create spaces that allow for inclusive social gathering and participation in varied recreation activities
- To create playspaces that build confidence within the community to access other support or recreation services

Priority 7. Community Awareness

Initiatives:

- To consult and inform the community during the planning process for play and when there are multiple projects undertake precinct planning for better community engagement
- To advocate the health and wellbeing benefits of play to the community
- To inform the community about the range of playspaces available to them for play and recreation and how to access these playspaces
- To empower the community to make informed choices about where they play, in particular supporting community members with a disability or seniors to participate

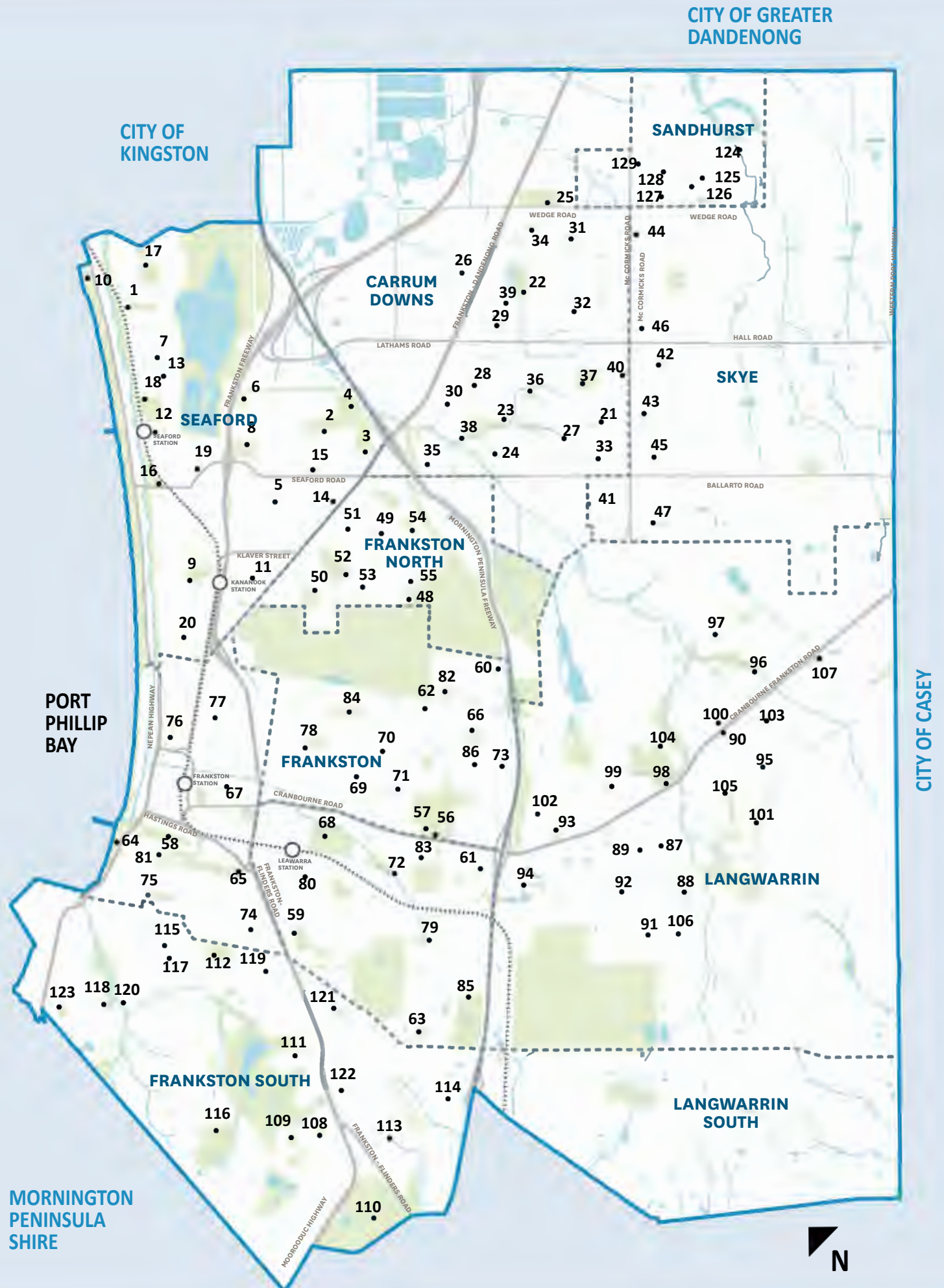
Who is the strategy for?

Community snapshot

Frankston City is located in the outer southern suburbs of Melbourne, about 40 kilometres south of the Melbourne CBD and it also borders to the west on Port Phillip Bay. The municipality is made up of 9 key neighbourhoods (Seaford, Carrum Downs, Sandhurst, Frankston North, Skye, Frankston, Langwarrin, Frankston South and Langwarrin South) and these are used for planning purposes in this strategy. Adjacent local government authorities include: Kingston; Greater Dandenong; Casey; and Mornington Peninsula Shire councils.

The municipal context is predominantly suburban and peri-urban, with a larger commercial zone in Frankston central and industrial zones in Frankston, Seaford and Carrum Downs. The natural environment is coastal (bay foreshore) to the west with pockets of open space, bushland reserve and waterways throughout. A north-south rail and freeway corridor dissects the city.





Current playspace provision in the Frankston City

The following is a list to date of the current Frankston City's playspaces by neighbourhood:

Seaford

1. Armstrong Reserve
2. Austin Reserve
3. Centenary Playspace (Belvedere Bushland Reserve)
4. Belvedere Reserve
5. Bruce Aitken Reserve
6. Brunel Reserve
7. Crystal Pool Park
8. East Seaford Reserve
9. Kananook Reserve
10. Keast Park
11. Lorna Reserve
12. McCrae Reserve
13. Park Reserve
14. Pimpala Reserve
15. Prince Reserve
16. RF Miles Reserve
17. Riviera Reserve
18. Seaford North Reserve
19. Weatherston Reserve
20. Wisewold Reserve

Carrum Downs

21. Allied Reserve
22. Banyan Reserve
23. Botany Park
24. Brolga Reserve (North & South)
25. Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve
26. Clifton Reserve
27. Gamble Reserve
28. Jacana Reserve
29. Lavender Hills Reserve
30. Laurel Crescent Reserve
31. Orama Reserve
32. Oakwood Reserve
33. Paras Reserve
34. Polaris Reserve
35. Richmond Reserve
36. Rotary Park
37. Sandfield Reserve
38. Shearwater Reserve
39. Tucker / Wattlewoods Reserve
40. Wilton Reserve

Skye

41. Darnley Reserve
42. Heritage Reserve

43. Heysen Reserve
44. John Monash Reserve
45. Lady Emily Reserve
46. Rangeview Reserve
47. Skye Valley Park

Frankston North

48. Adib Reserve
49. Armata Park
50. Eric Bell Reserve
51. Manna Reserve
52. Monterey Reserve
53. Rosemary Reserve
54. Telopea Reserve
55. Tilia Reserve

Frankston

56. Ballam Park Junior Playspace (East)
57. Ballam Park Senior Playspace (West)
58. Beauty Park
59. Bruce Park
60. Dunsterville Crescent Reserve
61. Ferndale Reserve
62. Fingal Reserve
63. Franciscan Reserve
64. Frankston Waterfront Playspace
65. George Pentland Botanic Gardens
66. Havana Reserve
67. Joy Reserve
68. Jubilee Park
69. Kareela Reserve
70. Kashmir Reserve
71. Lindrum Reserve
72. Lipton Reserve
73. Lucerne Reserve
74. Mincha Reserve
75. Montague Park
76. O'Grady Reserve
77. Orwil Reserve
78. Peninsula Reserve
79. Raphael Reserve
80. Roberts Reserve
81. Victoria Park
82. Whistlestop Reserve
83. Willow Park
84. Wingham Park
85. Witternburg Reserve
86. Wolsley Reserve

Langwarrin

87. Athol Reserve
88. Bayport Reserve
89. Beckenham Reserve
90. Burgess Reserve
91. Cavill Reserve
92. Dunn Reserve
93. Elisabeth Murdoch Arboretum
94. Flame Robin Reserve
95. Fernwood Reserve
96. Granite Reserve
97. Illawong Reserve
98. Langwarrin Pump Track & Skate (Lloyd Park)
99. Long Reserve
100. Maria Reserve
101. Monique Reserve
102. Myrtle Reserve
103. Northgateway Reserve
104. Pindara Playspace (Lloyd Park)
105. Southgateway Reserve
106. Wahgunyah Reserve
107. Yarralumla Reserve

Frankston South

108. Abram Reserve
109. Eliza Heights Reserve
110. Baxter Park
111. Casuarina Reserve
112. Delacombe Reserve
113. Escarpment Reserve
114. Manor Reserve
115. Marama Reserve
116. Overport Park
117. Pratt Reserve
118. Fleetwood Crescent Reserve
119. Sycamore Reserve
120. Kars Street Playspace
121. William Hovell Reserve
122. Woodside Park
123. Yamala Reserve

Sandhurst

124-129. These 6 playspaces were not assessed as part of council's network, but are currently shown as public playspaces that are, privately managed.

Who is our community?

Between the 2016 Census Data and the Australian Bureau of Statistics 'Estimated Resident Population we can build a picture of our community:

2016 Population* 134,143

2020 Population** 143,338

Female* 65,418

Male* 68,727

Families* (with dependants) 52,699

*2016 Census

**ABS Estimated Resident Population

By suburb we have the following density of population and playspace distribution per person:

Carrum Downs	* 22,505	2026 ha	20 playspaces	1 playspace per 1125 people
Frankston (including Frankston Central, Frankston Heights & Karingal)	* 38,165	1975 ha	31 playspaces	1 playspace per 1272 people
Frankston North	* 5979	512 ha	8 playspaces	1 playspace per 747 people
Frankston South	* 19,245	1454 ha	16 playspaces	1 playspace per 1202 people
Langwarrin	* 24,199	2893 ha	21 playspaces	1 playspace per 1152 people
Sandhurst	* 5573	318 ha	6 playspaces	1 playspace per 928 people *Private Management
Seaford	* 17,689	1247 ha	20 playspaces	1 playspace per 884 people
Skye	* 8642	1668 ha	7 playspaces	1 playspace per 1234 people

*It is generally considered that 1 playspace for every 1000 people is suitable distribution in metropolitan Melbourne.

How old are we?

A snapshot of the age of our community now in 2020 and what it will look like in 2040:

Age	2020	2040
0-4 years	6.8%*	6.0%*
5-11 years	8.9%*	8.2%*
12-24 years	15.4%*	15.2%*
25-59 years	47.3%*	43.7%*
60+ years	21.6%*	26.8%*

*forecasts by .id, the population experts in September 2018.

Ageing Population:

The population of Frankston City is getting older. In 2016 Frankston City's population had a slightly higher % of 0-17 year olds and a considerably lower % for 18-24 year olds, than the Greater Melbourne average.

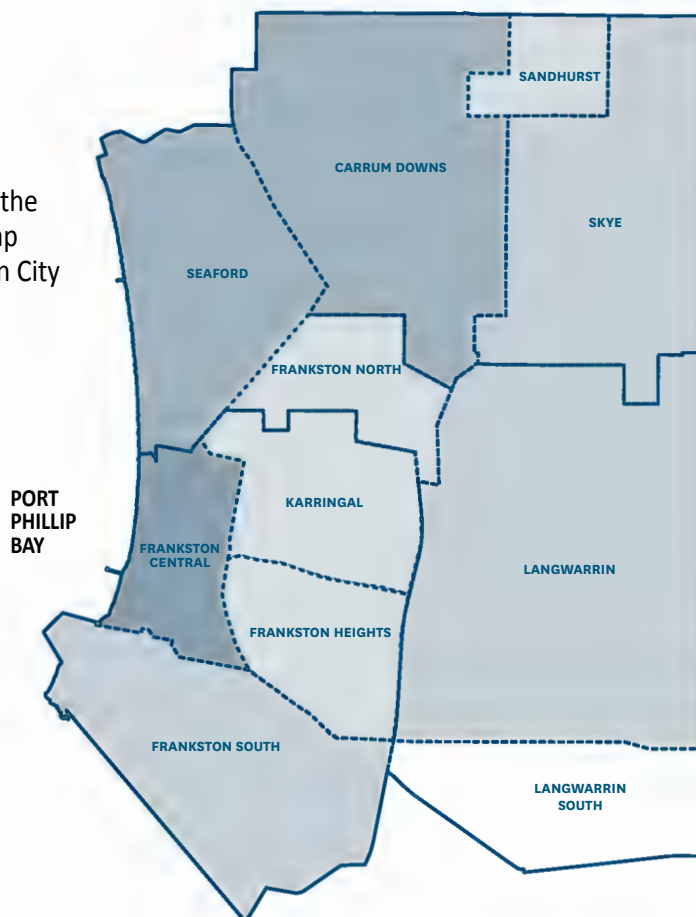
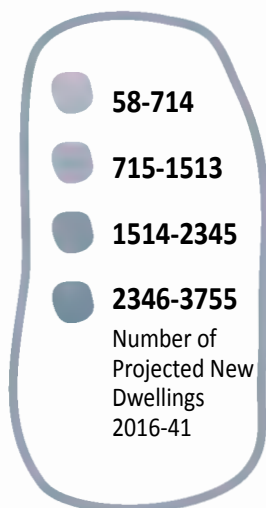
Future projections indicate an 11% increase in residents aged 12-24 years and a 2.4% increase in residents aged 0-11 years by 2041. Of increasing importance is the projection that indicates a 40% increase in residents aged over 60 years by 2041.



How is our population changing?

Increased Development:

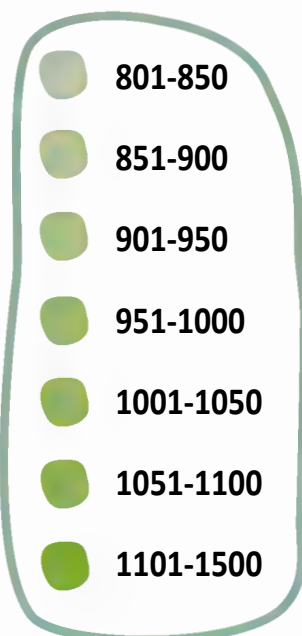
The development of new dwellings is seen as being the largest driver in population growth. The following map outlines projected development growth in Frankston City in the next 25 years.



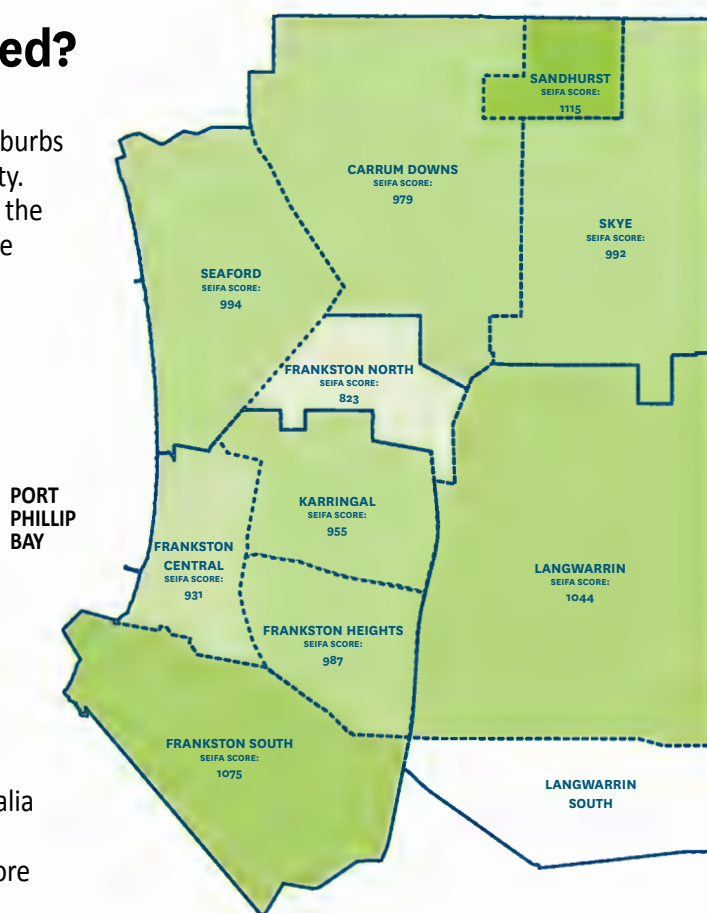
Which suburbs are most advantaged /disadvantaged?

The SEIFA (Socio-Economic Indexes for Area) Map below indicates in 2016 the least disadvantaged suburbs to the most disadvantaged suburbs in Frankston City. The higher the score less disadvantaged, the lower the score more disadvantaged. SEIFA is assessed on the following criteria: education, occupation and economic resources.

.id, the population experts in September 2018.



*It is important to note that in 2016 Frankston City was amongst the 10 median councils in Australia as defined by an overall municipal SEIFA index score of 1000.



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Community Vision 2040

The Community Vision 2040 was developed by the Frankston City community in 2020-21 to articulate long-term vision and aspirations for the future of our City. The Community Vision 2040 provides an aspirational description of what our community wants for the future of our municipality, in terms of its look, feel and liveability.

The Community Vision 2040 forms part of Council's strategic planning and reporting framework, to ensure that the community's vision for the future of Frankston City is considered in all of Council's planning and decision-making, including this Play Strategy.

Our Community Vision:

"Frankston City 2040 is the place on the bay to learn, live, work and play in a vibrant, safe and culturally inclusive community.

Our City is clean, green and environmentally responsible."

The Community Vision 2040 identifies 6 themes and outlines key priorities for our Community. It also outlines Council's role in the implementation of the vision and how it can make it happen. A summary of Council's role in delivering open space and play improvements identified in the Community Vision 2040 is outlined below:

1. Healthy families and communities

"...Council will work as a direct service provider and partner in the provision of ... open spaces to enhance community wellbeing, now and into the future."

"Our community will be encouraged to be healthy and active through access to open green space, play spaces, shared paths and recreation facilities ... Over the next 20 years, Council will continue to maintain and improve our open spaces and infrastructure to meet the changing needs of the community so that everyone is able to enjoy the important health and wellbeing benefits they provide."

2. Vibrant and inclusive communities

"Vibrant and inclusive communities are socially connected and welcoming places where people feel accepted, engaged and able to participate in community life"

"Council is committed to principles of access, inclusion and cultural safety to ensure that everyone has the same opportunities to participate in community life"

"Council ... works to provide and maintain accessible and inclusive community infrastructure that takes

the needs of all into account, including residents with a disability, older people and families with young children as well as culturally and socially diverse community members."

3. Natural environment and climate action

"Council will maintain, protect and enhance our open green spaces, coastal areas and waterways to ensure that the community can continue to enjoy our City's unique and highly valued natural environment."

"Council will adopt a range of environmental policies, strategies and community education programs with the aim of protecting and sustaining our natural and built environment, avoiding and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, sustainably managing our natural resources and increasing our resilience to climate change."

4. Connected places and spaces

“Council provides a range of public spaces across the municipality that are well designed, safe and clean. Council will ensure that the community can continue to enjoy these spaces through enhancements and ongoing maintenance, and regulatory control of the environment to prevent and manage unsafe behaviours. Council will also work in partnership to provide urban design solutions and place-making initiatives that enhance the accessibility and vitality of our public spaces, improving the overall liveability of the municipality.”

Council will continue to take a collaborative approach to improving the connectivity of our natural environment and enhancing biodiversity for the benefit of our wildlife, flora and future generations.”

5. Industry, employment and education

“Continue to promote Frankston City as a tourism destination and lifestyle capital.”

6. Advocacy, governance and innovation

“Access to and uptake of more sustainable forms of transport in 2040 will be influenced by Council’s investment in walking and cycling infrastructure, policies that promote behaviour change to reduce reliance on private vehicles and advocacy to improve our public transport system... This includes balancing the need for an efficient road network with more opportunities for active travel through a responsive public transport system and better connected walking and cycling network.”

Local Play Network & The 20 Minute Neighbourhood

The 20-minute neighbourhood is all about ‘living locally’—giving people the ability to meet most of their daily needs within a 20-minute walk from home, with safe cycling and local transport options. In January 2018 the Victorian Minister for Planning launched the 20-Minute Neighbourhood Pilot Program. This has been a framework in local network planning for playspaces in this strategy.

When planning for play an understanding of access to playspaces within that 20 minute neighbourhood is important to making equitable and appropriate planning decisions for communities. A range and complementary balance of play experiences for all ages and abilities should be provided across each local neighbourhood play network.



How we prepared the strategy?

Our process

The Frankston Play Strategy 2021 has been developed through 5 key phases involving council, community and an external consultant, which are as follows:

Phase 1

Background Analysis/
Precendent Study

Phase 2

Community Consultation

Phase 3

Play Value Assessments

Phase 4

Draft Play Strategy &
Exhibition

Phase 5

Final Play Strategy

Community engagement

A variety of stakeholder consultation and community engagement activities were undertaken between June and August 2020 to gather information for the Frankston Play Strategy 2021.

Feedback from **757 local residents** has been considered, in addition to customer requests over a 2-year period. The **14 separate engagement sessions, activities and information sources** have been used to provide an evidence base for the strategy.

The Draft Strategy was exhibited online for a period of 5 weeks between August and September 2021 with feedback received considered in preparation of the final Strategy.

Site assessments

All 123 existing playspaces were assessed on site in July 2020. The playspace assessments were undertaken using a rated checklist and prepared using a combination of additional information including: aerial and site photography, maps, open space strategy assessments and Australian Standards compliance audit reports.

The playspaces have been rated across several areas of importance as to the quality of experience at each site. These include play value, **play type, age range suitability, access and inclusion, open space quality, amenity** and the **strength of complimentary play** found in local areas.



What we heard from our community

"Please use recycled materials, e.g. recycled plastic furniture or panels or recycled wood / plastic composites in playspaces."

"Being able to walk to local play spaces improves health and wellbeing and helps to build stronger relationships among the community."

"Include interactive sound play like pulse tennis or tempo equipment; sensory play in playspaces."

"Provide spaces that spark the imagination."

"Develop more paths to connect residential areas to play spaces"

"Make sure that paths are wide enough for people and their guide dogs or wheelchairs and include turn around areas."

"Upgrade equipment to accommodate for older primary school aged children."

"Could you provide more age appropriate equipment needed for under 5 year olds?"

"Please build play equipment that is suitable for both young and older children in parks."

"Make playspaces as interactive as possible. Lots of water play and trees to climb and hide in!"

"Consider locating play spaces next to community centres (as this is a space that people from CALD communities generally feel safe and welcome)"

"I would like circular type seating to enable people to engage in conversation with one another"

"I would love a playspace where I could host birthday parties."

"I like opportunities to go for a walk around playspaces"

"Could you include book exchanges at more play spaces like the one in Kars Street?"

"It would be great to have more spaces where girls can hang out."

"You should have spaces designed by young people."

"Could we include outdoor bicycles that charge devices in playspaces?"

"Skate parks should be located close to schools."

"An ideal playspace has play equipment that has more than one way of using it."

"I think this space is perfect (Seaford North Reserve)."

"This playspace is boring and there are not many things to do there."

"Please consult children where possible and use their voice in planning."

"It would be good to turn this area into a playground area. It's a natural meeting spot for the neighbourhood. (Seaford Library)."



What we saw in our existing playspaces

The following key observations were made during the site assessment phase of the project:

- The need to address (where possible) any gaps, where playspace are not within a walkable distance of 400m from residences
- The need to provide a broader range of types of play
- The need to improve universal design in existing playspaces including; wide accessible sealed paths, furniture and a more diverse and interesting range of inclusive play
- The need for suitable fencing / boundary treatments for playspaces that address safety concerns, but don't inhibit valuable play
- The need for improved natural tree shade in and around playspaces
- The need to connect playspaces better with shared trails and provide better supporting amenity to ride (bike parking)
- The need for improvements in the development and distribution particularly of District Level playspaces



Tools we have developed for future planning

As a result of these observations we have developed tools to assist future planning for play in Frankston City that are equitable and meet community needs. These include; a range of play types, a hierarchy of spaces, development standards and design guidelines.

Play types

Play types can simply be described as the different behaviours we can see in play. There are many different ways to categorise these so we have used illustrative examples below:

Learning about the physical world

Creative
Play



Exploring
Play



Object /
Symbolic
Play



Learning about myself and how to be in the world

Communicating
Play



Dramatic
Play



Role
Play



Social
Play /
Games



Learning about my body and limits

Rough and
Tumble Play



Physical /
Locomotor
Play



Learning about what it is to be human

Deep /
Risky
or



Fantasy
Play



Object /
Symbolic
Play



Types of play setting

Having a palette of types of play enables Council to provide local communities with a diversity of experience within easy access. Whilst the predominant type of play will continue to be playspaces, over the next 15-20 years additional types of play in specific and suitable locations will be introduced in Frankston City.



Playspaces

A Playspace may vary in scale and complexity, but is typically made up of a range of fixed play equipment, varied surfaces, paths, landscaping, seating, picnic tables and shelter.

Community Play

Centres play around social connection through play provided. Community use and activity is typically an outdoor extension of the facilities, services or clubs adjacent or nearby to the space.



Intergenerational Play

Intergenerational Play is play that enables different age-groups to play and interact together within a playspace, meaning that some equipment and activities are designed to accommodate use for adults and children together. This type of play is typically found in regional and community playspaces.

Youth Spaces

A Youth Space can be quite diverse in scale and structure, but will typically include activities suitable for teenagers and young adults, such as adventure play, ball courts and spaces to hang out with friends. This type of space may or may not be associated with sports, skate or BMX.



Nature Play

Nature Play typically includes fixed natural elements such as logs, branches and rocks that are arranged in a way that provides similar movement and activity as equipment. This may be integrated with modular equipment, and sometimes include sensory activity such as water or sand play.



Unstructured Nature Play

Unstructured Nature Play typically uses existing outdoor environments and associated natural loose materials (seed pods, leaves, branches) for play. Space and mini-mal guidance are provided to allow children to build their own structures to guide their own play. This may also include sensory activity such as water and sand play.

Water Play

Water Play typically includes different types of play experiences involving water that range in scale and complexity. This may be a stand-alone splash park or pad (with jets and interactive elements), civic water play (sculptural fountain), ephemeral water play (channel with seasonal water), and integrated water play (hand pumps, sluices, trays) for integrated use in a playspace.



Play Experiences

Play Experiences typically include treatments and interventions in the everyday urban fabric (pavements, roads, walls, steps, signage or lighting) that encourages the community to react and interact in a fun, playful way.

Skate & Scoot

Spaces for Skating and Scootering typically include complex designed and engineered planes, mounds, slopes and features that enable movement and tricks to be performed by riders.






BMX / Pump Track




BMX (Bicycle Motor Cross) is a cycling activity performed on BMX bikes in a competitive or free-style capacity on a constructed, off-road course.

Playspace Development Levels

Council uses different playspace levels of development to plan across local areas equally. This ensures that a range of suitable activities and settings are provided to all communities across the municipality matching population density, available open-space and budgets.

Play Experience	Local (Minor)	Local (Major)
		
Reserve Size: Not defined	Reserve Size: 0.5-2ha	Reserve Size: 0.5-2ha
Catchment: Not defined	Catchment: 400m radius	Catchment: 400m radius
Purpose: Services broader municipality	Purpose: Services its immediate locality and young families for regular short term stay (up to an hour) Can be walked to from home	Purpose: Services the immediate locality and young families for regular short term stay (up to an hour) Can be walked to from home
Context: Typically located alongside major shared trail or in urban centres	Context: Typically located within a small Local Reserve	Context: Typically located within a Local Reserve Can be a secondary playspace within a District or Regional Reserve Can be a playspace in a Local Activity Area or Environmental Reserve
Minimal Play Provision: Small integrated play interventions, treatments or elements that work in conjunction with shared trail or urban / civic area	Minimal Play Provision: Small playspace for pre-school & junior ages 1-2 pieces of standard equipment	Minimal Play Provision: Small playspace for pre-school and junior ages / may also sometimes be focused on older ages (senior / young people / adults) depending on context Mostly modular equipment, but depending on setting could also have custom elements or nature play Should have some access 'to' the playspace (accessible pathway connection from street to playspace) Should have some landscaping, in particular trees for natural shade

Play Experience	Local (Minor)	Local (Major)
	<p>Play Opportunities: Focused on pre-school & junior ages mostly</p> <p>Complementary Amenities: Seating (2-3 pieces) Natural Shade (Tree Planting) Main Concrete Footpath</p>	<p>Play Opportunities: Focused on pre-school and junior ages mostly A moderate level of physical play opportunities and variety including: balance, upper body, swinging, sliding and climbing Places to gather, view out and participate Props and loose materials for imaginative play Grassed space to run around (kick-about area)</p> <p>Complementary Amenities: Activities for Young People, Adults or Seniors Seating and Picnic Tables (for 3-4 pieces) Bins (Site Dependent) Drinking Fountain Bike Hoops / Parking Natural Shade (Tree Planting) / Structural Shade Main Concrete Footpath - accessible pathway connection from street to playspace</p>
<p>Maintenance: As required</p>	<p>Maintenance: Serviced fortnightly</p>	<p>Maintenance: Serviced fortnightly</p>

Community	District	Regional
		
Reserve Size: 0.5-2ha	Reserve Size: 2ha+	Reserve Size: 20ha+ (or in high profile location)
Catchment: 2km radius	Catchment: 2km radius	Catchment: Municipal wide and beyond
Purpose: Services the immediate locality for all ages for regular short term stays (up to an hour) Is compatible with adjacent community facilities (such as Community Hubs, Libraries or Aged Care Facilities) to support outdoor programs, activities and social gatherings Can be walked to from home, but may also have supported car parking for community facility use Has (where possible) direct, easy public transport and active transport connections	Purpose: Services entire suburb Can still be walked to but may be further away and accessible by car or public transport Longer regular visitation (1hour+) Broader range of activities associated	Purpose: Services municipality (and possibly beyond) Planned visitation / group outings / come by car or public transport from further away Longer stays / all day Broader range of activities associated
Context: Typically located within a Local Reserve Can be a playspace in a Local Activity Area	Context: Usually larger, more significant community hub or open space (District Reserve) / often associated with sporting facilities (varied activity) with large canopy trees	Context: Larger, more prominent, destination open space with large canopy trees
Minimal Play Provision: Small playspace for all ages, may have a more specific age focus depending on context A combination of 'off-the-shelf' equipment and features and some custom elements or art/sculptural pieces to create clear identity related to local area and community culture Should have some access 'to' the playspace (pathway connection from the street to playspace) and within the playspace Should have some landscaping, in particular trees for natural shade	Minimal Play Provision: Medium sized playspace for all ages (simple intergenerational) Mostly standard equipment, but depending on setting could also have custom elements or nature play Nature play opportunities to be integrated Accessible play activities 'within' the playspace	Minimal Play Provision: Large & diverse play structures & elements for all ages (intergenerational) High level of custom structures and elements, with some standard equipment Integrated sensory elements

Community**Play Opportunities:**

Intergenerational use
 A focus on social gathering and flexible use, rather than just physical activity
 Possible technology use (play and amenity)
 Sensory elements (colour, sound and tactile) and planting
 Path circuits and seating at regular intervals
 Grassed space to run around (kick-about area)

Complementary Amenities:

Art / Sculpture and Interpretation
 Fitness Equipment (Adults / Seniors)
 Seating and Picnic Tables (for 3-4 pieces)
 Bins
 Drinking Fountain
 Bike Hoops / Parking
 Natural Shade (Tree Planting) / Structural Shade
 Main Concrete Footpath - accessible pathway connection from the street to playspace

Maintenance:

Serviced fortnightly (or more frequently as required by volume of use)

District**Play Opportunities:**

A variety of play types 'across' different range of ages
 A high level of physical play opportunities – with variety across balance, upper body, swinging, sliding and climbing and some graduated challenge built in
 Sensory elements integrated
 Places to gather, view out and participate
 Props and loose materials for imaginative play
 Grassed space to run around (kick-about area)

Complementary Amenities:

Main concrete footpath - accessible pathway connection the from street and car park to playspace (multiple directions)
 Activities for Young People, Adults or Seniors
 Seating and Picnic Tables (4-6 pieces)
 Bins
 Drinking Fountain
 Bike Hoops / Parking
 Landscaping and Natural Shade (Tree Planting) / Structural Shade
 Public Toilets, Typically associated with community hall / sports pavilion (with accessible facilities)

Maintenance:

Serviced weekly

Regional**Play Opportunities:**

Providing a diverse range of play for all age groups (complex intergenerational)
 A high level of physical play opportunities – with risky play / graduated challenge built in
 Elements that encourage creative, social and imaginative play as well (i.e. water)
 Places to gather, view out and participate
 Props and loose materials for imaginative play
 Grassed space to run around (kick-about area)

Complementary Amenities:

Main concrete footpath - accessible pathway connection the from street and car park to playspace (multiple directions)
 Activities for Young People, Adults or Seniors
 Seating and Picnic Tables (6 pieces+)
 Bins
 Drinking Fountain
 Bike Hoops / Parking
 Landscaping and Natural Shade (Tree Planting) / Structural Shade
 Public Toilets, Typically associated with community hall / sports pavilion (with accessible facilities)

Maintenance:

Serviced weekly (or more frequently as required by volume of use)

Classification Level:	Local	Community	District	Regional
Playspace Focus				
Features for younger children	✓	✓	✓	✓
Features for older children	○	✓	✓	✓
Features for young people	○	✓	○	✓
Features for adults & older persons	○	✓	○	○
Play Features				
Play equipment; swings	✓	○	✓	✓
Play equipment; slide/s	✓	○	✓	✓
Play equipment; climbing frames / upper body	✓	○	✓	✓
Play equipment; rocking equipment	✓	○	✓	✓
Play equipment; balance activities	✓	○	✓	✓
Level change	○	✓	○	✓
Opportunities for imaginative play	✓	✓	✓	✓
Manipulative activities	✗	✓	○	✓
Sand play	○	○	○	✓
Natural Play Elements; rocks, logs etc.	○	○	○	✓
Natural Play Elements; trees, shrubs, groundcovers etc.	○	○	✓	✓
Sensory Elements	✗	○	○	✓
Water Play				
Hand Pumps / Ephemeral Play (No Electrometrical)	○	○	○	✓
Integrated, Sculptural Play Features	✗	○	○	○
Stand Alone - Splash Park or Pad (electro-mechanical functioning)	✗	✗	✗	○



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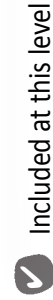
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Depending on local need



Classification Level:	Local	Community	District	Regional
Other Elements				
Hard surfaces for scooters, bikes and basketball / netball	○	○	✓	✓
Open grassed spaces for running and ball games	✓	○	✓	✓
Bushland features for exploring	✗	○	○	○
Connection to trails / bike paths	○	○	○	○
Skate Facilities	✗	○	○	○
BMX / Pump Track	○	○	○	○
Table tennis and / or similar equipment	○	○	○	○
Hit Up / Climbing walls	○	○	○	○
Parkour / Agility courses	○	○	○	○
Digitally interactive play	✗	○	○	○
Intergenerational features / equipment	○	✓	○	○
Site Amenities & Features				
Shade trees	✓	✓	✓	✓
Shelter Structures	○	○	○	✓
Individual Seating	✓	✓	✓	✓
Social Gathering Spaces (including seats and tables)	○	✓	✓	✓
Drinking Fountains	○	○	✓	✓
Barbecues	✗	○	○	✓
Toilets	✗	○	✓	✓
Bins	○	✓	✓	✓
Bike Racks / Hoops	✓	✓	✓	✓
Co-located Outdoor Fitness Equipment	○	✓	✓	○
Designated (disabled) car parking	✗	○	○	✓
Digital features (charging points etc.)	✗	○	○	○
Inclusive Features				
Wide sealed pathway access to playspace from street (at max 1:20 grade)	○	✓	✓	✓
Circulation path / paths (1.5m min) access within playspace (at max 1:20 grade / 1:14 for ramps)	✗	○	○	○
In ground, concrete edging	○	✓	✓	✓
Rubber surfacing to provide access to specific play activities	○	✓	○	✓
Accessible furniture with accessible paths to them	○	✓	✓	✓
Fencing (as required)	○	○	○	✓
Inclusive play equipment or activities	○	✓	✓	✓



Included at this level



Excluded at this level



Depending on local need

Design Guidelines

Local Area Planning Level

Design guidelines are laid out in this section as a 'best practice' case study example using the award winning playspace at George Pentland Botanic Gardens in Frankston. Whilst the scale and complexity of these guidelines may vary across different playspace levels, consideration to these aspects should always be part of the planning and design process.

Case Study: George Pentland Botanic Gardens

Residents to generally have access to a playspace within 400m to encourage the use of active transport (walking or cycling) to travel to them

Playspaces are connected to broader walking and cycling networks, and if possible connected with public transport services



A range of playspace levels, types and experiences are accessible within the local area - complementing the playspace at George Pentland Botanic Gardens

The density of population in the local area means that the level of development at George Pentland Botanic Gardens is suitable and that it will be actively used

The playspace at George Pentland Botanic Gardens is located with easy connection to other community facilities such as the hospital and local schools, providing a clear catchment for use

The playspace at George Pentland Botanic Gardens is well sign posted and easy to find

Design Guidelines

Site Planning Level

Activities are arranged so that they flow intuitively in use from one to the other

The play is separated, but adjacent to the grassed kickabout area avoiding conflict between quieter play activities like sand play and more active noisy ball play

There is close connection to other facilities such as picnic shelters, barbecues and toilets



Existing natural features are incorporated into the playspace

Fencing is to the boundary of the site, not around the playspace to allow for more play within the broader landscape

There are nearby accessible car parking bays with continuous path access to play and facilities

Design Guidelines

Playspace Planning Level

Universal design

The arrangement of different swings allow for equal and flexible use by everyone

The equipment is designed so the multiple children of different abilities can play together

The generous space around the swings allows for an easy approach to use



Access and inclusion

There are increasing levels of challenge for different ages and abilities

There is consideration of different needs for different abilities, including sensory activities and art at ground level

There is a wide, flat path around and within playspace



Protection from the elements

The established tree shade is used for protection and shelter over seating and sand play

The mixed-use of surfacing and equipment, including natural elements such as timber and stone mean that the space doesn't get as hot in summer

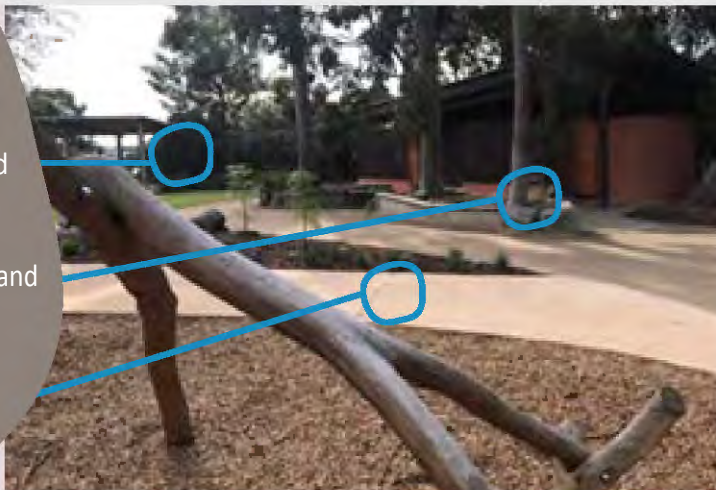


Consideration of comfort and supervision

The seating and picnic tables have overhead shelter as protection from the weather, which will encourage longer stays

The toilet (with accessible facilities), picnic and seating are within close distance of play for easy supervision

There are paths connecting all facilities and the playspace



Designing for engagement

The playspace can't be read from one location - it needs to be uncovered and explored

There are open-ended elements and access to loose materials that can be used for play in different ways

The playspace connects with its environment, encouraging play in the broader landscape



Quality of materials / sustainable use of resources

Natural Timbers are treated for durable, in-ground use

Local, waterwise, native plants are planted for play and amenity, giving character to the playspace and building connection with natural environments



What are we going to do?

Provide better information for the community on play

Council will develop, distribute and promote mapping and information on play facilities in Frankston City.

Plan holistically for play

Council will plan and design prior to the delivery of all new, upgraded and renewed playspaces. This may also sometimes involve an integrated approach at multiple sites across local areas to provide better outcomes for the community.

Renew 15 existing playspaces

Council will replace existing playspaces as guided by the priority action plan.

Upgrade 103 existing playspaces

Council will improve the play equipment, amenity and environment of existing playspaces as guided by the priority action plan.

Build 16 new playspaces and play experiences

Council will build new playspaces or play experiences in identified locations of need, where no playspace currently exists within a 400m walking distance of surrounding residences.

Connect communities better through play

Council will continue to improve shared paths that connect to existing or proposed playspaces. Where suitable council will co-locate playspaces with existing or proposed community facilities.

Provide better integrated, inclusive and accessible playspaces

As Council renews, upgrades or builds new playspaces it will integrate play and environment better. Council will improve the accessible function of paths, furniture and play in all community, district and regional playspaces, and some local playspaces. Council will also incorporate structural shade and fencing at suitable identified locations.

Provide more diverse and better distributed playspaces

Council will introduce new play types including; informal nature play, intergenerational play (including adult and older persons play), digital play and water play in consultation with the local community at suitable locations.

Introduce new types of play

Council will introduce new play types including; informal nature play, intergenerational play (including adult and older persons play), digital play and water play in consultation with the local community at suitable locations.

Improve the flexibility of playspaces to allow them to grow with communities

Council will continue to improve the range and diversity of facilities at each playspace so that they provide for different ages and abilities to use them.

Develop a consistent level of amenity

Council will respond to the development standards outlined for each playspace level in the Play Strategy 2021 to improve the consistency and quality of amenity at all playspaces. This includes; toilets, shade / shelter, fencing, seating, and other park furniture.

Improve the design, delivery and maintenance of playspaces

Council has developed processes to assist with a consistent quality of approach for each project from community engagement to ongoing maintenance. Council will meet regularly to review and revise these as needed.



Strategic Future Directions

The following describes municipal or general actions proposed and supported within the Frankston Play Strategy's 15-20 year program. These actions are prioritised High (1-7 years), Medium (8-10 years) and ongoing for implementation:

Recommendation:	Precinct:	Priority:
Prepare a 15-20 year capital works program for renewal, upgrade and consolidation of Council's existing playspaces.	Municipal	High
Review current funding levels for playspace renewal, upgrades, design and master planning inline with strategy recommendations. Where possible consolidate funding programs.	General	High
Review existing maintenance practices, service levels, capacity and budgets inline with proposed development standards, design guidelines and priority action plan.	General	High
Prepare a feasibility study for the introduction of Water Play to Council's play network including; types, function and issues, costs, technical and maintenance requirements and potential locations for consideration.	Municipal	High
Prepare a feasibility study for the introduction of additional skate and Pump tracks/BMX to Council's play network with consideration to potential sites identified in the following Neighbourhood recommendations.	Municipal	High
Develop a policy for the long-term acquisition of open space for future playspace development in local areas without access to open space or play.	Municipal	Medium
Seek additional external funding to support identified new projects.	General	Ongoing

Where are we going to do it?

Seaford

KEY

- Railway
- Main Road
- Water Body
- Open Space
- Existing Playspace
- New Playspace
- Water Play
- Play Experience
- Local Minor Playspace
- Local Major Playspace
- Community Playspace
- District Playspace
- Regional Playspace
- Privately Owned
- Return to Open Space
- 400m Access (Local Walkability)
- Catchment
- New Playspace 400m Access Gap (Local Walkability)
- Conservation
- Industrial
- Education
- Business



Seaford Neighbourhood Summary

The Seaford local neighbourhood play network has recently had some upgrades and new playspaces installed at Seaford North Reserve, Keast Park, RF Miles Reserve and Wisewold Reserve. These changes and more are needed to bring this neighbourhood precinct up to a level of suitable quality and walkable provision, as there are still several playspaces requiring major improvements.

The challenges with this neighbourhood precinct are the road, rail and creek corridor barriers that make accessing open space for play difficult. Several local areas only have one playspace; therefore it is important that the quality of play, access and amenity at these sites is of a high standard - even for local level playspaces.

Age Range Suitability and **Amenity** improvements are needed for this neighbourhood precinct's playspaces.

FE – Fitness Equipment / MUC – Multi-Use Court / SK – Skate / Scooter

Precinct: Seaford

Recommendation:

Action:

Design and develop new play experiences to close current local walkability gaps

Consider new integrated play experience at:

- Brunel Road - Peninsula Link (Local Minor)

Design and develop new playspaces to close current local walkability gaps

Develop broader precinct plan that includes new play opportunities / playspace at:

- Seaford Library & Community Centre (Community)

Consider new unstructured nature play at:

- Kananook Tennis Club / Milne Avenue (Local Minor)

Develop water play suitable to site

Expand existing integrated water play at:

- Keast Park (Community)

Investigate future opportunities to introduce water play at:

- Seaford Library & Community Centre (Community)

Renew playspaces to existing development level

Renew playspaces at:

- Keast Park (Community)
- RF Miles Reserve (District)
- Weatherston Reserve (Local Major)
- Wisewold Reserve (Local Major)
- Seaford North Reserve (District) **FE / MUC / SK**

Design and upgrade playspaces for improved play, amenity and accessibility

Develop a broader precinct plan to investigate play and other recreation opportunities (such as multi-use courts and BMX / Pump Track) for open space at:

- Austin Reserve, Belvedere Reserve & Centenary Playspace

Design and upgrade playspaces at:

- Armstrong Reserve (Local Major)
- Austin Reserve (Local Major)
- Belvedere Reserve (Community)
- Bruce Aitken Reserve (Local Major) **MUC**
- Brunel Reserve (Local Major)
- Crystal Pool Park (Local Major)
- East Seaford Reserve (Local Major)
- Kananook Reserve (District) **MUC**
- Lorna Reserve (Local Major)
- Pimpala Reserve (Local Minor)
- Prince Reserve (Local Minor)
- Riviera Reserve (Local Minor) – consider alternative location

Precinct: Seaford

Recommendation:

Action:

Consolidate playspaces and return to open space or re-purpose use

Consolidate playspaces at:

- Park Reserve (Local Minor) – after upgrade at Crystal Pool Park
- McCrae Reserve (Local Minor) – after new playspace developed at Seaford Library & Community Centre
- Centenary Playspace (Local Minor) – pending Belvedere precinct plan

Address local walkability gaps

Current walkability gaps in provision to be addressed through:

- New play experience at Brunel Road will address existing walking gap to north
- Lorna Reserve to upgrade to Local Major as area isolated from access to other playspaces
- New playspace at Seaford Library and Community Centre will address gap to central-west
- Investigate future opportunity to provide Local (Minor) play at Kananook Tennis Club / Milne Avenue pending finalization of Frankston City Tennis Action Plan recommendations

Shade provision

Provide for, retain or improve structured shade for higher level playspaces at:

- RF Miles Reserve (District)
- Weatherstone Reserve (Local Major)
- Seaford North Reserve (District)
- Kananook Reserve (District)
- Belvedere Reserve (Community)
- Keast Park (Community)
- Seaford Library & Community Centre (Community)

Provide suitable natural tree shade at all other playspace locations

Address fenced playspace provision

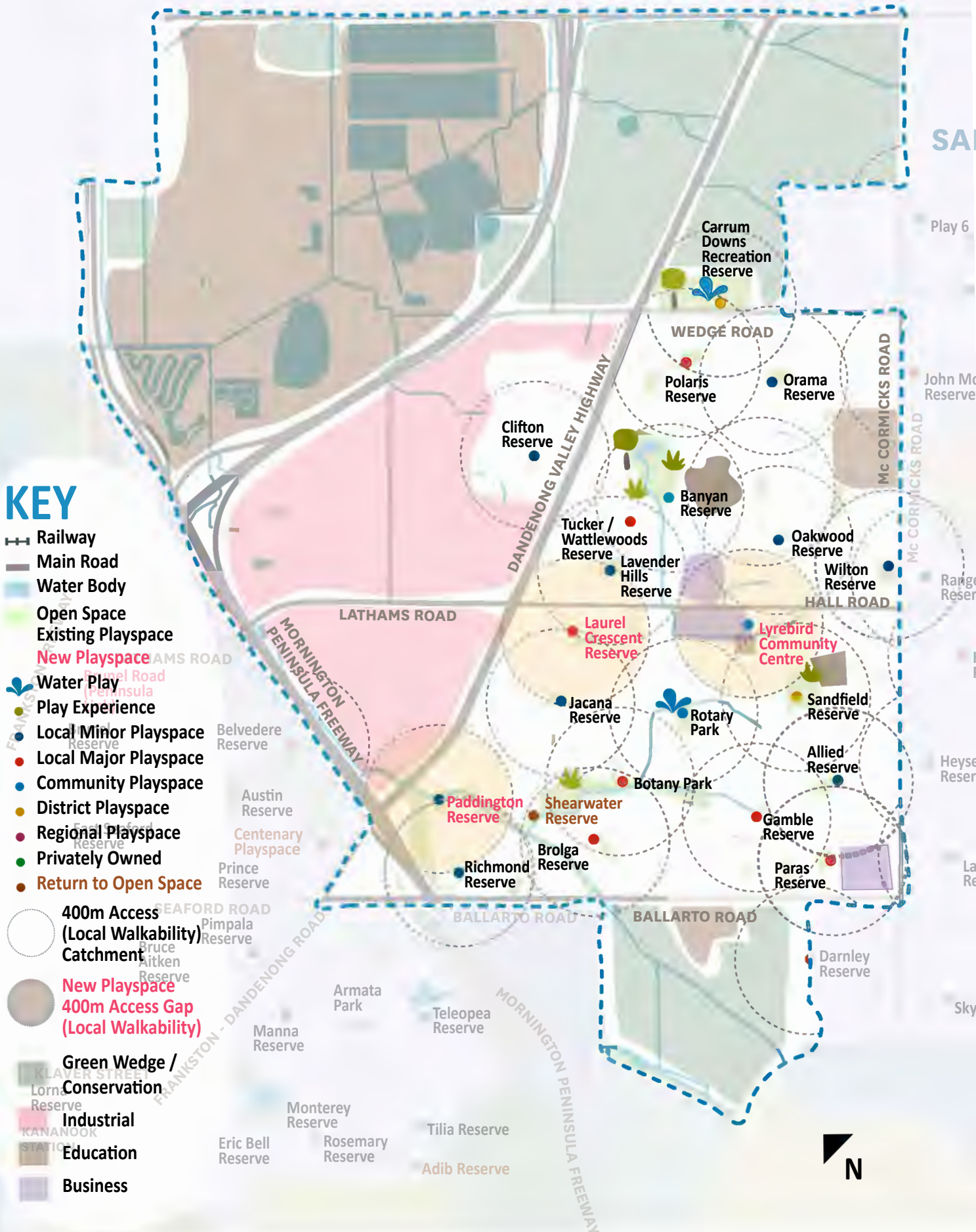
Retain or provide barrier fencing (with universal access) to site or part site for higher level playspaces at:

- Bruce Aitken Reserve (Local Major)
- Kananook Reserve (District)
- RF Miles Reserve (District)
- Seaford North Reserve (District)
- Wisewold Reserve (Local Major)

Consider fencing options for new playspaces at:

- Seaford Library & Community Centre (Community)
- Kananook Creek (Kananook Tennis Club / Milne Avenue)

Carrum Downs



Carrum Downs Neighbourhood Summary

The Carrum Downs play network is wide ranging in terms of quality. Open space in the area tends to lie to the east of the Frankston-Dandenong Road, with only one playspace on the western side. There are a couple of pockets on newer subdivision development, but most areas are of a similar era - with mostly residential housing in the west, commercial and industrial to the east and undeveloped small rural lots to the north.

Playspace quality for the neighbourhood precinct, needs overall improvement, however there are some exceptionally good recently built playspaces (Tucker/ Wattlewoods and Paras Reserves)

Amenity, Age-Range Suitability and Accessibility improvements are needed for this neighbourhood precinct's playspaces.

FE – Fitness Equipment / MUC – Multi-Use Court / SK – Skate / Scooter

Precinct: Carrum Downs

Recommendation:

Action:

Design and develop new playspaces to close current local walkability gaps

Design and develop new playspaces at:

- Paddington Reserve (Local Minor)
- Laurel Crescent (Local Major) **MUC**

Design and develop a new community playspace at:

- Lyrebird Community Centre (Community)

Develop water play suitable to site and catchment

Consider integrated water play at:

- Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve (District)
- Rotary Park (District)

Renew playspaces to existing development level

Renew playspaces at:

- Paras Reserve (Local Major)
- Polaris Reserve (Local Major)
- Orama Reserve (Local Minor) **MUC**
- Tucker / Wattlewoods Reserve (Local Major)
- Wilton Reserve (Local Minor)

Design and upgrade playspaces (including fitness equipment, skate / scoot, BMX and multi-use courts) for improved play, amenity and accessibility

Develop broader precinct plan for:

- Botany Park, Brolga Reserve and Shearwater Reserve

Develop feasibility plan for BMX and Bumps investigate potential of sites at:

- Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve, Rotary Reserve (Greenwood Drive) and Banyan Reserve

Design and upgrade playspaces at:

- Allied Reserve (Local Minor)
- Banyan Reserve (Local Major) **BMX / FE**
- Botany Park (Local Major) **MUC / FE**
- Brolga Reserve (Local Major)
- Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve (District) **FE / MUC**
- Clifton Reserve (Local Minor)
- Gamble Reserve (Local Major)
- Jacana Reserve (Local Minor)
- Lavender Hills Reserve (Local Minor)
- Oakwood Reserve (Local Minor)
- Richmond Reserve (Local Minor)
- Rotary Park (Community)
- Sandfield Reserve (District) **MUC / FE / SK**

Precinct: Carrum Downs

Recommendation:

Action:

Consolidate playspaces and return to open space or re-purpose use

Consolidate playspaces at:

- Brolga Reserve (Local Minor)
- Shearwater Reserve (Local Minor) – after upgrade at Botany Park

Address local walkability gaps

Current walkability gaps in provision to be addressed through:

- Proposed new playspaces at, Paddington Reserve (Local Minor) and Lyrebird Community Centre (Community)

Shade provision

Provide for, retain or improve structured shade for higher level playspaces at:

- Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve (District)
- Banyan Reserve (Community)
- Botany Park (Local Major)
- Lyrebird Community Centre (Community)
- Polaris Reserve (Local Major)
- Rotary Park (Community)
- Sandfield Reserve (District)
- Tucker / Wattlewoods Reserve (Community)

Provide suitable natural tree shade at all other playspace locations

Fenced playspace provision

Retain or provide barrier fencing (with universal access) to site or part site for higher level playspaces at:

- Banyan Reserve (Community)
- Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve (District)
- Gamble Reserve (Local Major)
- Sandfield Reserve (District)

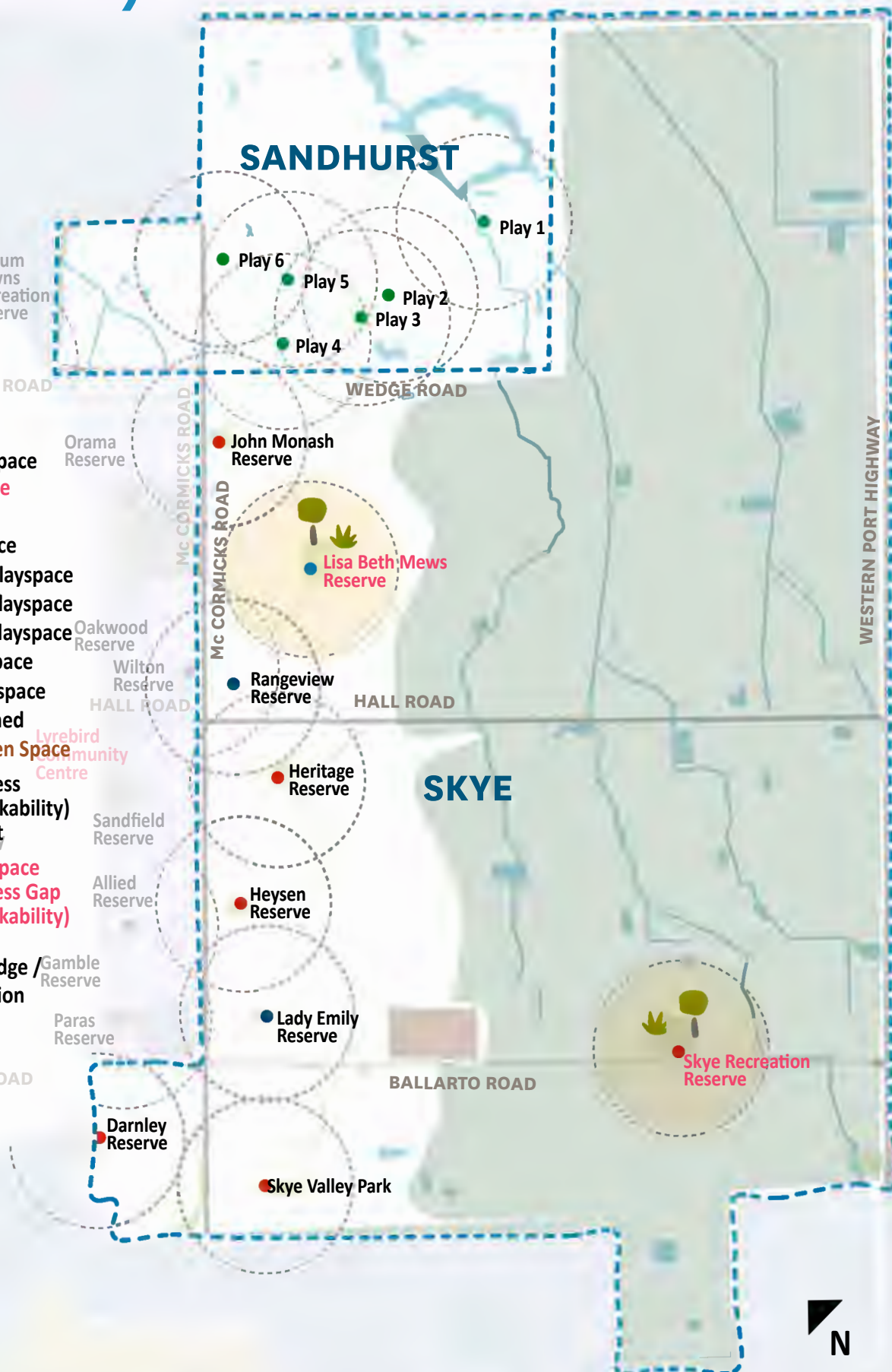
Consider fencing options for new playspaces at:

- Lyrebird Community Centre (Community)



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- ## BALLARTO ROAD



Skye (and Sandhurst) Neighbourhood Summary

The neighbourhood precinct of Skye covers quite a large area from north to south on the eastern fringe of the municipality, with Green Wedge Zone to the west. The area is not recent residential development, but newer than other suburbs in the municipality and the playspaces in the local network appear (apart from Darnley Reserve) to be of a similar era.

The settings for all playspaces is good, with larger tracts of open space, however the playspaces and supporting infrastructure are small and under-developed, needing improvement as playspaces in this neighbourhood precinct are spread out.

Age Range Suitability and **Amenity** improvements are needed for this neighbourhood precinct's playspaces

MUC – Multi-Use Court / BMX

Precinct: Skye (and Sandhurst)

Recommendation:

Action:

Retain playspaces and fitness equipment

Retain six privately owned / managed playspaces and fitness equipment in the Sandhurst Estate

Design and develop new playspaces to close current local walkability gaps

Investigate feasibility for play and other recreation opportunities (including potential new BMX pump track and multi-use courts) at:

- Lisa Beth Mews (Community) **BMX / MUC**

Design and develop a new playspace at:

- Skye Recreation Reserve (Local Major)

Design and upgrade playspaces (including fitness equipment, skate / scoot, BMX and multi-use courts) for improved play, amenity and accessibility

Design and upgrade playspaces at:

- Darnley Reserve (Local Major) **MUC**
- Heritage Reserve (Local Major) **MUC**
- Heysen Reserve (Local Major)
- John Monash Reserve (Local Major)
- Lady Emily Reserve (Local Minor)
- Rangeview Reserve (Local Minor)
- Skye Valley Park (Local Major) **MUC**

Address local walkability gaps

Current walkability gaps in provision to be addressed through:

- Proposed new playspace at Lisa Beth Mews (Community)

Address shade provision

No existing shade provision in Skye. Provide for structured shade for higher level playspaces at:

- Heysen Reserve (Local Major)
- John Monash Reserve (Local Major)
- Lisa Beth Mews (Community)
- Skye Valley Park (Local Major)

Provide suitable natural tree shade at all other playspace locations

Address fenced playspace provision

Playgrounds in Skye are located away from major roads or water bodies. Suggest no need to fence playspaces

Frankston North



Frankston North Neighbourhood Summary

The Frankston North local play network is in need of improvement. It is a small residential area, which is quite independent of easy access to surrounding suburbs making the quality of the network even more important.

There are some very old playspaces present, well overdue for upgrade such as Rosemary and Tilia Reserves. There are also some good examples of more recent upgrades such as Armata Park and Teleopea Reserve, which represent good

Age-Range Suitability, Amenity and Accessibility improvements are needed for this neighbourhood precinct's playspaces.

FE – Fitness Equipment / **MUC** – Multi-Use Courts / **SK** – Skate / Scooter

Precinct: Frankston North

Recommendation:

Action:

Develop water play suitable to site

Consider integrated water play at:

- Teleopea Reserve (Community)

Consider (through development of Monterey Reserve Master Plan) for an outdoor splash pad at:

- The Pines Aquatic Centre / Monterey Reserve (District)

Design and upgrade playspaces (including fitness equipment, skate / scoot, BMX and multi-use courts) for improved play, amenity and accessibility

Develop new master plan to review current location of playspace, investigate opportunities for improved facilities for skate or BMX (depending on community support) and incorporate new fitness equipment for:

- Monterey Reserve (District) **SK or BMX / FE**

Develop broader precinct plan for:

- Eric Bell Reserve (Community)

Design and upgrade playspaces at:

- Armata Park (Local Major)
- Eric Bell Reserve (Community) **MUC**
- Manna Reserve (Local Minor)
- Monterey Reserve (District) **SK or BMX / FE**
- Rosemary Reserve (Local Major)
- Teleopea Reserve (Community) **MUC / SK**
- Tilia Reserve (Local Minor)

Consolidate playspaces and return to open space or repurpose use

Consolidate the playspace at:

- Adib Reserve (Local Minor) – after upgrade at Rosemary Reserve

Address local walkability gaps

Current walkability gaps in provision to be addressed through:

- Proposed upgrade of the playspace at Teleopea Reserve to Community Level will provide better quality facilities and address northern gaps
- Some small central gaps remain along Dandenong Road
- There is an opportunity to review the location of the playspace at Monterey Reserve (District) during master plan development which should close some of the small central gaps along Dandenong Road

Precinct: Frankston North**Recommendation:****Action:****Shade provision**

Provide for, retain or improve structured shade for higher level playspaces at:

- Armata Park (Local Major)
- Monterey Reserve (District)
- Teleopea Reserve (Community)

Provide suitable natural tree shade at all other playspace locations

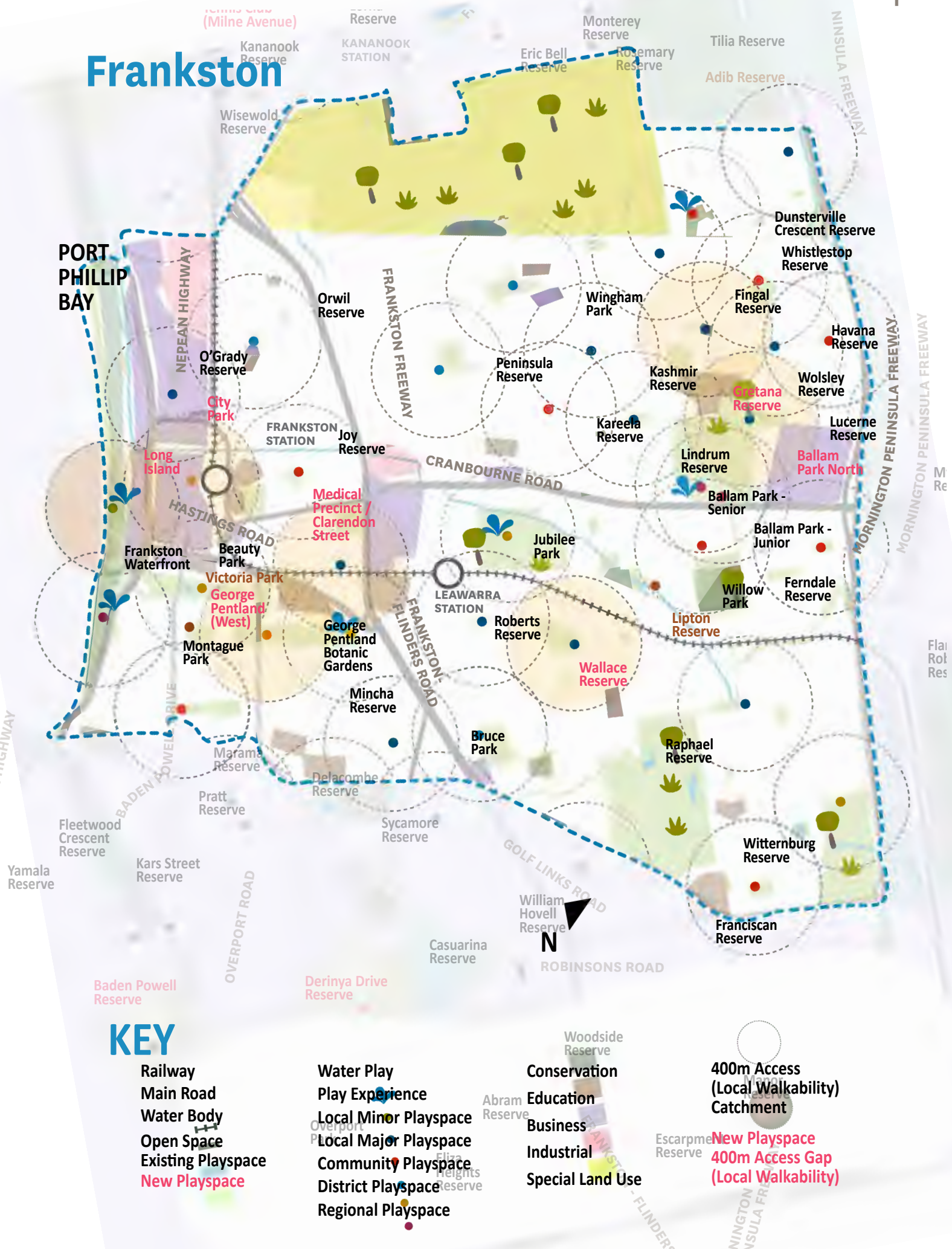
Fenced playspace provision

Provide barrier fencing (with universal access) to site or part site for higher level playspaces at:

- Eric Bell Reserve (Community) – need to review this in precinct plan
- Monterey Reserve (District)



(Milne Avenue)



Frankston Neighbourhood Summary

The neighbourhood precinct of Frankston (including Frankston Central, Frankston Heights, and Karingal) has the highest quality of play provision throughout the municipality. Whilst the Frankston Central area is lacking in playspaces, other local play network areas to the east of the Moorooduc Highway and to the south of Hastings Road are well supported for quality play.

The neighbourhood precinct contains three regional playspaces and four district level playspaces with good play value and inclusion. Parks and reserves on the whole have high environmental value.

Age Range Suitability and **Amenity improvements** are needed for this neighbourhood precinct's playspaces.

FE - Fitness Equipment / **MUC** - Multi-Use Court / **SK** - Skate / Scooter / **BMX**

Precinct: Frankston

Recommendation:

Action:

Design and develop new play experiences to close current local walkability gaps

Design and develop new playspaces at:

- Medical Precinct / Clarendon Street (Local Minor)
- City Park (District)
- Gretana Reserve (Local Minor)

Consider unstructured nature play at:

- Wallace Reserve (Local Minor)
- George Pentland Botanic Gardens – West (District)

Develop water play suitable to site and catchment

Consider stand alone (user-activated) splash park at:

- Ballam Park East – Junior (Regional)

Consider integrated water play at:

- Frankston Waterfront (Regional)
- George Pentland Botanic Gardens – East (District)
- Jubilee Park (District)
- Whistlestop Reserve (Local Major)
- Willow Reserve (Local Major)

Consider civic waterplay feature at:

- Long Island (location TBD)

Renew playspaces to existing development level

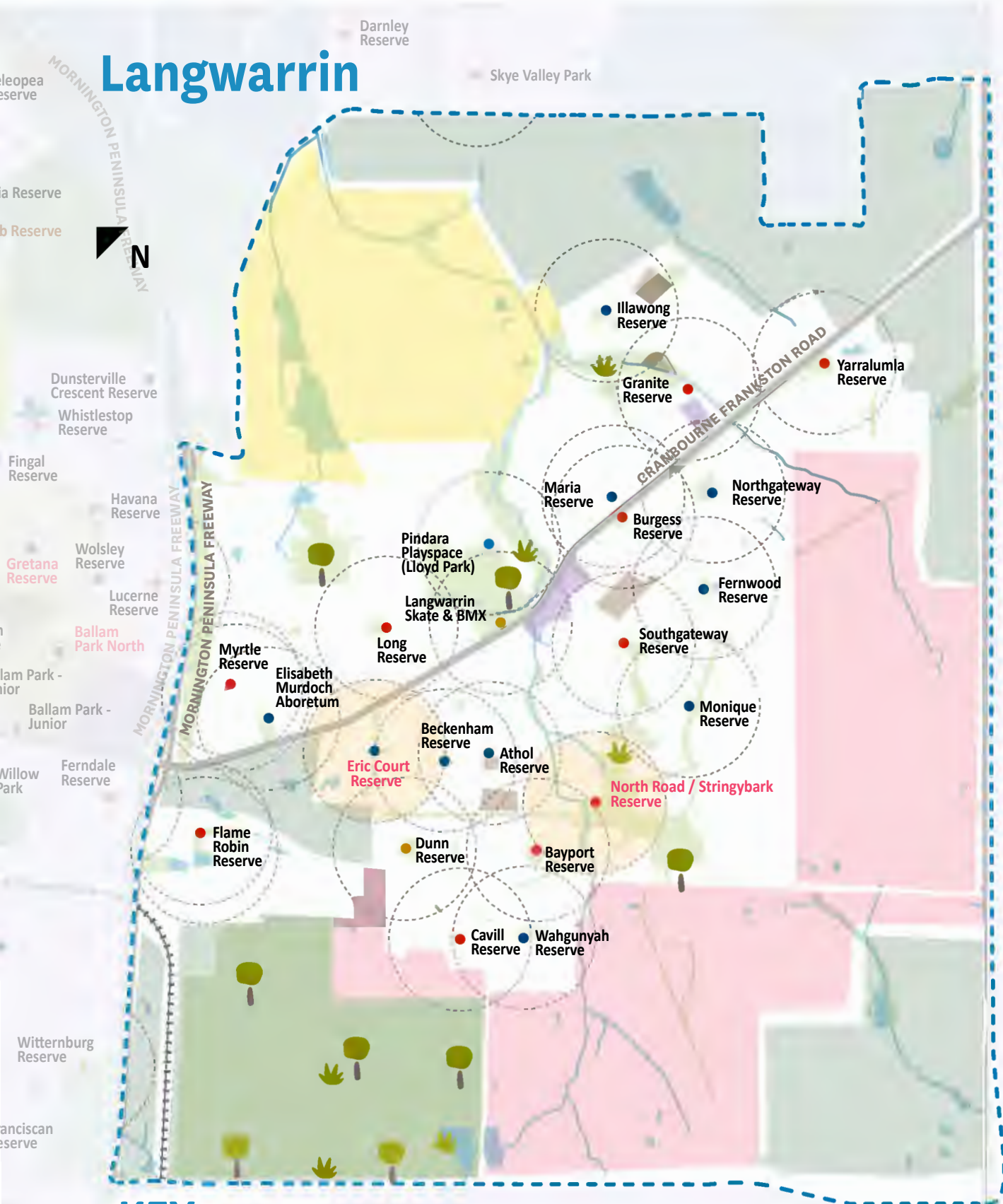
Renew playspaces at:

- Bruce Park (Community)
- George Pentland Botanic Gardens – East (District)

Precinct: Frankston	
Recommendation:	Action:
<p>Design and upgrade playspaces (including fitness equipment, skate / scoot, BMX and multi-use courts) for improved play, amenity and accessibility</p>	<p>Investigate feasibility for location of MUC at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce Park or Peninsula Reserve or Wingham Park <p>Investigate feasibility for location of BMX / Pump Track at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballam Park or Croquet Club (Yuille St / Spring Lane) <p>Design and upgrade playspaces at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballam Park East – Junior (Regional) • Ballam Park West – Senior (Regional) SK / FE • Beauty Park (District) FE • Dunsterville Reserve (Local Minor) • Franciscan Reserve (Local Major) • Frankston Waterfront (Regional) • Frankston Skate Park (Regional) • Ferndale Reserve (Local Major) MUC • Fingal Reserve (Local Minor) • Havana Reserve (Local Major) • Joy Reserve (Local Major) • Jubilee Park (District) MUC / FE • Kareela Reserve (Local Major) • Kashmir Reserve (Local Minor) • Lindrum Reserve (Local Minor) • Lucerne Reserve (Local Major) MUC • Mincha Reserve (Local Minor) • Montague Park (Local Major) MUC • O’Grady Reserve (Local Minor) • Orwil Reserve (Community) • Peninsula Reserve (Community) FE • Raphael Reserve (Local Minor) • Roberts Reserve (Local Minor) • Whistlestop Reserve (Local Major) MUC • Willow Park (Local Major) • Wingham Park (Community) FE • Witternberg Reserve (District) MUC • Wolsley Reserve (Local Minor)
<p>Consolidate playspaces and return to open space or re-purpose use</p>	<p>Consolidate the playspaces at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lipton Reserve (Local Minor) - following upgrade at Willow Reserve • Victoria Park

Precinct: Frankston	
Recommendation:	Action:
Address local walkability gaps	<p>Current walkability gaps in provision to be addressed through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed new playspace at Balmerino Square (Local Minor) to address gap north of Witternberg Reserve • Investigate options to provide a new playspace (Local Minor) within the Medical Precinct / Clarendon Street • Proposed new playspace at Gretana Reserve to address existing walkability gap • There is an existing gap around Skye Road, McMahons Road, Beach Street and the Frankston Freeway. Council to consider short and long term options around future land acquisition
Shade provision	<p>Provide for, retain or improve structured shade for higher level playspaces at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce Park (Community) • Ballam Park – East & West (Regional) • Beauty Park (District) • Ferndale Reserve (Local Major) • Frankston Waterfront (Regional) • George Pentland Botanic Gardens – East & West (District) • Havana Reserve (Local Major) • Joy Reserve (Local Major) • Jubilee Park (District) • Montague Park (Local Major) • Orwil Reserve (Community) • Peninsula Reserve (Community) • Whistlestop Reserve (Local Major) • Wingham Reserve (Community) • Witternberg Reserve (District) <p>Provide suitable natural tree shade at all other playspace locations</p>
Fenced playspace provision	<p>Retain or provide barrier fencing to site or part site (with universal access) for higher level playspaces at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce Park (Community) • Frankston Waterfront (Regional) • Kareela Reserve (Local Major) • Orwil Reserve (Community) – improve access from community centre • Montague Park (Local Major)

Langwarrin



KEY

- Railway
- Main Road
- Water Body
- Open Space
- Existing Playspace
- New Playspace

- Water Play
- Play Experience
- Local Minor Playspace
- Local Major Playspace
- Community Playspace
- District Playspace
- Regional Playspace

- Green Wedge / Conservation
- Education
- Business
- Low Density Residential
- Special Land Use

- 400m Access (Local Walkability) Catchment
- New Playspace 400m Access Gap (Local Walkability)

Langwarrin Neighbourhood Summary

The local play network in the neighbourhood precinct of Langwarrin is fair in terms of play value. There are some older and underdeveloped playspace, however newer upgrades Southgateway and Bayport Reserves improve the overall provision.

Playspaces in area range in size and give opportunities for bike riding and scootering, as well as basketball courts and hit up walls. The environmental context in most reserves provide good opportunity for nature play and some spaces have close connection to local community facilities and shared pathways.

Age Range Suitability and **Amenity** improvements are needed for this neighbourhood precinct's playspaces.

FE – Fitness Equipment / MUC – Multi-Use Court / SK – Skate / Scootering / BMX

Precinct: Langwarrin

Recommendation:

Action:

Design and develop new playspaces to close current local walkability gaps

Undertake broader precinct planning within Lloyd Park and the broader precinct for play, multi-use courts and fitness equipment at:

- Lloyd Park & Pindara Precinct **MUC / FE**

Undertake broader master planning at:

- North Road Reserve to further investigate opportunities for potential Adventure Play, BMX or Pump Track and Fitness Equipment as well as potential use for indigenous and environmental education

Design and develop new playspaces at:

- Eric Court Reserve (Local Minor)
- North Road / Stringybark Reserve (Local Major)

Renew to existing development level

Renew playspaces at:

- Bayport Reserve (Local Major)
- Southgateway Reserve (Local Major)

Design and upgrade playspaces (including fitness equipment, skate / scoot, BMX and multi-use courts) for improved play, amenity and accessibility

Design and upgrade playspaces at:

- Athol Reserve (Local Minor)
- Cavill Reserve (Local Major)
- Beckenham Reserve (Local Minor)
- Burgess Reserve (Local Major)
- Dunn Reserve (District) **MUC**
- Elisabeth Murdoch Arboretum (Local Minor) – add complimentary unstructured nature play
- Fernwood Reserve (Local Minor)
- Flame Robin Reserve (Local Major)
- Granite Reserve (Local Major)
- Illawong Reserve (Local Minor)
- Langwarrin Skate & BMX (District) **SK / BMX**
- Lloyd Park & Pindara Precinct (Community) **FE / MUC**
- Long Reserve (Local Major)
- Maria Reserve (Local Minor)
- Monique Reserve (Local Minor)
- Myrtle Reserve (Local Major)
- Northgateway Reserve (Local Minor)
- Southgateway Reserve (Local Major) **MUC**
- Yarralumla Reserve (Local Major) **MUC**
- Wahgunyah Reserve (Local Minor)

Precinct: Langwarrin**Recommendation:****Action:****Address local walkability gaps**

Current walkability gaps in provision to be addressed through:

- Proposed new playspace at Eric Court Reserve to close walkability gap south-east of Cranbourne Road
- Proposed new playspace at North Road / Stringybark Reserve to close gap to south-west
- Upgrade level at Flame Robin Reserve as no other suitable open space available

Shade provision

Provide for, retain or improve structured shade for higher level playspaces at:

- Dunn Reserve (Local Major)
- Granite Reserve (Local Major)
- Lloyd Park - Pindara Playspace (Community)
- Southgateway Reserve (Local Major)
- Yarralumla Reserve (Local Major)

Provide suitable natural tree shade at all other playspace locations

Fenced playspace provision

Playspaces in Langwarrin are generally located away from major roads or water bodies, therefore there is no identified need to fence playspaces. This however should be considered within the Lloyd Park Broader Precinct Plan, as there is value with providing considered fencing for playspaces with a higher level of accessibility and inclusion.



PORT PHILLIP BAY



Railway
Main Road

Water Play
Play Experience

Conservation
Education

Open Space
Existing Playspace

- Water Play
Play Experience
Local Minor Playspace
Local Major Playspace
Community Playspace
District Playspace
Regional Playspace

- 400m Access
(Local Walkability)
Catchment**

- New Playspace
400m Access Gap
(Local Walkability)**

Frankston South Neighbourhood Summary

The Frankston South neighbourhood's local play network is characterised by reasonable quality, older playspaces and walkability barriers between some local areas owing to a significant network of creek corridors and open space reserve (Frankston Reservoir), as well as more complex topography than in other suburbs.

Playspaces such as Yamala Reserve demonstrate an excellent approach to Inter-generational play, however many of higher level playspaces such as Overport and Baxter Parks are undeveloped in terms of play diversity - really only catering for younger children.

Age Range Suitability, Amenity and Accessibility improvements are needed for this neighbourhood precinct's playspaces.

FE – Fitness Equipment / MUC – Multi-Use Courts / SK – Skate / Scooter

Precinct: Frankston South

Recommendation:

Action:

Design and develop new playspaces to close current local walkability gaps

Design and develop new playspaces at:

- Baden Powell Reserve (Local Minor)
- Derinya Reserve (Local Major)

Develop water play suitable to site

Consider integrated water play at:

- Baxter Park (District)

Renew playspaces to existing development level

Renew playspaces at:

- Sycamore Reserve (Local Minor)
- Yamala Reserve (Local Major) **SK**

Design and upgrade playspaces for improved play, amenity and accessibility

Design and upgrade playspaces at:

- Abram Reserve (Local Minor)
- Baxter Park (District)
- Casuarina Reserve (Local Minor)
- Delacombe Reserve (Community)
- Eliza Heights Reserve (Local Major) **MUC**
- Escarpment Reserve (Local Major)
- Fleetwood Crescent Reserve (Local Minor)
- Manor Reserve (Local Minor)
- Marama Reserve (Local Minor)
- Overport Park (District) **MUC**
- Pratt Reserve (Local Major) **MUC**
- William Hovell Reserve (Local Major)
- Woodside Reserve (Local Minor) **MUC**

Consolidate playspaces and return to open space or re-purpose use

Consider retaining fitness equipment only or consolidate the playspace at:

- Kars Street Reserve (Local Minor) **FE**

Address local walkability gaps

Current walkability gaps in provision to be addressed through:

- Proposed new playspaces at Derinya and Baden Powell Reserves

Precinct: Frankston South**Recommendation:****Action:****Shade provision**

There is no structural shade currently in Frankston South. Provide for structured shade for higher level playspaces at:

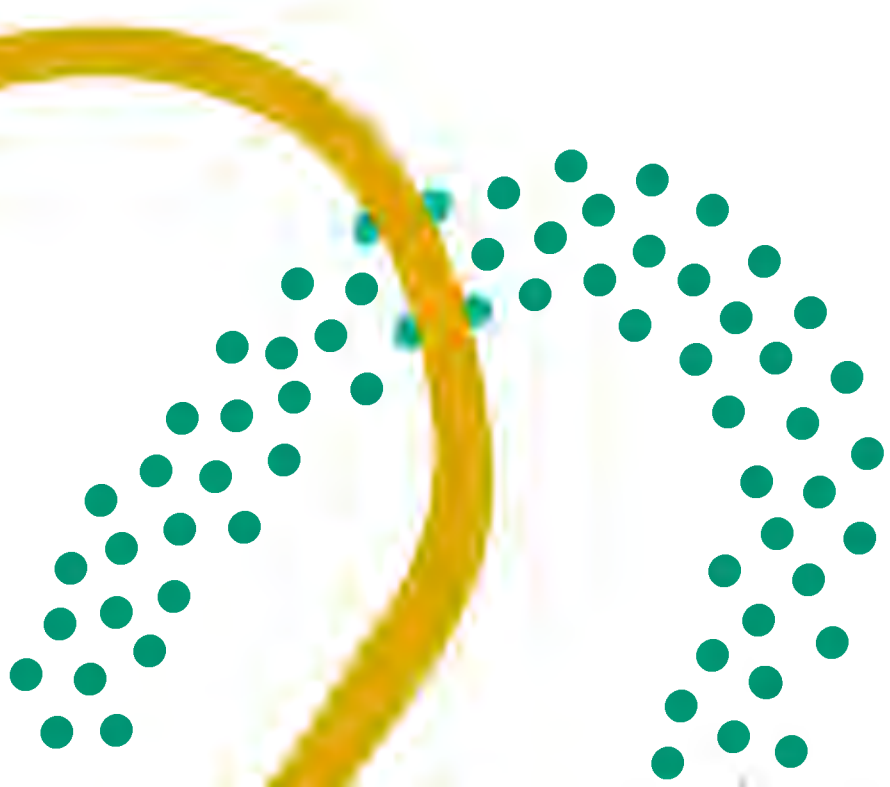
- Baxter Park (District)
- Delacombe Reserve (Community)
- Overport Park (District)

Provide suitable natural tree shade at all other playspace locations

Fenced playspace provision

Retain or provide barrier fencing to site or part site (with universal access) for higher level playspaces at:

- Baxter Park (District)
- Fleetwood Crescent Reserve (Local Minor)
- Manor Reserve (Local Minor)
- Overport Park (District)
- Pratt Reserve (Local Major)



When are we going to do it?

Priority action plan




Playspace renewals, upgrades and new playspaces will be delivered according to a prioritised need of **high**, **medium** and **low**. This is determined by a combination of age, compliance, local need and municipal distribution.




























High = 1-7 years

Medium = 8-13 years

Low = 14-20 years

***New Playspaces
/ Play Experiences**

























High Term (1-7 Years):		
Suburb	Locations	Level
Seaford	Austin Reserve	Local Major 
	Brunel Reserve	Local Major 
	*Brunel Road – Peninsula Link	Play Experience 
	Bruce Aitken Reserve	Community 
	Crystal Pool Park	Local Minor 
	East Seaford Reserve	Local Major 
	Kananook Reserve	District 
Carrum Downs	Banyan Reserve	Community 
	Brolga Reserve	Local Major 
	Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve	District 
	Jacana Reserve	Local Minor 
	*Paddington Reserve	Local Minor 
	Rotary Park	Local Major 
	Sandfield Reserve	District 
Skye	John Monash Reserve	Local Major 
	*Lisa Beth Mews	Community 
	Heritage Reserve	Local Major 
	Heysen Reserve	Local Major 
	Lady Emily Reserve	Local Minor 
Frankston North	Rosemary Reserve	Local Major 
	Eric Bell Reserve	Local Minor 
	Monterey Reserve	District 

High Term (1-7 Years):		
Suburb	Locations	Level
Frankston	Ballam Park East (Junior)	Regional 
	*Medical Precinct / Clarendon	Local Minor 
	*City Park	District 
	Ferndale Reserve	Local Major 
	Franciscan Reserve	Local Major 
	Kareela Reserve	Local Major 
	Lucerne Reserve	Local Major 
	Orwil Reserve	Local Major 
	Montague Park	Local Major 
	Willow Park	Local Major 
	Witternberg Reserve	District 
	Wolsley Reserve	Local Minor 
Langwarrin	Athol Reserve	Local Minor 
	Burgess Reserve	Local Major 
	Cavill Reserve	Local Major 
	Monique Reserve	Local Minor 
	Granite Reserve	Local Major 
	Lloyd Park / Pindara Precinct	Community 
	Myrtle Reserve	Local Major 
	Yarralumla Reserve	Local Major 
Frankston South	Eliza Heights Reserve	Local Major 
	*Baden Powell Reserve	Local Major 
	Baxter Park	District 
	Delacombe Park	Community 
	*Derinya Reserve	Local Major 
	Overport Park	District 
	William Hovell Reserve	Local Major 

Medium Term (8-13 Years):		
Suburb	Locations	Level
Seaford	Armstrong Reserve	Local Major ●
	Centenary Playspace (Belvedere Bushland Reserve)	Local Minor ●
	Lorna Reserve	Local Minor ●
	*Kananook Tennis Club / Milne	Local Minor ●
	Pimpala Reserve	Local Minor ●
	Prince Reserve	Local Major ●
	*Seaford Library & Community Centre	Community ●
Carrum Downs	Allied Reserve	Local Minor ●
	Botany Park	Local Major ●
	Clifton Reserve	Local Minor ●
	Gamble Reserve	Local Major ●
	*Laurel Crescent Reserve	Local Major ●
	Lavender Hills Reserve	Local Minor ●
	*Lyrebird Community Centre	Community ●
	Oakwood Reserve	Local Minor ●
Skye	Richmond Reserve	Local Minor ●
	Darnley Reserve	Local Major ●
	Skye Valley Park	Community ●
Frankston North	Manna Reserve	Local Minor ●
	Tillia Reserve	Local Minor ●



Medium Term (8-13 Years):		
Suburb	Locations	Level
Frankston	*Ballam Park (North-East)	Local Minor ●
	Beauty Park	District ●
	Fingal Reserve	Local Minor ●
	*Gretana Reserve	Local Minor ●
	Havana Reserve	Local Major ●
	Joy Reserve	Local Minor ●
	Kashmir Reserve	Local Major ●
	*Long Island (Civic Water Play)	Play Experience ●
	Lindrum Reserve	Local Major ●
	Mincha Reserve	Local Minor ●
	Raphael Reserve	Local Minor ●
	Roberts Reserve	Local Minor ●
	*Wallace Reserve	Local Minor ●
	Wingham Park	Community ●
Langwarrin	Beckenham Reserve	Local Minor ●
	Elisabeth Murdoch Arboretum	Local Minor ●
	Fernwood Reserve	Local Minor ●
	Flame Robin Reserve	Local Minor ●
	Long Reserve	Local Major ●
	Maria Reserve	Local Minor ●
	*Eric Court Reserve	Local Minor ●
	Northgateway Reserve	Local Minor ●
	*North Road / Stringybark Reserve	Local Major ●
	Wahgunyah Reserve	Local Minor ●
Frankston South	Abram Reserve	Local Minor ●
	Escarpment Reserve	Local Major ●
	Marama Reserve	Local Minor ●
	Manor Reserve	Local Minor ●
	Woodside Reserve	Local Minor ●

Low Term (14-20 Years):			
Suburb	Locations	Level	
Seaford	Belvedere Reserve	Local Minor	
	Keast Park	Community	
	RF Miles Reserve	Local Major	
	Riviera Reserve	Local Minor	
	Seaford North Reserve	District	
	Weatherston Reserve	Local Major	
	Wisewold Reserve	Local Major	
Carrum Downs	Orama Reserve	Local Minor	
	Paras Reserve	Local Major	
	Polaris Reserve	Local Major	
	Tucker / Wattlewoods Reserve	Local Major	
	Wilton Reserve	Local Minor	
Skye	Rangeview Reserve	Local Minor	
	*Skye Recreation Reserve	Local Major	
Frankston North	Armata Park	Local Major	
	Telopea Reserve	Local Major	
Frankston	Ballam Park Senior	Regional	
	Bruce Park	Community	
	Dunsterville Crescent Reserve	Local Minor	
	Frankston Waterfront	Regional	
	George Pentland Botanic Gardens - East	District	
	*George Pentland Botanic Gardens – West	District	
	Jubilee Park	District	
	O'Grady Reserve	Local Minor	
	Peninsula Reserve	Local Major	
	Whistlestop Reserve	Local Major	

Low Term (14-20 Years):		
Suburb	Locations	Level
Langwarrin	Bayport Reserve	Local Major ●
	Dunn Reserve	District ●
	Fernwood Reserve	Local Minor ●
	Illawong Reserve	Local Minor ●
	Southgateway Reserve	Local Major ●
Frankston South	Casuarina Reserve	Local Minor ●
	Fleetwood Crescent Reserve	Local Minor ●
	Pratt Reserve	Local Major ●
	Sycamore Reserve	Local Minor ●
	Yamala Reserve	Local Major ●



How will we implement it?

Criteria for capital planning of play spaces:

- Age / useful life.
- Condition.
- Proximity to walkable transport and / or local activity centres
- Responding to population changes that may impact on the level or type of use of play spaces in a neighbourhood (i.e. an increase in housing development) in the area.
- Where the playspace is on a site with demonstrated high use or can be co-located with other complementary community facilities.
- Where renewal will result in more use.
- Providing playspaces in areas where there currently aren't many or they aren't within a walkable distance from home.
- Improving the condition and offering of surrounding playspaces in the local play area.
- Enhancing the quality and variety of a local play area in line with the play space design guidelines.
- Achieving the greatest benefit for the cost.
- Addressing risk management and risk mitigation issues.
- Improving the attractiveness of play spaces.
- Where they can be delivered inline with other Council capital projects.
- Equal distribution across the municipality.
- Sustainability.

The life of a playspace varies, depending on design, frequency of use, materials, environmental conditions, quality of construction and maintenance levels. Benchmarking indicates **that most local governments depreciate their play spaces over 15-20 years.**

Budget considerations for future investment in play

Currently Frankston City's budgets and processes do not adequately meet many of the criteria listed above or meet the community's aspirations. To remedy this, a 'whole of life' investment is proposed as part of this strategy, to allocate suitable funding to playspaces.

A 'whole of life' investment in Frankston City's playspaces over the next 20 years, includes: design, community involvement, construction / installation (delivery) and ongoing maintenance and will ultimately result in reduced costs for renewal, as playspaces remain fit for purpose across the 20 year lifecycle.

Further and most importantly, investment will return greater community satisfaction and activation, and local ownership of playspaces.

An integrated planning and budget process

Improvements will be made to council processes for playspaces including an integrated delivery model involving a design process in Year 1, followed by construction / installation in Year 2. This enables suitable time for Council to plan effectively and engage with communities to improve outcomes.

Priorities will be reviewed annually by Council to ensure that they are kept in-line with budgets and changing needs on the ground.

Advocacy for funding and grants

Finally the Play Strategy 2021 will be a valuable tool in advocating for additional external funding where suitable to further support the priority program. This may include: state government funding programs and partnerships with schools and the private sector.



How will we know that it's been successful?

Measures

Measures of success for the strategy will be based around the following:

- Annual council review
- Community satisfaction surveys (post upgrade or new playspace)
- Post occupancy assessments of delivered playspaces
- Visitation activity counters (Regional and District playspaces only)
- Reduction in maintenance requests

Annual council review

Council has already formed a cross-council working group that will meet annually and in advance of budget allocations to discuss the progress of the strategy in-line with funding allocations and fine-tune the priority program as required.

Strategy review

Every 4 years Council will undertake a broader process of consultation, research and review to monitor the progress of the Play Strategy and make recommendations. In 2034 the development of a new strategy for play in Frankston City, should be undertaken inline with current trends, budgets and community expectations.



Where can I find out more?

To find out more about the Frankston Play Strategy 2021 and what's happening in your local area visit:

www.frankston.vic.gov.au

If you have any questions about the strategy or want to request more information you can also contact us at:

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