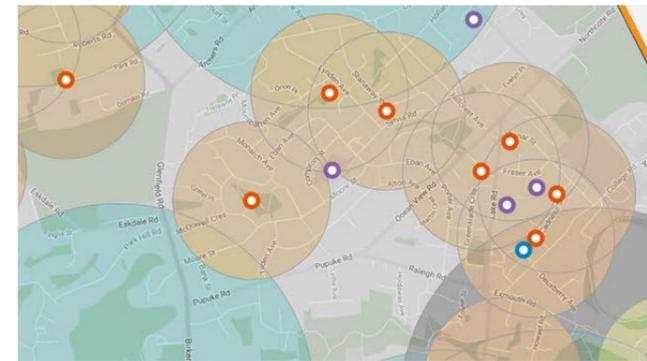
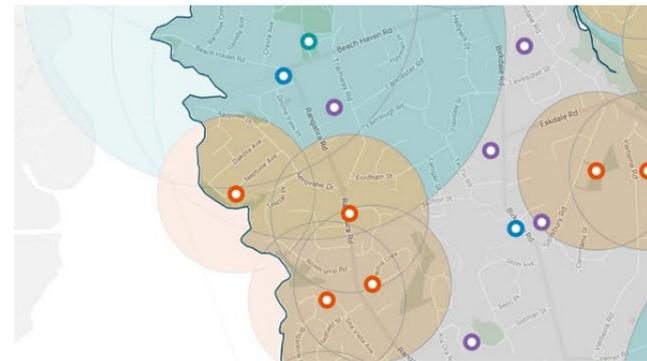


PLAY AND SUNSMART PROVISION

KAIPĀTIKI LOCAL BOARD, AUCKLAND



STUDY AND STRATEGIC ADVICE

November 2018

CHAIR'S FOREWORD

I'm pleased to present the completed Kaipātiki Strategic Play and Sunsmart Provision Assessment 2018. This assessment is in response to a key initiative in the Kaipātiki Local Board Plan 2017 with the objective of making sure our parks and reserves are well equipped with the right facilities, while preserving open space. We know there are many benefits to play; from the creative and imaginative to the physical.

This assessment provides a comprehensive overview of our existing playspaces and presents options for future opportunities for investment. It outlines gaps in supply and outlines areas where there is a high level of supply. The assessment identifies a small number of playspaces for potential decommissioning, however the local board does not support this until a full assessment identifying all options is developed.

A key aspect of the assessment is the inclusion of sunsmart principles. The local board is aware of the increasing evidence of the harmful effects caused by too much exposure to the sun, and also that play equipment needs to be kept cool during hot weather in order to be played on. We are pleased that this assessment provides the direction for shade as a crucial part of playground developments.



John Gillon

Chairperson, Kaipātiki Local Board

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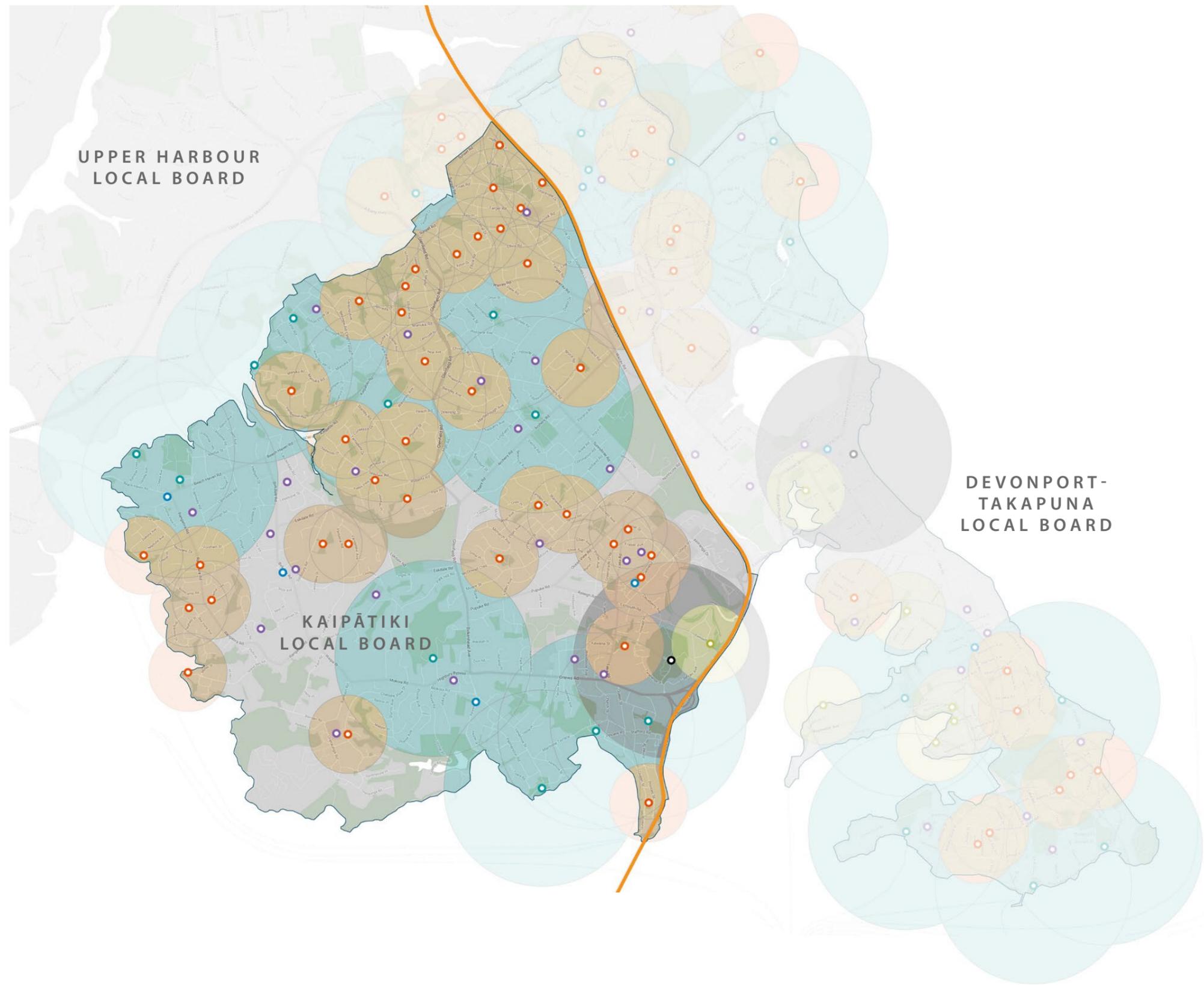
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OVERALL STUDY AREA MAP



KEY

Type (Open Space Typology)

- Neighbourhood Park Playspace
- Suburb Park Playspace
- Destination Park Playspace
- Civic Space Playspace
- Connection Open Space Playspace
- School Playground

Playspace Service Area Catchments

- 450m radial walking distances
- Neighbourhood Park Playspace
Connection Open Space Playspace
- 1125m radial walking distances
- Suburb Park Playspace
Destination Park Playspace

— Local Board extent

Refer Appendix A Assessment Parameters and Definitions for Open Space Typology and associated catchment / service area criteria.

Base map data: Google



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

Play is essential for the development and well-being of individuals. Play allows individuals to use their creativity while developing their imagination, dexterity, and physical, cognitive, and emotional strength.

Playspaces offer a child their first 'real' interaction with other children outside of their immediate family and provide opportunities to develop communication, alliancing, friendship, and self-management skills. Play also offers an ideal opportunity for parents to engage fully with their children.

It is well documented through research that play activity as a child should be creative, stimulating, social, provide cognitive benefits, and be safe.

Social stimulation and competition from the digital milieu has placed increased pressure on play environments to extend beyond traditional swing and slide and provide more diverse, activity-based features that enable children to burn energy and explore their physical capabilities in addition to having fun.

Elements of play must be compelling and encourage direct involvement to have true play value and ideally, provide new discoveries, adventures or experiences in subsequent sessions of play. Development of amenable environments that support traditional play elements and encourage wider exploration in an unstructured manner also facilitates learning of how to work in groups, share, negotiate, manage conflict, and learn self-advocacy skills.

Given the challenges associated with providing valuable play opportunities for the public within fiscal constraints, this report builds on Auckland Council's intent to pursue a holistic view of play provision within parks and open spaces and informs investment decisions within the Kaipātiki Local Board Area.

KAIPĀTIKI STUDY AREA

The Kaipātiki Local Board area is comprised of the coastal and inland suburbs of Auckland's southwestern North Shore, bounded by the Northern Motorway which separates it from Devonport-Takapuna Local Board. Important and well-established town centres within Kaipātiki include Birkenhead, Glenfield and Northcote. The Kaipātiki area also contains some of the largest areas of contiguous remnant indigenous vegetation within the Tamaki (Auckland) Ecological District, with well-documented walkways and tracks like the Kaipātiki Explorer promoting pedestrian and cycle connectivity between bush reserves and parks.

Playspaces are incorporated within neighbourhood, civic, connection open space, suburb and destination open spaces. These range from simple neighbourhood parks with slides and swings to the large, destination facility at Onepoto Domain; encompassing a variety of neighbourhood, civic and suburb park open spaces in between.

Open space provision is well distributed with approximately 540ha of local parks and reserves. Many of these parks are formed out of remnant native forest associated with gullies and steep coastal transitions, particularly in southwestern and central Kaipātiki.

The Kaipātiki Connections Network Plan (2012) identified existing and proposed open space, ecological corridors, cycling and walking connections. The continuing implementation of proposed network connections is a key initiative of the Kaipātiki

Local Board and will improve access and connectivity where associated with the open space network.

Refer Overall Study Area Map.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this study is to assess current playspace provision and play value at a network and individual playspace scale to establish a holistic understanding of relationships between:

- Current playspace distribution, associated catchment level of service and provision.
- Play value and age group provision of individual playspaces.
- General overall condition of individual playspaces and current renewal status.
- Current population distribution and forecast projections.
- SunSmart shade provision within individual playspaces.

Then, through analysis provide recommendations to identify and address:

- Gaps or over supply in playspace provision and development options.
- Gaps in play value or age group provision and opportunities for improvement.
- Relationships between facilities and opportunities for complementary provision of activities.
- Forecast population projections as they relate to shifts in age demographic.
- SunSmart shade provision and opportunities for improvement.
- Renewal priorities and minimum capital works budget requirements based on the above.

Collectively enabling authorities to make informed decisions on playspace renewal priority, required nature of renewals, and relevance of provision from a network perspective.

POLICY CONTEXT

Several documents have informed the development of this report and relevant strategies, plans and policies considered to ensure alignment where applicable.

Refer Appendix H for full list of documents consulted.

OPEN SPACE CONTEXT

Open Space Typologies

Auckland Council's Open Space Provision Policy informs future investment decisions with the aim of creating a high quality open space network. Part 2 of this policy outlines a framework for analysing existing and future provision within an established urban area.

Key public open space types are identified within Part 2 of the Policy with information provided on indicative amenities and provision targets. Open space types / typologies relevant to this play provision audit include:

- Neighbourhood parks
- Suburb parks
- Destination parks
- Connection open spaces
- Civic spaces

These typologies are intrinsic to considering the types of play activities and supporting amenities provided within each playspace.

For the purpose of this report, playspaces have therefore been classified by the open space type they service, and assessed relative to their attributes and contribution to park function and wider network playspace provision.

Playspace Catchment / Service Areas

The Open Space Provision Policy also identifies proposed service / catchment area requirements for each open space type. These relate to acceptable baseline walking distances within applicable density residential areas.

For the purpose of this report, suggested policy radial distance proxies have been adopted in lieu of defining extensive walking distance 'pedsheds'. This approach is aimed at providing a high level informed understanding of geographic provision only.

Refer Assessment Parameters and Definitions (Appendix A) for service area distinctions as they relate to open space types.

SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

The following outlines scope and associated limitations associated with this play provision assessment:

- Playspace assessments and network relationships have been assessed within the Kaipātiki Local Board Study Area only. It is however noted that playspace catchment overlap across local board boundaries is limited and / or not significant. This is due to SH1 Northern Motorway severance of walkable catchments between Kaipātiki and Devonport-Takapuna Local Board areas, and minor catchment overlap with Upper Harbour Local Board playspace facilities by location.
- High level radial catchment analysis in line with Open Space Provision Policy provides an acceptable level of information to enable gap analysis assessment, though it is acknowledged that assessment of walking distances is indicative, with related topographical and physical constraints considered at a high level only.
- In order to alleviate bias in evaluation and provide opportunities for debate and creative discussion, assessments were conducted by two individuals on site and moderated by a third to agree appropriate attribute scores and recommended outcomes.
- Assessment Parameters and Definitions provided in Appendix A are intended to provide clarity with regard to decision making and are neither fully comprehensive nor definitive. They articulate considerations, likely benefits and the merits different types of equipment and spaces.

- Condition assessments are based on supplied Auckland Council asset information and visual inspections only. Where applicable, the condition of equipment should be assessed by a Register of Play Assessors International (RPII) Outdoor Annual Inspector to ensure any safety or compliance issues are addressed.
- SunSmart review is limited to desktop review of playspace orientation and site observation. Although shade provision and any structures have been captured, full summer and winter solstice sun shade studies have not been conducted.
- In depth community consultation was not conducted in the preparation of this report. Future investigation and consultation, particularly with local community, will be required to inform design and implement playspace renewals. This also applies to executing assessments with a high level understanding only of related behavioral issues outside of explicit safety or Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) issues.
- It is acknowledged that timing of individual playspace assessments corresponds with school and annual holiday periods and potential absence of individuals on holiday. It is however considered more appropriate to assess playspaces at this time as opposed to assessing mid term within school hours or the working week.
- Primary and intermediate school playspace locations have been indicated on the maps as they are generally accessible to the general public outside of school hours and provide important play provision within local communities. No further information on the types of play equipment has been evaluated, as single large multi play, obstacle, or climbing elements are typically provided, and this assumption provides a suitable baseline to assess relevance of provision in relation to adjacent playspaces.
- Specific analysis of youth facilities sits outside the scope of this report as defined by Auckland Council Officers, and it is acknowledged that although similar assessment parameters apply in principle, independent review would be required to confirm gaps in provision. This is largely due to distinct differences in types of play provision and associated facilities, physical ability, social independence and investment requirements. However Senior / Youth facilities should not be considered independently as many children transcend age groups in ability. This report therefore provides commentary on perceived gaps in youth facility provision and identifies potential opportunities for further investigation.
- Population Statistics from the 2013 census have been reviewed to ascertain an understanding of age group distribution and projection in relation to play provision. This information has been evaluated to guide decisions on age gap and range improvement requirements for 0-14 year (Early Childhood - Senior) age groups only. No assessment of 14+ youth age groups has been assessed, nor specific demographic or age group distribution by residence undertaken. Commentary is intended as a guide only as there are several factors influencing the accuracy of information as it relates to playspace catchments / service areas.
- It is noted that renewal budgets / cost estimates tabled within this report are indicative only.

METHODOLOGY

ASSESSMENT PARAMETERS AND DEFINITIONS

To ensure a holistic understanding and consistency in assessment of playspaces and context, all sites and network relationships were assessed using Playspace Assessment Parameters and Definitions (Refer Appendix A).

The role of definitions is to enable the assessment of play and SunSmart provision in a systematic manner.

The parameters in this report enable the assessment and classification of play and SunSmart provision relative to the following categories:

- Planned Renewal
- Type (Open Space Typology)
- Location and Access
- Age Group
- Play Value
- Overall Condition
- SunSmart Provision
- Site Amenity and Heritage Provision

Refer Appendix A for full descriptions of categories forming basis of assessment.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Assessment was executed in five stages to establish gaps in play provision and priorities at playspace and network level:

- Establish assessment parameters as outlined above to form basis of individual site assessments. Refer Appendix A.
- Conduct individual playspace assessments to collect raw data on play and SunSmart provision. Refer Appendix B for Individual Playspace Assessment Sheets.
- Collate raw data and prepare Network Map to articulate gaps in play provision and relationships between individual playspaces.
- Undertake analysis of play and SunSmart provision based on site observations, evaluating data to establish priorities based on relevant scoring criteria specific to each category (as set out in Assessment Parameters and Definitions). Refer Appendix C Play and SunSmart Priority Schedule.
- Prepare commentary and recommendations at network and individual playspace level, moderating priority outcomes where necessary to accurately reflect network relationships and condition assessment renewal triggers.

Refer assessment process diagram articulating workflow on facing page. The following sections expand on the assessment process:

CATEGORY SCORING AND PRIORITISATION

Individual Assessment

Individual playspaces were assessed on site against category parameters and scored from 1 (Excellent) to 4 (Poor) based on relevant scoring criteria outlined in Appendix A.

This information is captured within Individual Playspace Assessment Sheets (Appendix B) to identify aspects that require improvement, including establishing qualitative priorities in a holistic manner.

Network Assessment

Following individual playspace assessment, category scores for individual playspaces were then collated, entered into the Play and SunSmart Priority Schedule (Appendix C), and totaled to determine playspace renewal priority ratings at a network level.

Where playspaces received similar scores with different attributes contributing to priority outcomes, distinctions have been made on a case by case basis within recommendations based on gap analysis and network relationships, with priority order adjusted to reflect logical renewal priority at a network level.

INDIVIDUAL PLAYSPACE ASSESSMENT

Timing

To enable an understanding of level of use and type (in so far as practical), all sites were visited in early – mid January 2018, in the height of summer and whilst school-age children were on their summer holiday.

Field Survey

Individual site assessment sheets were filled out on site and the following information captured in accordance with assessment parameters:

- Type (Open Space Typology)
- Location and Access
- Age Group
- Play Value
- Overall Condition
- SunSmart
- Site Amenity and Heritage

Open Space and Age Group Context

As outlined above, open space type and age group information was captured to support desktop assessment of appropriateness of play and age provision from an overall network perspective.

Photo Documentation

Photographs were taken to support commentary and document the range and condition of play equipment. Where sensitivities (such as high user numbers) precluded photo documentation, playspaces were revisited post commencement of the school term.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS DIAGRAM

STEP ONE



ASSESSMENT PARAMETERS AND DEFINITIONS

APPENDIX A

- Type (Open Space Typology)
- Location and Access
- Age Group
- Play Value
- Overall Condition
- SunSmart Provision
- Site Amenity and Heritage Provision

STEP TWO

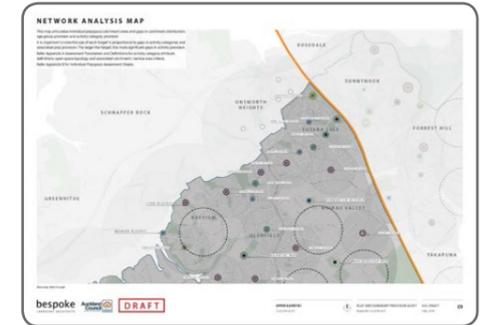


INDIVIDUAL PLAYSPACE ASSESSMENT

APPENDIX B

- Type (Open Space Typology)
- Location and Access
- Age Group
- Play Value
- Overall Condition
- SunSmart Provision
- Site Amenity and Heritage Provision

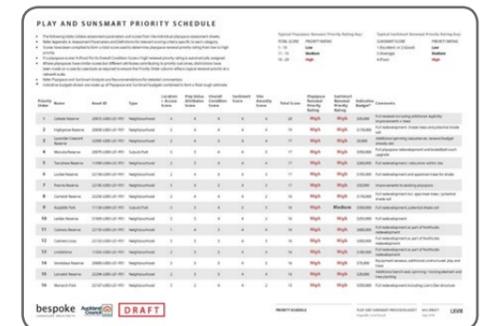
STEP THREE



NETWORK MAPPING

- Network, activity category attribute and age group gaps and relationships

STEP FOUR



PRIORITY ASSESSMENT

APPENDIX C

- Collates scores to determine renewal priority ratings

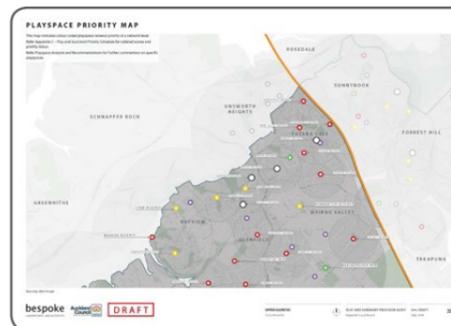
STEP FIVE



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Playspace and SunSmart renewal recommendations and indicative budgets

STEP SIX



PRIORITY MAPPING

- Colour coded priority status shown at a network level

Scoring and Commentary

Location and Access, Play Value, Overall Condition, SunSmart and Site Amenity categories were assessed on site and scored from 1 (Excellent) to 4 (Poor) based on applicable assessment parameters outlined in Appendix A.

This was then reviewed and moderated by the reporting team with areas for improvement identified and supporting commentary included on Individual Playspace Assessment Sheets as applicable.

NETWORK MAPPING

Playspace Catchment / Service Areas

As outlined above and in Appendix A, playspaces have been classified by the open space types they service and mapped in accordance with Auckland Council Open Space Provision Policy targets (2016) to articulate relative distribution of play assets at a network level.

Individual playspace catchment areas are clearly articulated on Network Analysis Maps to provide an understanding of network gaps and overlaps in playspace provision.

Play Provision

Building on raw data collected from individual playspace sites, information has been mapped at a network level to illustrate gaps in age, and activity category provision.

Gaps in provision are graphically articulated as 'targets' on the Network Analysis Map. These bullseyes represent age provision gaps, with activity category gaps illustrated by color coded concentric rings.

The size of each 'target' is proportional to gaps in activity categories and associated play provision. The larger the 'target', the more significant gaps in activity provision.

SunSmart Provision

As with play provision, raw data collected from individual playspace sites has been mapped at a network level to illustrate the level of SunSmart / shade provision provided in individual playspaces.

The Existing SunSmart Map (Appendix F) colour codes the quality of shade provided for each playspace as defined in the SunSmart Assessment Parameters and Definitions within Appendix A.

Population Age Range and Distribution

The projected population age distribution as of 2013 Census has been mapped to enable assessment of current age provision gaps against projected population age distribution. Refer Appendix D for population projection analysis.

PLAYSPACE ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Network Analysis

Network mapping and associated identification of gaps enables review of network distribution and play provision in an holistic manner, and informs evaluation and commentary on:

- Network location and access.
- Catchment / service area provision and appropriateness of playspaces as they relate to the network as a whole.
- Relevance of gaps in play and age provision in relation to adjacent playspace provisions and projected population.

Applicable commentary on the above network relationships for individual playspaces is included in the Playspace Analysis and Recommendations section of this report.

Playspace Analysis

The following provisions are considered in the assessment of each individual playspace whilst giving consideration to wider network context:

- Site Characteristics
- Age Group
- Play Value and Activity
- Overall Condition
- Amenity and Heritage

This assessment builds on the network analysis and identifies explicit gaps in the playspace's play value provision to inform potential improvements and / or contribution to the network as a whole.

Applicable commentary on individual playspace features and considerations is included in the Playspace Analysis and Recommendations section of this report.

Recommendations

Based on network and individual playspace analysis outlined above, recommendations identify priority status and where applicable:

- Age group focus of the facility
- Opportunities to improve play value
- Minimum activity category requirements
- Renewal considerations

Specific equipment selections are however not identified (unless condition dictates immediate replacement) to enable flexibility and creative thinking in design development.

In this regard, analysis commentary and associated recommendations provide the necessary foundation to inform the preparation of playspace design / renewal development briefs.

Network Over Supply

Geographic distribution and activity provision have been considered in an holistic manner for the play network in its entirety. As identification of gaps in provision is important to ensure investment is appropriately directed, so is the identification of areas where facility oversupply is evident.

Playspaces in close proximity have therefore been compared with each other to assess relative contribution to the play network and opportunities to develop complementary activities identified.

In some instances however, contributing factors including location, significant catchment overlap (with associated oversupply of provision), access and condition warrant consideration of decommission and transfer of funding to nearby facilities with potential to provide better investment outcomes.

Although this report is explicit in identifying relationships and recommendations for prioritisation and development, it is acknowledged that the proposed decommission of playspaces requires additional investigation, discussion and consultation to rationalise potential removal from the network.

Based on the above, the following playspaces have been identified for potential removal or adjustment in play function / type based on their contribution to the network as a whole:

- Elliott Reserve
- Lenihan Reserve
- Northcote Shops
- Sapphire Reserve
- Target Reserve
- Teviot Reserve

It is recommended that the design and planning of playspaces with overlapping catchment, the timing of potential decommissions and associated implementation of network improvements should all be developed in tandem to ensure appropriate provision and network outcomes.

Consideration should also be given to ensuring existing facilities live out their intended lifespan, with facilities identified for decommission in good condition, or those that have been recently upgraded, maintained until nearby facilities are improved, or equipment retention is no longer viable.

Refer to Playspace Analysis and Recommendations for additional commentary as it relates to identified playspaces above.

Playspace Priority Maps

The Playspace Priority Maps colour code the priority status for each playspace based on analysis and recommendations outlined above.

This provides an understanding of priorities at a network level and has a direct relationship with the Play and SunSmart Priority Schedule (Appendix C).

SUNSMART ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

SunSmart Analysis

SunSmart analysis scores are repeated from the Individual Playspace Assessment Sheets. These scores are based on shade type and shade quality assessment parameters, as outlined in Appendix A.

Recommendations

Recommendations identify priority status and where applicable:

- Options to include shade structures or specimen tree planting
- Potential locations for shade structures or specimen tree planting

- Potential locations for playspace and supporting elements to take advantage of existing shade provision

In this regard, recommendations provide the necessary foundation to inform the preparation of SunSmart design / renewal development briefs.

NATURE SPACES AND TRAILS

Several reserves have the potential for the development of nature play elements in association with existing playspaces, and it is proposed that future nature play implementation and playspace renewals are considered holistically to ensure a full provision of activity category attributes and excellent play value within each reserve.

The Nature Spaces and Trails Feasibility Assessment prepared by Bespoke Landscape Architects [draft September 2018] identifies additional sites for future nature play investment within the Kaipātiki area; comparing overall patterns and synergies between existing nature reserves, ecosystems, Kaipātiki Explorer walking routes and overall playspace provision to assess opportunities at a network level.

Sites proposed within the Nature Spaces and Trails Assessment will provide additional unstructured play opportunities within the current playspace network and are located within a range of natural / ecosystem experiences. Typically comprising creative, balance / jumping and climbing activity category attributes, nature play sites will also support valuable educational and community engagement initiatives.

In general, this report has recommended improvements to unstructured, contextual and balance play opportunities where appropriate and considered in conjunction with multiple-use proprietary equipment renewal or addition.

Although not necessarily specific 'nature play' interventions, the inclusion of unstructured and contextual improvements will facilitate greater engagement and exploration within the wider landscape environment.

STUDY SYNOPSIS

QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION

There are clear gaps in playspace provision in central and southern Kaipātiki, as indicated on the Network Analysis Map. There are some opportunities to install playspaces within existing reserves, however, some areas would require potential property acquisition to address gaps due to absence of suitable reserves.

The nature of the road network, land use and topography (ridgeline roads servicing residential areas associated with often steep underlying gully systems) sever many potential catchments. This in combination with limited logical (or feasible) open space connections and extensive bush reserves limits the opportunities to fill gaps in playspace provision.

With this in mind, potential options to address identified gaps include:

- Bayview – investigate new playspace facility within Anne McLean Reserve. Although close to Lynn and Pemberton Reserves, it services a distinct

catchment due to street network and topography and warrants inclusion.

- Beach Haven South – investigate potential property acquisition near Island Bay Road / Pluto Place intersection.
- Birkdale North – investigate potential property acquisition near Birkdale Road / Flaxdale Street intersection.
- Birkenhead East – investigate potential property acquisition near Hinemoa Street / Rugby Road intersection or consider Telephone Road Reserve for potential playspace facility.
- Chatswood – investigate potential property acquisition near Porritt Avenue / Blundell Place intersection. Holyoake Place Reserve is nearby but unsuitable due to access issues.
- Kauri Glen Park – investigate potential property acquisition near Kauri Glen Road entrance.
- Chelsea – investigate new playspace facility within Mick Stanley Memorial Reserve.
- Glenfield Central – investigate new playspace facility within Greenvalley Reserve.
- Glenfield North – investigate potential new playspace facility within Diana Reserve.
- Hillcrest – investigate potential new playspace facilities within Hillcrest Reserve and Sunnybrae Green Reserve (although the latter is located on busy Sunnybrae Road, on the edge of residential and light industry zones).
- Northcote – investigate new playspace facility within Jessie Tonar Reserve. Note this reserve is included within the Northcote Greenway plans, which will link it with Greenslade, Cadness and Cadness Loop Reserves.
- Pupuke Road area – investigate potential property acquisition near Pupuke Road / Lydia Avenue intersection.

Conversely, there are instances of over supply within northern Kaipātiki (Bayview and Totaravale) and Northcote due to the proximity and associated catchment overlap of facilities. Where appropriate, it is recommended that facilities in close proximity to each other are developed in a complementary manner, or decommissioned. Refer Playspace Analysis and Recommendations for specific commentary.

Facilities within the Kaipātiki network to be considered for decommission include:

- Elliott Reserve
- Lenihan Reserve
- Northcote Shops
- Sapphire Reserve
- Target Reserve
- Teviot Reserve

ACTIVITY PROVISION

There are several gaps in activity play provision in the Kaipātiki study area including:

- Creative, sound / music play activities that are consistently absent in play facilities.
- Considerable gaps in balance / jumping activities (39% of playspaces).
- Role play / collaborative play, although accommodated in most instances, the provision and quality of elements is limited.

This is generally symptomatic of limitations associated with the provision of legacy modular equipment, the era of manufacture and style of implementation. Whilst researching individual playspaces, it was discovered that several playspaces (at least six) contain equipment that is more than eighteen years old and / or remain completely unchanged since original install.

AGE PROVISION

Age provision within the Kaipātiki study area has very minor gaps in Early Childhood (0-4 yrs) and no gaps in Childhood (5-9 yrs), with majority of age gap associated with the Junior (10-12 yrs) and Senior (13+) age group categories.

Additional supporting bike, skate and BMX facilities are provided in association with playspaces at several parks. These range from learn to ride trails to full skateparks and a BMX pump track. There are also 10 basketball court facilities (mostly half courts) incorporated within reserves investigated in this report. These facilities extend supplementary age provision to include the Junior and Senior age groups, most notably at Birkenhead War Memorial Park and Marlborough Park.

As outlined previously, it is acknowledged that the provision of youth facilities sits outside of this document's scope. However Senior / Youth facilities should not be considered independently as many children transcend age groups in ability. In this regard, the following playspaces could be considered for the inclusion or addition of challenging, youth focussed elements:

- Rewi Alley Reserve
- Normanton Reserve
- Manuka Reserve
- Tui Park
- Cadness Reserve
- Stafford Park
- Birkenhead War Memorial Park

Refer to individual Playspace Analysis and Recommendations for applicable commentary on potential improvements.

SUNSMART PROVISION

Provision of shade within the Kaipātiki study area is predominantly in the form of respite provided by mature tree planting, to varying degrees of effectiveness, with limited provision of supplementary structures (such as shade sails).

Most playspaces require investment to improve existing shade provision.

POPULATION DYNAMICS

Projected population data and distribution has been considered when assessing the provision of age appropriate facilities within applicable census units.

For the purpose of this report Statistics NZ 2013 census and medium projection data has been used to evaluate population distribution at the scale of the individual age group (0-4, 5-9 and 10-14 years) and census area unit. The following summarises findings:

- The population of under 15-year-olds is projected to increase by 5% from 16,960 to 17,890 by 2043.
- The Kaipātiki Local Board area has notably more Early Childhood age children (0-4 yrs) than other age groups. Population distribution is projected to shift, with a slight reduction in Early Childhood and an increase in Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs). The Childhood age group (5-9 yrs) is projected to remain steady, at 32% of under 14s. This highlights the need to continue to provide for all age groups, whilst addressing gaps in Junior (10-12 yrs) play provision.
- Several census units are also projected to experience increases in the number of 10 to 14-year-olds. Again, this underscores the importance of providing an even distribution of challenging playspaces with appropriate equipment geared towards the Junior age group (with supplementary provision for youth).

In addition, the New Zealand Recreation Association's website states that the median rate of playspace provision in New Zealand is 4 playspaces per 1000 children under 15. According to NZ 2013 Census data medium projections for 2043 collated by this study, the Kaipātiki Local Board area will accommodate approximately 3.0 Council-owned and managed playspaces per 1000 children under 15.

As outlined above, the ability to increase provision is complicated by the road network, land use and topography that restrict opportunities to increase network provision of playspaces. Should suggested options to address gaps be implemented, resulting in the development of an additional 7 playspaces, provision would be increased to 3.4 Council-owned and managed playspaces per 1000 children under 15 (factoring in the removal of 6 playspaces).

However, other than clear gaps in provision in northern southwestern and central Kaipātiki, analysis illustrates that playspaces are generally appropriately distributed and in line with Auckland Council's Open Space Provision Policy walking distance provision targets.

INVESTMENT

A range of approaches to investment are identified, from full redevelopment to installation of additional equipment to address gaps in provision.

Recommendations are playspace specific, dependent on context and include:

- Investment in amenity and play value (connecting elements and providing for multiple use) where equipment is in good condition and playspace provides appropriate activity category attribute provision.
- Investment in additional equipment pieces to address notable gaps in play provision (activity category attribute and / or age provision gaps). These additions would typically include supplementary improvements to surfacing,

provision of amenity and / or unstructured play elements when integrating existing and proposed equipment pieces.

- Strategic investment in full redevelopment due to poor overall condition, or where a specific shift in play provision and function is required.

Refer to Playspace and SunSmart Analysis and Recommendations for assessment of perceived facility investment required on an individual basis.

