



Playground

Improvement Plan 2015–2025

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Executive Summary

Role of public playgrounds

Playgrounds provide a free destination for families to be physically active and socially connected, and contribute to liveability and neighbourhood character.

With housing density increasing and backyards becoming smaller, children have less opportunities to access outdoor play, creating a greater dependence on Council managed open space and playgrounds.

Play is a critical part of childhood development and helps develop skills such as problem solving, creativity, resilience, fine motor skills and independence.

Risks and challenges allow children to test their abilities and learn new skills. For this reason risk taking is an important part of children's development. Bayside City Council is committed to providing playgrounds that are well maintained and potential unforeseeable risks/hazards are minimised.

Plan to invest in playgrounds

Bayside is well serviced with 61 playgrounds of varying size and condition throughout the municipality. The Playground Improvement Plan 2015–2025 outlines a plan to upgrade or replace all playgrounds over the next 10 years.

The plan takes a precinct approach, meaning most residents could reasonably expect to find a range of play opportunities that suit their needs within walking distance of home.

This does not mean that every playground will meet the needs of every user but rather that the package of playgrounds within a precinct offers a choice of suitable opportunities for most residents. Where this is not possible nearby sites may need to provide a wider range of play and recreation opportunities to compensate.

Council aims to provide playgrounds that:

- offer something for everyone
- offer and encourage play experiences that promote independence for people of all abilities
- are sympathetic to the surrounding area and neighbourhood
- maintain a connection to nature
- use natural materials where possible
- are easily and safely accessible along footpaths and trails
- can be reached via safe road and rail crossing points
- promote intergenerational use
- adhere to all relevant Australian Safety Standards
- provide a connection to the community

The community will be engaged prior to all playground upgrades, in order to ensure their needs are met. Use of playgrounds will be encouraged through promotion and provision of accessible information.

Priority for upgrade

Each playground has been assessed to determine its priority for upgrade using the following criteria:

- Site context eg whether there is a school or kindergarten nearby that might suggest a user group who is more likely to use the space
- Level of dependence upon the park locally
- Provision for different ages and abilities
- General level of amenity, shade, paths, seating and accessibility of social spaces
- Variety of types of activity
 - movement versus static
 - imaginative/role play/creative play
 - presence of vegetation, natural elements and loose materials
 - degree of challenge
 - degree of open ended-ness
- How the playground complements the neighbouring reserves
- Missing items
- Specific design problems

Classification

The budget for upgrade and the level of supporting infrastructure and service will be determined by each playground's 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.

Playgrounds have been classified as:

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

Indicative upgrade cost: \$20,000

Local playgrounds 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

District playgrounds 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)

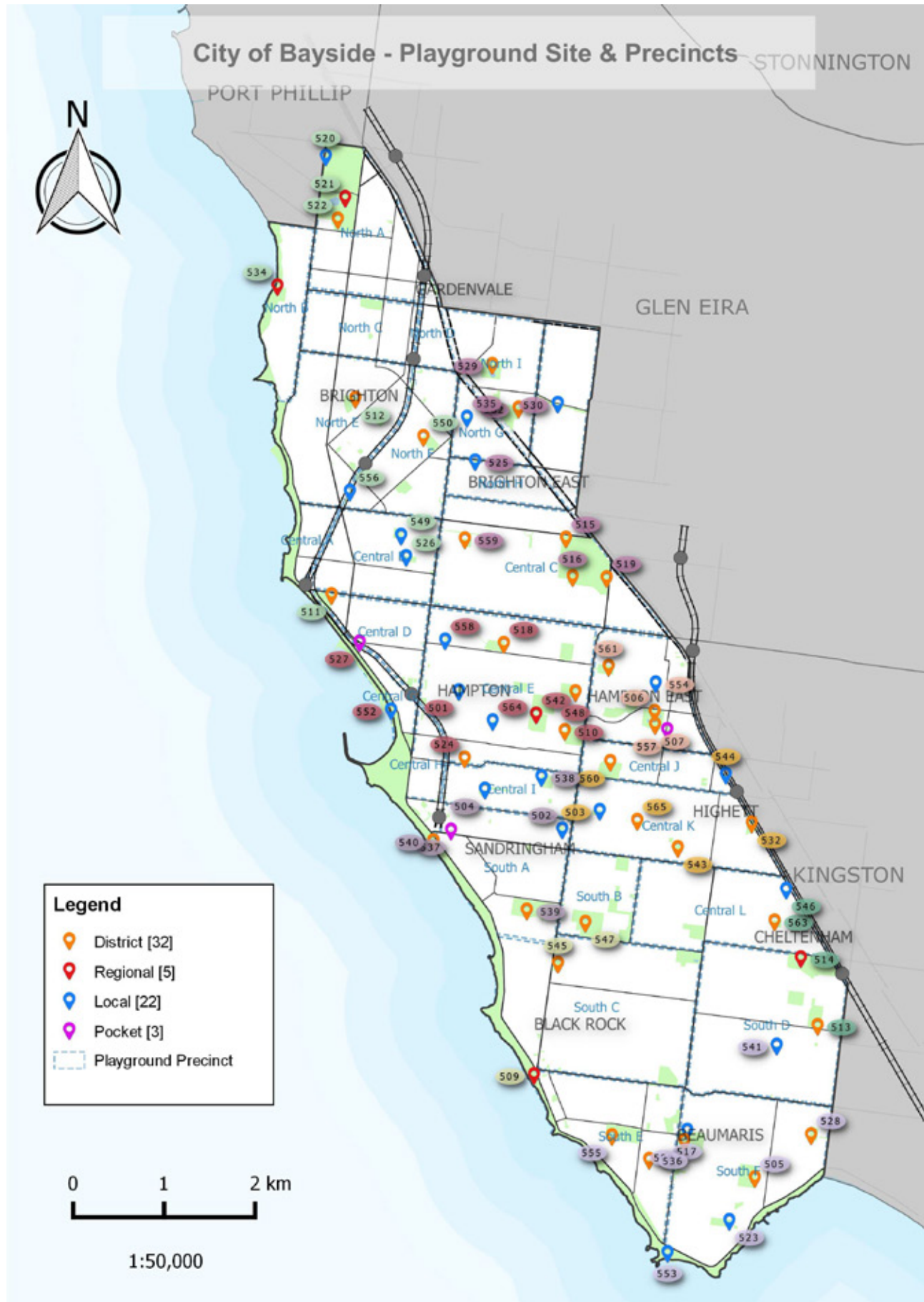
Indicative upgrade cost: \$180,000

Regional/ Municipal playgrounds 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–\$1 million

Playground Locations



Introduction

Local Governments have been providing spaces for children to play since the early 20th century.

A 'playground' is a purpose built setting for children's play. A playground usually contains play equipment, such as swings or a slide, and often includes natural play elements, such as logs or sand.

Most of the City of Bayside is well serviced with playgrounds, with 61 of varying size and condition throughout the municipality.

The Playground Improvement Plan (the Plan) outlines a 10 year asset renewal program which will see generational change in the condition of Bayside's playgrounds.

Why are playgrounds important?

Playgrounds contribute significantly to the liveability and neighbourhood character of Bayside and are highly valued by the community. They provide a free destination for families to be physically active and socially connected.

