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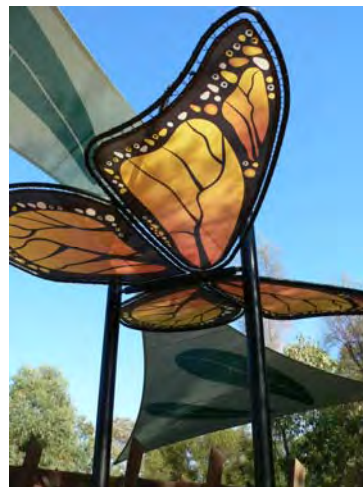
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PRECINCT No.1 Studley Park



Sir William Street
Reserve



Sir William Street Reserve

Sir William Street, Studley Park



Precinct 1 Zone North Eastern	SIR WILLIAM STREET RESERVE
Existing Classification	Pocket
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	Heritage
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Very small pocket park in residential area. ▪ The only playground in the Studley Park area of the municipality. ▪ Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation. ▪ Very attractive park with an historic Victorian bluestone building forming a striking backdrop, and a magnificent cedar tree dominating the lawns of the park. ▪ Informal surveillance is easy from the street.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Good tree shade at certain times of the day. ▪ Target age group is toddler/junior.

Precinct 1 Zone North Eastern	SIR WILLIAM STREET RESERVE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This play equipment is fairly limited but this is a reasonable attempt to provide a standard, multi-purpose item for this small space. ▪ This limited type of play setting is clearly not adequate for this large precinct. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment. ▪
Playground Recommendations	<p>This space could be enhanced in two possible ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A double swing with a strap seat and a toddler seat would be valuable, - A valuable addition would be to build a floor in the cubby under the deck, add something more interesting underneath to play with and add a small path that leads into a garden with a semi-circular seat.
Proposed Classification	Pocket



PRECINCT No. 2 KEW



Eglinton Reserve



Peel St Reserve



Eglinton Reserve

Eglinton St, Kew




Precinct 2 Zone North Eastern	EGLINTON RESERVE
Existing Classification	District
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An important park in this precinct ▪ This part of Kew is densely populated and there is no other park or playground of reasonable size locally ▪ Main function is associated with picnicking/social /family/recreation ▪ The park is well used by parents with young children during the morning and Tai Chi



<p>Precinct 2 Zone North Eastern</p>	<p>EGLINTON RESERVE</p>
<p>Functional Design Analysis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shade is inadequate over this playground. ▪ The site design is uninteresting. ▪ Provision for adults is remote from the play. Young children require adults to be closer. The uphill retaining edge is useful however for seating. ▪ Target age group is junior though generally the combination items are quite unsuitable for very young children. ▪ Although both slides are aimed at young children, there is no suitable access to either of them. ▪ The equipment does not provide for imaginative play. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment. ▪ This playground is inadequate for its role in this precinct: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – decks are essentially the same height so there is little variety, – equipment is unsuitable for young children though this is an important group of users, – there is a reasonable set of climbing activities for junior children up to around 7, but it is uninteresting for older children, – the equipment is inaccessible to anyone who cannot or does not wish to tackle rungs. ▪ Attractive park with undulating landform, large, with shade trees. ▪ Good Informal surveillance. ▪ No toilet block. ▪ Granitic gravel path crosses the reserve diagonally. ▪ There is a BBQ linked to the path; some erosion would make this a little difficult for wheelchair access but minor maintenance would fix this. ▪ There is a picnic shelter that is not connected to the main path.



<p>Precinct 2 Zone North Eastern</p>	<p>EGLINTON RESERVE</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Picnic tables are not an accessible design.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park has a half court basketball area, and grassed space for other ball play.
<p>Playground Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two options could be considered for this playground. See below. ▪ Make minor improvements which will make existing items more usable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – replace both small rung ladders with a stair each, – drop the height of track ride so younger children can reach it, – Replace banister slide with another higher deck with a slightly more challenging slide or climbing item for older children. Relocate spring toy if required . – amend the under deck areas with some imaginative play items ▪ These modifications will achieve some basic improvements to usability, but the playground will remain rather uniform in degree of challenge, inaccessible, and lacking in any imaginative play ▪ An alternative approach requires a more serious investment in this space, acknowledging its importance in the precinct. This is considered to be a better long term outcome. Specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – design a new playground around a central , accessible, green, shady space for adults; the new playground would wrap around this in a keyhole shape,



Precinct 2 Zone North Eastern	EGLINTON RESERVE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - make use of the slope to bring a path in from above, and provide easy ramped access to a moderately elevated play deck, linking to other decks for climbing, sliding etc. - design a good setting for imaginative play. Utilise the underneath spaces of decks and use landscape elements. Make sure these suit multi-age groups and all abilities, - make sure there is a logical gradation of heights and degrees of challenge and that basic play items such as slides can be reached by stairs [or ramp] as well as by more challenging options for access, - include two upper-body items and make sure that one is suitable for younger children and one for older children - add items with spinning and rocking motion, - add a new swing with back support (Little Tykes or similar), - make sure the space is visually interesting, set into the landscape, at least partially shady, and accessible.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This site is one which really should have a toilet block. ▪ Consider relocating the swing closer to the main playground. ▪ Add new path to link shelter to main path. ▪ New accessible picnic table utilising a central supporting post.
Proposed Classification	District



Peel Street Reserve

Duke Street, Kew



Precinct 2 Zone North Eastern	PEEL STREET RESERVE
Existing Classification	Pocket
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The reserve is a through-space from residential areas west of Peel Street through to the shopping centre and to the kindergarten on Pakington Street. ▪ Its main function is to provide a green space; visual amenity, a seating space and low key play. ▪ The small park is attractive, with its character derived from large exotic trees and urban elements such as a large brick wall backdrop. ▪ Informal surveillance is excellent from houses across the street.

Precinct 2 Zone North Eastern	PEEL STREET RESERVE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a wide path and a picnic table setting but this is not connected to the path.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good shade. Target age group is toddler. Activities are limited to two spring toys. No provision for disabled access to this play equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This small site does not offer much significant value for play, but is of value as a green space, as a respite and to punctuate journeys through the neighbourhood. The play equipment could be removed and some low attractive sculptures could replace it. The little park could become a journey along a series of small sculptures with which small children could engage, and for climbing and sitting. If they are very low they would not require softfall.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It would be beneficial if the picnic table and possibly some additional seats under the trees could be made accessible via a seamless path off the main path (the edging would need to be removed as a barrier).
Proposed Classification	Pocket



PRECINCT No 3 Kew East



Harrison Reserve East



Hays Paddock



Hyde Park



Jack O'Toole Reserve



Kate Campbell
Reserve



Harrison Reserve East

Glass Street, East Kew



Precinct 3 Zone North Eastern	HARRISON RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is part of a linear trail. ▪ There is a kindergarten located next to this play area. ▪ Its main function is associated with picnicking/social /family/recreation and kindergarten use.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is attractive, with a path system running through it. ▪ It has mixed evergreen and deciduous trees. ▪ There is some informal surveillance from the street and from houses, some of which are quite

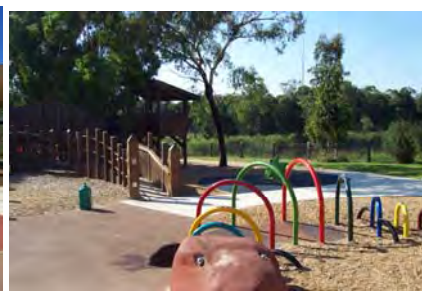


Precinct 3 Zone North Eastern	HARRISON RESERVE
	<p>close.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is some limited tree shade in the vicinity. ▪ Target age group is toddler/junior. ▪ The playground provides quite a good mix of physical activities and spatial complexity. ▪ It caters for a range of ages and for a range of skills in mobile children. ▪ There is no provision for disabled access.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is no urgent need for to provide wheelchair access to this play equipment, because Hays Paddock is in this catchment. ▪ It would be easy to bring a small path off the main through-path and make an accessible table and seat setting,(in a new shelter).
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A picnic shelter and drinking water is recommended here to also provide for users of the trail who wish to take a break. ▪ Some attention to the landscape around the playground and additional planting would be of benefit.
Proposed Classification	Local



Hays Paddock Adventure Playground

Leason St, Kew East



Precinct 3 Zone North Eastern	HAYS Paddock ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND
Existing Classification	Regional
Dog leash Status	off leash
Planning Overlays	Land subject to inundation
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This playground is a major attraction, due in part to the fact that it was purpose built as an accessible play facility and secondly because it offers a good range of play activities in an interesting setting. Its main function is associated with picnicking/social /family/recreation and nearby sporting facilities.



Precinct 3 Zone North Eastern	HAYS PADDOCK ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior /senior. ▪ The equipment does provide for a wide range of activities including sand, musical elements, climbing and sliding, elevation and imaginative play. ▪ There is some shade from trees and sails; new sails are under production. ▪ There is a path system throughout and a many activities are accessible from a wheelchair. ▪ The play site is fully fenced. ▪ The park is large, with several barbecues, ovals, pavilion, a car park, creek and wetland, a strong backdrop of trees and the freeway embankment behind. ▪ There is no Informal surveillance. ▪ There is a public toilet block in the pavilion.
Playground Recommendations	
Site Recommendations	A barbecue shelter is required
Proposed Classification	Regional



Windella Ave Reserve

Windella Ave, Kew East



Precinct 3 Zone North Eastern	WINDELLA AVENUE RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This park backs onto a kindergarten. ▪ It is not far from Kew East primary school. ▪ The block next door is empty; (a disused bowling green). ▪ There is a well-used bike and foot pathway which cuts diagonally across the park. This links into several other bike routes ▪ Its main function is associated with low key play/recreation. ▪ There is no other park in this central section of the precinct, and a large residential area to the north does not have access to any park or play area. This magnifies the importance of this park above what might be expected for such a small reserve. ▪ Due to the popularity of Hays Paddock, local parks such as Windella Ave Reserve have become important as these are more immediately accessible.



Precinct 3 Zone North Eastern	WINDELLA AVENUE RESERVE
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no shade over the playground. Target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior. The playground is extremely limited. There is no provision for disabled access to this play equipment. This small triangular reserve is slightly elevated above the street; it has a few magnificent eucalypts but otherwise no visual interest. The ex-bowling green site adjacent to this park contributes to a run-down feeling. This site has recently been sold, and will be developed for medium density housing which will put more pressure on this park. The kindergarten fence-line is exposed and open. There is good, informal surveillance from houses across the road. There is a path system but neither of the benches is connected to it.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This site, as mentioned above, is reasonably important as there is little open space locally. We recommend that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the existing play equipment should be removed, the design should be an attractive garden/play space and if fenced could have an attractive sand play area, the focus for the design should be on the younger age groups and on a whole-park environment with shade.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new park design should be prepared. This should accommodate the through-path separately. The new path should not go across the play space or through the main park. It may be able to remain where it is, but this is to be determined. The design could take advantage of the small size and the whole park ,excluding the through-path, could be fenced.
Proposed Classification	Local



Hyde Park

Kilby Rd, Kew East



Precinct 3 Zone North Eastern	HYDE PARK
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This park lies on a major bicycle trail through the northern part of the municipality. ▪ The parkland extends some distance south east, and links across the road and under the freeway to the Willsmere/Chandler Park system. ▪ Its main function is associated with picnicking/social /family/recreation.



Precinct 3 Zone North Eastern	HYDE PARK
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to the popularity of Hays Paddock, local parks such as Hyde Park have become important, as these are more immediately accessible.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is limited shade. Target age group is toddler/junior, with older children and teens provided for with ball games. The playground has a good range of activities including physical /agility and imaginative with a fun 'gingerbread' theme. There is no provision for disabled access to this play equipment which is a shame as the gingerbread house could have been usable by children with disabilities. The park is attractive due to its undulating form and native trees. There is reasonable informal surveillance from the road and some houses in White Street. There is a shared path system close by, but this does not link into the play area, nor to tables. There is a half court, a rebound wall and a large grassed ball play area near the playground. The ball play areas are not close enough to feel as if they are connected with the play area, however.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider adding one more imaginative play section at the junior end of this playground, which relates to the gingerbread house and which is wheelchair accessible at ground or low level. Link this to the path and ensure there is adequate manoeuvring space for wheelchairs. Consider additional shade trees.



Precinct 3 Zone North Eastern	HYDE PARK
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This site would benefit from the addition of a picnic shelter ▪ Link the play area and seats/tables to a path, and bring the path into the play area
Proposed Classification	Local



JACK O'TOOLE RESERVE

Willsmere Rd, Kew



Precinct 3 Zone North Eastern	JACK O'TOOLE RESERVE
Existing Classification	Pocket/Tennis club
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This small playground is connected to the tennis club. ▪ This playground is fenced and is used predominantly by tennis club patrons. It does not have the same role as a public playground. ▪ Its main function is associated with /social /family/recreation during tennis, though it is open all the time
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The play area is tiny and fenced, it is close to tennis courts and the pavilion. ▪ Its has a backdrop of eucalypts which give it a bushland feel, and is well shaded. ▪ There is no informal surveillance. ▪ It is possible that children would play on the equipment unsupervised, unless the tennis players share the task of supervising children while they are playing.



Precinct 3 Zone North Eastern	JACK O'TOOLE RESERVE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The structure is constructed of very basic materials, with a slight domestic feel about it. ▪ Target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior. ▪ The access to all decks is via one ladder or one chain rung ladder/climber; These are difficult for very young children to use (especially unsupervised). ▪ The equipment does not specifically provide for imaginative play. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground is not considered very important in the public distribution of parks and play spaces, as it is within the catchment area of Kate Campbell Reserve and Hyde Park. ▪ It is recommended that as Jack O'Toole is a public park, a new playground be constructed to the standard expected for a public playground.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Pocket




Kate Campbell Reserve

Kellett Grove, Kew



Precinct 3 Zone North Eastern	KATE CAMPBELL RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This park is part of a narrow tongue of land below the freeway embankment. ▪ Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation and dog walking.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is in an attractive bowl with a backdrop of trees. ▪ Informal surveillance is excellent from houses very close across the road. ▪ There is a small informal parking area. ▪ A granitic gravel path leads to the edge of the mulch but does not provide access to the play equipment itself nor to the picnic table. ▪ A path to seats/table is required. ▪ There is no shade, but some of the play structure has a roof and new trees have been planted. ▪ This play ground offers a good range of play activities for the younger age groups.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Target age group is toddler/junior. ▪ The freestanding slide unit has a similar design flaw to other playgrounds in that there is only one (reasonably challenging) access to the slide. However as there are other slides, this is not considered important. ▪ More importantly the deck has been placed within the fall zone of the base of the climbing net. This deck is the take-off deck for the track ride and is not really necessary as it is only a few millimeters above the mulch. ▪ The equipment has an imaginative 'drovers' theme ▪ There is no provision for disabled access to this play equipment which is a shame as this is one of the few types of setting which is easy to make accessible. 
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Undertake a careful study of how to make the drover's cottage and the cubby under the hex-shaped deck wheelchair accessible and how to make some activities useable from a wheelchair. ▪ Bring the path into the playground to link these areas and also the spring cart.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Local

PRECINCT No.4 BELLEVUE



Cascade Street
Reserve



Kyora Parade Reserve




Cascade Park

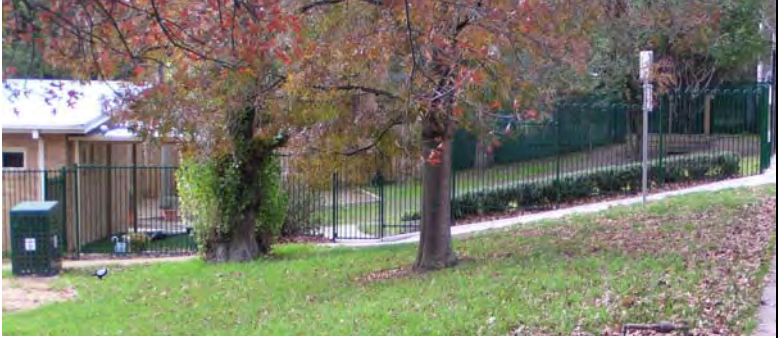
Cascade St/ Bulleen Rd, Bellevue



Precinct 4 Zone North Western	CASCADE PARK
Existing Classification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local
Dog leash Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The playground is located in the corner of the sloping reserve, directly adjacent to a pre-school. Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation. The playground is important as it is the larger of only two in this precinct. It needs to offer a good range of activities for a range of ages and abilities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no effective shade over the playground and only a few trees nearby. Target age group is junior /senior, with a few items younger children can use. The location near the pre-school establishes a demand for toddler junior items, as children and young siblings use the playground after kindergarten sessions.



Precinct 4 Zone North Western	CASCADE PARK
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Swings appear poorly sited, especially those closest to the equipment. Children running around the equipment risk running in front of the swings. ▪ There is a good range of physical activities for juniors and seniors Junior slide runout is too high and steep (see picture below).  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The equipment does not specifically provide for imaginative play. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment. ▪ The park is attractive. ▪ Its character is derived largely from the undulating site and large trees. ▪ Informal surveillance is good from houses on the uphill side of the park. ▪ The park is used for informal ball games. ▪ There is a picnic table under a tree (not accessible via a path). ▪ The entrance to the playground shares a very steep path which is the entry to the kinder, see picture below. ▪ Path gradient is not wheelchair accessible. ▪ A well-graded path winding more gently up the hill servicing both pre-school and playground will be appreciated by pram-pushing parents as well as wheelchair users.

Precinct 4 Zone North Western	CASCADE PARK
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Playground Recommendations	<p>This playground would benefit from the following additions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Addition of a freestanding, ground level, wheelchair accessible and usable setting for imaginative play- such as a cubby or a boat, set into a suitable landscape theme ▪ Addition of one, slightly challenging senior item such as from the Galaxy range or similar ▪ Consider re-locating the swings.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tree planting for shade and interest. ▪ Redesign access path to both play area and kindergarten. ▪ Accessible path through play area to picnic table and play items. ▪ Consider extending the path into an interesting small bumpy wheelchair and bike circuit.
Proposed Classification	Local

Kyora Parade Reserve

Kyora Parade, Bellevue



Precinct 4 Zone North Western	KYORA PARADE RESERVE
Existing Classification	Pocket
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This tiny, sloping park is essentially a triangular traffic island. It has a small playground. ▪ The park is popular with older primary children and young teenagers for playing football. ▪ Its main function is associated with /social /family/recreation. ▪ Musca Street Reserve is not far from here. It is further from the homes of ball players so is not favoured for football.



Precinct 4 Zone North Western	KYORA PARADE RESERVE
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The site is not fenced. ▪ Shade is dappled through tall trees. ▪ Target age group is junior ,with toddler swing seats. ▪ The equipment does not specifically provide for imaginative play. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment. ▪ The park is dominated by a handful of large handsome spotted gums. ▪ Informal surveillance is excellent from all sides.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Install speed bumps or other serious traffic calming measures to slow or redirect traffic near the corner of Kyora Parade and the Boulevard. ▪ Fence the Kyora Parade perimeter entirely, and the upper corner of Corona Street. This will slow ball-playing children from running out onto the road.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A large number of older children also have a stake in this park, and they must also be consulted. The football activities observed after school are considered to be highly valuable. They are often location-sensitive and the idea of asking them to move to the nearby reserve will not necessarily be successful. The large trees are the focus, as they form perfect goal posts. ▪ There is a risk to children playing ball games close to the road. ▪ Traffic is the source of the threat to children on this site. It is easy to claim that children are at risk and therefore should cease playing football here. However children are too frequently bearing the brunt of what is essentially a driver-behaviour problem.
Proposed Classification	Pocket



PRECINCT No.5 BALWYN NORTH



Leigh Park

Distribution of playgrounds across this Precinct

There is only one playground in this precinct. A large part of the western side of the precinct does not have access to a play area.

Consider opening discussions regarding shared use of the playground at Belle Vue Primary School (not inspected) if this is practicable.



Leigh Park

Balwyn Road, Balwyn North



Precinct 5 Zone North Western	LEIGH PARK
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This is an attractive and well-used park with a football oval. ▪ It is the only playground in this precinct. ▪ Its main function is associated with sport and social /family/recreation.



Precinct 5 Zone North Western	LEIGH PARK
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A lot of older primary/younger secondary children were seen using the park and playground after school.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is little shade, especially from the west. Target age group is junior /senior plus toddler swings. There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment. The maze is a lost opportunity. Synthetic surfacing in the shape of footprints are indistinguishable under the mulch. These funds could have been used to also make this space accessible (while still providing character). The oval is set into the side of a hill. Mature river red gums establish a strong character. There is a sports pavilion sited some distance away from the playground. Informal surveillance is excellent from houses on three sides. There is a well-located picnic table accessible from the concrete path winding from the street. The small cluster of trees near the playground is important. This could be enhanced by additional tree planting.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modify the maze so that the surface is wheelchair accessible and connected to the path. Ensure that at least some of the activities are usable front-on by a child in a wheelchair. Consider adding an item to serve multi-aged children such as a double spring see saw with hand grips, or a 'whirl' with partial sides; some children with disabilities can use these items. Make the space under the large deck into a cubby with some role-play activities. Add some trees to provide shade from west. Add some details such as a large tree stump or similar under trees to provide for more imaginative, child-directed play.



Precinct 5 Zone North Western	LEIGH PARK
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Local



PRECINCT No.6 NORTH BALWYN



Koonung Creek
Reserve

Distribution of playgrounds across the Precinct

There is only one playground in this precinct. A large part of the south west corner of the precinct does not have access to a play area.

Consider opening discussions regarding shared use of the playground at Boroondara Park Primary School (not inspected) if this is practicable.

Koonung Creek Reserve
Gardinia Street, Balwyn North



Precinct 6 Zone North Western	KOONUNG CREEK RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Located on Koonung Creek Reserve. A major bike trail links the reserves along this creek. ▪ It has an important role as a stop-off on the trip along the trail. ▪ It has a picnic shelter and BBQ.