KAIPĀTIKI PLAY AUDIT

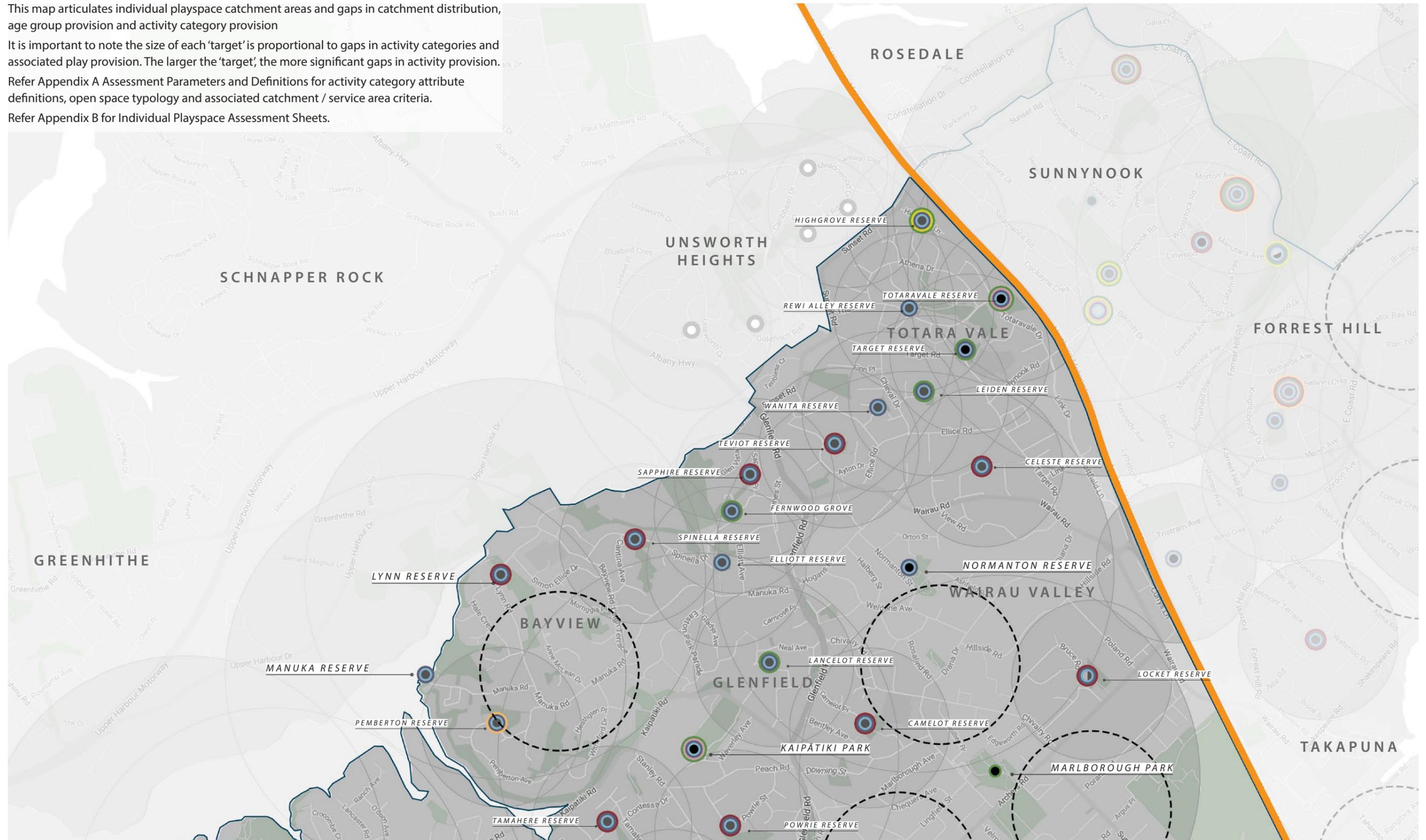
NETWORK ANALYSIS MAP

This map articulates individual playspace catchment areas and gaps in catchment distribution, age group provision and activity category provision

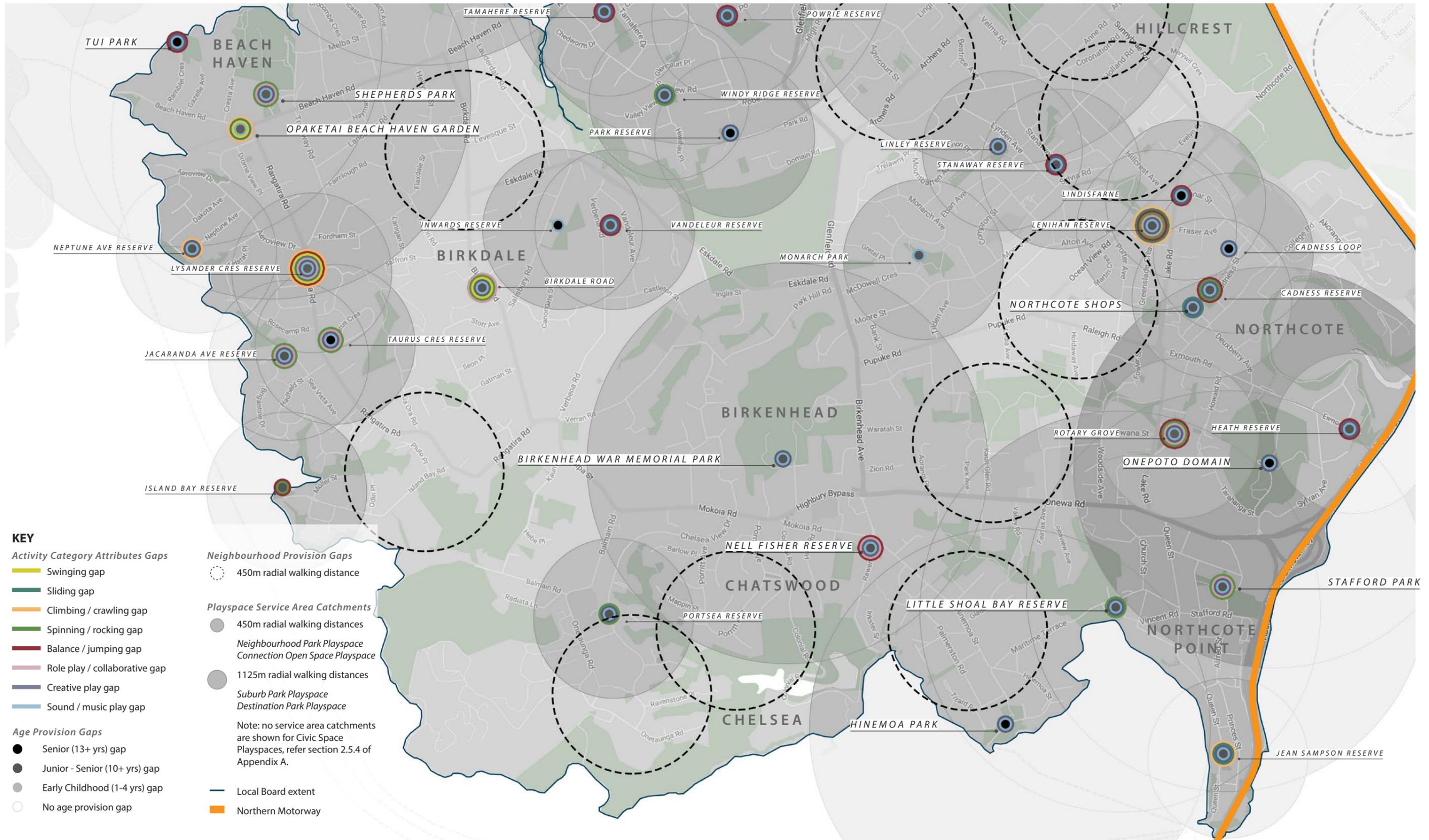
It is important to note the size of each 'target' is proportional to gaps in activity categories and associated play provision. The larger the 'target', the more significant gaps in activity provision.

Refer Appendix A Assessment Parameters and Definitions for activity category attribute definitions, open space typology and associated catchment / service area criteria.

Refer Appendix B for Individual Playspace Assessment Sheets.



Base map data: Google



KEY

Activity Category Attributes Gaps

- █ Swinging gap
- █ Sliding gap
- █ Climbing / crawling gap
- █ Spinning / rocking gap
- █ Balance / jumping gap
- █ Role play / collaborative gap
- █ Creative play gap
- █ Sound / music play gap

Age Provision Gaps

- Senior (13+ yrs) gap
- Junior - Senior (10+ yrs) gap
- Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) gap
- No age provision gap

Neighbourhood Provision Gaps

- 450m radial walking distance

Playspace Service Area Catchments

- 450m radial walking distances
- 1125m radial walking distances
- Neighbourhood Park Playspace
- Connection Open Space Playspace
- Suburb Park Playspace
- Destination Park Playspace

Note: no service area catchments are shown for Civic Space Playspaces, refer section 2.5.4 of Appendix A.

- Local Board extent
- Northern Motorway

Base map data: Google



PLAYSPACE ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The subsequent section includes commentary on the following as it relates to each individual playspace:

- Network analysis, including location and access, catchment provision and relevant gaps in play and age provision;
- Playspace analysis, including site characteristics, age group, play value and activities, condition and amenity and heritage;
- Recommendations, identifying priority status, minimum requirements, opportunities and considerations;
- Indicative budgets, identifying potential monetary allowances for investment;

Refer Appendix A Assessment Parameters and Definitions and Playspace Priority Map.

BIRKDALE ROAD PLAYGROUND

Network Analysis

- Birkdale Road playspace is associated with a collection of community facilities including Birkdale Community House, Birkdale Kauri Kids Early Childhood Education Centre and a community hall. Adjacent / nearby community and commercial facilities include Birkdale Primary School, Birkenhead College, bakery, laundromat, pharmacy and medical clinic.
- The playspace is clearly visible and accessible to pedestrians and motorists using the road.
- The playspace has catchment overlap with Inwards and, to a lesser extent, Vandeleur Reserve.
- There is a neighbourhood play facility gap in adjacent north Birkdale. There are limited opportunities to install additional playspaces in these areas without acquisition. Refer Executive Summary.
- The facility has good play value, with a high degree of customisation, despite multiple activity category attribute gaps in role play / collaborative play, swinging, spinning / rocking, sound / music and creative play.
- Current play provision accommodates predominantly Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) age group, with additional opportunity for the Childhood (5-9 yrs) age group to participate and enjoy the play activities on offer.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Childhood to Senior age groups (5-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- The playspace is located to the front of the site. An area of grass open space separates the playspace from buildings and entry threshold. An off-street car park is provided, with a fence, small retaining wall and planted buffer providing separation to the playspace.
- Equipment predominantly consists of custom timber balance and climbing play equipment. There is also a proprietary slide installed on a synthetic turf mound.

- A single bench seat is provided under the shade sails.
- No formal, all-weather path access to the playspace is currently provided. The ground was quite muddy when we visited, precluding wheelchair or buggy access (June 2018).

Recommendations

The playspace receives a low priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- All-weather path access is provided to the playspace.
- Future equipment renewal prioritises the addition of a collaborative spinning / rocking play element to provide an additional activity category attribute.
- Additional sound or music play elements are considered to provide additional creative interaction opportunities.

Indicative Budget

\$5000 for footpath connecting playspace with main entry threshold. \$5000 for a spinner or rocking element.

BIRKENHEAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK

Network Analysis

- Birkenhead War Memorial Park is located close to Birkenhead's suburban commercial centre and the intersection of Birkenhead Avenue and Highbury Bypass. Birkenhead Primary School is within walking distance however Highbury Bypass may limit access.
- The playspace is not visible from the street network or residential properties and is not legible from the main park entrance.
- The park accommodates multiple sports and recreation activities (swimming pool, leisure centre, cricket club, pump track, stakepark, high ropes) and is home to resident clubs, subject to visitation from outside of catchment, and therefore host to a wide range of age groups participating in active sports recreation. The main grandstand has been closed to the public since 2016, affecting the Northcote Tigers Rugby League Club, Calliope Athletic and Harrier Club and Birkenhead Rifle Club. Toilet facilities are provided next to the playspace.
- The park is part of the Kaipātiki Bike, Skate & BMX facilities with its skate park and pump track.
- The park is technically classified as a suburb park within the Open Space Provision Policy framework. However, given the nature of adjacent amenities, the park can also be considered a destination facility.
- A masterplan for the whole park is currently being produced and will be released for public consultation in October 2018.
- The closest playspace is located at Nell Fisher Reserve, a civic space 1km away in Birkenhead's suburban centre with busy roads limiting connectivity.

- The playspace has gaps in sound / music and creative play activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by significant native bush alongside open areas for a range of sports and recreation activities. The playspace is installed at the interface between sports fields and residential.
- The location and legibility of the playspace is poor, with limited exposure from main entrance and adjacent facilities.
- Play equipment consists of a multi unit with slide and climbing / crawling activities, timber balance bridge crossing, spinner and swings.
- The playspace provides a neighbourhood-level play provision and experience within the larger suburb park and feels supplementary to the park's primary recreation focus, due to its size and poor legibility.
- Age group provision is limited when compared with the overall park age range provision (which includes a pump track, skatepark and other sport and recreation facilities) and minimum baseline requirements for suburb parks.
- There is limited space to extend the playspace in its current location.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a medium priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- Opportunities to relocate the playspace are considered as part of the masterplanning process, so that more challenging equipment can be installed, and overall legibility improved.
- At minimum, the playspace needs to be in a prominent location, with good visibility and connectivity to supporting facilities (skate, pump track).
- Future playspace renewal or redevelopment extends age provision to include the Junior age group.
- Future renewal or redevelopment ensures all activity category attributes currently recorded in the playspace are retained, not necessarily by the same equipment types or in the same aesthetic.
- Play provision is well connected, challenging, inclusive, and provides for multiple use where possible.
- A balance is sought between standard and customised elements to improve play value, including investment in setting and amenity.
- The inclusion of a basketball half court facility is explored.

Indicative Budget

Up to \$600,000 for full redevelopment in a new location within the park.

CADNESS LOOP

Network Analysis

- The reserve forms an island in the middle of a residential loop road. There are no pedestrian crossings or courtesy crossings provided. The reserve has excellent visibility but poor accessibility for young and less able children.
- Onepoto Primary School and Northcote Intermediate School are within walking distance of the reserve.
- The surrounding area is scheduled for redevelopment to improve and increase housing and revitalise the town centre by Panuku Development Auckland, HLC and Housing New Zealand.
- A greenway plan was released in October 2017 by HLC and Panuku that shows a re-orientated and redeveloped Cadness Loop linking in with the proposed walking and cycling route. The greenway plan stipulates the redeveloped reserve will include spaces for people to gather and play.
- The reserve has significant catchment overlap with Cadness Reserve, Lindisfarne, Lenihan Reserve and Northcote Shops. The reserve is also within Onepoto Domain's suburb catchment.
- The close proximity to Cadness Reserve, Lindisfarne, Lenihan Reserve and Northcote Shops enables consideration of the relevance, appropriateness and uniqueness of play provision within each.
- The playspace has activity category attribute gaps in sound / music and creative play.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Junior (10-12 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- The playspace is set within a large, timber-edged bark cushionfall area surrounded by open grass. There is no fence or planting buffer to separate children from the loop road.
- The reserve lacks all-weather path access to equipment.
- Play equipment consists of a large steel multi unit, a double seesaw, a 1 bay swing and spacenet. Equipment is in average condition due to high use and sun fade.
- The playspace has an average play value score despite the range of activity category attributes covered by the current equipment. Equipment and the activities supported lack opportunities for unstructured and balance / jumping play.

- The playspace also lacks additional supporting elements, such as planting, level changes, playable edges et cetera that would provide informal play opportunities and add landscape amenity and character.
- A basketball half court is provided.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a high priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is noted that:

- Proposed plans to reorientate the reserve and integrate it with the proposed greenway and daylighted stream will result in improved accessibility from adjacent schools and residential development. Indicative Budget
- As part of future redevelopment, it is recommended that:
- The playspace focuses on Early Childhood and Childhood age groups (1-9 yrs).
 - Play provision should be accommodated by exploring and implementing challenging, inclusive, multiple use and connected play elements, including creative and sound / music play activities.
 - Challenging balance and climbing equipment is included.
 - Play equipment and supporting activities for the Junior and Senior age groups are installed in Cadness Reserve instead.
 - Activity category attribute provision is carefully considered and planned to ensure provision of unique experiences between Cadness Loop, Lindisfarne and Cadness Reserve.

In the short term, improvements to bark cushionfall should be made.

It is also noted that the above recommendations are to be considered in tandem with suggested decommission of Lenihan Reserve, with a view that appropriate catchment coverage, activity category attribute and age range provision is provided at Lindisfarne, Cadness Loop and Cadness Reserves. Refer Lenihan Reserve recommendations for additional commentary.

Indicative Budget

\$5000 improvements to cushionfall in short term. Potential \$300,000 for future playspace redevelopment.

CADNESS RESERVE

Network Analysis

- Cadness Reserve is located off a residential road, between residential properties and Northcote's suburban commercial and community centre.
- A path links Northcote Shops playspace, Northcote Library and Onepoto Awhina / Northcote Community House with the reserve.
- The surrounding area is scheduled for redevelopment to improve and increase housing and revitalise the town centre by Panuku Development Auckland, HLC and Housing New Zealand.
- A greenway plan was released in October 2017 by HLC and Panuku. This

proposes that Cadness Reserve is enlarged with improved integration to surrounding commercial facilities.

- The reserve has significant neighbourhood-level catchment overlap with Northcote Shops, Cadness Loop, Lenihan Reserve and Lindisfarne. The reserve is also within Onepoto Domain's suburb-level catchment.
- The close proximity to Cadness Loop, Lindisfarne, Lenihan Reserve and Northcote Shops enables consideration of the relevance, appropriateness and uniqueness of play provision within each.
- The playspace has several activity category gaps in balance / jumping, spinning / rocking, sound / music and creative play.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- The site is made up of a large grass open space between the rear of Northcote Library and community facilities and Cadness Street. The playspace is installed against a basketball court with ramp access provided to the raised timber edge.
- Play equipment consists of a single multi unit and 2 bay swing.
- The playspace provides standard neighbourhood-level provision of swings, slide and climbing activities.
- There is limited equipment provision, with no balance / jumping activities and very limited role play or unstructured play.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a high priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is anticipated that:

- Cadness Reserve will be reconfigured and enlarged as part of the planned Northcote Greenway project and wholesale built fabric / roading network changes.
- Cadness Reserve will extend to encompass the current Northcote Shops / Norman King Square and library building footprint (this assumption based on publicly-available Greenway Plans).

It is noted that the Greenway Plan refers to Cadness Reserve as having "potential to be an active destination playspace, catering for children and youth".

The redeveloped Cadness Reserve would be technically classified as a large civic space or suburb park within the Open Space Provision Policy framework. However, given the nature of adjacent amenities, the future reserve can also be considered a destination facility.

It is recommended that:

- An iconic new facility is established with a focus on accommodating Junior – Senior age groups, with Early Childhood – Childhood age groups accommodated in nearby Cadness Loop.

- Play provision is well connected, challenging, inclusive, and provides for multiple use where possible.
- Creatively-designed 'parkour' experiences (modern obstacle course, including bouldering, rope and net elements for example) could be considered for teenagers to challenge themselves whilst climbing, vaulting, swinging, jumping and rolling.
- A balance is sought between standard and customised elements to improve play value, including investment in setting and amenity.
- A full-sized basketball court is provided.
- Additional skate elements are considered.
- High quality respite and gathering spaces are provided and / or existing shade utilised in design.
- Additional picnic, barbecue and toilet facilities are provided to support extended stay.
- In the short term, improvements to bark cushionfall should be made.

It is also noted that the above recommendations are to be considered in tandem with suggested decommissions of Lenihan Reserve and Northcote Shops playspaces, with a view that appropriate catchment coverage, activity category attribute and age range provision is provided at Lindisfarne, Cadness Loop and Cadness Reserves. Refer Lenihan Reserve and Northcote Shops recommendations for additional commentary.

Indicative Budget

\$5000 improvements to cushionfall in short term. \$800,000+ for future playspace and civic space redevelopment.

CAMELOT RESERVE

Network Analysis

- Camelot Reserve is located within walking distance of Glenfield's suburban centre, surrounded by residential properties and connecting Camelot Place with Battle Place and Bentley Avenue.
- The reserve directly abuts Glenfield Primary School with path access through to playground and buildings.
- The reserve has negligible neighbourhood catchment overlap with Lancelot Reserve, located on other side of busy Glenfield Road, and Marlborough Park. It also falls within Normanton Reserve and Marlborough Park's suburb catchments.
- There is a neighbourhood-level catchment gap to the south. It is recommended that a new playspace facility providing Early Childhood to Childhood age group provision is installed within Greenvalley Reserve.
- The playspace has gaps in balance / jumping, sound / music and creative play.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.

- The Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs) are projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, with overall proportional increases in the Childhood to Senior age groups (5-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by a flat grass terrace with a slight bank transition to a lower area. The playspace is installed at the crossroads of two pedestrian paths.
- The playspace provides standard neighbourhood-level provision of swings, slide and seesaw.
- Overall limited equipment provision with no balance / jumping activities and insufficient role play or unstructured play opportunities.
- The playspace is in poor condition.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a high priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- Full redevelopment of the playspace is actioned due to the poor condition of existing equipment. At minimum, any redevelopment should include all activity category attributes currently recorded in the playspace.
- The existing facility maintains provision focus on Early Childhood – Childhood age groups whilst allowing for supplementary provision of elements to improve play provision for Junior age group.
- Play value should be improved to include more collaborative balance / jumping and spinning / rocking provision, with additional creative or interactive elements incorporated as budget and space allows.
- As part of the redevelopment, additional supporting elements with unstructured play value are incorporated to complement proprietary play equipment and add landscape amenity and character. These could include logs or boulders, stepping stones, robust planting, small grass mounds and a playable edge rather than standard timber edge.

Indicative Budget

\$150,000 for full redevelopment.

CELESTE RESERVE

Network Analysis

- Celeste Reserve is tucked away between residential properties and light industrial warehouses. The reserve forms part of a pedestrian connection between Celeste Place, Woodall Place and Target Road.
- The playspace is not visible from the road, although there is some passive surveillance from residential properties backing onto the reserve.
- The reserve has catchment overlap with Teviot, Wanita, Leiden and Target Reserves and falls within Normanton Reserve's suburb catchment. However, connectivity to Teviot, Leiden, Target and Wanita Reserves is severed by the

Ellice Road light industrial area, with Wairau Road restricting pedestrian access to Normanton Reserve.

- The playspace has gaps in balance / jumping, role play / collaborative, creative and sound / music activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by a gently sloping grass open space, bordered by residential properties on all sides with a tall mixed planting buffer to adjacent light industrial warehouses.
- There is very poor legibility from street, with associated CPTED issues.
- Access and legibility improvements should be considered at the Target Road and Celeste Place pedestrian entrances.
- Play equipment is standalone and simplistic, consisting of a standalone slide, 1 bay swing and springer seesaw. Equipment meets minimum baseline requirements for neighbourhood playspaces.
- The playspace lacks additional supporting elements, such as planting, level changes, playable edges et cetera that would provide informal play opportunities and add landscape amenity and character.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a high priority rating from its combined assessment scores, however the sole attribute warranting retention over disestablishment is its status as the only playspace servicing the 450m catchment between Ludlow Terrace and Target Road. Because of complexities of acquisition of property and function of Ellice Road industrial area, there are limited opportunities to investigate additional facility provision. It is recommended that:

- Future renewal prioritises access and legibility improvements to the path network as a whole (from Target Road to Celeste Place).
- A CPTED safety assessment is actioned and used to evaluate suitability of renewal investment. At minimum, entrance legibility should be improved with the inclusion of wayfinding signage and other contextual design interventions to indicate public access, as appropriate.
- Playspace renewal improves play value whilst maintaining current activity category attributes (climbing, swinging, sliding, spinning / rocking) in principle.
- Additional contextual elements that provide unstructured play value for the Early Childhood age range are incorporated. These could include balance beams, boulders, hardy planting, a playable edge and / or informal grass mounds and level changes.
- A bench seat is installed.

Indicative Budget

\$90,000 for playspace renewal including full equipment replacement and additional legibility improvements.

ELLIOTT RESERVE

Network Analysis

- Elliott Reserve is located alongside Glenfield Tennis Club and links two residential streets, Elliott Avenue and Malibu Grove.
- Manuka Primary School is located directly to the south of the playspace, across Manuka Road.
- The playspace is not legible or visible from the street due to its location behind residential lots, tennis courts and significant areas of vegetation and mature trees.
- The facility has significant neighbourhood catchment overlap with Spinella Reserve and Fernwood Grove, and to a lesser extent, Lancelot and Sapphire Reserves.
- The close proximity to Fernwood Grove and Spinella Reserve enables consideration of the relevance, appropriateness and uniqueness of play provision within each.
- The playspace has a poor play value score, despite having minor activity attribute gaps, due to a high degree of standardisation and separation between elements.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Childhood to Senior age groups (5-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by a wide open grass area with mature trees around the north and western borders. All-weather path access is provided to equipment from the Elliott Avenue / tennis club entrance, with no path access provided from Malibu Grove.
- Equipment is clustered into two bark cushionfall zones at opposite ends of the site. Swings are installed next to the tennis court fence and a large multi unit and see saw are provided at the southern end of the site.
- Equipment and the activities supported lack opportunities for unstructured, imaginative play, with very limited to non-existent role play or interactive game elements.
- The playspace also lacks additional supporting elements, such as planting, level changes, playable edges et cetera that would provide informal play opportunities and add landscape amenity and character.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a high priority rating from its combined assessment scores due to the poor condition of equipment. It is noted that nearby Fernwood Grove and Spinella Reserve are more suitably positioned from a network perspective to support investment in the Childhood to Junior age groups, with superior play value, condition and location / access scores. It is therefore suggested that Elliott Reserve be decommissioned in lieu of unstructured / nature play elements, or developed as an Early Childhood-focused playspace to support the proposed network improvements to Fernwood and Spinella playspaces.

If equipment provision is to be renewed, it is recommended that proprietary equipment pieces are limited to slide and swings, with additional balance and rocking play elements provided by low-cost, unstructured / nature play elements.

In general, it is anticipated that an Early Childhood age group focus will support further caregiver supervision and necessary passive surveillance within the reserve, with the intention that more independent Childhood to Junior-aged children are catered for in the enhanced Fernwood Grove and Spinella Reserves, through reallocation of renewal budget.

Wayfinding and access improvements should also be provided and informal sports elements like small football goals considered for additional activation.

Indicative Budget

\$95,000 for demolition of existing equipment in poor condition and installation of proprietary play equipment pieces and nature play equipment.

FERNWOOD GROVE

Network Analysis

- Fernwood Grove is located on the corner of two residential streets, clearly legible and visible from surrounding residential lots and to passing motorists / pedestrians.
- The facility has significant neighbourhood catchment overlap with Sapphire Reserve and Elliott Reserve, and to a lesser extent, Spinella Reserve.
- The close proximity to Elliott Reserve (5-minute walk) and Sapphire Reserve (3-minute walk) enables consideration of the relevance, appropriateness and uniqueness of play provision within each.
- The playspace has some activity category attributes gaps, including the standard creative and sound / music play gaps, with a good play value score due to the custom play elements and integrated planting.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups, however equipment is primarily intended for toddlers and young children.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Childhood to Senior age groups (5-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by a mostly flat, grass open space. The playspace itself is ringed by a slight planted bund with ramped path access into the main bark cushionfall area. Mature cabbage trees are dominant within the planted bund and amongst play equipment, providing additional visual character.
- The main equipment piece is a custom timber and galvanised steel slide unit. Stair access is provided, allowing young children / toddlers easy access to the main platform.
- Custom timber and concrete balance play elements are provided around the perimeter of the playspace.
- There is a lack of swinging opportunities for children older than small toddlers. This reinforces the general Early Childhood age group focus.
- A lack of spinning / rocking play equipment is unusual for playspaces of this nature and should be considered for future renewals.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a medium priority rating from its combined assessment scores. Considering its superior network position, play value attribute score and visibility when compared with Sapphire and Elliott Reserves, it is recommended that:

- The playspace is extended toward 134 Spinella Drive to provide supplementary provision for the Childhood and Junior age groups, with existing equipment and elements retained.
- Clear width for maintenance vehicle access to the rear grass open space is retained.
- Supplementary equipment provision should focus on swings for older children and more challenging climbing / balancing play, incorporating self-directed / challenging, multiple-use, inclusive and connected play experiences. The addition of a collaborative spinning / rocking play element should also be prioritised.
- A bench seat is provided for caregivers.
- Additional creative or unstructured play opportunities are explored and incorporated for the Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs). This could include sound / music play elements, a marble run element et cetera.

It is noted that the above recommendations are to be considered in tandem with suggested decommission of Elliott and Sapphire Reserve, with a view that appropriate catchment coverage, activity category attribute and age range provision is provided at Fernwood Grove and Spinella Reserve. Refer Elliott and Sapphire Reserve recommendations for additional commentary.

Indicative Budget

\$130,000 for additional Childhood and Junior provision.

HEATH RESERVE

Network Analysis

- Heath Reserve is located at the end of Exmouth Road and forms one end of the Tuff Crater Walkway.
- Kaipātiki Explorer route connections link the reserve to Onepoto Domain via Heath and Sylvan Avenues.
- The playspace is legible from the road despite significant tree planting.
- The reserve has neighbourhood-level catchment overlap with Onepoto Domain, a Destination Park.
- The playspace has gaps in balance / jumping, sound / music and creative play activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by a relatively flat grass open space with significant tree planting and an open stormwater channel / drain.
- Play equipment is installed within a raised timber edge and comprises standard neighbourhood playspace provision (swings, standalone slide with ladder, seesaw).
- No all weather path or ramp access is provided to the playspace, limiting accessibility.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a medium priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- Equipment condition is monitored in the short term.
- Full redevelopment is actioned when equipment elements are at the end of their serviceable life. At minimum, any redevelopment should include all activity category attributes currently recorded in the playspace.
- The facility maintains provision focus on Early Childhood – Childhood age groups whilst allowing for supplementary provision of elements to improve play provision for Junior age group.
- Play value should be improved to include more collaborative balance / jumping and spinning / rocking provision, with additional creative or interactive elements incorporated as budget and space allows.
- As part of the redevelopment, additional supporting elements with unstructured play value are incorporated to complement proprietary play equipment and add landscape amenity and character. These could include logs or boulders, stepping stones, robust planting, small grass mounds or a playable edge rather than standard timber edge.

- Path access is integrated within the redevelopment to improve accessibility.

Indicative Budget

\$150,000 for full redevelopment.

HIGHGROVE RESERVE

Network Analysis

- Highgrove Reserve is situated in the uppermost extent of the Kaipātiki Local Board area, on an isolated cul-de-sac residential road close to the Northern Motorway.
- The playspace is clearly legible from the road. There is good visibility from surrounding residential properties.
- Although the reserve has catchment overlap with Rewi Alley and Totaravale Reserves, there is limited pedestrian connectivity between these reserves due to street network layout and topography.
- The reserve also has catchment overlap with Devonshire, Meadowood and Exeter Reserves across the Local Board boundary in Unsworth Heights (part of Upper Harbour Local Board).
- The playspace has gaps in swinging and spinning / rocking activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by a gently sloping open grass area adjacent to a steep, bush-covered path loop. Several 90-degree angle car park spaces are provided with path access provided to the bark cushionfall surface.
- The equipment consists of a single multi unit with various climbing, balancing and sliding activities.
- The playspace was installed prior to December 1997 (based on Google Earth historical aerial review). In the short term, prior to implementation of recommended improvements, equipment in poor condition requires assessment by a RPII Outdoor Annual Inspector to ensure compliance with safety standards.
- Equipment and the activities supported lack opportunities for unstructured, imaginative play, with very limited to non-existent role play or interactive game elements.
- The playspace also lacks additional supporting elements, such as planting, level changes, playable edges et cetera that would provide informal play opportunities and add landscape amenity and character.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a high priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- The facility maintains focus on Early Childhood to Childhood age groups.
- Full redevelopment is prioritised due to equipment condition and age. At minimum, any redevelopment should include all activity category attributes currently recorded in the playspace.
- The multi unit is replaced with a new unit incorporating self-directed / challenging, multiple-use, inclusive and connected play.
- Swing and spinning / rocking elements are included to bring playspace up to minimum baseline requirements.
- Additional supporting elements with unstructured play value are incorporated to complement proprietary play equipment, provide extra informal balance play and add landscape amenity and character. These could include logs or boulders, stepping stones, robust planting, small grass mounds and / or a playable edge rather than standard timber edge.
- Seating is incorporated within the redevelopment.

Indicative Budget

\$150,000 for full redevelopment.

HINEMOA PARK

Network Analysis

- Hinemoa Park is located next to Birkenhead Ferry Terminal between road and the Waitemata Harbour.
- The playspace is legible from the road despite level change and significant trees along the road interface.
- The park has no neighbourhood-level catchment overlap with surrounding facilities. Little Shoal Bay Reserve falls within its suburb park catchment.
- There is a neighbourhood-level catchment gap to the north. It is recommended that a new playspace facility providing Early Childhood to Childhood age group provision is installed near Hinemoa Street / Ruby Road (requiring property acquisition) or at Telephone Road Reserve (refer Executive Summary).
- The playspace has gaps in sound / music and creative play activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Junior (10-12 yrs) age groups.
- Proportional increases in the Junior to Senior age groups (10-14 yrs) are projected for the surrounding census area unit.

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by its proximity to the harbour, rolling level change and significant mature pohutukawa tree coverage.

- Playspace equipment is grouped into two areas of bark cushionfall with raised timber edges and no ramp access.
- All equipment is proprietary and standalone. There is limited provision for the Early Childhood and Junior age groups.
- The playspace has an average play value score despite the range of activity category attributes covered by the current equipment. Equipment and the activities supported lack opportunities for unstructured, imaginative play, with no role play or interactive game elements.
- The playspace also lacks additional supporting elements, such as planting, level changes, playable edges et cetera that would provide informal play opportunities and add landscape amenity and character.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a high priority rating from its poor condition score. It is recommended that:

- Due to suburban park function, the existing facility maintains focus on accommodating Early Childhood – Junior age groups.
- The playspace is fully redeveloped. At minimum, any redevelopment should include all activity category attributes currently recorded in the playspace.
- Play value should be improved to include more opportunities for inclusive, multiple use and connected play, with additional creative or interactive elements incorporated as budget allows.
- Sound / music elements like talking tubes and music instruments are considered.
- Overall playspace extent and integration with surrounding context is rethought as part of overall redevelopment.
- Additional supporting elements are incorporated within the design. This could include planting, level changes, playable edges et cetera that provide informal play opportunities and add landscape amenity and character.

Indicative Budget

\$350,000 for full redevelopment.

INWARDS RESERVE

Network Analysis

- Inwards Reserve is located along a residential road, between residential properties and a bush gully. The facility has two entrances from the street: asphalt driveway leading to informal car park and grassed strip between residential properties. Signage is provided at the driveway entrance.
- The reserve has significant catchment overlap with Vandeleur Reserve and Birkdale Road playspaces. However, Vandeleur Reserve is approximately a 1km walk away due to topographical limitations and road layout.
- There is a neighbourhood play facility gap in adjacent north Birkdale. There are

limited opportunities to install additional playspaces in these areas without acquisition. Refer Executive Summary.

- The facility has good play value and only one activity category attribute gap in sound / music play.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood through to Junior age groups (1-12 yrs).
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Childhood to Senior age groups (5-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by a relatively flat grassed open space area dropping away to a regenerating native bush gully.
- Equipment is set within a large expanse of uninterrupted bark cushionfall.
- A pedestrian crossing themed stair access connects a small ‘roundabout’ style seating area with the unmarked car park. This is poorly articulated and hazardous; it appears intended for small children on scooters / bikes (a mini learn to ride), however it is small and isolated without footpath connections. The lollipop crossing signage and zebra stripes seem to suggest pedestrians have right of way within the adjacent car park area, but the crossing doesn’t continue across the asphalt surface.
- Equipment provides a variety of activities for a wide age range, however individual equipment pieces are mostly isolated from each other with no connecting elements such as planting, balancing logs / boulders and the like to break up the bark cushionfall.
- A challenging climbing / balancing rope and timber play structure and custom-themed bus piece provide significant play value and opportunities for challenge and interaction.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a medium priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- Additional supporting elements with unstructured play value are incorporated to complement proprietary play equipment, provide extra informal balance play and add landscape amenity and character. These could include logs or boulders, stepping stones, robust planting, small grass mounds or a playable edge rather than standard timber edge.
- The pedestrian crossing signage, roundabout arrows and white stripe paint is removed to reduce confusion and discourage young children from scootering / cycling close to the stairs. Additional planting should be incorporated on the slope, to frame the stair entrance and create a buffer to the car park.

Indicative Budget

\$10,000 for supporting amenity elements with unstructured play value and additional planting to the stair entrance.

ISLAND BAY RESERVE

Network Analysis

- The reserve is located on the tip of a small promontory, adjacent to Island Bay Wharf, boat ramp, public toilet facility and car park at the end of Island Bay Road.
- The playspace is clearly legible from car park and other facilities.
- There is little catchment overlap with nearby playspaces, with a neighbourhood-level catchment gap to the northeast. There are limited opportunities to install additional playspaces in this area without acquisition, refer Executive Summary.
- The playspace has excellent play value, with activity category gaps in spinning / rocking and balance / jumping play.
- Equipment caters to the Early Childhood to Childhood (1-9 yrs) age groups, with a proportional increase in the Childhood (5-9 yrs) age group projected for the surrounding census area unit.