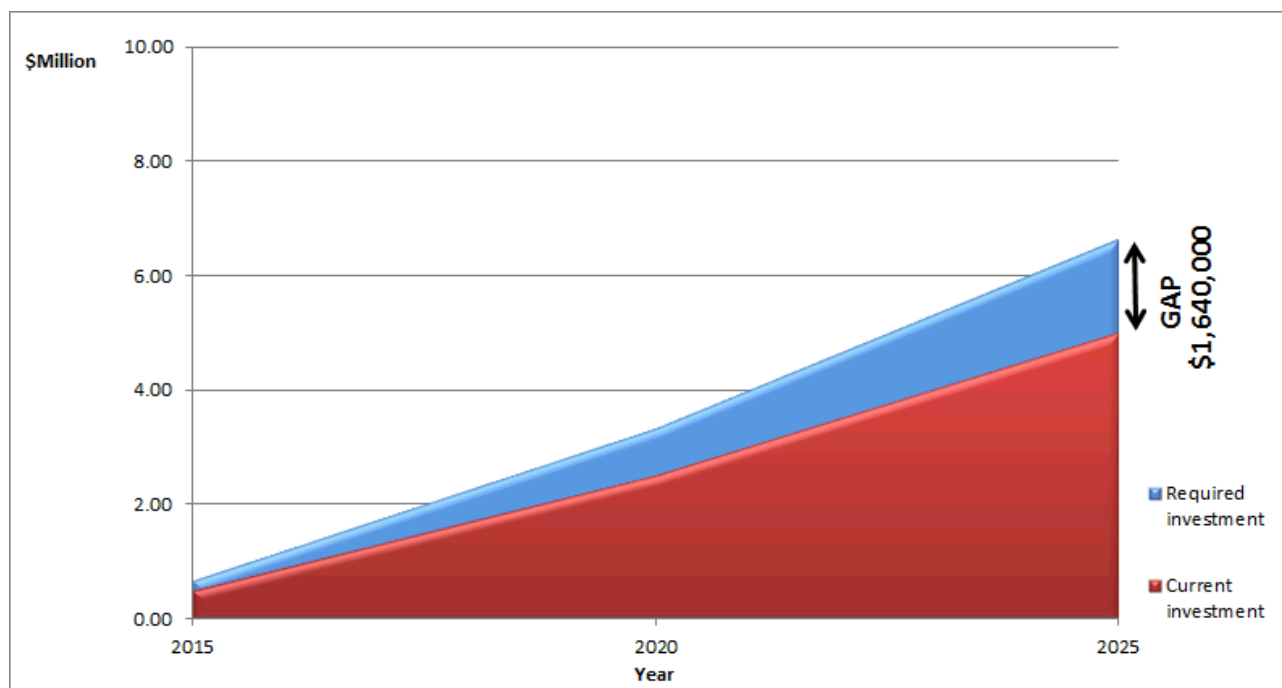
Play is a critical part of childhood development and helps develop skills such as problem solving, creativity, resilience, fine motor skills and independence. With housing density increasing and backyards becoming smaller, children have less opportunities to access outdoor play, creating a greater dependence on Council managed open space and playgrounds.

Why does Council need a Playgrounds Plan?

On average Bayside receives over 70 complaints each year regarding the condition of playgrounds in Bayside. Council has 61 existing playgrounds with the majority requiring various levels of renewal and upgrade.

Capital Investment Gap

The Plan proposes an average capital investment of \$1,030,00 per annum. Council's current rate of investment (as included in Council's 2015/16 Budget) includes investment in playgrounds of \$520,000. The result is that by 2025 there will be an investment gap of \$4.8Million as detailed in the following graph.



Graph 1. Playground investment gap

Based on renewal and upgrade costs based on playground classification:

Pocket - \$20,000 Local – \$45,000 District - \$180,000 Municipal - \$650,000–\$1 million

The Plan articulates the required investment over the next 10 years and outlines a renewal and upgrade program. For the purposes of the Plan, 'renewal' refers to improving existing equipment, whereas 'upgrade' refers installing new play equipment.

What is precinct planning?

Precinct planning is the recommended approach when planning for the provision of play within a municipality. A Precinct is defined as a residential catchment within an area defined by busy roads or railway lines which children cannot be expected to cross independently. Precinct assessments are based on the principle that within most residential catchments or precincts, children and families could reasonably expect to find a range of play opportunities that suit their needs.

It is not assumed that every park or playground will meet the needs of every user, but that as a package, between the playgrounds available, most residents will find a choice of suitable opportunities within walking distance of home. Due to development pressures and a lack of open space sometimes this is not possible. Where this is the case, adjacent sites may need to provide an increased range of opportunities to compensate.

Strategic Context

The need to develop a strategic approach for Council's playgrounds is identified in the 'Active by the Bay' Recreation Strategy, Wellbeing for All Ages and Abilities Strategy – Early Years Action Plan and the Recreation and Open Space Asset Management Plan (OS-AMP).

The Bayside Open Space Strategy (2013) guides how open space is planned and managed throughout the municipality.



Playground hierarchy

Bayside's Open Space Strategy (2012) provides an Open Space Classification System, which defines the hierarchy, role and function of open space. It classifies open space by the catchment it serves, function/s and purpose (including 'significance') which determines the priority, type and standard of development that may be expected at each open space site.

Open space is classified in three categories:

- Local
- District
- Regional/ Municipal

For the purposes of the Playgrounds Improvement Plan (the Plan), playgrounds will be categorised:

Pocket playgrounds should provide for the immediate area. They generally have provision for smaller play facilities than Local playgrounds.

Local playgrounds are located within a neighbourhood and are small in size. Local playgrounds are located within a comfortable walking distance for residents, without the need to cross a major road. They provide play experiences for the local area. Residents should have access to a playground within 500m or a 10 minute walk, whichever is the lesser distance. Visits to Local playgrounds are likely to be short in length. Local playgrounds are intended for local play, often equipment based with minor support facilities such as seating. There should also be surrounding open space for informal ball games etc.

District playgrounds provide for a cluster of neighbourhoods and, as such, will accommodate a range of different activities. Visitors to District playgrounds will access the space by walking, cycling or by car. District playgrounds provide important larger destinations for neighbourhoods and should, where possible, be supported through a path or trail network that connects local open space to district destinations. Residents should have access to a District playground within 3kms of their home. District playgrounds are traditionally 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.

Regional/ Municipal playgrounds cater for Bayside residents, tourists and others from outside of the municipality. Visitors to Regional playgrounds will spend longer periods of time at the site and are likely to travel by car or public transport to the site. Regional playgrounds 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.

Scope

The Plan does not include playgrounds within childcare centres, schools, kindergartens, skate or BMX facilities. Childcare centres, schools and kindergartens provide opportunities for children to play, however most of the play equipment within these facilities are not open to the public.

Community Engagement

Local community members and key stakeholders will be engaged prior to any playground upgrade to provide the community with an opportunity to influence the relevant playground design.

Bayside City Council will use a variety of tools and techniques when engaging our communities and stakeholders. The tools and techniques selected will be fit for purpose, meaning that they will be the most appropriate for the issue or project, the stakeholders affected, the level of influence available and the resources available. All community engagement will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Framework and Policy.

Playground standards/levels of service

Given the size and nature it is not possible to offer a full range of play experiences or supporting infrastructure (such as toilets and BBQ facilities) at each playground within Bayside. The table below outlines the development standards and inclusions for each playground classification.

	CLASSIFICATION			
Non-play infrastructure	Pocket (short visits)	Local (short visits)	District (longer visits)	Regional/Municipal (visits likely to last a few hours)
Seating	X	✓	✓	✓
Table	X	X	✓	✓
Bins	X	X	✓	✓
Drinking fountain	X	X	✓	✓
Toilet	X	X	X	✓
BBQ	X	X	X	✓
Built shelter	X	X	✓	✓
Rubbish bin	X	X	✓	✓
Fencing	X	Negotiable	Negotiable	✓
Lighting	X	X	X	✓

Guiding Principles

The following principles will guide the renewal and upgrade of all playgrounds within Bayside.

Council will aim to provide playgrounds that:

- something for everyone
- offer and encourage play experiences that promote independence for people of all abilities
- adhere to all relevant Australian Safety Standards
- are sympathetic to the surrounding area and neighbourhood
- are fit for purpose
- assist and maintain a connection to nature
- utilise natural materials where possible
- are easily and safely accessible along footpaths and trails
- the community and children who have been engaged in the process of development and design
- encourage use of the playgrounds through promotion and provision of accessible information

Safety and risk

Risks and challenges allow children to test their abilities and learn new skills. For this reason risk taking is an important part of children's development. Bayside City Council is committed to providing playgrounds that are well maintained and potential unforeseeable risks/hazards are minimised.

Council recognises children have the right to use playgrounds without interference by dogs. Councils local laws prohibit dogs from being off lead within 20 meters of a playground.

New playground in Brighton

The majority of Bayside is well serviced in terms of playgrounds and has access to a playground within the industry standard walkable distance of 400 – 500 meters. There is a playground gap in the north of the municipality and it is recommended that Council investigate an opportunity to install a new playground in St James Park, Brighton.

Further work required

New and planned developments of high density residential allotments, such as Bay Road, Sandringham, is likely to place greater pressure on playgrounds facilities. While not specified in the current Playgrounds Improvement Plan further consideration and planning is required for playgrounds to support new Bayside residents in development areas including Jack Road, Cheltenham, the CSIRO site in Highett and Bay Road, Sandringham.

