

Playground Classification

(Excerpt from Playground Improvement Plan 2015 – 2025 page 5)

Playgrounds are classified in accordance to their size, level of accessibility and choice of play and recreational activities. The budget for upgrade and the level of supporting infrastructure and service is determined by each playgrounds classification.

As a general principle, the higher the level of classification of a park or playground the more important it is that the playground should provide higher levels of accessibility to children and adults with a disability. This means access to the park, playground, social spaces and a choice of play activities. This does not mean that smaller playgrounds do not need to be designed for access, but that the higher level parks have greater expectation for accessibility.

Below is description of each classification and the playgrounds under each classification.

Pocket playgrounds

Description: should provide for the immediate area. They generally have provision for smaller play facilities than local playgrounds.

Indicative upgrade cost: \$20,000

Listed playgrounds:

- Picnic Gardens Reserve Sandringham
- Holyrood Street Reserve Hampton
- Spring Road Playground Hampton East
- St James Park Brighton (new proposed playground)
- CSIRO site Highett (new proposed playground)

Local playgrounds

Description: are small and located in each neighbourhood. They should be within 500m or a 10 minute walk without the need to cross a major road. Visits are likely to be short in length. They are often equipment based with minor support facilities such as seating. There should also be surrounding open space for informal ball games etc.

Supporting infrastructure: seating, fencing (negotiable)

Indicative upgrade cost: \$45,000

Listed playgrounds:

- Tulip Grove Playground Cheltenham
- Hampton High Reserve Hampton
- Curley Rourke Reserve Hampton East
- Robert C. Grieve Park Brighton
- Bamfield Street Reserve Sandringham
- Alexander Park Hampton
- Myrtle Road Reserve Hampton
- Allambee Park Sandringham
- F.L. Yott Reserve Beaumaris
- Ashwood Avenue Playground Highett
- Old Dairy Reserve Brighton
- Elsternwick Park North Brighton
- Hampton Recreation Node Hampton
- R.G. Chisholm Reserve Sandringham

- Train Street Playground Highett
- Hanby Street Reserve Brighton
- Little Brighton Reserve Brighton East
- Whyte Street Reserve Brighton
- Sue Kirkpatrick Park Beaumaris
- Glen Edward Rice Reserve Brighton

District playgrounds

Description: are medium sized, well developed playgrounds with a number of play elements. Some lower level support facilities such as picnic settings, shelter and seating can be expected. They provide for a cluster of neighbourhoods and accommodate a range of different activities. Residents should have access to a district playground within 3kms from home. Visitors get there by walking, cycling or by car. District playgrounds provide a destination and should, where possible, be supported through a path or trail network that connects it to other destinations.

Supporting infrastructure: seating, table, bins, drinking fountain, shelter, fencing (negotiable)

Indicative upgrade cost: \$180,000

Listed playgrounds:

- Beaumaris Reserve South Beaumaris
- Highland Avenue Reserve Highett
- Lyle Anderson Reserve Highett
- Tibrockney Street Reserve Highett
- Illaroo Reserve Beaumaris
- Hurlingham Park Brighton
- Pasadena Avenue Reserve Beaumaris
- Basterfield Park South Hampton East
- Elsternwick South (small) Brighton
- A.F. Peterson Reserve Highett
- Dendy Park South Brighton East
- Basterfield Park North Hampton East
- Wilson Reserve East Brighton
- Gypsy Village Park Hampton
- Brighton Beach Oval Brighton
- William Street Reserve Brighton
- N.G. Wishart Reserve Hampton East
- Banksia Reserve Beaumaris
- Royal Avenue Parkland Sandringham
- Tjilajirrin Reserve Sandringham
- Landcox Park Brighton East
- Beach Park – Sandringham Gardens Sandringham
- Cheltenham Recreation Reserve Cheltenham
- Donald McDonald Reserve Beaumaris
- W.L. Simpson Reserve Hampton
- Castlefield Reserve Hampton
- Lucas Street Reserve Brighton East
- Dendy Park North Brighton East
- Boss James Reserve Hampton
- F.E. Tricks Reserve Black Rock
- Pennydale Park Cheltenham

Regional/ Municipal playgrounds

Description: should be well developed with a diversity of play opportunities and play themes. They should feature support facilities including accessible paths, car parking, toilets, shelter/shade, picnic settings, furniture, drinking fountains and BBQs where feasible. They cater for residents from all over Bayside, tourists and others from outside of the municipality. Visitors to regional playgrounds will spend a longer time there and are likely to get there by car or public transport.

Supporting infrastructure: seating, table, bins, drinking fountain, toilet, BBQ, shelter, fencing, lighting

Indicative upgrade cost: \$650,000

Listed playgrounds:

- Beach Park – End of North Road Brighton
- Thomas Street Reserve Hampton
- Elsternwick Park South (large) Brighton
- Beach Park - Black Rock Gardens Black Rock
- Cheltenham Park Cheltenham