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by a narrow grass esplanade with pohutukawa tree covered bank. A rip rap embankment separates the tidal estuary from the playspace.
- Equipment is nautically themed, with feature shipwreck equipment providing significant role play, sliding, climbing and sound / music play opportunities. All proprietary equipment, bar the basket swing, is from the same equipment range with the same colour palette and aesthetic.
- The playspace provides uncommon creative and sound / music play activities whilst having gaps in the more common spinning / rocking and balance / jumping equipment.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a low priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- An additional spinning / rocking play element is installed as space and circulation requirements allow.
- Additional supporting elements with balance / jumping play value are incorporated to complement proprietary play equipment and add landscape amenity and character. These could include logs or boulders, stepping stones, small grass mounds and / or a playable edge.

Indicative Budget

\$10,000 for additional spinning / rocking equipment and supporting balance / jumping elements.

JARACANDA AVENUE RESERVE

Network Analysis

- Jacaranda Avenue Reserve is located on a corner lot within a no-exit residential street. There is good visibility from the road and surrounding properties.
- The reserve has catchment overlap with Taurus Crescent and Lysander Crescent Reserves, although pedestrian connectivity is limited by busy Rangatira Road. Together these reserves provide significant play provision coverage for the surrounding area.
- The playspace is located in a higher decile neighbourhood than Taurus Crescent / Lysander Crescent Reserves although it is only a 500m walk away.
- The playspace has good play value notwithstanding several activity category attribute gaps in spinning / rocking, role play / collaborative, creative play and sound / music play. These activity gaps are identical to Taurus Crescent Reserve playspace, despite play equipment selection, aesthetic and materiality varying significantly between the playspaces. This enables consideration of relative unique experiences and appropriateness of play provision within each.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- A proportional increase in the Childhood (5-9 yrs) age group is projected for the surrounding census area unit, despite Early Childhood and Junior / Senior groups remaining more numerous.

Playspace Analysis

- The site consists of a wide open grassed slope, with a rest stop / lookout installed at the top of the slope. The playspace is located further down the slope, close to the residential boundary.
- Equipment is installed on a single, mounded synthetic turf surface with concrete beam edge.
- Play equipment includes a trampoline, slide, tunnel and basket swing. There is no role play or collaborative play equipment, with a lack of spinning / rocking play equipment.
- In general, the playspace functions as a simple, short-stay neighbourhood playground for young children. All equipment is clustered together and easily accessed, although steep slopes around swing and mounds may be too slippery in wet weather for small children.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a medium priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- Future renewal considers additional collaborative play elements like spinners or seesaws.

Indicative Budget

\$15,000 for potential spinner or seesaw, including additional safety surfacing installation.

JEAN SAMPSON RESERVE

Network Analysis

- Jean Sampson Reserve contains the only neighbourhood playspace on the Northcote Point peninsula.
- The playspace is clearly legible from the street network and adjacent residential properties.
- The reserve falls within Little Shoal Bay and Stafford Park's suburb catchments with no neighbourhood-level catchment overlap.
- The playspace has gaps in climbing / crawling, sliding, sound / music and creative play activity category attributes and does not meet minimum baseline requirements for neighbourhood parks.
- Current play provision accommodates predominantly Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) age group.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by a wide, rectangular open space with significant street presence.
- The playspace is clustered into one corner of the site, against residential fence lines.
- Limited age range equipment includes a cubby house, springing fire engine piece, rocker, stepping pods and swings. The lack of climbing and sliding means the playspace does not meet minimum baseline requirements for neighbourhood parks.
- The basketball half court location is somewhat incongruous as young children and caregivers must cross it to reach the playspace (unless walking across the grass lawn area).
- There is no ramp access to the playspace provided for buggies / wheelchairs.
- Seating is installed in a loose aggregate area alongside the playspace.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a medium priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- The existing facility maintains provision focus on Early Childhood – Childhood age groups allowing for supplementary provision of elements to improve play value.
- Existing equipment in good condition be retained and supplemented with additional elements to add climbing and sliding activity provision.
- Future replacement of the cubby house prioritises inclusion of additional creative / interactive play elements.
- Access improvements are considered to provide for people using buggies / wheelchairs.

- The relocation of the basketball court to Stafford Park is considered, to reduce conflict between Early Childhood play and basketball provision and to provide more youth activities within Stafford Park (a suburb park).

Indicative Budget

\$60,000 for additional equipment and edge / access improvements.

KAIPATIKI PARK

Network Analysis

- Kaipātiki Park is located next to Glenfield College and close to Glenfield's suburban commercial centre.
- The playspace is positioned at one end of the park, alongside the park's residential boundary, car park, public toilet and club room facilities.
- The playspace is not clearly legible from the street network due to scrubby and overgrown vegetation restricting visibility.
- The park accommodates sports activities (rugby union and cricket) and is subject to visitation from outside of catchment, and therefore host to a wide range of age groups participating in active sports recreation.
- The park has neighbourhood-level catchment overlap with Lancelot, Powrie and Tamahere Reserves. Camelot, Lancelot, Elliott, Tamahere, Powrie, Windy Ridge and Park Reserve fall within its suburb catchment.
- The playspace has significant gaps in spinning / rocking, role play / collaborative, sound / music and creative play activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Junior (10-12 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Childhood to Senior age groups (5-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by an open grass area bordered by residential properties and significant mature trees. The car park and sports fields are situated at the top of moderately steep grass bank.
- Play equipment consists of a multi unit, 1 bay swing and spacenet.
- Equipment provision predominantly caters for the Childhood age group, with limited provision for the Early Childhood and Junior age groups.
- The playspace provides limited unstructured play opportunities, and lacks intuitive role play and creative play elements.
- Most equipment is in poor condition.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a high priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- Full redevelopment is prioritised because of poor condition of existing equipment.
- Due to suburban park function, the facility maintains focus on accommodating Early Childhood – Junior age groups.
- Equipment provision should explore and implement challenging, inclusive, multiple use and connected play elements. At minimum, all activity category attributes currently recorded in the playspace should be included with gaps outlined above addressed (including sound / music play).
- A high quality respite / gathering space is provided and / or existing shade utilised in design.

Indicative Budget

\$330,000 for full redevelopment.

LANCELOT RESERVE

Network Analysis

- Lancelot Reserve is located between two residential street cul-de-sacs (Lancelot Place and Neal Avenue).
- The playspace is clearly visible from Lancelot Place. Views into the reserve are obstructed from Neal Avenue due to the narrow path access between residential lots and vegetation.
- The reserve has negligible neighbourhood catchment overlap with Camelot Reserve, located on other side of busy Glenfield Road. It also falls within Normanton Reserve's suburb catchment.
- The playspace has gaps in spinning / rocking, sound / music and creative play activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Childhood to Senior age groups (5-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by a sloping depression, with the playspace located at roughly the lowest point.
- Equipment includes a multi unit and swings. There are no spinning / rocking play elements.
- The playspace also lacks additional supporting elements, such as planting, level changes, playable edges et cetera that would provide informal play opportunities and add landscape amenity and character.
- No seating is provided for caregivers.
- The playspace is currently being renewed to include balance beams, timber stepping stumps, decorative timber posts, a new timber edge, a planted swale, a natural grass mound and embankment slide. These elements were not included in our assessment.

Recommendations

The playspace received a high priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- Additional seating is installed for caregivers. Ideally this should be as close as possible to the footpath and equipment and shaded by nearby trees.
- Equipment condition is monitored, and elements replaced at the end of their serviceable lifespan. At minimum, any renewal should include all activity category attributes currently recorded in the playspace.

Indicative Budget

\$15,000 for bench seat and spinning / rocking play equipment.

LEIDEN RESERVE

Network Analysis

- Leiden Reserve is situated amongst residential properties, on the edge of Ellice Road's light industrial business area. The reserve connects Leiden Place with Lambrown Drive.
- The playspace is clearly legible from the main road access (Leiden Place) and there is good visibility from surrounding residential properties.
- The reserve has catchment overlap with Totaravale, Rewi Alley, Target, Celeste, Wanita and Teviot Reserves and falls within Normanton Reserve's suburb catchment. However, busy streets and industrial-zoned areas limit access to Target, Celeste and Normanton Reserves.
- The close proximity to Wanita and Teviot Reserves enables consideration of the relevance, appropriateness and uniqueness of play provision within each.
- The playspace has gaps in spinning / rocking, creative and sound / music activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by an open mown grass area with central bisecting footpath connection to Lambrown Drive. There are views across the adjacent light industrial zone and residential areas.
- The playspace is located alongside the main footpath. Equipment is installed within a raised timber edge. There is no ramp access provided to bark cushionfall.
- Equipment consists of a multi unit with separate 1 bay swing. The multi unit incorporates a train-themed element providing opportunity for role play. Although the multi unit covers a range of traditional play activities, it contributes little variety or challenge to older children (10+ yrs old).

Recommendations

The playspace receives a high priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- The redeveloped facility focuses on Childhood to Junior age groups (5-12 yrs), with Early Childhood provision covered at Wanita Reserve, a 5-minute walk away via residential streets.
- Play provision is improved by exploring and implementing inclusive, multiple use and connected play elements, with the addition of play equipment encouraging challenging, collaborative play for Junior aged children.
- At minimum, all current activity category attributes are included within the playspace with additional creative or interactive elements incorporated as budget allows.
- Additional supporting elements with unstructured play value are incorporated to complement proprietary play equipment, provide extra informal balance play and add landscape amenity and character.

Indicative Budget

\$250,000 for full redevelopment incorporating challenging equipment and amenity.

LENIHAN RESERVE

Network Analysis

- The reserve is located on Lenihan Street with path connection provided to Lake Road. The playspace is clearly legible from the street and adjacent residential properties.
- Onepoto Primary School, Northcote Intermediate School and several Early Learning / Childcare Centres are within walking distance of the reserve, with a pedestrian crossing across Lake Road facilitating access for independent and younger children.
- The reserve has significant catchment overlap with Lindisfarne, Cadness Reserve and Cadness Loop. It has minor catchment overlap with Stanaway and Northcote Shops.
- The close proximity to Lindisfarne, Cadness Reserve and Cadness Loop enables consideration of the relevance, appropriateness and uniqueness of play provision within each.
- The facility has multiple activity category attribute gaps and poor play value. Gaps are significantly more than adjacent playspaces.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by a gently sloping grass open space with bisecting footpath. Multiple deciduous mature trees provide dappled shade.

- The playspace consists of a single 1 bay swing set within a raised bark cushionfall zone.
- A narrow path links the playspace to the main footpath, however there is no ramp access provided.
- No bench seating is provided.

Recommendations

Although the playspace received a high priority rating from its combined assessment scores, nearby Lindisfarne, Cadness Loop Reserve and Cadness Reserve, with superior visibility, activity category attribute and play value provision, are better positioned to address network requirements in relation to the future Northcote Greenway plans.

It is therefore suggested that Lenihan Reserve be considered for decommission, with investment prioritised in Lindisfarne (assuming Cadness Loop and Cadness Reserves will be developed separately as part of Northcote redevelopment).

It is also suggested that the timing of the decommission is aligned with proposed improvements to Lindisfarne, Cadness Loop and Cadness Reserve, with a view that proposed facilities within each will provide appropriate activity category attribute and age range provision to ensure holistic investment outcomes are achieved within the surrounding residential catchment.

Furthermore, it is suggested that the inclusion of a potential pump track extension / offshoot to the existing path is explored as an alternative to current play provision to create a safe riding area for children on bikes and scooters and activate the reserve with a unique, local destination feature. Wayfinding signage improvements at Lake Road interface should also be considered.

Indicative Budget

\$60,000 for installation of pump track feature with planting.

LINDISFARNE RESERVE

Network Analysis

- The reserve is located on the corner of Lake Road and Tonar Street. The playspace is clearly legible from the street and surrounding residential properties.
- Northcote Pre-School is accessed via the reserve. The reserve is also within walking distance of Onepoto Primary School and Northcote Intermediate School.
- The surrounding area is scheduled for redevelopment to improve and increase housing by Panuku Development Auckland, HLC and Housing New Zealand.
- The reserve has significant catchment overlap with Lenihan Reserve and Cadness Loop. It has minor catchment overlap with Stanaway and Cadness Reserves and Northcote Shops.
- The close proximity to Lenihan Reserve and Cadness Loop enables consideration of the relevance, appropriateness and uniqueness of play provision within each.

- The playspace has activity category attribute gaps in balance / jumping, sound / music and creative play.
- Current play provision accommodates all age groups from Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Senior (13+ yrs).
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- The playspace is clustered close to the Pre-School facility, with path accessed provided from a small car park. The rest of the site is characterised by a wide open grass space with limited tree cover.
- Play equipment includes a tall climbing unit, large rotating net climber, 2 bay swing and spinning seesaw.
- Equipment generally caters to the Junior age group (10-12 yrs) with challenging climbing and collaborative spinning elements.
- The playspace has an average play value score despite the range of activity category attributes covered by the current equipment. Equipment and the activities supported lack opportunities for unstructured and balance / jumping play.
- The playspace also lacks additional supporting elements, such as planting, level changes, playable edges et cetera that would provide informal play opportunities and add landscape amenity and character.
- Equipment and bark cushionfall are in average condition.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a high priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is noted that future redevelopment of the surrounding area may shift the reserve's current focus and extent. Unlike Cadness Loop and Cadness Reserve, Lindisfarne is not included within the proposed Northcote Greenway plan.

In the short to medium term it is recommended that:

- The rotating rope climber is repaired and bark cushionfall remediated in the short term.
- Seating is provided.

In the long term it is recommended that:

- Specific Junior to Senior age group provision is focused within a redeveloped and extended Cadness Reserve. This will provide a central hub for local youth that is close to community facilities and shops.
- Lindisfarne is redeveloped to focus on Early Childhood – Childhood age groups allowing for some supplementary Junior age group provision.
- New playspace elements have excellent play value, with multiple use, inclusive and connected play experiences a key focus of the redevelopment.
- Community consultation with key stakeholders, including the adjacent Pre-School, takes place.
- Activity category attribute provision is carefully considered and planned to

ensure provision of unique experiences between Lindisfarne, Cadness Loop and Cadness Reserve.

It is also noted that the above recommendations are to be considered in tandem with suggested decommission of Lenihan Reserve, with a view that appropriate catchment coverage, activity category attribute and age range provision is provided at Lindisfarne, Cadness Loop and Cadness Reserves. Refer Lenihan Reserve recommendations for additional commentary.

Indicative Budget

\$10,000 for short term maintenance and seating improvement. \$150,000 for future playspace redevelopment.

LINLEY RESERVE

Network Analysis

- Linley Reserve forms a long forest and open green space break between residential properties and provides walkway connections to Hume Drive, Mountbatten Avenue, Eban Avenue and Linley Place.
- The playspace is not legible or visible from the street. There is some visibility from adjacent residential properties.
- The reserve has significant neighbourhood catchment overlap with Stanaway Reserve and is situated within Marlborough Park's suburb catchment.
- The close proximity to Stanaway Reserve enables consideration of the relevance, appropriateness and uniqueness of play provision within each.
- The playspace has activity category attribute gaps in sound / music and creative play.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by a rectangular mown grass area surrounded by residential properties. The playspace is clustered on one side, opposite a narrow access leading to the longer bush-covered walkway.
- Equipment is standalone and lacks valuable or challenging climbing and role play experiences.
- Equipment is a mixture of old elements (slide, seesaw) in poor condition and more recently installed items (spinners, swings).

Recommendations

The playspace receives a medium priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- The existing facility maintains provision focus on Early Childhood – Childhood age groups.

- Existing equipment in good condition be retained and supplemented with additional elements to improve role and collaborative play.
- The slide unit is replaced with a piece providing multiple use play and improved climbing opportunity.
- Additional supporting contextual elements like planting are incorporated within the design.

Indicative Budget

\$50,000 for new slide multi unit and additional play and contextual elements.

LITTLE SHOAL BAY RESERVE

Network Analysis

- Little Shoal Bay Reserve is a large open space reserve at the interface between Le Roys Bush Reserve and the Waitematā Harbour.
- Kaipātiki Explorer routes link the reserve with Le Roys Bush and Birkenhead suburban centre. There are also longer route connections to Tuff Crater via Onewa Road and Onepoto Domain, and Kauri Park via Chelsea Heritage Park and Kauri Point.
- The playspace is clearly legible from the street network.
- The reserve accommodates various recreation activities (Northcote Bowling Club, Little Shoal Bay Boat Owners Association, Sea Scouts) and is subject to visitation from outside of catchment and therefore host to a wide range of age groups.
- The reserve has neighbourhood-level catchment overlap with Stafford Park. Jean Sampson Reserve falls within its suburb park catchment area.
- There is a gap in neighbourhood playspace provision to the northwest, around Onewa Road. Without acquisition, there are limited opportunities to install additional playspaces to address gaps in area provision due to absence of suitable reserves. Refer Executive Summary.
- The playspace has gaps in spinning / rocking, sound / music and creative play activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by wide open grass reserve split into two parts by Council Terrace. Car park facilities are provided on both sides of the road.
- The playspace is installed on the harbour side, tucked against the residential interface with path connection provided to Clarence Road.
- Equipment consists of a 2 bay swing and large multi unit. The multi unit provides a wide range of play activities and incorporates a subtle ship-theme.

- There is no ramp access to the playspace provided for buggies / wheelchairs.
- Overall a large range of traditional play activities for Early Childhood and Childhood age groups covered by a single unit. Unstructured pretend and role play opportunities are focused on the standard steering wheel and telescope, with a supplementary simple play panel. Spinning / rocking activities are lacking.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a medium priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- The existing facility maintains provision focus on Early Childhood – Childhood age groups allowing for supplementary provision of elements to improve play provision for Junior age group.
- Swinging provision is improved in the medium to long provision by replacing existing swing with a new 2 bay swing including basket swing.
- A spinning / rocking element is included that offers more challenging collaborative play for the Junior age group.
- Additional supporting elements with unstructured play value are incorporated to complement proprietary play equipment, provide extra informal balance play and add landscape amenity and character. These could include logs or boulders, stepping stones, robust planting, small grass mounds or a playable edge rather than standard timber edge.
- Access improvements are considered for people using buggies / wheelchairs.

Indicative Budget

\$50,000 for new equipment and supporting elements.

LOCKET RESERVE

Network Analysis

- Locket Reserve is located between residential and light industrial / warehouse properties with path connections to Locket Road and Archers Road. The playspace is legible from Locket Road.
- The facility has minor neighbourhood-level catchment overlap with Marlborough Park.
- The playspace has gaps in balance / jumping, sound / music and creative play activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates the Childhood (5-9 yrs) age group.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Childhood to Senior age groups (5-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by a wide, gently sloping open grass space with tree border providing screening to adjacent warehouses.

- The playspace is centrally located and contains standalone rotating net climber, slide and 1 bay swing.
- Limited equipment provision with no balance / jumping or role play activities provided.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a high priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- A new neighbourhood playspace facility is established focussing on Childhood provision, with a feature equipment piece providing additional challenge for Junior-age children and adventurous younger children. At minimum, the redevelopment should include all activity category attributes currently recorded in the playspace.
- Balance play activities are incorporated within proprietary equipment choices and / or separately with standalone pieces or a playable edge.
- Additional supporting elements with unstructured play value are incorporated to complement proprietary play equipment, provide extra informal balance play and add landscape amenity and character. These could include boulders, robust planting and small grass mounds.
- Seating is incorporated within the playspace redevelopment.

Indicative Budget

\$150,000 for full redevelopment.

LYNN RESERVE

Network Analysis

- Lynn Reserve is located on a residential street, forming a grassed open space with playspace between road and bush reserve. The playspace is clearly legible and visible from the road and surrounding residential lots.
- The reserve forms part of the Kaipātiki Explorer walkway network, with connections to Leigh Reserve and Manuka Reserve. The reserve is also part of the Kaipātiki Bike, Skate & BMX facilities with its learn to ride bike trail.
- The reserve has minor neighbourhood catchment overlap with Spinella, Manuka and Pemberton Reserves, and several other playspaces fall within its suburb park catchment area.
- There is a neighbourhood-level catchment gap in the adjacent Anne McLean Drive / Manuka Road area to the southwest. It is suggested that a new playspace facility providing Childhood to Junior age group provision is installed at Anne McLean Reserve, on the corner of Anne McLean Drive and Emery Grove. Refer Executive Summary.
- The playspace has gaps in balance / jumping, creative and sound / music play activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.

- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Childhood to Senior age groups (5-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by a long grass open space culminating in a significant bush reserve. Some trees have been planted around the perimeter but most of the site is open.
- A learn to ride trail loops around the site, taking advantage of the large flat area, with feature rollers, painted timber pou, wobbly timber bridges, boardwalks and roundabout give way markings.
- The playspace equipment and layout is older and more traditional, covering baseline requirements for neighbourhood parks (swings, slide, climbing) with additional seesaw. There are gaps in balance / jumping, creative and sound / music play activity category attributes. There are no unique or standout equipment pieces.
- The existing shade sails suggest an opportunity to install new sand or water play feature equipment that takes advantage of the shade and promote collaborative and creative play options (where children may spend more time in one place, protected from the sun).

Recommendations

The playspace receives a medium priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- Age provision continues to focus on the Early Childhood and Childhood age groups (1-9 yrs), with Junior and Senior age group provision covered at nearby Manuka and Spinella Reserves.
- At minimum, any redevelopment should include all activity category attributes currently recorded in the playspace.
- Creative and sound / music play experiences are prioritised as part of an overall playspace renewal (utilising existing shade sails). Opportunities include sand play and water play experiences (rills, gates, pumps and the like).
- Balance / jumping elements are installed. In-ground trampolines could be considered, to provide a unique experience in Upper Kaipātiki.
- Additional informal recreation / sports elements like small football goals or target practice goal (like Spinella Reserve) are considered to activate the open grass space.
- Additional bike-related amenity items like bike racks or bike repair stations are considered.
- Informal gathering amenity items are installed like picnic tables to allow people to stay for longer periods.

Indicative Budget

\$300,000 for full playspace redevelopment.

LYSANDER CRESCENT RESERVE

Network Analysis

- Lysander Crescent Reserve is located off Rangatira Road, within a lower decile residential catchment and next to a laundromat, takeaway shop and dairy.
- There is good visibility from the residential road and surrounding properties.
- The reserve has catchment overlap with Taurus Crescent and Jacaranda Avenue Reserves, although pedestrian connectivity to Jacaranda is limited by busy Rangatira Road. Together these reserves provide significant play provision coverage for the surrounding area. The playspace also falls within Shepherds Park's suburb catchment.
- The playspace does not meet minimum baseline requirements with large activity category attribute gaps, most notably the traditional climbing, swinging and sliding. Spinning / rocking activities are the only play experiences on offer.
- In contrast, both Taurus Crescent and Jacaranda Avenue Reserves have activity category attribute gaps in spinning / rocking.
- Equipment caters for the Early Childhood to Childhood age ranges (1-9 yrs), however the playspace scored poorly in overall play value due to the uniformity of play experiences on offer.
- Age groups in this area are projected to be relatively proportional to one another, despite a proportional increase in the Childhood (5-9 yrs) age group.

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by significant trees along the main road interface, with open grass and concrete areas further into the reserve.
- A circular concrete pad with basketball hoop dominates the site with a couple of small playground equipment pieces dotted around its perimeter.
- Play equipment provides spinning (bowl spinner) and rocking (small hammock swing) activities. Another ladybird rocker has been removed.
- There is a conflict between the intended age range of children using the play equipment and the age range of children / teenagers using the basketball pad.
- A renewal is currently planned with a developed design proposal and funding approved by the Local Board in April 2018.

Recommendations

Lysander Crescent Reserve playspace receives a high priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- Play provision focuses on Early Childhood to Childhood, with cross over elements (basketball) catering for Junior and Senior age groups.
- Council / Local Board proceed with the approved developed design proposal, which will improve the basketball facility whilst adding climbing and swinging play value.
- Spinning provision is included within the renewal to ensure this activity category attribute (lacking in surrounding playspaces) is retained.

Indicative Budget

\$8000 on top of existing approved budget to include spinning element.

MANUKA RESERVE

Network Analysis

- Manuka Reserve is located at the end of a residential street, forming a significant coastal bush and open space buffer between residential properties and tidal mudflats. The playspace is visible from the small car park at the end of the road.
- The reserve forms part of the Kaipātiki Explorer walkway network, with connections to Lynn Reserve via a coastal walkway.
- The reserve has neighbourhood catchment overlap with Pemberton and Lynn Reserves, and several other playspaces fall within its suburb park catchment area.
- There is a neighbourhood-level catchment gap in the adjacent Anne McLean Drive / Manuka Road area to the east. It is recommended that a new playspace facility providing Childhood to Junior age group provision is installed at Anne McLean Reserve, on the corner of Anne McLean Drive and Emery Grove. Refer Executive Summary.
- The playspace has gaps in creative and sound / music play activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Childhood to Senior age groups (5-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by a looping path network connecting the main entrance point and toilet with the play equipment and a timber deck / lookout feature. A small basketball court is located closer to the residential boundary. The site is predominantly open mown grass, with small titoki trees planted along the loop path and larger native tree species in the coastal bush backdrop.
- A dog exercise area is located within the reserve on the other side of a forested gully.
- Equipment consists of a main multi unit with additional swings and seesaw.
- Equipment and the activities supported lack opportunities for unstructured, imaginative play, with very limited to non-existent role play or interactive game elements.
- The playspace also lacks additional supporting elements, such as planting, level changes, playable edges et cetera that would provide informal play opportunities and add landscape amenity and character.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a high priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- Full redevelopment of the playspace and basketball court takes place.
- Play provision for the Childhood and Junior age groups is included by exploring and implementing challenging, inclusive, multiple use and connected play elements. At minimum, any renewal should include all activity category attributes currently recorded in the playspace.
- Significant and challenging equipment is installed for the Junior age group (10-12 yrs).
- Local Māori knowledge / identity is incorporated within one or more structures or the playspace to add further educational and contextual meaning.
- The coastal views and connectivity to the lower water access are not obstructed in any way, rather views are emphasised.
- The basketball court is redesigned to be better integrated with the playspace, with all-weather access. It should meet FIBA 3x3 half court dimensions.

Indicative Budget

\$345,000 for full playspace and basketball court redevelopment.

MALRBOROUGH PARK

Network Analysis

- Marlborough Park is located off Archers Road, with car park access provided off Chartwell Avenue and path connections to Edgeworth Road.
- The park contains several sports and community facilities including tennis club, skate park, basketball court and exercise equipment.
- The reserve is part of the Kaipātiki Bike, Skate & BMX facilities.
- Several playspaces fall within the suburb park catchment area. There is minor overlap with Camelot and Locket Reserves at a neighbourhood level, and significant overlap with Normanton Reserve at a suburb level.
- There is a neighbourhood-level catchment gap to the east. It is recommended that a new playspace facility providing Early Childhood to Childhood age group provision is installed within Greenvalley Reserve. Refer Executive Summary.
- The playspace is visible from Archers Road despite being located some distance from the road / reserve interface.
- The facility accommodates most activity category attributes with a gap in spinning / rocking play.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Junior (10-12 yrs) age groups.
- The Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs) are projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, with overall proportional increases in the Childhood to Senior age groups (5-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by a large gently sloping grass area divided into separate zones by a network of paths and recreation facilities. Mature trees are clustered on the upper slopes of the reserve, towards Edgeworth Road and Ramillies Place.
- Play equipment is mostly grouped within a centralised playspace catering to the Early Childhood to Childhood age groups. An additional spacenet, flying fox, tall 1 bay swing and climbing wall are separately installed in locations throughout the park.
- The central playspace has been recently installed and features several creative and sound / music play elements including a sand pit, small water play area, talking tubes and several small games attached to timber poles.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a low priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- Due to suburb park function, the existing facility maintains focus on accommodating Early Childhood – Junior age groups.
- The long-term inclusion of the tall 1 bay swing and timber climbing wall area, including the lookout structure adjacent the skatepark, is rationalised, and improvements made to the timber elements, stair transitions and cushionfall surfaces as required.
- The installation of a spinning / rocking play element is considered in the long term to cover all activity category attributes.

Indicative Budget

\$30,000 for additional spinning / rocking play, including allowance for cushionfall surfacing, and improvements to swing / climbing wall area.

MONARCH PARK

Network Analysis

- Monarch Park is ringed by residential properties and contains two areas of native forest associated with overland flow paths. Path access is provided to four surrounding residential streets.
- The main playspace is not legible or visible from the street. There is some visibility from adjacent residential properties.
- The reserve has minor neighbourhood catchment overlap with Linley Reserve.
- There are significant neighbourhood catchment gaps in the surrounding area, around Pupuke Road and down to Onewa Road. There are limited opportunities to install additional playspaces to address gaps in area provision due to absence of suitable reserves. Refer Executive Summary for specific locations.
- The playspace has a minor activity category attribute gap in sound / music play.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.

- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).
- The park is supported by the Friends of Monarch Park community group, who advocate for improved park facilities and place making strategies, including family day events, working bees, entrance upgrades and nature trail interventions.
- It is also noted that the reserve has been reviewed for nature play feasibility, as part of the Nature Spaces and Trails Feasibility Assessment Report.

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by a moderately sloping open grass area dropping away into two bush-covered overland flow paths / streams.
- Access and legibility from the street generally requires improvement, although the Moore Street entrance has recently been upgraded.
- The main playspace is located at the site's highest point and consists of two separate zones of equipment installed on bark cushionfall and a long stainless steel embankment slide.
- The playspace was installed prior to December 1997 (based on Google Earth historical aerials). In the short term, prior to implementation of recommended improvements, equipment in poor condition requires assessment by a RPII Outdoor Annual Inspector to ensure compliance with safety standards.
- A smaller, natural play area is located under bush cover and provides a variety of balance and role play activities that provide unstructured, self-directed and connected play.
- The natural play area inclusion has improved the park's overall play value score due to the addition of creative and unstructured play activities.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a high priority rating due to the poor condition of the main equipment. It is recommended that:

- The facility maintains provision focus on Early Childhood – Childhood age groups allowing for supplementary provision of challenging elements to improve play provision for Junior age group.
- The playspace is fully redeveloped. At minimum, all activity category attributes currently recorded in the playspace should be included.
- Play value is improved to include more opportunities for inclusive, multiple use and connected play, with additional creative or interactive elements incorporated as budget allows.
- Sound / music play elements like talking tubes are considered.
- The slide is retained, subject to assessment by an RPII Outdoor Annual Inspector. If replacement is required, the slide should be substituted like for like.
- Additional supporting elements are incorporated within the design. This could include planting, level changes, playable edges et cetera that provide informal play opportunities and add landscape amenity and character.

- Additional seating and picnic tables in and around the playspace are explored.
- The community group is supported in its aim to install nature trails and natural play experiences within the two bush areas. Bark mulch should be provided in the short term to top up the existing nature play area.

Indicative Budget

\$350,000 for full redevelopment of existing playspace.

NELL FISHER RESERVE

Network Analysis

- Nell Fisher Reserve is located at the corner of two main streets in Birkenhead's suburban centre. It forms a significant civic space and forecourt to the Birkenhead Library building and Plunket facility.
- A community-led Neighbourhood Plan for Birkenhead was produced by local residents in February 2018. This identifies several aspirations, including village feel / sense of place, quality built environment and bush + green space. The plan also details community feedback received regarding inadequate playspace provision and notes that Nell Fisher Reserve caters for very young children, with limited opportunities for older children.
- The reserve is easily visible from the main road, however the playspace itself is less legible unless walking or driving down Rawene Road.
- The reserve falls within Birkenhead War Memorial Park's suburb catchment.
- There are gaps in neighbourhood playspace provision to the south and west of the reserve. The feasibility of installing new neighbourhood playspace facilities at Telephone Road Reserve and Holyoake Place Reserve could be explored. Refer Executive Summary.
- The playspace has gaps in balance / jumping, role play / collaborative, sound / music and creative play activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- Proportional increases in the Junior to Senior age groups (10-14 yrs) are projected for the surrounding census area unit.

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by a diagonal paved connection, linking Rawene Road and Hinemoa Street pedestrian crossings with the library entrance. The playspace is situated within a triangular space between building and paved threshold and is surrounded by significant nikau palm and cabbage tree planting.
- The equipment is installed within two areas of bark cushionfall on either side of a central concrete path access.
- Equipment consist of a small keyhole swing for infants, a spinner and a standalone slide. Equipment meets minimum baseline requirements in principle, however age group provision limits use.
- The playspace receives a poor play value score due to a significant deficiency

in multiple use play, self-directed / challenging play, inclusive play, connected play and social interaction. There are also significant gaps in balance / jumping and role play activity category attributes.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a medium priority rating from its combined assessment scores, however, arguably a high priority status could be applied due to its significance as the main civic space / community 'destination' within Birkenhead's suburban centre and its position adjacent to provision gaps. It is therefore recommended that:

- The existing play facility is upgraded and enhanced, carefully considering creative expansion into other areas of the reserve whilst evaluating impacts on access / circulation and ensuring retention of existing mature trees for amenity and shade.
- Upgrades maintain primary provision focus on Early Childhood – Childhood age groups, allowing for supplementary provision of exciting elements to improve play value and encourage interaction with parents/ caregivers. The inclusion of Junior age group equipment could be explored with a view to balance public demand with spatial requirements and wider reserve function.
- New, creative and unique experiences through balance / jumping play elements like playable edges, balance beams within planting or low mounds, potentially incorporating a trampoline, are considered to add additional activity category attribute provision and unstructured play opportunities.
- High quality sound, music, art etc. play elements are included for additional unstructured play.
- The stainless steel slide is re-oriented away from afternoon sun if retained.

Indicative Budget

\$300,000 for full redevelopment.

NEPTUNE AVENUE RESERVE

Network Analysis

- The reserve is located between residential lots and is clearly legible from the road, despite its sloped site, due to prominent signage.
- There is some catchment overlap with Lysander Crescent Reserve and Opaketai Beach Haven Garden. The playspace also falls within Shepherds Park's suburb catchment.
- The playspace has activity category gaps in climbing, creative and sound / music play. The climbing play gap is common to Lysander and Opaketai playspaces as well.
- Current play provision accommodates the usual Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- Age groups in this area are projected to be relatively proportional to one another, despite a proportional increase in the Childhood (5-9 yrs) age group.

Playspace Analysis

- The site has a significant slope. Equipment is installed in retained areas of bark cushionfall with a moderately steep path running down one side.
- Equipment is mostly intended for younger children in the Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs), with a small hammock rocking seat, stair access to a hut and smaller swing set.
- Low timber stepping stumps provide opportunities to improve balance and coordination.
- The main hut element was flagged a grade '5' (requiring replacement) by Auckland Council in September 2015.

Recommendations

Neptune Avenue Reserve playspace receives a high priority rating from the its poor condition score. It is recommended that:

- The condition of cubby house is assessed by a RPII Outdoor Annual Inspector in the immediate short term to determine the extent of safety or compliance issues.
- Climbing and / or crawling equipment, whether custom or proprietary, is included. This could be integrated within a new elevated cubby house structure: instead of stair access, ropes with pommels, rope ladders and / or notched timber poles could be used for access to provide more challenge for the Childhood age group (5-9 yrs).
- Additional connecting climbing / step elements are included to provide playable access from slide run out back up to the top of the slide if space and fallzone requirements allow.

Indicative Budget

\$40,000 for a new custom cubby house, additional climbing / crawling play and connecting elements.

NORMANTON RESERVE

Network Analysis

- Normanton Reserve is located alongside residential and light industrial / warehouse properties and connects Normanton Street with Mchardy Place and Ashfield Road.
- The reserve is included within the Kaipātiki Explorer guide, however no specific walking tracks link it to other reserves. The reserve is also part of the Kaipātiki Bike, Skate & BMX facilities with its learn to ride bike trail.
- The playspace is legible from Normanton Street on the opposite side of the reserve. There is limited visibility from residential properties.
- Numerous playspaces are located within its suburb catchment, including Celeste, Leiden, Wanita, Teviot, Elliott, Lancelot and Camelot Reserves, and Fernwood Grove playspace. However, significant busy roads and light industrial properties in the surrounding area reduce pedestrian connectivity.