Precinct Plans

The following precinct reports were prepared using site photos, aerial photos, maps and inventory information supplied by Bayside City Council.

The reports are intended to provide direction for the upgrade and renewal of playgrounds within Bayside for the duration of the Plan.

Sites of high dependence

These are parks or playgrounds that may be the only one available to residents within their precinct. As all local residents will depend on this park it will need to provide a wider range of play and recreation opportunities than where there is a group of parks available to choose from.

Assessment Criteria

When assessing the playgrounds within Bayside, the following assessment criteria have been applied:

- Site context. For example whether there is a school or kindergarten nearby that might suggest a user group who is more likely to use the space
- Level of dependence upon this park locally
- Provision for different ages and abilities
- General level of amenity/shade/paths seating and accessibility of social spaces
- Variety of types of activity
 - movement versus static
 - imaginative/role play/creative play
 - presence of vegetation, natural elements and loose materials
 - degree of challenge
 - degree of open ended-ness
- How the playground complements the neighbouring reserves
- Items that seem to be missing
- Specific design problems

Classification

As a general principle, the higher the level of classification of a park or playground (e.g. Regional, District, Local or Pocket) the more important it is that the playground should provide higher levels of accessibility to children and adults with a disability. This involves access not only to the park itself, but into the park, to the playground, to social spaces, and to a choice of play activities.

Whole of park approach

The following precinct reports includes an approach that play occurs anywhere within a park or other space, and that play equipment is only one type of opportunity offered for play in parks. By providing other opportunities such as hard courts or natural elements for play adjacent to play equipment, Council can obtain better value from their investment as children are not solely dependent upon the qualities of the equipment to meet their play needs.

Estimated cost

The budgeted figures are indicative of the cost associated for each playground to achieve a full compliance rating, in accordance with Australian Standards.



Classification	Indicative cost
Regional/municipal	\$650,000–\$1 million
District	\$180,000
Local	\$45,000
Pocket	\$20,000



Playgrounds Precinct Reports

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CENTRAL SECTION PRECINCT B

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
43	Whyte St Reserve Playground 46 Whyte Street Brighton	L		This equipment provides a low key range of climbing sliding and agility activities, plus a swing, aimed at mainly junior age groups.	\$45,000
38	Hanby St Reserve Playground 12 Hanby Street Brighton	L		This site is similar to Whyte St Reserve, offering low key play for junior ages.	\$45,000

SUMMARY

This precinct has only two parks and playgrounds, both classified as local, and the area south of Were St does not have good access to any parks.

There is relatively high dependence upon both of these two playgrounds, neither of which offers any access paths to seating or play activities for people with a disability, and neither offers activities except for swinging and a horizontal ladder that would engage older children.

It is recommended that both reserves should have minor upgrades but each should be different from the other.





Whyte St Reserve Playground

- Consider adding a more adventurous swing here if there is room, and ideally make this accessible.
- Consider providing additional shade.

Hanby St Reserve Playground

- This site could benefit from the addition of a carousel or other multi-age, group moving item; or items such as some playground trampolines (more than one, located adjacent to one another).
- Review the access into the park and to seating areas and to the playground itself. Add a low key path that links some play activities such as the cubby and abacus to the seating area, where possible.

CENTRAL SECTION PRECINCT C

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS		ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST	
45	Lucas St Reserve Playground 32-40 Lucas St. Brighton East	D	 	<p>This playground is located in an attractive park on the western side of the precinct. It has a good framework of trees. It is the only park serving this large area west of the golf course.</p> <p>This playground includes some low key equipment for junior age groups plus a small hard court and a second swing frame.</p> <p>There is a path right to the edge of the playground, but there is no connecting path to the seats nor into the playground providing access to play for children with a disability.</p>	\$180,000
46	Dendy Park Playground North 306 Dendy Street Brighton East	D		<p>This large sand play area provides an appealing space for young children and their families. It is well shaded.</p>	\$180,000
60	Dendy Park Playground South 306 Dendy Street Brighton East	D		<p>This equipment offers some moderately challenging agility activities for older children, plus a double swing. There are many children who would not find this equipment usable.</p> <p>The site offers some interesting terrain nearby.</p>	\$180,000

CENTRAL SECTION PRECINCT C, cont.

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS		ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
N/A	Dendy Park Playground East 306 Dendy Street Brighton East			This play equipment is to be removed in line with the Dendy Park Master Plan.

SUMMARY

Lucas St Reserve Playground

It would be desirable to make some minor modifications here to improve access and to broaden the activities for older children:

- Swap the swing seats so that the junior timber swing has the baby seat and the flat rubber safety seat; place both strap seats onto the senior steel swing frame. This will allow two older children or teenagers to swing together more comfortably, and for two smaller children to use the junior swing together.
- Investigate the feasibility of enlarging the hard court as this concrete square is not really large enough to be functional.
- Add a path system that provides access to the playground and to at least the shop counter/under deck area of the play structure, and link in the seating area and the hard court.

Dendy Park

This large park has a tennis and bowling club, playing fields, and three separate playgrounds located in the north, south and eastern corners, though the eastern playground is to be removed.

Each has quite a different character, and as such a large park in an area with few other play facilities, it is appropriate to offer two separate sites for play.

At present there is a clear division between the north which provides only for younger children and the south that provides only for older children.

As District playgrounds it is recommended that each is extended to provide for a slightly wider range of users, while each maintaining its own very different character.

Refer to Dendy Park Master Plan for detailed plans for North and South playgrounds.

Dendy Park Playground North

The natural/sand based environment of this space should remain the focus here.



It is recommended that:

- The swing should be taken out of the sand play area, as young children playing in the sand are placed at risk with it in this position.
- The swing should be relocated outside the sand play area.
- A larger double swing for older children could be added as well in a suitable, non-hazardous location
- Consider constructing an accessible, graded, non slip, timber bridge linking the outside of the sand pit into a new central deck in the middle of the sand pit built around the shade pole. Parents could sit in the middle and play with their children.
- Consider modifying one side of the sand pit and extending it into the landscape with a rocky stream bed or similar, with bridges and planting, logs and other elements that older children would enjoy. Make this accessible if possible.
- Consider adding a carousel suitable for a group of junior children, if space permits.

Dendy Park Playground South

- An opportunity exists within the southern passive parkland to establish an exciting park concept for children - 'Nature Play', one that can be shared by both the local community and visitors to Bayside.

CENTRAL SECTION PRECINCT D

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS		ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST	
23	Brighton Beach Oval Playground 2 Mair Street Brighton	D		<p>This playground is located on the corner of a sports field close to the foreshore with a cricket pitch, and a bows club adjacent.</p> <p>The playground is poorly designed with the swing located between the seating area and the other equipment (placing children at risk running across its path). The slide is difficult to use for younger children. The site is exposed with few trees and a slightly neglected character. There is not much tree planting, shade or character to this space. It is not accessible.</p>	\$100,000
10	Holyrood Park Playground 2A Holyrood Street Hampton	P		<p>This playground is located in a marginal location between the road and the railway line, but given the shortage of public open space and play areas here this is understandable. The space has some attractive trees that provide good character. The three spring toys don't provide adequate play opportunities even in such as constrained space.</p>	\$20,000

SUMMARY

Brighton Beach Oval Playground





This is the main playground for the whole precinct and is therefore a site of high dependence. As a District reserve it should be upgraded with much more attention to landscape treatment such as a path system, tree planting and shade, natural elements such as rocks and logs, and possibly some customised accessible structures to provide some distinctive character here. A central and accessible seating/social space should be included in the design which needs to accommodate a range of ages. The existing equipment could be re-used in the design.

Holyrood Park Playground





More could be made of this small space. Consider:

- Replacing one or two of the spring rockers with a double swing.
- Adding some low key elements such as a forked log for climbing and even a quirky small tree house or similar.





CENTRAL SECTION PRECINCT E

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
51	Hampton High Reserve Playground 12 Favril Street Hampton	L	 	<p>This is a low key playground in a park adjacent to an aged care facility.</p> <p>There is a junior structure aimed at young children and a large hardcourt with a central rebound wall.</p> <p>The reserve is very exposed with some trees around the perimeter but these do not shade the equipment.</p> <p>There has been an attempt to make the play structure accessible but this does not work very well as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The rubber does not connect with a path and the steering wheel (one of the few items a child in a wheelchair could use) is on the incorrect (not accessible) side of the panel. ▪ The ramp to the equipment does not join the path directly but includes a step at the base. 	\$45,000
44	Castlefield Reserve Playground 69 Ludstone Street Hampton	D	 	<p>This playground is located on the side of a playing field and is adjacent to a kindergarten and small shopping area.</p> <p>The equipment offers a good complex of climbing, sliding, hiding and role play activities and has some accessible paths to provide access.</p> <p>There is a small half court on site connected into the path system, and there is a sand pit in the lawn. This is unshaded.</p> <p>Services adjacent kindergarten.</p>	\$180,000

CENTRAL SECTION PRECINCT E, cont.

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
15	Alexander Park Playground 41 Thomas Street Hampton	L		<p>This is an attractive small reserve with a good framework of trees and natural areas adjacent. The play equipment offers a complex of timber climbing and cubbies aimed at medium and older primary ages.</p> <p>These don't appear to be accessible, though there are decks high enough that they provide sufficient head room to create a ground level cubby underneath. Consider adding a rubber path and some ground level accessible panels under these decks.</p> <p>The timber retaining is in need of repair.</p>	\$45,000
16	Myrtle Road Playground 32-34 Sargood Street Hampton	L		<p>This is a small local playground on a tiny reserve adjacent to a kindergarten.</p> <p>The equipment is suitably aimed at the younger age groups.</p> <p>Services adjacent kindergarten.</p>	\$45,000
24	Thomas St Reserve Playground 164 Thomas Street Hampton	R	 	<p>This playground reached iconic status some years ago as the first Robert Leathers community built playground of its type in Australia. It is in poor condition and has reached the end of its useable life.</p>	\$1,000,000

CENTRAL SECTION PRECINCT E, cont.

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
41	W L Simpson Reserve Playground 81 Fewster Road Hampton	D		<p>This small playground is located on the edge of a sports reserve with a walking track around the perimeter.</p> <p>It is located adjacent to a catholic school. The playground is aimed at young children. A rubber path has been added linking the main path to the under deck cubby spaces.</p> <p>The playground is exposed to the west with no shade on that side.</p>	\$180,000
48	Boss James Reserve Playground 91 David Street Hampton	D		<p>This play equipment is not commensurate with a district quality play facility.</p>	\$180,000
22	Gypsy Village Park Playground 57-59 Bridge Street Hampton	D	 	<p>This is a small park with a good framework of trees although the playground itself is not well shaded, especially from the west.</p> <p>It includes an older timber structure aimed at younger children as well as a half court.</p> <p>The park itself does not have a path system.</p>	\$180,000

SUMMARY

Hampton High Reserve Playground

- This playground would benefit from refurbishment; add more shade trees and relocate or redesign the equipment to provide proper access to some play activities.
- Consider where elderly people might sit in shade if accompanying their family members to the playground.

Castlefield Reserve Playground

This is an important reserve as the main playground serving the northern side of this precinct.

Consider:

- Adding another double swing possibly more challenging for older children (or an accessible swivel birds nest swing).
- Adding some landscape treatment to connect the sand play into the rest of the playground; this might include some tree planting or built shade, some rocky edges; even a rocky stream that leads from the playground to the sand pit.

Alexander Park Playground

Consider some minor additions such as:

- A rubber path system to make some play activities more accessible.
- A forked log or similar open-ended element for climbing and play.

Myrtle Road Playground

- Ensure that this reserve provides well for parents who might meet before or after kindergarten. The park should provide a large, accessible, centrally located picnic table and seats, ideally with shade.

Thomas St Reserve Playground

As this is a Regional attraction, it needs to offer a higher level of access for users with a disability:

- Children and adults with a disability need access to the heart of this playground and have the opportunity to join in some of the social and role play type activities. This will require modifications such as a path, similar to the path under the swings.
- Access to seating and bbqs could to be similarly improved.
- Explore opportunities to establish a fully accesible Regional playground.

W L Simpson Reserve Playground

- It would be ideal if some more planting could be added around this space, with some rocks or logs or other more open ended play elements.
- Shade tree planting on the west side of the equipment would be ideal if this does not interfere with cricket games.
- Ensure this space provides for adults who might want to gather with their children here after school.

Boss James Reserve Playground

This equipment is outmoded and not very useful.



Consider:

- Replacing it with a new design that emphasises natural and landscape elements for play.
- The new design should be completely different from any playground in this precinct.
- As there are no large play nets or spinning carousels in this precinct it would be good to also incorporate these into a new design.





Gypsy Village Park Playground

- This playground will eventually need to be refurbished. It would benefit from a second swing and more attention to landscape elements for play. The hardcourt would work better if it was larger.

CENTRAL SECTION PRECINCT F

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
26	Wishart Reserve Playground 5-15 Wishart Street Hampton East	D		<p>This is a medium sized park that backs onto houses on three sides. It has a slightly formal design based on equipment set into a path system, shade sails and a good sized hardcourt and rebound wall. There is a large area of mulch that is not utilised by equipment and the space is bare, with few trees, with some new trees recently planted.</p>	\$180,000
53	Curly Rourke Reserve Playground Leonard Street Hampton East	L		<p>This is a small reserve in the centre of a loop shaped street; it is visually very prominent. The design offers some climbing and agility activities for older children and very little for the younger ages.</p> <p>It has two double swing frames with badly installed rubber pads that would catch the feet of users.</p> <p>There is a large see saw plus some basic spring rockers.</p> <p>The site offers poor value for play as there are few options to extend the play from the equipment into the landscape; there is no role play, complexity or sense of partial enclosure that would encourage imaginative play.</p> <p>The playground is not accessible. There is no path into the reserve.</p>	\$45,000

CENTRAL SECTION PRECINCT F, cont.

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
20	Basterfield Park Playground North 2A Dane Road Hampton East	D		<p>This is an attractive playground, one of two in this large reserve that has a lake in the centre.</p> <p>There is a shelter nearby and a path system, though this does not extend into the playground.</p> <p>The equipment is aimed at the junior age groups. The playground is across the road from Berendale School, a senior school for students with a mild to moderate intellectual disability.</p>	\$180,000
9	Basterfield Park Playground South 2A Dane Road Hampton East	D		<p>This older play area is isolated in the south eastern corner of the reserve. It does not have a path system or much connection to the landscape around it, with little shade close by. It is aimed at the junior age groups.</p>	\$180,000
4	Spring Rd Park Playground 48-52 Spring Road Hampton East	P	 	<p>This playground has limited value here with some old equipment; it is located across the road from the larger Basterfield Park that has two playgrounds already. It does offer a see saw which is a valued item not commonly found in playgrounds today.</p>	\$20,000

SUMMARY

Wishart Reserve Playground

- Add some landscape elements such as a large climbing log or some rock stepping stones for open ended play and climbing.

Curly Rourke Reserve Playground

This playground appears to be relatively new but the park itself could be refurbished to improve the visual amenity and add some play value especially for younger children.

Consider:

- More landscape elements in the overall park design and possibly bringing some play into the space closer to the trees.
- A path system.
- Some tables and seats.
- More planting.
- A special feature such as a flower garden for play.

Basterfield Park Playground North and Basterfield Park Playground South

These two reserves should be considered together and also take into consideration the recommendations for Spring Road playground below.

North

- The North playground could have more provision for older children, given the senior school across the road.
- As there are few challenging climbing activities provided in the municipality, consider adding a large climbing activity such as a net (a different model from any selected for Boss James and Dendy Park south discussed above).
- Children with some disabilities also often benefit from swinging and spinning activities so consider adding a large double swing and a carousel.
- A large see saw should be incorporated into this design (see recommendations for Spring Park below).

South

Consider creating a very different type of setting for play here that complements the playground to the north, and any others locally. The design could be based on some tree forms and interesting and accessible timber cubbies in a sand setting, with rocks and boulders for clambering. It should also include planting and shade.

