



## PLAY SPACES IN HORSHAM

# CURRENT SITUATION

The Horsham Rural City Council currently maintains 24 play spaces. In comparison with other regional Councils, Horsham has a good proportion of play spaces for its population, with one play space for every 853 residents.

Each Council owned or managed play space within the municipality has been assessed to determine the provision and quality of play spaces across Horsham. The assessment included a review of the Open Space Asset Audit data, checking each play space against aerial photography images and also undertaking a number of site inspections at a sample of play spaces.

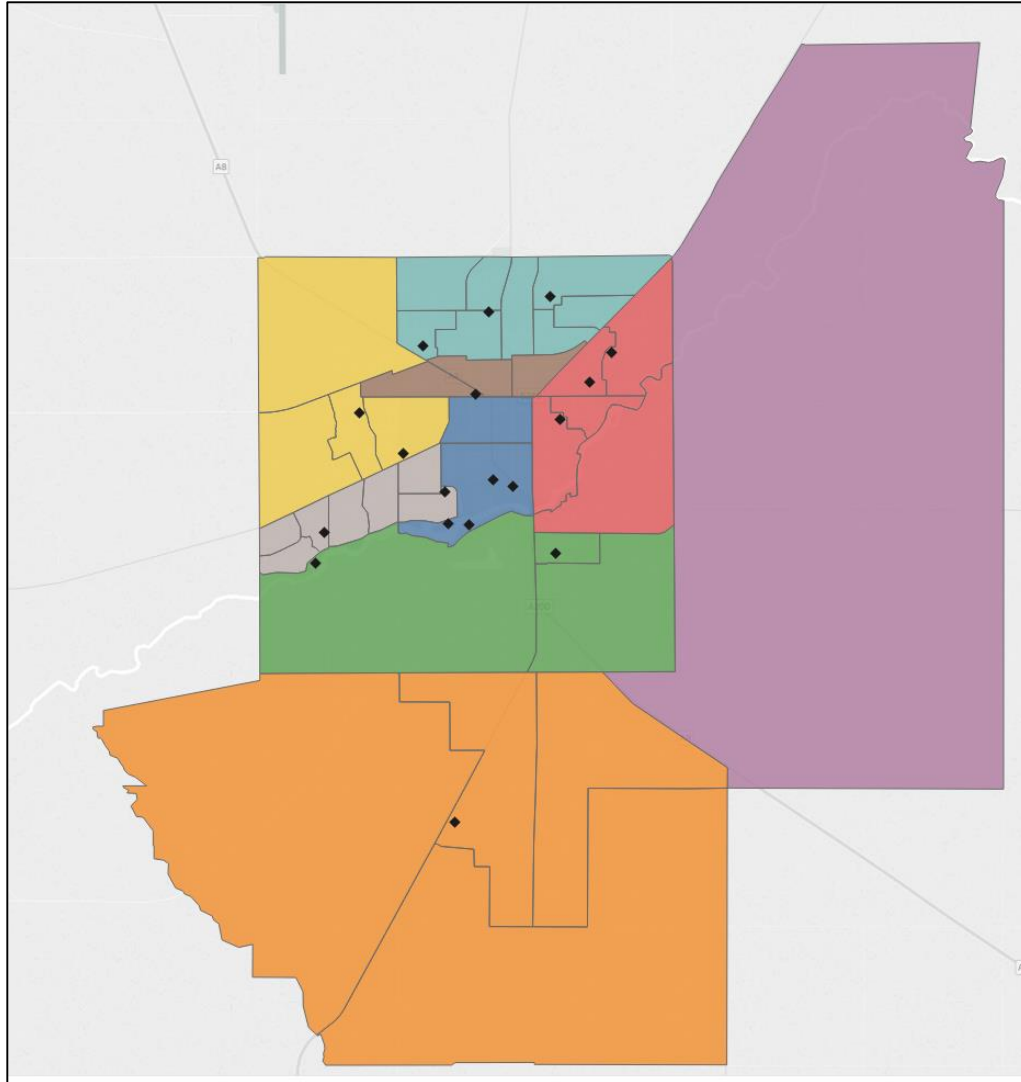
Based on this assessment, the following observations were made:

- The play equipment in some local play spaces is quite outdated and in need of replacement or upgrading.
- Not many play spaces, particularly local and neighbourhood play spaces have paths leading to seats and play equipment. This does not provide adequate access for people with disabilities or mobility issues.
- More shade structures are required in play spaces overall.
- Some local and neighbourhood play spaces lack landscaping and amenities and could be vastly improved with modest effort and expenditure.
- Most of the play spaces in the municipality cater for children aged between 2 and 10 years of age, with less provision of play spaces for children aged over 10.
- All future redevelopment and new development should be designed by a landscape architect to avoid 'ad hoc' or inexperienced planning towards creating quality spaces with universal access.

PLAY SPACE PROVISION BENCHMARKS		
	Local Government Area	Play Space Provision Ratio
Regional	Ararat	1:560
	Ballarat	1:666
	Baw Baw	1:616
	Campaspe	1:957
	Greater Bendigo	1:861
	Greater Geelong	1:717
	Latrobe	1:583
	Shepparton	1:800
	Southern Grampians	1:586
	Surf Coast	1:616 residents 1:128 0-14 years
Metro	Bayside	1:1,415
	Boroondara	1:1,362
	Glen Eira	1:2,790
	Kingston	1:1,090
	Moonee Valley	1,213
	<b>Horsham</b>	<b>1:817 all residents</b> <b>1:155 0-14 years</b>

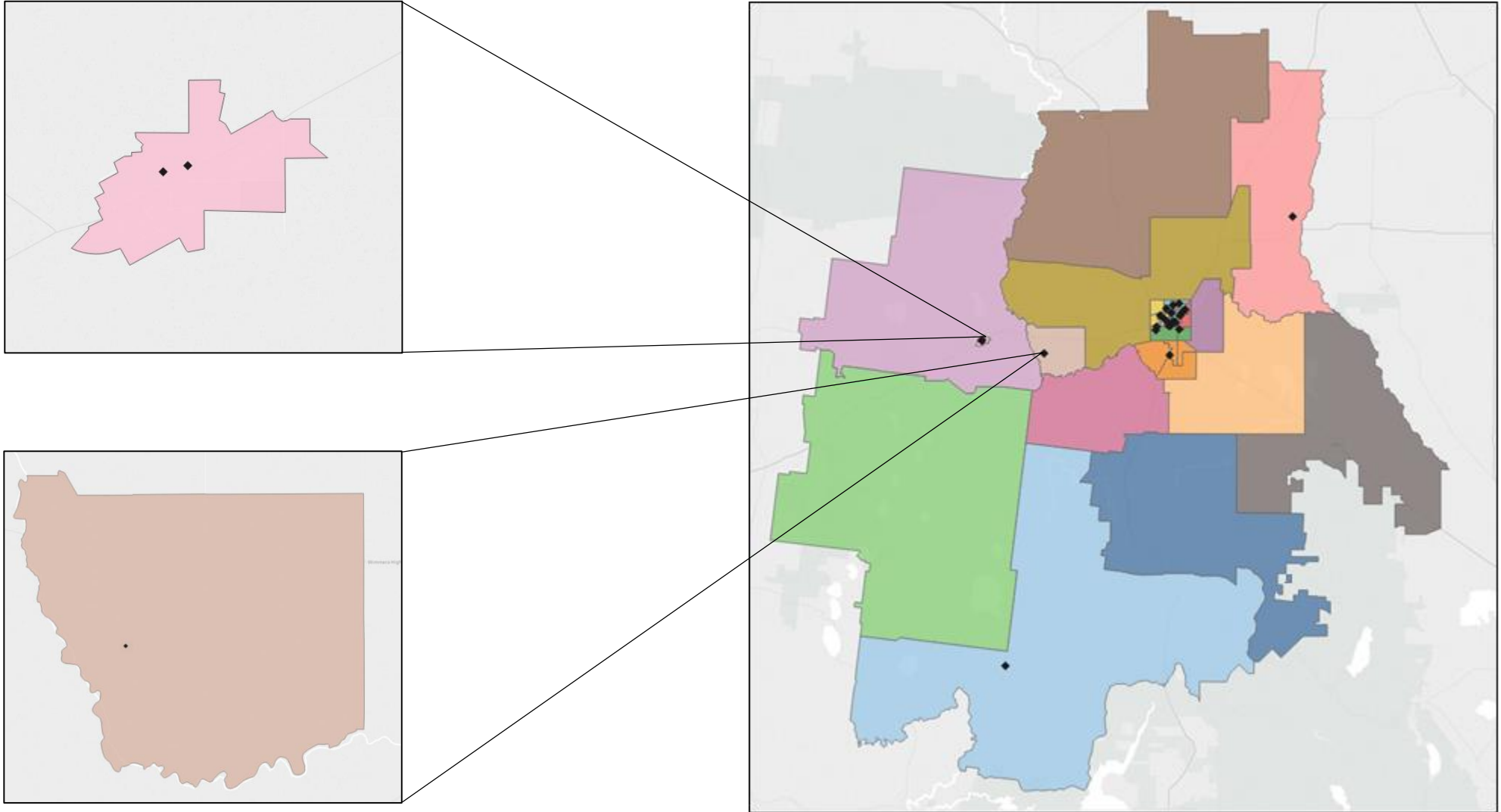
PLAY SPACE PROVISION IN HORSHAM	
Hierarchy	Provision Count
Local	9
Municipal	5
Neighbourhood	6
Regional	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

# PLAY SPACE DISTRIBUTION



Region	Park Name
<b>Local</b>	
Brimpaen	Telangatuk Hall
Central Horsham	City Oval East Playground
Horsham North	Charisma Park
Horsham North	Elbourne Park
Horsham North	Oatlands Park
Horsham South	Uebergang Park
Horsham South West	Drummond Park
Horsham South West	Gardenia Street Park
Horsham West	Bodey Court Park
<b>Neighbourhood</b>	
Horsham East	Lawrence Street Park
Horsham East	Sunnyside Park
Horsham West	Apex Park
Jung	Jung Peppertree Park
Natimuk	Lake Avenue - Natimuk Creek
Quantong	Quantong Recreation Reserve
<b>Municipal</b>	
Central Horsham	City Oval West Playground
Central Horsham	Major Mitchell Drive River Frontage Reserve
Horsham East	Jardwa Park
Natimuk	Natimuk Creek Reserve
Central Horsham	Botanical Gardens - Playground
<b>Regional</b>	
Central Horsham	Adventure Island
Haven	Haven Recreation Reserve
Horsham Inner North	May Park
Horsham South	Weir Park

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# PLAY SPACE ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

For the purpose of this strategy, Horsham has been divided into 19 different localities, based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics Statistical Area 1 (SA1) borders. The following table provides an overview of each of these localities and the number of play spaces within each:

Region	Number of play spaces	2016 Population	0-14 Years Population	% of Population aged 0-14 years	Ratio of play spaces per person	Ratio of play spaces per person aged 0-14
Brimpaen	1	217	55	25%	1:217	1:55
Central Horsham	5	682	82	12%	1:136	1:16
Drung	0	247	47	19%	-	-
Haven	1	1,303	298	23%	1:1,303	1:298
Horsham East	3	2,766	454	16%	1:922	1:151
Horsham Inner North	1	1,260	191	15%	1:1,260	1:191
Horsham North	3	3,309	692	21%	1:1,103	1:231
Horsham South	2	1,714	362	21%	1:857	1:181
Horsham South West	2	2,847	534	19%	1:1,424	1:267
Horsham West	2	1,932	379	20%	1:966	1:190
Jung	1	240	56	23%	1:240	1:56
Laharum	0	214	28	13%	-	-
McKenzie Creek	0	371	80	22%	-	-
Natimuk	2	388	38	10%	1:194	1:19
Natimuk District	0	223	55	25%	-	-
Pimpinio and Kalkee	0	337	85	25%	-	-
Quantong	1	311	53	17%	1:311	1:53
Riverside	0	418	74	18%	-	-
Toolondo	0	241	60	25%	-	-
Vectis and Dooen	0	297	47	16%	-	-
Wartook	0	310	70	23%	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19,627</b>	<b>3,740</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>1:817</b>	<b>1:155</b>

# PLAY SPACE HIERARCHY

The play space Hierarchy describes the level of play spaces and types of equipment and supporting infrastructure that may exist within the play space. It also includes user catchment distances and typical size. These are to be used as a guide in the provision of play space planning and may be subject to other considerations as they arise such as topography, major barriers including major roads, drains, flood plains and rail lines.

	Local play spaces	Neighbourhood play spaces	Municipal play spaces	Regional play spaces
<b>Purpose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primarily cater for local residents and people living and working within walking distance</li> <li>These spaces are less developed with limited play equipment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service residents from one or more localities</li> <li>Higher quality with a diversity of character in good locations</li> <li>People can use these play spaces for extended periods of time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At a minimum, services the whole municipality</li> <li>Residents will come from other localities and regions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large, high quality destinations that have broad appeal and attract visitors and local community members</li> <li>Visitors may stay for a number of hours</li> </ul>
<b>Types of Facilities/ Amenities</b>	<p>Should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least one seat/setting</li> <li>Pathways for accessibility</li> <li>Minimal formal play equipment and/or nature play design</li> </ul> <p>May have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural shade for at least part of the area</li> </ul>	<p>Should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least two seats/settings</li> <li>Natural shade for at least part of the area</li> <li>Pathways for accessibility</li> </ul> <p>May have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landscaping and irrigation</li> </ul>	<p>Should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Numerous picnic settings</li> <li>Public toilets</li> <li>Shade</li> <li>Shelters, BBQ's, and bubblers</li> <li>Pathways for accessibility</li> </ul> <p>May have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sport and recreation facilities for unstructured sport</li> <li>Landscaping and limited irrigated grass</li> </ul>	<p>Should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diverse opportunities for play for a range of ages</li> <li>Public toilets</li> <li>Picnic tables and seating</li> <li>Shade and shelter with shade over play space equipment</li> <li>Pathways for accessibility</li> <li>Landscaping, irrigated areas</li> <li>Off-road car parking</li> </ul>
<b>Typical Size</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.2 to 0.5 ha of usable land</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.5 to 1.5 ha of usable land</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.5 - 4 ha of usable land</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; 4 ha of usable land</li> </ul>
<b>Typical Catchment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5-10 min walking distance (about 500m)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10-15 min walking distance (about 750m)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most people drive to these</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most people drive to these</li> <li>Distributed within approximately 1.5km distance to dwellings and work places.</li> </ul>