<p>Precinct 6 Zone North Western</p>	<p>KOONUNG CREEK RESERVE</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The main function of the park is picnicking/social /family/recreation and walking/cycling. ▪ This playground is the only one serving this precinct and a fairly large zone in the northern corner of the municipality. ▪ Koonung Creek Reserve is the major regional open space in North Balwyn. ▪ There is a history of conflict between dogs and other park users.
<p>Functional Design Analysis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is limited shade over the play area but there is a roofed shelter and a backdrop of trees just to the west of the equipment. ▪ Target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior /senior. ▪ Though the toddler slide is aimed at young children, there is no suitable access to it [an enormous step of at least 450mm to this slide, and no hand grips]. ▪ Neither the equipment nor the site specifically provides for imaginative play. ▪ There is no provision for disabled access to this play equipment. ▪ This playground offers a reasonable range of activities but these are rather bland and there is little which is distinctive about this play area. ▪ The parkland is green, undulating and dotted with mixed 'native' trees, remnant species and a swamp. The undulations are formed by the berm which surrounds the eastern freeway. ▪ Informal surveillance is restricted (from a few houses only). ▪ There is no toilet block. ▪ There is a BBQ with tables and seats on a concrete slab in a picnic shelter but these are not connected to the path and are not designed for accessibility. ▪ There is a gravel path system. It would be easy to link the shelter to the path. Surfaces around shelter are eroding.



Precinct 6 Zone North Western	KOONUNG CREEK RESERVE
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider the installation of a District-sized playground that caters for all age groups and reflects the natural environment of the park. ▪ Utilise the copse of trees on the side of the playground to create some play value based on a natural setting- logs for play; a 'tree house' amongst the trees but not necessarily in them; some quirky log sculptures set in the treed area. These could all be wheelchair accessible.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Upgrade picnic shelter for wheelchair access- ie seamless access linking to path system; ensure access to BBQ and adjust tables and spacing inside shelter. ▪ Road access to the park is via a convoluted road system and there is limited parking. Consider modifying the road configuration next to the park in order to accommodate off-street parking bays. ▪ Nominate this site to be considered as a potential location for a small, low key, localised BMX track ▪ A design should be prepared that incorporates a physical barrier such as a fence or planting to reduce the existing conflict between dogs and other users.
Proposed Classification	District



PRECINCT No 7 Kew East




Stradbroke Park



Stradbroke Park

Lawrence St, Kew East



Precinct 7 Zone North Eastern	STRADBROKE PARK
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stradbroke Park adjoins Kew High School. Facilities include a walking path as well as football, soccer, cricket and junior athletics. Its main function is associated with sport, walking and social /family/recreation. The northern section of this site is a native vegetation area.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The climbing net has a deck at its base (in the fall zone). This is poor design practice. The deck is a takeoff platform for an horizontal ladder. It would be preferable not to share this deck directly with a climbing item. 

Precinct 7 Zone North Eastern	STRADBROKE PARK
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no provision for disabled access to this play equipment or area. The main structure provides for junior/senior children, with younger children accommodated well by the maze. The playground site has perimeter planting that provides some shade and character. Informal surveillance is poor.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The main problem with this playground is that the ground level maze is not accessible. The maze should be studied in more detail to see if it and the others of this brand in the municipality can be upgraded and made useable for children in wheelchairs. The perimeter of the maze, with the shop panels and the interactive panels, could be adapted to provide accessible play from the outside. Future specifications for such items must insist that they be designed in such a way that these are wheelchair accessible. Avoid connecting a ground level deck to a climbing net. The deck is within the fall zone of the net. Remove the deck and reconfigure this section.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the same time, a seamless path system must be constructed from the car park across the grass to the playground and a ramped entry across the border be constructed to the maze and environs. An accessible table and /or seating should be provided in shade.
Proposed Classification	Local



PRECINCT No. 8 BALWYN



Macleay Park



Hislop Park



Eva Tilley Reserve

Western Section of Precinct 8

The whole western section of this precinct does not have access to any quality playground. Given this distribution, it is worth investigating whether a new local playground could be constructed at King Street North Reserve - Belmore to Burke and the existing playground at Macleay Park be upgraded to a district level. These new playgrounds should be designed in a completely different way from the others in the catchment.

Macleay Park

Buchanan Avenue, Balwyn



Precinct 8 Zone North Western	MACLEAY PARK
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This large park caters for soccer, cricket, football, baseball, tennis, bowls and netball. There is also a scout hall and a half basketball court near one pavilion. ▪ It is also adjacent to Balwyn High and Primary Schools. ▪ Its main function is associated with sports and social /family/recreation. ▪ The park is significant as there are only two in the precinct. ▪ Council has recently completed the construction of a large (20 Court) netball facility.



Precinct 8 Zone North Western	MACLEAY PARK
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The whole site/ playground is fenced. ▪ There is partial shade from trees. ▪ Target age group is junior /senior. There is little here for young children. ▪ Activities include many physical and agility items aimed at a fairly challenging level. ▪ The equipment does not provide much for imaginative play (one door/window). ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment. ▪ There is no landscape interest or anything here other than play structures. ▪ The site is flat, open and ill-defined ▪ The park is large with many established trees. ▪ There is a toilet block. ▪ There is a BBQ and car park. ▪ There is a new pavilion.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground should be replaced with a new district-classification playground, not only to cater for sporting groups, but also in order to rectify the poor distribution of playgrounds in this precinct. ▪ Given the proximity of secondary students, the design must cater for older children, with items such as an elevated lookout/seating area/tree house and other social spaces. ▪ Create a smaller children's space and make this accessible and pleasant for children and adults. ▪ Use land-forming, interesting surfaces, planting to define the space and entice visitors to use the space and extend their visit.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider relocating the playground to a more central position within Macleay Park, such as in between ovals one and two. This would improve visibility, accessibility and to relate well to all amenities.
Proposed Classification	District



Hislop Park

Balwyn Road, Balwyn



Precinct 8 Zone North Eastern	HISLOP PARK
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Similar to Macleay Park, this playground is part of a larger sports reserve. Its main function is associated with sport and social /family/recreation. Secondary students congregate at this site.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The playground is on a relatively flat site, close to fence-lines and a path. The playground is not well-shaded. Target age group is junior. The equipment does not specifically provide for imaginative play and there is no enclosure or visual complexity. There is no specific provision for disabled access to

Precinct 8 Zone North Eastern	HISLOP PARK
	this play equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Given that the playground in Macleay Park has been recommended for replacement with a district facility catering for older children/teenagers, we recommend that Hislop Park should focus specifically on younger children. ▪ This new addition for younger children, plus a space designed for seating and shelter, should be wheelchair accessible.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Local



Eva Tilley Memorial Home

Nicholson St , Balwyn



Precinct 8	EVA TILLEY RESERVE
Zone North Eastern	
Existing Classification	Pocket
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground is located in the grounds of a senior citizens' home. ▪ The equipment does not fulfil a public role.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The equipment is in a grassed area adjacent to the car park, surrounded by trees and shrubs. ▪ This equipment is considered outmoded today. ▪ No impact absorbing surfacing within fall zones.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This equipment should be removed and not replaced. A new local playground is proposed for King Street North Reserve - Belmore to Burke.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Remove

PRECINCTS No. 9 and 10 GREYTHORN

Precinct 9



Greythorn Park



Jacka Street Reserve



Gordon Barnard
Reserve

Precinct 10

There are no playgrounds in this precinct. This precinct lies within a Priority 3 zone and a new playground has been proposed for Winfield Road Reserve.



Greythorn Park Robert Street, Balwyn North




Precinct 9 Zone North Eastern	GREYTHORN PARK
Existing Classification	District
Dog leash Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This park is centrally located in the precinct. It has a football /cricket ground oval a pavilion, tennis courts and scout hall. Its main function is associated with sports/picnicking/social /family/recreation.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The park is attractive with native tree planting as well as some lower level planting to which children have access. This contributes to a complex and interesting setting for play.



<p>Precinct 9 Zone North Eastern</p>	<p>GREYTHORN PARK</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Informal surveillance is poor as the park is on the crown of a hill. Surrounding houses are lower than the park. ▪ Toilets in the pavilion are not open to the public. ▪ There is a BBQ with tables on the paved surface under a shelter. Picnic table design is not easily accessible. ▪ There is a path from the car park and pavilion. A second path from the lower level on the other side is steep and has bollards too closely spaced for comfortable wheelchair access. Access from the upper level car park is also made more difficult by position of a bollard in the middle of the path, which is a hazard to vision-impaired users. ▪ Large sails provide overhead shade over a substantial amount of the play structure. Afternoon shade from the west in summer will be improved when tree planting becomes mature. ▪ Target age group is predominantly junior /senior/young teens; there are a few activities for younger children. ▪ The design consists of essentially two roofed towers each with its own complex linked by a long track ride. Each tower has ramped access. There is a good choice of stair access to each deck. ▪ Climbing wall might benefit from a grip rail along its top to aid transition from one side to the other. ▪ Track ride buffers do not work adequately. ▪ The green steel climber linking the senior tower down to the track ride has a deck at its base. This is a poor design as it is in the fall zone. ▪ Disabled access to this play equipment has been considered and is an enormous improvement on most parks. As a major investment has been made here, the following comments are offered, to make the playground really accessible and functional. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ramp gradients are too steep, have no rest areas, and wheel stops appear to be too spaced apart. – There is actually no easy activity for a child in a chair to use front-on – Children in wheelchairs would be at serious risk of falling from the openings, especially the junior tower at the opening for the stairs.



Precinct 9 Zone North Eastern	GREYTHORN PARK
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Advantage could have been taken to provide wheelchair access to the spaces underneath the tower decks /cubbies.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Make amendments to play structures for safety and to enhance access for wheelchairs as discussed above. ▪
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Upgrade path from lower level for wheelchair access. Improve gradient and width of entry, and make entry to footpath flat and safe. ▪ Check width of entry of path from car park. Bollards in middle of path appear to block wheelchair access. Also make sure eroded sections of path to playground are removed and seamless, all-weather access is available.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This site justifies having toilets which are open during at least daylight hours.
Proposed Classification	District

Jacka St Reserve
Jacka Street, Balwyn North



Precinct 9 Zone North Eastern	JACKA STREET RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This small park is a 'battle-axe' shaped block .It has no open street frontages and no surveillance from the street. ▪ Its main function is social /family/recreation. ▪ It is a good, private play place for local children.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The slide is non-compliant. ▪ The park is green and attractive, slightly wild-looking, with its character derived largely from grass and mixed tree planting. ▪ Informal surveillance is very poor. ▪ The space is fenced on all sides by private fences. ▪ There is no sign of recent use here. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This play equipment should be removed. ▪ The park should be retained as an excellent walking and natural play space.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Local



Gordon Barnard Reserve

Balwyn Road, Balwyn North



Precinct 9 Zone North Eastern	GORDON BARNARD RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This park is a major recreation and sports reserve with the Balwyn Leisure Centre, swimming pool, ovals. ▪ Its main function is associated with sports and social /family/recreation. ▪ The playground is located on the opposite side of the park from the leisure centre and pool.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is very large with numerous sports facilities. ▪ Toilets are only available in the Leisure Centre. ▪ This playground is one of only two in this precinct. It therefore needs to provide a good range of activities for a full range of ages and a fair range of abilities. This play equipment is inadequate, poorly designed and does not meet these criteria.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are a number of significant design faults with this item, including: attachment of a swing in the centre of another structure, inadequate/poor access; inadequate guard-railing/infill; poorly designed slide pole Target age group is junior /senior. Though the tunnel slide is aimed at young children, there is no suitable access to it. The equipment does not provide for imaginative play. Shade is inadequate. There is no provision for disabled access to this space or play equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This playground should be removed as soon as possible. It needs to be replaced with a good local playground that will provide an entirely different setting from both Greythorn and Hislop Reserves. It needs to cater for children at sporting fixtures, for people using the northern pool and for local residents. It therefore needs to cater for under threes, 4 to 7's and 8 to 12's. It should provide, amongst other things, a good range of upper body equipment especially a junior horizontal ladder (as well as a senior one). These are under-provided and children need the opportunity to develop their skills safely. There is little good agility equipment in this whole area, especially for younger children. The playground also needs to offer a set of accessible play options. These do not need to be expensive. They could include a good sand play area with an elevated sand play table, an accessible cubby or other imaginative play item, some attractive landscape elements including shade, and a choice of means of access to any elevated activities. If sand is considered unacceptable without a fence, then an attractive fence should be provided.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration should be given to relocating a new playground to a position that better serves the new Northern Pool Centre, as well as surrounding residents.
Proposed Classification	Local



PRECINCT No. 11 Kew



Victoria Park
[High St]



Victoria Park North
[Adeney Ave]



Victoria Park
[Parkhill Road]



Outer Circle Park,
[Campbell Street]



Outer Circle Park
[Argyle Road]



Victoria Park

High Street, Kew



Precinct 11 Zone North Eastern	VICTORIA PARK [High Street]
Existing Classification	Pocket
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This swing set is situated on a main through-path which leads across Victoria Park and crosses High Street. There is a bus stop and shops close by. It is also close to the main driveway entrance to the sports fields car park and pavilions. Its main function is associated with low key play.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This play space consists of just one double swing set. The space has dappled shade. Target age group is toddler/junior /senior. The space is attractive, defined by some tall river red gums, other eucalypts and some understorey native planting contrasting with views across to some historic palm trees and to the croquet club site. Informal surveillance is poor.



Precinct 11 Zone North Eastern	VICTORIA PARK [High Street]
Playground Recommendations	<p>Single items alone in a space are typically not worth maintaining, especially in such close proximity to two other playgrounds in the same park. The space does not have a clear purpose, it is too far away from other park facilities and is too close to High Street.</p> <p>Depending upon the outcome of the Concept Master Plan for Victoria Park, we recommend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ that this item be removed and ▪ the space could be redesigned as an attractive garden with seating and other features which could be playful (such as sculpture) but not play equipment.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Remove



Victoria Park North

Adeney Avenue, Kew



Precinct 11 Zone North Eastern	VICTORIA PARK NORTH [Adeney Ave]
Existing Classification	District
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This is an important park for Kew. It is the largest park in the north eastern corner of the municipality (outside of the river environment). ▪ It features historic planting of exotic tree species, remnant native trees and an historic layout, as well as an accumulation of more recent play structures, picnic shelters and the bluestone slide mound. ▪ The park is accessible via a bike path, on a detour off the main north south route through the municipality. ▪ The main function of the park is associated with picnicking/social /family/recreation, sports and walking.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is large with a range of ovals, a croquet club and pavilions. ▪ Informal surveillance is reasonably good from across Adeney Ave. ▪ There is street parking as well as internal parking near the ovals at the higher level. ▪ There are BBQs, seats, and a picnic shelter with two table settings on concrete pads. The design of these is not accessible and the shelter is not connected to the path. ▪ There are two areas of playground equipment separated from one another by some meters. ▪ One set of equipment is almost identical to the items in the southern corner of the park (Parkhill Road). ▪ Shade is inadequate. ▪ There is little connection between elements in the space. ▪ The play equipment here does not do justice to the importance of the park. It has common design faults and apart from the bluestone mound slide, lacks any distinctive qualities that would attract visitors for a special trip.



<p>Precinct 11 Zone North Eastern</p>	<p>VICTORIA PARK NORTH [Adeney Ave]</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Target age group for the standard equipment is junior, though younger and less able children would not find much they can use here. The long mound slide is aimed at older children and young teens/adults. ▪ Although there is no particular problem with most of the individual components, the configuration of this equipment is not ideal. ▪ The equipment has only limited provision for imaginative play. ▪ There is no provision for disabled access to this play equipment.
<p>Playground Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend a new playground for this park. ▪ It should provide some unique features for teenagers, such as possibly a large Corocord net or similar dramatic climbing element. ▪ It should have some accessible sections at the lower levels. ▪ We recommend that the design should include a big slide. ▪ Remove the bluestone mound which takes up an excessive amount of space and detracts from the space. ▪ Any new design should seek to incorporate a landmark feature. ▪ The design should incorporate interesting climbing walls and other older children's social and physically challenging activities. ▪ A more interesting setting should be provided that does not block off a large part of the park and that allows the slide to be integrated with other parts of the playground. ▪ Design a completely new and fully accessible play space for younger children. ▪ Consolidate this into one space, preferably with provision for adults in the centre; use good landscape design to integrate the play area into the park in an attractive and functional way. ▪ This playground needs complete and careful redesign up to the level of a good Regional playground.



Precinct 11 Zone North Eastern	VICTORIA PARK NORTH [Adeney Ave]
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide an accessible path network that connects all major facilities such as the BBQ area, picnic tables, car parks and play areas and that link with other primary and secondary paths. ▪ Fully accessible, convenient toilets need to be available for the playground users. ▪ Fencing should be considered for the Adeney Avenue perimeter. The playground should not be fenced in isolation. ▪ Planting that features both specimen trees and garden beds, needs to be a feature of any new playground design and should reflect the historic, gardenesque palette of this section of the park.
Proposed Classification	Regional



Victoria Park-Parkhill Road

Parkhill Road, Kew



Precinct 11 Zone North Eastern	VICTORIA PARK [Parkhill Road]
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground is on the southern end of the larger Victoria Park. It services the residents south of Parkhill Road. ▪ Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation /walking and as an historical reference associated with the relic tree.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The play area is on a corner, close to an oval and across the fence from the large and historic cemetery. ▪ Informal surveillance is good from the road and from houses.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are a number of paths and routes (both informal 'goat tracks', and formalised paths) that appear to intersect at this play area.- The remains of an historic tree are still on the site. This area is fenced off. The play area does not have a pleasing sense of space. It is ill-defined towards the road, surfaces are worn, and trees do not have a major impact. Shade is inadequate. Target age group is junior. The configuration of this equipment is not ideal as young children may not be able to negotiate the net to use the slide. There is no provision for disabled access to this play equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although a regional playground is proposed for Victoria Path North, it is recommended that a smaller playground be retained to provide a quiet, easily accessible and local facility for nearby residents and for sports ground users on the top oval. We recommend construction of a new local playground at Parkhill Road in an accessible and interesting setting with logical and age appropriate access to the activities, and some gradation in challenge. Provide wheelchair access to social spaces and to the underneath areas of decks for cubby play.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use earthworks to create a low barrier to Adeney Avenue, to create a subtle sense of separation without blocking views into the park. Prepare a plan for the whole corner; consider 'desire lines' and paths and make sure these are acknowledged in the new site design. Include seats, planting and shade trees.
Proposed Classification	Local



Outer Circle Park

Campbell St, Kew



Precinct 11 Zone North Western	OUTER CIRCLE PARK Campbell Street
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground is situated on the Outer Circle Linear Park shared pathway. ▪ Its main function is associated with family/recreation and walking/cycling.

Precinct 11 Zone North Western	OUTER CIRCLE PARK Campbell Street
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is inadequate shade ▪ Target age group is junior /senior. There is a reasonable range of physical activities . ▪ The play ground has a number of design faults: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The spring swing is located in the middle of the other activities and presents a hazard to children moving around the space. – The items such as smaller slides, though designed for young children are not really easily accessible safely by this age group. None of the slides have easy access via a stair. – young children will easily fall through the gap in decks above junior slide deck and deck to spiral slide. – the net and rung access to the deck with the tic-tac-toe are difficult for young children. ▪ The equipment does not provide well for imaginative play though there are a few panels intended for this purpose. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment or space.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground could benefit from reconfiguration of some of the components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – relocate spring swing out of activity zone, – modify access to slides so there is a stair at least for junior items, – fill fall-through gaps between decks.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plant shade trees
Proposed Classification	Local



Outer Circle Park

Argyle Road/ Kew



Precinct 11 Zone North Eastern	OUTER CIRCLE PARK Argyle Road
Existing Classification	Pocket
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground is situated on the Outer Circle Linear Park shared pathway. ▪ Its main function is associated with walking and cycling.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Informal surveillance is limited. ▪ There are signs of use (wear in mulch). ▪ There is no shade. ▪ Target age group is toddler/junior /senior. ▪ Equipment comprises just one double swing, with toddler and junior safety seats.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This play equipment is not valuable enough on its own to be treated as a playground. However, it is in a corner of the precinct that does not have access to other playgrounds within quite some distance.



Precinct 11 Zone North Eastern	OUTER CIRCLE PARK Argyle Road
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend considering the installation of fitness track equipment in conjunction with the swing. For use of both adults and children.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Pocket



PRECINCT No.12 Balwyn



King Street Chain



Outer Circle Linear
Park, Whitehorse
Road



Gordon Street
Reserve



Hilda St
Reserve

King Street Chain, Balwyn

King Street, Balwyn



Precinct 12 Zone North Eastern	KING STREET CHAIN, BALWYN
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linear park with a granitic gravel path. The park is green with many trees and a very slightly 'wild' look which is attractive. It adjoins the backs of houses. Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation as well as cycling/walking.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This playground is poorly sited; informal surveillance is poor. There is a lot of shade in the reserve but not over the equipment. Target age group is junior/senior. The equipment does not provide for imaginative play. There is no disabled access to this play equipment.

<p>Precinct 12 Zone North Eastern</p>	<p>KING STREET CHAIN, BALWYN</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This equipment is outdated and very poorly designed. ▪ The only access to the slide is via the arch climber which is quite unsuitable as the main access. ▪ The clatter bridge has a straight rail that does not afford any protection or support to a young child. ▪ Swings should never be attached to other equipment. ▪ The slide pole has a poorly designed access point and no hand grips. ▪ The slide has no hand grips and little run-out.
<p>Playground Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground should be removed as a matter of priority. ▪ If possible, consideration should be given to re-locating this playground to a more visible position within the reserve. ▪ The new design should be different to the style of playgrounds located in close proximity at Gordon Street and Hilda/Nott Street Reserves. ▪ A new local playground should be designed that has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A few, low-key wheel chair accessible items such as a well-designed cubby house, a car or boat (something different from the nearly playgrounds) and an accessible picnic/seating area, – Some well designed activities for young children, – An item with a form of movement such as spinning, – Some landscape elements such as planting and earthworks, – A multi-directional swing for older children.
<p>Site Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There may be an opportunity to incorporate integrated seating and picnic areas in conjunction with the playground. It is important to link the pedestrian path with the playground facilities. ▪ It may be worth considering nominating an appropriate portion of King Street Chain of Parks as a potential site for a local BMX/Skate facility as part of Council's BMX/Skate Strategy.