- There is a neighbourhood-level catchment gap to the south. It is recommended that a new playspace facility providing Early Childhood to Childhood age group provision is installed within Diana Reserve. Refer Executive Summary.
- The playspace has gaps in sound / music and creative play activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Junior (10-12 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Childhood to Senior age groups (5-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by a large open grass area with a looped path network and border vegetation and trees. The playspace and basketball courts are clustered inside a circular loop path, itself within the wider path network. There is a steep bank adjacent the playspace that connects to another smaller open grass area.
- The playspace contains several equipment pieces primarily catered towards the Early Childhood and Childhood age groups (up to 9 years). All main activity category attributes are covered except for sound / music and creative play. A 4-person Roktopus spinning / rocking equipment piece gives additional collaborative play value for older children.
- The playspace is generally in average condition.
- Other supporting amenities include: a learn to ride trail, dated basketball courts and a public toilet. There is a lack of picnic / informal gathering amenities.
- Our understanding is there are plans to incorporate additional balance, climbing and sliding equipment under the trees adjacent the playspace, along with improvements to the learn to ride course. A design proposal to daylight a culverted stream and integrate a small BMX track, treehouse structure, logs, stepping stones and picnic area, has also been identified for the lower portion of the reserve.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a medium priority rating from its combined assessment scores. Although there are plans to install additional equipment and play experiences, it is advised that the existing playspace / equipment is still considered for renewal. It is therefore recommended that:

- The facility maintains provision focus on Early Childhood to Junior age groups.
- Equipment condition is monitored, and elements replaced at the end of their serviceable lifespan. At minimum, any renewal should include all activity category attributes currently recorded in the playspace.
- A basket swing is considered to improve swing provision for different abilities and ages.
- Creative play elements, or the opportunity to facilitate the use of natural / loose play items, is considered within the proposed playspace and / or daylighting stream concepts.

- Additional sound or music play elements are considered to provide additional creative interaction opportunities.
- In addition to the above, play provision for Junior age groups be improved by exploring and implementing challenging, inclusive, multiple use and connected play elements.
- A space for picnicking / gathering with shade provision is prioritised (note this is a feature of the proposed stream daylighting concept plan).
- The condition of the basketball courts is reviewed and upgraded as necessary.

Indicative Budget

\$160,000 for additional basket swing, potential Junior play equipment and creative play elements, and basketball court upgrades; other costs associated with stream daylighting and proposed playspace extension to be identified within respective design proposals.

NORTHCOTE SHOPS / NORMAN KING SQUARE

Network Analysis

- The Northcote Shops / Norman King Square playspace is located within Northcote's civic centre and main community gathering space. Adjacent community facilities include Onepoto Awhina / Northcote Community House, Northcote Library, Citizen's Advice Bureau and Plunket.
- The surrounding area is scheduled for redevelopment to improve and increase housing and revitalise the town centre by Panuku Development Auckland, HLC and Housing New Zealand.
- A greenway plan was released in October 2017 by HLC and Panuku. This appears to show Norman King Square merging with adjacent Cadness Reserve as part of improvements to Cadness Reserve.
- The reserve has significant catchment overlap with Cadness, Cadness Loop and Lenihan Reserves. The reserve is also within Onepoto Domain's suburb catchment.
- The close proximity to Cadness Reserve, Cadness Loop and Lindisfarne enables consideration of the relevance, appropriateness and uniqueness of play provision within each.
- The playspace has several activity category gaps in sliding, sound / music and creative play.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by a semi-circular paved plaza with integrated lawn areas outside of the library building. The playspace has been incorporated within two of these lawn areas.

- Four painted gateways express Māori, Pasifika, European and Chinese cultural heritage.
- Equipment consists of two separate infant and toddler swings, a galvanised steel climbing frame, a bowl spinner, a springer seesaw and a static blue whale play element.
- Although the playspace incorporates unique and meaningful sculptural elements, equipment is standardised with a notable gap in sliding activity.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a low priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is also anticipated that:

- Adjacent Cadness Reserve will be reconfigured and enlarged as part of the Northcote Greenway project and general wholesale built fabric and roading network changes.
- Cadness Reserve will extend to encompass the current Northcote Shops / Norman King Square play-space and library building footprint (this assumption based on publicly-available Greenway Plans).
- The proposed redevelopment of Cadness Reserve and Cadness Loop will provide appropriate catchment coverage, activity category attribute and age range provision to ensure holistic investment outcomes are achieved.

It is therefore suggested that the playspace is decommissioned, with investment prioritised in Cadness Reserve.

Moreover, considering overall good condition, the facility could be maintained as is in the interim, with minimal investment, until equipment condition and repairs are no longer viable or Cadness Reserve is redeveloped.

Indicative Budget

N/A. It is suggested that existing renewal allowances are redistributed to Cadness Reserve.

ONEPOTO DOMAIN

Network Analysis

- Onepoto Domain is located at the base of Onewa Road, alongside the Northern Motorway.
- The reserve is formed within a volcanic crater, created in an eruption about 20,000 – 30,000 years ago. The crater rim is ringed by residential properties with passive surveillance over the playspace and recreation areas.
- Kaipātiki Explorer route connections link the reserve to Heath Reserve / Tuff Crater Reserve via Exmouth Road and Heath and Sylvan Avenues. The reserve is also part of the Kaipātiki Bike, Skate & BMX facilities with its learn to ride bike trail.
- The park accommodates sports activities (football, touch rugby) and is subject to visitation from outside of catchment, and therefore host to a wide range of age groups participating in active sports recreation. A dual changing room / toilet facility is shared with the playspace.

- A community hall is provided alongside the toilet facility and playspace.
- The park is commonly designated a destination park by various sources, including the Auckland Design Manual. It incorporates significant learn to ride, playspace, community and sport facilities within a unique landscape. However, some aspects of the park, namely the car parking provision and pedestrian connections, do not cope well with the high visitor numbers.
- The park has neighbourhood-level catchment overlap with Heath Reserve, a neighbourhood park.
- The playspace has gaps in sound / music and creative play activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Junior (10-12 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by its overall crater form, with significant areas of wetland, open grass space for sports, ponds and bush covered slopes. Car parking is provided along a single curving road access. A network of footpaths and boardwalks provide access alongside ponds and through wetland.
- The playspace is positioned alongside car park, community hall and toilet facilities. Two main playspace zones are connected by footpaths and the learn to ride bike loop.
- The first playspace zone, closest to the community facilities, is Early Childhood age group focused with various swing and timber hut provision within an open, bark cushionfall area. Picnic tables and a BBQ facility are located nearby along with mown lawn areas for informal picnicking.
- The second playspace area is more challenging and takes advantage of undulating landform and significant planting to sequence additional unstructured balance play. A flying fox and tall timber hut with tube slide are the main equipment pieces.
- Proprietary equipment pieces are fairly standardised and dated. There is no creative play or sound / music play provision. Incorporating these elements would provide for a wider range of abilities and interests.
- Proprietary equipment pieces are in average condition. Bark cushionfall is in poor condition in places.
- The playspace incorporates a carved pou whenua and interpretive signage panels.
- The learn to ride trail is a big draw card for families. Refer individual playspace sheet for description of elements.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a medium priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- Due to Destination Park function, the existing facility maintains focus on accommodating Early Childhood – Junior age groups, with supplementary provision of equipment that crosses over into the Senior age range as appropriate.
- Equipment condition is monitored, and elements replaced at the end of their serviceable lifespan. At minimum, any renewal should include all activity category attributes currently recorded in the playspace.
- A basket swing is considered to improve swing provision for different abilities and ages.
- Creative play elements, or the opportunity to facilitate the use of natural / loose play items, and sound / music play elements are incorporated within future equipment renewal. These elements should incorporate references to local landscape and cultural heritage.
- Play provision is well connected, challenging, inclusive, and provides for multiple use where possible.

Indicative Budget

\$100,000 for a range of replacement equipment including creative and sound / music play elements.

OPAKETAI BEACH HAVEN GARDEN

Network Analysis

- The facility is located within Beach Haven's suburban centre and functions as its main civic open space and gathering space.
- Surrounding amenities include cafés, post office, community hall, pharmacy, shops, medical centre and shops.
- The facility is clearly visible from the road, however play elements are incorporated to the rear of the site, away from the road.
- The facility has neighbourhood-level catchment overlap with nearby Shepherds Park, Tui Park and Neptune Avenue Reserve.
- There is a neighbourhood-level catchment gap to the east, however there are limited opportunities to install additional playspaces in this area without acquisition. Refer Executive Summary.
- The playspace has gaps in swinging, sliding, climbing / crawling and sound / music play activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates the usual Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- The facility contains open grass and hard surface spaces with seating, picnic tables and raised stage. Play elements are clustered to one end of the space,

surrounded by community garden planter / seating elements.

- Play and amenity items are custom designed, reflecting cultural heritage through carved pou whenua markers and integrated tukutuku patterns. Experiences / activities are focused around role play, creative / interactive play and balance play.
- Play elements perform a dual function as sculptural components, contributing to the overall site narrative and aesthetic, and as ways for children to interact with the space and each other. There are no off-the-shelf or traditional play equipment pieces provided like slides or swings.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a low priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- Additional sound or music play elements are incorporated to provide additional creative interaction opportunities.

Indicative Budget

\$10,000 for additional sound or music play elements.

PARK RESERVE

Network Analysis

- Park Reserve is predominantly bush reserve, forming a contiguous connection with Eskdale Reserve and Birkenhead Domain. The reserve is also connected to Roberts Road.
- The reserve is included within the Kaipātiki Explorer guide with track connections to Eskdale Reserve and Birkenhead Domain and a link route to Witheford Road via Roberts Road and Stanley Road.
- The playspace is clearly legible and visible from the street network and surrounding residential properties.
- The reserve has catchment overlap with Windy Ridge and Powrie Reserves. It also falls within Kaipātiki Park's suburb park catchment.
- The playspace has gaps in sound / music and creative play activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Junior (10-12 yrs) age groups, despite being predominantly focused on the Childhood (5-9 yrs) age group.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by a grass open space along the edge of a cul-de-sac turning circle. A significant native bush interface provides a backdrop to the playspace.

- Equipment is installed on a bark cushionfall surface bordered with rough timber sleepers. Level path to bark access is provided alongside the bench seat.
- Equipment consists of a multi unit, 1 bay swing and Kompan Supernova spinner.
- The main multi unit is in poor condition but offers good connected / cyclic play value (being structured into a loop with various linked climbing and balance activities) and challenge for the Junior age group.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a high priority rating from its poor overall condition score. It is recommended that:

- A new neighbourhood playspace facility is established focusing on Childhood provision, with feature equipment piece(s) providing additional challenge for Junior age children. At minimum, all activity category attributes currently recorded in the playspace should be included with gaps in creative play addressed as budget and space allows.
- The existing timber sleeper edge is repurposed or remediated as part of the overall redevelopment.
- Existing tree planting is retained for shade and amenity.
- Additional supporting elements with unstructured play value are incorporated to complement proprietary play equipment, provide extra informal balance play and add landscape amenity and character. These could include boulders, robust planting and small grass mounds.

Indicative Budget

\$200,000 for full redevelopment.

PEMBERTON RESERVE

Network Analysis

- Pemberton Reserve is a large open space reserve between residential street and bush covered gully.
- The playspace is clearly legible from the road, with good visibility from surrounding residential properties.
- The reserve has neighbourhood-level catchment overlap with Manuka and Lynn Reserves (both suburb parks).
- There is a neighbourhood-level catchment gap in the adjacent Anne McLean Drive / Manuka Road area to the northeast. It is recommended that a new playspace facility providing Childhood to Junior age group provision is installed at Anne McLean Reserve, on the corner of Anne McLean Drive and Emery Grove. Refer Executive Summary.
- The playspace has gaps in climbing, creative and sound / music play activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.

- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace Analysis

- Site is characterised by a wide, sloping open grass area against a regenerating native bush / gully backdrop.
- Access is via a concrete pathway and ramp.
- Equipment is fairly simple and provides swing, slide and spinning activity options.
- A climbing frame with nets, rock wall and ladders has been removed due to health and safety concerns. This has resulted in the playspace failing to meet minimum baseline requirements for neighbourhood parks (swings, slide, climbing).

Recommendations

The playspace receives a medium priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- The missing climbing unit is replaced with a challenging proprietary or custom climbing structure that also incorporates elements of balance play and overhead play (e.g. monkey bars). This should be prioritised to ensure the playspace meets minimum baseline requirements for neighbourhood parks.
- Future renewal investigates ways to integrate more unstructured, cyclic and balance play activities to existing timber edge.

Indicative Budget

\$45,000 for new climbing multi unit and potential upgrade / addition to existing timber edge.

PORTSEA RESERVE

Network analysis

- Portsea Reserve is situated on the corner of two residential streets, between Chatswood Reserve and Kauri Point Domain. Chelsea Primary School is within walking distance.
- The playspace is clearly legible and visible from the surrounding street network and residential properties.
- The playspace has no catchment overlaps with neighbourhood parks.
- There are multiple gaps in neighbourhood playspace provision in the area. Mick Stanley Memorial Reserve to the south should be considered as it is a good size and has excellent visibility and access. Refer Executive Summary.
- The playspace has gaps in spinning/ rocking, sound / music and creative play activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.

- Proportional increases in the Childhood to Senior age groups (5-14 yrs) are projected for the surrounding census area unit.

Playspace analysis

- Site is characterised by its corner position, border planting and centralised playspace.
- Equipment consists of a single multi unit incorporating swings, slide, tunnel, balance and climbing elements, set within a raised timber edge with ramp access.
- The playspace was installed prior to December 1997 (based on Google Earth historical aerial review). In the short term, prior to implementation of recommended improvements, equipment in poor condition requires assessment by a RPII Outdoor Annual Inspector to ensure compliance with safety standards.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a high priority rating from its poor condition score. It is recommended that:

- Play provision continues to focus on Early Childhood to Childhood age groups, with supplementary challenging equipment for the Junior age group.
- Full redevelopment is prioritised due to equipment condition and age. At minimum, any redevelopment should include all activity category attributes currently recorded in the playspace.
- The multi unit is replaced with new equipment scoring highly across self-directed / challenging, multiple-use, inclusive and connected play et cetera.
- Additional swing and spinning / rocking elements are included.
- Additional supporting elements with unstructured play value are incorporated to complement proprietary play equipment, provide extra informal balance play and add landscape amenity and character. These could include logs or boulders, stepping stones, robust planting, small grass mounds and / or a playable edge rather than standard timber edge.

Indicative budget

\$150,000 for full redevelopment.

POWRIE RESERVE

Network analysis

- Powrie Reserve is formed out of a regenerating bush gully surrounded by residential properties.
- The playspace is positioned at one end of the reserve in a small open grass section off Powrie Street.
- The playspace is not clearly legible from the main street network due to its position at the end of a short right of way.
- The reserve has catchment overlap with Kaipātiki Park (a suburb park) and Tamahere, Windy Ridge and Park Reserves (all neighbourhood parks).

- The playspace has gaps in balance / jumping, sound / music and creative play activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Childhood to Senior age groups (5-14 yrs).

Playspace analysis

- The playspace is concentrated within a single, raised bark cushionfall surface. A ramp is provided but there is no path access from the road.
- Equipment consists of a newer 2 bay swing, a double seesaw and standalone slide.
- Equipment is very simple and standalone, providing little opportunity for unstructured, connected play.
- The playspace lacks additional supporting elements, such as planting, level changes, playable edges et cetera that would provide informal play opportunities and add landscape amenity and character.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a high priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- The existing facility maintains provision focus on Early Childhood – Childhood age groups allowing for supplementary provision of elements to improve play value.
- Existing equipment in good condition be retained and supplemented with additional elements to improve climbing, sound / music, balance / jumping and unstructured, connected play.
- Equipment in average condition is monitored and replaced when it reaches the end of its serviceable lifespan.
- Contextual improvements to amenity like a formal planting, level changes, playable edges et cetera, are considered.

Indicative budget

\$45,000 for improvements to existing playspace.

REWI ALLEY RESERVE

Network analysis

- Rewi Alley Reserve is a large open space / stormwater reserve with a looping path network and pond.
- The playspace is in the southwestern corner of the reserve with good visibility from surrounding residential roads and properties.
- The reserve has catchment overlap with Highgrove, Totaravale, Target, Leiden and Wanita Reserves, however access to Leiden and Wanita Reserves is limited by busy Target Road.

- The reserve also has catchment overlap with Devonshire and Exeter Reserves across the Local Board boundary in Unsworth Heights (part of Upper Harbour Local Board).
- The close proximity to Totaravale and Target Reserves enables consideration of the relevance, appropriateness and uniqueness of play provision within each.
- The playspace has typical activity category attribute gaps in creative and sound / music play.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace analysis

- The site is distinguished by its gently sloping landform, loop paths and stormwater pond with bridge / boardwalk crossing.
- The reserve is named after Rewi Alley, a well-known New Zealand activist and writer who lived in China for sixty years. A commemorative bust and plaque are installed within the gathering / formal entry threshold adjacent to the playspace. This area also contains a picnic table and barbeque.
- Equipment is set within a square area of bark cushionfall. A large multi unit contains various climbing, overhead and balance elements. A separate swing contains an additional spinning tyre swing as well as standard and infant swings.
- The playspace was installed between 1997 and 2000 (based on Google Earth historical aerials). In the short term, prior to implementation of recommended improvements, equipment and cushionfall in poor condition require assessment by a RPII Outdoor Annual Inspector to ensure compliance with safety standards.
- Equipment and the activities supported lack opportunities for unstructured, imaginative play, with very limited to non-existent role play or interactive game elements. The playspace also lacks additional supporting elements, such as planting, level changes, playable edges et cetera that would provide informal play opportunities and add landscape amenity and character.
- A separate small half basketball court is provided.
- Exercise equipment has recently been installed within the reserve.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a high priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- Full playspace redevelopment is prioritised.
- Play provision for Early Childhood – Junior age groups is accommodated, and Senior age group provision is improved by exploring and implementing challenging, inclusive, multiple use and connected play elements. At minimum, any redevelopment should include all activity category attributes currently recorded in the playspace.

- Chinese cultural heritage references are considered for overall playspace theming and / or aesthetic.
- The interface between the existing gathering area and playspace is improved.
- The basketball half court is redesigned to be better integrated with the playspace, with all-weather access. It should also meet FIBA 3x3 half court dimensions. Alternatively, the inclusion of a full-sized basketball court with rebound wall could be considered.
- As part of the redevelopment, additional supporting elements with unstructured play value are incorporated to complement proprietary play equipment, provide extra informal balance play and add landscape amenity and character. These could include logs or boulders, stepping stones, robust planting, small grass mounds or a playable edge rather than standard timber edge.

It is noted that the above recommendations are to be considered in tandem with suggested decommission of Target Reserve, with a view that appropriate catchment coverage, activity category attribute and age range provision is provided at Totaravale and Rewi Alley Reserves. Refer Target Reserve recommendations for additional commentary.

Indicative budget

\$350,000 for full redevelopment and a new basketball half court.

ROTARY GROVE (NORTHCOTE)

Network analysis

- Rotary Grove is located off Lake Road and forms an open space reserve adjacent Onepoto Stream.
- The reserve accommodates Northcote Lawn Tennis Club facilities and is subject to visitation from outside of catchment, and therefore host to a wide range of age groups participating in active sports recreation.
- There is poor visibility from road and residential properties due to significant vegetation.
- The reserve has neighbourhood-level catchment overlap with Onepoto Domain, with connecting route identified within the Kaipātiki Explorer.
- The playspace has multiple activity category attribute gaps in balance / jumping, spinning / rocking, role play / collaborative, sound / music and creative play.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace analysis

- Site is characterised by a flat open grass space situated between tennis courts, mangrove edge and bush-covered slope.

- The playspace is accessed via a gravel path from the tennis club car park and Lake Road.
- Play equipment consists of a single multi unit and 1 bay swing. The multi unit provides several climbing options and stair access for younger children. Equipment is in excellent condition.
- Play opportunities are prescribed with little role play, collaborative or unstructured play opportunities. Potential exists to supplement with improved amenity and facilities that accommodate the above.
- The playspace also lacks additional supporting elements, such as planting, level changes, playable edges et cetera that would provide informal play opportunities and add landscape amenity and character.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a medium priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- An additional play activity should be added to address gaps and improve play value.
- Additional supporting elements with unstructured play value are incorporated to complement proprietary play equipment, provide extra informal balance play and add landscape amenity and character. These could include logs or boulders, stepping stones, robust planting, small grass mounds and / or a playable edge rather than standard timber edge.

Indicative budget

\$20,000 for additional equipment piece and supporting elements.

SAPPHIRE RESERVE

Network analysis

- Sapphire Reserve is located off a residential cul-de-sac street, forming a grassed open space with playspace between road and steep forested bank. The playspace is clearly legible and visible from the road and surrounding residential lots.
- The facility has significant neighbourhood catchment overlap with Fernwood Grove and, to a lesser extent, Elliott and Teviot Reserves.
- The close proximity to Fernwood Grove (a 3-minute walk away) enables consideration of the relevance, appropriateness and uniqueness of play provision within each.
- The playspace has some activity category attribute gaps and poor play value, due to the standard / off the shelf nature of the equipment experiences on offer and limited Play Attribute consideration.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Childhood to Senior age groups (5-14 yrs).

Playspace analysis

- The playspace consists of zones of Play Matta tiled safety surface. There are no connecting paths provided between safety surface and public footpath.
- Equipment covers key activity category attributes except for balance / jumping, creative and sound / music play.
- All equipment is fairly standardised and standalone.
- Equipment and the activities supported lack opportunities for unstructured, imaginative play, with no role play or interactive game elements.

Recommendations

Although the playspace received a medium priority rating from its combined assessment scores, nearby Fernwood Grove with superior play value, location and access scores is better positioned to address provision at a network level within the surrounding catchment.

It is therefore suggested that the playspace is decommissioned, with investment prioritised in Fernwood Grove.

It is also suggested that the timing of the decommission is aligned with the updates to Fernwood Grove, with a view that proposed facilities within Fernwood Grove will provide appropriate catchment coverage, activity category attribute and age range provision to ensure holistic investment outcomes are achieved.

Moreover, considering overall good condition of Sapphire Reserve, the facility could be maintained as is in the interim, with minimal investment, until equipment condition and repairs are no longer viable or Fernwood Grove is redeveloped.

Finally, the inclusion of potential nature play elements with unstructured play value could be explored as an alternative to current play provision, concentrating on the native bush interface (with good natural shade provision). These could include balance / climbing log elements, boulders, a loop trail, opportunities for unstructured play (hut building, loose parts) and an insect hotel.

Indicative budget

\$10,000 for several nature play elements.

SHEPHERDS PARK

Network analysis

- Shepherds Park is located in close proximity to Beach Haven's suburban centre.
- The park has neighbourhood-level catchment overlap with Opaketai Beach Haven Garden and Tui Park. Neptune Avenue and Lysander Crescent Reserves fall within its suburb catchment.
- There is a neighbourhood play facility gap to the east, however there are limited opportunities to install additional playspaces in this area without acquisition.
- The Kaipātiki Connections Network Plan (2012) proposed a coastal link from Shepherds Park to Tui Park. This is listed as a Kaipātiki Local Board priority for the 2018/2019 financial year.
- The close proximity and potential future coastal link between Shepherds and Tui Parks enables consideration of relative unique experiences for each reserve.

- The park is part of the Kaipātiki Bike, Skate & BMX facilities with its learn to ride bike trail.
- The park accommodates multiple sports and recreation activities (fitness trail, football / soccer, bowls, futsal, tennis, squash) and is home to resident clubs, subject to visitation from outside of catchment, and therefore host to a wide range of age groups participating in active sports recreation. Toilet facilities are provided, however these weren't visible when visiting the playspace.
- A community creche facility is also located within the park's boundaries, directly adjacent to the playspace.
- The playspace accommodates a range of standard activity category attributes, with gaps in spinning / rocking, role play / collaborative, creative and sound / music play.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) through to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).
- It is also noted that the reserve, specifically the coastal bush in the northwest portion of the site, will be reviewed for nature play feasibility, as part of the Nature Spaces and Trails Feasibility Assessment Report.

Playspace analysis

- The park is characterised by two large terraced sports fields with perimeter paths that lead down to an area of regenerating coastal forest. The playspace facility is clustered at the southern end of the park, on mostly flat land adjacent to a 1 in 4 slope to the car park.
- The playspace forms a figure 8, with two main areas of bark cushionfall encircled by a learn to ride track with rollers, give way markings and rumble strips.
- The main multi unit caters to the two main age groups (Early Childhood and Childhood), with stair access provided for young or less able children. There are a variety of standardised sliding, climbing, overhead and balance play elements incorporated.
- There are two near identical single bay swings provided in separate bark cushionfall zones, however, one contains no swing seats. At the time of our visit there was no Early Childhood swing provision.
- A BBQ, drinking fountain, picnic tables and other seating elements are also included.
- By and large, the playspace provides minimal opportunity for self-directed, make-believe and challenging play due to the prescribed nature of the dated / traditional play equipment. No role play or collaborative play equipment is provided.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a medium priority from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- Due to the proposed implementation of a coastal walkway link between Shepherds and Tui Parks, Shepherds Park playspace prioritises play for the Early Childhood and Childhood age groups (1-9 yrs), with Tui Park catering to older age groups (10+ yrs).
- The addition of inclusive play experiences (Local Board resolution no. KT/2017/20) is investigated as part of an overall renewal of the playspace.
- Future renewal should include all activity category attributes currently recorded in the playspace whilst providing the following additional play elements:
 - A basket swing as well as swing seats for Early Childhood to Childhood aged children
 - A collaborative spinning or rocking element
 - Creative play opportunities like sand play
 - Themed / role play elements reflecting local heritage and identity
- The existing learn to ride track is retained and upgraded as needed as part of future renewal.
- Additional supporting elements with unstructured play value are incorporated to complement proprietary play equipment, provide extra informal balance play and add landscape amenity and character. These could include logs or boulders, stepping stones, robust planting, small grass mounds and the like.

Indicative budget

\$290,000 for full playspace redevelopment, retaining existing learn to ride track if possible.

SPINELLA RESERVE

Network analysis

- The playspace is located within a large reserve, with track connections to Bonito Scenic Reserve. The playspace is clearly legible and visible from surrounding residential lots and to passing motorists / pedestrians.
- The facility has significant neighbourhood catchment overlap with Elliott Reserve, and to a lesser extent, Fernwood Grove and Lynn Reserve.
- The close proximity to Elliott Reserve enables consideration of the relevance, appropriateness and uniqueness of play provision within each.
- There is a neighbourhood-level catchment gap in the adjacent Anne McLean Drive / Manuka Road area to the southwest. It is recommended that a new playspace facility providing Childhood to Junior age group provision is installed at Anne McLean Reserve, on the corner of Anne McLean Drive and Emery Grove. Refer Executive Summary.
- The playspace has some activity category attribute gaps in balance / jumping, creative and sound / music play.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative

proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Childhood to Senior age groups (5-14 yrs).

- It is also noted that the reserve will be reviewed for nature play feasibility, as part of the Nature Spaces and Trails Feasibility Assessment Report.

Playspace analysis

- Site is characterised by a large grassed open space area, with mature trees along the road interface and a backdrop of regenerating bush to the rear of the site.
- Access is via a gate within the low fence along the road / reserve interface. The entrance to the bush track is not clearly visible from the playspace.
- Equipment is fairly standardised, covering swinging, sliding and climbing baseline requirements with additional spinning elements. There is also a feature snake swing element, the only one in the Kaipātiki and Devonport-Takapuna Local Board areas. This supports social interaction and collaboration by requiring children to work together to move in a single direction.
- A goal target practice element is installed some distance away from the playspace. At the time of our visit this was being used as a climbing element by a group of young children.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a medium priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- Play provision for the Junior age group is improved by exploring and implementing challenging, inclusive, multiple use and connected play elements. At minimum, any renewal should include all activity category attributes currently recorded in the playspace.
- The snake swings are retained and assessed by a RPII Outdoor Annual Inspector as needed to determine condition. If replacement is required, we recommend it is replaced like for like to keep this unique element.
- Balance / jumping play equipment like log scrambles or balance beams is included to cover the current activity category attribute gap.
- Additional supporting elements with unstructured play value are incorporated to complement proprietary play equipment and add landscape amenity and character. These could include logs or boulders, robust planting, small grass mounds or a playable edge rather than standard timber edge.

It is noted that the above recommendations are to be considered in tandem with suggested decommission of Elliott Reserve, with a view that appropriate catchment coverage, activity category attribute and age range provision is provided at Fernwood Grove and Spinella Reserve. Refer Elliott Reserve recommendations for additional commentary.

Indicative budget

\$100,000 for additional challenging play equipment and supporting unstructured play elements.

STAFFORD PARK

Network analysis

- Stafford Park is located alongside the Stafford Road Northern Motorway exit in Northcote Point.
- The playspace is not legible from the main road / park interface but is visible from the end of Denby Lane.
- The park accommodates sports activities (rugby union and rugby league) and is subject to visitation from outside of catchment, and therefore host to a wide range of age groups participating in active sports recreation.
- The park has neighbourhood-level catchment overlap with Little Shoal Bay Reserve. Jean Sampson Reserve falls within its suburb park catchment area.
- The playspace has gaps in spinning / rocking, role play / collaborative, sound / music and creative play activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace analysis

- Site is generally characterised by open grass sport fields, with the playspace situated amongst a cluster of mature trees at the intersection of several paths connecting Denby Lane with Waimana and Richmond Avenues.
- The playspace consists of a main multi unit with various play activities and a separate 1 bay swing.
- There is little opportunity for self-directed and challenging play, particularly for older children, due to the prescribed nature of the traditional play equipment. No role play or collaborative play equipment is provided

Recommendations

The playspace receives a medium priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- The facility maintains provision focus on Early Childhood – Childhood age groups allowing for supplementary provision of elements to improve play provision for Junior age group.
- Existing equipment in good condition be retained and supplemented with additional elements to improve role play and collaborative play. A spinning or rocking element is also required.
- In addition to the above, play provision for Junior age group be improved by exploring and implementing challenging, inclusive, multiple use and connected play elements.
- Improvements to amenity be considered including implementation of additional low planting to complement existing.
- The inclusion of a half or full basketball court is considered within the wider reserve, to compensate for the suggested removal of Jean Sampson Reserve's

basketball court (refer Jean Sampson Reserve recommendations).

Indicative budget

\$100,000 for additional play elements and potential basketball half court.

STANAWAY RESERVE

Network analysis

- The reserve is located on Stanaway Street with path connection provided to Sylvia Road. The playspace is clearly legible from the street and adjacent residential properties.
- The playspace has significant neighbourhood catchment overlap with Linley Reserve, and minor overlap with Lenihan Reserve and Lindisfarne (across Ocean View Road).
- The close proximity to Linley Reserve enables consideration of the relevance, appropriateness and uniqueness of play provision within each.
- The playspace has activity category attribute gaps in balance / jumping, sound / music and creative play.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace analysis

- Site is characterised by a flat green open space slotted between residential properties, with an open relationship to the street.
- The playspace is located at the rear of the site with path and ramp access provided to the raised bark cushionfall area.
- The playspace contains a standalone slide, spinner and 1 bay swing. A small basketball half court is provided next to the playspace.
- All play equipment is in average condition requiring assessment by a RPII Outdoor Annual Inspector.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a medium priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- The existing facility maintains provision focus on Early Childhood – Childhood age groups allowing for supplementary provision of elements to improve play provision for Junior age group.
- At minimum, future redevelopment should include all activity category attributes currently recorded in the playspace.
- Play value should be improved to include more opportunities for inclusive, multiple use and connected play, with additional creative or interactive elements incorporated as budget allows.

- Additional supporting elements are incorporated within the design. This could include planting, level changes, playable edges et cetera that provide informal play opportunities and add landscape amenity and character.
- The basketball half court is retained as is in the short to medium term, with the relevance of its continued inclusion assessed at time of playspace renewal.

Indicative budget

\$200,000 for full redevelopment.

TAMAHERE RESERVE

Network analysis

- Tamahere Reserve is formed out of a regenerating bush gully surrounded by residential properties.
- The playspace is located at one end of the reserve in a small open grass section off Redfern Lane. There are no track connections from the playspace through the bush to Tamahere Drive, however a path connection is provided to the vested reserve at 55 Tamahere Drive.
- The playspace is not clearly legible from the street network due to vegetation blocking visibility.
- The reserve has catchment overlap with Kaipātiki Park (a suburb park) and Powrie and Windy Ridge Reserves (both neighbourhood parks).
- The playspace has activity category attribute gaps in balance / jumping, sound / music and creative play.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Childhood to Senior age groups (5-14 yrs).

Playspace analysis

- Site is characterised by a narrow grass open space between residential properties, dropping away to regenerating bush at the rear of the site.
- Equipment consists of two multi units, a duck-themed springer, double seesaw and 1 bay swing. Ramp access to the raised bark cushionfall surface is provided.
- All proprietary play equipment is in poor condition and was installed prior to December 2000 (based on Google Earth historical aerials).
- Equipment and the activities supported lack opportunities for unstructured, imaginative play, with no role play or interactive game elements included.
- The playspace also lacks additional supporting elements, such as planting, level changes, playable edges et cetera that would provide informal play opportunities and add landscape amenity and character.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a high priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- The playspace is disestablished and relocated within the reserve to 55 Tamahere Drive (zoned Open Space – Informal Recreation Zone), due to the lot's superior size and legibility from the road and residential properties.
- The playspace redevelopment focuses on the Childhood and Junior age groups, allowing for supplementary provision of elements to accommodate Early Childhood age group.
- Equipment provision should explore and implement challenging, inclusive, multiple use and connected play elements. At minimum, all activity category attributes currently recorded in the playspace should be included with gaps in balance / jumping and creative play addressed.

Indicative budget

\$250,000 for full redevelopment in new location within reserve.

TARGET RESERVE

Network analysis

- Target Reserve is situated adjacent to Target Road Primary School.
- Topographical changes and significant vegetation result in poor visibility and access from Target Road.
- The reserve has catchment overlap with Totaravale, Rewi Alley, Leiden and Celeste Reserves, however busy Target Road limits pedestrian access to Leiden and Celeste Reserves.
- The close proximity to Totaravale and Rewi Alley Reserves enables consideration of the relevance, appropriateness and uniqueness of play provision within each.
- The playspace has gaps in spinning / rocking, creative and sound / music play activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates all age groups from Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Senior (13+ yrs).
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace analysis

- Site is characterised by a moderately steep (1:5) grass slope from top of the reserve down to the school and footpath interface. A stand of mature pine trees defines one edge of the playspace.
- Equipment is installed within a flat area of bark cushionfall, with a timber edge providing retaining.
- The adjacent school playspace is visible and easily accessed from the reserve.
- Equipment consists of a standalone slide unit, a 1 bay swing and a dynamic skateboard play element.

- The equipment is an unusual mixture of simple elements for young children and a more challenging skateboard piece geared towards the Junior and Senior age groups (10+ yrs).
- No seating is provided for caregivers.

Recommendations

Although the playspace receives a high priority rating from its combined assessment scores, nearby Totaravale and Rewi Alley Reserves with superior visibility and play value are within walking distance and are better positioned to address provision at a network level within the surrounding catchment.