Spring Rd Park Playground

- This playground could be retired once it has reached the end of its functional life unless there is a good reason why it needs to be located so close to Basterfield Park.
- The park itself must be retained however, and could be designed as an attractive planted small park with some furniture and a path
- The see saw should be either refurbished and relocated into Basterfield park, or a modern equivalent selected and added to one of the playgrounds in Basterfield Park.
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CENTRAL SECTION PRECINCT G

PRIORITY FOR RENEWAL	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
33	Hampton Foreshore Recreation Node Beach Park Hampton	L		This is an unusual design in a premium location on the Hampton foreshore. The black rubber is very unappealing and must become very hot in summer. The playground offers a very few activities including climbing on the wall but is rather limited otherwise. It is not clear what the intention is.	\$45,000

SUMMARY

Hampton Foreshore Recreation Node

When the rubber reaches the end of its functional life consider an alternative design more in keeping with beach setting. This could for example include some simple water play, some equipment that enables the manipulation of sand, and some shell like sculptures that provides some small spaces for crawling and low key climbing.

CENTRAL SECTION PRECINCT I

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
14	Bamfield St Park Playground 76-82 Bamfield Street Sandringham	L		This small corner reserve has a scout hall on site. The equipment is aimed largely at junior children. There is a good framework of trees around the playground. It is not wheelchair accessible.	\$45,000

34	R G Chisholm Reserve Playground 7-33 Duncan Street Sandringham	L		This playground is in a corner of a reserve that has an oval and cricket pitch and nets. There is a large and magnificent eucalypt not far from the playground but otherwise there is no vegetation around the playground at all and no built shade. The equipment is aimed largely at the junior age groups. There is a ground level play car with interactive panels and this has a wheelchair accessible path into it.	\$45,000
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SUMMARY

Both of these playgrounds, and Gypsy Village reserve not far to the north, are all targeted to the younger age groups but all are fairly prescriptive without many open ended creative/interactive play activities, or opportunities to engage with nature.



Bamfield St Park Playground

As this site has the scout hall in the reserve, it may be worth adding some landscape based play elements that could be incorporated into the scouting outdoor programs. The scouts should be consulted. A rocky stream bed or construction zone may be worth considering. Some large rocks placed in a seating circle and or some more adventurous activities utilising cables and climbing for older children may also be worth considering.

R G Chisholm Reserve Playground

This space needs some detailed planting around it to screen the fence lines, provide additional shade, and to provide some play activities. Consider some narrow runways or stepping stones through tall tussocks with some low key sculptures such as mushrooms or similar to provide added interest for children.

CENTRAL SECTION PRECINCT J

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
18	A F Peterson Reserve Playground 371A Highett Road Highett	D		<p>This reserve has two ovals, a youth centre and a skate park.</p> <p>The equipment is aimed at both younger and older children and the larger timber structure has a ramp to provide wheelchair access to the higher levels. The senior equipment is complex and provides good hiding and chasing opportunities. The junior equipment is a little isolated and exposed with no landscape elements such as planting, sand or rocks close by that would broaden the creative play at this setting.</p>	\$180,000
37	Train St Park Playground 15 Train Street Highett	L		<p>This small reserve is right next to the railway line and has little public presence, located at the end of a street and with no public frontage. It is therefore only likely to have a very local catchment. This is not an ideal but given the lack of other play opportunities locally it is justifiable.</p> <p>The equipment is limited in its play opportunities.</p> <p>There is a rubber 'train track' under the equipment but this does not appear to link to any path system so is not as useful as it could have been in providing access under the train for cubby play for children with a disability.</p>	\$45,000

SUMMARY





A F Peterson Reserve Playground

- The accessibility of the senior structure could be enhanced by adding a rubber path under the higher decks and creating some role play activities such as a shop counter or interactive panels.
- It is desirable to add a double junior swing and either a double senior swing or a large birdsnest swing. These should be made accessible.

Train St Park Playground

- This playground is not located in an ideal situation but is one of only two playgrounds in this precinct.
- Investigate use of the playground.
- The swing structure should be inspected for structural integrity.
- Consider a new small playground in the tiny reserve on the corner of Livingston St and Worthing Rd where it would serve the kindergarten children and their parents. This would require very careful tight design and may require a fence to the street.
- This could possibly replace the Train St playground.
- If the Train St space is to remain, some attention should be paid to upgrading the surroundings and create a better seating area and add more play interest. For example a small cubby 'station' structure, in line with the train theme might add more complexity to the play here.

CENTRAL SECTION PRECINCT K

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
28	Ashwood Ave Park Playground 2-10 Ashwood Avenue Highett	L		<p>This playground has a lot of steel and plastic equipment aimed at the younger age groups; there is also a long track ride that would suit older children. The space relies entirely on (fairly dull) equipment and there is no landscape interest that invites children to extend their play further. There is a good framework of trees surrounding the space but no connection with the playground. It is not accessible.</p>	\$45,000
1	Advantage Road Park Playground (known as Highland Avenue) 42-48 Highland Avenue Highett	D	 	<p>This playground is located on a reasonably small corner reserve that also has a half court on the other side of the park. There is a path system linking the seating/bbq areas and the edge of the playground. The equipment itself is not accessible. The equipment is aimed at the junior and older primary age groups. The playground is flat and does not offer any options for imaginative or open-ended play.</p>	\$180,000
3	Tibroekney St Park Playground 9-13 Beaumaris Parade Highett	D		<p>This small reserve has a good framework of trees but the playground itself does not take advantage of these and is bare and devoid of shade. The equipment is fairly dull and open with little complexity and no landscape features of interest. It is largely targeted at younger children but it does not provide especially well for them either, with little imaginative, role play or creative play. The space has an old horse and carriage which is of historic interest.</p>	\$180,000

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
2	Lyle Anderson Reserve Playground 11 Highett Grove Highett	D		This playground is tucked away in a small reserve near the bowling club and against the railway line, with no public surveillance. It does however serve some medium density housing off Thistle Grove. Otherwise it unlikely that residents would know it is there.	\$180,000

SUMMARY

This precinct has four playgrounds, all in fairly small reserves and all with similar standard steel equipment. This whole precinct is disadvantaged in terms of access to large, prominent areas of quality open space, in comparison with other areas of the municipality. However, local community will be given greater access once sections of the CSIRO site has been acquired.

Ashwood Ave Park Playground

- Consider adding a carousel to this space to add more options for movement.

Advantage Road Park Playground (known as Highland Avenue)

This is the largest and most centrally located of the playground reserves in this precinct. The equipment is dull and ageing.

- When this equipment comes up for renewal it is recommended that the whole playground be redesigned to offer a completely different and more natural setting for play to complement the others in this precinct.
- Ideally it should utilise sand, rocks, planting and structures integrated into the landscape to allow children to obtain play value from the surroundings as well as from the equipment. The space should be designed for a good level of accessibility to social spaces as well as to play.



Tibroekney St Park Playground

- This reserve is very similar to the others in this precinct. Before it becomes due for an upgrade it would be desirable to add some free form elements for play such as some climbing logs or some mounds with log bridges or similar to create more interest. The space would benefit from the planting of new large trees around the playground.

Lyle Anderson Reserve Playground

Consult local residents about this playground. The open space must be retained but the equipment could possibly be removed and it may be worth investing in creating a unique magical landscape around the trees that does not need much further embellishment.

CENTRAL SECTION PRECINCT L

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE/ Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
6	Tulip Grove Park Playground 61 Tulip Grove Cheltenham	L		This is a tiny reserve on the far eastern side of the precinct close to the railway line. It offers a small range of activities for junior children including small climber and slide, and a sand pit. The space itself is very uninteresting and exposed to the sun. There are some large trees nearby but these don't shade the playground.	\$45,000
52	Pennydale Park Playground 30-32 Olympic Avenue Cheltenham	D		This is a slightly larger reserve that offers a larger playground catering for a range of ages and activities. There is a small hard court on the other side of the park from the playground. There is a path system in the park but it does not appear to link to any activities.	\$180,000

SUMMARY






Tulip Grove Park Playground

- Integrate the existing features and provides a more interesting backdrop to add play value and amenity.

Pennydale Park Playground

- Investigate how to make some of the play activities more accessible for play.
- Plant more trees close to the playground.

NORTHERN SECTION PRECINCT A

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
Playground will be upgraded in accordance with the Elsternwick Park Master Plan	Elsternwick Park Oval No 2 Play-ground 462 St Kilda Street Brighton	L		This small fenced playground serves the very northern end of the large Elsternwick park, close to the tennis centre and two ovals. The playground is located right on the edge of the park opposite residences. The equipment is aimed at the youngest age groups. The playground is enclosed too closely with an unsightly fence but inside the fenced zone there are no amenities such as seats, paths or vegetation.	\$45,000
35	Elsternwick Park South Playground (North) 485 New Street Brighton	R	 	This playground is one of two in this large park that also includes a lake. The partly fenced space offers a range of activities including sand play, climbing, sliding swinging and agility, and a combination of role play and imaginative play activities for all age groups. The design is integrated into the space with vegetation and a ramped path to the higher levels. It provides accessible seating and tables and other amenities such as drink fountains.	\$650,000
13	Elsternwick Park South Playground (South) 485 New Street Brighton	D	 	This playground complements the northern playground at this large park. It has a progression of challenge across three main structures. It has a picnic shelter adjacent and not far away is a hardcourt with a rebound wall. All of these elements are close to a good path system but they are not connected into it so the play elements remain inaccessible.	\$180,000

SUMMARY

Elsternwick Park Oval No 2 Playground

- This is an unsuccessful way to fence a playground as it encloses such a limited range of activity areas, and does not provide any amenities for adults to sit, for shade, nor for children to extend their play off the equipment and into the broader landscape.
- Consider re-designing the landscape around the equipment with a path system, seating and planting and possibly a sand pit integrated into the landscape. Reposition the fence to enclose all of these spaces plus some grass so that children are not hemmed into a tiny caged space.
- Will be addressed in the Elsternwick Park Master Plan (2015).

Elsternwick Park South Playground (North)

- Continue maintenance.

Elsternwick Park South Playground (South)

- Design a short path system that links the main path to the hard court, the shelter, and into the under deck spaces of the higher play structures.
- Add some interactive panels, shop counters or other accessible items into the play structure.
- Add more planting around the perimeter.

NORTHERN SECTION PRECINCT B



PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE/ Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
12	North Rd Foreshore Playground Beach Park Brighton	R		This large imposing boat structure sits right on the beach front at Brighton. This is the only playground in this beach-side precinct. The rubber surface is fairly exposed with no shade. The solid boat is quite enclosed which limits surveillance inside. The boat has a strong presence and is likely to be popular.	\$650,000

SUMMARY

North Rd Foreshore Playground

- Playground nearing the end of useable life.
- Work in partnership with North Brighton Rotary Club in the planning and development of a upgraded playground.
- Ensure all age groups are catered for.
- Consider adding a smaller shaded space adjacent to equipment.

NORTHERN SECTION PRECINCT E




PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE/ Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
21	Wilson Reserve Playground 42-44 Middle Crescent Brighton	D	 	There is a high level of dependence on this park and playground in this large precinct. This playground offers a reasonable choice of activities for junior to senior primary ages, including some low key role play with the boat and the rubber 'stream'. The paths appear very narrow. There are some large trees near the playground but there are no natural elements integrated into the design.	\$180,000

SUMMARY

Wilson Reserve Playground

- As the main playground in this precinct it would be desirable to add some senior and more challenging items for older children and teenagers.
- The landscape setting could be improved in this park- consider replacing the rubber 'stream' with a real rocky stream that gives children the opportunity to explore in a natural setting. Relocate the boat into this stream. A path can then criss-cross the stream via various bridges.

NORTHERN SECTION PRECINCT F

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
25	William St Reserve Playground 80 William Street Brighton	D	 	<p>This is another park of high dependence, centrally located in this large precinct. There is only one other small playground available. This playground is located on the edge of a cricket oval. It has an eclectic combination of equipment some of which, though ageing, will still be enjoyed by children. None of these items appear to be accessible to users with a disability. There is limited shade. Recently installed half court includes basketball, netball and four square.</p>	\$180,000
11	Robert Grieve Reserve Playground 25 Burrows Street Brighton	L		<p>This playground is located in a very narrow reserve that sits between the road and the railway line. It is not very prominent in the neighbourhood. It has a very limited range of play opportunities and doesn't appear to take advantage of the natural environment for play.</p>	\$45,000

SUMMARY


William St Reserve Playground

- This playground assumes an important role as the main playground in this precinct.
- It should therefore be upgraded.
- Some of the items of equipment could be retained and re-used in a new design.
- The upgraded space should provide for a range of ages and abilities, and ideally be designed to incorporate natural elements to extend the play value of the whole space.

Robert Grieve Reserve Playground

- Consider adding some low key natural elements such as some climbing logs and more planting to add value to this equipment.

NORTHERN SECTION PRECINCT G

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
29	Old Dairy Reserve Playground 14 Ferguson Street Brighton East	L		<p>This is the only playground in this precinct. The small park has a framework of trees and there is a picnic shelter but the playground itself is rather bare and uninteresting with some equipment that many children would find difficult to use. The design lacks any coherence. None of the equipment appears to be accessible.</p> <p>There are no open-ended elements to extend the play into the landscape.</p>	\$45,000

SUMMARY

Old Dairy Reserve Playground

- The design may be assisted by some shrub planting, landscape elements such as rocks, or even a sand pit close to the cubby against the fence, to provide some spatial enclosure and open ended play.
- Consider adding a more challenging senior swing.
- Plant more trees around the space.



NORTHERN SECTION PRECINCT H

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
49	Glen Edward Rice Reserve Playground 24 Centre Road Brighton East	L		<p>This playground is the only one in this small precinct. It is aimed at the relatively junior age groups and offers a reasonable range of activities.</p> <p>There is little shade.</p>	\$45,000

SUMMARY

- Consider adding more planting for play within this small reserve.
- Consider adding shade.

NORTHERN SECTION PRECINCT I

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
32	Landcox Park Playground 2A Mavis Avenue Brighton East	D		<p>This large reserve has a complex path system, tree planting and a lake.</p> <p>The low key playground is located within the park; it is aimed at the younger age groups. It is quite a simple space but the trees provide a strong character to the setting.</p>	\$180,000
Playground will be upgraded in accordance with the Hurlingham Park Master Plan	Hurlingham Park Playground 581 Nepean Highway Brighton East	D		<p>This playground is located on the side of a reasonably large sports reserve and there is a nearby pre-school on site. The space has a backdrop of trees plus an array of shade sails. The equipment offers a good range of activities for junior and senior primary ages. Neither the space nor the equipment appears to be accessible.</p> <p>The higher structure would be difficult to use for younger children.</p>	\$180,000

SUMMARY


Landcox Park Playground

- This space lends itself to the addition of a custom designed, accessible children's garden with some small fantasy elements for young children set into sand and other natural elements.
- The existing features could be worked into this design.
- At the same time the space could cater better for older children, so the addition of a climbing net may be worth while.
- Link a path system into the design.

Hurlingham Park Playground

- Consider adding a path into the playground and add an accessible play element here that could be used by children with a disability; this could include a birdsnest swing or an accessible carousel
- Consider adding a stair to one of the higher structures to aid children needing a bit more support to reach the higher decks and slides
- Check whether there is an accessible seating/ social space near the equipment and add one if required
- Consider planting a forest of interesting trees, grouped to define small spaces for play, such as small circles no more than 3m across, adjacent to the cubbies.
- Playground will be replced in accordance with the Hurlingham Park Master Plan.

NORTHERN SECTION PRECINCT J

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS		ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
42	Little Brighton Reserve Playground 84 Union Street Brighton East	L	 <p>This playground is more important than it first appears, as it is the only one serving this precinct between Hawthorn Rd and Thomas St, Brighton East. It is located on a narrow linear drainage reserve which has some attractive tree planting.</p> <p>The existing equipment is dull and aimed only at younger age groups though it is not even well designed for this group.</p>	\$100,000



SUMMARY

Little Brighton Reserve Playground



When this equipment reaches the end of its useful life it is recommended that the space should be redesigned with an integrated landscape for play for a wider range of age groups and providing access to children with a disability to at least some activities.

Any new design needs to include the existing shared bike path.

SOUTHERN SECTION PRECINCT A

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
30	Royal Ave Playground 102 Royal Avenue Sandringham	D		<p>This is a large district reserve that combines the focal point of the Council buildings with tennis courts, some bushland and open grass. There is a skate park and a good sized half court and rebound wall. The space does not appear to provide any accessible play or social opportunities for people of any age with a disability.</p>	\$180,000
36	Sandringham Gardens Playground Beach Park Sandringham	D		<p>This is an appealing space with a good variety of activity types aimed largely at the senior primary and younger age groups. It is located on the coastal side of Beach Road which means it is not readily accessible for children from residential areas and functions more as a destination attraction. There is good access around the general space for people with disabilities but possibly limited access to many play activities themselves.</p>	\$180,000

SOUTHERN SECTION PRECINCT A

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
17	Allambee Park Playground 123a Sandringham Road Sandringham	L		<p>This is a very attractive local park in this residential neighbourhood. Even though it is ageing the playground provides a reasonable range of activity types for the younger age groups. The park offers a good framework of vegetation, a sand play area, and lawn as well as the play equipment area.</p>	\$45,000
5	Picnic Gardens Playground 35 Bay Road Sandringham	P		<p>This pocket playground is located close to a nursing home and other residences for elderly people.</p> <p>The park is attractive and is a valuable resource for residents and their visitors. A playground here is a useful incentive for families with children to visit and engage with the elderly outdoors. However this design is unsuitable for this purpose as there is no path to the playground, no apparent seating nearby, and sliding is the only activity. The space is unlikely to engage a family for long.</p>	\$20,000

SUMMARY

Royal Ave Playground

- Add a path system linking the playground, the half court and skate area to the main paths.
- Ensure that there are some accessible play activities within the playground. The hard court is a potentially good accessible area for recreation if it were connected to a path.

Sandringham Gardens Playground

Consider making some improvements to access to some play activities such as:

- Adding some low key paths to under-deck cubbies and easily modified areas.
- Adding access to a swing if possible.

Allambee Park Playground



- When this equipment comes up for renewal it would be ideal to add a few multi purpose items that would also interest older age groups such as a swivel birds nest swing; this can be made wheelchair accessible.
- A timber structure that builds in some ground level (accessible) cubby play, located where children can link sand and loose materials such as leaves and flowers into their role play, would also suit the character of this reserve.

Picnic Gardens Playground

Consider some minor additions that would engage children for longer and allow for more interaction between children and older residents:

- Add a path to the playground connecting to a fully accessible seating area.
- Attach a higher deck to the existing structure; make this high enough to create a cubby underneath; (accessible if possible). Include a shop counter and other role play elements.
- Consider converting the surface under this high deck to a sand pit and extend the sand further outside the deck area into the playground; the area under the slide should remain mulch.
- Separate the sand and mulch using rocks and planting so the two surfaces are not immediately adjacent to each other.
- Consider adding a double swing or a small birdsnest swing if space permits.

SOUTHERN SECTION PRECINCT B

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
31	Tjilatjirrin Reserve Playground 29A Tulip Street Sandringham	D	 	This playground has a good range of activities for a range of age groups, using customised elements. It does not offer a lot of shade and there does not appear to be easy access into the playground for people with a disability.	\$180,000

SUMMARY

Tjilatjirrin Reserve Playground

This playground is the only built play facility in this precinct. However there is no shortage of parks and open space here so families do have access to alternative opportunities and are unlikely to depend on this space totally for their outdoor play experiences.

This playground is likely to cater not only for residents but also for users of the sports facilities.

As a District level facility, the playground should provide some accessible play opportunities.



Consider:

- Grading a path to the level of the top deck.
- Making play panels accessible.
- Linking the playground and seating /tables to a main path system.
- Adding a wheelchair accesible birdsnest swing or similar.

It would also be desirable to add some more vegetated areas for play. Consider:

- Creating some tea tree 'tunnels' (trees planted in double rows) or circles that provide interesting spaces for play, adjacent to the built area.

SOUTHERN SECTION PRECINCT C

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
50	Tricks Reserve Playground 152 Bluff Road Black Rock	D	 	<p>This is the only playground serving this whole precinct which, although it appears to have a large amount of open space, is dominated by golf courses which are not generally accessible to the public for play.</p> <p>The playground is located in a reserve that also offers tennis courts and a bowling club.</p> <p>It is within an attractive vegetated area of the park and has a large and relatively complex climbing/sliding structure as well as a narrow half court and rebound wall. There are some trees with wonderfully convoluted forms close to the playground which are likely to be a major attraction here.</p> <p>There is a path system to the edge of the playground but it does not appear to connect into the playground itself.</p>	\$180,000

SUMMARY

Tricks Reserve Playground






As swings remain a very popular activity in playgrounds, it is worth considering adding another swing or moving item that would cater for all ages and abilities.

As a District space of relatively high dependence this space should offer a higher level of accessibility to the play and social opportunities here.


Consider:

- Adding a low key path that links into the under deck area of the highest part of the equipment, to create an accessible cubby.
- Link the picnic tables, and the hard court area to the path so that people using wheelchairs can utilise this hard surfaced court area as well.

SOUTHERN SECTION PRECINCT D

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
55	Cheltenham Park Playground 2A Park Road Cheltenham	R	  	<p>This is an interesting and complex space in a forest setting. It offers a wide variety of play activities with a range of challenges and with a range of opportunities to interact with nature.</p>	\$650,000
39	Cheltenham Recreation Reserve Playground 135 Weatherall Road Cheltenham	D	 	<p>This is an attractive reserve with a sports oval. The fenced playground is set amongst some magnificent trees and is located next to a scout hall.</p> <p>Access is provided to the back section of the old steam roller for play but the rest of the machinery has been fenced off.</p> <p>The equipment in the playground is dull and mainly aimed at younger age groups.</p>	\$180,000

SOUTHERN SECTION PRECINCT D

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
47	Sue Kirkpatrick Park Playground 7 Cherbourg Avenue Cheltenham	L		This is a tiny reserve that provides a basic level of play activities for the younger age groups. There is a simple path that aims to make part of the equipment accessible but this does not connect to any other path.	\$20,000

SUMMARY

Cheltenham Recreation Reserve and Sue Kirkpatrick Park

These two small playgrounds are parks of relatively high dependence, as they are the main playgrounds serving this whole south eastern area of Precinct South D. The two spaces offer a similar range of standard equipment.



It is therefore recommended that:

- Cheltenham Recreation Reserve playground be upgraded with a design that reflects the distinctive character of the site and the trees.
- This design should provide a good range of activity types, a basic level of accessibility, and provide for older as well as younger children.
- A custom-designed tree house or some similar special feature may be appropriate to add a fantasy element to the space.
- Add at least two sets of swings if there is room; one of these should ideally provide a good level of challenge for older children.
- Rotating equipment should be retained/refurbished if possible.
- The design should complement and not duplicate any elements at Sue Kirkpatrick Reserve.


Sue Kirkpatrick Park Playground

- Can remain as is.

SOUTHERN SECTION PRECINCT E

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
54	Black Rock Gardens Playground Beach Park Black Rock	R		<p>This Regional playground is an appealing area with a good range of activities, some accessible features, and shade. The rubber surface under the swings is too high relative to the mulch level. The ship area does not appear to be wheelchair accessible.</p>	\$650,000
40	Donald MacDonald Reserve Playground 22 Keating Street Beaumaris	D		<p>This District level playground is located within an attractive treed setting. With its oval and bushland reserve this is an important park locally as there is not much public open space in this residential area, and especially not in the zone between Reserve Road and Haydens Road.</p> <p>The playground provides a range of activities and of degrees of challenge, including for older children. The sand pit cubby structures are accessible.</p>	\$180,000

SOUTHERN SECTION PRECINCT E

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
8	Pasadena Ave Park Playground 10 Pasadena Avenue Beaumaris	D		<p>This is an attractive small park in an area with little other open space in its immediate residential catchment.</p> <p>Although the equipment is fairly standard, its location amongst the trees provides good visual appeal and adds to the play value.</p> <p>There is a good choice of physical activities plus the sand play. This space is not easily accessed by people with a disability.</p>	\$180,000

SUMMARY

As a package, these playgrounds together provide a good choice of settings for play though they do not offer much variety of movement types. For example there is no large carousel that provides spinning for a group of children at once, and not much challenging movement for older children.

Although there are a few items that are usable by children with a disability, the accessibility could be improved and this is especially important at both of the larger sites (Donald MacDonald Reserve and Black Rock Gardens).

Black Rock Gardens Playground

It is desirable to make some minor improvements to accessibility here:

- Add a rubber pod or two to the space net, and a (rubber) path to access these items.
- Add a path into the boat area if possible to create some ground level accessible role play/imaginative play opportunities for children with a disability.
- Consider adding more natural shade.

Donald MacDonald Reserve Playground



- Devise a path route to link into the main structure, and to at least one swing, to facilitate accessible play
- Add some details to the main structure that can be accessed from ground level such as a cubby, shop front etc.
- Add some logs for play.
- Design of a low key path into the playground, to a seating/social area and to some play activity/es
- Add a fantasy element for play that includes some logs for play or an accessible log cubby or similar.

Pasadena Ave Park Playground

This space would benefit from a minor upgrade that could include the addition of:

- A simple path system leading to a seating area, to the underside of the highest deck where some imaginative play elements could be added, and possibly to the swing area.
- A few rocks as stepping stones, or some carved stone mushrooms, or a forked horizontal log, possibly in the vicinity of the sand pit, to add a slightly more open ended, fantasy play element to the space.

SOUTHERN SECTION PRECINCT F

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS			ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
56	Beaumaris Reserve Playground North and South 2-28 Cloris Avenue Beaumaris	L	The playground at this reserve is currently being upgraded.		
27	Banksia Reserve Playground 68 Oak Street Beaumaris	D		<p>Banksia Reserve is the most central of the reserves in this precinct. It has an oval and a large tennis facility. The equipment provides a range of physical activities for the primary age groups.</p> <p>Some activities have been made accessible (a hex-shaped deck and a swing with partial back support) . It is not clear how easy it is to reach these items via an accessible route.</p>	\$180,000
7	Illaroo Reserve Playground 64-74 Wells Road Beaumaris	D		<p>This playground is located within a small attractive park on the north eastern corner of the precinct in an area of relatively high dependence; that is, there are no other parks within walking distance of most of these residences.</p> <p>There is a kindergarten next door to the reserve. Though the playground is designed for generally middle primary to younger age groups, it is not well tailored to the needs of pre-school aged children or their parents. The equipment combines some old Ausplay structures with some newer items installed in 2011 but they are all similar. There is no social/creative/nature play here and there are no accessible play items.</p>	\$180,000

SOUTHERN SECTION PRECINCT F

PRIORITY FOR UPGRADE	RESERVE / Address	CLASS		ESTIMATED UPGRADE COST
19	F L Yott Reserve Playground 6-26 Bodley Street Beaumaris	L		This reserve has a tennis centre and bowling club and there is a kindergarten (Olive Phillips) located on the site as well. The play equipment is generally aimed at this younger age group but the space is not well designed to engage young children for any length of time. \$45,000

SUMMARY

Banksia Reserve Playground

- Extend the play in this reserve into the imaginative/role play/creative style of activities, that would add value to the existing play which is very equipment-based and not engaging.
- Use the available extra corners of space for play, to extend the types of play, and the age groups and range of abilities, would be of value.
- Future planning should also consider how well the space provides for adults supervising their children.

Illaroo Reserve Playground

- Consider redesigning the space around the equipment to compliment the newer play structures; link them via an accessible route, and add some terrain and visual interest.
- Ensure play equipment is different to others in the precinct.
- Consider adding playground trampolines (accessible type) to the design.

F L Yott Reserve Playground

- Re-design this playground using landscape elements for open ended, imaginative and creative play including sand.
- Ensure there is a good, accessible and centrally located social space for parents with a large table, with seats and shade.
- Ensure there are at least two double swing frames; one of them could be an accessible birds nest swing.
- Some of the existing items could be retained and re-used in a new, more cohesive design that incorporates landscape elements.



Playground Improvement Schedule

The following table prioritises playground improvements based on assessment playgrounds within Bayside.

R – Regional/municipal

D – District

L – Local

P – Pocket

No.	Site	Suburb/Town	Classification	Ranking	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
9	Beaumaris Reserve South*	Beaumaris	D	1	260,000										
59	Highland Avenue Reserve	Highett	D	2	167,000										
62	Lyle Anderson Reserve	Highett	D	3	166,500										
60	Tibroekney Street Reserve	Highett	D	4	166,500										
54	Spring Road Playground	Hampton East	P	5	20,000										
19	Picnic Gardens Reserve	Sandringham	P	6	20,000										
63	Tulip Grove Playground	Cheltenham	L	7	45,000										
5	Illaroo Reserve	Beaumaris	D	8	180,000										
45	Hurlingham Park	Brighton East	D	9	180,000										
10	Pasadena Avenue Reserve	Beaumaris	D	10		180,000									
30	Holyrood Street Reserve	Hampton	P	11		20,000									
35	Robert C. Grieve Park	Brighton	L	12		45,000									
55	Basterfield Park South	Hampton East	D	13		180,000									
43	Elsternwick South (small)	Brighton	D	14		180,000									
22	Bamfield Street Reserve	Sandringham	L	15		45,000									
27	Alexander Park	Hampton	L	16		45,000									
24	Myrtle Road Reserve	Hampton	L	17		45,000									
56	A.F. Peterson Reserve	Highett	D	18		180,000									
20	Allambee Park	Sandringham	L	19		45,000									
39	Beach Park – End of North Road	Brighton	R	20			650,000								
49	Dendy Park South	Brighton East	D	21			325,000								
6	F.L. Yott Reserve	Beaumaris	L	22			45,000								
53	Basterfield Park North	Hampton East	D	23				180,000							
38	Wilson Reserve East	Brighton	D	24				180,000							
23	Gypsy Village Park	Hampton	D	25				180,000							
31	Brighton Beach Oval	Brighton	D	26				100,000							
36	William Street Reserve	Brighton	D	27				180,000							
50	N.G. Wishart Reserve	Hampton East	D	28				180,000							
	St James Park**	Brighton	P					20,000							
	CSIRO site**	Highett	P					20,000							
26	Thomas Street Reserve	Hampton	R	29					1,000,000						
7	Banksia Reserve	Beaumaris	D	30						180,000					
57	Ashwood Avenue Playground	Highett	L	31						45,000					
37	Old Dairy Reserve	Brighton	L	32						45,000					
16	Royal Avenue Parkland	Sandringham	D	33						180,000					
15	Tjilajirrin Reserve	Sandringham	D	34						180,000					
41	Elsternwick Park North	Brighton	L	35						45,000					

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44	Landcox Park	Brighton East	D	36						180,000					
18	Beach Park – Sandringham Gardens	Sandringham	D	37						180,000					
23A	Hampton Recreation Node	Hampton	L	38							45,000				
21	R.G. Chisholm Reserve	Sandringham	L	39							45,000				
61	Train Street Playground	Highett	L	40							45,000				
33	Hanby Street Reserve	Brighton	L	41							45,000				
40	Elsternwick Park South (large)	Brighton	R	42							650,000				
3	Cheltenham Recreation Reserve	Cheltenham	D	43							180,000				
11	Donald McDonald Reserve	Beaumaris	D	44								180,000			
28	W.L. Simpson Reserve	Hampton	D	45								180,000			
46	Little Brighton Reserve	Brighton East	L	46								100,000			
34	Whyte Street Reserve	Brighton	L	47								45,000			
29	Castlefield Reserve	Hampton	D	48								180,000			
32	Lucas Street Reserve	Brighton East	D	49								180,000			
47	Dendy Park North	Brighton East	D	50								180,000			
4	Sue Kirkpatrick Park	Beaumaris	L	51								20,000			
36A	Glen Edward Rice Reserve	Brighton	L	52									45,000		
25	Boss James Reserve	Hampton	D	53									180,000		
14	F.E. Tricks Reserve	Black Rock	D	54									180,000		
29A	Hampton High Reserve	Hampton	L	55									45,000		
1	Pennydale Park	Cheltenham	D	56									180,000		
52	Curley Rourke Reserve	Hampton East	L	57									45,000		
13	Beach Park - Black Rock Gardens	Black Rock	R	58									650,000		
2	Cheltenham Park	Cheltenham	R	59										650,000	
				\$	1,205,000	965,000	1,020,000	1,040,000	1,000,000	1,035,000	1,010,000	1,065,000	1,325,000	650,000	10,315,000

*Carry forward from 2014/15 budget \$260,000

**Proposed new playgrounds at the CSIRO site, Highett, and St James Park, Brighton