Precinct 12 Zone North Eastern	KING STREET CHAIN, BALWYN
Proposed Classification	Local



Outer Circle Park [Whitehorse Road]

Whitehorse Road, Balwyn



Precinct 12 Zone North Eastern	OUTER CIRCLE PARK Whitehorse Road
Existing Classification	District
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This play area is located in the Outer Circle Linear Park system that links much of the municipality. ▪ It is adjacent to a primary school. ▪ Its main function is associated with picnicking/social /family/recreation/trail cycling and walking.

Precinct 12 Zone North Eastern	OUTER CIRCLE PARK Whitehorse Road
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The play area is attractive; effort has gone into an integrated site design. Although this enhances the play value of this space, the overall appearance is slightly industrial and could be better integrated with the surrounding landscape. ▪ The surrounding rock work is more visual than functional and does not contribute to play. ▪ Informal surveillance is difficult. ▪ There is a water play area (not functional), a path system, paved shelter and a reasonably accessible BBQ and drinking fountain. ▪ Some shade and cover from trees and a barbecue shelter is available. ▪ Target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior/senior. ▪ Three swings in one swing unit is undesirable as children must cross the path of moving swings to reach the centre position. ▪ The white senior rung ladder is at an angle that is not steep enough and has been shown to be less safe; 60 to 90 degrees to the vertical is recommended. Hand grips have not been installed above the ladder. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider adding another double swing frame and add a 'little tykes' swing seat with back support, and a senior strap seat. ▪ Re-attach white ladder at correct angle and add hand grips. ▪ Add a path into and under senior deck with synthetic surfacing in fall zones; make some play opportunities in the cubby accessible. ▪ When this playground facility reaches replacement age, consider re-designing the facility to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – incorporate more imaginative play elements by using soft landscaping and utilising surrounding rocks. – consider reflecting the historic and cultural significance of the Outer Circle Railway site.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Integrate or soften the over-designed hard-surfaces in order to link the playground/barbecue area with the surrounding open space.



Precinct 12 Zone North Eastern	OUTER CIRCLE PARK Whitehorse Road
Proposed Classification	District



Gordon Street Reserve, Balwyn

Gordon St, Balwyn



Precinct 12 Zone North Eastern	GORDON STREET RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This small park is centrally located in the precinct. ▪ Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is small, with roads on three sides. ▪ There is good informal surveillance. ▪ The play area is well-sited under trees with a good sized ball-play area located adjacent to the playground. ▪ There is a path system passing close to the play area ▪ There is a small hard court ball play area close-by. ▪ There is good tree shade for some of the day. ▪ Target age group is junior /senior. The unit is not suitable for very young children. ▪ The equipment does not provide for much imaginative play. ▪ There is no provision for disabled access to this play equipment. ▪ This equipment could be better configured: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - two activities are repeated (net climb) off the same deck with no hand grips, - one net has a fall zone onto a deck - undesirable, - the other net has a bar at its base that also constitutes a fall hazard, - three activities landing onto one small deck is too many, - there is no access provide for young or less agile children onto the elevated equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground could benefit from minor reconfiguration of the above-listed components in



Precinct 12 Zone North Eastern	GORDON STREET RESERVE
	order to improve safety and make it more functional for as wide a group as possible.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Local



Hilda Street Reserve, Balwyn

Hilda Street, Balwyn



Precinct 12 Zone North Eastern	HILDA STREET RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site is adjacent to a kindergarten. Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The small park is flat and fairly open; fence lines are prominent at the rear of the play equipment. Informal surveillance is excellent. Shade is inadequate. Target age group is separate toddler/junior and senior. Access has been provided to slide and decks for younger children. The equipment does not provide well for imaginative play. There is no provision for disabled access to this play equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This playground would be improved by undertaking a

Precinct 12 Zone North Eastern	HILDA STREET RESERVE
	landscape design that integrates the playground with the surrounding parkland and caters specifically for kindergarten traffic. This could be achieved by designing a planting plan that incorporates shrubs, trees and a smaller secondary path system with imaginative play items such as rocks or sculptures.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Local



PRECINCT No.13 BALWYN



Beckett Park




Minifie Park

Beckett Park

Parring Road, Balwyn



Precinct 13 Zone North Eastern	BECKETT PARK
Existing Classification	Regional
Dog leash Status	Off leash (part of Reserve only)
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This important park is central in its precinct and is located adjacent to Maranoa Gardens. ▪ There is a kindergarten located close-by. ▪ The site is located at the highest point in Balwyn and it contains the Beckett Park Centenary Observatory Tower that significantly adds to the play value of the site. ▪ Its main function is associated with picnicking/social /family/recreation.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park slopes and has well-established trees. ▪ Informal surveillance is poor. ▪ Although, there is a toilet block located in close-proximity to the playground, it is not accessible. ▪ There is a good path system through the park. ▪ Close to the playground, there is an historic tree(<i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i>) the 'fairy tree' which is much loved by local and visiting children and is classified as a significant tree.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The sand pit is fenced and has a shade-sail structure above it. ▪ Shade is also available from some trees and from some roofs as part of the playground structure. ▪ Target age group is toddler/junior /senior. ▪ Activities include a very wide range of play activities, many linked by ramps; a number of the activities are accessible. There is also a series of hand-carved sculptures that add to the play value of this site.

Precinct 13 Zone North Eastern	BECKETT PARK
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nearby picnic table settings are not accessible.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This playground provides a good range of play activities. It was built in 1996 and it may now be worth carrying out a more detailed access-audit in order to determine whether more activities could be made accessible. Now that there are better back-supported swing seats on the market, it may be worth installing a third swing frame and installing two 'little tykes' swing seats, at different heights (one higher than usual,) to accommodate the legs of older children who may not be able to withdraw their legs as they swing. It is essential to connect picnic table settings to the path system and make sure there are wheelchair accessible models of seats, BBQs and drinking fountains. The public toilets must be made fully accessible with consideration given to updating the existing facility and re-locating it to a more convenient and safer location closer to the playground.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Regional



Minifie Park

Belmore Road Balwyn



Precinct 13 Zone North Eastern	MINIFIE PARK
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As this medium-sized corner park is one of only two in this precinct, it is very important to maintain a local playground in this catchment area. A child care centre/ kindergarten is sited on the corner of the park and overlooks it. Its main function is associated with social/family/recreation and after-kindergarten activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The park slopes away from the road; it is largely grass and has a good set of established mixed native and exotic trees. The playground is sited at the top of the hill. There is some Informal surveillance but the site has in the past attracted some vandalism.

Precinct 13 Zone North Eastern	MINIFIE PARK
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Neither the park nor playground is wheelchair accessible. ▪ The playground is built up and retained with timber rounds, presumably for drainage purposes. ▪ Some tree shade is available. ▪ The playground is very basic and is unlikely to hold the interest of children for more than a few minutes. ▪ Target age group is toddler/junior. ▪ The freestanding slide is of little value unless attached to other activities. ▪ The equipment does not provide for imaginative play. ▪ There is no provision for disabled access to this play equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A better play area is required here. ▪ A new play space should be quite different in character from Beckett, Greythorn and Mont Albert Parks. ▪ The swing, double see saw and possibly spring toys can be retained or reused. ▪ It would be worth investigating the use of specialist playground equipment that caters for toddlers in order to create a unique playground design in the precinct and retain a toddler age group focus. ▪ A new playground facility must provide some elements that are accessible and provide a good range of play opportunities for young children. ▪ As the site is sloping, this factor should be utilised in a new site design with gardens, paths and play elements in an attractive space with a logical age progression. ▪ It is easy to incorporate wheelchair access into a sloping site so even in a low-key way this factor should be designed in from the start. ▪ Ensure that the space is a pleasant place for adults as well as children.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Local



PRECINCT No.13A MONT ALBERT



Mont Albert Park



Mont Albert Park

Union Road, Mont Albert



Precinct 13A Zone North Eastern	MONT ALBERT PARK
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This small park on Union Road is important as it is the only playground in this precinct located on the eastern boundary of the municipality ▪ It is close to Mont Albert Primary School. ▪ Its main function is associated with picnicking/social /family/recreation.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is attractive and undulating with mature trees. ▪ Informal surveillance is good. ▪ There is no path system. ▪ This playground is partly fenced around the young children's section. The fence is not especially attractive, but is appropriate given that the park is a dog off-leash park. ▪ Some shade from trees is available. ▪ Target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior /senior.



Precinct 13A Zone North Eastern	MONT ALBERT PARK
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities include a wide range of climbing and agility items, imaginative and social play. There is no specific provision for disabled access to this park, play area or play equipment. This playground is historically significant, being one of the last remaining and a good example of playground designs by Herman Blenk, a well known playground designer and builder from the 1960's, 70's and 80's. It is also a well-designed space, though there are some items that should be updated in order to comply with current safety practices and accessibility.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As this facility is the only playground in this precinct and due to its age and some out-dated structural components, it is recommended that a new playground be constructed at this location as a matter of priority. Until such time as funding is provided for replacement, it is suggested that the following minor modifications be taken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the steel slide should be replaced, the railing on the slide deck should be removed, the timber stepping rounds are not ideal as a climber the shared deck at the base of the tyre climber (and the climber itself) are not best practice. A new playground design must have regard, in the design stage, to providing disabled access to picnic tables/seats and to a range of play activities. It is strongly recommended that the existing Blenk playground be recorded photographically before modifications or removal is undertaken. The photographs may be used for a historic/cultural record and specifically for the basis of informing a new playground design.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Local



PRECINCTS No. 14 and 15A Kew

Precinct 14

There are no playgrounds in this precinct. There is a large perimeter of open space along the Yarra River but most of this is not Council land. Based on demographic data, this is not a high priority precinct.

Precinct 15A



Foley Reserve

Foley Reserve

Foley Street, Kew



Precinct 15A Zone North Western	FOLEY RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This small reserve is the only one within its small precinct that sits in a residential area bounded by three very busy roads. • Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The park is medium sized with mature trees and has had some earth-forming to create mounds.

Precinct 15A Zone North Western	FOLEY RESERVE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The park is predominantly surrounded by house fences. • Informal surveillance is limited to houses with a view over the fences; there are some multi storey blocks with a view into the park. • There is some shade from a mixture of native and exotic trees. ▪ Target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior /senior though generally the combination unit is quite unsuitable for very young children. ▪ Although there is no particular problem with most of the individual components, the configuration of this equipment is not ideal. ▪ The equipment only provides limited activities for imaginative play. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment. ▪ There are a few design faults on this equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The chain bridge slopes at a steep angle to a deck that is approximately 1000mm in height. Generally these bridges should be kept low - under 600mm - because of the potential for groin injuries when children slip. In this case, because the handrails are so high, many children will have great difficulty keeping their balance which is further complicated because there are no handgrips at the top. ○ The junior rung ladder is too far from the deck to which it is supposed to provide the only access. Falls between deck and ladder appear likely. There are no handgrips to assist. ▪ There is no easy form of access to the junior part of the structure or slide
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Replace the rung ladder with a stair. ▪ Modify the chain bridge to make it usable. ▪ Consider adding an accessible play activity under the highest decks and connecting these to a path.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Local



PRECINCT No. 15 Kew



Fenton Reserve



Alexandra Gardens



Fenton Reserve


Fenton Ave, Kew



Precinct 15 Zone North Western	FENTON RESERVE
Existing Classification	Pocket
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This tiny reserve is on the edge of a car park behind the shops at Kew Junction. Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation for shoppers and a few local residents.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The park is very small but contains some attractive native trees. Informal surveillance is only available from a few nearby houses and from the car park. There is a table setting with two seats linked to the path; however it would still be impossible for someone who is disabled and/or in a wheelchair to use the seats or table.

<p>Precinct 15 Zone North Western</p>	<p>FENTON RESERVE</p>
	<div data-bbox="778 427 1310 647" data-label="Image"> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shade is limited ▪ Target age group is toddler/junior ▪ There is no provision for disabled access to this play equipment ▪ Even though a step-ladder is provided as a form of access to the decks, this is difficult for young children to negotiate. Step-ladders are especially unsuitable for children going down. ▪ There are a few other safety and non compliance issues with this design: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The handgrips are too high for a child to reach from the blue net climb – Check for head entrapment dimensions in the step ladder hand rails – The infill has been patterned into a window outline. Although, this contributes to the theme of the playground, the bottom cross member of the window forms a foothold that does not comply with the requirements for infill. – There is almost certainly an entanglement potential in the placement of the slide in relation to the red handgrips - see photograph below. The potential to cause death by strangulation from toggles of cords caught between the slide and handgrip, that tighten as the child moves down the slide is the leading cause of death in playgrounds in the US. This should be attended to urgently. The space needs to be filled in such a way that nothing can become caught.



<p>Precinct 15 Zone North Western</p>	<p>FENTON RESERVE</p>
	 <p>Entanglement potential</p>
<p>Playground Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Replace the picnic table with an accessible model - that is, one with an overhang at one end, closest to the path. ▪ Pave the access to the end of the table and link seamlessly to the path. ▪ Check and fill any potential entanglement gaps. ▪ Consider replacing the step-ladder with an additional lower deck and add a stair to this instead. ▪ This playground is an attempt to create an imaginative play setting but it is somewhat sterile and would benefit enormously from the addition of a little more detail to stimulate more play activities underneath. A small seat under the deck, even something such as a plank bench with a few circular holes cut into it, placed under the slide so no-one can fall onto it; where children can create their own play, would be more useful. ▪ Consider adding one more item that can accommodate a range of children of different ages. A flat rotating disk with hand supports might be one option.
<p>Site Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Picnic table needs an overhang and the path needs to provide disabled access to new, accessible ends of the table.
<p>Proposed Classification</p>	<p>Pocket</p>

Alexandra Gardens

Cotham Road, Kew



Precinct 15 Zone North Western	ALEXANDRA GARDENS
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This park is an historic and beautiful Edwardian-era garden with a water feature and a rotunda. ▪ It is located on the fringe of Kew Junction and next to Xavier and Trinity Schools. ▪ Its main function is associated with picnicking/social /family/recreation and it is one of Council's most heavily-booked sites for weddings, engagements and other formal functions.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is small but complex, with its character derived largely from the exotic and native planting and various sculptures and other features. ▪ Informal surveillance is reasonable from Cotham Road.



Precinct 15 Zone North Western	ALEXANDRA GARDENS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a good path system. The garden is largely fenced from surrounding roads. There is good shade at some times of the day, from magnificent large trees. Target age group is toddler. Activities comprise one Helicopter with toddler slide and a two-way spring see-saw. The access into the helicopter is a little difficult with little to provide hand grip or a good foothold; the helicopter runners at the base are located within the fall zone which is not ideal. There is no provision for disabled access to this play equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no particular urgency to replace this item, though the access and fall zone issues should be addressed. As this is a very special park, it is suggested that investigation be undertaken to design a playground that is unique to this site and that could both be more useful and beautiful for this setting. We recommend discussing a design commission with some well chosen local sculptors, with the objective of designing a play sculpture that, while meeting safety requirements, is beautiful, timeless, suitable for multi age groups, and that can absorb a small group of children at any one time. Some elements of the sculpture must be able to be used by children with disabilities.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Local



PRECINCT No.16 KEW



Kellett Reserve



Reservoir Reserve



Kellett Reserve, Kew

Malin Street, Kew



Precinct 16 Zone North Western	KELLETT RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This small park is one of only a few parks within this residential area. It also has a number of private schools in the vicinity ▪ Its main function is associated with social/family/recreation
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is open, uniformly sloping, and prominent to the street, with its character derived largely from some impressive large eucalypts ▪ Informal surveillance is excellent ▪ There are some picnic settings nearby but these are not connected properly to the path ▪ There is a path system crossing the park and the playground is sited against the uphill edge of the path ▪ Limited shade is available from nearby trees ▪ Target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior/senior ▪ This playground has many appealing and exciting elements. However it has a few design problems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The play area has been sited into a sloping site, without levelling, and as a result the mulch is already spilling onto the path. A low retaining wall could be incorporated into the design, making a useful seating and balancing edge and keeping the mulch from spilling. – The deck from the tic-tac-toe to the slide deck is too big a step for the age group for which it is intended, and the hand grips are too high to assist very small children – The arrangement of the climbing walls is appealing for older children and young teens. We recommend adding a grippable bar across the top of each wall, for the full width, to assist children make the transition over the top and down the other side



Precinct 16 Zone North Western	KELLETT RESERVE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – There is not much to do in this playground for junior children, who will be forced beyond their capability on the senior unit , or down to toddler activities – There is no specific provision for disabled access to the underneath of play equipment
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Check whether any minor levelling is possible across the site to prevent mulch spillage ▪ Add new intermediate steps to toddler unit, and lower the hand grips ▪ Check speed and height of spiral slide runout; this appears to be high above the ground
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Local



Reservoir Reserve, Kew

Grange Rd, Kew



Precinct 16 Zone North Western	RESERVOIR RESERVE
Existing Classification	District
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This park shares a site with the Kew Traffic School, that attracts school groups from all over Melbourne Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation/sport/cycling and the traffic school
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The park is 'L' shaped, with the traffic school taking up one angle of the 'L'. The remainder of the reserve is of reasonable size, and the playground is sited in one corner.



<p>Precinct 16 Zone North Western</p>	<p>RESERVOIR RESERVE</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The site is fenced from the road and the car park ▪ Informal surveillance is good from the street and from houses across the road ▪ There is a very small hard court area with a basketball backboard ▪ The site has a toilet block and BBQ ▪ The play areas is slightly separated from the rest of the park by some attractive planting and the path is attractively positioned in this reserve ▪ There is a path system and there is a ramp from the path to one elevated deck in the playground ▪ Shade is limited from trees but there are some roofs as part of the equipment ▪ Target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior /senior ▪ None of the handgrips are useful to a child climbing up the climber ▪ The boat offers limited stimulus for real imaginative play- it is also inaccessible ▪ We do not recommend more than two swings per bay, as a child has to cross a moving swing from either side ▪ There has been some attempt to provide disabled access to this play equipment, which is important at this site due to the number of children visiting the Kew Traffic School. However: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There appears to be a tiny step at the base of the ramp, where the path meets the ramp - There are no wheelstops on the lower section of the ramp; - The rest area in the corner of the ramp is too small to allow a wheelchair to stop completely on it - Children in wheelchairs will be placed at risk of falling out of openings on the large hexagonal deck- especially the opening that has the yellow rung ladder and the clatter bridge - No advantage has been taken of the opportunity to access the under deck spaces and allow children with disabilities to use the 'boat' space - The small ground level booth would be easy to design on an accessible route.



Precinct 16 Zone North Western	RESERVOIR RESERVE
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Re-install all hand grips so that children can reach them when climbing up from the climbing assemblies ▪ Remove one swing assembly from the frame ▪ Ideally add one more swing frame to the site and take this opportunity to add a swing seat with back support. This will need to be sited where it can be made accessible ▪ Change the design of the boat so that imaginative play elements are incorporated and this area is made accessible. ▪ Design a new path system that links the boat idea, the underneath of decks, and the new swing frame ▪ Remove the booth with the abacus; redesign it so that it is larger, with manoeuvring space inside (min 1800mm diameter); include some accessible play elements that relate to the boat and site them so that there is a relationship between these. <p>Disabled access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Add wheelstops to lower end section of ramp ▪ Modify connection between asphalt path and ramp so there is no gap and no subsidence ▪ Use longer and wider handgrips to narrow down the opening to the yellow rung ladder and to the entry of the clatter bridge so that a wheelchair could not topple out ▪ Consider adding one wheelchair accessible activity on the top deck.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As this is a dog off-leash park and as there is already partial fencing here, we recommend that the play area could be fenced off. The fence should be sited very carefully. We recommend that the fence be located in the planting on the mound <i>on the opposite side of the planting from the playground</i>, and the fenced area should include the path. A suitable accessible gate/ entry point will need to be determined on site. ▪ Aim to maximize the space inside the fence, including some open grass ▪ At this stage, this recommendation only anticipates the need for a low fence to match the existing one. However, we also recommend that the opportunity be taken to consult parents of autistic children in this region. If there is a strong demand for a taller fence, then it will be worth considering this site as a suitable one for a 1500mm fence (which is



Precinct 16 Zone North Western	RESERVOIR RESERVE
	something not available in many play areas in this municipality).
Proposed Classification	District



PRECINCT No.17 DEEPDENE/CANTERBURY



Norway Reserve



Norway Reserve

Woodstock St, Canterbury



Precinct 17 Zone Central Eastern	NORWAY RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	Heritage
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This small reserve is in an area with few alternative play spaces. This reserve has significant cultural history. The Norwegian ambassador, whose residence was opposite the park on Woodstock Street, donated this land to Council. The title of this land has a



Precinct 17 Zone Central Eastern	NORWAY RESERVE
	<p>Caveat specifying that only Australian native trees may be planted in this park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is adjacent to a girls' secondary school. ▪ Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This is a small but attractive reserve with a timber play area in the western corner. ▪ Informal surveillance is limited. ▪ There is limited tree shade available, but there is some roofed shade and the potential of future tree shade from recently planted hedges. ▪ Target age group is toddler/junior /senior. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this space or play equipment. ▪ This playground offers a good choice of activities for able-bodied children.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend constructing a path leading underneath one of the higher decks to create an accessible space for imaginative, social play. ▪ The same path should provide access to an adult seating area and some wheelchair, front-on, panels for play.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Local



PRECINCT No.18 SURREY HILLS



Empress Road Reserve



Canterbury Sports Ground

Empress Road Reserve

Empress Road, Surrey Hills



Precinct 18 Zone Central Eastern	EMPRESS ROAD RESERVE
Existing Classification	Pocket
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This small reserve is attractive and important as a breathing space and a link between two streets. ▪ Its main function is a walk-through site and as a green space with a small playground. ▪ This is on an important before and after school route.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park has a few large eucalypts, an asphalt path and a small amount of lawn with park benches. ▪ Informal surveillance is good. ▪ The playground has one structure with four step decks, one slide and a cubby. ▪ It is proposed to upgrade the playground in 2005.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It could be designed to provide a suitable location for toddler equipment that differentiates this site from the District playground at nearby Canterbury Sportsground. ▪ This space could have small sculptural features

Precinct 18 Zone Central Eastern	EMPRESS ROAD RESERVE
	that are appealing for children to play on.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The path could be re-located so that it bows gently to one side, creating one wider space that, in turn, permits the installation of playground equipment that meets with Fall Zone requirements. ▪ A design could integrate seating that is fully accessible off the path and attractive planting that could be associated with play activities.
Proposed Classification	Pocket

Canterbury Sports Ground

Chatham Road Surrey Hills



Senior



Senior



Junior



Junior

Canterbury Sports Ground, Surrey Hills, cont.

Precinct 18 Zone Central Eastern	CANTERBURY SPORTS GROUND
Existing Classification	District
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	Heritage
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The playground is located in a narrow space on the eastern side of the park adjacent to an oval, tennis courts and pavilions. ▪ The playground is well-used, especially when the sports grounds are in use. ▪ There is a kindergarten on the opposite side of the reserve. ▪ Its main function is associated with sports/social /family/recreation activities. ▪ The junior play area is close to the tennis courts. It is highly likely that children will be left here while parents play tennis. ▪ This is a high priority area.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is attractive with mature exotic trees. ▪ The play area is divided into two separate areas. The junior unit is set against the retaining wall below the tennis courts. This is very unattractive and needs some greenery and shade. ▪ Informal surveillance is good. ▪ There is a path through the reserve passing between the junior equipment and senior area. ▪ The existing park furniture is out-dated and does not cater well for the playground. ▪ The configuration of the junior equipment is not ideal, especially for young children, in instances during which they may not be supervised. ▪ The configuration of the deck with the slide and steering wheel has a serious safety problem. It is foreseeable that a child may fall from this deck and because of the arrangements of the deck below, may fall through the opening for both the rung ladder and the scale wall. Between these decks there is quite a large slip-through opening.

<p>Precinct 18 Zone Central Eastern</p>	<p>CANTERBURY SPORTS GROUND</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no specific provision for disabled access to this space or play equipment.
<p>Playground Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This playground needs to be upgraded to suit a District classification. A new design must have regard to providing disabled access and to combining the junior and senior areas. Until such time as funding is available, the following items could be addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove the junior equipment and re-design this entire junior space with consideration for play value and amenity: maintain clear viewing lines from tennis courts, design the space so that it is attractive and shady, consider fencing off the young children's space, include a sand play area, accessible cubby and a number of elements that young children will both enjoy and be able to use consider relocating the path slightly, to provide more room for such a space- the path could bow gently around the junior playground. Inspect the senior items in detail and propose some changes which will result in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a sensible gradation of challenges, a choice of access ways for a range of children to at least the medium height activities such as the wave slide, remove fall hazards, Remove both senior swing seats and replace with strap seats Reconfigure upper body equipment to remove conflicts on small landing decks and make sure that there is a range of heights of upper body equipment.
<p>Site Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We recommend that appropriate seating for adults be provided. An accessible seating area with an accessible table, linked from the path system where adults can sit comfortably in shade close to the play areas should be designed. Examine the potential to provide a shelter and

Precinct 18 Zone Central Eastern	CANTERBURY SPORTS GROUND
	whether there are toilets accessible on site.
Proposed Classification	District

PRECINCT No. 19 Hawthorn Yarra



Yarra Bank Reserve



Pridmore

Yarra Bank Reserve

Creswick Street, Hawthorn



Precinct 19 Zone Central Western	YARRA BANK RESERVE
Existing Classification	Pocket
Dog leash Status	On leash

Precinct 19 Zone Central Western	YARRA BANK RESERVE
Planning Overlays	Land subject to inundation Heritage
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Located in a small reserve on the fringe of the Hawthorn West residential area and immediately adjacent to the Yarra River. ▪ Yarra Bank Reserve is a gateway park on the western entrance to the municipality and is very popular with picnickers and hosts the annual Head of the River race. ▪ One of two small play areas within a short distance of one another. ▪ Main function is associated with picnicking/social/family/recreation.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is small but is on the fringe of the Yarra River parklands, with direct views to the water and significant, remnant River Red Gums. ▪ Informal surveillance is limited. ▪ There is a BBQ area with table settings on concrete pads in a granitic gravel-surfaced picnic area, serviced by a small car park. ▪ The playground is inadequate for this important and popular Yarra River park precinct. ▪ It does not reflect the river setting or relate well to the surrounding park land. ▪ There is no shade over the equipment ▪ The target age group is only toddler. ▪ The equipment does not provide well for imaginative play ▪ There is no provision for disabled access to this play equipment. ▪ A gravel path leads to the edge of the playground but does not provide access into or underneath it. ▪ The site has bollards but no fence around it despite its close proximity to a service road the riverbank. ▪ The playgrounds at Yarra Bank Reserve and Pridmore Park are both inadequate facilities in close proximity to one another on the same linear section of Yarra River park system.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A new site should be selected, within the Yarra Bank/Pridmore linear park precinct, after considering selection criteria such as ease of



Precinct 19 Zone Central Western	YARRA BANK RESERVE
	<p>access, proximity to car parking, proximity to existing amenities and good public surveillance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend that a new playground facility suit the status of this precinct and therefore be upgraded from a Local Playground classification to a District Classification. ▪ A design should be prepared that has regard to the special river setting. ▪ The new play space needs to be at least partially accessible and cater for all age groups.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It would be ideal to add a shelter as well as drinking water and accessible seating. ▪ Fencing should be considered in the overall design due to the off-leash status of these parks and the proximity of the river.
Proposed Classification	District - to be amalgamated with Pridmore Park.



Pridmore Park

Mason St, Hawthorn



Precinct 19 Zone Central Western	PRIDMORE PARK
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	Land subject to inundation

Precinct 19 Zone Central Western	PRIDMORE PARK
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Premium riverside site on the edge of the Yarra. ▪ Serves a small residential area and is one of two playgrounds close to one another. ▪ There are informal dirt trails through the reserve. ▪ The main functions of the site are associated with picnicking/social /family/recreation/walking and cycling/nature observation/conservation.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This park is part of the Yarra River environment, and is one of the few parks where the river itself is easily visible from relatively flat surrounds ▪ This playground is located at the end of a cul-de-sac and has limited informal surveillance. ▪ No shade is provided. ▪ The target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior. ▪ No specific provision for disabled access is provided at this playground.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Although this playground is located in one of the premium river sites in the municipality, it does not meet reasonable standards of access for its intended age group, has no aesthetic appeal and bears no relationship with its unique setting. ▪ We recommend that both existing playgrounds at Yarra Bank Reserve and Pridmore Park be removed and that a new District size playground be constructed. ▪ A new site should be selected, within the Yarra Bank/Pridmore linear park precinct, after considering selection criteria such as ease of access, proximity to car parking, proximity to existing amenities and good public surveillance. ▪ We recommend that a new playground facility suit the status of this precinct and therefore be upgraded from a Local Playground classification to a District Classification. ▪ A design should be prepared that has regard to the special river setting. ▪ The new play space needs to be at least partially accessible and cater for all age groups.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It would be ideal to add a shelter as well as drinking water and accessible seating. ▪ Fencing should be considered in the overall design



Precinct 19 Zone Central Western	PRIDMORE PARK
	due to the off-leash status of these parks and the proximity of the river.
Proposed Classification	District - to be amalgamated with Yarra Bank Reserve Playground



PRECINCT No.20 Hawthorn West



St James Park



Mason St Reserve



Fashoda St



Smart St

Precinct 20

Precinct 20 is comprised largely of the residential areas of West Hawthorn. Four local playgrounds of similar design are located in very close proximity to each other offering little diversity of play value to the local community.



St James Park

Wood Street, Hawthorn



Precinct 20 Zone Central Western	ST JAMES PARK
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	Heritage
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This beautiful historic park is prominent on Burwood Road and is located not far from the Yarra River and one of the western entrances to the municipality. ▪ It is the oldest park in Boroondara, celebrating its 150th birthday in 2004. ▪ It contains a historic war memorial. ▪ It is located on one of the main bicycle routes into the City. ▪ It is close to a primary school and an oval. ▪ Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation/bicycle activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is large, formal and open. Its character is derived largely from its historic layout, the cenotaph war memorial and the framework of large, mature, exotic trees. ▪ Informal surveillance is good. ▪ There is no drinking water in the immediate vicinity of the playground.



<p>Precinct 20 Zone Central Western</p>	<p>ST JAMES PARK</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There are no barbecue facilities or shelter but there are seats located in shade. ▪ Public toilets are located in the sports pavilion but these are not located in close proximity to the playground. ▪ There is a formal path system but no wheelchair access into the play area. ▪ Some shade from existing trees is provided from morning sun. New trees on Wood Street will provide afternoon shade in the future. ▪ The target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior /senior. ▪ Access to the senior decks is challenging for children who would like to use the slide but are not comfortable on the climbers ▪ The equipment does not specifically provide for imaginative play. ▪ This playground offers a reasonable range of activities for junior and senior, able-bodied children. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment.
<p>Playground Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This is an important park and some access for less-able children is necessary. ▪ In conjunction with the existing path system, it would be easy to make the playground accessible. We recommend constructing a path from synthetic material leading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – into the junior cubby area, – to the senior under deck area. ▪ We recommend adding an additional, lower deck and stair to the senior structure. This deck does not need to be square or rectangular and could be designed, along with the underneath of this complex of decks, to make an interesting, open cubby with some activities that can be used front-on from a wheelchair. ▪ A path to the outside of the junior structure could also be added and the cubby modified, to provide some accessible play activities outside that relate socially to the cubby ▪ Check the position of the swing for safety, near the entrance. Consider placing the toddler seats on



Precinct 20 Zone Central Western	ST JAMES PARK
	the lower swing frame.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It may be worth considering the installation of a barbecue facility and drinking fountain in the lawn area next to the playground.
Proposed Classification	Local



Mason St Reserve

Mason Street, Hawthorn



Precinct 20 Zone Central Western	MASON ST RESERVE
Existing Classification	Pocket
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	Heritage
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This is a small park in a residential area. ▪ There is a kindergarten located close-by. ▪ Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is essentially flat with attractive, deciduous trees around the play area. ▪ There is attractive tree shade around the play equipment. ▪ A soccer goal is located in a large area of open space in the western side of the park. ▪ Informal surveillance is good from a few houses. ▪ The playground is scheduled for replacement in 2005. ▪ The park is fenced on three sides.



Precinct 20 Zone Central Western	MASON ST RESERVE
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The playground is inadequate for this precinct. ▪ The existing playgrounds at Mason & Smart Street Reserves are located in very close proximity to each other and serve the same catchment area. ▪ The playground is outdated and provides only limited play value for toddlers. No play value is provided for older age groups. ▪ The equipment does not provide well for imaginative play. ▪ There is no provision for disabled access to the playground equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend consulting the community with regard to removing the playground facilities at Mason Street Reserve and Smart Street Reserve and designing one, new, multi-purpose playground at Smart Street Reserve. ▪ Smart Street Reserve is centrally located in the precinct and is home to a kindergarten and childcare centre. ▪ The existing path system at Smart Street Reserve would provide better access to a new playground facility and provide an opportunity to integrate surrounding amenities such as seating, picnic tables, lights and drinking fountain. ▪ We recommend that the new design have regard to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – maintaining a large area of grass for ball play, as at present – design a landscape setting for play under the trees – creating a playground design that is quite different in style and content from the play spaces in St James Park and Fashoda Street Reserve.
Proposed Classification	Local (to be amalgamated with Smart Street Playground)



Fashoda Street Reserve

Fashoda Street, Hawthorn



Precinct 20 Zone Central Western	FASHODA STREET RESERVE
Existing Classification	Pocket
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	Heritage
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This very small park is set between two dead-end streets and amongst local houses ▪ It fulfils a very local role for play, for dog-walking, ball games and recreation. ▪ Its main function is associated with local social /family/recreation activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is very small, with its character derived largely from an assortment of mature trees. ▪ Informal surveillance is local from the houses nearby. ▪ The park has drinking water, a picnic table and a small path system. ▪ The site is partially surrounded by house fences. ▪ There is good shade from trees over the equipment. ▪ Target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior /senior.



Precinct 20 Zone Central Western	FASHODA STREET RESERVE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The equipment only provides in a limited way for imaginative play. There is no provision for disabled access to this play equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rail beside the medium height slide may be a limb entrapment hazard to children moving down the slide, with legs or arms sticking out. This needs to be inspected and amended. <div data-bbox="868 630 1136 989" data-label="Image"> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For such a small site, this playground offers a reasonable choice of activities for able-bodied children though the equipment does not have an especially distinctive character. Enhance the imaginative/fantasy play for local children by adding a rustic sculpture under the trees, fashioned from large tree trunks that local children could be involved in designing.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Pocket



Smart Street Reserve

Smart Street, Hawthorn



Precinct 20 Zone Central Western	SMART STREET RESERVE
Existing Classification	
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	Heritage
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a reasonably large, irregularly shaped park in a residential area. It links a number of streets and is a link on a bike pathway. The park is a very attractive, green space with some large, spreading plane trees around the play area/kindergarten and internal paths and attractive eucalypts around the larger open space.



<p>Precinct 20 Zone Central Western</p>	<p>SMART STREET RESERVE</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a kindergarten and a childcare centre located behind the playground. Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation, cycling and walking activities.
<p>Functional Design Analysis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal surveillance is good from local houses and newly constructed apartments. The playground is not fenced but is substantially contained within house and kindergarten fences within the reserve. There is tree shade around the play equipment for at least part of the day. The playground is inadequate for this precinct and for the kindergarten and childcare centre. The existing playgrounds at Mason & Smart Street Reserves are located in very close proximity to each other and serve the same catchment area. The playground is outdated and provides only limited play value for toddlers. No play value is provided for older age groups. The equipment does not provide well for imaginative play. The existing playground does not does not relate well to the surrounding parkland. There is no provision for disabled access to the playground equipment.
<p>Playground Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We recommend consulting the community with regard to removing the playground facilities at Mason Street Reserve and Smart Street Reserve and designing one, new, multi-purpose playground at Smart Street Reserve. The existing path system at Smart Street Reserve would provide better access to a new playground facility and provide an opportunity to integrate surrounding amenities such as seating, picnic tables, lights and drinking fountain. We recommend that the new design have regard to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> maintaining a large area of grass for ball play, as at present design a landscape setting for play under the trees creating a playground design that is quite different in style and content from the



Precinct 20 Zone Central Western	SMART STREET RESERVE
	<p>play spaces in St James Park and Fashoda Street Reserve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground will need to cater for a range of age groups, abilities.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consideration should be given to designing a new playground in such a way that the existing path system is integrated with the playground. ▪ Fall Zone requirements may require that the location of the playground be shifted or reconfigured within Smart Street Reserve in order to accommodate a range of play equipment and activities.
Proposed Classification	Local (to be amalgamated with Mason Street Playground)



PRECINCT No. 21 HAWTHORN



L.E. Bray Park




Grace Park

L. E. Bray Park

Kinkora Road, Hawthorn



Precinct 21 Zone Central Western	L. E. BRAY PARK
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	Heritage
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This play area is part of a narrow, linear reserve that divides this precinct from north to south and provides a cycle/walking link. ▪ The linear park planted primarily with eucalypts and other natives and is close to a native planting reserve. ▪ Its main function is associated with picnicking/social /family/recreation activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Informal surveillance is good from a narrow street frontage. ▪ Bollards separate the play area from the street. ▪ There is a path system but the play area is not accessible. ▪ There is light tree shade over the play area.

<p>Precinct 21 Zone Central Western</p>	<p>L. E. BRAY PARK</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior /senior though the configuration is confused and not ideal. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment. ▪ This playground is a very poor design: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – it is difficult for young children who are unlikely to be able to get onto the slide – those climbing up the net have nowhere to go but to fall down onto the deck below 
<p>Playground Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This equipment should be removed as part of the Playground Replacement Programme and a new playground designed that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – caters for a range of age groups based on community consultation, – is different from all of the playgrounds in precincts 24, 23 and 22. – incorporates landscape elements and reflects the surrounding parkland, – incorporates a degree of accessibility should be incorporated
<p>Site Recommendations</p>	
<p>Proposed Classification</p>	<p>Local</p>

Grace Park

Hilda Crescent, Hawthorn



Precinct 21 Zone Central Western	GRACE PARK
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	Heritage

Precinct 21 Zone Central Western	GRACE PARK
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is very attractive with avenues of deciduous trees. ▪ It is a reasonable size for this part of the municipality and has a complex shape linked by a bike path through to a number of other reserves. ▪ It is adjacent to Glenferrie Road Oval. ▪ The play area is adjacent to tennis courts, a small half-court and a rebound wall. ▪ The park's main function is associated with sport/social /family/recreation
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is good surveillance of the playground from the road. ▪ Drinking water is available. ▪ There is a good path system next to the playground. ▪ Mature trees provide good shade over the play area. ▪ The target age group is toddler/junior plus a senior slide and ball games for older children. ▪ The equipment does not provide for imaginative play. ▪ Provision for disabled access to this play equipment is not provided; the ramp does not constitute accessibility, as it is too steep. ▪ This playground is not very interesting and does not reflect the significance of the surrounding parkland.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ When this playground is funded for replacement, it is worth considering preparing a design that reflects the scale and significance of the surrounding park. ▪ As Grace Park is the major open space facility in this precinct, it is essential to provide play opportunities for all age groups and to provide accessible play equipment. ▪ It is important to retain the link between the playground and the half-court/rebound wall.
Site Recommendations	



Precinct 21 Zone Central Western	GRACE PARK
Proposed Classification	Local



PRECINCT No.22 HAWTHORN



Hull Street Reserve



Central Gardens

Hull Street Reserve

Hull Street, Hawthorn



Precinct 22 Zone Central Western	HULL STREET RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This small reserve is located in a residential neighbourhood, linking two streets. ▪ The park is very small, with its character derived largely from surrounding houses, native tree planting and a large earth mound located to the north of the playground. ▪ The neighbourhood has a number of medium density dwellings without sizeable back yards. ▪ Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some informal surveillance is available from nearby houses. ▪ There is a path that runs through the reserve connecting Bell & Hull Streets. ▪ The playground has not been designed to integrate with the surrounding landscape elements such as trees and the mound. ▪ There is only a small amount of grass. ▪ Property fence lines surround the park.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is inadequate shade; the only shade available is from trees. ▪ The equipment has very little character. ▪ The target age group is toddler/junior. The main unit is not very suitable for very young children however, as a young child may not be able to reach the slide. ▪ The equipment does not specifically provide for imaginative play. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fall zones need to be improved but will need to be assessed on site. ▪ Consider some minor modifications, such as a trail starting from the final deck of the track ride, leading via some moving stepping stones down onto real stones [outside the fall zone], into a landscaped space that might have a trail through some earth forming with a mini forest, large flat rocks, perhaps a bridge or gathering space. Such an idea need not take up much room but would make a big difference and provide more toddler and imaginative play. ▪ The play area and equipment are very dull. When this playground is renewed, consideration should be given to integrating the playground with the landscape. In addition, a new design should have regard to providing local children with a less-manicured, natural setting.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Local



Central Gardens

William Street, Hawthorn



Precinct 22 Zone	CENTRAL GARDENS
Existing Classification	District
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	Heritage
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This is a beautiful, historic park with mixed mature tree planting and an extensive path system. ▪ This park is adjacent to Swinburne University and is part of the Hawthorn/Glenferrie Road Commercial Precinct. ▪ The rocket is a prominent landmark that has given rise to Central Gardens being known locally as Rocket Park. ▪ Its main function is associated with picnicking/social /family/recreation activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is informal surveillance from two streets and from houses located nearby. ▪ Accessible public toilets are located in close proximity to the playground. ▪ Reasonably accessible barbecue facilities, drinking water and lighting are provided.



Precinct 22 Zone	CENTRAL GARDENS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tree shade is effective over the playground. ▪ The target age group is junior/senior. ▪ Not much of the equipment is suitable for very young children. ▪ The equipment does not specifically provide for imaginative play. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground could benefit from reconfiguration of some of the components providing access to the junior slide. ▪ In the future, when this playground is ready to be upgraded, the rocket and tube slide should be retained as they play an important landmark and cultural function. ▪ Due to the high use and popularity of this park, a new play area should be accessible and should cater for a better range of ages and be quite different from all other playgrounds in this central part of the municipality.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	District



PRECINCT No. 23 HAWTHORN EAST



Victoria Road Reserve



Rathmines/Sir William Angliss Reserve



Victoria Road Reserve

Victoria Road, Hawthorn East



Precinct 23 Zone Central Western	VICTORIA ROAD RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This small playground is located in the northwestern corner of a small sports ground. ▪ Its main function is associated with picnicking/social /family/recreation activities. ▪ There is a kindergarten and maternal and child health centre here, as well as a scout hall. ▪ The location of this playground is not considered ideal because of poor surveillance. As there is only one other playground in this precinct, it is



Precinct 23 Zone Central Western	VICTORIA ROAD RESERVE
	important to retain a playground facility at this park.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is open, not very large, and largely surrounded by fences. ▪ Informal surveillance is poor, as much of the reserve is surrounded by the back yards and the pavilion blocks views of the playground from Victoria Road. ▪ Although there is a shared path system that passes through this reserve from Victoria Grove to Station Street, the play area is not connected to it. ▪ An enormous peppercorn tree provides a wonderful play space. ▪ There is significant shade from existing, mature trees. ▪ The target age group is toddler/junior but the access to the deck and toddler slide is difficult for small children. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to the play equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Remove honeycomb climber and replace with stairs in order to provide access to small children. ▪ Add a few inexpensive simple elements such as balance beams and consider some new landscape work.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend that the path system be extended to incorporate access to the playground.
Proposed Classification	Local



Rathmines Road /Sir William Angliss Reserve

Kildare Street, Hawthorn East



Precinct 23 Zone Central Western	RATHMINES ROAD/SIR WILLIAM ANGLISS RESERVE
Existing Classification	District
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	Heritage
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This park is constitutes the major park in this precinct. ▪ It is close to a Primary School and has a Pre-school on the corner of the site. ▪ There is a shared path across the reserve linking Harcourt St and Rathmines Road. ▪ Its main function is associated with



Precinct 23 Zone Central Western	RATHMINES ROAD/SIR WILLIAM ANGLISS RESERVE
	picnicking/social /family/recreation/sports activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is attractive with mature mixed trees ▪ Informal surveillance is excellent. ▪ There is a car park, drinking water and seats nearby the playground though these are not accessible. ▪ There is some tree shade over the playground with recently planted shade trees close to the playground. ▪ The target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior /senior. ▪ There is a small fenced compound adjacent to the main equipment that contains a sand pit and a digger. This area is not shaded and is rather unappealing due to its disconnectedness with the rest of the playground. ▪ A good range of activities is provided for children of a fair range of ages. The equipment does not provide particularly well for imaginative play. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is a safety problem with the decks in the fall zone of the spiral slide and high net climber. This could be resolved by relocating one or more elements. ▪ Due to the District classification of this facility and the prominence of this site in the precinct, consider adding one more swing in this park. ▪ The sand play compound should be changed. We recommend expanding the fenced area so that the sand pit becomes integrated with the rest of the playground. Consider the planting additional shade trees and adding at least one accessible seat inside. ▪ Provide access under the highest decks and make some cubby play elements there. ▪ We also recommend investigating the feasibility of constructing a small shelter next to the playground.
Site Recommendations	



Precinct 23 Zone Central Western	RATHMINES ROAD/SIR WILLIAM ANGLISS RESERVE
Proposed Classification	District



PRECINCT No.24 Camberwell / Canterbury



Boroondara Park



Read Gardens



Chaucer Crescent Reserve

Boroondara Park

Canterbury Road, Canterbury



Precinct 24 Zone	BOROONDARA PARK
Existing Classification	District
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This playground is located on an important reserve that is part of the Outer Circle linear trail network extending across the municipality. • Its main function is associated with picnicking/social /family/recreation, walking and cycling activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is large and fairly open, undulating, with its character derived largely from wide expanses of



<p>Precinct 24 Zone</p>	<p>BOROONDARA PARK</p>
	<p>grass and mature trees dotted around the space.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Good informal surveillance exists from Canterbury Road and from nearby houses. ▪ A major, shared path system runs through the park with a branch that extends to the border of the playground mulch and then stops. Except for the drinking fountain, none of the picnic facilities appear to be wheelchair accessible. ▪ There is no shade. ▪ No consideration has been given to managing the separation of dogs and other users. ▪ The target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior activities. ▪ Activities include a range of timber structures arranged around a train theme. This might have been done better given the opportunities the site presented and the importance of the park in the linear network. ▪ The design has several small sets of decks or carriages but these do not have seats or 'driving' opportunities and are not optimally arranged so that a big group can join in the play. Accessibility to many activities is not well provided for smaller children. Several decks are only accessible via rungs. The toddler slide is not easy to access for toddlers due to very large gaps between decks. The half-hoop climber has a deck in its fall zone and the larger slide has difficult access. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment.
<p>Playground Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend that this playground be reclassified as a Regional Park due to the significance of this park in the Outer Circle Linear park system, the natural opportunities presented by the surrounding landscape, accessibility, the high numbers of both local and traveling visitors and the central location of Boroondara Park with the municipality. ▪ We would recommend that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Accessibility for wheelchair access into the play area and to social spaces be designed, – Shade is provided by trees and artificial means, – The provision of play opportunities and activities that cater for all age groups be designed including interesting activities for



Precinct 24 Zone	BOROONDARA PARK
	<p>teenagers, some of which need to be wheelchair accessible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At such time that funding may be made available for a full-scale upgrade, we recommend that a thorough assessment be made of the best options to increase imaginative play opportunities, improve accessibility and increase the level of amenity.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At such time that funding may become available for the construction of a regional playground, we recommend the following items be considered in the design process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Funding and construction of an accessible public toilet, – Additional, accessible picnic table settings and seats. – Fencing that incorporates a physical barrier to reduce the existing conflict between dogs and other users. – A barbecue and shelter that can be used by all park users including long distance travelers along the trail.
Proposed Classification	Regional



Read Gardens

Broadway, Camberwell



Precinct 24 Zone Central Eastern	READ GARDENS
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	Heritage
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The playground is located within an attractive, historic garden close to a railway line. Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The playground is located within a framework of exotic, mature tree planting and a path system. There is good informal surveillance and park lighting.



<p>Precinct 24 Zone Central Eastern</p>	<p>READ GARDENS</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There are a few seats and a table setting in close proximity to the playground but none of these are wheelchair accessible. ▪ There is little overhead shade in the vicinity of the playground but afternoon shade is provided by nearby trees. ▪ The target age group is junior. ▪ The equipment does not provide well for imaginative play nor does it reflect the beautiful and historically significant park setting. ▪ The playground unit is outdated and has some poor design characteristics. Specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – there are extremely wide gaps between the rungs of the only access to the slide, – the hand grips are unreachable, – the rung ladder has a deck located within the fall zone. As falls are highly likely here, this is not ideal to share a deck with a track ride. ▪ No provision for disabled access to this play equipment is provided.
<p>Playground Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend replacing the existing playground facility as part of Council's Playground Replacement Programme and preparing a new playground design that reflects the significance of the park, provides a range of play opportunities and provides some degree of accessibility. ▪ Until such time as the playground is replaced, the existing playground would benefit from modifications that will allow a wider range of ages and abilities to use the slide and upper decks safely. Specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – replace the rung ladder with a stair, – remove the slide pole, – check fall zones and if feasible replace the slide pole with a properly designed stair with rises that a child can negotiate, – use hand rails and grips that a child can reach, – replace the rung ladder with an infill panel; consider an activity panel here as well, – fill fall-through gap between this deck and



Precinct 24 Zone Central Eastern	READ GARDENS
	the top deck – check slide angle and adjust if too fast.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Modify the main path system to provide at-grade access to the seats and tables. This is important because this type of park is likely to be enjoyed by elderly residents and it is vital that they can access it.
Proposed Classification	Local



Chaucer Crescent Reserve

Chaucer Crescent, Canterbury



Precinct 24 Zone Central Eastern	CHAUCER CRESCENT RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground is located in a residential area next to Canterbury Gardens, Canterbury Maternal & Child Health Care Centre and Canterbury Play Station. ▪ Canterbury Gardens is one of Council's premier historic gardens that is often booked for functions such as weddings. The closest playground to Canterbury Gardens is at Chaucer Crescent Reserve. ▪ Demand on this playground facility may increase significantly once medium-density apartments across the road from the reserve are completed. ▪ It is also in close proximity to the Maling Road shopping strip and it forms part of an open space linkage that runs through to Matlock Street Reserve. ▪ Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation activities.



Precinct 24 Zone Central Eastern	CHAUCER CRESCENT RESERVE
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is small and open. Its character is derived largely from mature, attractive trees. ▪ There is good informal surveillance. ▪ There is a path system nearby but none of the seats are connected to it. ▪ Afternoon shade is provided by a shade sail structure. Limited tree shade is available. ▪ The target age group is toddler/junior. ▪ The equipment does not provide adequately for imaginative play. ▪ There is no provision for disabled access to this space or play equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend replacing the existing playground facility as part of Council's Playground Replacement Programme and preparing a new playground design that reflects the significance of this park in the context of the surrounding gardens, child care centers and development. A new playground design should consider providing a range of play opportunities and provide some degree of accessibility. ▪ Until such time as the playground is replaced, the existing playground would benefit from the following modifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – add items that would expand the range of activities and potential users and make it more accessible, – the path should lead to a new accessible item set nicely into a playful landscape (low key) with a boat or vehicle or similar that can be accessed by a range of children including those in wheelchairs, – consider installing a small sand pit if the site were partially fenced, – add a double spring seesaw /rocker preferably one with good back support.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend constructing a path system that will provide wheelchair access to the playground, picnic tables and one that provides a formal link to Canterbury Gardens along the existing desire line.



Precinct 24 Zone Central Eastern	CHAUCER CRESCENT RESERVE
Proposed Classification	Local



PRECINCT No.25 Hawthorn



Morang Road Reserve

PRECINCT NO 26

There are no playgrounds in this precinct. It is classified as a low priority according to demographic data. No immediate action is recommended.

Morang Road Reserve

Morang Road, Hawthorn



Precinct 25	MORANG ROAD RESERVE
Zone Central Western	
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This reserve is the only park in this precinct with a playground. It serves the immediate residential precinct as well as the adjacent precinct no. 26 - which has no playground.

<p>Precinct 25</p> <p>Zone Central Western</p>	<p>MORANG ROAD RESERVE</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is connected to the Yarra River system ▪ Its main function is associated with picnicking/social /family/recreation activities.
<p>Functional Design Analysis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is a reasonable sized park with one long street axis. ▪ It is characterized by an open aspect, sweeping lawn areas and mixed tree planting dotted around the park perimeter. ▪ There is good informal surveillance. ▪ There is a BBQ with two table settings on concrete pads. ▪ A shared path system runs through the park. ▪ There are few signs of use except under the swing. ▪ There is some shade from nearby trees. ▪ The setting is very soft and attractive, with planting around and within the playground. ▪ The target age group is junior, though there are also two spring toys and a swing that toddlers could use. ▪ A shared deck is the only access to the track ride. This is undesirable in the middle of other activities. ▪ The equipment does not specifically provide for imaginative play. ▪ All the decks are the same height (1200mm) and the same activity has been repeated (spiral slide). ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment. Although there is a ramp to one deck, it has no functional value.
<p>Playground Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend replacing the existing playground facility as part of Council's Playground Replacement Programme and preparing a new playground design that reflects the natural surroundings of the park, provides a range of play opportunities and provides some degree of accessibility. ▪ Until such time as the playground is replaced, the existing playground would benefit from the provision of a more usable set of items, for a wider range of ages and enable children with some disabilities to play in this attractive natural



Precinct 25 Zone Central Western	MORANG ROAD RESERVE
	<p>setting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remove the arm-operated swing and replace it with a model that provides back support, - Remove the honeycomb climber and replace with one larger but lower deck; add a stair access and an appealing activity for younger children and make sure steps can be used by young children, - Check whether young children can reach the spiral slide from the deck; modify handgrips to assist with the transition, if required, - Relocate the track ride and horizontal ladder from their present positions. Remove one spring toy and re-position the track ride to a position parallel with the ramp - requires new posts and decks at new end. Check function of track ride trolley and make sure it functions properly before reinstallation. - Add a double landing deck and re-attach the horizontal ladder at the 'far end' (i.e. away from the slide unit) of the track ride, extending mulch as required. - Provide the existing ramp with wheel stops and connect it to the path with a seamless, barrier-free connection. - At the high end of the ramp replace the small deck with a large (min 1800mm) diameter turning circle accessible deck with an accessible fantasy play element that relates to this treed environment. - Replace net climb with stair with a double handrail. - Replace the spiral slide with additional and higher decks and then add a more exciting older children's climbing activity such as a challenging moving net or similar. - Add a double spring seesaw preferably with some back support and certainly with handgrips, preferably in the 'junior' zone. - Consider adding a simple log sculpture/seat where it is easy to reach from the junior item, under shrubs, as an additional element that will enhance the



Precinct 25	MORANG ROAD RESERVE
Zone Central Western	
	play on the built structures.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintain and protect all the shrub and tree planting as this is the most appealing aspect of this playground
Proposed Classification	Local



PRECINCT No. 27 Hawthorn



Scullin Park

Scullin Park

Urquhart Road, Hawthorn



Precinct 27 Zone Central Western	SCULLIN PARK
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	Heritage
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a small, local reserve that serves as a pathway link to the tennis and bowling clubs on Swinburne Avenue and through the local residential area. Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation activities and as an important local green space.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The park is very attractive largely because of some mature trees and other plantings and the size and shape of the park. There is good informal surveillance from the street. There is a path system nearby but none of the seats are wheelchair accessible. Good shade is provided from nearby trees. The target age group is toddler/junior. The play equipment does not specifically provide



Precinct 27 Zone Central Western	SCULLIN PARK
	<p>for imaginative play.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We recommend that this playground should be replaced as part of Council's Playground Replacement Programme and that a new design reflect the environment established by the mature trees. This park provides a rich imaginative play setting that could be enhanced by including the use of some sculptural elements such as Peter Pan characters. Until such time as the playground is replaced, we would not recommend that the existing swing arrangement be retained. Australian Standards do not permit that a swing be attached to other equipment.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We recommend re-designing the path system to provide access to at least one seat and to incorporate the playground on an accessible path.
Proposed Classification	Local



PRECINCT No.28 Hawthorn



Symonds Street Reserve



Symonds Street Reserve

Symonds Street, Hawthorn



Precinct 28 Zone	SYMONDS STREET RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On-leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This playground is located on a small reserve on the corner of Fritsch Holzer Reserve. Symonds Street Reserve is also located in close proximity to Camberwell Junction, next to Junction Skate Park and across the road from



<p>Precinct 28 Zone</p>	<p>SYMONDS STREET RESERVE</p>
	<p>sports facilities at Swinburne Oval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It has a number of functions including social /family/recreation activities. ▪ It serves as an important local playground for the immediate residential area.
<p>Functional Design Analysis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Informal surveillance is good from flats across the road. ▪ There is a small car park located between Symonds Street Reserve and Swinburne Oval. ▪ A footpath passes the play area but does not connect with the play area. ▪ The playground has a fringe of mixed trees around the perimeter and attractive native garden beds. ▪ A low fence with a chain mesh fence partially surrounds the site. ▪ Target age group is mixed junior /senior. ▪ The equipment has a shop counter underneath, for imaginative play. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment.
<p>Playground Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground is very acceptable as a local playground. ▪ We would suggest, however, that Fritsch Holzer Park would provide an ideal location for Council to design and construct a Regional Classification playground. This site is centrally located in the Municipality and it already has a full compliment of associated facilities such as public toilets, car parking, lights, and an extensive path system. ▪ The construction of a regional playground at Fritsch Holzer Park does not diminish the value of Symonds Street Reserve as a location for a local playground. High user numbers at regional playground facilities make local playgrounds more valuable to immediate residents. ▪ We recommend that a regional playground design be unique in content and style from all other playgrounds across this middle belt of the municipality. Also, the design should continue to reflect the cultural significance of Fritsch Holzer Park much as the existing landscape does. ▪ With all regional classification playgrounds, it is recommended that the site and equipment be designed to provide a wide range of play



Precinct 28 Zone	SYMONDS STREET RESERVE
	opportunities and accessibility.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Local



PRECINCT No.31 CANTERBURY



Matlock Street Reserve



Riversdale Park

Matlock Street Reserve

Matlock Street, Canterbury



Precinct 31 Zone Central Eastern	MATLOCK STREET RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Matlock Street Reserve contains a small play area near the intersection of two linear reserves -Outer Circle park trail and the W Creek Reserve originating at Canterbury Gardens. ▪ Its main function is associated with /social /family/recreation and walking/cycling activities. ▪ Matlock Street Reserve and Riversdale Park are both in precincts in which there is a large area with no access to any play areas. The adjacent precinct 30 has no play area at all. These parks are therefore very important.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park's character is derived largely from large exotic trees, a row of eucalypts, and a small area of grass ▪ There is poor informal surveillance via a narrow opening and house fences otherwise enclose the play area. ▪ The existing path system passes the playground but does not connect to the play space. None of the play or picnic facilities are wheelchair accessible. ▪ The playground is well shaded by nearby trees. ▪ The target age group is toddler/junior /senior. ▪ There is a good selection of activities for a fair range of ages and abilities but not for children or adults in wheelchairs. ▪ The location of a deck in the fall zone of a half-hoop climber is not ideal.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend installing a park fence across the street frontage perimeter with an attractive, appropriately designed steel fence (1500mm high). This would provide for parents who seek out fenced sites such as those with autistic children. ▪ This playground could be improved by adding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – a path to the little shelter and making the table accessible, – one wheelchair accessible play activity such as a ground-level accessible play



Precinct 31 Zone Central Eastern	MATLOCK STREET RESERVE
	activity relating to the car, which can be used front on such as a garage with some accessible play panels.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Local



Riversdale Park

Riversdale Road, Canterbury



Precinct 31 Zone Central Eastern	RIVERSDALE PARK
Existing Classification	District
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The playground is part of a medium sized reserve that is connected via a trail to the major linear park system of the Outer Circle line. ▪ The reserve backs onto Camberwell High School and functions as a meeting place for secondary students ▪ There are Tennis courts nearby. ▪ The main functions are associated with picnicking/social /family/recreation/ walking and cycling.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is mainly level with gentle undulation. ▪ Its character is derived from mixed exotic and native tree planting set in broad expanses of grass. ▪ The park has a very significant and spectacular spreading tree that is much loved for climbing. ▪ There is good informal surveillance. ▪ There are a few seats but no table settings or BBQ. ▪ There is an existing path system but this does not connect to the playground. ▪ Shade is inadequate. ▪ The target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior /senior activities. ▪ There is a good range of types of movement and activity though the equipment does not provide particularly well for young children nor for young teens. ▪ There is no provision for disabled access to this play equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend that this playground be elevated in importance and that a few additions should be made that will make it more interesting for young teenagers, more usable for younger children and



Precinct 31 Zone Central Eastern	RIVERSDALE PARK
	<p>more accessible for parents and children with disabilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Remove the toddler deck and slide and consider making this central space into an accessible picnic area with a shelter over it. ▪ Replace the toddler/junior climbing sliding and cubby with a better-designed structure, with good stair access, possibly a separate junior and toddler slide and with some appropriate climbing equipment. ▪ Add a tree house or a landmark feature with a few interesting climbing options, a cubby under which is both wheelchair accessible and has some accessible play and social activities and a tree theme developed with the input of artists. This would contribute to the District status of this park in a similar manner that the rocket does at Central Gardens. ▪ The tree house should have a series of big nets or something exciting to climb and a big lookout deck that is easy to supervise, for teenagers to 'hang-out' on.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	District



PRECINCT No.32 CANTERBURY



South Surrey Park



Mary McKillop Reserve

New playground

The north-eastern section of this precinct does not contain a playground. Based on demographic data, Surrey Hills is classified as a Priority One area.

Accordingly, we recommend that Surrey Gardens, Norfolk Road, Surrey Hills should be investigated as a potential site for a new local play area.

South Surrey Park

Verdun Street, Surrey Hills



Precinct 32 Zone Central Eastern	South Surrey Park
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ South Surrey Park is a large, natural setting with a creek and some attractive bushland and revegetation. ▪ The park is managed with a Master Plan and has a Friends of South Surrey Park group. ▪ A local kindergarten is located next to the playground. ▪ Its main function is associated with nature

<p>Precinct 32 Zone Central Eastern</p>	<p>South Surrey Park</p>
	<p>reserve/social /family/recreation activities.</p>
<p>Functional Design Analysis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is good informal surveillance of the playground. ▪ An existing path connects the park path to the playground soft fall area and the drinking fountain but it does not link to the seat or to any play activities. ▪ The slope within the playground may have been better used for play and to provide for disabled access. ▪ The section of park in which the playground is located is partly fenced with a low mesh fence near creek and road. ▪ Some shade provided by trees and also by relatively large roofs over structures. ▪ The target age group is toddler/junior /senior activities. ▪ There is a good balance of activities for different age groups. ▪ There is no provision for disabled access to this play equipment. ▪ Some play structures could be improved by opening up some of the solid infill panels; it is undesirable to close in decks completely, both from a surveillance perspective but also for children and parents to be able to see each other. ▪ The carousel has been installed into a sloping surface. There is a moderately serious risk here of a crush point under it that requires urgent attention.
<p>Playground Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inspect carousel and rectify levels in order to eliminate any entrapment points. ▪ Redesign some of the vertical timber infill panels and leave gaps between the members for viewing avoiding entrapment dimensions to allow views in from all sides. ▪ Re-design the path system to link from the footpath into playground via seats in shade. Bring the path into the play space and under decks for cubby play; ground levels could be manipulated especially under the ramped decks near the slide pole.



Precinct 32 Zone Central Eastern	South Surrey Park
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Add a new ground level accessible play platform that is designed to hang-out moderately over the sloping space and add an accessible imaginative play activity such as an accessible vehicle. Link this to the path. ▪ Consider some real landscape elements that reflect the creek environment.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Local



Mary MacKillop Park

Middlesex Rd, Canterbury



Precinct 32 Zone Central Eastern	MARY MACKILLOP PARK
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mary McKillop Reserve is a small, residential park. ▪ It is the only park in this corner of the precinct and as such is considered important in providing an equitable playground distribution. ▪ Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation activities. ▪ The character of the park is derived largely from a row of mature pines on the perimeter of the park. ▪ There is good informal surveillance along one axis. ▪ The playground is located very close to adjoining

Precinct 32 Zone Central Eastern	MARY MACKILLOP PARK
	<p>fences furthest from the street and very close to the fences of houses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drink cans and rubbish around the picnic table may indicate nighttime use and that surveillance is not ideal. ▪ There is a dirt path crossing the park.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some shade is available over the playground area from perimeter trees. ▪ The target age group toddler/junior. ▪ The equipment does not specifically provide for imaginative play. ▪ Access to the decks is challenging for less able children. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment. ▪ The playground is not sited appropriately in the park. It is too close to surrounding homes and not easily visible. Also, the existing location does not take advantage of the available open space and therefore does not link with other parts of the park. ▪ The design of the playground is not distinctive and does not reflect the setting. ▪ The playground edging is inappropriate. It is constructed from treated pine and constitutes a trip hazard.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend preparing a landscape design that considers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – relocating the playground to a more prominent site in the park that is further away from surrounding houses, makes better use of available open space and provides opportunities to integrate tree planting and access to other features in the park such as park furniture and paths, – the addition of some play elements for older children,
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We would suggest that some form of fence be installed along the perimeters of the park if the playground is relocated.
Proposed Classification	Local





PRECINCT No.33 Hawthorn



Fairview Park

Fairview Park

Fairview Street, Hawthorn



Precinct 33 Zone Central Western	FAIRVIEW PARK
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	Heritage Land subject to inundation
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This is a very large reserve in a site adjacent to the Yarra River. ▪ Its main function is associated with walking/ picnicking/social /family/recreation, dog walking and nature observation. ▪ The park is large and open. It consists of three sections including sports ovals, a passive recreation area with barbecue facilities and a large area of open space next to a car park. ▪ Informal surveillance is reasonably good from a few houses high enough to see the playground in the valley. ▪ There is an asphalt path system that winds down from above, as well as a granitic gravel path along the river. The asphalt path system connects with the soft fall area. ▪ There is a history of conflict between dogs and other park users.

Precinct 33 Zone Central Western	FAIRVIEW PARK
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is limited shade from only a few trees. The target age group is toddler/junior .The equipment does not provide for imaginative play There is no provision for disabled access to this play equipment. Although the park contains a public toilet and barbecue facility, these are not located in close proximity to the playground. This play equipment is otherwise acceptable and offers a small range of physical play activities for the very young. The playground offers nothing special or unique and does not reflect the special Yarra River precinct. No consideration has been given to managing the separation of dogs and other users.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When this playground is replaced as part of Council's Playground Replacement Programme, we recommend that a new design should be prepared that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> creates a fantastic landscape for play, takes advantage of existing facilities such as the public toilet, barbecue, car park and mature shade trees, reflects the unique character of this Yarra River precinct, provides play opportunities for all age groups, is linked with the existing path network and provides some degree of accessibility. draws children into the landscape for play. It should be non-rectilinear, provide interesting spaces and routes, be accessible and supervisable, and needs to look attractive.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A design should be prepared that incorporates a physical barrier such as a fence to reduce the existing conflict between dogs and other users.
Proposed Classification	District



PRECINCT No.34 HAWTHORN



H.A.Smith Reserve

Precinct 35A and the southern and eastern sections of precinct 34 do not contain any playground facilities.

Although, the demographic data indicates that Hawthorn and Hawthorn East are low-priority 4 regions, we recommend that the single swing unit playground at the Robinson Road entrance to H.A. Smith Reserve be removed and that a new, local playground be constructed at Patterson Reserve in order that playground facilities are more equitably distributed through this network of parks.



H.A.Smith Reserve

Gardiner Reserve Road



Precinct 34 Zone Central Western	H.A.SMITH RESERVE
Existing Classification	District
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two playgrounds are located on this large park network between Glenferrie Road, the South-



<p>Precinct 34 Zone Central Western</p>	<p>H.A.SMITH RESERVE</p>
	<p>Eastern Freeway and Auburn Road. A large, District Classification playground is located in the western section of the park closest to Glenferrie Road and a pocket classification park consisting of one swing unit is located at the Robinson Road/Hockey Court entrance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is on a cycle path that links a whole series of these reserves and the southern part of the municipality with the city. ▪ Fitness track stations are located along the cycle path. ▪ Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation, sport, fitness, cycling and dog walking activities.
<p>Functional Design Analysis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is open and with its character affected by the presence of the freeway and the power lines. ▪ There is a framework of trees and large expanses of grass. ▪ There is Informal surveillance from the street. ▪ The District playground is designed around a vehicular/freeway theme. ▪ The site is partially fenced. ▪ There is virtually no tree shade. One small shade sail and one roof have been included, as part of the design and several new trees have been planted around the playground. ▪ The target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior /senior activities. ▪ The equipment does have an appealing theme for imaginative play. ▪ There has been an unsuccessful attempt to provide for disabled access to this play equipment. There remains little that a child with disabilities could actually do once on the equipment. ▪ This playground has lots of potential that is currently under-utilised.
<p>Playground Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – This existing playground should be upgraded to a District classification playground.



<p>Precinct 34 Zone Central Western</p>	<p>H.A.SMITH RESERVE</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The single swing unit at the Robinson Road entrance should be removed. - A new local playground should be designed and constructed at the Patterson Reserve side of this park network - on the southern side of the hockey courts. - A fully accessible shelter should be located in close proximity to the existing playground. - Better attention to the landscape design of the space should be made, so that this is a more pleasant place to visit. - A more thorough inspection should be made with a view to assessing how the play space can be made genuinely accessible so that disabled children can actually play on the equipment. - Simple modifications could be made to immediately improve accessibility such as modifying the main ramp and relocating the car in order that a child in a wheelchair could play alongside. - Some interactive levers, wheels and panels could be added to the ramp. - Paths that go nowhere should be avoided, as they are not useful. Paths should link up playground activities and provide choices in routes. - A good bike/wheelchair /'Grand Prix' track might be sited close to the playground) and this could be made interesting with earthworks, planting and road markings.
<p>Site Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We also recommend that the site be designed to incorporate a full fence once any modifications have been carried out. Such a fence must be carefully sited and must not cage-in the space without some planting and open space inside the fence. A 1500mm high fence would make this playground more useful for families of children with cognitive/behavioural disabilities. ▪ There must be accessible seating etc inside the fence. ▪ We would also recommend that Council consider



Precinct 34 Zone Central Western	H.A.SMITH RESERVE
	relocating the public toilets from the sports pavilion across the road to a location within the park that is accessible for all park users.
Proposed Classification	District



PRECINCT No.35 Hawthorn East



Anderson Park



Cato Park

PRECINCT 35A

There is no playground in this Precinct; we suggest that the Patterson Reserve be considered as the site for a new local playground. There are a number of primary and secondary schools in this area.



Anderson Park

Anderson Road, Hawthorn East



Precinct 35 Zone	ANDERSON PARK
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	Off leash -
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anderson Park is a lovely setting with excellent, long distance views from this elevated site. There are ovals, tennis courts, a bowling club and a maternal and child health centre on this site. The character of this park is derived largely from



<p>Precinct 35 Zone</p>	<p>ANDERSON PARK</p>
	<p>the sloping site, manicured lawns and some magnificent established trees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Its main function is associated with sporting, and social /family/recreation activities.
<p>Functional Design Analysis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior /senior with the toddler section separated from the senior equipment. ▪ The existing playground is located on a sloping embankment above the tennis club pavilion. The grade of this site has not been effectively used to enhance the play and imaginative value of the equipment. ▪ There is informal surveillance of the playground from houses on nearby streets and the tennis courts. ▪ There is a concrete, internal path system that provides some access to the playground and seats. ▪ The playground is located in close proximity to public toilets, park lighting, drinking fountains with a barbecue area located out-of-view, further down the embankment. ▪ Some tree shade is available. ▪ The equipment does not specifically provide for imaginative play. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment. ▪ Access is difficult to both of these structures for children who require slightly less challenge than rungs.
<p>Playground Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend replacing this playground as part of Council's Playground Replacement Programme. We would suggest that a new playground design consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – choosing a suitable location for a new playground that has regard to community use, proximity to other facilities such as the barbecue area, public toilets and the existing path system and one that efficiently uses any changes in grade. – providing a range of play opportunities for all age groups, – incorporating a wide range of accessible activities and a seamless link with the existing park, path system.



Precinct 35 Zone	ANDERSON PARK
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – reflecting the magnificent park setting and views.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend that a new playground design have regard to the existing palette of park facilities and that these be incorporated into a seamless, integrated link. ▪ Depending on the location, consideration should be given to providing a fence along the perimeter of any nearby roads.
Proposed Classification	District



Cato Park

Lovell Street, Hawthorn East



Precinct 35 Zone Central Western	CATO PARK
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	



Precinct 35 Zone Central Western	CATO PARK
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This is a small attractive setting on a sloping site with houses overlooking it from three sides. ▪ It s main function is local social /family/recreation activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park character is derived largely from the sloping site, lawns and some established, indigenous trees. ▪ There is good informal surveillance from houses on three sides and Tooronga Rd on the other ▪ On inspection, the existing playground was removed and a new local playground was under construction.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A new playground facility should be focussed on providing local play opportunities in conjunction with a District Classification playground located in close proximity at Anderson Park. ▪ The natural, Australian setting of this site provides an excellent opportunity to expand on this theme and to include imaginary play elements. ▪ We would recommend that the location of the new playground facility maximise existing shade opportunities from mature trees and that, where possible, shrub beds should be designed to blend into the playground soft fall area.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We would suggest that a path system linking the main pedestrian entrance points to the park be constructed to provide an accessible surface that links a few seats, drinking fountain and the playground area.
Proposed Classification	Local



PRECINCT No.36 Camberwell



Bowen Gardens



Radnor Street Reserve

New playground

This precinct contains a large area that does not have access to any playgrounds. Based on demographic data, this Precinct is in a Priority 2 Zone (Camberwell) for playground provision.

Camberwell Sports Ground was investigated as a potential site for a new playground. There does not appear to be a suitable space within this reserve to construct a new playground facility due to the shortage of available open space combined with the potential hazard from balls struck out of the field of play. We recommend maintaining a large, multi-purpose, local facility at Bowen Gardens.

Bowen Gardens

Bowen Street, Camberwell



Precinct 36 Zone Central Eastern	BOWEN GARDENS
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground is located near a church and a maternal and child health centre. ▪ Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This attractive park is fairly small and divided into two sections by a path. The park is characterised by significant, mature trees and heritage lighting. ▪ Informal surveillance is limited. ▪ The junior area is partly fenced on the Bowen Street side. ▪ There is some shade from trees on the eastern side. ▪ The target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior /senior activities that are provided in separate spaces. ▪ There is a reasonable choice of types of physical play activities for able-bodied children. ▪ The equipment does not specifically provide for imaginative play.

Precinct 36 Zone Central Eastern	BOWEN GARDENS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This playground is one of only two in its precinct. It would therefore be preferable if it could offer some features that would allow children with disabilities to play. We recommend, in the interim, that a small, carefully designed accessible car or other imaginative play item be designed and sited to provide maximum play value Given that there is a shortage of play spaces in this precinct, we also recommend that the design of this facility in any future upgrade of this site should consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the provision of play activities for all age groups, the provision of accessible play facilities, the integration of surrounding facilities such as picnic tables, seats and drinking fountains for accessibility. the provision of imaginative, ground-play activities. reflecting the distinctive, mature tree canopy.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate the existing path system and park furniture in order that it is accessible.
Proposed Classification	Local



Radnor Reserve

Radnor Street, Camberwell



Precinct 36 Zone Central Eastern	RADNOR RESERVE
Existing Classification	Pocket
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This small reserve is located in close proximity to Camberwell Sports Ground and within a precinct that contains only one other playground at Bowen Gardens. ▪ Its main focus is social/family recreation activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Informal surveillance is limited ▪ There is no shade over the playground though there is attractive shade over a seating area close to the road. ▪ The site has a picnic table as well as other seats. ▪ For the size of the park, this playground offers a reasonable, basic set of activities for able-bodied children though this equipment is not especially interesting. ▪ The fence-line, especially on the southern side, is unattractive and exposed with no greenery. ▪ The surrounding grass cover is patchy, especially in shaded areas. ▪ The grouped seats are good for social interaction. ▪ Target age group is toddler/junior.

Precinct 36 Zone Central Eastern	RADNOR RESERVE
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is limited space in this reserve so the opportunities for extending play are limited. ▪ As this precinct has only two playgrounds, we would recommend that additional imaginative play opportunities should be incorporated into the playground and park land such as enhancing the corners of the park with planting and possibly a seating log or similar for informal play by local children.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Pocket



PRECINCT No.37 Camberwell



Trafalgar Road Reserve



Willison Park/Murdoch
Street Reserve



Fordham Gardens




Trafalgar Road Reserve

Trafalgar Road, Camberwell



Precinct 37 Zone Central Eastern	TRAFALGAR ROAD RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This playground is located in a small reserve adjacent to a child care centre Its main function is associated with social/family/recreation and after-school activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site is surrounded by housing that overlooks the park and by a busy road on the western side. Informal surveillance is good. The park has had some earth forming and there are some gentle grassed hills. There is a strong row of cypress trees along one fence line and a combination of Eucalypts and Claret Ash trees in the park. The park is fenced on three sides. There is some shade from trees. The Target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior There is a reasonable choice of types of physical play activities for younger children.



Precinct 37 Zone Central Eastern	TRAFALGAR ROAD RESERVE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The equipment does not provide much for imaginative play. ▪ There is a path for disabled access to the swing frame though the seats do not provide back support.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider replacing the slide pole with a higher deck and adding some interactive panels and possibly a roof here. Also, consider making a wheelchair accessible path under the slide deck and into a new cubby created by the new deck space. ▪ Make sure the new cubby has some accessible social and role play activities and preferably continue the path through and out of the equipment area to join seamlessly back to a path. ▪ Replace one of the existing swing seats with a seat that has back support and consider adding a different type of swing unit to this site such as a larger multi directional swivel swing.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is a small corner of this site with a lot of potential to develop a creative space  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend that some detailed exploration and design be carried out with a view to designing an accessible sand play area, planted hollow, seating circle or fairy garden that makes use of the intimate space and the existing levels. It would need to be linked with the existing playground by an accessible path. This space would provide an excellent opportunity to delight smaller children.
Proposed Classification	Local



Willison Park

Murdoch Street, Camberwell



Precinct 37 Zone Central Eastern	WILLISON PARK
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	Heritage
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Willison Park is one of several parks that make up a linear system of parks starting at Frog Hollow Reserve and extending to Fordham Gardens on Camberwell Road. The playground is located on a narrow strip of land close to the tennis courts. Its main function is associated with sporting/social /family/recreation activities.



<p>Precinct 37 Zone Central Eastern</p>	<p>WILLISON PARK</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the play structure was constructed and designed to integrate with a main, Melbourne Water barrel drain within a retarding basin.
<p>Functional Design Analysis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is good shade from some interesting trees located in close proximity to the playground. The structures in the space have an odd appearance imparted by the caged-in sand pit and the deck over the barrel drain. Informal surveillance is limited by one of the retarding basin embankments that partially blocks views from Murdoch Street. The target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior /senior activities. There is a reasonable choice of types of physical play activities. The equipment does not specifically provide for imaginative play. There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment. This site design does not make use of some potentially attractive features here. Specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the sand pit cage has blocked off both the views and some access into the beautiful spreading tree area, the sand space is unappealing and has no working surfaces, seats or playful qualities we recommend that sand should not be located in a through-route as it is here between the swing unit and the play area, the lookout deck has no activities and could have had an interesting ramped connection to the levee bank.
<p>Playground Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We recommend removing the fence around the sand pit and rethinking the way sand is provided here. If a fence is required, then relocate the sand pit to a less obtrusive location and one that is not in a through-zone and add some interesting edges and planting. Sand pits are not required to be square or rectangular and can have large flat rocks, logs and planting to make these more useful. Consider providing a path and ramp across from the levee bank to the lookout deck; then consider adding some accessible activities here and on the hex deck.



Precinct 37 Zone Central Eastern	WILLISON PARK
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure there are no hazards for wheelchairs falling out from the hex deck if this is made more accessible.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Local



Fordham Gardens

Camberwell Road, Camberwell



Precinct 37 Zone Central Eastern	FORDHAM GARDENS
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The playground is located within a formal garden that is located at the southern end of a linear section of parkland extending from Frog Hollow Reserve. Its main function is associated with social/family/recreation activities.



Precinct 37 Zone Central Eastern	FORDHAM GARDENS
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This attractive park is reasonably flat and open with expansive green lawns, exotic planting and a framework of a few large eucalyptus trees. ▪ There is some informal surveillance from surrounding houses. ▪ There is a formal path system through the park and there are three seats close to the play area but none of these are connected to the path system. ▪ There is some shade from a large tree on one side but this will not be effective in the middle of the day. ▪ The target age group is toddler/junior. ▪ There is a reasonable choice of types of physical play activities for agile and able-bodied children. ▪ The equipment does not provide for much imaginative play. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment and young children will have difficulty accessing the decks and slides.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend removing the inverted arch climber and installing a stair instead (check fall zones to spring bike and relocate this if necessary) to permit younger children to use the activities here. ▪ Given the attractive setting, we recommend the addition of a planted arbour, tunnel or maze that would provide an attractive green play space. ▪ Consider adding a cubby and or fantasy setting that could be carefully designed to relate to this space. Views inside should be possible from more than one direction. ▪ The arbour should be accessible via the path system to wheelchairs and provide some low-key, accessible play activities.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Local



PRECINCT No. 38 Camberwell / Hartwell



Frog Hollow



Fordham Avenue
Reserve



Hartwell Station

Frog Hollow Reserve

Fordham Avenue, Camberwell



Precinct 38 Zone Central Eastern	FROG HOLLOW RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frog Hollow Reserve forms one section of a linear network of parks that runs from Riversdale Road to Camberwell Road. This playground is the only large playground facility in this precinct. As such, it is important in this context. A kindergarten is located close-by. The playground is adjacent to playing fields with cricket nets and a soccer pitch. There is an underpass not far away with a link under the railway line to Willison Park. Its main function is associated with sport/social /family/recreation activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This attractive play area is small. As the name suggests, it is in a hollow, formed by the road on one side and the railway line embankment on the



Precinct 38 Zone Central Eastern	FROG HOLLOW RESERVE
	<p>other; some attractive tree planting adds complexity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Houses across the road on the uphill side contribute to informal surveillance. ▪ There is some shade from trees and the embankment. ▪ The target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior /senior activities. ▪ There is a reasonable choice of types of physical and imaginative play activities here for able-bodied children. ▪ There is no specific provision for wheelchair access to this play equipment. A ramp was constructed into the main unit without a path link to it. There is no maneuvering space and the ramp is too steep. No accessible activities are provided in the main unit and there is a possible danger of chairs falling out of openings because wheel stops were not fitted.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This site offers some appealing elements. It is an important site in the precinct and therefore it is important to provide some form of accessibility and one in which the attractive, natural space should be reflected in the playground design. ▪ This site could be enhanced by a small amount of landscape design in the dip of the hollow, with a streambed, some very large flat rocks, and planting to provide some ground level interest (a river bed for the 'boat'). ▪ Adding a few logs under the trees with cut-out seats could enhance imaginative play. These could be sculpted with some frog like elements as a lighthearted touch. ▪ Consider adding a second swing frame possibly with a different swing seat type such as a multi-directional swivel, a scale swing or something similar for older children. Site this carefully in its own space. ▪ Additional ramps could be designed to link the deck with the existing embankment. ▪ Re-assess the design carefully and provide meaningful access to both upper and lower levels
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Local



Fordham Avenue Reserve

Fordham Avenue, Camberwell



Precinct 38 Zone Central Eastern	FORDHAM AVENUE RESERVE
Existing Classification	Pocket
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground is located on a linear network of parks that links Riversdale Road with Camberwell Road. ▪ The playground consists of a single swing unit. ▪ It is located in close proximity to a scout hall. ▪ The playground is not far from Frog Hollow playground and is not necessary in this precinct as a public play area. ▪ Its main function is associated with low-key play.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This very attractive site is sloping; the scout hall and a number of tall eucalypts are the dominant features. ▪ The equipment is limited to one double swing with junior safety seats.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This swing should be removed. ▪ We do not recommend maintaining single-piece equipment in such close proximity to neighbouring



Precinct 38 Zone Central Eastern	FORDHAM AVENUE RESERVE
	playgrounds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We would recommend installing an additional swing unit at Frog Hollow Reserve playground.
Proposed Classification	Remove



Hartwell Station Reserve

Fordham Avenue, Camberwell



Precinct 38 Zone	HARTWELL STATION RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This small playground is located at the southern end of this precinct. ▪ The playground is important, as there is only one other play area in this precinct. ▪ Its main function is as a green space, with access to the station and as low-key family/recreation activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The site is flat and very narrow with an unfenced railway line and Hartwell Station on one side and a road on the other. There is a cycle/pedestrian path running parallel with the train line and minor paths linking the park with Hartwell Hill Road. ▪ It is very prominent site with excellent informal surveillance. ▪ The site is unfenced and is very exposed to both the railway and the road. ▪ There is no shade at all.



Precinct 38 Zone	HARTWELL STATION RESERVE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The target age group is junior. ▪ This playground does not provide sufficient choice to warrant this equipment remaining in its present state. There are signs of use under the swing.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend that a new design be prepared for this challenging space ▪ It probably should be fenced, but a fence needs to be seated carefully into the landscape and into planting ▪ The local community needs to be consulted as to the nature of activities that should be included. ▪ The space will need some careful design to make it interesting and to fit within the confined space. ▪ It could include a linear idea of a journey though the space; this should be at least partly wheelchair accessible; and could include lots of different spatial elements, upper body, balancing etc. ▪ Ideally the design will also include some earth forming and must include good public surveillance.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Local



PRECINCT No.39



Highfield Park



Lynden Park



Cooper Road Reserve



Through Road Reserve



Highfield Park

Highfield Road, Camberwell



Precinct 39 Zone Central Eastern	HIGHFIELD PARK
Existing Classification	District
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground is located in a large sports reserve containing two ovals. ▪ Its main function is associated with sports and social /family/recreation activities. ▪ There is a large Auskick Programme here each Winter.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is generally open with a framework of perimeter tree planting. ▪ There is excellent informal surveillance from houses located across the street. ▪ The playground site is partly fenced on the Highfield Road perimeter and on the internal road perimeter. ▪ There is some shade from trees. ▪ The target age group is mixed. ▪ There is a picnic table nearby but this is not accessible. ▪ There is a good choice of physical play activities. ▪ The equipment has a nice imaginative play theme. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment. ▪ There is stair-access to the top levels for smaller children.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend designing a path through to the drawbridge and cubbies. If possible, continue this path and link it to some play activities and the picnic table/seats. This will improve accessibility in this District classification playground. ▪ In order to provide play opportunities to a wide range of age groups, it may be worth considering adding a junior castle or affiliated unit that provides toddler/junior activities.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider adding a picnic shelter here; make sure it is fully accessible and linked to the car park via a barrier-free path system ▪ Consider fencing the playground with an



Precinct 39 Zone Central Eastern	HIGHFIELD PARK
	attractively sited fence that encloses a large space around the playground.
Proposed Classification	District



Lynden Park

Lynden Street, Camberwell



Precinct 39 Zone Central Eastern	LYNDEN PARK
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground is located in a central position within the precinct. ▪ Lynden Park is connected to a complex open space system that links to Through Road Reserve and Riversdale Road. ▪ There is a scout hall, ovals and a bowling club located in this reserve. ▪ Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation activities. ▪ This network of linear parks is a major dog walking area.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The existing slope of the site contributes to the visual interest of this part of the park. ▪ The existing playground does not make full use of the terrain.



<p>Precinct 39 Zone Central Eastern</p>	<p>LYNDEN PARK</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Informal surveillance is good from nearby houses. ▪ There is only a small amount of shade from nearby trees. ▪ The target age group is junior/senior. ▪ Although the playground offers a range of physical activities, the equipment is badly designed and does not comply with Australian playground safety standards. ▪ Specifically, the main problems include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – steps between decks are very large with open fall-through sized gaps, – the hand grips are located where a small child can not reach these, – the clatter bridge curves but the hand rails do not; a small child will be completely exposed in the middle of the bridge, – the slide pole is too short so a child needs to bend down into an uncomfortable position to use it, – guard-railing is inadequate on high decks, – there are limb entrapments on the stainless steel slide and an inappropriately placed rail on which children can hit their heads as they enter the slide, – the spiral slide appears to be very steep and located high off the ground, – it is possible that there are neck wedge points in the angled horizontal ladder, – some bearers under the decks are sagging, – a great deal of paint and plastic coating is peeling from steelwork.
<p>Playground Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground is not worth modifying. We recommend that it should be replaced as a matter of priority as part of Council's Playground Replacement Programme. ▪ We recommend that a new design for this site should included the following considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – incorporate the existing levels and use these to enhance a theme, – a rectangle of soft fall should not be imposed upon this space; the playground should reflect the existing terrain,



Precinct 39 Zone Central Eastern	LYNDEN PARK
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a new play area should be designed to be completely different from nearby Highfield Park and Cooper Reserve. - the new design for this site should be essentially landscape based with interesting, accessible play designed around natural elements such as the existing trees.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We would recommend that fencing should be considered as a component of a new playground design in order to eliminate potential conflict with dogs in this off-leash site and due to the concealed corner on Lynden Street.
Proposed Classification	Local



Cooper Reserve

Highfield Road, Camberwell



Precinct 39 Zone Central Eastern	COOPER RESERVE
Existing Classification	District
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooper Reserve playground serves the north eastern part of this precinct. It is part of a larger park with an oval and is almost directly opposite Wattle Park, on the other side of Warrigal Road. Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This park is large and attractive; the sloping embankment and trees provide visual interest. Although this playground is quite extensive, it has been placed without regard to the setting and grade. Informal surveillance is good from nearby houses. The playground area is not fenced. There is very little shade. The target age group is junior /senior. There is a reasonable choice of types of physical play activities for able-bodied children. There are a few problems with playground location and equipment. Specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the soft fall area is imposed on a slope and it does not sit in the landscape, access is very difficult to all of the elevated items, it has a number of decks that are open on all sides, the landing decks for the track ride are shared with other items. There is no provision for disabled access to the play equipment and seating. The path finishes at the mulch edge without providing any access to the playground. The timber posts are too small and do not reflect



Precinct 39 Zone Central Eastern	COOPER RESERVE
	the scale of either the playground or the site.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At such time as this playground is replaced, we recommend preparing a new playground design for this site that reflects the embankment of the site and uses the grade to enhance a theme-based design. ▪ Until such time, we recommend the following short-term equipment modifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – re-asses the elevated decks and install protective barriers where required, – incorporate activity panels at lower levels, – isolate the track ride or re-locate it so that it is not necessary to share platforms, – design and construct a path that links the existing path system to one that provides access into the soft fall area and some play activities.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend installing a playground fence for the playground area that provides a physical barrier from the road and from dogs in this off-leash park.
Proposed Classification	District



Through Road Reserve

Through Road, Camberwell



Precinct 39 Zone Central Eastern	THROUGH ROAD RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground is located within a large linear park network that links Through Road Reserve to Lynden Park and Riversdale Road. ▪ The playground is located close to a nursing home. ▪ Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation activities. ▪ This playground is nominated for replacement in the 2005/2006 Financial Year as part of Council's Playground Replacement Programme.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This attractive park is small and divided into two sections by a path. ▪ There is a mixture of native and exotic trees. ▪ Informal surveillance is limited. ▪ Although, there is a path through the reserve, it does not connect to the play area itself and the picnic table. ▪ There is no shade. ▪ The target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior /senior activities. ▪ The playground is dated and does not comply with Australian Standards for playground design. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend that a new playground design consider the following elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – provide a unique playground facility that is different from other playgrounds in this precinct especially Lynden Park, – maintain a toddler/junior age group focus incorporating imaginative play elements such as sand, – utilise the existing grade to create a multi-leveled play area,



Precinct 39 Zone Central Eastern	THROUGH ROAD RESERVE
	- provide an accessible link to surrounding park furniture and the existing park path.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Local



PRECINCT No. 40 Glen Iris



Burke Road South
Reserve



Sinclair Avenue
Reserve

Burke Road South Reserve

Parkin Street, Glen Iris



Precinct 40 Zone Southern	BURKE ROAD SOUTH RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground is part of a medium-sized reserve that has an oval and bowling greens ▪ The reserve is located next to the South-eastern Freeway. ▪ It is one of two small playgrounds in a very small residential precinct. ▪ Its main function is associated with picnicking/social /family/recreation activities ▪ Office Staff from Coles/Myer headquarters on Toorak Road, regularly use the barbecue area next to the playground.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is green with a backdrop of trees screening the freeway. ▪ Informal surveillance is limited. ▪ There is a barbecue and table setting on separate concrete pads but these are not connected to a path system. ▪ There is a path leading to the edge of the

<p>Precinct 40 Zone Southern</p>	<p>BURKE ROAD SOUTH RESERVE</p>
	<p>playground but this does not provide access into the play space.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is a bike path system running through the reserve. ▪ There is tree shade over the playground. ▪ The Target age group is mixed toddler/junior and senior. ▪ The playground has a fair range of physical activities for a mix of age groups and for able-bodied children. ▪ The equipment does not specifically provide for imaginative or creative play. ▪ There are no activities for children or adults with disabilities.
<p>Playground Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Access to the junior unit could be improved by the addition of a stair at the far end of the bridge instead of the single rung. ▪ There is no agility activity suitable for junior children. We recommend the addition of a junior horizontal ladder and junior turnover bars. ▪ Consider adding a gentle mound behind part of the play space on the freeway side. The mound could be shaped so that part of it wraps around a new sand play area and this could be designed to be accessible. ▪ We recommend the installation of a sand play area that is irregularly shaped and includes a play deck with sand activities. ▪ The back of the mound could be planted and fenced in conjunction with a playground fence that provides a barrier between dogs and playground users in this off-leash site. ▪ The fence should include the whole play area plus a large space including some open lawn area. ▪ We recommend the following modifications to improve accessibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the addition of a new path that would link the picnic setting and the barbecue; the existing picnic table is already accessible, – the path could be designed to continue towards the English Elm and provide access to the play space.



Precinct 40 Zone Southern	BURKE ROAD SOUTH RESERVE
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Local



Sinclair Avenue Reserve

Sinclair Avenue, Glen Iris



Precinct 40 Zone Southern	SINCLAIR AVENUE RESERVE
Existing Classification	Pocket
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This small play area is part of the same park system at Burke Road South Reserve. ▪ It is also located on the other side of Burke Road from a District Classification playground at Howard Dawson Reserve. ▪ Its main function is associated with low key social /family/recreation activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The playground is located at the eastern corner of the reserve next to the Burke Road overpass. ▪ The park is flat with some attractive trees.



Precinct 40 Zone Southern	SINCLAIR AVENUE RESERVE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is a power pylon above. ▪ There is informal surveillance from houses across the street. ▪ There is a shared path system passing though this reserve. ▪ The site has some light shade from trees but this is inadequate. ▪ The target age group is toddler/junior. ▪ The equipment does not provide much for imaginative play. ▪ There is no provision for disabled access to this play equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Due to the close proximity of Burke Road South Reserve playground in the same residential area, the proximity of traffic and noise from the Burke Road overpass and the location of a District playground at Howard Dawson Reserve, we recommend that this playground should be removed.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Remove



PRECINCT No.41 Glen Iris



Howard Dawson
Reserve



Nettleton Park



Howard Dawson Reserve

Bickleigh Street, Glen Iris



Precinct 41 Zone Southern	HOWARD DAWSON RESERVE
Existing Classification	District
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Howard Dawson Reserve is located next to Gardiner's Creek Reserve and the South-eastern Freeway. A Bicycle Victoria pathway runs through the park. The reserve contains a basketball half-court and a sports ground & pavilion. High-voltage power lines are located on the southern side of the reserve. Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a small half court next to the playground. Informal surveillance is poor. The site has a large playground that was recently developed. There is no tree shade but some roofs have been incorporated into the play structures. Target age group is mixed



Precinct 41 Zone Southern	HOWARD DAWSON RESERVE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is a reasonable choice of types of physical play activities for able-bodied children. ▪ Although the playground is based on a castle theme, there is not a great deal of imaginative play activities. ▪ There has been an attempt to provide for disabled access to elevated parts of the play equipment. ▪ There are few activities for wheel chair children on the decks. ▪ Better value could have been made of the ground level spaces.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Make some amendments that will make this site more useful to people with disabilities including a few accessible play activities on the high decks. ▪ Create a full circuit under the decks with lots of accessible activities.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider any opportunities to integrate the amenities and the landscape here.
Proposed Classification	District



Nettleton Park

Gardiner Parade, Glen Iris



Precinct 41 Zone Southern	NETTLETON PARK
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground is located within a large, linear open space network running from Summerhill Park to Eric Raven Reserve. ▪ Nettleton Park is located at an important intersection between two major trail networks- the Gardiners Creek route and the Outer Circle route cycle paths. ▪ Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation/cycling activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The play area is separated from the ovals/cricket pitch by a large mesh fence. ▪ Informal surveillance is good from the street frontage. ▪ The site is partly fenced. ▪ There is virtually no shade. ▪ The target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior /senior activities. ▪ The spiral climber is too far from the deck for a small child to reach and there are no hand grips. ▪ There is a reasonable choice of types of physical play activities for able-bodied children; these are fairly challenging. ▪ The equipment does not specifically provide for imaginative play. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment. ▪ The existing location of the playground is not ideal. It is squeezed into a tight corner of the park, too close to other recreational activities and too far away from the natural features of the site such as the creek and trees.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At such time as this playground is replaced, we recommend relocating this playground to a larger, more suitable site within Nettleton Park. A new playground design should consider integrating the



Precinct 41 Zone Southern	NETTLETON PARK
	<p>play space with the existing path network and reflecting the natural environment of the creek area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In the short term, we recommend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – removal of one of the climbers to the intermediate decks on the senior structure and replacing it with a stair, – closing the gaps between any decks with fall through openings, – removing the bar from the fall zone of the chain net, – removing the rung ladder from the junior decks and replacing it with stairs, – adding some kind of accessible, imaginative play activity, – adding long hand grips to the spiral climber.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As this is a dog off leash park, a new design should consider the installation of a fenced play space area. ▪ As this playground could be a valuable rest area and destination along these popular trail networks, we recommend that consideration be made to improving the accessibility and amenity of the site as well and upgrading the playground itself. Consideration should be given to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – adding an accessible picnic shelter, – ensuring that tables, seats and drink fountain are accessible
Proposed Classification	Local



PRECINCT No.42 Glen Iris



Ferndale Reserve



Summerhill Park

New playground

In the central area of this precinct, there is a large area in which there is no access to a playground. Based on demographic data, Precinct 42 is a high priority area for playground provision. We recommend investigating the possibility of building a new local classification playground in Back Creek Reserve between Florizel Street and Summerhill Road.

Ferndale Park

Glen Iris Road, Glen Iris



Precinct 42 Zone Southern	FERNDALE PARK
Existing Classification	District
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground is located in a large park that is itself part of a large network of linear parks called Back Creek Reserve. ▪ The playground is located along a cycle trail. ▪ There is a scout hall, barbecue facilities, sports

Precinct 42 Zone Southern	FERNDALE PARK
	<p>ground and a public toilet located within this park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation/bicycle riding activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This attractive park slopes down to a flat base at the oval. ▪ Informal surveillance is limited. ▪ There is some shade from new trees. ▪ The playground is well-sited, on top of an embankment overlooking the sports ground. ▪ The target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior /senior activities. ▪ There is a reasonable choice of types of physical and imaginative play activities. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend making minor alterations to make more of the equipment and park furniture accessible.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	District



Summerhill Park

Montana Street, Glen Iris



Precinct 42 Zone Southern	SUMMERHILL PARK
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summerhill Park is located within a large network of linear parks in the Back Creek Reserve system. Back Creek Reserve links into the Outer Circle system and to Gardiners Creek. This playground is located close to a kindergarten. Its main function is associated with walking and cycling, social /family/recreation activities.

Precinct 42 Zone Southern	SUMMERHILL PARK
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This attractive park is a complex shape, with grass, a mixture of native and exotic trees and an undulating landscape. ▪ Informal surveillance is limited. ▪ The site is partly fenced. ▪ There is some shade from trees. ▪ The target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior /senior activities. ▪ There is a reasonable choice of types of physical play activities for able-bodied children. ▪ The equipment has some imaginative play value. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment. ▪ The senior items have open decks without much protection.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground offers a good, diverse range of play opportunities. We recommend modifying some aspects of the existing design in such a manner as to provide some accessible play facilities and to integrate the sand pit in a more creative, imaginative way with the rest of the play equipment. ▪ The sand pit does not need to be a rectangle-shaped, isolated activity. We recommend an integrated design, reflecting the curved nature of the playground, with more play opportunities to be added in the sand area. ▪ We recommend removing the existing sand pit fence and designing a fence that provides a barrier for the whole play facility in this off-leash park.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Local



PRECINCT No 43 Glen Iris/Burwood



Hartwell
Sports
Ground



Burwood
Reserve



Madeline
Street
Reserve



Liston Street
Reserve



Ashburton
Park



Hartwell Sports Ground

Bath Road, Burwood



Precinct 43 Zone Southern	HARTWELL SPORTS RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The playground is located in the corner of this sports reserve with a pavilion, two ovals and cricket nets and a well used walking track around the perimeter. ▪ There is a kindergarten close by. ▪ The play area has a small, informal half-court located next to it. ▪ Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation and sports activities. ▪ The main catchment area is likely to be the surrounding, local residential area as the reserve is not located on main roads.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is large and planted with mature, perimeter trees. ▪ There is a small car park located next to the pavilion and playground area. ▪ Informal surveillance is not good, as the playground has no main street frontages. ▪ The toilets in the pavilion are not open on weekdays. ▪ There are picnic tables located off the path. There is a good path system and it would be easy to link the playground and table to the path for wheelchair access. ▪ The playground is partially fenced from the path. ▪ There is virtually no shade over the play area. ▪ There is no provision for disabled access to this playground, equipment or table. ▪ The target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior/senior. The gradation between challenges and age groups is not appropriate. Specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the overhead climbing frame is very



<p>Precinct 43 Zone Southern</p>	<p>HARTWELL SPORTS RESERVE</p>
	<p>challenging,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - access to the junior slide is difficult, - the small decks have several activities on the one deck, - the small children's cubby - the only social/role play element - is not wheelchair accessible. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overall there is a fairly good range of activities, though moving items are limited and there are no landscape elements to play with or improve the setting.
<p>Playground Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A reasonable investment was only recently made here. To maximise the value from this, we would suggest: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - remove green pole climber from the end of bridge deck and replace with a stair with double hand rails, - add (or replace one spring toy with) a double moving spring see saw or spinning unit (with back and hand support). If this can be placed close enough to a path, add a small area of synthetic surfacing to provide access to it ensuring that a fall zone and suitable maneuvering space is also provided, - remove trapeze bar from swing frame. New Australian Standards for playground design suggest that three swinging items in one frame is poor design practice. Trapeze bars are implicated in facial and dental injuries and are not recommended. - consider modifications that would result in a wheelchair accessible cubby. Instead of changing the existing cubby an alternative would be to remove/relocate the yellow spring koala outside all fall zones of climbing equipment. Add a second, larger cubby that relates to the existing cubby. The new cubby must be 1800mm clear inside, have some play elements such as shop fronts for front-on use from a wheelchair and perhaps a small seat. - provide seamless entry inside from path and connect table to path as well.
<p>Site Recommendations</p>	<p>We recommend that some interesting tress/vegetation should be planted towards the back of play area and shade trees to the west.</p>



Precinct 43 Zone Southern	HARTWELL SPORTS RESERVE
Proposed Classification	Local



Burwood Reserve

Warrigal Road, Burwood



Precinct 43 Zone Southern	BURWOOD RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burwood Reserve is a major sports ground located on Burwood Road at the eastern edge of the municipality with two ovals, tennis courts, bowling greens and a public toilet block. The playground is located next to the Warrigal Road perimeter of the reserve. Its main function is associated with sporting and picnicking/social /family/recreation activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The park is large with dominant evergreen trees. Informal surveillance is poor, with views into most of the playground blocked from Warrigal Road. There is an old public toilet block located in close proximity to the play area. The public toilet facility is not wheel chair accessible. The playground is located next to a small car park. There is a barbecue and two seats located close-by but none of these is linked to the path



<p>Precinct 43 Zone Southern</p>	<p>BURWOOD RESERVE</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A good path system runs through the park. It would be easy to link the barbecue and play area to the main path. ▪ The play area is separated from Warrigal Road by a mound that is an effective visual and psychological separation. The mound also provides some interest to the landscape. ▪ There is a low chain mesh fence located on the Warrigal Road boundary. ▪ There is reasonable tree shade from the north and east but none from the west. ▪ There is no wheelchair access to the play area. ▪ The target age group is essentially junior. ▪ The equipment does not provide for imaginative play. ▪ This old style equipment has numerous problems mainly related to its age. It has numerous entrapment gaps and the stair is not sound. It is not a very successful design.
<p>Playground Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground is programmed for replacement in the 2005/2006 Financial Year as part of Council's Playground Replacement Programme. ▪ We recommend that a District classification playground should be designed and built on this site. The importance of this site as a major district sports ground in conjunction with existing District classification amenities such as the public toilet block, barbecue and car park makes this a very achievable option. ▪ We would suggest that a new playground design consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – play activities for all age groups including young children, juniors and seniors and challenging features, – a choice of accessible play options. – utilising the mound in such a way that wheelchair access could be achieved by installing a ramp up the side to reach an elevated pint via a bridge and utilise the underneath of the ramp for an accessible cubby, – incorporating some landscape elements for play such as the mound, some boulders and planting, – Linking the new play facility with the



Precinct 43 Zone Southern	BURWOOD RESERVE
	existing path system.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend that the public toilet should be upgraded/rebuilt for accessibility and taps need to be made available. ▪ New shade trees should be planted between the play area and path. ▪
Proposed Classification	District



Madeline Street Reserve

Madeline Street, Burwood



Precinct 43 Zone Southern	MADELINE STREET RESERVE
Existing Classification	Pocket
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This very small park is sited prominently on a corner of two streets. ▪ It mainly functions for small children's play. ▪ This site is close to a large playground at Liston Street Reserve.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is green, attractive, undulating and dotted with mixed medium sized trees. ▪ The playground dominates the eastern section of the park. ▪ The target age group for the play area is toddler/junior. ▪ The play spaces are open and unshaded. ▪ There is no low level vegetation in this park and all the exposed paling fences create a dull impression. ▪ There is nothing in this playground that is wheelchair accessible. ▪ The equipment provides for imaginative play for young children. ▪ In the context of this precinct, Madeline Reserve is not strictly necessary as a location for a playground. The close proximity of a larger playground facility at Liston Street Reserve, across



Precinct 43 Zone Southern	MADELINE STREET RESERVE
	<p>the road from a kindergarten, renders the toddler unit at Madeline Street unnecessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The playground also represents a series of lost design opportunities - The location of the freestanding slide prevents the use of the park for any other purpose such as ball games. The design utilises a large amount of synthetic surface but it does not make the space wheelchair accessible. The play elements would be very appealing to many younger children but the best use has not been made of these ideas. ▪ Items for imaginative/role play benefit by a close proximity to one another; often this kind of play is stimulated by the play elements (even the slide deck) being close enough to one another that language and play communications in each can relate to the other. Here they are too spread apart. ▪ Some of the synthetic material has been poorly laid and is lifting and crumbling ▪ Synthetic pads under swings are too small and have sharp trip edges
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend that this playground should be removed at such a time when the existing playground reaches the end its life expectancy. ▪ Until this time, we recommend re-configuring the train components so that larger children with disabilities and in wheelchairs could use part of the train. ▪ We strongly recommend that the free-standing slide unit be removed and that the area be used as open space especially in view of the available slides at Liston Street Reserve playground.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Pocket



Liston Street Reserve

Liston Street, Burwood



Precinct 43 Zone Southern	LISTON STREET RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The playground is located in a medium sized, attractive park between two residential streets. There is a kindergarten across the road. The park's main function is associated with picnicking/social /family/recreation activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The park is undulating with the playground sited both on top and below the gentle hill; attractive eucalypts give a very pleasant open woodland feel. Barbecue and picnic tables are located on top of



Precinct 43 Zone Southern	LISTON STREET RESERVE
	<p>the rise. These are close to the path but not connected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Informal surveillance is excellent from houses on both sides. ▪ A path system criss-crosses the reserve. A line of bollards defines the edges of the park. It is possible that the openings between bollards are not wide enough to admit a wheelchair. These need to be checked. ▪ Dappled shade is available nearby but not over the playground itself. ▪ The timber playground is relatively new. ▪ It is aimed at older children (junior/senior). There is little targeted for a small child here except one swing seat. As there is a kindergarten close by, this is a shame. The smaller slide that could be suitable has a difficult access via a honeycomb climber that is challenging. ▪ The equipment appears high and exciting with a good range of physical challenges and circuits. ▪ The equipment does not specifically provide for much imaginative play. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to the play equipment, seats, tables or the barbecue.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider adding a small landscaped area into one of the low stream like depressions. This could be used to increase toddler and imaginative play opportunities with a natural, planted play setting including low flat rocks, paths logs and bridges (accessible), sand and open cubbies. ▪ We would suggest that this setting would be far more suitable for a toddler's facility, especially with the kindergarten across the road, than Madeline Street Reserve. ▪ Create an accessible cubby under the main high deck. ▪ Add a set of steps in order to make the junior slide accessible for smaller children.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Make all seats, tables and barbecue accessible via a seamless path system.
Proposed Classification	Local



Ashburton Park

Fakenham Road, Ashburton



Precinct 43 Zone Southern	ASHBURTON PARK
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The playground is located in a sports reserve with a pavilion, a soccer pitch, a small car park and a barbecue. Its main function is associated with social /family/recreation and sports activities. Ashburton Primary School is located in very close proximity.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The park is attractive and open with a good mixture of exotic and native trees. Informal surveillance is good. Toilets in the pavilion are not open to the public. There is no path system and little shade. There is no provision for disabled access. The playground equipment is very old and does not



Precinct 43 Zone Southern	ASHBURTON PARK
	<p>comply with Australian Standards for playground design.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The playground will be replaced during the 2004/2005 Financial Year.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Even though the existing playground is outdated and does not comply with modern standards, it offers a wide range of activities and interesting spaces. We recommend designing a new playground that encapsulates this spirit and considers the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – base a new design around a unique theme that sets this facility apart from nearby playgrounds in Liston Street Reserve and Hartwell Sports Ground, – provide a range of play opportunities for all age groups but with a focus on junior activities to cater for after-school activities, – reflect some of the original design components such as the large, wave slide and higher decks with underneath activities, – ensure that some activities are accessible for wheel chairs.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend designing a path system that connects a new playground with the barbecue, car park and Fakenham Road access. ▪ Use shade trees to provide afternoon shade for the playground and to compliment the existing park trees.
Proposed Classification	Local



PRECINCT No 44 Ashburton West



Watson Park



Winton Rd Reserve



Dorothy Laver Reserve

Overview of Recommendations

Watson Park is the central playground for this precinct. It is an outdated facility and we recommend a complete upgrade to a District Classification catering for all age groups.

Watson Park

Munro Street, Ashburton



Precinct 44 Zone Southern	WATSON PARK
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watson Park is a large sports ground with a sports oval and turf wicket. The playground is located on the southeastern side of the reserve next to Munroe Avenue. A path from Munro Avenue connects the play area to a kindergarten. There is also a primary school in the next street. Its main function is associated with picnicking/social /family/recreation combined with the sports activities.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The park is green and attractive, with its character derived largely from large evergreen and deciduous



<p>Precinct 44 Zone Southern</p>	<p>WATSON PARK</p>
	<p>trees ringing the oval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Informal surveillance is good. ▪ There is no car park but street parking is available. ▪ A picnic table is located near the playground with no path connection. ▪ There is a path system on the side of the playground. ▪ The play area is flat. ▪ The whole reserve has a low chain mesh fence around it. ▪ Shade is generally good though afternoon summer shade from the west is inadequate. ▪ There is no provision for disabled access to the play equipment. ▪ The target age group is a mixture of junior/senior. ▪ Generally there is little here for very young children: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – even though the yellow slide is aimed at young children, there is no suitable access to it, – given the co-location on this site with a kindergarten this is a poor oversight. ▪ There is a very good range of physical activities. ▪ The equipment does not specifically provide for much imaginative play. ▪ Guard-railing is generally inadequate; there are protrusions in fall zones; high decks are too open on all sides. ▪ The playground equipment is very old and does not comply with Australian Standards for playground design. ▪ The playground will be replaced during the 2004/2005 Financial Year.
<p>Playground Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground is important in this precinct because of its central location and proximity to the sports field and kindergarten. We recommend upgrading this facility to a District Classification



Precinct 44 Zone Southern	WATSON PARK
	<p>playground.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Even though the existing playground is outdated and does not comply with modern standards, it offers a wide range of activities and interesting spaces. We recommend designing a new playground that encapsulates this spirit and considers the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - base a new design around a unique theme that sets this facility apart from nearby playgrounds at Dorothy Laver Reserve and Winton Road Reserve. - incorporate some earthworks to provide some visual interest and play value, - retain the general idea of the range and choice of activities, - it must provide some wheelchair accessible play options, some young children's play activities, some landscape elements for play and additional shade.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend installing a barbecue facility to complement a District facility.
Proposed Classification	District



Winton Road Reserve

Winton Road, Ashburton



Precinct 44 Zone Southern	WINTON ROAD RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This small playground is located very close to Gardiners Creek on a shared bicycle/pedestrian trail. ▪ Its main function is associated with family/recreation/bicycle activities. ▪ The catchment area is likely to be the immediate local residential area and cyclists/walkers along the path.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is a small corner reserve characterised by native vegetation. ▪ It is open and somewhat exposed with a backdrop

Precinct 44 Zone Southern	WINTON ROAD RESERVE
	<p>of paling fences with some planting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Informal surveillance is excellent from the road and houses. ▪ There is a path system nearby and a bridge across the creek. There is no path linking the play area. ▪ The playground is located in the centre of the park. The playground is quite acceptable but lacks character. ▪ The playground is not fenced. ▪ There is little shade but new trees have been planted. ▪ There is no provision for disabled access. ▪ The target age group is toddler/junior. ▪ The timber and steel structure includes a fair range of activity types.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend removing the spring frog and replacing it with a double spring see saw with hand grips. These provide more useful rocking /social interaction and children with some disabilities can use them with an adult. ▪ Plant another group of interesting advanced trees both for summer shade but equally important for climbing or social interaction. Choose interesting species with play value and that are not weeds in this creek location.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Integrate the existing park path system to link with the playground.
Proposed Classification	Local



Dorothy Laver Reserve

Saxby Road, Glen Iris



Precinct 44 Zone Southern	DOROTHY LAVER RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dorothy Laver Reserve is located on the eastern side of Gardiners Creek. ▪ The playground is located next to a Scout Hall and a sporting oval. ▪ Its main function is associated with /social /family/recreation activities. ▪ It is one of three playgrounds in the precinct.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The park is part of the larger creek linear reserve system, with its character derived largely from open grass, with a backdrop of copses of trees. ▪ There is an oval, scout hall and some car parking nearby. ▪ Informal surveillance is good from houses on Saxby Road. ▪ There is no path system to the play area. ▪ Shade is inadequate. ▪ The target age group is toddler/junior.

Precinct 44 Zone Southern	DOROTHY LAVER RESERVE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment.
Playground Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This playground is relatively new. It has many appealing aspects. There are a few minor design faults that would, if rectified, make it quite successful: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the main unit has a stair leading down to a deck at ground level. This is a potential safety hazard and poor design practice, sharing of a deck with the track ride is also poor design practice. If this playground is busy, this design establishes serious potential conflict between users of the deck (who might not be expecting flying feet) and users of the track ride. Ideally remove deck, redesign stair and relocate track ride (shorten if required) the track ride is very long for junior children. It is possible they might not be able to hang on this long. Maintain an excellent soft fall surface underneath and monitor younger users. Shorten ride if required and check end buffers regularly. We recommend that the playground should be made wheelchair accessible. The ground level could be surfaced with a wheelable surface so that children can at least access the imaginative play spaces underneath.
Site Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A seamless path system from a car park will be required to make the playground changes worthwhile. Attention to detail in the landscape is required. These uninteresting rectangles of mulch set in open park land do not do justice to the new play structures. Given the location on the creek trail, a picnic shelter accessible via a seamless path system is justified; this should have an accessible table and seats. Other shade from additional tree planting would be valuable.
Proposed Classification	Local



PRECINCT 45 Ashburton East



Warner Reserve



Victory Boulevard



Markham Reserve



Warner Reserve

Alamein/ Samarinda Streets, Ashburton



Precinct 45 Zone Southern	WARNER RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warner Reserve is located in a residential area next to Ashburton Recreation Centre and a sports ground. The overall significance of the reserve is magnified by the co-location of the swimming pool, sports field, pavilion and car park and an adjacent child/family care centre. The playground is tucked away in a corner and cannot be seen from any road. The main function of the playground is associated with social /family/recreation /sporting activities as well as accessing the swimming pool.
Functional Design Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The play area is partially fenced. The playground is on the crest of a hill and has good views. There is a pavilion close to the playground but toilets are not open. There is a path from the car park and a path from



<p>Precinct 45 Zone Southern</p>	<p>WARNER RESERVE</p>
	<p>Alamein Street running through the reserve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The path that runs into the play area is too narrow to allow wheelchair access. ▪ There is little, direct, informal surveillance of the playground. ▪ There is some shade from trees near the playground; the pavilion provides some shelter. ▪ The target age group is mainly junior though the combination unit is unsuitable for very young children. The means of access are difficult and the slide deck is open and exposed. There is little to appeal to young children here. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this space or play equipment. ▪ This equipment is uninteresting and is unlikely to sustain a visit of long duration.
<p>Playground Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We recommend replacing this facility as part of Council's Playground Replacement Programme. ▪ There is little point in adding to the current items. ▪ We would recommend that a new design consider the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – provide play opportunities for younger and middle age groups, – reflect the surrounding precinct and provide a playground facility that is different to other playground in this precinct, – take advantage of the car park and path and improve disabled access. This means a wider path properly graded from car park with seamless access and access to some play activities, – Consider providing a new fence right round the playground and incorporating the lawn on the east side of the playground; take care with the fence position at the interface between the pavilion and the playground. ▪ As well as providing a dog-free zone, a fence could: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – allow sand to be provided as a play opportunity, – allow a garden-style playground to be provided with some protection afforded by



Precinct 45 Zone Southern	WARNER RESERVE
	<p>the fence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – to provide some containment for children with cognitive/behavioural disabilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This playground could benefit from significant improvement to the setting. ▪ Consider significant tree planting for play value and shade. ▪ Consider a sand pit possibly in a stream be setting with jetties/bridges etc all accessible. ▪ Add ground level accessible cubby type play, climbing trees, and low strap leaved/grassy vegetation for play as well as some items such as swings.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Local



Markham Avenue Reserve

Markham Avenue, Ashburton



Precinct 45 Zone Southern	MARKHAM AVENUE RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	Off leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Markham Reserve is located adjacent to Gardiners Creek and forms the largest area of parkland in this section of Ashburton. The park is surrounded by Ministry of Housing land



<p>Precinct 45 Zone Southern</p>	<p>MARKHAM AVENUE RESERVE</p>
	<p>with medium density housing located directly adjacent to the playground.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A sports pavilion and oval are located on the eastern side of the playground. ▪ The space has dual functions of social /family/recreation and sports activities. ▪ No toilets appear to be open for the public.
<p>Functional Design Analysis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The play area is partially fenced ▪ There is a small number of parking spaces on Markham Avenue. ▪ There is a pedestrian gate into the play area from the housing estate. ▪ The play area is divided into two sections. The lower area is sited amongst some eucalyptus trees that provide shade from the west and contribute to the character of the site. The upper area has neither trees nor shade. ▪ There is no visual connection between the sports field and the play area. ▪ There is a gravel and concrete path that leads to the back of the pavilion and runs along the length of the park. The path does not connect into the playground itself. ▪ There are neither seats nor tables near the playground. ▪ Nothing in this space is accessible. ▪ The space has good informal surveillance from the road and surrounding houses but due to the close proximity of the pavilion, this space appears secluded and out-of-the-way. ▪ The playground is very old and is constructed from Treated Pine. ▪ The target age groups are separate junior and senior areas. ▪ There is no provision for very young children who would have difficulty accessing any of the existing equipment. ▪ The equipment does not specifically provide for imaginative play.
<p>Playground Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We strongly recommend that a new, Regional



Precinct 45 Zone Southern	MARKHAM AVENUE RESERVE
	<p>Classification playground should be designed and constructed in Markham/Victory Boulevard Reserve. Neither of the current sites are considered appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We believe that a more appropriate location for this facility could be found in this park where maximum advantage can be taken of existing park infrastructure, visibility and in a location where additional car parking is feasible. This should be undertaken with full community consultation and in conjunction with the Markham/Victory Boulevard Concept Master Plan. ▪ A new playground design should consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the development of a unique playground design that reflects the natural surroundings and terrain of this Gardiners Creek and gateway park, – provision of play opportunities and equipment for all age groups, – provision of a fully accessible facility for children of all abilities, – incorporation of landscape elements for shade, amenity and play value, – the provision of regional amenities such as shade, accessible park furniture, fencing, drinking water, accessible public toilets and additional car parking.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Regional (to be amalgamated with Victory Boulevard).



Victory Boulevard Reserve

Victory Boulevard, Ashburton



Precinct 45 Zone Southern	VICTORY BOULEVARD RESERVE
Existing Classification	Local
Dog leash Status	On leash
Planning Overlays	
Role & Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victory Boulevard Reserve is located adjacent to Gardiners Creek and forms the largest area of parkland in this section of Ashburton. The park is surrounded by Ministry of Housing land with recently constructed, medium density retirement housing located directly adjacent to the playground. A sports pavilion and oval are located on the western side of the park. The space has dual functions of social /family/recreation and sports activities. No toilets appear to be open for the public.



<p>Precinct 45 Zone Southern</p>	<p>VICTORY BOULEVARD RESERVE</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Unlike Markham Avenue Reserve playground, this site is not directly associated with sports facilities. ▪ A granitic gravel path through the reserve passes the play area but there is no built path link into the play space or barbecue area.
<p>Functional Design Analysis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The playground is sited on a very narrow road with little parking. ▪ The play space is partially fenced from the road. Some tree vegetation provides some shade. ▪ There is a barbecue with a table setting on a lilydale toppings surface and other seats. ▪ It would be easy to link the table and BBQ via a new path. However the lack of parking here means this is not a suitable site to develop with any other major accessible features. ▪ This site shows few signs of use. It is possible that the screening vegetation is too dense and that enhanced visibility might encourage usage. ▪ The playground offers a reasonable choice of physical activities and some role-play. ▪ The target age group is a mixture of toddler/junior through to seniors. ▪ The Kompan unit is acceptable for very young children but the larger unit has no easy access for any child unable to negotiate ladders or nets. ▪ There is no specific provision for disabled access to this play equipment.
<p>Playground Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We strongly recommend that a new, Regional Classification playground should be designed and constructed in Markham/Victory Boulevard Reserve. ▪ We believe that a more appropriate location for this facility could be found in this park where maximum advantage can be taken of existing park infrastructure, visibility and in a location where additional car parking is feasible. This should be undertaken with full community consultation and in conjunction with the Markham/Victory Boulevard Concept Master Plan. ▪ A new playground design should consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the development of a unique playground



Precinct 45 Zone Southern	VICTORY BOULEVARD RESERVE
	<p>design that reflects the natural surroundings and terrain of this Gardiners Creek and gateway park,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - provision of play opportunities and equipment for all age groups, - provision of a fully accessible facility for children of all abilities, - incorporation of landscape elements for shade, amenity and play value, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the provision of regional amenities such as shade, accessible park furniture, fencing, drinking water, accessible public toilets and additional car parking.
Site Recommendations	
Proposed Classification	Regional (to be amalgamated with Markham Reserve).



Appendix 1: List of Precincts, showing all reserves and page range

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Precinct 2	Kew	Peel Street Reserve	4-10
Precinct 3	Kew East	Harrison Reserve	11-24
Precinct 3	Kew East	Hay's Paddock	11-24
Precinct 3	Kew East	Windella Avenue Reserve	11-24
Precinct 3	Kew East	Hyde Park	11-24
Precinct 3	Kew East	Jack O'Toole Reserve	11-24
Precinct 3	Kew East	Kate Campbell Reserve	11-24
Precinct 4	Bellevue	Cascade Reserve	25-30
Precinct 4	Bellevue	Kyora Parade Reserve	25-30
Precinct 5	Balwyn North	Leigh Park	31-34
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Precinct 11	Kew	Victoria Park (Adeney Avenue)	55-67
Precinct 11	Kew	Victoria Park (Parkhill Road)	55-67
Precinct 11	Kew	Outer Circle Linear Park (Campbell Street)	55-67
Precinct 11	Kew	Outer Circle Linear Park (Argyle Road)	55-67
Precinct 12	Balwyn	Outer Circle Linear Park (Whitehorse Road)	68-79
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Precinct 12	Balwyn	Gordon Street Reserve	68-79
Precinct 12	Balwyn	Hilda/Knot Street Reserve	68-79
Precinct 13	Balwyn	Beckett Park	80-85
Precinct 13	Balwyn	Minifie Park	80-85
Precinct 13A	Mont Albert	Mont Albert Park	86-88
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Precinct 20	Hawthorn West	Mason Street Reserve	123-133
Precinct 20	Hawthorn West	Fashoda Street Reserve	123-133
Precinct 20	Hawthorn West	Smart Street Reserve	123-133
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Precinct 21	Hawthorn	Grace Park	134-139
Precinct 22	Hawthorn	Hull Street Reserve	140-144
Precinct 22	Hawthorn	Central Gardens	140-144
Precinct 23	Hawthorn East	Victoria Road Reserve	145-150
Precinct 23	Hawthorn East	Rathmines/Sir William Angliss Reserve	145-150
Precinct 24	Camberwell/Canterbury	Boroondara Park	151-160
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Precinct 31	Canterbury	Riversdale Park	174-180
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Precinct 32	Canterbury	Mary McKillop Reserve	181-187
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Precinct 36	Camberwell	Radnor Street Reserve	202-206
Precinct 37	Camberwell	Trafalgar Road Reserve	207-214
Precinct 37	Camberwell	Willison Park	207-214
Precinct 37	Camberwell	Murdoch Street Reserve	207-214
Precinct 37	Camberwell	Fordham Gardens	207-214
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Precinct 38	Camberwell/Hartwell	Fordham Avenue Reserve	215-221
Precinct 38	Camberwell/Hartwell	Hartwell Station Reserve	215-221
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Precinct 42	Glen Iris	Ferndale Park	247-251
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Precinct 43	Glen Iris/Burwood	Burwood Reserve	252-265
Precinct 43	Glen Iris/Burwood	Madeline Street Reserve	252-265
Precinct 43	Glen Iris/Burwood	Liston Street Reserve	252-265
Precinct 43	Glen Iris/Burwood	Ashburton Park	252-265
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Brinsley Road Reserve	Precincts 29 & 30	Hawthorn/Camberwell	173
Burke Road South Reserve	Precinct 40	Glen Iris	235-240
Burwood Reserve	Precinct 43	Glen Iris/Burwood	252-265
Canterbury Sports Ground	Precinct 18	Surrey Hills	109-115
Cascade Reserve	Precinct 4	Bellevue	25-30
Cato Park	Precinct 35 & 35A	Hawthorn East	196-201
Central Gardens	Precinct 22	Hawthorn	140-144
Chaucer Crescent Reserve	Precinct 24	Camberwell/Canterbury	151-160
Cooper Reserve	Precinct 39	Camberwell	222-234
Dorothy Laver Reserve (Saxby Road)	Precinct 44	Ashburton West	266-273
Eglinton Reserve	Precinct 2	Kew	4-10
Empress Road Reserve	Precinct 18	Surrey Hills	109-115
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Foley Reserve	Precincts 14 & 15A	Kew	89-91
Fordham Avenue Reserve	Precinct 38	Camberwell/Hartwell	215-221
Fordham Gardens	Precinct 37	Camberwell	207-214
Frog Hollow Reserve	Precinct 38	Camberwell/Hartwell	215-221
Gordon Barnard Reserve	Precincts 9 & 10	Greythorn	48-54
Gordon Street Reserve	Precinct 12	Balwyn	68-79
Grace Park	Precinct 21	Hawthorn	134-139
Greythorn Park	Precincts 9 & 10	Greythorn	48-54
H.A. Smith Reserve	Precinct 34	Hawthorn	191-195
Harrison Reserve	Precinct 3	Kew East	11-24
Hartwell Sports Ground	Precinct 43	Glen Iris/Burwood	252-265
Hartwell Station Reserve	Precinct 38	Camberwell/Hartwell	215-221
Hay's Paddock	Precinct 3	Kew East	11-24
Highfield Park	Precinct 39	Camberwell	222-234
Hilda/Knot Street Reserve	Precinct 12	Balwyn	68-79
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Hyde Park	Precinct 3	Kew East	11-24
Jack O'Toole Reserve	Precinct 3	Kew East	11-24
Jacka Street Reserve	Precincts 9 & 10	Greythorn	48-54
Kate Campbell Reserve	Precinct 3	Kew East	11-24
Kellett Reserve	Precinct 16	Kew	98-105
King Street Chain	Precinct 12	Balwyn	68-79
Koonung Creek Reserve	Precinct 6	North Balwyn	35-38
Kyora Parade Reserve	Precinct 4	Bellevue	25-30
L.E. Bray Reserve	Precinct 21	Hawthorn	134-139
Leigh Park	Precinct 5	Balwyn North	31-34
Liston Street Reserve	Precinct 43	Glen Iris/Burwood	252-265
Lynden Park	Precinct 39	Camberwell	222-234
Macleay Park	Precinct 8	Balwyn	42-47
Madeline Street Reserve	Precinct 43	Glen Iris/Burwood	252-265
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Mary McKillop Reserve	Precinct 32	Canterbury	181-187
Mason Street Reserve	Precinct 20	Hawthorn West	123-133
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Norway Reserve	Precinct 17	Deepdene/Canterbury	106-108
Outer Circle Linear Park (Argyle Road)	Precinct 11	Kew	55-67
Outer Circle Linear Park (Campbell Street)	Precinct 11	Kew	55-67
Outer Circle Linear Park (Whitehorse Road)	Precinct 12	Balwyn	68-79
Peel Street Reserve	Precinct 2	Kew	4-10
Pridmore Park	Precinct 19	Hawthorn/Yarra	116-122
Radnor Street Reserve	Precinct 36	Camberwell	202-206
Rathmines/Sir William Angliss Reserve	Precinct 23	Hawthorn East	145-150
Read Gardens	Precinct 24	Camberwell/Canterbury	151-160
Reservoir Reserve	Precinct 16	Kew	98-105
Riversdale Park	Precinct 31	Canterbury	174-180
Scullin Park	Precinct 27	Hawthorn	166-168
Sinclair Avenue Reserve	Precinct 40	Glen Iris	235-240
Sir William Street Reserve	Precinct 1	Studley Park	1-3
Smart Street Reserve	Precinct 20	Hawthorn West	123-133
South Surrey Park	Precinct 32	Canterbury	181-187
St. James Park	Precinct 20	Hawthorn West	123-133
Stradbroke Park	Precinct 7	Kew East	39-41
Summerhill Park	Precinct 42	Glen Iris	247-251
Symonds Street Reserve	Precinct 28	Hawthorn	169-172
Through Road Reserve	Precinct 39	Camberwell	222-234

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Trafalgar Road Reserve	Precinct 37	Camberwell	207-214
Victoria Park (Adeney Avenue)	Precinct 11	Kew	55-67
Victoria Park (High Street)	Precinct 11	Kew	55-67
Victoria Park (Parkhill Road)	Precinct 11	Kew	55-67
Victoria Road Reserve	Precinct 23	Hawthorn East	145-150
Victory Boulevard Reserve	Precinct 45	Ashburton East	274-283
Warner Reserve	Precinct 45	Ashburton East	274-283
Watson Park	Precinct 44	Ashburton West	266-273
Willison Park	Precinct 37	Camberwell	207-214
Windella Avenue Reserve	Precinct 3	Kew East	11-24
Winton Road Reserve	Precinct 44	Ashburton West	266-273
Yarra Bank Reserve	Precinct 19	Hawthorn/Yarra	116-122