It is therefore suggested that the playspace is decommissioned, with a view that proposed facilities within Totaravale and Rewi Alley Reserves will provide appropriate catchment coverage, activity category attribute and age range provision to ensure holistic investment outcomes are achieved.

In the meantime, equipment should be assessed by a RPII Outdoor Annual Inspector to determine condition and necessity of removal as appropriate.

Indicative budget

N/A. It is suggested that existing renewal allowances are redistributed to Totaravale and / or Rewi Alley Reserves.

TAURUS CRESCENT RESERVE

Network analysis

- Taurus Crescent Reserve is located on a corner lot within a lower decile residential catchment. There is good visibility from the road and surrounding properties.
- The reserve has catchment overlap with Lysander Crescent and Jacaranda Avenue Reserves, although pedestrian connectivity to Jacaranda is limited by busy Rangatira Road. Together these reserves provide significant play provision coverage for the surrounding area.
- The playspace has average play value and has multiple activity category attribute gaps in spinning / rocking, role play / collaborative, creative play and sound / music play. These activity gaps are identical to Jacaranda Reserve playspace, despite play equipment selection, aesthetic and materiality varying significantly between the playspaces. This enables consideration of relative unique experiences and appropriateness of play provision within each.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Junior (10-12 yrs) age groups. The flying fox is attractive to a wider age range and is one of four installed in Kaipātiki.
- Age groups in this area are projected to be relatively proportional to one another, despite a proportional increase in the Childhood (5-9 yrs) age group.

Playspace analysis

- Site is characterised by a gently sloping grass area with residential properties on two sides. No trees are planted within the reserve.

- Equipment is incorporated to one side of the reserve. A concrete threshold area with seating provides some room for children to gather or ride scooters / bikes.
- Equipment is well used, with the monkey bar unit particularly worn.
- The equipment meets baseline neighbourhood playspace requirements (swings, slide and climbing or overhead agility elements) with additional flying fox and balance play.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a medium priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- Play provision continues to focus on Early Childhood to Junior age groups.
- A spinning / rocking equipment piece is included to provide additional collaborative play. As age groups in this area are projected to be relatively proportional to one another, community consultation could be used to determine the ideal equipment piece and intended age group, whether a simple seesaw springer for toddlers or a more challenging, dynamic spinner for older children.
- The monkey bar unit is monitored and replaced once it reaches the end of its lifespan. The replacement equipment should continue provide overhead climbing / hanging activity value, however additional climbing elements could be considered to provide further play value e.g. vertical ladder, fireman's pole.
- Bark cushionfall levels are monitored and topped up as required.
- Council explores incorporating painted games such as four square, hopscotch, within the paved area.

Indicative budget

\$40,000 for spinning / rocking equipment, replacement monkey bar unit, bark cushionfall top up and painted games.

TEVIOT RESERVE

Network analysis

- Teviot Reserve is situated amongst residential properties and connects Ayton Drive with Teviot Place.
- The playspace is not visible from the road and there is no signage to indicate its presence.
- The reserve has catchment overlap with Fernwood Grove, and Sapphire, Wanita, Celeste and Leiden Reserves, and falls within Normanton Reserve's suburb catchment. However, busy Wairau and Glenfield Roads limit pedestrian connectivity to Fernwood Grove, Sapphire Reserve and Celeste Reserve.
- The close proximity to Wanita and Leiden Reserves enables consideration of the relevance, appropriateness and uniqueness of play provision within each.
- The playspace has gaps in balance / jumping, sound / music and creative play activity category attributes.

- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace analysis

- Site is characterised by gently sloping open grass area with large trees sporadically planted along the site boundary. Access is via two narrow gaps between residential fence lines.
- The playspace is located alongside the main footpath. Equipment is installed within a raised timber edge. Ramp access is provided to the bark cushionfall surface.
- Equipment consists of various individual elements including standalone slide, monkey bars, seesaw, spinner and 1 bay swing. Equipment is in average to poor condition.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a high priority rating from its combined assessment scores. A renewal has recently been completed (July 2018) with new swings, carousel, see saw and stepping blocks installed. However, nearby Wanita and Leiden Reserves with superior visibility and play value, are more suitably positioned to address provision at a network level within the surrounding catchment.

Long term, it is therefore suggested that the playspace is considered for decommission, with a view that existing and proposed facilities within Wanita and Leiden Reserves will provide appropriate catchment coverage, activity category attribute and age range provision to ensure holistic investment outcomes are achieved. This approach should be reevaluated at the end of the current equipment's lifespan.

Furthermore, the future inclusion of a pump track extension / offshoot to the existing path could be explored as an alternative to current provision to create a safe riding area for children on bikes and scooters and activate the reserve with a unique, local destination feature.

Indicative budget

\$60,000 for demolition of existing playspace and installation of pump track feature with planting.

TOTARAVALE RESERVE

Network analysis

- Totaravale Reserve is an open space reserve located on a main residential road, close to the Northern Motorway. Commercial big-box retail and eateries on Link Drive are a 500m walk away.
- There is limited visibility into the reserve from the road and surrounding residential properties due to the narrow road / reserve interface and tree planting.

- The reserve has catchment overlap with Rewi Alley, Target and Highgrove Reserves.
- The close proximity to Rewi Alley and Target Reserves enables consideration of the relevance, appropriateness and uniqueness of play provision within each.
- The playspace has gaps in role play / collaborative and spinning / rocking activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Junior (10-12 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace analysis

- The site is distinguished by a wide grass open space behind residential properties. Mature trees provide a buffer between the Northern Motorway and the reserve.
- The playspace is located at the rear corner of the site and is accessed from a long, curving path.
- Playspace equipment consists of two older multi units and a more recently installed flying fox (one of four in Kaipātiki).
- The playspace was installed between 1997 and 2000 (based on Google Earth historical aerials). In the short term, prior to implementation of recommended improvements, equipment in poor condition requires assessment by a RPII Outdoor Annual Inspector to ensure compliance with safety standards.
- The multi units are installed within the traditional raised timber edge (with ramp access), whereas the flying fox has no timber edge and is situated amongst native oioi reeds.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a high priority rating due to the poor condition of the multi units. It is recommended that:

- The flying fox is retained as is.
- New equipment focuses on the Childhood and Junior age groups (5-12 yrs).
- The two multi units are removed, and new equipment incorporating self-directed / challenging, multiple-use, inclusive and connected play, and providing challenging climbing, balancing and sliding activity category attributes, is installed.
- Additional challenging spinning and swinging elements (like a dynamic spinner and a tall swing) are incorporated.
- Additional contextual elements like logs, boulders, robust planting, level changes and the like are incorporated for informal / unstructured play.
- The location of equipment be reconsidered with a view to improve views of features from the street.
- Space(s) for informal gathering and respite are provided.

It is noted that the above recommendations are to be considered in tandem with suggested decommission of Target Reserve, with a view that appropriate catchment coverage, activity category attribute and age range provision is provided at Totaravale and Rewi Alley Reserves. Refer Target Reserve recommendations for additional commentary.

Indicative budget

\$200,000 to incorporate challenging equipment and amenity.

TUI PARK

Network analysis

- Tui Park is located at the end of a residential street, forming a significant coastal bush and open space buffer between residential properties and tidal mudflats. Nearby playspaces with catchment overlap include Opaketai Beach Haven Garden and Shepherds Park.
- The Kaipātiki Connections Network Plan (2012) proposed a coastal link from Tui Park to Shepherds Park. This is listed as a Kaipātiki Local Board priority for the 2018/2019 financial year.
- The close proximity and potential future coastal link between Tui and Shepherds Parks enables consideration of relative unique experiences for each reserve.
- The park is part of the Kaipātiki Bike, Skate & BMX facilities with its skate / basketball feature.
- Scout and Girl Guide facility buildings are located near the entrance of the park.
- The facility accommodates most activity categories with gaps in balance / jumping, creative and sound / music play.
- The playspace incorporates several newer equipment items that have increased the age group provision to include Junior (10-12 yrs) as well as typical Early Childhood and Childhood age ranges (1-9 yrs).
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace analysis

- Site is characterised by a level grassed open space with bordering regenerating native bush and significant mature pohutukawa trees.
- The playspace contains several equipment options for the Early Childhood and Childhood age ranges, including a standalone slide, swings, see saw and spinner. Newer and more challenging equipment includes a tall spacenet, tall swings with half basketball court between.
- Role play equipment is limited to a standardised steering wheel. There is also a lack of equipment promoting balance / jumping play experiences.
- Whilst the playspace caters to a wide age range, there are limited opportunities for challenging and self-directed play for younger children.

- The playspace is currently being renewed (May – June 2018). Based on publicly available plans, a new 2 bay swing with basket will replace the existing Early Childhood swings and a new spinner will be provided.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a medium priority from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- Long term, with the proposed implementation of a coastal walkway link between Shepherds and Tui Parks, the playspace shifts to become predominantly youth focused, catering to the Junior and Senior age groups (10+). Early Childhood and Childhood (1-9 yrs) provision, including opportunities for inclusive play, should be prioritised at Shepherds Park.
- Existing elements for older children (spacenet, tall swing, basketball feature) are retained.
- Future equipment elements should include parkour / obstacle course elements providing challenging climbing and balance play for the Junior and Senior age groups (10+).
- Council considers incorporating additional skate park options, to supplement the existing small skate bowl integrated with the basketball court.
- An option for an additional hangout space is investigated.

Indicative budget

\$200,000 for a range of interventions including challenging obstacle course / parkour equipment, a hangout space and a small skatepark feature.

VANDELEUR RESERVE

Network analysis

- Vandeleur Reserve is surrounded by residential properties on all sides, with no visibility from the road. A narrow path allows access between two residential properties. Auckland Council standard pole signage is also provided at the road interface.
- The reserve has significant catchment overlap with Inwards Reserve. However, Inwards Reserve is approximately a 1km walk away due to topographical limitations and road layout.
- The facility has average play value and several activity category attribute gaps in balance / jumping, creative play and sound / music play.
- Equipment caters to the Early Childhood to Childhood age groups (1-9 yrs).
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace analysis

- Site is characterised by a sloping open grass area with looped paths providing access to a raised bark cushionfall area. There is no wheelchair or buggy access provided to the play surface.

- The playspace comprises typical baseline neighbourhood play provision of slide, swings and seesaw, with additional climbing and role play provision incorporated within the multi unit.
- Equipment is dated and standardised, with no opportunity for unstructured play.
- Equipment provides little challenge to older children (6+ years).

Recommendations

The playspace receives a medium priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- Play provision focuses on Early Childhood and Childhood age groups, with supplementary Junior age group provision included due to distance from Inwards Reserve / other playspaces.
- Equipment is monitored and replaced at the end of its useful life.
- At minimum, any renewal should include all activity category attributes currently recorded in the playspace with additional challenging, collaborative play for Childhood and Junior aged children.
- Additional supporting elements with unstructured play value are incorporated to complement proprietary play equipment, provide extra informal balance play and add landscape amenity and character. These could include logs or boulders, stepping stones, robust planting, small grass mounds or a playable edge rather than standard timber edge.

Indicative budget

\$70,000 for equipment replacement and additional connecting amenity elements with unstructured play value.

WANITA RESERVE

Network analysis

- Wanita Reserve is centrally located within a logical catchment relative to Teviot and Leiden Reserves and connects three residential cul-de-sac streets. The close proximity to Teviot and Leiden Reserves enables consideration of the relevance, appropriateness and uniqueness of play provision within each.
- The reserve also has catchment overlap with Rewi Alley, Celeste, Sapphire and Target Reserves, and falls within Normanton Reserve's suburb catchment. However, generally busy streets (in particular Target and Glenfield Roads) limit pedestrian connectivity.
- The playspace has typical gaps in sound / music and creative play activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace analysis

- The site is defined by residential properties on one side and a steep, bush covered transition up to Jenanne Place on the other side. The Wanita Place interface is more open with good visibility into the reserve and playspace.
- The playspace is installed to one side of the central footpath with a newer concrete loop path / threshold providing level access to the bark cushionfall surface and bench seat.
- Proprietary equipment includes a large multi unit incorporating both Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) age range intended equipment and Childhood (5-9 yrs) age range equipment, a sit-down spinner and a 2 bay swing with basket.
- There are no role play experiences provided within the play equipment. Despite this, a range of timber and concrete custom elements provide additional self-directed unstructured and balance play value throughout the playspace, activating edges typically left bare in older playspaces.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a low priority rating from its combined assessment scores. It is recommended that:

- The facility maintains provision focus on Early Childhood to Childhood age groups, to complement nearby Leiden Reserve providing play opportunities for the Junior age group (10-12 yrs).
- Supplementary elements to improve activity category attribute provision are installed in the long term. These could include interactive creative and sound / music play equipment.

Indicative budget

\$15,000 for additional interactive elements.

WINDY RIDGE RESERVE

Network analysis

- Windy Ridge Reserve is located on the corners of three residential roads, within a short walk (200m) of Windy Ridge School.
- The playspace is clearly legible and visible from the street network and surrounding residential properties.
- The reserve has catchment overlap with Tamahere, Powrie and Park Reserves. It also falls within Kaipātiki Park's suburb park catchment.
- The playspace has gaps in spinning / rocking, sound / music and creative play activity category attributes.
- Current play provision accommodates Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) to Childhood (5-9 yrs) age groups.
- The Early Childhood age group (1-4 yrs) is projected to have the highest relative proportion in this census area unit, despite proportional increases in the Junior and Senior age groups (10-14 yrs).

Playspace analysis

- Site is characterised by a gently sloping grass open space with significant mature trees.
- The playspace is located on the corner of Valley View and Windy Ridge Roads and is fully fenced with gate access.
- Equipment is installed within a raised timber edge with ramp access provided.
- Equipment consists of a large multi unit and 1 bay swing. Role play provision is limited to a standard steering wheel element.
- The playspace lacks additional supporting elements, such as planting, level changes, playable edges et cetera that would provide informal play opportunities and add landscape amenity and character.

Recommendations

The playspace receives a high priority rating from its poor overall condition score. It is recommended that:

- A new neighbourhood playspace facility is established focussing on Early Childhood to Childhood age group provision, with a feature equipment piece considered for additional challenge for Junior age children. At minimum, all activity category attributes currently recorded in the playspace should be included with gaps outlined above addressed.
- Sound or music play elements are incorporated to provide additional creative interaction opportunities.
- The fence and gate access are retained in principle.
- Additional supporting elements with unstructured play value are incorporated to complement proprietary play equipment, provide extra informal balance play and add landscape amenity and character. These could include boulders, robust planting and small grass mounds.

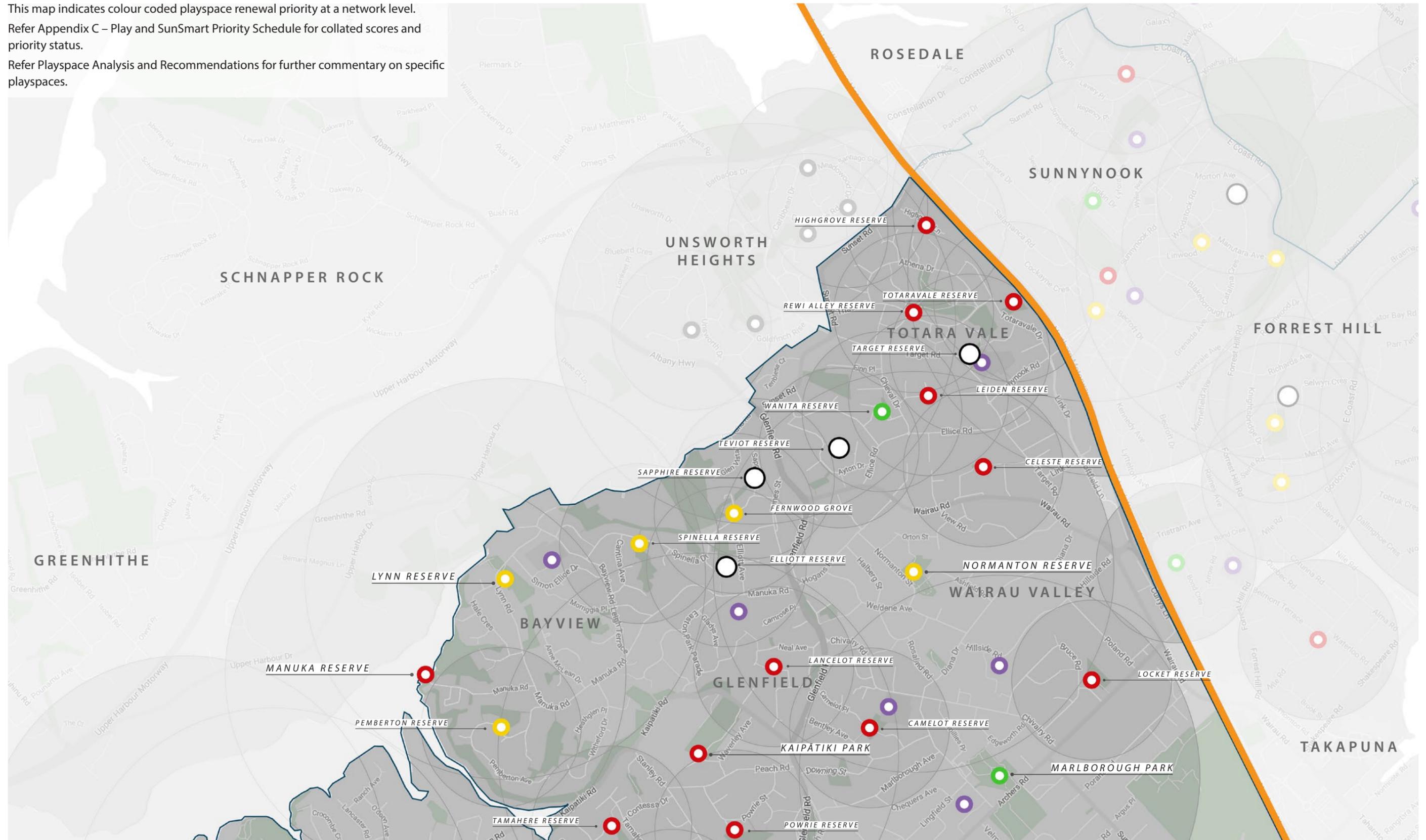
Indicative budget

\$145,000 for full redevelopment within existing fence line.

PLAYSPACE PRIORITY MAP

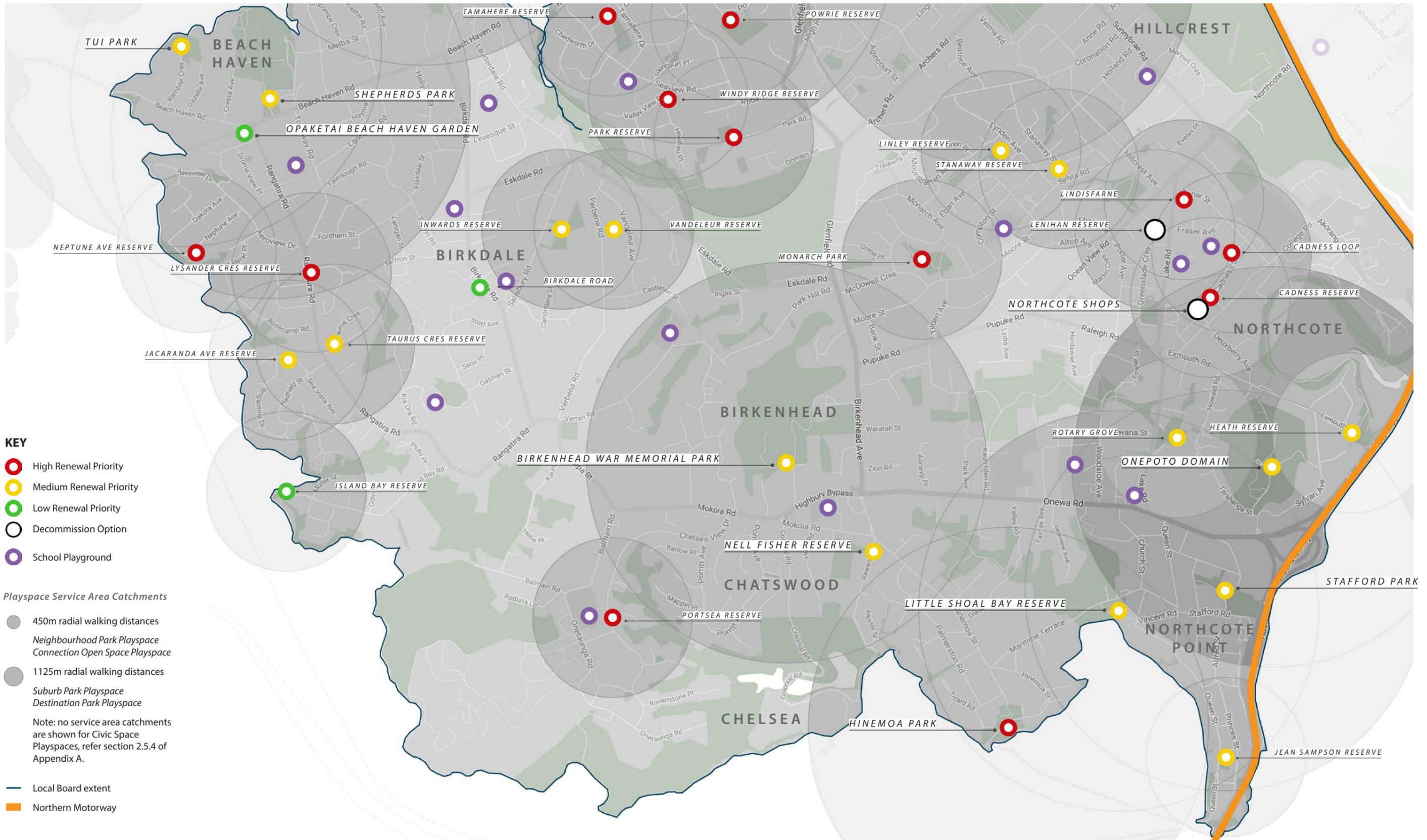
This map indicates colour coded playspace renewal priority at a network level. Refer Appendix C – Play and SunSmart Priority Schedule for collated scores and priority status.

Refer Playspace Analysis and Recommendations for further commentary on specific playspaces.



Base map data: Google





- KEY**
- High Renewal Priority
 - Medium Renewal Priority
 - Low Renewal Priority
 - Decommission Option
 - School Playground

Playspace Service Area Catchments

- 450m radial walking distances
Neighbourhood Park Playspace
Connection Open Space Playspace
- 1125m radial walking distances
Suburb Park Playspace
Destination Park Playspace

Note: no service area catchments are shown for Civic Space Playspaces, refer section 2.5.4 of Appendix A.

- Local Board extent
- Northern Motorway

Base map data: Google

KAIPĀTIKI SUNSMART AUDIT

SUNSMART ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The subsequent section includes commentary on the following as it relates to each individual playspace:

- SunSmart analysis;
- Recommendations, identifying priority status, minimum requirements, opportunities and considerations;
- Indicative budgets, identifying potential monetary allowances for investment;

Refer Appendix A Assessment Parameters and Definitions and SunSmart Priority Map.

BIRKDALE ROAD PLAYGROUND

SunSmart Analysis

1 (Excellent) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

Low priority. No recommendations at this stage.

Indicative Budget

N/A

BIRKENHEAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK

SunSmart Analysis

3 (Average) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary

Recommendations

Medium priority. If playspace is to stay in its current location, the installation of shade sails and / or specimen trees should be considered.

Indicative Budget

\$15,000 for shade sail. \$5,000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

CADNESS LOOP

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

Due to potential future redevelopment, it is recommended that additional SunSmart provision is put on hold. It is recommended that future site / playspace redevelopment includes specimen tree planting for shade and shade sails if required to provide shade to Early Childhood and / or creative play equipment. Existing mature trees should be retained.

Indicative Budget

Long term: \$10,000 for five to ten 400 – 1000L specimen trees, \$25,000 for potential shade sail(s).

CADNESS RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

Due to potential future redevelopment, it is recommended that additional SunSmart provision is put on hold. It is recommended that future site / playspace redevelopment includes specimen tree planting for shade and shade structures as required for respite shade. Existing mature trees should be retained.

Indicative Budget

Long term: \$10,000 for five to ten 400 – 1000L specimen trees, \$50,000 for potential respite shade structure.

CAMELOT RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

High priority. It is recommended that additional specimen tree planting and / or a shade sail (over potential Early Childhood / creative play equipment) is considered as part of the proposed playspace redevelopment. Any new slides should be installed facing south where possible.

Indicative Budget

\$5000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees. \$15,000 for potential shade sail.

CELESTE RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

High priority. Consider additional specimen tree planting in strategic locations to provide respite shade and future shade to equipment.

Indicative Budget

\$5000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

ELLIOTT RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

3 (Average) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

Medium priority. It is recommended that additional specimen tree planting is considered in strategic locations. Any new slides should be installed facing south where possible.

Indicative Budget

\$5000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

FERNWOOD GROVE

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

High priority. Consider additional specimen tree planting in strategic locations to provide respite shade and a shade sail for Early Childhood equipment, particularly creative or sound music play activities.

Indicative Budget

\$5000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees. \$15,000 for a shade sail covering select equipment.

HEATH RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

2 (Good) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

Low priority. Future redevelopment should make use of existing mature tree shade. No further recommendations at this stage.

Indicative Budget

N/A

HIGHGROVE RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

High priority. Consider provision of shade sail and additional specimen tree planting in strategic locations to provide respite shade and future shade to equipment.

Indicative Budget

\$5000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees. \$15,000 for potential shade sail if budget allows.

HINEMOA PARK

SunSmart Analysis

2 (Good) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

Low priority. Future redevelopment should make use of existing mature tree shade. No further recommendations at this stage.

Indicative Budget

N/A

INWARD RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

High priority. The stainless steel slide is exposed to afternoon sun and requires shade, with a shade sail preferred to provide immediate shade. Additional specimen trees are recommended to improve respite shade, particularly to bench seating and picnic tables. Existing specimen trees should be monitored to ensure they reach maturity.

Indicative Budget

\$20,000 to install shade sail and additional specimen trees.

ISLAND BAY RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

3 (Average) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

Medium priority. Additional trees are recommended to improve shade over play equipment where possible. It is recommended that further pohutukawa specimen trees are planted between the rip rap edge and playspace, along the playspace's northern interface.

Indicative Budget

\$5000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

JARACANDA AVENUE

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. No SunSmart provision.

Recommendations

High priority. It is recommended that hardy specimen trees are planted for respite shade.

Indicative Budget

\$5,000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

JEAN SAMPSON RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. No SunSmart provision.

Recommendations

High priority. It is recommended that hardy specimen trees are planted for respite shade.

Indicative Budget

\$5,000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

KAIPATIKI PARK

SunSmart Analysis

3 (Average) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

Medium priority. It is recommended that the future redeveloped facility takes advantage of existing shade for respite and equipment protection. Additional specimen trees should also be integrated within the design. A shade sail could be installed if required to shade Early Childhood or creative play elements.

Indicative Budget

\$5,000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees. \$15,000 for potential shade sail.

LANCELOT RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

High priority. Consider additional specimen tree planting in strategic locations to provide respite shade and future shade to equipment.

Indicative Budget

\$5000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

LEIDEN RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

3 (Average) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary. Provision of shade sails not critical due to limited accommodation of Early Childhood age group.

Recommendations

Medium priority. Monitor condition of existing trees. Consider additional specimen tree planting in strategic locations to provide respite shade and future shade to equipment.

Indicative Budget

\$5000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

LINDISFARNE

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

Due to future long term redevelopment aspirations, it is recommended that additional tree planting is put on hold until further notice.

Indicative Budget

Long term: potential \$10,000 for five to ten 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

LENIHAN RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

3 (Average) score. Refer individual playspace sheets for commentary.

Recommendations

N/A, overall decommission of playspace is recommended.

Indicative Budget

N/A. Redistribute any allowances to Lindisfarne.

LINLEY RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

3 (Average) score. Refer individual playspace sheets for commentary.

Recommendations

Medium priority. Consider additional specimen tree planting in strategic locations to provide respite shade and future shade to equipment.

Indicative Budget

\$5000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

LITTLE SHOAL BAY RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

3 (Average) score. Refer individual playspace sheets for commentary.

Recommendations

Medium priority. Consider future shade sail installation to provide shade to slides and Early Childhood portion of equipment (ship-themed section) as required.

Indicative Budget

Up to \$25,000 for shade sail(s).

LOCKET RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. Refer individual sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

High priority. Consider additional specimen tree planting in strategic locations to provide respite shade and future shade to equipment.

Indicative Budget

\$5000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

LYNN RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

2 (Good) score. Refer individual sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

Low priority. Ensure retention of shade sails.

Indicative Budget

N/A

LYSANDER CRESCENT RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

High priority. It is recommended that future renewal / redevelopment includes additional specimen trees and seating opportunities to provide respite shade. We also note that the developed design plan shows a single shade sail over monkey bars.

Indicative Budget

N/A (assuming SunSmart provision already approved as part of playspace redevelopment).

MANUKA RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

High priority. Consider additional specimen tree planting in strategic locations to provide respite shade and future shade to equipment.

Indicative Budget

\$5000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

MARLBOROUGH PARK

SunSmart Analysis

2 (Good) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

Low priority, no recommendations at this stage.

Indicative Budget

N/A

MONARCH PARK

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

High priority. It is recommended that suitable specimen trees are planted to provide respite shade and shade to equipment. A shade sail or similar is considered for Early Childhood age group equipment.

Indicative Budget

\$5000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees. \$25,000 for potential shade sail(s) over future Early Childhood equipment.

NELL FISHER RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

3 (Average) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

Medium priority. Consider inclusion of shade structure to provide additional respite shade if considered necessary at time of equipment renewal. Also consider reorientating stainless steel slide away from afternoon sun.

Indicative Budget

\$20,000 potential shade structure.

NEPTUNE AVENUE RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

High priority. It is recommended that additional specimen tree planting is considered.

Indicative Budget

\$5000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

NORMANTAN RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

3 (Average) score. Refer individual playspace for commentary.

Recommendations

Medium priority. Consider addition of specimen shade trees and formal shade structures as part of playspace renewal.

Indicative Budget

\$15,000 to cover select elements of renewed facility.

NORTHCOTE SHOPS / NORMAN KING SQUARE

SunSmart Analysis

3 (Average) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

N/A. Overall decommission of playspace is recommended. Refer playspace recommendations for further commentary.

Indicative Budget

N/A. Redistribute any existing allowances to Cadness Reserve redevelopment.

ONEPOTO DOMAIN

SunSmart Analysis

3 (Average) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

Medium priority. Consider shade structure (pergola structure and / or shade sail) to provide additional shade for picnicking and to select equipment areas where children are likely to spend concentrated periods of time. Assess provision of mature specimen trees and look to improve in strategic locations, avoiding potential sightline disruption.

Indicative Budget

\$30,000 for shade structure. \$10,000 for multiple 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

OPAKETAI BEACH HAVEN GARDEN

SunSmart Analysis

3 (Average) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

Medium priority. It is noted that additional specimen trees for equipment and respite shade have been planted. These should be monitored to ensure appropriate respite shade is provided over the medium to long term. Due to the short stay nature of the playspace a shade sail or other built shade structure is not recommended at this stage.

Indicative Budget

N/A

PARK RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

3 (Average) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

Medium priority. It is recommended that existing specimen titoki and cabbage trees are retained and supplemented with strategic specimen tree planting.

Indicative Budget

\$5,000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

PEMBERTON RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

3 (Average) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

Medium priority. Consider additional specimen tree planting in strategic locations to provide respite shade (to bench) and additional shade to equipment as needed.

Indicative Budget

\$5,000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

PORTSEA RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. Refer individual sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

High priority. Consider additional specimen tree planting in strategic locations to provide respite shade and future shade to equipment.

Indicative Budget

\$5,000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

POWRIE RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

High priority. Consider strategic inclusion of specimen tree planting for future shade. Consider inclusion of shade sail over specific Early Childhood or creative play equipment.

Indicative Budget

\$5,000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees. \$15,000 for shade sail.

REWI ALLEY RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

3 (Average) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

Medium priority. Installation of specimen shade trees and formal shade structures recommended as part of overall playspace renewal. Shade sails should be considered for installation in association with Early Childhood equipment and / or associated areas of concentrated play over extended durations.

Indicative Budget

\$25,000 to cover select elements of new facility.

ROTARY GROVE

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

High priority. Consider additional specimen tree planting in strategic locations to provide respite shade and future shade to equipment.

Indicative Budget

\$5000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

SAPPHIRE RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

2 (Good) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

Low priority. No recommendations at this stage.

Indicative Budget

N/A

SHEPHERDS PARK

SunSmart Analysis

3 (Average) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

Medium priority. It is recommended that future renewal / redevelopment proposals include additional specimen trees for shade. The inclusion of shade sails, their location and coverage should be determined by future equipment / renewal; with shade sails provided to longer use areas, such as sand play equipment, or to hot

slides. At this stage, although Local Board requested shade sails were considered for Shepherds Park (resolution no. KT/2017/20), it is recommended that other playspaces with high SunSmart priority (such as Inwards Reserve) are prioritised over Shepherds Park.

Indicative Budget

\$20,000 to install additional specimen trees and future shade sail.

SPINELLA RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

2 (Good) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

Low priority. As part of future renewal ensure specimen trees are included where necessary to supplement existing natural shade.

Indicative Budget

\$10,000 for five to ten 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

STAFFORD PARK

SunSmart Analysis

2 (Good) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

Low priority. Future redevelopment should make use of existing mature tree shade. No further recommendations at this stage.

Indicative Budget

N/A

STANAWAY RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

High priority. Consider additional specimen tree planting in strategic locations to provide respite shade and future shade to equipment.

Indicative Budget

\$5000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

TAMAHERE RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

High priority. Consider provision of specimen shade trees and formal shade structures as part of overall playspace renewal.

Indicative Budget

\$10,000 for multiple 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

TARGET RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

N/A. Overall decommission of playspace is recommended.

Indicative Budget

N/A. Redistribute any allowances to Totaravale and / or Rewi Alley Reserves.

TAURUS CRESCENT RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. No SunSmart provision.

Recommendations

High priority. It is recommended that hardy specimen trees are planted for respite shade and shade to round timber seating and slide. A shade structure could be considered for the main timber bench.

Indicative Budget

\$10,000 for multiple 400 – 1000L specimen trees. An additional \$15,000 for a simple shade structure to timber bench.

TEVIOT RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

Limited additional SunSmart provision is recommended due to suggested disestablishment of playspace and inclusion of transitional pump track feature.

Despite this, additional specimen tree planting could be considered to create areas for informal respite.

Indicative Budget

\$5000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

TOTARVALE RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

3 (Average) score. Refer individual sheet for commentary. Provision of shade sails not critical due to limited accommodation of Early Childhood age group (accommodated in adjacent Highgrove and Rewi Alley Reserves).

Recommendations

Medium priority. Consider additional specimen tree planting in strategic locations to provide respite shade and future shade to equipment.

Indicative Budget

\$5000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

TUI PARK

SunSmart Analysis

3 (Average) score. Refer individual sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

Medium priority. Additional specimen tree planting is prioritised as required, depending on shade requirements of future equipment or respite areas. Existing specimen trees alongside the mega swing and bench seats should be monitored to ensure they reach maturity.

Indicative Budget

\$5000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

VANDELEUR RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

High priority. Consider additional specimen tree planting in strategic locations to provide respite shade and future shade to equipment.

Indicative Budget

\$5000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees.

WANITA RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

3 (Average) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

Medium priority. It is noted that additional specimen trees for equipment and respite shade were planted at the time of renewal. These should be monitored to ensure appropriate respite shade is provided over the medium to long term.

Indicative Budget

N/A

WINDY RIDGE RESERVE

SunSmart Analysis

4 (Poor) score. Refer individual playspace sheet for commentary.

Recommendations

High priority. Consider strategic inclusion of specimen tree planting for future shade. Consider inclusion of shade sail over specific Early Childhood or creative play equipment.

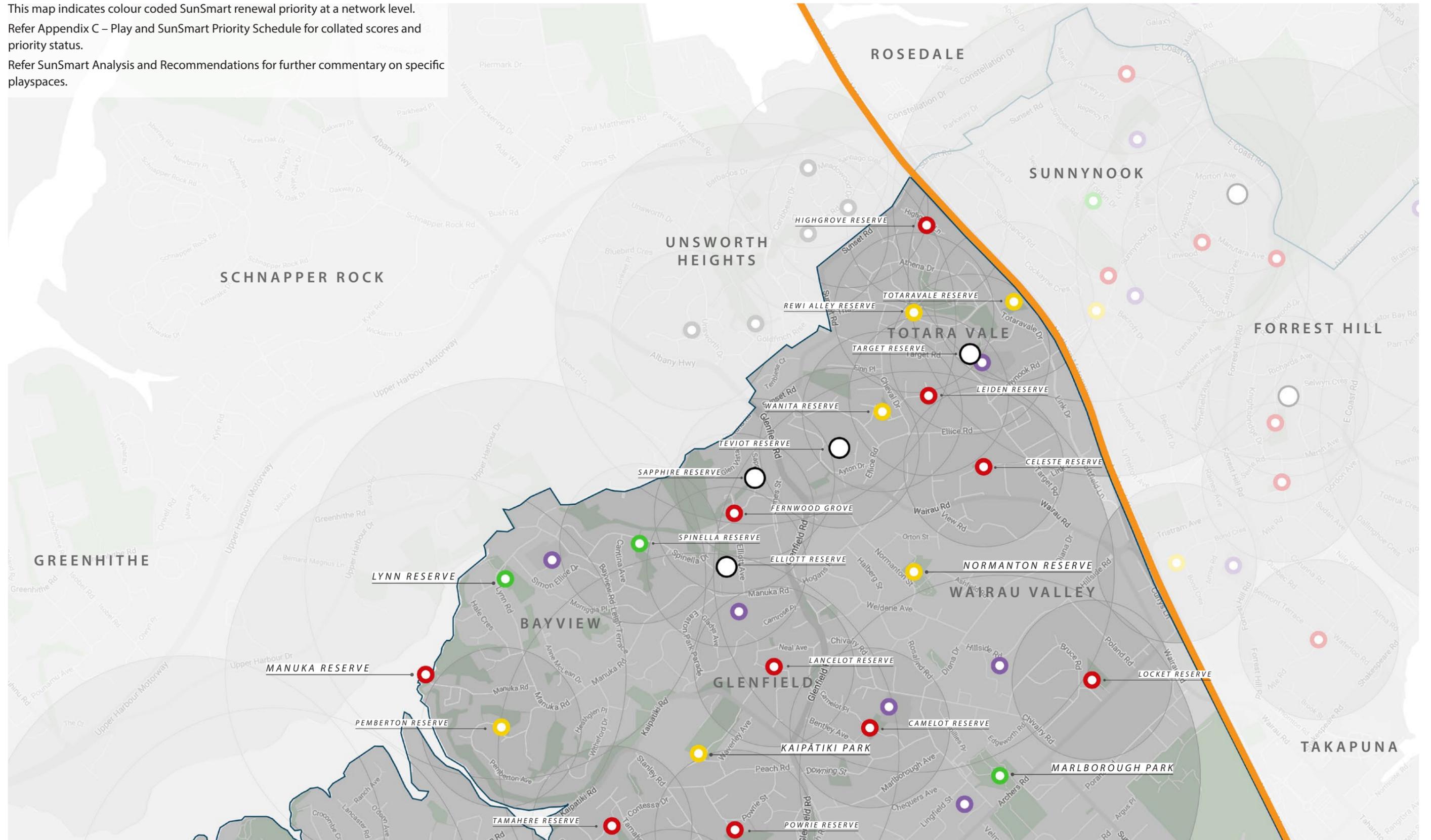
Indicative Budget

\$5,000 for several 400 – 1000L specimen trees. \$15,000 for shade sail.

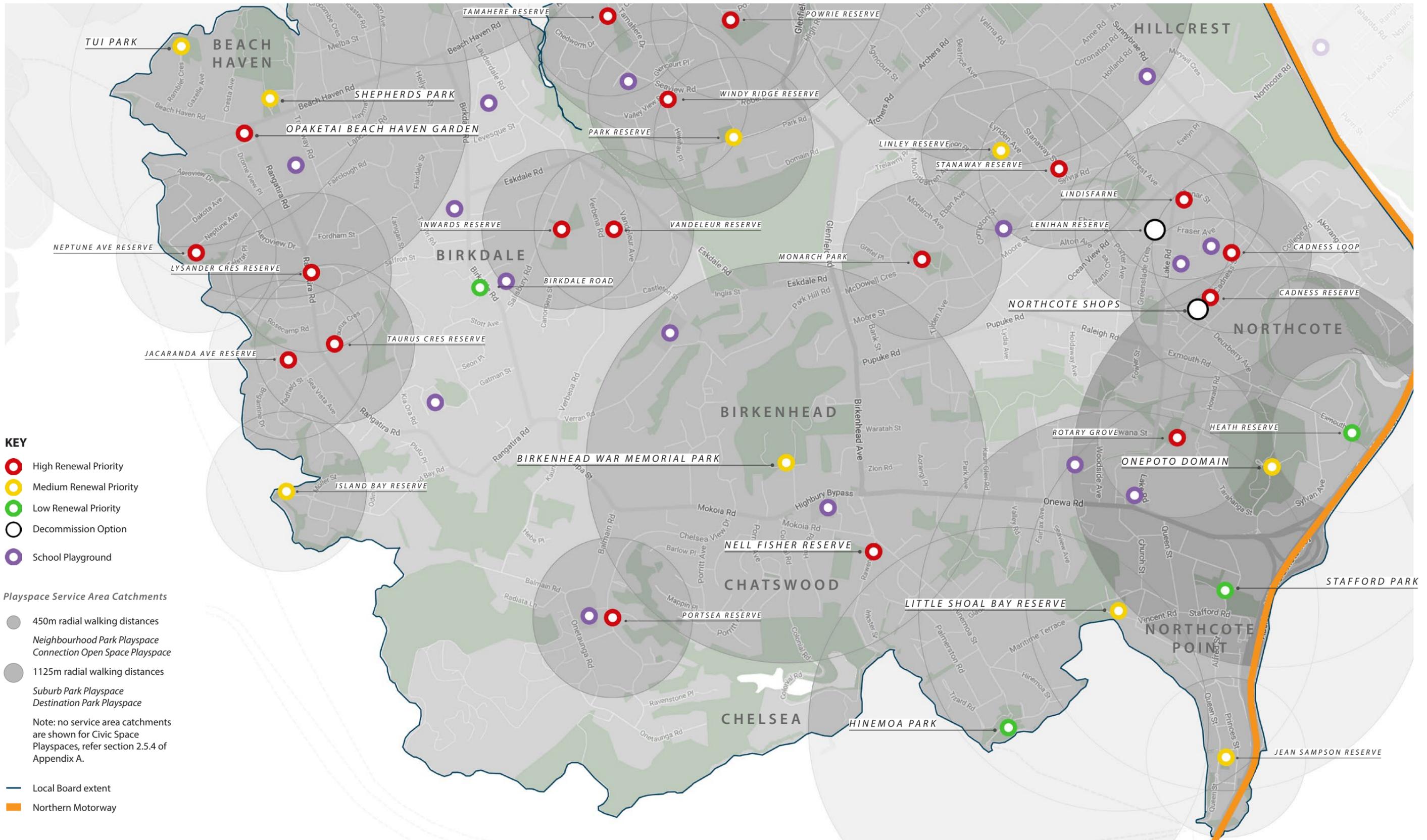
SUNSMART PRIORITY MAP

This map indicates colour coded SunSmart renewal priority at a network level. Refer Appendix C – Play and SunSmart Priority Schedule for collated scores and priority status.

Refer SunSmart Analysis and Recommendations for further commentary on specific playspaces.



Base map data: Google



- KEY**
- High Renewal Priority
 - Medium Renewal Priority
 - Low Renewal Priority
 - Decommission Option
 - School Playground

Playspace Service Area Catchments

- 450m radial walking distances
Neighbourhood Park Playspace
Connection Open Space Playspace
- 1125m radial walking distances
Suburb Park Playspace
Destination Park Playspace

Note: no service area catchments are shown for Civic Space Playspaces, refer section 2.5.4 of Appendix A.

- Local Board extent
- Northern Motorway

Base map data: Google



APPENDIX A

PLAYSPACE ASSESSMENT PARAMETERS AND DEFINITIONS

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0.0 INTRODUCTION

The role of the definitions is to enable the assessment of play and SunSmart provision in a systematic manner.

The following identifies the key terms and assessment parameters used in this report to classify play and SunSmart provision relative to context, planned renewals, existing and proposed open space typologies, child age ranges, equipment play value, condition and amenity.

The parameters and definitions are intended to provide clarity with regard to decision making and are neither fully comprehensive nor definitive. They articulate considerations, likely benefits and the merits different types of equipment and spaces.

1.0 PLANNED RENEWAL

For the purposes of this report, playspaces within the renewals programme were identified by Council's Community Facilities Department, and information supplied via spreadsheet DT & Kaipatiki planned play renewals.xlsx.

Individual playspace review sheets identify whether the playspace is included within Council's renewals programme for 2017 – 2020 and completion status.

2.0 TYPE (OPEN SPACE TYPOLOGY)

Auckland Council's Open Space Provision Policy informs future investment decisions with the aim of creating a high quality open space network. Part 2 outlines a framework for analysing existing and future provision within an established urban area.

Key public open space typologies are identified within Part 2 of the Policy with information provided on indicative amenities and provision targets. Open space typologies relevant to this play provision audit include:

- Neighbourhood parks
- Suburb parks
- Destination parks
- Connection open spaces

These typologies are intrinsic to considering the types play activities and supporting amenities provided within each playspace.

Playspaces have therefore been classified by the open space Types they service, and assessed relative to their attributes and contribution to park function and wider network playspace provision.

The following outlines attributes of park typologies and associated playspace provision.

2.1 Neighbourhood Park

2.1.1 Park Attributes

Neighbourhood Parks are located within a short walk of residential areas and provide simple, informal recreation spaces.

Neighbourhood Parks may include:

- Smaller playspaces
- Areas for socialising with respite from the sun
- Flat unobstructed space for informal sports and games
- Furniture
- Specimen trees and landscaping

Car parking, toilets and other amenities like drinking fountains and dedicated picnicking areas are typically not provided, with users likely staying for shorter (<1hr), rather than extended, durations due to the nature of facilities provided.

2.1.2 Play Provision

Due to their frequency and function, playspaces within Neighbourhood Parks typically accommodate basic activity provisions of swinging, sliding and climbing for those under 10 years old.

Neighbourhood playspaces are accessible to children beginning to move around their neighbourhood without being accompanied by adults.

Play experiences should be appropriate to the form and landscape of the park, but do not need to be unique to the park. Accordingly, neighbourhood playspaces typically have limited to non-existent provision of themed or unusual play equipment. Play surfacing is commonly bark mulch soft fall rather than more expensive synthetic turf or rubber wet pour.

2.1.3 Assessment

The provision of basic activity provisions as outlined above forms the baseline requirement for play provision gap assessment in neighbourhood playspaces. Refer section 4.0 'Play Value' for specific assessment criteria.

2.1.4 Playspace Service Area Catchments

The Open Space Provision Policy identifies proposed service area requirements for Neighbourhood Parks. A 400m walk within high and medium density residential areas and a 600m walk in all other residential areas are listed. For the purposes of this document we have utilised the 600m walking distance to map park service areas, and because of the high-level nature of our maps we have adopted a radial distance proxy of 450m instead of defining accurate walking distance 'pedsheds'.

2.2 Suburb Park

2.2.1 Park Attributes

Suburb Parks often contribute to the identity of the suburb by providing social gathering spaces and recreation facilities (e.g. sports parks) for local residents.

Suburb Parks may include:

- Walking circuits or trails
- Informal kick-around spaces
- Picnic and barbeque facilities
- Specialised informal recreation facilities like playspaces, skate parks, hard courts and the like

- Organised sport facilities
- Community event spaces
- Car parking
- Toilet facilities

Where suburbs are located alongside the coast, beaches and watercraft launching areas may also form part of a Suburb Park.

Given the nature of facilities typically provided, users are likely to stay for longer duration (1-3 hrs) than neighbourhood parks, and although Suburb Parks generally operate at a sub-regional scale, they may contain amenities that enable crossover as a Destination Park due to frequency of use and location.

2.2.2 Play Provision

Suburb Park playspaces typically provide a more challenging range of play activities and accommodate wider age groups than Neighbourhood Park playspaces. Suburb Park playspaces are often sited near or form part of complementary facilities such as skate parks, bike trails and basketball court facilities for this reason.

2.2.3 Assessment

The provision of a diverse, challenging range of play value and activities accommodating Early Childhood to Junior age groups (1-12 years) forms the minimum baseline requirement for play provision gap assessment in Suburb Parks. Refer section 4.0 'Play Value' for specific assessment criteria.

However, where formal recreation / sports facilities form the central focus of a Suburb Park, the playspace typically supports a Neighbourhood Park-level baseline minimum play value.

2.2.4 Playspace Service Area Catchments

The Open Space Provision Policy identifies proposed service area requirements for Suburb Parks. A 1000m walk within high and medium density residential areas and a 1500m walk in all other residential areas are listed. For the purposes of this document we have utilised the 1500m walking distance to map park service areas, and because of the high-level nature of our maps we have adopted a radial distance proxy of 1125m instead of defining accurate walking distance 'pedsheds'.

2.3 Destination Park

2.3.1 Park Attributes

Destination Parks are typically associated distinct natural, cultural or heritage landscapes, recreational and / or tourist attractions. They may also be smaller urban or esplanade parks associated with destination or community facilities.

Destination Parks may include:

- Large events spaces
- Walking trail networks
- A destination playspace and / or multiple smaller playspaces
- Sport, recreation or community facilities
- Numerous gathering spaces including wide open grassed areas and picnic and barbeque facilities

- Extensive carparking facilities

Fundamentally, Destination Parks require the spatial capacity, infrastructure and amenity to accommodate many visitors for extended duration (>3hrs).

2.3.2 Play Provision

Destination Playspaces are typically designed to provide comprehensive and unique play experiences to a wide range of children and teenagers of different abilities and interests. They are usually cohesively themed, socially engaging, challenging and contain the following supporting facilities:

- Significant shade
- Drinking fountains
- Toilet facilities and baby-change facilities
- Carparking
- Significant gathering spaces

These are all important factors to ensure the appropriate level of play value and supporting amenity is provided for long stay visitors.

2.3.3 Assessment

The provision of a diverse and challenging range of play value for all ages and abilities forms the minimum baseline requirement for play provision gap assessment in Destination Parks. Refer section 4.0 'Play Value' for specific assessment criteria.

2.3.4 Playspace Service Areas

It is important to note that although the park may function at a destination level for Auckland or the North Shore as a whole, it will also be used as a suburb park by those living in the immediate vicinity. For the purposes of this document we have utilised the 1500m walking distance to map park service areas, and because of the high-level nature of our maps we have adopted a radial distance proxy of 1125m instead of defining accurate walking distance 'pedsheds'.

2.4 Connection Open Space

2.4.1 Park Attributes

Connection Open Spaces afford contiguous networks of open space to support walking and cycling networks whilst facilitating ecological connectivity. Primarily provided along watercourses or coastal esplanades, on-street connections are important to integrate these open spaces with residential areas.

Indicative amenities include:

- Walkways and trails
- Boardwalks
- Cycleways
- Seating
- Landscaping
- Native bush

2.4.2 Play Provision

Although playspaces are not listed within the Open Space Provision Policy's list of indicative amenities, they are often integrated at the street / open space interface.

As is sometimes the case with Suburb Park / sports park playspaces, Connection Open Space playspaces can take a supporting role when compared with the Connection Open Space's emphasis on recreation and ecological connectivity. However, when linked together as part of a well-publicised open space network, these playspaces collectively function as more than the sum of their parts: they become focal points for families participating in an extended walk or bike ride.

2.4.3 Assessment

The provision of basic activity provisions as outlined in section 2.1.2 (Neighbourhood Parks) above forms the baseline requirement for play provision gap assessment in connection open space playspaces. Refer section 4.0 'Play Value' for specific assessment criteria.

2.4.4 Playspace Service Area Catchments

As these Connection Open Space playspaces form important Neighbourhood Parks, we have used the same 600m walking distance to map park service areas. Due to the high-level nature of our maps we have adopted a radial distance proxy of 450m instead of defining accurate walking distance 'pedsheds'.

2.5 Civic Space

2.5.1 Park Attributes

Civic Spaces support informal meeting and socialising, as well as events, within Auckland's urban network. These include squares, plazas, town squares, greens, shared spaces and streets of varying scales.

Largely highly-developed and structured spaces, Civic Spaces may host small - medium-scale events and opportunities for social exchange. Predominantly consisting of hard surfaces, possible Civic Space amenities also include landscaping, public artworks and small playspaces.

2.5.2 Play Provision

Civic playspaces and their contribution to wider network provision will be considered in relation to gap analysis, surrounding community and commercial contexts and other park / playspace typologies.

2.5.3 Assessment

The provision of basic activity provisions as outlined in section 2.1.2 (Neighbourhood Parks) above forms the baseline requirement for play provision gap assessment in civic space playspaces. However, more hard-wearing and higher spec materials, like stainless steel and rubber wet pour or synthetic turf, are typically used in civic spaces to match the surrounding urban context. Refer section 4.0 'Play Value' for specific assessment criteria.

2.5.4 Playspace Service Area Catchments

The Open Space Provision Policy does not specify service area requirements for civic spaces. As a result, we have not shown any radial distance proxies for civic spaces.

3.0 LOCATION AND ACCESS

Location is an important factor in how playspaces are used, with relevance at wider network and local playspace scales. In this regard we note the following:

- Children enjoy playing where they can see and meet others as well as be seen. Closeness to community and commercial amenities such as schools, community centres, recreation facilities and shops and cafés increases the likelihood of social interaction, informal gathering and use.
- Playspaces requiring children and caregivers to cross busy roads or other hazards, or playspaces located significantly far from residential and community amenities will typically be underutilised.
- A well located playspace with very similar play provision to others is more likely to be frequented over others in close walking distance.
- Equally, a playspace with unique play provision will likely be more frequented over others in close walking distance.
- Children with mobility aids, or caregivers with buggies require formalised access paths and / or ramps to ensure access over uneven ground. Not providing these elements may discourage and / or preclude use.
- Visibility and oversight from passers-by and surrounding properties ensures children and caregivers feel safe, encouraging a sense of ownership and increasing use. Clearly defined and signposted entrances are important to ensure the playspace is easily locatable within a park or reserve.

The following categories and associated definitions form the basis of qualitative location and access assessments in this report:

1 (Excellent)

Playspace is well located within walking distance (500m) of several supporting community amenities or facilities. There are no hazards precluding access and entrances are clearly defined. Passive surveillance is provided from surrounding residential or public context, and people can easily see and interact with each other. Access paths are clear, with level / ramped access provided to all equipment. Playspace affords a unique play experience from other playspaces within walking distance.

2 (Good)

Playspace is well located within walking distance (500m) of one or two supporting community amenities or facilities. Some informal surveillance is provided from surrounding residential context. Hazards limiting access are minor and able to be navigated with experience / local knowledge or caregiver support. Access paths are clear and well-defined, but level / ramped access is not provided to all equipment. There may be some minor activity category attribute or age group provision overlap when compared with other playspaces within walking distance.

3 (Average)

Playspace is not located within walking distance (500m) of supporting community amenities or facilities. Some informal surveillance is provided from the surrounding residential context but lines of sight are partially obstructed. There are some hazards reducing access for younger and less able children. Playspace may provide similar activity category attribute or age group provision when compared with other playspaces within walking distance.

4 (Poor)

Playspace is not located within walking distance (500m) of supporting community amenities or facilities. Playspace has obstructed lines of sight with no informal surveillance provided from surrounding context. Access to the equipment is limited by hazards (both outside and within the park or reserve). There are no clearly defined access paths or hard surfaces providing all-weather access to equipment, and entrances are unclear and not clearly signposted. Playspace may provide very similar or identical activity category attribute provision or play value when compared with other playspaces within walking distance.

4.0 AGE GROUP

Age range provision has been split into four categories based on an inherent understanding of proprietary equipment typologies, New Zealand Playground Standard requirements and common parameters associated with playspace design.

New Zealand primary and secondary school age ranges have also had an influence on the following categories, particularly when considering Council-managed play provision relative to school playground provision.

The following sections identify typical play equipment typologies and playspace characteristics as they relate to age categories, their identification and gap analysis assessment.

4.1 Early Childhood (1-4 yrs)

Equipment for this age range generally requires aided or supervised use. All equipment within early childhood playspaces must be designed to accommodate toddlers or small children and typically includes consideration of following provisions:

- Accessibility / visibility; caregiver access and oversight is important to ensure they can offer help when required, therefore platforms are often within easy reach and obstructions (like extending beams, cargo nets and the like) are minimised.
- Climbing; simple stairs, ramps and ladders.
- Balance / jumping; low, simple balancing equipment like stepping stones, bridges, beams and boulders can be navigated with caregiver support, or alone as the child gets older.
- Swinging; fully-enclosed infant swing seats (also known as nappy seats) and toddler swing seats with safety chains are common. Basket swings also allow

toddlers and children with disabilities to swing whilst lying down.

- Sliding; smaller, open slides (around 1m high) easily reached from a synthetic turf mound or a low platform with stair / ramp access are suitable for this age range. Easy access for caregiver assistance is important.
- Spinning / rocking; colourful / themed springers and low springer see saws.
- Role play / collaborative; shop windows and huts / cubby houses encourage informal pretend play and social interaction.
- Creative play; sand and water play opportunities encourage children to bring their own toys and utilise natural elements like foraged leaves and sticks. This promotes sensorial awareness as well as understanding of space, weight and volume.
- Sound / music play; simple chimes, drums and xylophone instruments and talking tubes installed at an appropriate height for small children.

Planted buffers or fences are often used to delineate early childhood play areas and separate young children from hazards.

Shade provision is particularly important for this age group as children are more likely to focus on singular equipment elements or be restricted to smaller areas of the playspace, rather than moving from piece to piece. Young children are also likely to be using playspaces on weekdays in the middle of the day whilst older children are at school.

4.2 Childhood (5-9 yrs)

As children age, they are more aware of their own capabilities and what constitutes an appropriate level of risk. Equipment designed for this age range and above typically requires children be able to reach a ladder rung 400mm above the safety surface, or a platform 600mm above the safety surface.

This requirement, detailed in the Playground Standard (NZS5828-2015), ensures toddlers cannot gain access to equipment beyond their capability and is a key distinguishing characteristic of play elements designed for older age groups.

Equipment within childhood playspaces typically includes consideration of following provisions:

- Accessibility / visibility; a range of access opportunities and openings or enclosures.
- Climbing; fixed ladders, moving ladder / rope elements, monkey bars, abseiling walls, small to medium-sized spacenets.
- Balancing / jumping; low obstacle courses and balancing trails allow children to navigate through a playspace, making up their own route and incorporating games like tag and hide and seek.
- Swinging; standard strap swings cover traditional swinging experiences, whilst basket, contact swings and snake swings where multiple children can swing together are also popular.
- Sliding; slides with ladder access, embankment slides, longer slides, tunnel slides and slides that are incorporated into multi-unit equipment with platforms higher than 1.5m.

- Spinning / rocking; bucket spinners, carousels and see saws.
- Role play / collaborative; collaborative play may constitute shared play equipment experiences on see saws, swings, or interactive games and competitions (e.g. who can spin the fastest?) Pretend play and role play elements are typically larger, place-specific and more elaborate than those intended for toddlers.
- Creative play; collaborative sand play construction sites or water play rills with gates, pumps and channels.
- Sound / music play; music instruments and talking tubes.

Complementary recreation facilities like learn to ride bike trails and scooter trails are typically incorporated into larger suburb and destination parks.

4.3 Junior (10-12 yrs)

Equipment for this age range is more challenging and multi-functional, supporting a variety of abilities and interests.

Equipment within junior playspaces typically includes consideration of following provisions:

- Climbing; tall and elaborate net play structures are popular.
- Balancing / jumping; more complex obstacle courses with taller / overhead elements.
- Swinging; spinning pendulum swings, contact swings where children can swing together as a group and flying foxes where children can compete to go fastest are typical.
- Sliding; embankment slides and slides from taller equipment.
- Spinning / rocking; play equipment that combines both rotating and rocking elements lets children spin whilst also rocking on a see saw (e.g. Roktopus or similar).
- Role play / collaborative; shared play experiences on larger spinners, swings, flying foxes etc.
- Creative play; water play equipment elements like rills, pumps and gates may be attractive due to their novelty and relative uncommonness; however, water play is typically not designed or intended for this age range.
- Sound / music play; drums and louder instruments.

Equipment can be more spread out around a park, perhaps taking advantage of a significant views or features to encourage exploration.

Complementary recreation facilities like skateparks, pump tracks and basketball courts are sometimes located adjacent to the playspace.

4.4 Senior (13+ yrs)

Playspaces designed with a solely-teenage to young adult focus are relatively uncommon.

Equipment specific to this age range typically geared to be more challenging and cater for high energy, fast and agile movement. Senior play environments may include:

- Parkour equipment (modern, urban obstacle course style equipment responding to free running / parkour popularity)
- Complex obstacle courses
- Challenging / exciting swing or flying fox elements
- Bike Pump tracks
- Skateparks
- Basketball courts

The provision of challenging environments will be attractive to young adults whilst also encouraging younger children to push their boundaries.

The integration of chill out zones and gathering spaces alongside complementary recreation activities is also common.

5.0 PLAY VALUE

5.1 Play Value Attributes

Playspaces offer the child their first 'real' interaction with other children outside of their immediate family and provide opportunities to develop communication, alliancing, friendship, and self-management skills. It is well documented through research that play activity as a child should be creative, stimulating, social, cognitive, and safe.

Social stimulation and competition from the digital milieu has placed increased pressure on play environments to extend beyond traditional swing and slide and provide more diverse, activity-based features that enable children to burn energy and explore their physical capabilities in addition to having fun.

Elements of play must be compelling and encourage direct involvement to have true play value and ideally, provide new discoveries, adventures or experiences in subsequent sessions of play.

Assessment of Play Value requires consideration of the following Play Attributes:

- Multiple Use Play; playspaces have high play value when individual elements, or a collection of elements can be used, engaged and interacted with in several ways for a wide range of play experiences.
- Self-directed and Challenging Play; play is more effective if children have the freedom to form their own ideas, are challenged to develop and practice skills and use elements at their own speed.
- Inclusive Play; provision of elements that appeal to more than one age, or stage of development, or ability.
- Connected Play; provision of elements that offer a variety of different connected structures increase play value by making play more complex and cyclic, usually with complementary improvements in functionality.
- Social Interaction; provision of elements that accommodate group activities and / or require cooperation to operate facilitates social interaction, exchange and development.

Based on the above attributes, the following categories and associated definitions form the basis of qualitative play value assessments in this report:

1 (Excellent)

Playspace is of high complexity or interest and accommodates meaningful provision across nearly all Play Value Attributes. Playspace actively provokes and promotes engagement and interaction through deliberate inclusion of imaginative changes in materiality and level, interactive or loose play components, sculptures and planting to encourage role-play and intuitive creative play. Broad play experiences are designed for most age groups, stages of development and / or ability in an integrated and inclusive manner.

2 (Good)

Playspace is of medium complexity or interest with most Play Value Attributes met through the play provision. Engagement and interaction is promoted through considered and well connected design features, planting and role-play equipment. Playspace meets the needs of several age groups and abilities in a cohesive manner.

3 (Average)

Playspace is of low complexity or interest with little meaningful provision of Play Value Attributes that foster engagement and interaction. There is little inclusion of imaginative design features able to provoke and promote role play and social interaction. Playspace meets the needs of a limited age range. Equipment catering to different abilities is typically standalone and not integrated within the main equipment provision.

4 (Poor)

Playspace or equipment is of very limited complexity and offers inadequate provision across Play Value Attributes. Where interactive or role-play equipment is included it is perfunctory, unoriginal and standardised (e.g. token steering wheel). Equipment or range of equipment is designed for specific or limited age group, stage of development and / or ability.

Additional commentary on existing play activities and contribution to overall play experience has been articulated for each individual playspace.

5.2 Activity Category Attributes

An assessment of activity attributes is intrinsic to understanding the level of play value and any gaps in play provision.

The following categories identify the range of activities and associated equipment types that facilitate the physical and social development of children.

Related play values have been grouped together where possible and collectively form the basis for the assessment of play provision and evaluation in existing playspaces.

5.2.1 Swinging

Benefits include:

- Develops gross motor skills and vestibular coordination
- Develops sensory awareness—particularly important for children with sensory



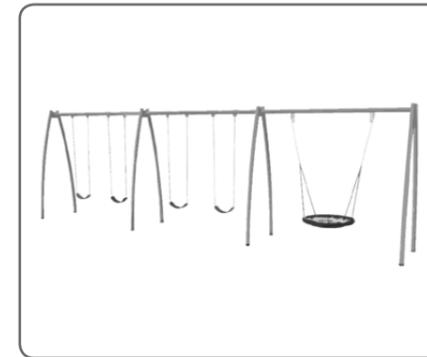
Swinging Dominion Park, Hamilton (Bespoke) + Marlborough Park (Park Central)



1 bay swing (standard seats)



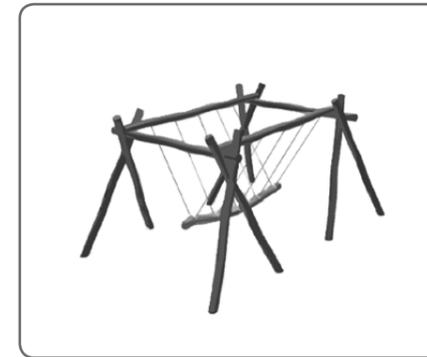
2 bay swing (with basket)



Three bay swing (with basket)



Contact swing



Snake Swing



Pendulum Swing (with basket)



Sliding Milford Beach Playspace + Te Aka Mauri, Rotorua (Bespoke)



Climbing / crawling Takapuna Beach Reserve + Jacaranda Reserve, Beach Haven



Spinning / rocking Margaret Mahy Playground (Opus) + Birriwa Reserve, NSW



Balance / jumping Milford Beach Playspace + Te Aka Mauri, Rotorua (Bespoke)



processing disorders or autism spectrum disorders

- Helps children to understand and manage risks, to be confident in their own abilities and limits

Typical play equipment accommodating swinging play value includes: standard strap swings, infant or toddler swings, basket swings, snake swings, pendulum swings, flying foxes, track rides, hammocks.

5.2.2 Sliding

Benefits include:

- Develops gross motor skills and vestibular coordination
- Helps children to understand and manage risks, to be confident in their own abilities and limits

Typical play equipment accommodating sliding play value includes: chute slides, tunnel slides, bannister slides, fireman's poles, synthetic turf slopes, rubber membrane slides.

5.2.3 Climbing / crawling

Benefits include:

- Develops gross motor skills and hand-eye coordination
- Promotes spatial and orientation awareness—over / under, above / below, in front / behind, on top / upside-down, near / far, in / out
- Develops muscles, strength and balance
- Helps children to understand and manage risks, to be confident in their own abilities and limits

Typical play equipment accommodating climbing or crawling play value includes: climbing walls, abseiling walls, net structures, cargo nets, ropes, ladders, log scrambles, monkey bars, tunnels and other crawling experiences.

5.2.4 Spinning / rocking

Benefits include:

- Develops gross motor skills and vestibular coordination
- Promotes an awareness of gravity
- Helps children to understand and manage risks, to be confident in their own abilities and limits
- Often promotes social interaction and collaboration

Typical play equipment accommodating spinning / rocking play value includes: see saws, springers, carousels, stand up spinners.

5.2.2 Balance / jumping

Benefits include:

- Develops gross motor skills and vestibular coordination
- Promotes spatial awareness and ability to judge distance
- Helps children to understand and manage risks, to be confident in their own abilities and limits

Typical play equipment accommodating balance or jumping play value includes:

balance beams, wobbly bridges, in-ground trampolines, rubber membranes, stepping stones, stepping logs, timber stilts, log scrambles, rope or chain walks, boulders, pommel crossings.

5.2.6 Role play / collaborative

Benefits include:

- Promotes social and emotional development
- Improves communication and language skills
- Fosters imagination and creativity
- Encourages team work

Typical play equipment accommodating role play or collaborative play value includes: interactive games (panels, painted on the ground), ship-themed elements, vehicle-themed elements, shop windows, huts, and other equipment types that encourage sharing and collaboration e.g. seesaws, basket swings, snake swings, carousels, spinners.

5.2.7 Creative play

Benefits include:

- Develops problem solving abilities and promotes ingenuity
- Fosters imagination and creativity
- Promotes social and emotional development
- Encourages team work

Typical play equipment accommodating creative play value includes: loose play and opportunities to alter the space e.g. sand construction sites, water play, hut building, outdoor chalkboards, interactive game panels.

5.2.8 Sound / music play

Benefits include:

- Fosters imagination and creativity
- Promotes social interaction and collaboration
- Promotes emotional development and expression
- Develops hand-eye coordination

Typical play equipment accommodating sound or music play value includes: xylophones, marimbas, drums, chimes, guiro / rubbing percussion instruments and talking tubes

6.0 OVERALL CONDITION

Council condition grades are based on audits by Register of Play Inspectors International (RPII) inspectors who operate independently from Council.

Overall condition grades in this report are primarily based on the author's site observations and photographic record. Where there is a discrepancy between site observations and Council-recorded condition grades, site observations have been used to inform the overall condition grade.

The following categories and definitions form the basis of playspace condition

assessments:

1 (Excellent)

Equipment is brand new and complies with applicable legislative requirements and standards.

2 (Good)

Equipment shows very little wear and tear and complies with applicable legislative requirements and standards.

3 (Average)

Most of the equipment has visible wear and tear (rust, flaked paint and / or bleaching), however the equipment is still structurally sound, compliant with applicable legislative requirements and standards and can be maintained.

4 (Poor)

Most of the equipment is past its useful life and needs to be replaced. Some or all of the equipment may no longer comply with applicable legislative requirements and standards.

Note that equipment given a '4' (or even '5' / very poor) rating will shift the equipment piece or the playspace as a whole into Council's renewals programme.

7.0 SUNSMART PROVISION

Appropriate shade provision guarantees an outdoor space will be comfortable to use in all seasons and users are protected from direct and indirect UV radiation sources.

Shade not only protects users from UV radiation it also reduces the temperature of dark and reflective play equipment surfaces and soft fall surfaces.

Auckland often has an extreme summer ultra violet index (UVI), with autumn and spring UVI values often high as well. As a result, the Cancer Society of New Zealand recommends shade is accessible from September through to April.

The SunSmart evaluation has been split into two sections, shade type and quality assessment. The first section establishes the presence (or lack) of shade and its type. The second section categorises the effectiveness of the shade present over and / or around the playspace. Further commentary is provided on each playspace review sheet where appropriate.

7.1 Shade Type

7.1.1 None

No shade is provided. Play equipment and seating areas are exposed to full sun throughout the day.

7.1.2 Shade Structure

Shade structures are typically used to form permanent shade over elements that susceptible to significant heat gain like north-facing slides, in concentrated areas like sand pits, as extensions from buildings and / or where mature trees would not be appropriate. Shade structures comprise:

- Permanent structures like pergolas
- Permanent shade covers integrated within play equipment e.g. tube slides, roofs, decks et cetera
- Demountable structures such as lightweight shade sails, tents and marquees
- Adjustable systems like retractable awnings or louvres
- Tension membrane structures or shade sails
- Portable shade structures like umbrellas

Key concerns include:

- Size and orientation—particularly important for tensioned shade sails that require the fabric to be curved upwards to provide strength. Where multiple shade sails are grouped together it is important that they overlap to provide consistent coverage when the UV radiation is at its most intense. It is also important that permanent shade structures do not restrict cooling summer sea breezes.
- Materiality—with different fabrics available that provide varying levels of UV radiation protection, it is important to consider the appropriateness and durability of the shade surface.

Shade structure advantages include:

- More predictable and even shade cast
- Shade can be erected quickly and definitively (no waiting for a tree to grow)
- Protection from rain can be provided
- They can have additional uses like solar power collection or rainwater collection

Disadvantages include:

- Potential increased cost implications (when compared with natural shade), both up front and over the lifetime of the structure
- Potential vandalism issues
- Potentially providing undesirable winter shade, unless the shade structure can be temporarily demounted

7.1.3 Mature Trees (natural shade)

Natural shade is recommended by the Cancer Society of New Zealand as vegetation grows well in Auckland. Natural shade's effectiveness is dependent on the density of the foliage and size of the canopy, as gaps in the canopy allow ultra violet radiation to penetrate.

In general, trees with a denser canopy located close to the ground provide the most consistent shade. If necessary, temporary built shade structures can provide shade until trees mature.

Advantages of natural shade include:

- Natural shade ensures there is less need to use non-renewable resources in the construction of shade and also contributes to the absorption of greenhouse gases
- Deciduous trees can be planted to let the weaker winter sun warm an area over the cooler, wetter months



Role play / collaborative Opeketai Beach Haven Garden + Hexenspielplatz, Germany



Creative play Craigavon Park, Auckland + Lake Rotokaeo Playspace, Hamilton (Bespoke)



Sound / music play Lake Town Green + Booran Reserve Playspace, Melbourne (ACLA)



Shade type Lynn Reserve + Takapuna Rose Gardens / Potters Park (Boffa Miskell)



160L Specimen Tree Titoki



400L Specimen Tree Deciduous



1000L Specimen Tree Puriri



1000L Specimen Tree Pohutukawa

- Natural shade can provide habitat for local wildlife
- Natural shade is typically considered more attractive

Disadvantages of natural shade include:

- Length of time for tree growth
- Maintenance and pruning required

7.1.4 Other

Buildings, built structures such as fences and natural landforms may also provide shade at different times of the day.

7.2 Quality Assessment

Quality assessment of shade provision requires consideration of:

- Extent and type of coverage provided to play equipment
- Quality and location of respite shade for caregivers and children taking breaks from play

This information was recorded for each playspace and assessed based on the following criteria:

1 (Excellent)

Shade provision is well located and provides shade over all play equipment. Respite is also provided for caregivers and informal gatherings.

2 (Good)

Major play equipment such as hot slides and toddler play areas are shaded, with other play equipment partially shaded. Respite shade is provided for caregivers and informal gatherings.

3 (Average)

Respite shade is provided but shade over play equipment is limited and / or poorly located.

4 (Poor)

Shade is completely ineffective. Where mature trees are a part of the site they are located too far away from the play equipment and gathering or seating areas to provide respite, or are an unsuitable, smaller species to effectively shade play equipment.

8.0 SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION

Site amenity and heritage provision assessment involves consideration of:

- Other significant recreation facilities such as sports clubs, basketball courts or skateparks located within the park or reserve or directly adjacent.
- Whether there is significant grass open space supporting informal ball sports and the like.

- Additional amenity items such as seating, picnic tables, drinking fountains, rubbish bins etc.
- Historical or ecological heritage and Māori cultural heritage references that may be expressed or identified within the playspace or wider reserve, and whether there are any obvious opportunities to explore this further in the future.

1 (Excellent)

Additional amenity items such as seating and picnic tables are provided to an appropriate amount for the playspace size. Adjoining recreation facilities are clearly accessible and visible or signposted from the playspace, and vice versa. Creative and well-located play or signage elements have been integrated within the playspace where opportunities exist for cultural or ecological heritage interpretation.

2 (Good)

Additional amenity items such as seating and picnic tables are provided to an appropriate amount, though their location or positioning could be improved. Adjoining recreation facilities are clearly visible or signposted from the playspace, and vice versa. Play or signage elements incorporating cultural or ecological heritage are included where opportunities exist for cultural or ecological heritage interpretation, but these could be improved or further emphasised.

3 (Average)

There are gaps in the provision of additional amenity items, potentially negatively impacting children and caregiver's enjoyment of the playspace. Adjoining recreation facilities could be better signposted, and visibility improved from the playspace and vice versa. No play or signage elements are incorporated to express cultural or ecological heritage even though clear heritage identities are known to be relevant to the particular site (if relevant).

4 (Poor)

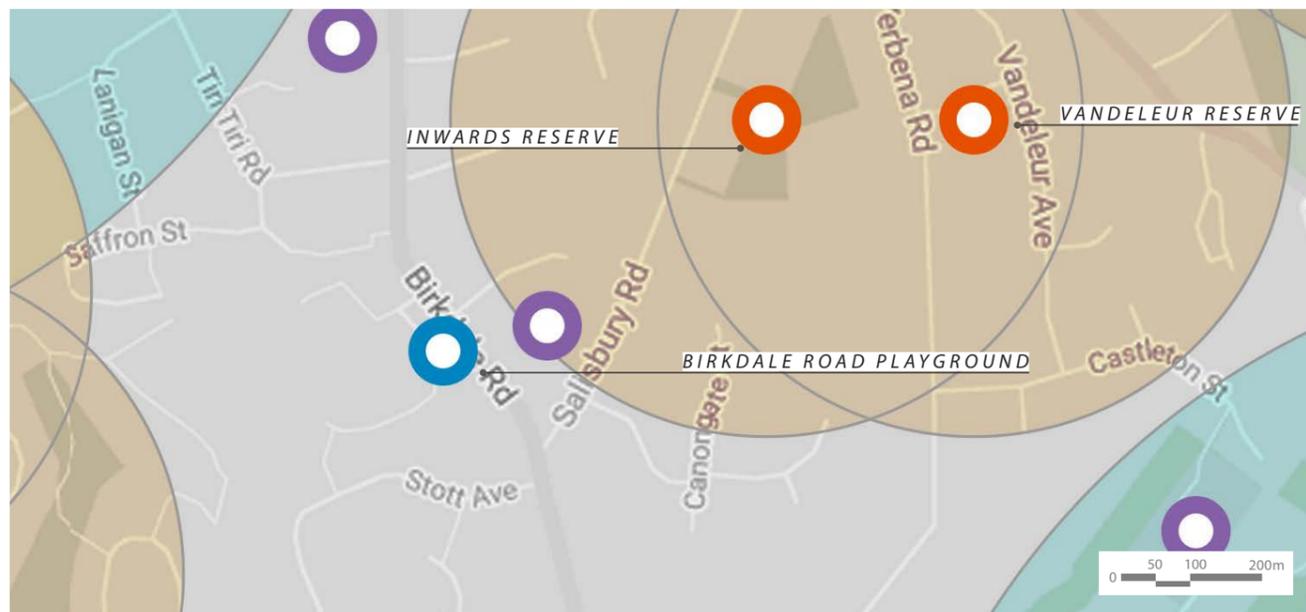
No seating or other amenity items are provided to the detriment of users. Where other recreation facilities are included within the same park or reserve they are located further away from the playspace with sightlines and access obstructed or precluded. No play or signage elements are incorporated to express cultural or ecological heritage even though clear heritage identities are known to be relevant to the particular site (if relevant).

Site-specific commentary on the points raised above has been articulated for each individual playspace.

APPENDIX B

INDIVIDUAL PLAYSPACE ASSESSMENT SHEETS

BIRKDALE ROAD PLAYGROUND



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 136 Birkdale Road, Birkdale, Auckland 0626

ASSET ID: Unknown

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

- Civic Space Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

- Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

- Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play
- Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Small playspace associated with a collection of community facilities including Birkdale Community House, Birkdale Kauri Kids Early Childhood Education Centre and a community hall.

Play equipment consists of: an embankment slide installed on synthetic turf mound, timber stilt climbers, rope balance trail, stepping stumps, balance beams and a log scramble. Most equipment is custom made.

Play equipment provides multiple opportunities for challenging balance and climbing play for young children. The mound is fairly steep to match the slide's gradient, and timber hand / foot holds are provided to aid climbing.

OVERALL CONDITION:

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments
Very new playspace. Rope wear and general surfacing monitoring required.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

- None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments
2no. shade sails are provided. These appear to provide shade to most equipment and to the bench seating provided in the middle of the playspace.

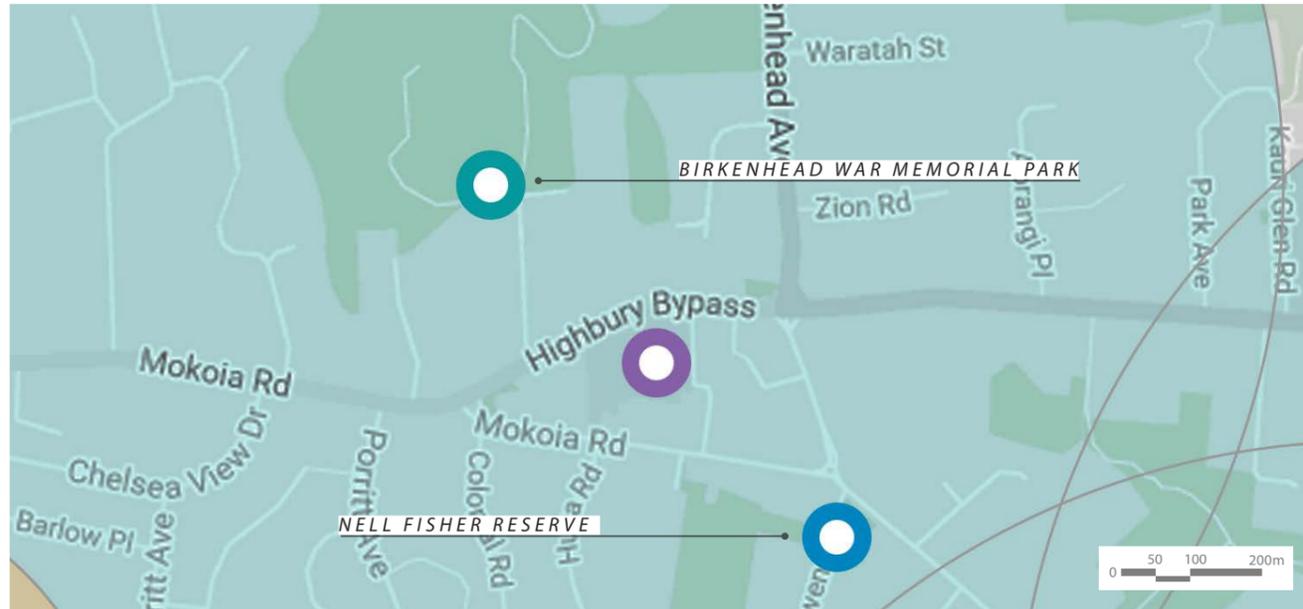
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments
Single bench seat with back and arm rests provided in the centre of the playspace. Good sized grass open space provided between playspace and community facility buildings. Site is fully fenced with a gate providing access to a small off-street car park. Hardy native planting is incorporated within the bark soft fall area. There is no specific heritage play provision.

Note: playspace visited in early June 2018.

BIRKENHEAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK



KEY

- Civic Space
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

- ADDRESS:** 102 Birkenhead Avenue, Birkenhead, Auckland 0626
- ASSET ID:** 11054-L004-L01-P01
- PLANNED RENEWAL:** Yes No Complete
- TYPE:**
- Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space
- LOCATION AND ACCESS:**
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- AGE GROUP:**
- Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)
- PLAY VALUE:**
- Play Value Attributes*
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- Activity Category Attributes*
- Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play
- Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Main multi unit provides slide, track ride, plastic tunnel, fireman's pole, ladder and climbing net. Timber stepping stones are provided along the grass / bark cushionfall interface. A small carousel (stand up) provided.

Standard swing provision with a range of ages catered for (2no. standard strap swings and 1no. fully enclosed infant swing).

A wobbly timber bridge unit separates multi unit from swings. The bridge is aesthetically attractive but provides little activity category attribute provision beyond balance / jumping play.

OVERALL CONDITION:

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Bark cushionfall top up required under carousel.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

- None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Mature trees provide ineffective shade to equipment. Shade is provided to single bench seat.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

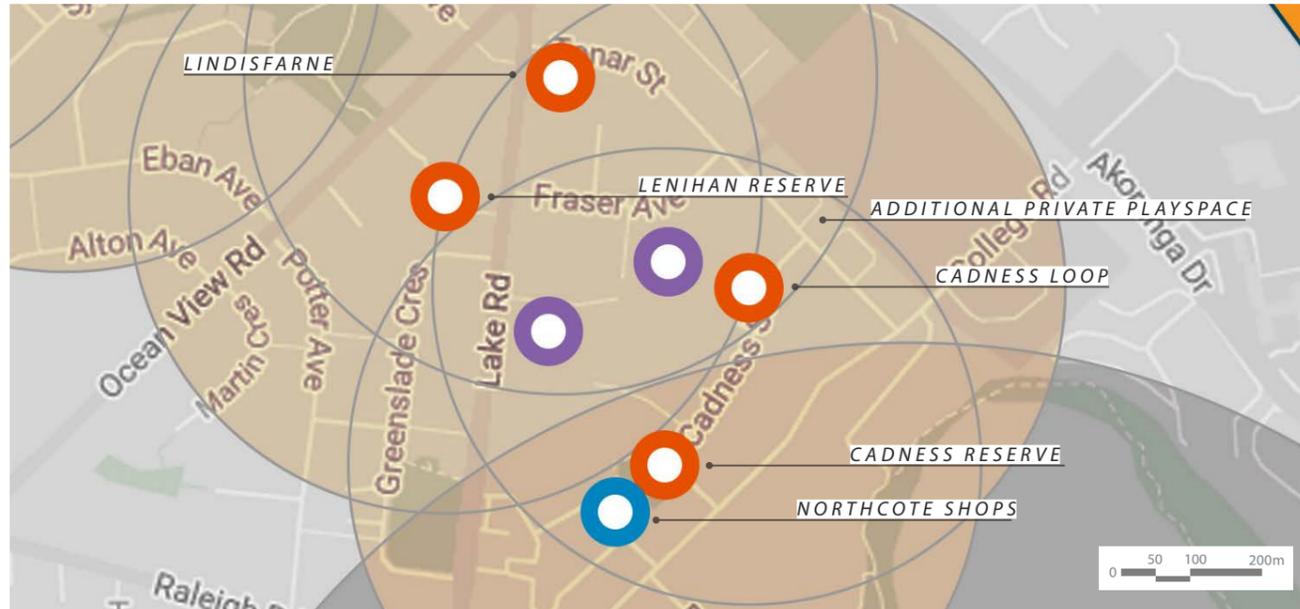
Comments

1 no. bench seat with back and armrest under tree shade. Toilet facility located alongside playspace. Birkenhead Historical Museum and North Shore Resource Centre (community building) located behind playspace / tree boundary. Sports fields abut directly onto playspace with no hard boundary or edge to bark cushionfall.

Other amenities within park include: pump track, skatepark, Birkenhead Pool and Leisure Centre (with outdoor pool, high ropes, gym and rock climbing) and sports club facilities (although main grandstand is currently closed due to structural concerns). A masterplan for the whole park is currently being prepared.

No current heritage play provision provided.

CADNESS LOOP



KEY



LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 96 Cadness Street, Northcote, Auckland 0627

ASSET ID: 22132-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

1no. double seesaw provides a collaborative play experience.

1 bay swing with 1no. standard belt and 1no. toddler seat with chain. Minimal provision for older children.

Galvanised steel multi unit with long track ride, chain bridge crossing, ring monkey bars, large climbing wall, spinning ring monkey bars, slide, fireman's pole and climbing hand holds set on wobbly galvanised steel posts.

Pyramid spacenet.

Playspace provides for a wider age range than is typical for neighbourhood playspaces. Equipment is fairly standard and designed to be hard wearing. There is no opportunity for role play, creative play or sound and music play experiences.

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Bark cushionfall top up and remediation required under seesaw. All equipment faded and worn, with some rust visible.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

A single mature tree partially shades two timber sleepers / informal benches.

Otherwise playspace is in full sun with trees located along the road interface.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

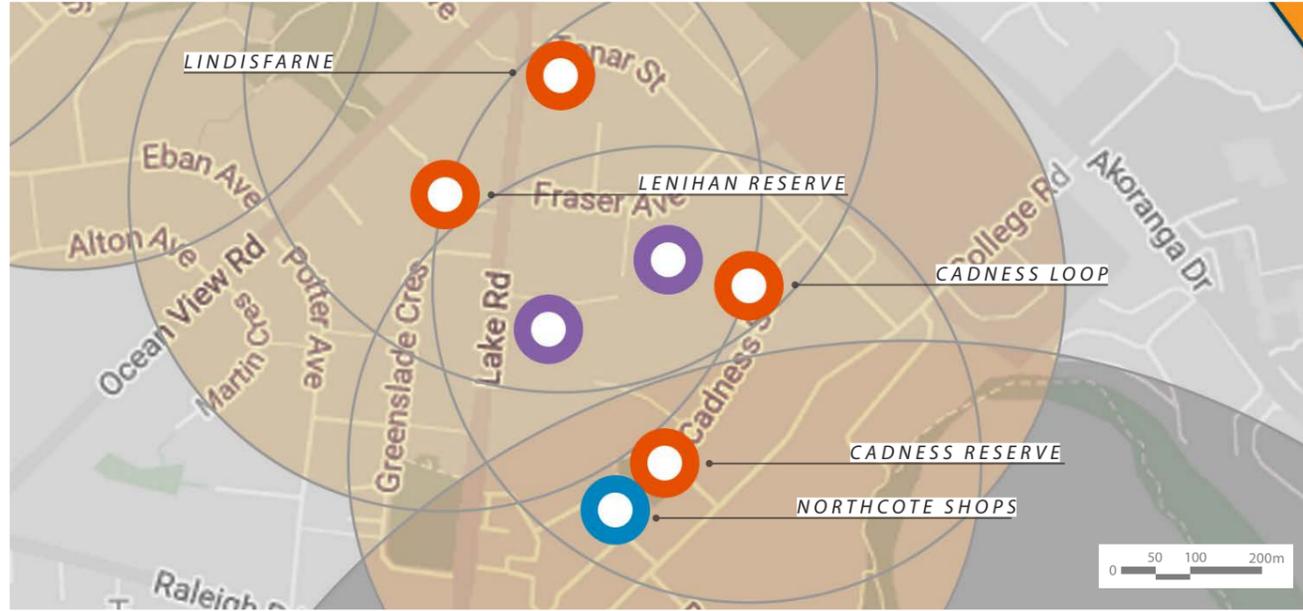
1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Basketball half court provided with 2no. galvanised steel tube benches. Reserve is encircled by residential roads. Playspace is unfenced. Timber bollards preclude vehicle access onto reserve. An additional small playspace and basketball half court is located off adjoining Tamar Street within a residential development.

No current heritage play provision provided. Future renewal of the existing playspace could include references surrounding historical, cultural and geological identities and histories.

CADNESS RESERVE



KEY



LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 6 Cadness Street, Northcote, Auckland 0627

ASSET ID: 22135-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE: Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS: 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP: Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

2 bay swing with 1no. fully enclosed infant seat, 1no. toddler seat with chain and 2no. standard strap swings. Single multi unit with ladder, slide, tunnel, noughts and crosses and shopping window. Multi unit is suitable for Early Childhood age group. Swing provision improves on typical neighbourhood provision, with two bays rather than a single bay and Early Childhood and childhood age ranges separated. Common role play / collaborative provision in the noughts and crosses and shop window elements leaves little room for unstructured or pretend play beyond these prescribed experiences. No balance / jumping or spinning / rocking play limits dynamic movement-focused play experiences to the slide and swings.

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Swing unit and multi unit are average condition with some visible rust and faded and flaked paint. Bark cushionfall requires top up along playspace edge.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

No shade over play equipment. Mature trees to street boundary.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

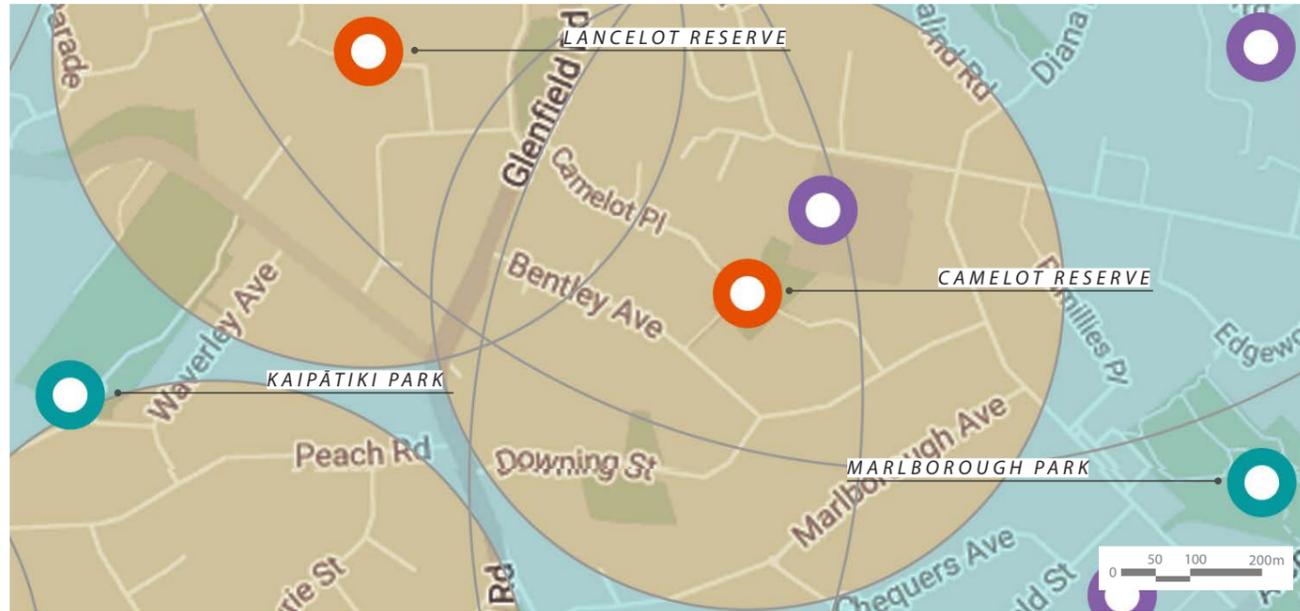
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Comments

No seating provided. Exercise equipment (3no. units including air walker, dipper and elliptical cross trainer). Full basketball court (half currently fenced off by contractors working on adjacent site).

Playspace is in close proximity to Northcote Shops playspace (located behind the library building visible in the fourth photo).

CAMELOT RESERVE



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 38 Camelot Place, Glenfield, Auckland 0629

ASSET ID: 22256-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Slide unit with ladder and steering wheel.

Double seesaw with mismatched seats.

2no. 1 bay swings —one with 2no. standard strap seats and a smaller unit with 1no. fully enclosed infant seat and 1no. toddler seat with chain.

Typical standard neighbourhood playspace provision. Steering wheel is the only role play provision element. Lack of balance / jumping and spinning play limits dynamic movement-focused play experiences to the standardised swing, slide and seesaw experiences.

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Visible flaked paint and rust to all play equipment.

Timber edge in poor condition. Bark cushionfall needs topping up (ramp access is turned into a step by low bark level).

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Mature deciduous trees are located too far away from play equipment to provide much shade. Small deciduous trees closer to playspace do not provide shade to the playspace equipment or seating.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

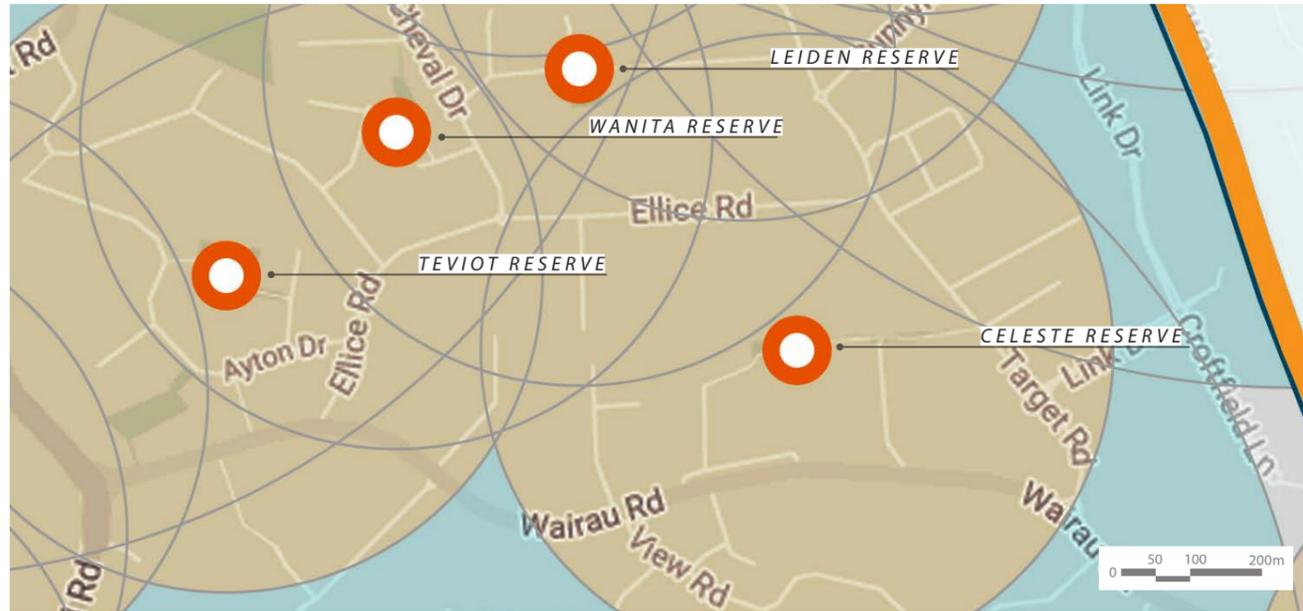
Comments

Reserve connects three residential roads. Large grass area surrounded on all sides by residential and Glenfield Primary School boundaries.

Single bench seat with back located off path access directly alongside playspace. Rubbish bin and oclyte streetlight provided at path intersection.

No current heritage play provision provided.

CELESTE RESERVE



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 15 Celeste Place, Totara Vale, Auckland 0620

ASSET ID: 20815-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Single slide unit with stair access.

1 bay swing with 1no. standard strap seat and 1no. fully-enclosed infant seat.

1no. springer seesaw.

Playspace is predominantly geared toward Early Childhood-age children. Stair access to slide ensures easy access for children under five and less able children. Springer seesaw rather than standard seesaw is located closer to the ground and offers a gentler movement than a standard seesaw, more suitable for young children.

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

All equipment is in poor condition with visible rust and flaked paint. Bark cushionfall in good condition.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Exotic mature trees and smaller specimen trees do not shade playspace.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Adjacent properties zoned light industry under the Unitary Plan are not visible but a strong chemical / paint odour could be smelled from the playspace at the time of visiting.

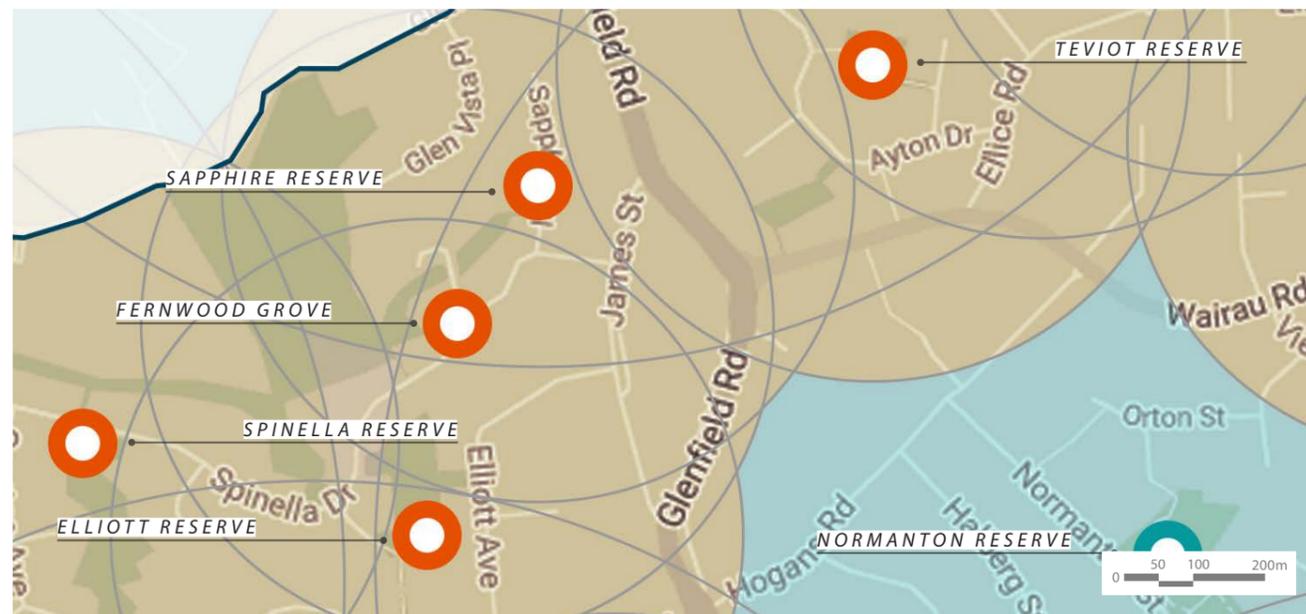
Residential boundary to the rear of playspace with a mixture of fencing types and visibility provided.

Covered stormwater culvert close by.

Playspace is not signposted and access is unclear down a residential driveway.

No current heritage play provision provided.

ELLIOTT RESERVE



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 34 Elliott Avenue, Bayview, Auckland 0629

ASSET ID: 11095-L004-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Multi unit for Early Childhood to childhood age range with 3no. slides, crawl tunnel, cargo net, balancing beam wobbly bridge, steps, ladder and ramp access, noughts and crosses, fireman's pole, zig zag climber, stepped beanstalk climber, somersault bar, monkey bars, chain bridge, wobbly timber bridge, track ride, plywood rock climbing wall and timber ladder. Standard noughts and crosses panel provide some opportunity for collaborative role play however this is dated, unimaginative and doesn't allow for unstructured play. Also, whilst the multi unit covers a lot of traditional play activities, it contributes little variety or challenge to older children.

Double seesaw. 1 bay swing with 1no. standard strap seat and 1no. toddler seat with chain. The multi unit and seesaw are located about 30m away from the swings on the other side of the Reserve.

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Raised timber edge with ramp access to swing and multi unit areas. Bark cushionfall in good condition. Play equipment dated and in poor condition with flaky paint visible throughout. The multi unit's tunnel slide has been fenced off.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Mature trees are dotted around central grassed space, however main multi unit / seesaw zone is exposed with no trees along the residential interface. Swings are partially shaded. There is an opportunity to redistribute play activities / equipment and take advantage of mature trees as part of planned renewal. Further investigation required.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

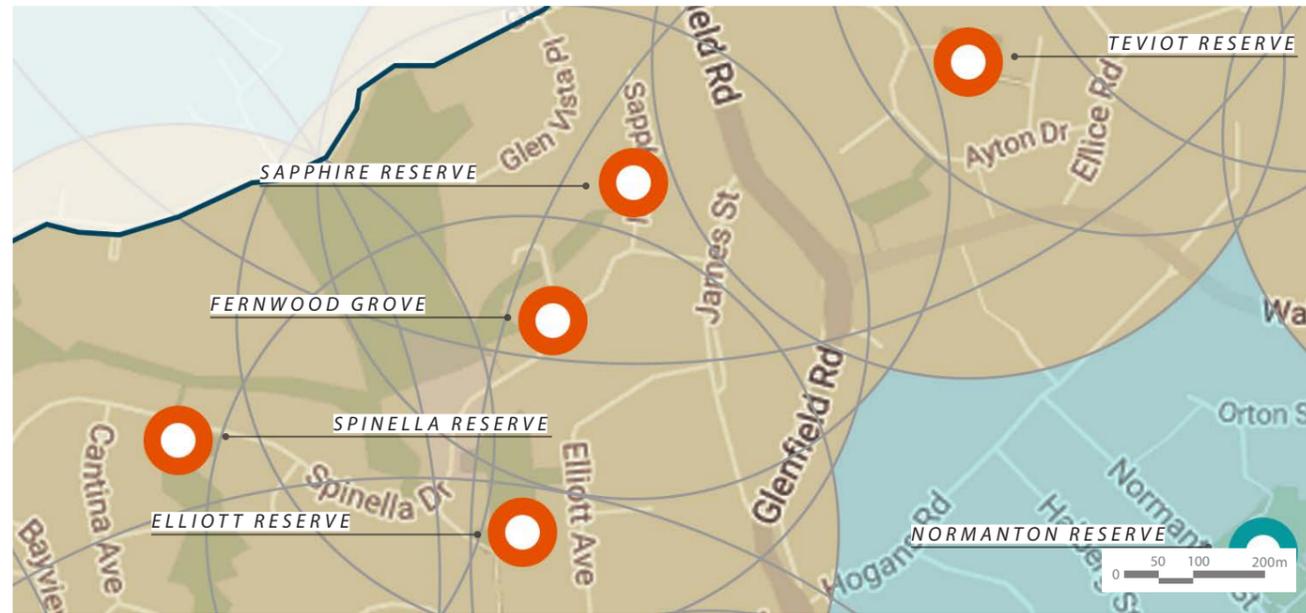
Playspace is spread out within enclosed Reserve. Residential and tennis court boundaries shape access from Elliott Avenue and Malibu Grove. Mature trees limit views into the playspace area. Wayfinding signage should be considered.

1 bench seat with back provided by tennis court / to rear of swings. 1 bench seat with back on residential / multi interface.

'Funnel ball' ball shooting hoop / game.

No current heritage play provision provided.

FERNWOOD GROVE



- KEY**
- Destination Park
 - Suburb Park
 - Neighbourhood Park
 - School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

- ADDRESS:** 2 Fernwood Grove, Bayview, Auckland 0629
- ASSET ID:** 22275-L003-L01-P01
- PLANNED RENEWAL:** Yes No Complete
- TYPE:** Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space
- LOCATION AND ACCESS:** 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- AGE GROUP:** Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)
- PLAY VALUE:**
- Play Value Attributes*
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- Activity Category Attributes*
- Swinging
 - Sliding
 - Climbing / crawling
 - Spinning / rocking
 - Balance / jumping
 - Role play / collaborative
 - Creative play
 - Sound / music play

Comments

1 main custom slide unit with stair, timber climbing wall, hidey-hole window and cargo net. These traditional equipment types are synthesised into a simple, unique structure with multiple access options for children at different ages and abilities. The provision of space underneath the structure allows for some unstructured make believe / collaborative role play.

Only swing provision 1no. small fully-enclosed infant swing.

Timber custom play elements include balance beams and somersault / chin-up bars at 3 different heights. Concrete sphere stepping stones are located sporadically around the periphery of the playspace. Cabbage trees within bark cushionfall area provide vertical elements children can weave around as they move between equipment.

OVERALL CONDITION:

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

All equipment is in good to excellent condition. Bark cushionfall is in good condition, with some spillage past timber edge along planting interface expected.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

- None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Mature cabbage trees provide limited shade throughout playspace.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Playspace is located on a corner lot adjacent two residential roads, and is partially fenced but lacks gates. Timber bollards edge the adjacent grassed open space.

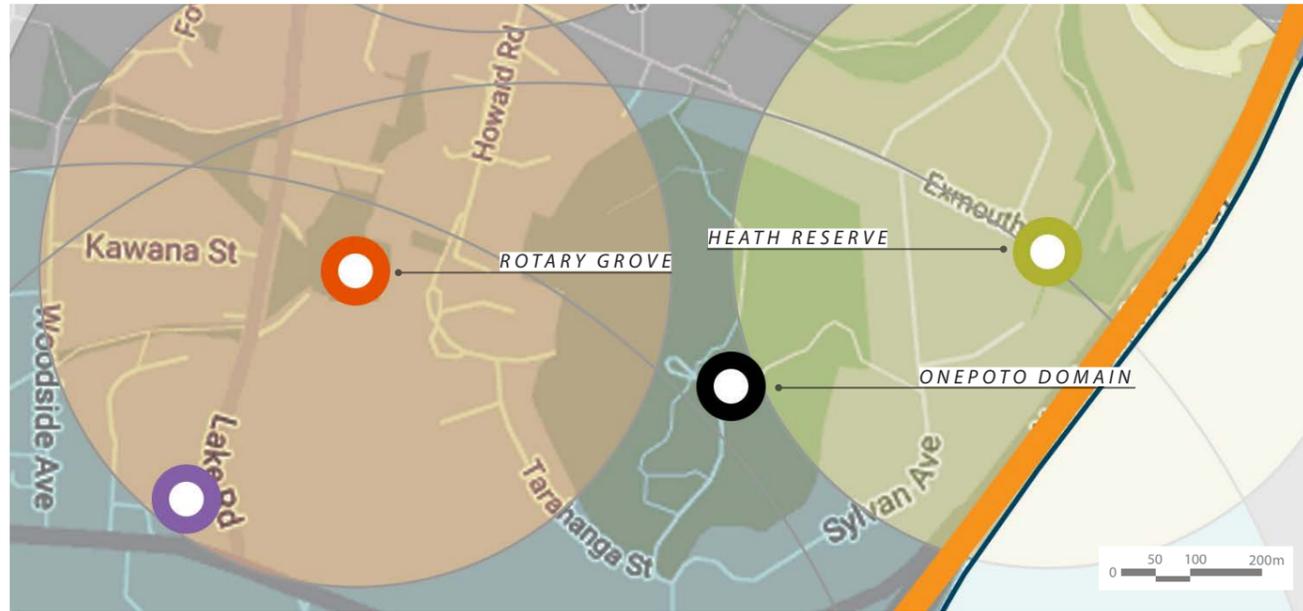
1no. rubbish bin provided.

No bench seat provided but caregivers could use the balance beams as a seat.

An informal connection has been made through planting to the rest of the reserve / grassed open space.

No current heritage play provision provided but planting has been incorporated within playspace.

HEATH RESERVE



- KEY**
- Destination Park
 - Connection Open Space
 - Neighbourhood Park
 - School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

- ADDRESS:** 140 Exmouth Road, Northcote, Auckland 0627
- ASSET ID:** 22107-L003-L01-P01
- PLANNED RENEWAL:** Yes No Complete
- TYPE:**
- Destination Park
 - Suburb Park
 - Neighbourhood Park
 - Connection Open Space
- LOCATION AND ACCESS:**
- 1 (Excellent)
 - 2 (Good)
 - 3 (Average)
 - 4 (Poor)
- AGE GROUP:**
- Early Childhood (1-4 yrs)
 - Childhood (5-9 yrs)
 - Junior (10-12 yrs)
 - Senior (13+ yrs)
- PLAY VALUE:**
- Play Value Attributes*
- 1 (Excellent)
 - 2 (Good)
 - 3 (Average)
 - 4 (Poor)
- Activity Category Attributes*
- Swinging
 - Sliding
 - Climbing / crawling
 - Spinning / rocking
 - Balance / jumping
 - Role play / collaborative
 - Creative play
 - Sound / music play

Comments

Slide unit with platform and ladder access. 1 bay swing with 2no. standard strap seats and 1no. fully-enclosed infant seat. Single seesaw. Seesaw is very low to the ground and more suited to younger children. Typical standard neighbourhood playspace provision. Lack of balance / jumping and spinning play limits dynamic movement-focused play experiences to the standardised swing, slide and seesaw experiences.

OVERALL CONDITION:

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Comments

Some fading and rust visible on swing and seesaw units. Bark cushionfall in good condition.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

- None
- Shade structure
- Mature trees
- Other

Quality

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Comments

Significant deciduous mature trees along northern road interface shade most of the playspace.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Comments

Open channel stormwater drain and open culvert close to playspace.

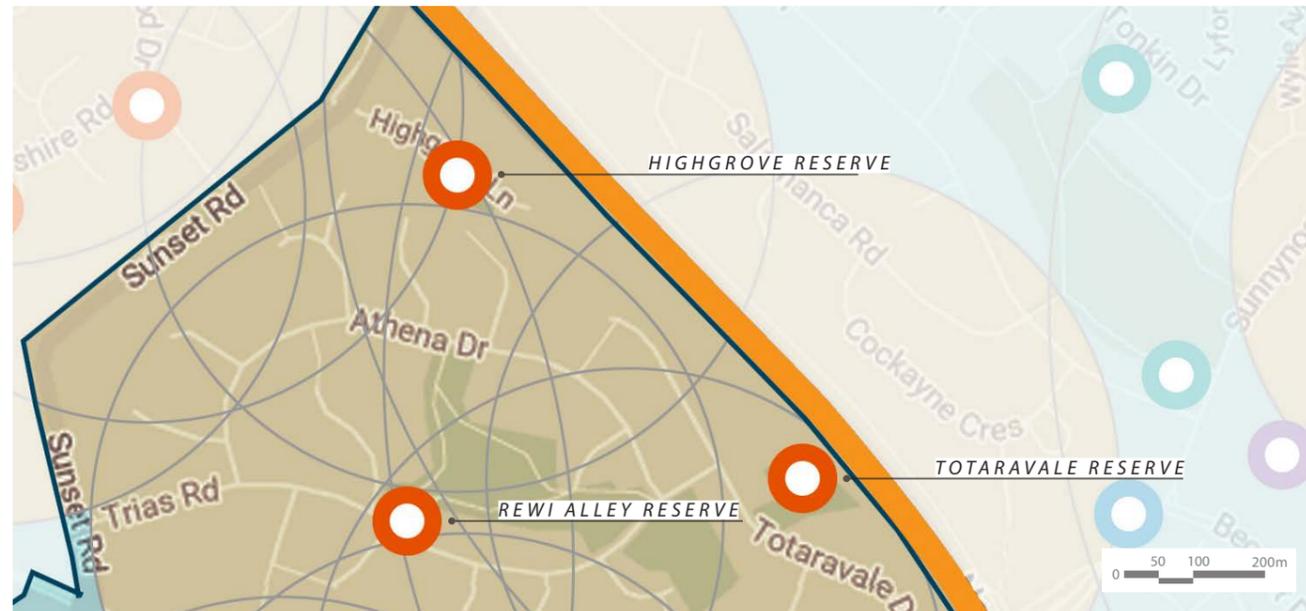
1 bench with back and arm rests provided.

Residential interface to rear of playspace.

Reserve close to Tuff Crater Walkway and future SeaPath walk and cycle links.

No current heritage play provision provided. Future play renewal could utilise the adjacent geological formations (Tuff Crater and Onepoto Domain) and Māori storytelling and occupation history as inspiration. A starting point could be the ancestral story of husband and wife Matakamokamo and Matakarepō whose history is interwoven with the surrounding landscape and reflected in the Māori names for the two craters—Te Kopua o Matakamokamo (Tuff Crater) and Te Kopua o Matakarepō (Onepoto). Interpretive panels in Onepoto Domain Playspace refer to this story.

HIGHGROVE RESERVE



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 15 Highgrove Lane, Totara Vale, Auckland 0632

ASSET ID: 20838-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Timber multi unit with spiral climber, slide, ladder, stair access, chain and bar cargo net, wobbly timber bridge, noughts and crosses and fireman's pole.

No swing provision.

Absence of spinning / rocking, creative play and sound / music play provision. Although the multi unit covers a wide range of traditional play activities, it contributes little variety or challenge to older children (10+ yrs old).

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Older unit with visible lichen accumulation on timber and worn metal components.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Border tree planting too far away from playspace to provide shade.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

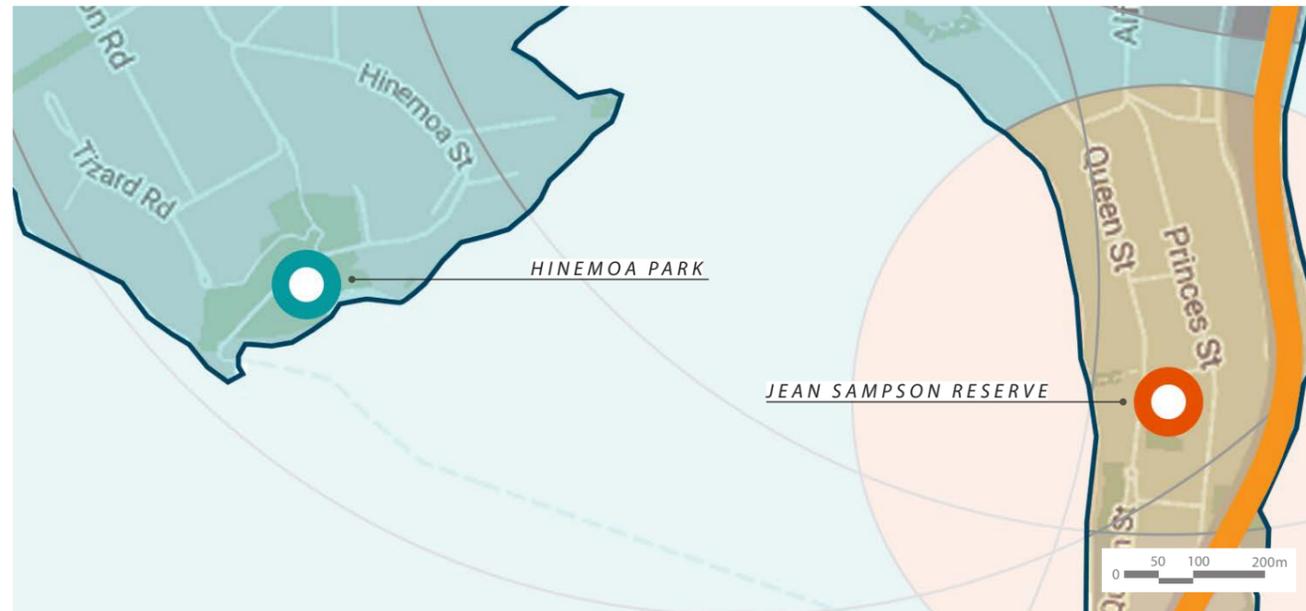
Comments

No seating provided.

Path connection under trees.

No current heritage play provision provided.

HINEMOA PARK



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 1 Hinemoa Street, Birkenhead, Auckland 0626

ASSET ID: 11104-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

- Early Childhood (1-4 yrs)
- Childhood (5-9 yrs)
- Junior (10-12 yrs)
- Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

- Swinging
- Climbing / crawling
- Balance / jumping
- Creative play
- Sliding
- Spinning / rocking
- Role play / collaborative
- Sound / music play

Comments

2 bay swing with 2no. fully-enclosed infant swings and 2no. standard strap swings. Additional small keyhole swing with 1no. fully-enclosed infant swing. Kompan Supernova ring spinner and 'Hip Hop' spinning seesaw (older model). Combined stainless steel slide and monkey bar unit with ladder access. Monkey bar and rope net unit with ladders and barrel roll.

Playspace has good spinning / rocking and collaborative play provision through the two spinners. Swing provision also caters for a number of children of different ages swinging at the same time. Slide provision doesn't cater for Early Childhood age range without assistance from a caregiver. Role play and creative play equipment is lacking.

OVERALL CONDITION:

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Comments

Slide, monkey bar unit and 'Hip Hop' spinner are poor condition. Rope net has broken and rusty connections (fourth photo). 'Hip Hop' spinner is an older model that, to our knowledge, has since been updated with a different, enclosed spinning / rocking mechanism (this newer model installed in Bond Reserve, Forrest Hill). The model installed here has a significant level of rust. Other equipment and bark cushionfall are in good condition.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

- None
- Shade structure
- Mature trees
- Other

Quality

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Comments

Plenty of mature trees in and around playspace provide shade to all play equipment at different times of the day. Seating and BBQ area in shade. (Photos taken at 9am in mid January 2018).

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Comments

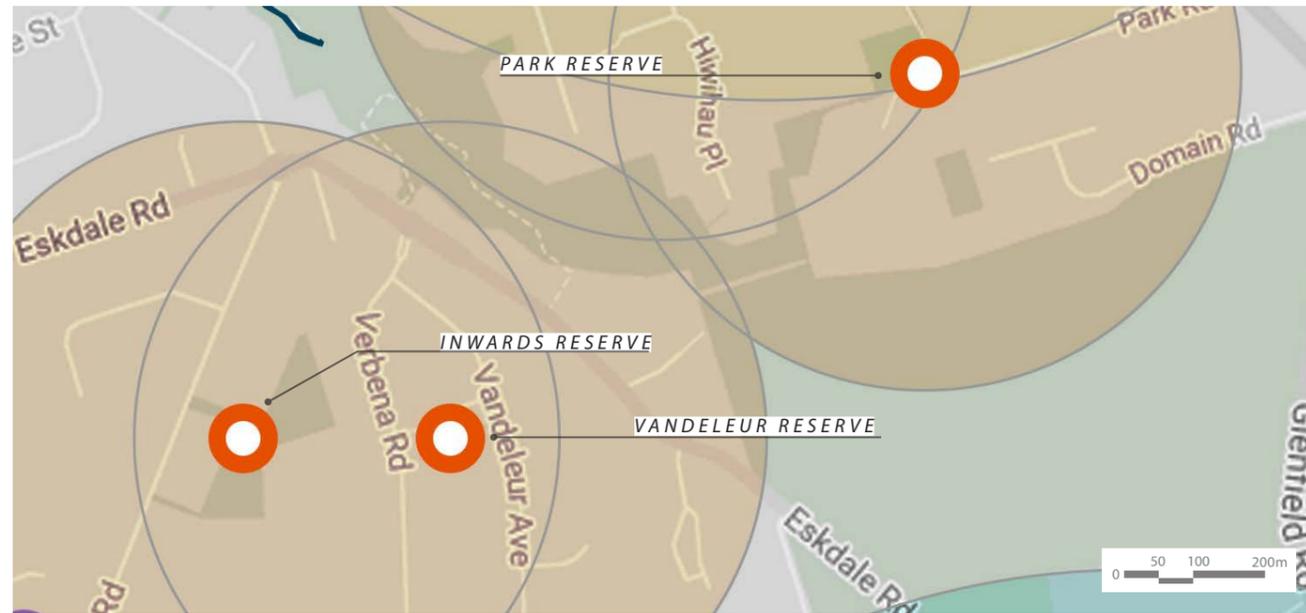
No current heritage play provision provided. The reserve's maritime heritage and clear views back to the city and harbour bridge could be further emphasised in a future playspace renewal.

Timber bench seating provided overlooking playspace.

Toilet facilities adjacent to playspace.

BBQ and picnic tables close to water's edge. Drinking fountain provided alongside playspace.

INWARDS RESERVE



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 57 Salisbury Road, Birkdale, Auckland 0626

ASSET ID: 22027-L003-L01-P02

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Natural-looking hardwood timber and rope parkour play trail. Small sit-down carousel 2 bay swing with basket, standard strap swing and fully-enclosed infant swing.

Feature double decker bus unit with customised route name and map of surrounding playspaces. Bus unit includes a driving area with rotating steering wheel element and multiple play panels both at ground level and on the top deck of the bus (accessed via ladder). A stainless steel slide provides access back down to ground level.

Equipment covers a wide variety of play experiences and caters for the main age groups from 1 to 12 years old.

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Very new playground in excellent condition.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

No respite shade and no shade provided to any play equipment or seating. Where there are trees these are located a significant distance from the play area or are unsuitable (cabbage tree stand).

Of particular concern is the bus play equipment with stainless steel slide oriented northwest without shade respite from afternoon sun. This equipment is aimed at Early Childhood age children and the slide and bus surfaces were very hot to the touch for an adult visiting on a sunny day in early January. A shade sail would need to provide coverage to the upper deck of the bus as well as the slide to be effective.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

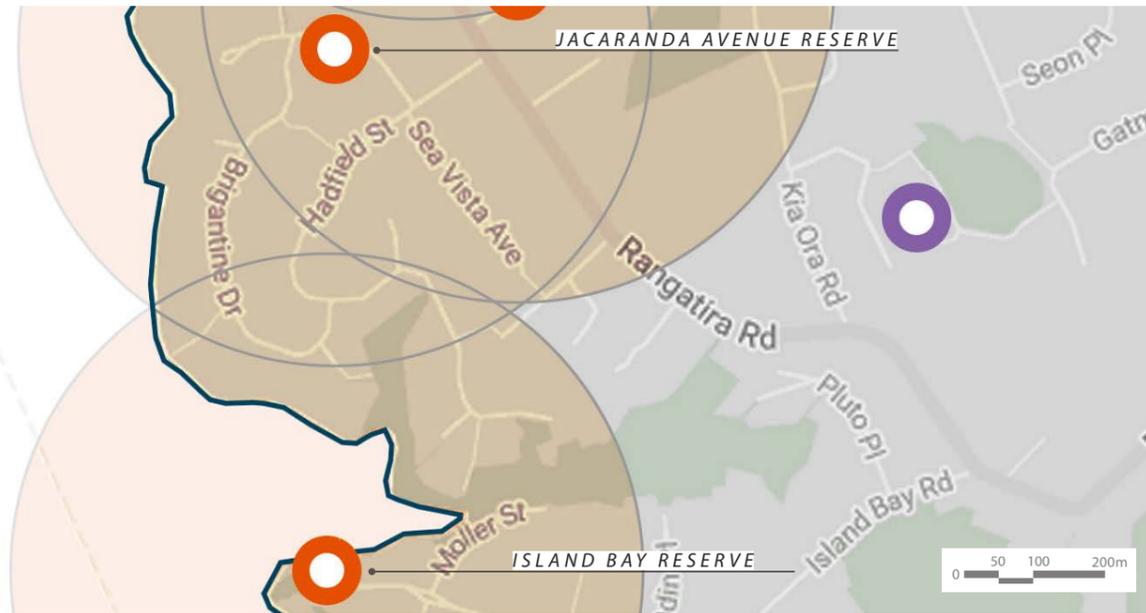
1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

2no. picnic tables and 1no. bench seat with back and arm rest. Step access to car park mimics a zebra pedestrian crossing however the zebra stripes taper out when they reach the car park.

Bus / reserve name reflects local Inwards family. Surrounding parks are named as part of a 'route map' feature on the bus.

ISLAND BAY RESERVE



- KEY**
- Destination Park
 - Suburb Park
 - Neighbourhood Park
 - School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

- ADDRESS:** 113 Island Bay Road, Beach Haven, Auckland 0626
- ASSET ID:** 20057-L004-L01-P01
- PLANNED RENEWAL:** Yes No Complete
- TYPE:**
- Destination Park
 - Suburb Park
 - Neighbourhood Park
 - Connection Open Space
- LOCATION AND ACCESS:**
- 1 (Excellent)
 - 2 (Good)
 - 3 (Average)
 - 4 (Poor)
- AGE GROUP:**
- Early Childhood (1-4 yrs)
 - Childhood (5-9 yrs)
 - Junior (10-12 yrs)
 - Senior (13+ yrs)
- PLAY VALUE:**
- Play Value Attributes*
- 1 (Excellent)
 - 2 (Good)
 - 3 (Average)
 - 4 (Poor)
- Activity Category Attributes*
- Swinging
 - Climbing / crawling
 - Balance / jumping
 - Creative play
 - Sliding
 - Spinning / rocking
 - Role play / collaborative
 - Sound / music play

Comments

Ship themed playground with matching play equipment. Ship is split into three elements—bow, central mast with crow's nest and stern. The bow contains a space underneath with porthole windows, a stainless steel slide and ladder access. The central mast features a crow's nest accessible by rope ladder and climbing net. The stern contains various porthole windows, two rope ladders providing access to top platform, a ship's wheel, a cabin space underneath to hide and talking tubes.

A 1 bay swing set contains a basket swing. Using a basket swing rather than two standard swings caters for a wider age and ability range, considering the limited space available.

There are additional concrete fish and shellfish fossils / skeletons to uncover under the sand, with Early Childhood age children seen bringing their own buckets and spades.

OVERALL CONDITION:

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Comments

Play equipment new and in excellent condition.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

- None
- Shade structure
- Mature trees
- Other

Quality

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Comments

Pohutukawa trees around playspace provide morning shade and some partial shade throughout the day. The stainless steel slide faces southeast and was in full sun when we visited (mid-morning in mid- January). A picnic table is provided under the cover of the pohutukawa trees.

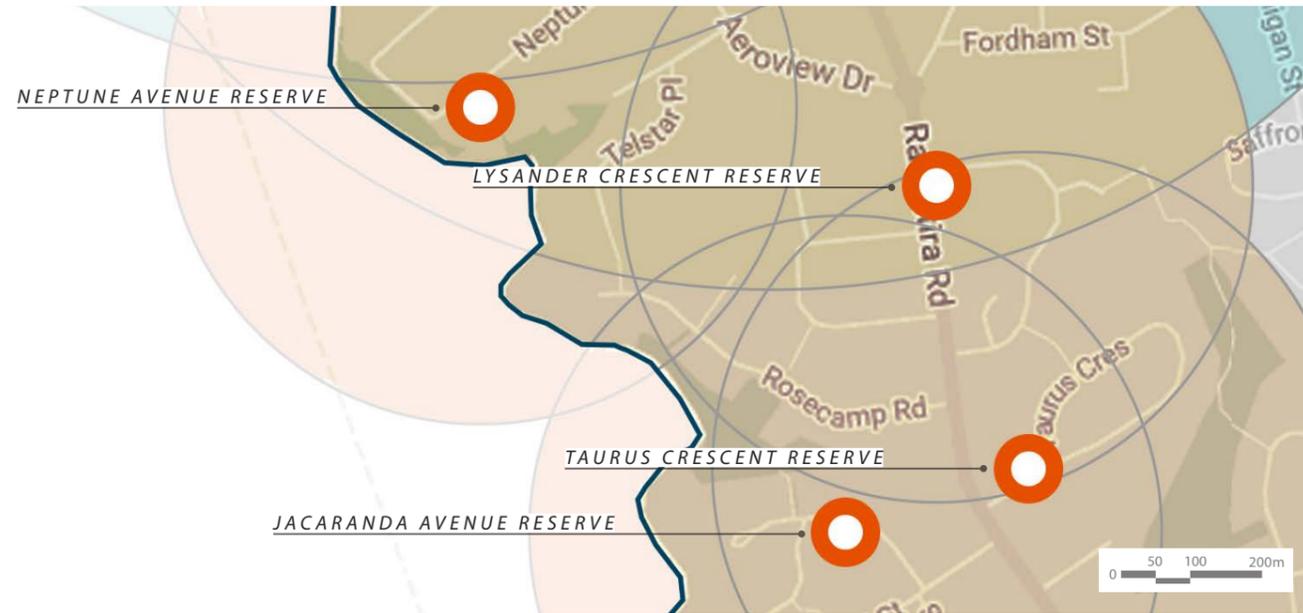
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Comments

Two bench seats in the same aesthetic as the ship. An additional timber bench is provided adjacent the timber deck area. A low timber wall / fence prevents children running onto the rocky coastal edge.

JACARANDA AVENUE RESERVE



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 18 Jacaranda Avenue, Beach Haven, Auckland 0626

ASSET ID: 22034-L004-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE: Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS: 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP: Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

- Swinging
- Climbing / crawling
- Balance / jumping
- Creative play
- Sliding
- Spinning / rocking
- Role play / collaborative
- Sound / music play

Comments

2no. concrete tunnels through synthetic turf mound. Embankment slide set on mound with stairs notched into the mound.
 1no. trampoline provided on raised mound.
 1 bay swing with basket seat.

In general, the playspace functions as a simple, short-stay neighbourhood playground for young children. All equipment is clustered together and easily accessed, although steep slopes around swing and mounds may be too slippery in wet weather for very small children.

OVERALL CONDITION: 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Synthetic turf has some minor wear and tear.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

- None
- Shade structure
- Mature trees
- Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Limited mature trees provide no shade to playspace and little shade to rest of reserve.
 Bench seating is in full sun.

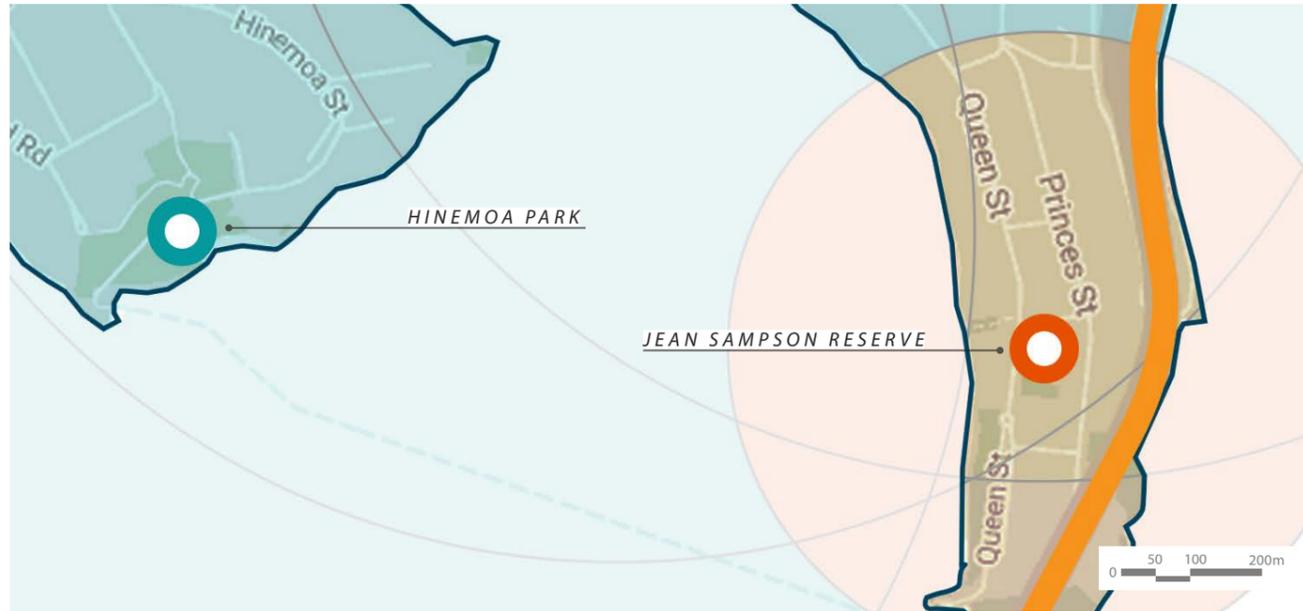
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

No current heritage play provision provided.
 Seating area provided at the top of the reserve with views of the Waitematā Harbour.
 Additional seat provided on edge of playspace.

JEAN SAMPSON RESERVE



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 25 Queen Street, Northcote Point, Auckland 0627

ASSET ID: 20888-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE: Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS: 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP: Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Playspace geared towards Early Childhood age children with brightly coloured small play elements including a plastic hut / cubby house, fire engine springer and two seat rocking element.

Timber flower topped stepping pods provide low balance / jumping elements.

2 bay swing has 1no. fully-enclosed infant seat in a separate bay to 1no. standard strap seat and 1no. toddler with chain seat.

Key playground provision gaps include climbing / crawling and sliding. Any future upgrades of the play equipment, in particular the dated cubby house element, could include a combined slide and hut for with ladder or net access for Early Childhood age children.

OVERALL CONDITION: 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments
Cubby house element in average condition. All other equipment in good to excellent condition.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

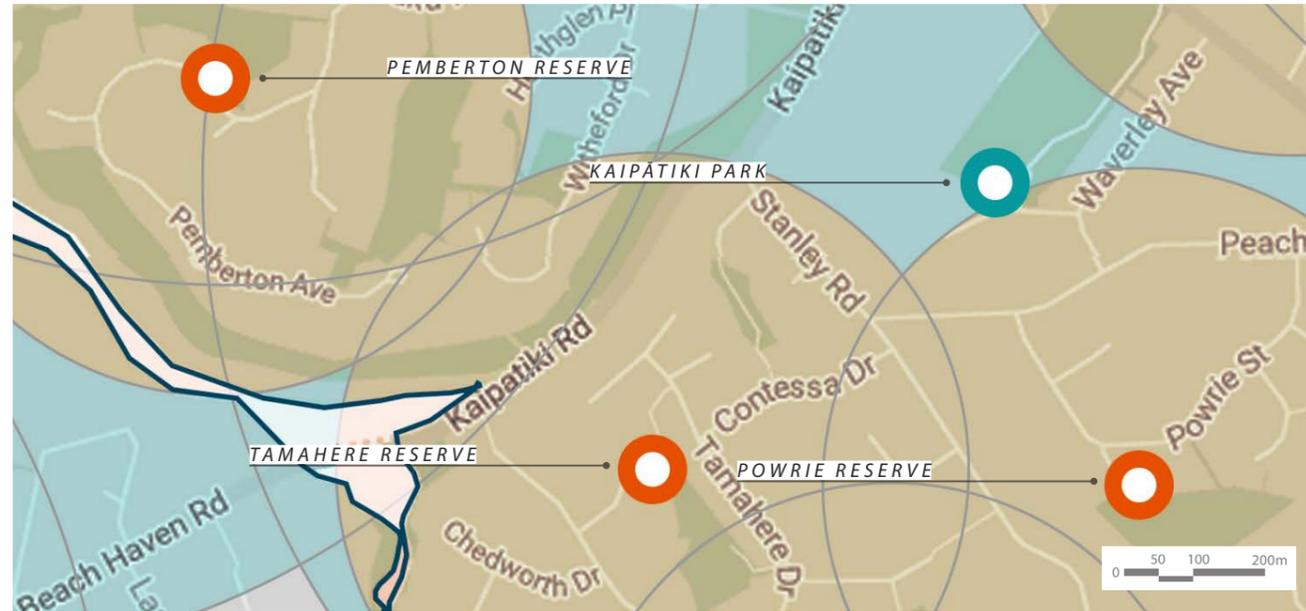
1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments
Some afternoon shade provided by building and fence / vegetated border.
Trees provide morning shade to seating elements.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION: 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments
Loose aggregate area with different bench seating types provided.
Half court basketball court located adjacent playspace. Caregivers and children cross the basketball court to get to the playspace, unless accessing playspace off grass lawn area. Playspace right against residential boundary.
No current heritage play provision provided.

KAIPĀTIKI PARK



LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS:	146 Kaipātiki Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0629		
ASSET ID:	11138-L004-L01-P01		
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LOCATION AND ACCESS:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 (Excellent)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 (Good)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 (Average) <input type="checkbox"/> 4 (Poor)
AGE GROUP:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood (1-4 yrs)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Childhood (5-9 yrs)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior (10-12 yrs) <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (13+ yrs)
PLAY VALUE:	<i>Play Value Attributes</i>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 (Excellent)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 (Good)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 (Average) <input type="checkbox"/> 4 (Poor)
	<i>Activity Category Attributes</i>		
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sliding	<input type="checkbox"/> Spinning / rocking	<input type="checkbox"/> Role play / collaborative <input type="checkbox"/> Sound / music play

Comments

1 bay swing with 1no. standard strap swing and 1no. fully-enclosed infant swing.
 Multi unit with slide, ladder, steel bar bridge, abseiling wall, fireman's pole, rope net bridge, monkey bars, barrel roll, abacus, plastic rock climbing wall and slide.
 Spacenet with multicolour rope.
 In general, playspace is dated and lacks opportunities for intuitive role play and creative play. Spacenet provides a challenge for older children but there is nothing else in the playspace catering for this age range.

OVERALL CONDITION:

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Spacenet rope faded and in generally poor condition. Multi unit dated and in poor condition. Swing set is in average condition with flaky paint.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

- None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Deciduous trees along embankment partially shade playspace and provide respite shade to bench seating.

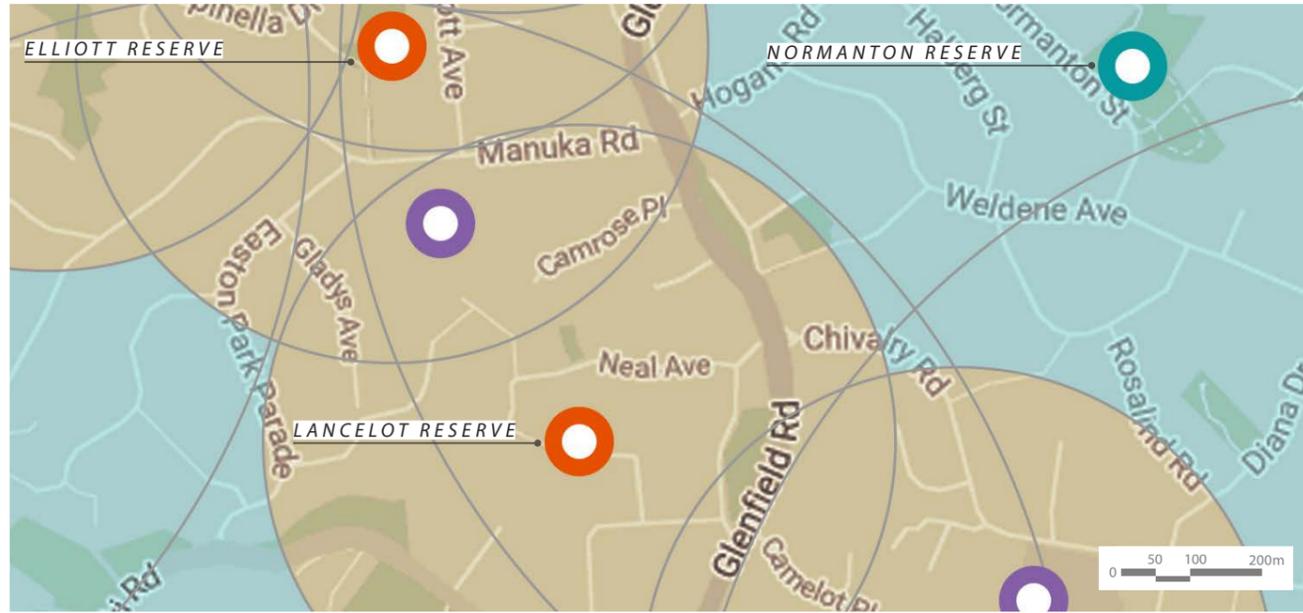
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

3no. bench seats with backs provided. Rubbish bin provided. No picnic tables provided.
 Exeloo toilet facility provided adjacent playspace.
 Glenfield Rugby Union and Sports Club fields located adjacent playspace up embankment and behind trees.
 Car park shared with Sports Club facility.
 No current heritage play provision provided.

LANCELOT RESERVE



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 16 Lancelot Place, Glenfield, Auckland 0629

ASSET ID: 22294-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE: Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS: 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP: Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Multi unit with monkey bars, wobbly balance beam, track ride, cargo net, fireman's pole, wooden tunnel, climber, stairs, abacus, steering wheel and slide. Standard abacus and steering wheel provide some opportunity for collaborative role play however this is dated and unimaginative. