

# Frankston Play Strategy 2020-30

Playspace Assessments Report (Draft)

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## 1. Introduction

The value of council's providing their communities with places to play is well understood in terms of health and wellbeing outcomes, community connection, and learn about ourselves, our local natural environment and the world we live in.

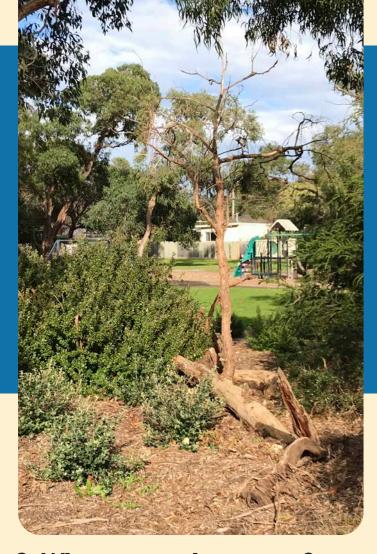
A Play Strategy is an investment for a decade or more of work for councils in their playspaces - a timeframe equivalent to the years of an entire childhood. If we reflect upon the differences that thoughtful strategic planning has on a life and then multiply it by the population of our communities - we can start to see the scale of its impact.

Good strategic planning, enables us to:

- Identify current community needs and seek to understand what we need to do into the future
- Investigate our successful projects and seek to understand 'why' so that we might be able to take the learning from this success elsewhere
- Assess how we are performing now in terms of quality of provision and costs vs. value of outcome
- Research current practices in thinking and trends in play and recreation and investigate how these might support our community's needs
- Plan for growth and change in our communities now and into the future
- Review our processes for design, delivery and maintenance - seeking to provide better levels of service for the future

The overall aim of developing this Play Strategy is to provide a vision for the future of play for the Frankston community that meets both current and future needs.



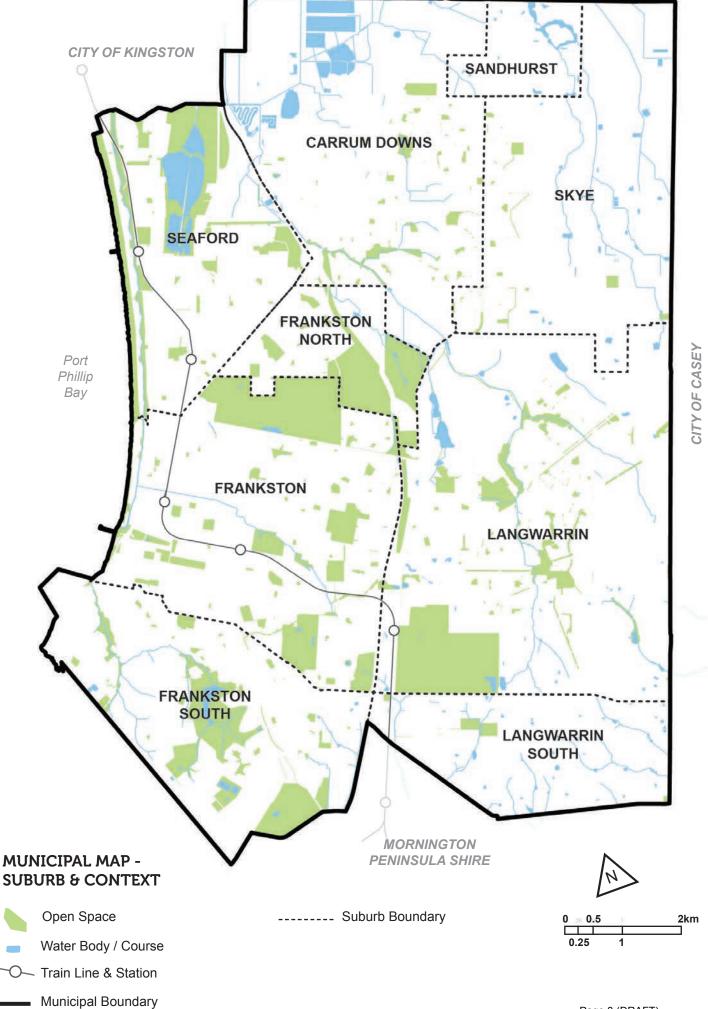


# 2. Why assess playspaces?

The Frankston City's 120 playspaces were assessed via onsite review (with a couple of extra desktop assessments) from June – August 2020. The assessment process, criteria and analysis are discussed further in Section 5. of this report and key learning's and recommendation's for council planning discussion are outlined in Section 8.

The purpose of undertaking actual onsite assessments of the existing playspaces across the municipality is to look holistically at the current 'state of play' next to desired future development standards. These development standards are based on researched current best practice for both open space planning and play and examine play type, play value, agerange suitability, open space context, accessibility, amenity (supporting infrastructure) and the overall local area 'play network'. Each of these definitions is discussed in detail in Section 3 of this report.

The aim was to complete a complementary assessment to provide Council with more 'holistic' picture on the play environment and its value to the community in terms of play experience, setting, accessibility and amenity.



# 3. Current playspace provision in the City of Frankston

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

#### **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. Brolga Reserve North
- 24. Brolga Reserve South
- 25. Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve
- 26. Clifton Reserve
- 27. Gamble Reserve
- 28. Jacana Reserve
- 29. Lavender Hills Reserve
- 30. Orama Reserve
- 31. Oakwood Reserve
- 32. Paras Reserve
- 33. Polaris Reserve34. Richmond Reserve
- 35. Rotary Park
- 36. Sandfield Reserve
- 37. Shearwater Reserve
- 38. Tucker / Wattlewoods Reserve

#### SKYE

- 39. Darnley Reserve
- 40. Heritage Reserve
- 41. Heysen Reserve
- 42. John Monash Reserve
- 43. Lady Emily Reserve

- 44. Rangeview Reserve
- 45. Skye Valley Park

#### FRANKSTON NORTH

- 46. Adib Reserve
- 47. Armata Park
- 48. Eric Bell Reserve
- 49. Manna Reserve
- 50. Monterey Reserve
- 51. Rosemary Reserve
- 52. Telopea Reserve
- 53. Tilia Reserve

#### **FRANKSTON**

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

#### **LANGWARRIN**

- 84. Athol Reserve
- 85. Bayport Reserve
- 86. Beckenham Reserve
- 87. Burgess Reserve
- 88. Cavill Reserve
- 89. Dunn Reserve
- 90. Elisabeth Murdoch Arboretum
- 91. Flame Robin Reserve
- 92. Fernwood Reserve
- 93. Granite Reserve
- 94. Illawong Reserve
- 95. Langwarrin Pump Track & Skate (Lloyd

Park)

96. Long Reserve

97. Maria Reserve

98. Monique Reserve

99. Myrtle Reserve

100. Northgateway Reserve

101. Pindara Playspace (Lloyd Park)

102. Southgateway Reserve

103. Wahgunyah Reserve

104. Yarralumla Reserve

#### FRANKSTON SOUTH

105. Abram Reserve

106. Alicudi Reserve

107. Baxter Park

108. Casuarina Reserve

109. Delacombe Reserve

110. Escarpment Reserve

111. Manor Reserve

112. Marama Reserve

113. Overport Park

114. Pratt Reserve

115. Fleetwood Crescent Reserve

116. Sycamore Reserve

117. Kars Street Playspace

118. William Hovell Reserve

119. Woodside Park

120. Yamala Reserve

#### **SANDHURST**

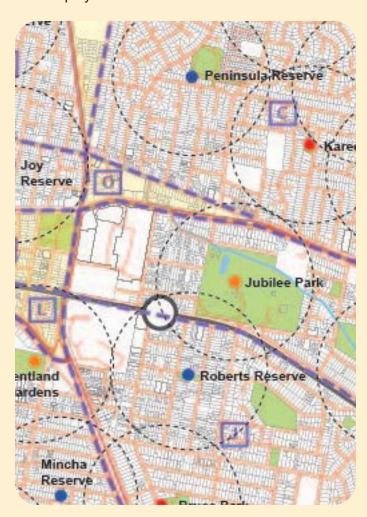
6 playspaces (not assessed as part of council's network, but shown as community playspaces)

#### Catchment: Walkability & Local Areas

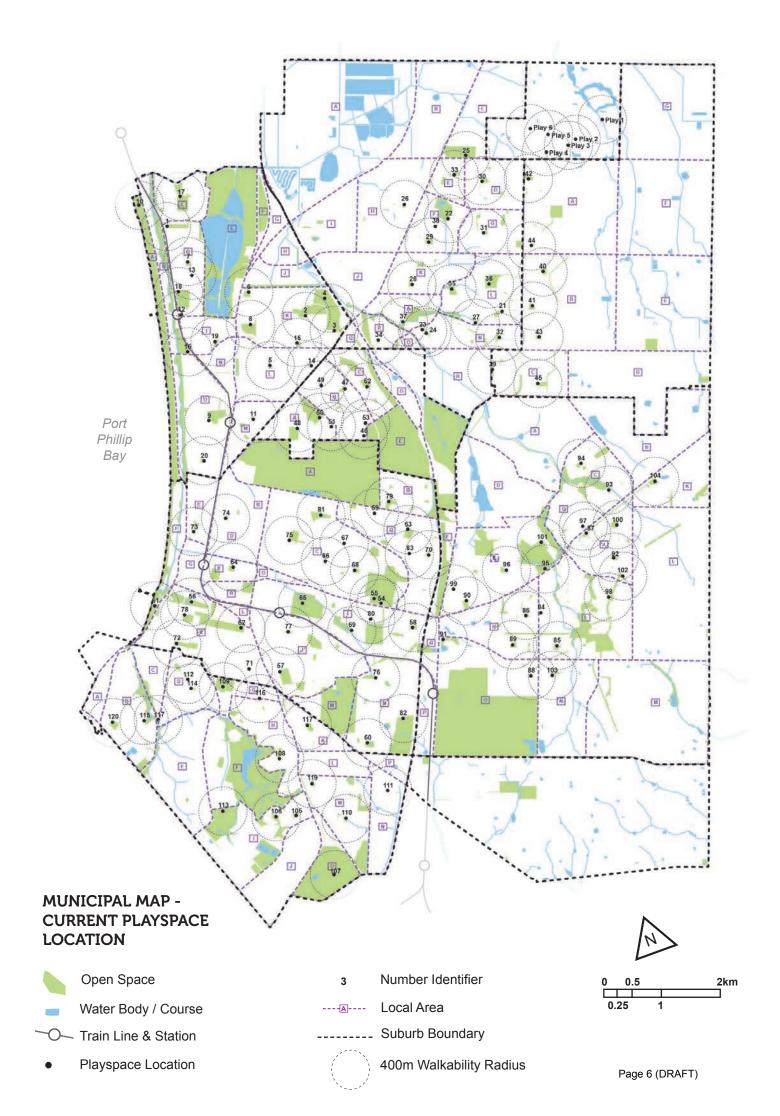
Boundaries shown on the map following in purple represent the true nature of the ease of walkability in a local area. Major roads and highways, creek corridors, train lines and large tracts of bushland all make it difficult or more unsafe for families using playspaces locally to walk further, therefore these create tangible barriers to accessing play.

The suburb maps in Section 7 show a 400m walkability radius around each of the existing playspaces as the crow flies. Whilst this is a recognised World Health Organisation planning tool for community facilities, it does not always demonstrate the limitations the tangible barriers to play illustrated by the local area boundaries.

We have therefore sought to use both methods to demonstrate gaps in provision and true walkability to access play.



Example above of both 400m walkability radius and local area boundaries in Frankston



# 4. Potential playspace classifications for further discussion

There are 4 potential playspace classification types detailed in this report; A/ Local (Minor), B/ Local (Major), C/ District and D/ Regional. These are based on standard local government classifications and are for the purposes of assessement benchmarking only. They will be further developed with council, alongside provision, service levels and budgets in the next stages of the Play Strategy.

#### A. Local Level (Minor) Playspace

#### Reserve Size:

0.5-2ha

#### Catchment:

0.6ha / 1000 people (400m)

#### 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 within a small Local Reserve Minimal Play Provision:
- Small playspace for pre-school & junior ages
- 1-3 pieces of standard equipment

#### Play Opportunities:

- Focused on pre-school & junior ages mostly Complementary Amenities:
- Seating (1-2 pieces)
- Natural Shade (Tree Planting)
- Concrete Footpath (1.5m wide min)

#### Maintenance:

Serviced fortnightly

Good examples in municipality include; Darnley Reserve in Skye, O'Grady Reserve in Frankston and Northgateway Reserve in Langwarrin

#### B. Local Level (Major) Playspace

#### Reserve Size:

0.5-2ha

### Catchment:

0.6ha / 1000 people (400m)

#### 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 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 playspace for pre-school and junior ages / may also sometimes be focused on older ages (senior / young people / adults) depending on context
- Mostly off-the-shelf / proprietary equipment, but depending on setting could also have custom elements or nature play
- Basic level of amenity
- Should have some access 'to' the playspace (pathway connection from street to playspace 1.5m wide min)
- Should have some landscaping, in particular trees for natural shade

#### 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)
   Complementary Activities:
- Activities for Young People, Adults or Seniors
- Seating and Picnic Tables (for 2-3 pieces)
- Bins
- Drinking Fountain
- · Bike Hoops / Parking
- Natural Shade (Tree Planting) / Structural Shade
- Main Concrete Footpath (1.5m wide min)

#### Maintenance:

Serviced fortnightly

Good examples in municipality include; Bruce Park in Frankston, Tucker / Wattlewoods Reserve in Carrum Downs, and Southgateway Reserve in Langwarrin

#### C. District Level Playspace

#### Reserve Size:

• 2ha+

### Catchment:

3ha / 1000 people (2km)

#### Purpose:

- Services entire suburb
- Can still be walked to, but may be further away and accessible by car, public or active transport

varied activity) with large canopy trees Minimal Play Provision:

- Medium sized playspace for all ages (intergenerational)
- Mostly standard equipment, but depending on setting could also have custom elements or nature play
- Nature play opportunities to be integrated
- Medium high level of amenity
- Accessible play activities 'within' the playspace 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 Activities:
- Main concrete footpath (accessible pathway connection from street to playspace 1.5m wide min)
- Activities for Young People, Adults or Seniors
- Seating and Picnic Tables (3-4 pieces)
- Bins
- BBQs
- 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 fortnightly (or more frequently as required by volume of use)

Good examples in municipality include; George Pentland Botanic Gardens in Frankston and Seaford North Recreation Reserve in Seaford

#### D. Regional Level Playspace

#### Reserve Size:

20ha+

#### Catchment:

Municipal wide and beyond

#### 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:
- Larger, more prominent, destination open space with large canopy trees

#### Minimal Play Provision:

- Large & diverse play structures & elements for all ages
- High level of custom structures and elements, with some standard equipment
- · Integrated sensory elements

#### Complementary Activities:

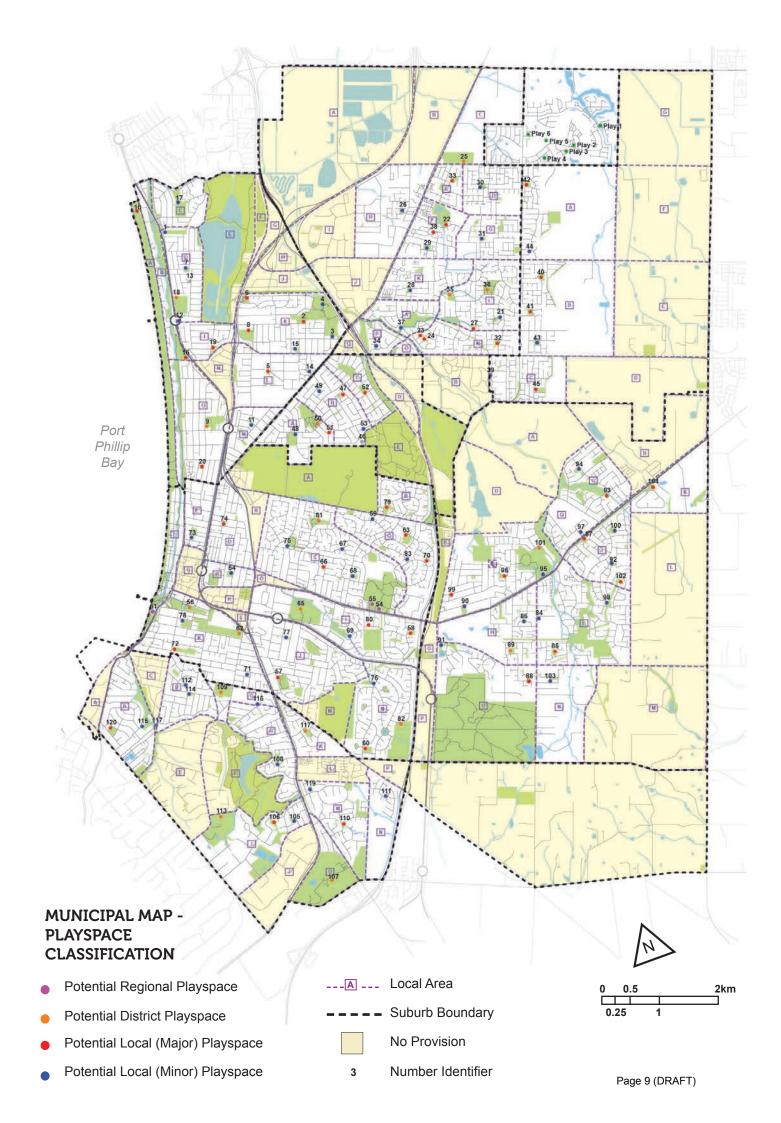
- Main concrete footpath (accessible pathway connection from street to playspace 1.5m wide min)
- Secondary footpaths within playspace (connecting to accessible activities 1.5m wide min)
- Activities for Young People, Adults or Seniors
- Seating and Picnic Tables (6-8 pieces)
- Bins
- BBQs
- Drinking Fountain / Fountains
- Bike Hoops / Parking
- Landscaping and Natural Shade (Tree Planting)
- Structural Shade
- Stand Alone Public Toilets (with accessible / unisex facilities and change rooms, possibly with external hand basins)

#### Play Opportunities:

- Providing a diverse range of play for all age groups (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)
   Maintenance:
- Serviced weekly fortnightly (or more frequently as required by volume of use)

A good example in municipality is;

Ballam Park Senior Playspace (West) in
Frankston



## 5. The assessment process

The playspace desktop assessments were undertaken through a rated checklist and prepared using a combination of information. This includes aerial and site photography, use of maps, open space strategy assessments and compliance assessment reports.

The playspaces have been rated across several areas of importance as to the quality of experience at each site. These include:

- 1. Play type
- 2. Play value
- 3. Age range suitability
- 4. Access & inclusion
- 5. Open space context for play
- 6. Amenity
- 7. Complementary play opportunities in local area

It is important to note that these assessments were not set up to assess the compliance or safety of playspaces in relation to 'Australia Playground Standards' [AS: 4685 (Parts 0-6 &11), AS 4685 – 2012 (Part 11), AS 4685.0:2017, and AS 4422:2016], as this is addressed in quarterly audits undertaken by a qualified independent playspace auditor for Council.

#### Play type

Play type refers to the diversity (or range) of activity assessed across the four key areas of play; social play, physical play, cognitive play (i.e. concepts, language etc.) and imaginative / creative play. This mostly refers to play for children, but also has relevance for young people, adults and seniors. More play equipment in a location does not necessarily equate to better quality play type if the movement and play is not diverse enough.

Suburbs with the most diverse range of **play type** are *Carrum Downs* and *Frankston South*. Suburbs with the narrowest range of **play type** are *Seaford* and *Frankston North*.

#### Play value

Play value simply refers to the quality of play provided by an environment. The following criteria outlines what was considered in each playspace assessment in regards to play value:

- Demonstrates a level of 'inclusive design' appropriate to its size, scale and use
- Is integrated with its broader landscape context

- in a way that expands opportunities for play beyond equipment
- Demonstrates a level of 'open-ended' design, 'flexibility' or 'adaptability' for children to direct their own play appropriate to its size, scale and use
- There is the presence of 'loose materials' to be used as currency for play
- Demonstrates graduating levels of 'skill challenge' and the incorporation of opportunities for risk appropriate to its size, scale and use
- Demonstrates a range of types of 'movement' through play (i.e. swinging, balancing, upper body etc.)
- Demonstrates a level of 'complexity' or 'diversity' of experience or activity appropriate to its size, scale and use
- There is a good sense of 'continuity' or 'flow' between elements or activities that feels intuitive during play
- There are opportunities to 'explore' and 'discover' to learn (i.e. not obvious details)
- Encourages different generations to participate in play across the space or together (i.e. inter-generational play) appropriate to its size, scale and use

Suburbs with the highest quality of **play value** are *Carrum Downs* and *Skye*. The suburb with the lowest quality of **play value** is *Seaford*.

#### Age range suitability

Age-range suitability looks at 'who' it is that the play provided suits. For example, smaller scaled activities for play are not going to be inviting or engaging for older children, young people or adults as their ergonomics and complexity speaks to the skill development of a much younger child.

Larger scale, higher profile and visitation playspaces should be providing a wide diversity of play across all age groups, where as smaller local playspaces on limited open space may just focus on a particular age group.

The suburb with the highest quality playspaces of **suitable age range** is *Frankston South*. The suburb with the lowest quality playspaces of **suitable age range** is *Seaford*.

#### **Access & inclusion**

Inclusion is not just about physical accessibility (i.e. the design of the space follows relevant guidelines and acts around mobility), it is also about how 'welcoming' all members of the community feel in a playspace. Genuine participation is however the key to feeling 'welcome' and this does involve a high level of physical accessibility for all members of the community.

It is not expected that all of council's playspaces are fully accessible both in getting to the site and for participating in all play activities, however all larger, scale, higher profile and visitation playspaces should definitely be fully accessible and all other local playspaces should intuitively have key features such as paths and universal use amenity (that are well shaded and easily connected) and if well considered enable those with a disability to be a part of play.

The suburb with the highest quality of playspace **access and inclusion** is *Langwarrin*. The suburb with the lowest quality of playspace **access and inclusion** is *Skye*.

#### Open space context for play

Open space context looks at the surrounding environment, both immediate and broader local area and how well that is integrated and connected to the playspace. This might refer to shared-path connection that enables local travel mobility, to the extent and quality of garden areas that are integrated with play equipment for play.

Suburbs with the highest quality of **open space context for play** are *Carrum Downs* and *Langwarrin*. Suburbs with the lowest quality of **open space context for play** are *Seaford* and *Frankston North*.

#### **Amenity**

The supporting infrastructure is another critical component of the success of a given playspace, lack of amenity (such as shade, seating or picnic facilities) may mean the difference between a playspace being well-used by its community or not used at all.

The following list outlines what was considered in each playspace assessment in regards to the provision of amenity at each playspace (again it is important to note that the range and volume of amenity is relevant to the size, scale and use of each individual; playspace. However items such as shade, paths and seating are universal to any playspace):

- Paths (material, width, condition, connection to key facilities)
- Shade (natural both mature and establishing)
- Shade (structural)
- Seating (number, type, access and location in relation to playspace)
- Picnic settings / Tables (number, type, access and location in relation to playspace)
- Drinking fountains (access, tap or dog bowl present)
- Bike parking (hoops or rails)
- Fencing (location, style, height, gate or entry)
- Signage (location, style and information provided)

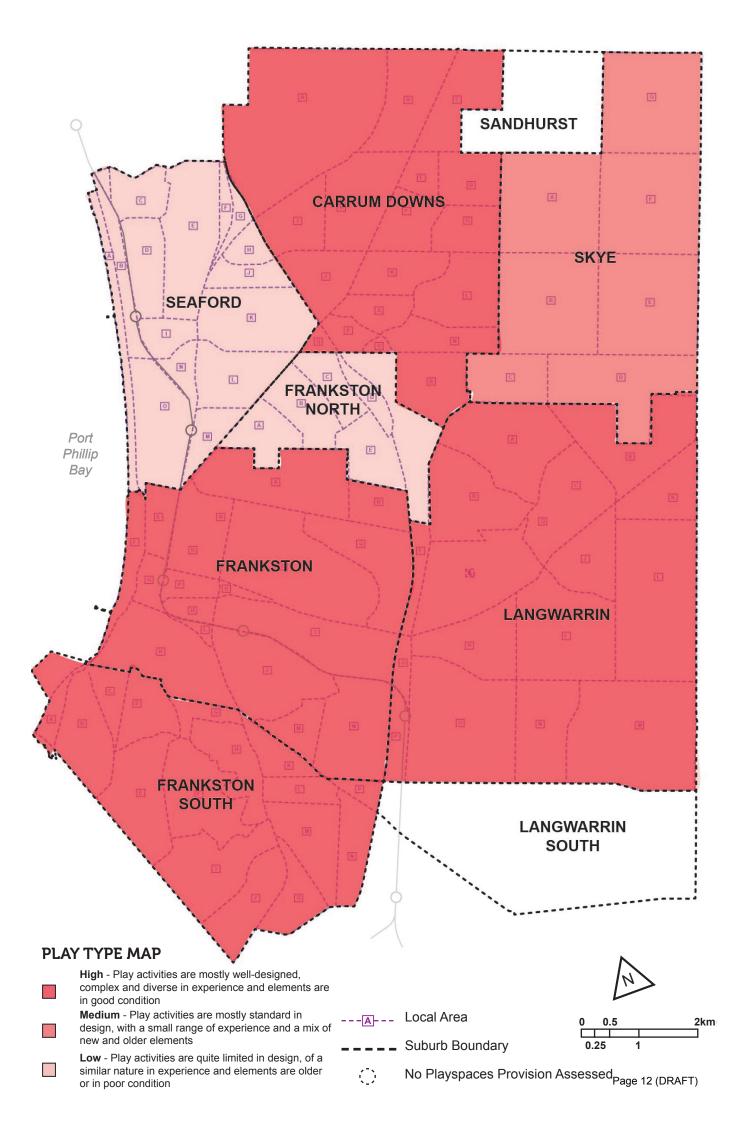
The suburb with the highest quality of playspace **amenity** is *Frankston South*. The suburb with the lowest quality of playspace **amenity** is *Frankston North*.

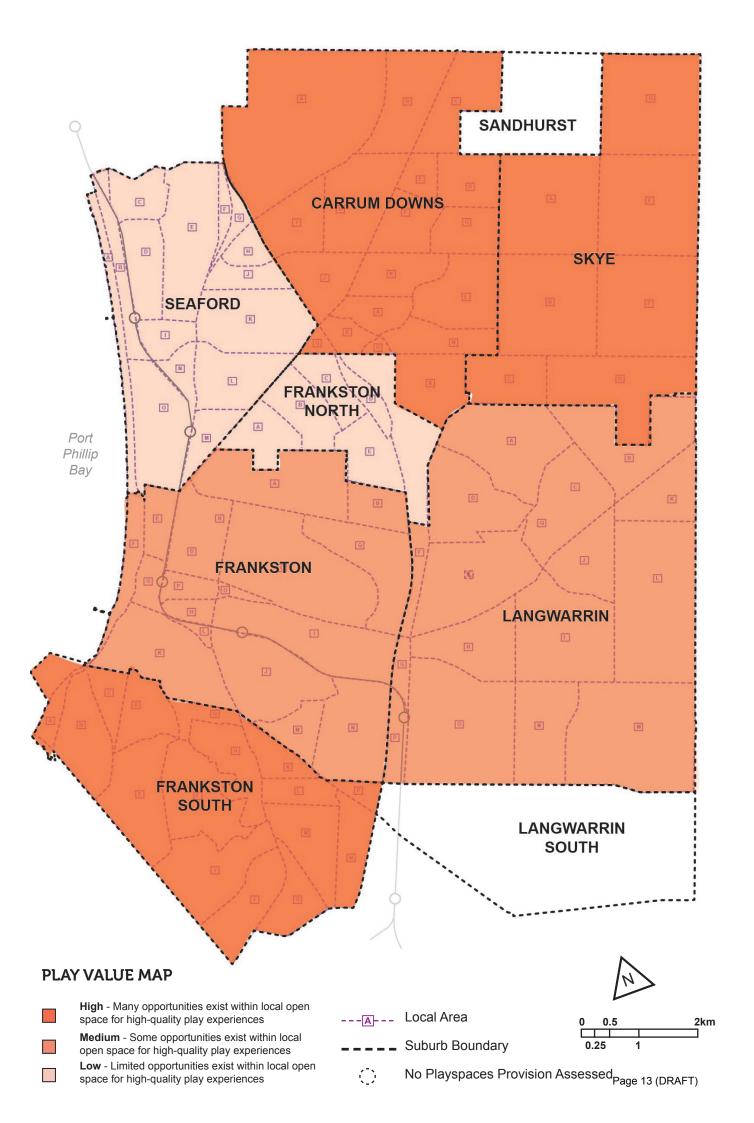
# Complementary play opportunities in suburb (Local Area Play Network)

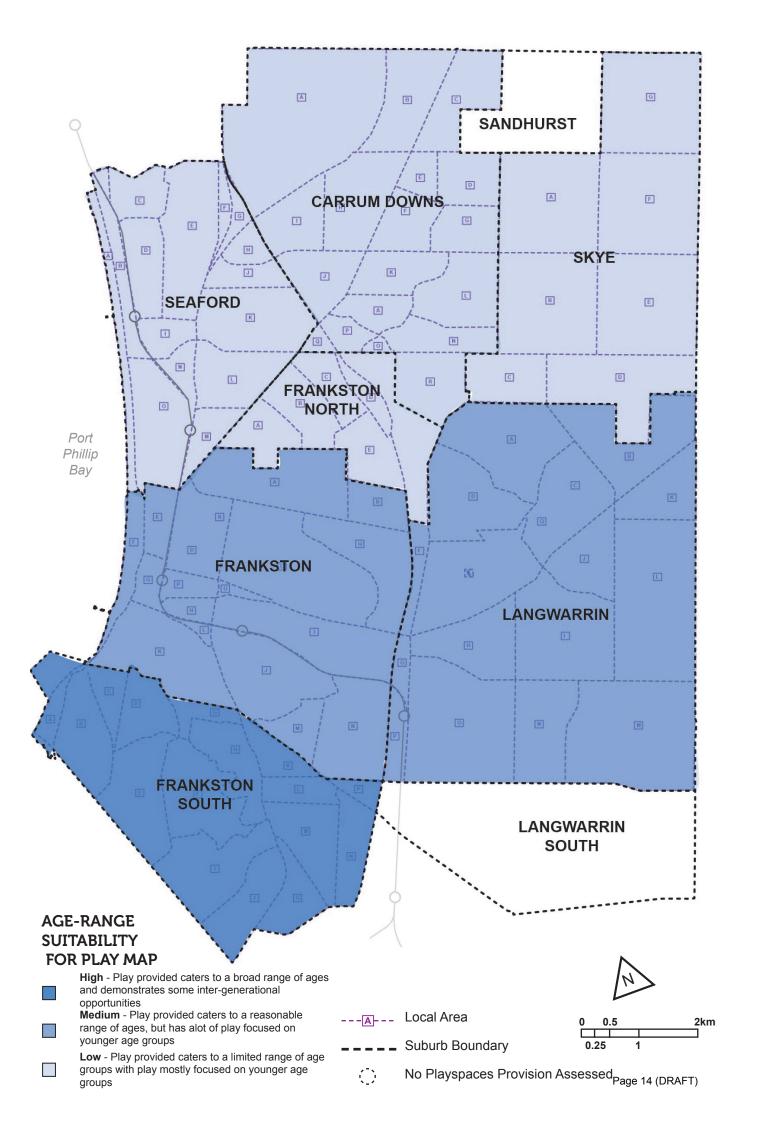
A final criteria was applied across a local suburb and this was the quality and diversity of 'local' play as a whole. This is important particularly across areas where open space provision is limited (i.e. topography, scale or other use means many sites are not suitable for play equipment). Local communities are therefore reliant on good mobility and a diversity of provision between playspaces in their local area.

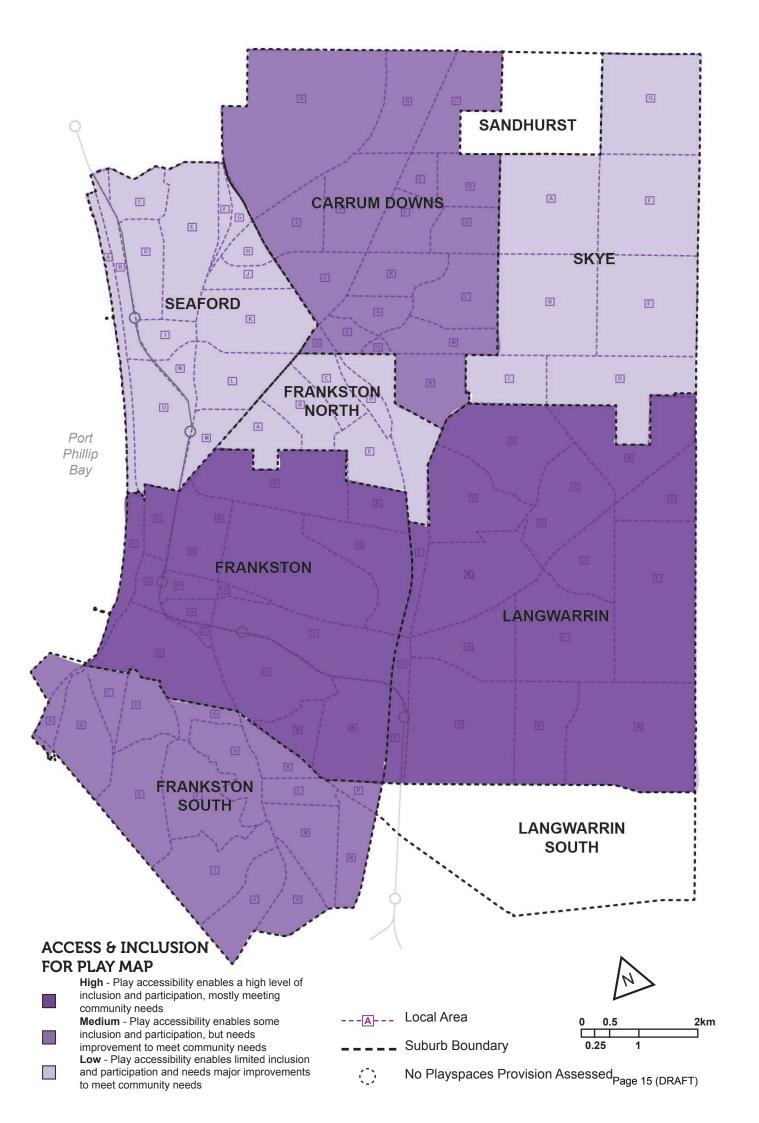
It should not be assumed that all members of the community have access to a car to travel further afield to larger, long-stay visitation playspaces on a regular basis. Well considered planning in suburbs and local areas should be able to provide a suitable range of play to satisfy a range of ages and experiences.

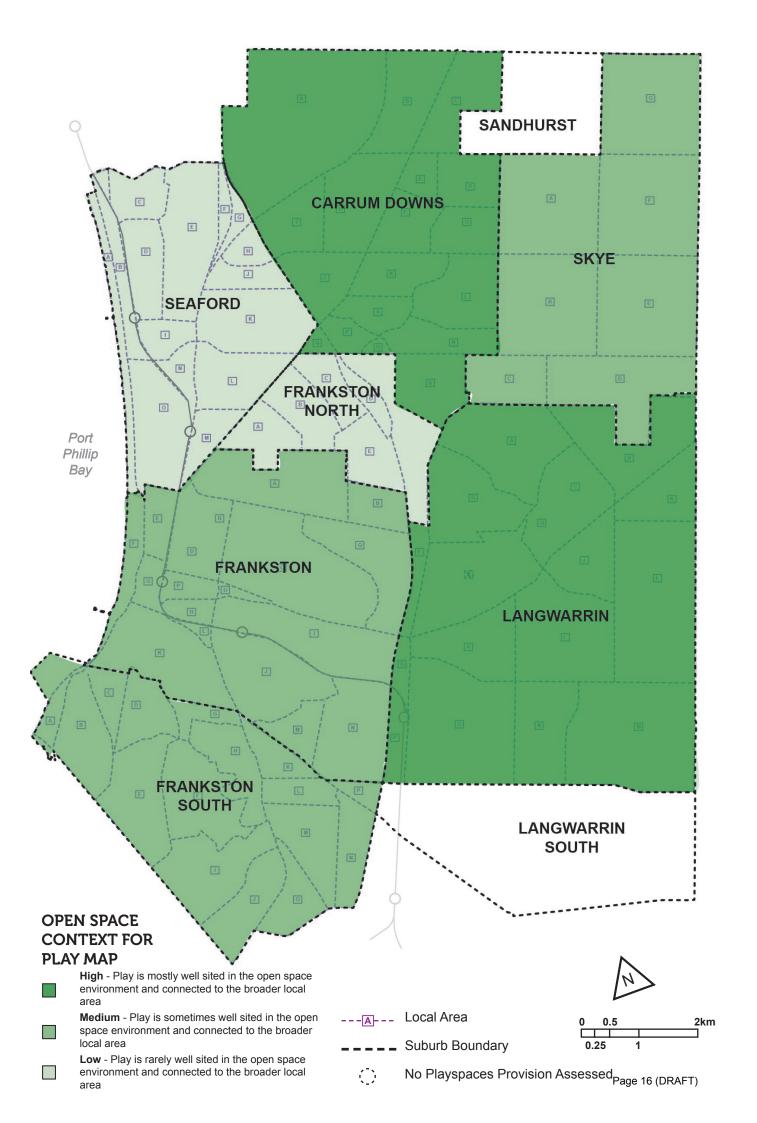
Suburbs with the highest quality **local play network** are *Frankston* and *Carrum Downs*. The suburb with the lowest quality **local play network** is *Frankston North*.

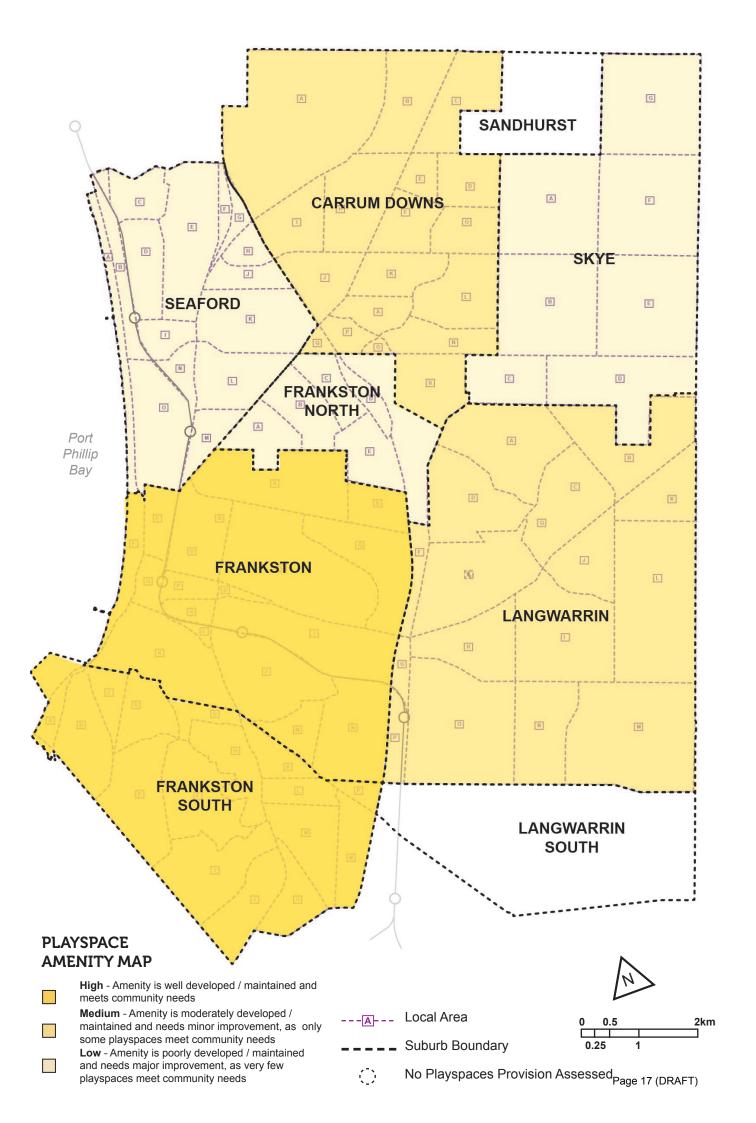


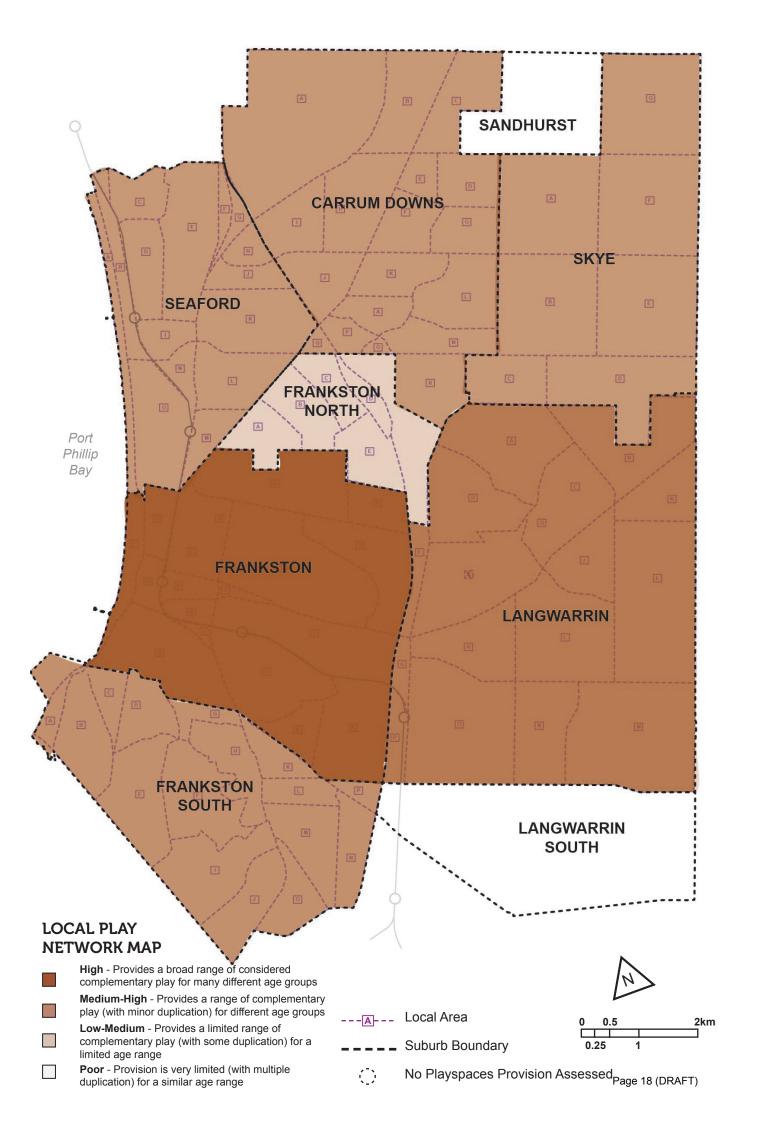










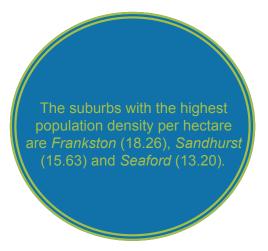


# 6. Examining assessments through a local community lens

In addition to the criteria used for assessment four further 'lenses' have been applied in the overall analysis of local playspace provision across the Frankston City. They are; 1/ population density, 2/ age demographics, 3/ disadvantage, 4/ community activation potential.

#### **LENS 1: Population Density**

Population density tells us the volume of need and use in local areas, so we can match the level and location of our provision to that need.



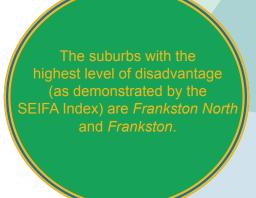
#### **LENS 2: Age demographics**

Age demographics tell us 'where' particular age groups are most concentrated, so we can provide suitable facilities that match the age groups in those suburbs. This is particularly important as young children (and their families) and seniors can be more restricted in their independent mobility and are therefore reliant on facilities within walking distance of home.

The suburb with the highest number of under 18's is Langwarrin and Carrum Downs. The suburb with the highest number of over 65's is Frankston South

#### **LENS 3: Disadvantage**

Concentrations of disadvantage tell us where families are less likely to have private open space to access and are less likely to be independently mobile (sometimes by car) and more reliant on facilities within walking distance of home.



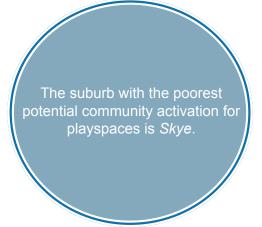
#### **LENS 4: Community activation potential**

Local facility hubs demonstrate the potential for 'community activation' where a playspace is co-located with a community centre, pre-schools or schools, community gardens, sports facilities or local shopping strips, or a combination of these. What it means is that the playspace is sited somewhere that is a destination for more than just the playspace itself, expanding the opportunities for active use. There is also usually the existence of a good public transport network.

This is often a reflection on changing urban planning approaches over different eras.



The suburb with the best potential community activation for playspaces is Frankston. This is in part because of a higher density of smaller residential blocks and local open space within a walkable distance from home, but also because of older style 'strip shopping' or 'community facility co-location.



The suburb with the poorest potential community activation for playspaces is Skye. In this suburb playspaces are most often located within independent open space in residential areas that are a distance apart, where the only reason for visitation would be to recreate or use the playspace. In many cases the playspaces are not within walkable distance from home.

Activation can be improved in suburbs by well considered long term strategic planning of community facilities, as well as opportunities for open space recreation programming.



# 7. Suburb overviews

Frankston

### **FRANKSTON**

#### SUBURB OVERVIEW

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

The suburb 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.

Key issues for the suburb are Age Range Suitability and Amenity.



PLAYSPACES:	AREA:	OVERALL RATING:		
		MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS	MEDIUM IMPROVEMENTS	SUITABLE FOR LEVEL
<b>Ballam Park Junior</b>	С			
<b>Ballam Park Senior</b>	С			
Beauty Park	K			
Bruce Park	J			<b>A</b>
Ferndale Reserve	1			
Fingal Reserve	0			
Franciscan Reserve	J			
Frankston Waterfront	F			
George Pentland BG	K			
Havana Reserve	0			
Joy Reserve	Р			
Jubilee Park	1			
Kareela Reserve	С			
Kashmir Reserve	С			
Lindrum Reserve	С			
Lipton Reserve	1			
Lucerne Reserve	0			
Mincha Reserve	K			
Montague Park	K			
O'Grady Reserve	E			
Orwil Reserve	D			
Peninsula Reserve	С			
Raphael Reserve	J			
Roberts Reserve	J			
Victoria Park	K	*		
Whistlestop Reserve	В			
Willow Park	1	*		
Wingham Park	С			
Witternberg Reserve*	J			
Wolsley Reserve	0		<b>—</b>	Page 22 (DRAFT)

#### ASSESSMENT DEFINITIONS:

#### **Major Improvements Needed:**

Playspace is old or deficient enough in play value and amenity that it requires a full upgrade and possible relocation on site.

#### **Medium Improvements Needed:**

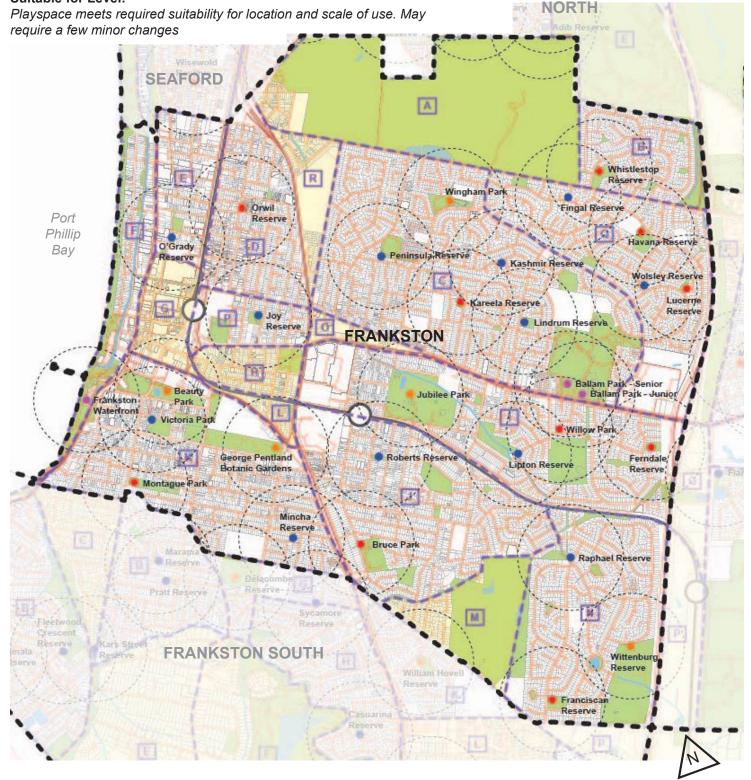
Playspace is deficient in several areas and requires reasonable upgrade that rectify

deficiencies such as play type and value, accessibility or amenity Suitable for Level:

**FRANKSTON** 

\* Playspace not assessed

due to impending upgrade



#### FRANKSTON PLAYSPACE PROVISION ASSESSMENT MAP

**Not to Scale** 

- Potential Regional Playspace
- Potential District Playspace
- Potential Local (Major) Playspace
- Potential Local (Minor) Playspace
- Suitable for Level
- Medium Improvements Needed
- Major Improvements Needed
- No Provision

- Local Area
- **Suburb Boundary**



400m Walkability Radius

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Frankston North Page 25 (DRAFT)

#### FRANKSTON NORTH

#### SUBURB OVERVIEW

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 Telopea Reserve, which represent good precedents for design.

Key issues for the suburb are Age-Range Suitability, Amenity and Accessibility.



PLAYSPACES:	AREA:	OVERALL RATING:		
		MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS	MEDIUM IMPROVEMENTS	SUITABLE FOR LEVEL
Adib Reserve *	В	*		
Armata Park	В			
Eric Bell Reserve	Α	*		
Manna Reserve	В			
Monterey Reserve	Α			
Rosemary Reserve	Α	*		
Telopea Reserve	С			
Tilia Reserve	В	*		

\*Consider removal of playspace as site not suitable for play

#### **ASSESSMENT DEFINITIONS:**

#### **Major Improvements Needed:**

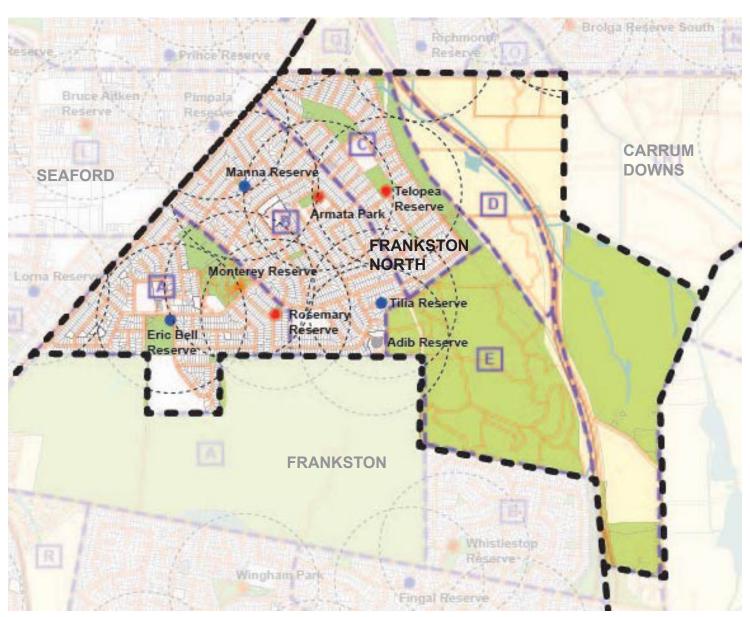
Playspace is old or deficient enough in play value and amenity that it requires a full upgrade and possible relocation on site.

#### **Medium Improvements Needed:**

Playspace is deficient in several areas and requires reasonable upgrade that rectify deficiencies such as play type and value, accessibility or amenity

#### Suitable for Level:

Playspace meets required suitability for location and scale of use. May require a few minor changes





## FRANKSTON NORTH PLAYSPACE PROVISION ASSESSMENT MAP

#### **Not to Scale**

- Potential Regional Playspace
- Potential District Playspace
- Potential Local (Major) Playspace
- Potential Local (Minor) Playspace
- ▲ Suitable for Level
- Medium Improvements Needed
- Recommended for Removal



\_ \_ Suburb Boundary





#### **SEAFORD**

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#### SUBURB OVERVIEW

The Seaford local 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 suburb up to a level of suitable quality and walkable provision, as there are still several playspaces requiring major improvements.

The challenges with this suburb 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.

Key issues for the suburb are Age Range Suitability and Amenity.



PLAYSPACES:	AREA:	OVERALL RATIN		
		MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS	MEDIUM IMPROVEMENTS	SUITABLE FOR LEVEL
Armstrong Reserve	D	*		
Austin Reserve	K			
Centenary Playground	K	*		
Belvedere Reserve	K			
Bruce Aitken Reserve	L			
Brunel Reserve	K			
Crystal Pool Park	D	*		
East Seaford Reserve	K			
Kananook Reserve	0			
Keast Park	Α			
Lorna Reserve	M			
McCrae Reserve	I	*		
Park Reserve*	D			
Pimpala Reserve	L			
Prince Reserve	K	*		
RF Miles Reserve	В			
Riviera Reserve	С			
Seaford North Reserve	D			
Weatherston Reserve	I			
Wisewold Reserve	0			

OVERALL DATING.

#### **ASSESSMENT DEFINITIONS:**

#### **Major Improvements Needed:**

Playspace is old or deficient enough in play value and amenity that it requires a full upgrade and possible relocation on site.

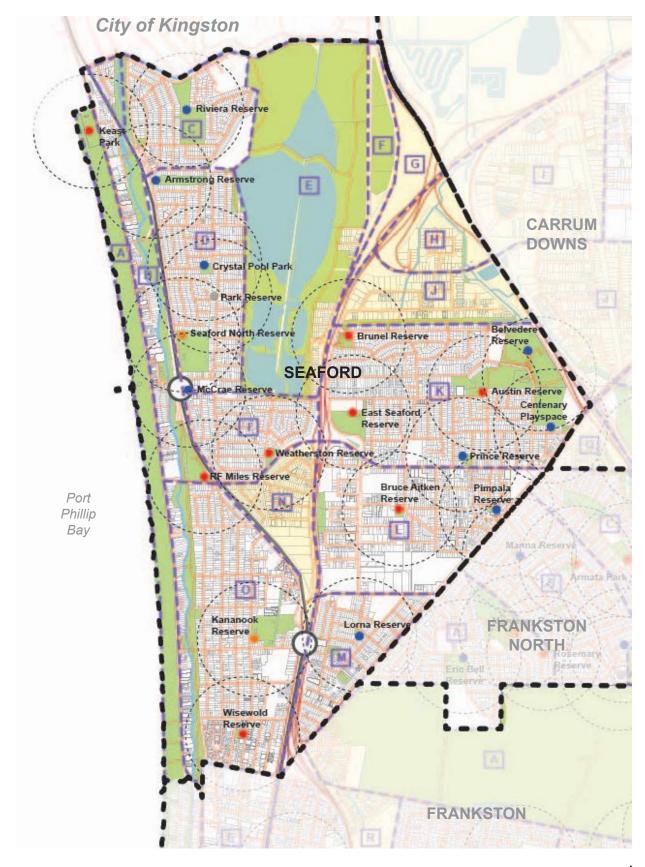
#### **Medium Improvements Needed:**

Playspace is deficient in several areas and requires reasonable upgrade that rectify deficiencies such as play type and value, accessibility or amenity

#### Suitable for Level:

Playspace meets required suitability for location and scale of use. May require a few minor changes

\*Consider removal of playspace as site not large enough to accommodate a suitable level of play



## SEAFORD PLAYSPACE PROVISION ASSESSMENT MAP

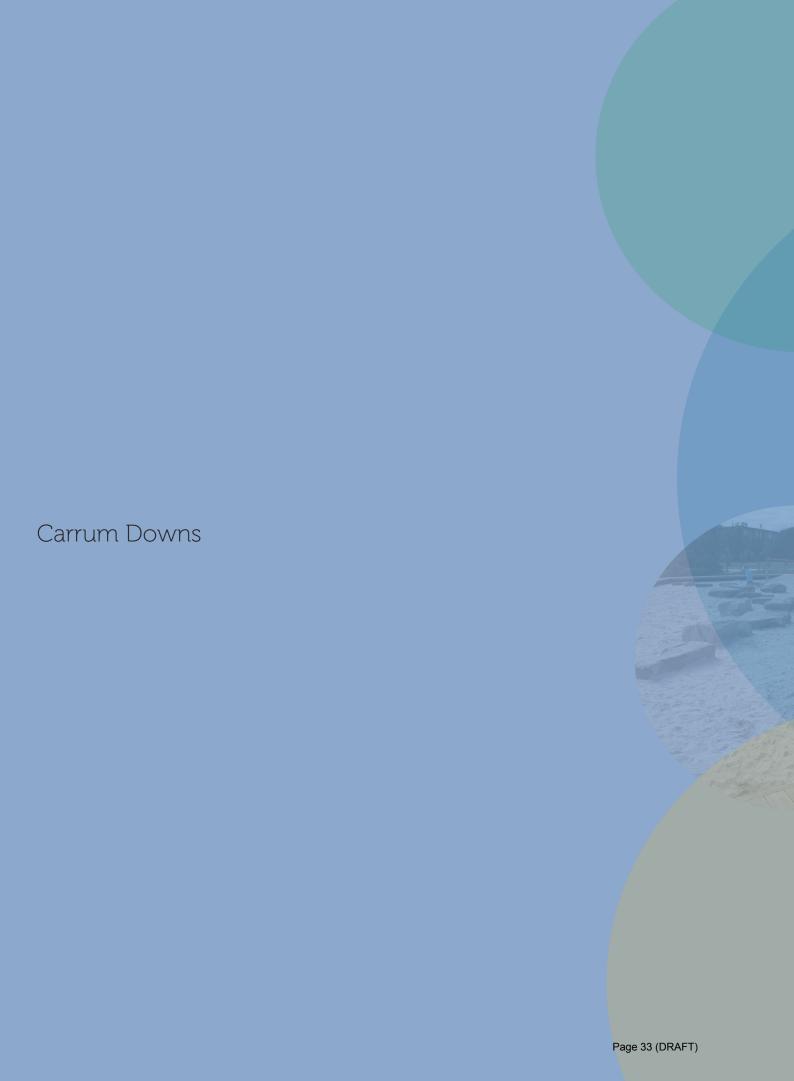


- Potential Regional Playspace
- Potential District Playspace
- Potential Local (Major) Playspace
- Potential Local (Minor) Playspace
- Suitable for Level
- Medium Improvements Needed
- Major Improvements Needed
- Recommended for Removal
- Local Area
- **Suburb Boundary**

No Provision



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#### **CARRUM DOWNS**

#### SUBURB OVERVIEW

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The Carrum Downs play network is wide ranging in terms of quality. Open space in the area tends to all lie to the east of the Dandenong Valley Highway, 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 local area, needs overall improvement, however there are some exceptionally good recently built playspaces (Tucker/Wattlewoods and Paras Reserves)

Key issues for the suburb are Amenity, Age-Range Suitability and Accessibility



PLAYSPACES:	AREA:	EA: OVERALL RATING:		
		MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS	MEDIUM IMPROVEMENTS	SUITABLE FOR LEVEL
Allied Reserve	L			
Banyan Reserve	F			
Brolga Reserve South	N			
Brolga Reserve North	N	*		
Carrum Downs Rec Reserve	С		•	
Clifton Reserve	Н		•	
Gamble Reserve	N			
Jacana Reserve	K			
Lavender Hills Reserve	F			
Oakwood Reserve	G		•	
Orama Reserve	D			
Paras Reserve	N			<b>A</b>
Polaris Reserve	E			
Richmond Reserve	Р			
Rotary Park	L			
Sandfield Reserve	L			
Shearwater Reserve	0			
Tucker / Wattlewoods Reserve	F			

OVERALL DATING.

#### ASSESSMENT DEFINITIONS:

#### **Major Improvements Needed:**

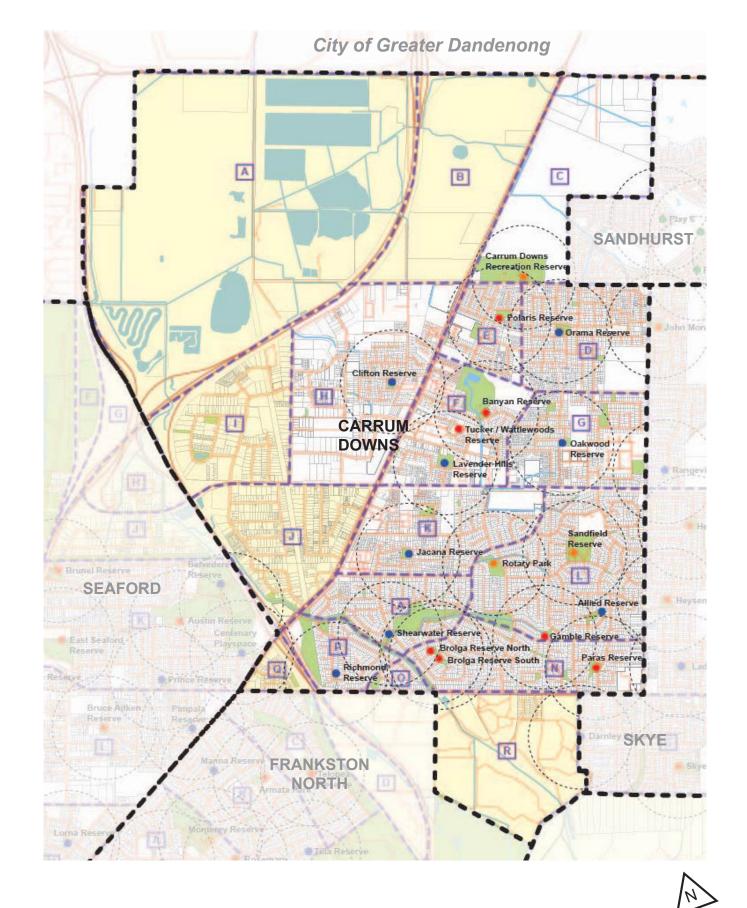
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#### **Medium Improvements Needed:**

Playspace is deficient in several areas and requires reasonable upgrade that rectify deficiencies such as play type and value, accessibility or amenity

#### Suitable for Level:

Playspace meets required suitability for location and scale of use. May require a few minor changes



# CARRUM DOWNS PLAYSPACE PROVISION ASSESSMENT MAP

## **Not to Scale**

- Potential Regional Playspace
- Potential District Playspace
- Potential Local (Major) Playspace
- Potential Local (Minor) Playspace
- ▲ Suitable for Level
- Medium Improvements Needed
- No Provision

- Local Area
- \_ \_ Suburb Boundary
- 400m Walkability Radius



# **SKYE**

# SUBURB OVERVIEW

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The suburb of Skye covers quite a large area from north to south on the eastern fringe of the municipality. 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 underdeveloped, needing improvement as playspaces in this suburb are spread out.

Key issues for the suburb are Age Range Suitability and Amenity. Gaps in provision may also need to be addressed.



PLAYSPACES:	AREA:	OVERALL RATIN	G:	
		MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS	MEDIUM IMPROVEMENTS	SUITABLE FOR LEVEL
Darnley Reserve	С			
Heritage Reserve	В			
Heysen Reserve	В			
John Monash Reserve	Α			
Lady Emily Reserve	В			
Rangeview Reserve	Α			
Skye Valley Park	С			

OVERALL DATING.

Note: 6 additional playspaces in Sandhurst have been identified but not assessed as part of council's network

# ASSESSMENT DEFINITIONS:

# **Major Improvements Needed:**

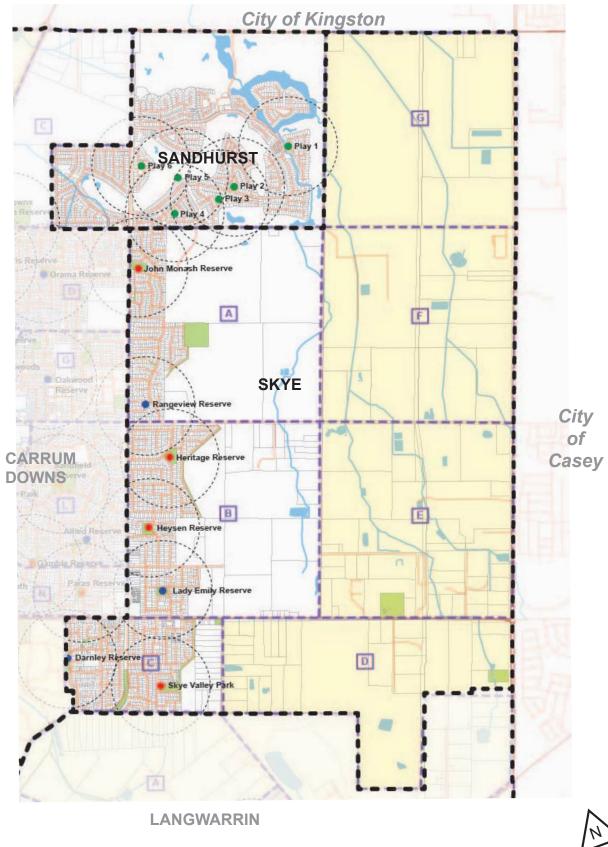
Playspace is old or deficient enough in play value and amenity that it requires a full upgrade and possible relocation on site.

# **Medium Improvements Needed:**

Playspace is deficient in several areas and requires reasonable upgrade that rectify deficiencies such as play type and value, accessibility or amenity

# Suitable for Level:

Playspace meets required suitability for location and scale of use. May require a few minor changes



# SKYE PLAYSPACE PROVISION ASSESSMENT MAP

# **Not to Scale**

- Potential Regional Playspace
- Potential District Playspace
- Potential Local (Major) Playspace
- Potential Local (Minor) Playspace
- Suitable for level
- Medium Improvements Needed
- Major Improvements Needed
- Playspace (Not assessed)

Local Area

**Suburb Boundary** 

No Provision

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Langwarrin

# **LANGWARRIN**

PLAYSPACES:

# SUBURB OVERVIEW

The local Langwarrin play network is fair in terms of play value. There are some older and underdeveloped playspace, however newer upgrades Southegateway 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.

Key issues for the suburb are Age Range Suitability and Amenity. Underdevelopment of playspaces in new subdivisions (Yarralumla) needs to be monitored as these areas are often isolated in terms of walkability to other playspaces.

AREA:



I LAISI ACLS.	AKEA.	OVERALL RATING.						
		MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS	MEDIUM IMPROVEMENTS	SUITABLE FOR LEVEL				
Athol Reserve	I	*						
Bayport Reserve	I							
Beckenham Reserve	Н							
Burgess Reserve	J							
Cavill Reserve	0							
Dunn Reserve	Н							
Elisabeth Murdoch Aboretum	E							
Fernwood Reserve	J							
Flame Robin Reserve	0	*						
Granite Reserve	С							
Illawong Reserve	С		•					
Langwarrin Skate & BMX	E							
Lloyd Park - Pindara Playground	E							
Long Reserve	E							
Maria Reserve	E		•					
Monique Reserve	I							
Myrtle Reserve	E							
Northgateway Reserve	J							
Southgateway Reserve	I							
Wahgunyah Reserve	N							
Yarralumla Reserve	K							

**OVERALL RATING:** 

# ASSESSMENT DEFINITIONS:

# **Major Improvements Needed:**

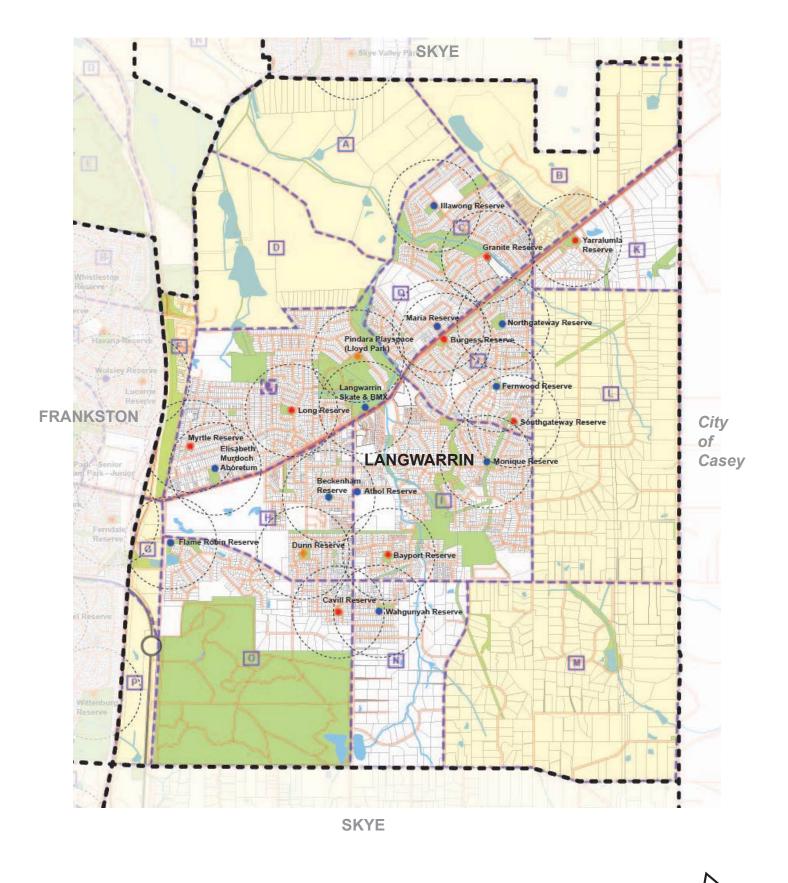
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# **Medium Improvements Needed:**

Playspace is deficient in several areas and requires reasonable upgrade that rectify deficiencies such as play type and value, accessibility or amenity

# Suitable for Level:

Playspace meets required suitability for location and scale of use. May require a few minor changes



# LANGWARRIN PLAYSPACE PROVISION ASSESSMENT MAP

Not to Scale

- Potential Regional Playspace
- Potential District Playspace
- Potential Local (Major) Playspace
- Potential Local (Minor) Playspace
- ▲ Suitable for Level
- Medium Improvements Needed
- → Major Improvements Needed
- No Provision

- Local Area
- \_ \_ Suburb Boundary
- 400m Walkability Radius

Frankston South

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# FRANKSTON SOUTH

# SUBURB OVERVIEW

The Frankston South 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 intergenerational 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.

Key issues for the suburb are Age Range Suitability, Amenity and Access.



PLAYSPACES:	AREA:	OVERALL RATING:				
		MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS	MEDIUM IMPROVEMENTS	SUITABLE FOR LEVEL		
Abram Reserve	J					
Alicudi Reserve	I					
Baxter Park	0					
Casuarina Reserve	Н					
Delacombe Reserve	G					
Escarpment Reserve	M					
Manor Reserve	N					
Marama Reserve	D					
Overport Park	I					
Pratt Reserve	D					
Fleetwood Crescent Reserve	В					
Kars Street Reserve	D	*				
Sycamore Reserve	Н					
William Hovell Reserve	K					
Woodside Park	M					
Yamala Reserve	В			<b>A</b>		

# ASSESSMENT DEFINITIONS:

# **Major Improvements Needed:**

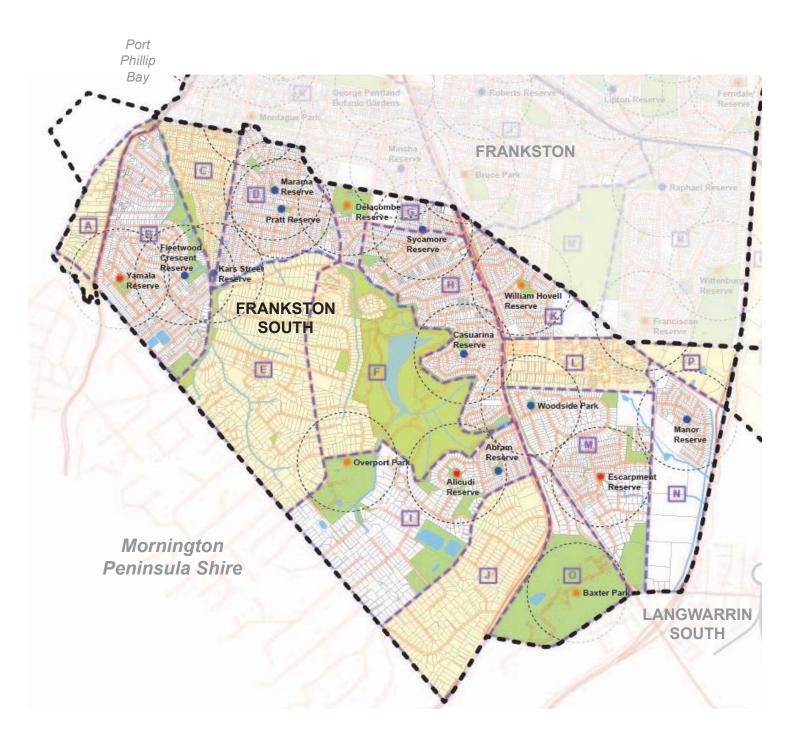
Playspace is old or deficient enough in play value and amenity that it requires a full upgrade and possible relocation on site.

# **Medium Improvements Needed:**

Playspace is deficient in several areas and requires reasonable upgrade that rectify deficiencies such as play type and value, accessibility or amenity

# Suitable for Level:

Playspace meets required suitability for location and scale of use. May require a few minor changes



# FRANKSTON SOUTH PLAYSPACE PROVISION ASSESSMENT MAP



Not to Scale

- Potential Regional Playspace
- Potential District Playspace
- Potential Local (Major) Playspace
- Potential Local (Minor) Playspace
- ▲ Suitable for Level
- Medium Improvements Needed
- No Provision

- Local Area
- \_ \_ Suburb Boundary
- 400m Walkability Radius

# 8. Issues and opportunities for play



By assessing all of the playspaces in the City of Frankston we have been able to put together a picture of issues and opportunities for future planning.

# Municipal-wide issues

Municipal wide opportunities for planning and provision include the following:

- District level playspaces on the whole are underdeveloped for play - need to cater for longer stay visitation with more complex equipment that cater for skill graduation across different age groups
- Universal design for access and inclusion is generally poor municipal-wide and needs to be improved, this particularly pertains to footpath access to playspaces, seating etc. and the provision of accessible play activities in playspaces
- Where fencing is mostly to boundary of reserve, some older style treated-pine fencing have chicane style entries which don't allow for easy mobility access. Fencing should never be directly around play equipment, as this restricts access to broader open space for play
- Very little accessible / inclusive play activity in playspaces. Newer playspaces better, but if installing rubber surfacing in playspace it needs to connect paving to accessible play activity seamlessly
- Many paths to playspaces are constructed of compacted granitic gravel - some of which has eroded because of poor drainage. Not ideal for easy mobility access
- Lack of tree planting for shade in playspace
- Lack of bike parking provided, which is needed to encourage cycling or scootering to local playspaces

 Only a very small amount of inter-generational or play for adults / seniors present

# Specific issues by suburb

The following lists specific issues by suburb that are relative to each suburb's context and it's play provision:

### **FRANKSTON**

- Whilst Frankston is better than most suburbs, diversity of age-range suitability within and across local area play networks need to be improved to provide better complementary play for different ages
- Quality of play type and value limited. Many well developed playspaces (i.e. Ballam Park, Frankston Waterfront and George Pentland), however other older playspaces (i.e. Beauty Park) are lacking adequate complexity

# FRANKSTON NORTH

- Diversity of age-range suitability within and across local area play networks need to be improved to provide better complementary play for different ages
- Quality of play type and value limited. Some well developed playspaces (i.e. Armata Park and Monterey Reserve) but many old and in poor condition
- Poor amenity in some playspaces, lack of basic paths and furniture in playspaces such as Tilia and Rosemary Reserves
- Open space location for playspaces sometimes not suitable, such as Adib Reserve (inappropriate size and topography for play) and Eric Bell Reserve
- Apart from Monterey Reserve and Armata Park, age-range suitability of playspaces is poor - many playspaces are only suitable for pre-school / junior age group

# **SEAFORD**

- Location of Riviera Reserve Playspace in centre of reserve is problematic as it is quite difficult to get to with no clear pathway from street. Also proximity to road is concerning
- Poor amenity in some playspaces, lack of basic paths and furniture in playspaces such as Park, Prince, Centenary and Crystal Pool Park
- Open-ended play development at Keast Park good, however fixed elements / equipment to scaffold play. Need to consider 'point of difference' for play experience to surrounding location. The beach is in effective a play area in and of itself.
- Consolidate playspace in one location at Lorna Reserve
- Improve accessible path connections at

Kananook Reserve between toilets, car park and playspace

# **CARRUM DOWNS**

- Lack of community hubs for good playspace activation
- Duplication of levels and provision at Rotary Park and Sandfield Reserve, look to focus each individual site on specific age groups and develop to higher level so they complement each other across the local play network
- Two playspaces on site at both Brolga Reserve and Gamble Reserve. As this is additional maintenance for council look to consolidate playspaces in one location in future

# SKYE / SANDHURST

- Gaps in provision meaning walkability within suburb not good for 'getting to' local play
- Age range of playspaces poor many playspaces suitable for the same pre-school / junior age-group. Diversify age range
- Large open space areas for all of these playspaces, needs to be utilised better as part of playspace
- Better shade / shelter to be provided at playspaces
- Consider future location onsite so that playspaces can always be easily accessed without long walking distances into site. This should also help with ease of local surveillance

# **LANGWARRIN**

- Gaps in provision meaning walkability within suburb not good for 'getting to' local play
- With Elisabeth Murdoch Aboretum there are elements intended for Parkour installed in what is ostensibly a playspace for younger children. Need to seriously consider the suitability for play
- Develop local play network with more complementary play across network to avoid duplication or lack of age range diversity
- Athol Reserve should be developed as a space that supports complementary use by the highschool adjacent
- With playspaces developed in newer sub-divisions ensure that level of play and supporting infrastructure is consider (i.e. Flame Robin Reserve is not developed to a suitable level for play or access)

# FRANKSTON SOUTH

 Gaps in provision meaning walkability within suburb not good for 'getting to' local play, these gaps need to be addressed to ensure equitable local walkability to play

# Municipal-wide opportunities

Municipal wide opportunities for planning and provision include the following:

- The retention and integration of some older 'historic' play elements (i.e. Loch Ness Monster at Peninsula Reserve in Frankston) is really good and should be continued
- Approach to informal nature play in developed garden areas (where branches etc. are located) is really good and the practice should be continued. A good opportunity now lies in using fixed formal natural elements to 'make the connection' between a formal playspace and additional open ended play that can happen in garden and bush areas in reserve
- Maximise the connection and cross-use of community facilities and play spaces wherever possible for activation. Think about how play might be expanded to accommodate broader

### use

- Where open space is limited (i.e. Frankston CBD) consider more incidental play built into urban fabric or programmed play streets opportunities
- Better development of seniors, adult and intergenerational play opportunities, particularly in Frankston and Seaford where the community connections exist

# Specific opportunities by suburb

The following lists specific opportunities by suburb that are relative to each suburb's context and it's play provision:

# **FRANKSTON**

- Frankston has good opportunity for community activation for playspaces, if they are co-located with other facilities, sporting centres or shopping strips. A good example for this is Wingham Park
- The Frankston CBD is limited in terms of open space suitable for play consider alternative 'incidental' play built into urban design
- Seniors or adult play needed in this area.
   Suggested locations for further development are O'Grady, Orwil, Kareela, Franciscan Reserves, Wingham and Beauty Parks

# FRANKSTON NORTH

- Walkability is good in this suburb, so its important to make sure that the local play network provides good complementary play across locations that suit different age groups
- Seniors or adult play needed in this area.
   Suggested location for further development is Monterey Reserve

### **SEAFORD**

 More seniors or adult play needed in this area.
 Suggested locations for further development are McCrae, Wisewold, Brunel, Bruce Aitken and Pimpala Reserves

# **CARRUM DOWNS**

- Consideration of further open space and play development west of Frankston-Dandenong Road
- Seniors play needed in this area. Suggested location for further development is Rotary Park or Banyan Reserve (opposite Carrum Downs Retirement Village)
- Adult play or inter-generational opportunities needed in this area. Suggested location for further development is Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve
- Ensure that higher level playspace facilities at Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve, Rotary Park and Sandfield Reserve have access to suitable accessible toilet facilities

# SKYE / SANDHURST

 Intergenerational or adult play needed in this area. Suggested location for further development is John Monash Reserve

# **LANGWARRIN**

- Quality of open space environments lends itself to interesting opportunities for open-ended nature play, build on this through the inclusion of formal natural elements such as rocks, logs steppers and logs which provide a 'platform' to more open-ended play in garden and bushland areas
- Being the highest concentration of under 18s, further facilities for young people are also needed for this area. Suggested locations for further development include Cavill, Athol and Yaralumla Reserves
- Seniors or adult play needed in this area.
   Suggested locations for further development are Dunn and Yarralumla Reserve, and Lloyd Park

# FRANKSTON SOUTH

- Quality of open space environments lends itself to interesting opportunities for open-ended nature play, build on this through the inclusion of formal natural elements such as rocks, logs steppers and logs which provide a 'platform' to more open-ended play in garden and bushland areas
- Seniors or adult play needed in this area.
   Suggested locations for further development are Escarpment and Kars Street Reserves



# 9. APPENDIX A: Assessment Checklist Template

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NAME:								
ADDRESS:								
SUBURB:								
OPEN SPACE LEVEL / PRIMARY TYPE:								
CURRENT PSS HIERARCHY:								
POTENTIAL PSS HIERARCHY:								
YEAR INSTALLED:								
RATING	1	2	3	4	5	SCORE	N/A	Comments
PLAY TYPE:								
Presence of Social Play Opportunities								
Presence of Physical Play Opportunities								
Presence of Cognitive Play Opportunities								
Presence of Imaginative Play Opportunities								
SCORE	l	l	l				20	
								TOTAL T
PLAY VALUE: Presence of Open-Ended /	ı	I	I			I	I	
Adaptable Play								
Access to Loose Materials								
Opportunity for Risk / Skill Graduation								
Presence of Different Types of Movement								
Relationships between elements								
Opportunities to explore								
SCORE								
							30	
AGE RANGE SUITABILITY:								Manufill Control of the Control of t
Toddler (Under 3)								
Junior (4-7 years)								
Senior (8-13 years)								
Youth (14+ years)								
Adult Play								
Seniors Play								

Across Generations								
SCORE	1	1					35	
							33	
ACCESS:								
Possibility to connect to								
Open Space via shared								
path / cycle trail								
Car Park (with easy								
accessible parking and								
connection to playspace)								
Neighbourhood access								
with little or no barriers								
(i.e busy road / waterway)								
Pathway to the Playspace								
(Site) at least 1.2m wide								
Pathways within the								
Playspace (Site) at least								
1.2m wide Boundary Fence / Part			-	-				
Fence / Clear buffer or								
barrier								
Accessible Play Activities								
, recessione risky ricerrities								
SCORE	•	•	•	•				
							<b>35</b>	
PLAYSPACE CONTEXT:	T	1	1	1	Т	ı		
Fencing								
Diamaga Associate								
Playspace Accessible								
Edging (In-Ground Access)								
Response to Surrounding								
Landscape								
Lanascape								
Visual Surveillance across								
Playspace								
Suitable Location on Site								
Any Identified Conflicts								
with other Activities								
Capability for Hosting								
Multiple Groups								
Hit Up Walls / Halfcourts /								
Linemarking Surface								
Games								
Hard surfacing for bikes,								
and scootering (Paths &								
Pads)								
SCORE	•	•	•	•	•			
							45	
AMENITY:	T	1		1	ı	1	ı	I
Grassed Areas for Running								
or Ball Play								
Grassed Areas for Sitting								
Grassed Areas for Sitting								
Existing Shade (Natural)								
3 :								
Future Establishing Shade								
(Natural)								
Shade (Structural)								
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Artwork/Connection to									
Local Community or									
Indigenous Cultural History									
Seating / Tables									
(Accessible, Enough for									
Scale & Suitably located)									
scale & Sultably located)									
Bins									
Bike Hoops / Bike Parking									
Drinking Fountains (with									
refill tap and dog bowl)									
Signage									
Signage									
BBQs									
Toilets									
Miscellaneous (i.e. any									
other features)									
SCORE									
							70		
COMPLEMENTARY OPPORT	TUNITIES IN S	SUBURB (LOC	AL PLAY NET\	WORK):					
	I	ı	ı	ı	<u> </u>	r			
							<b>5</b>		
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TOTAL SCORE									
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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:									
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:									
<b>KEY RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>									



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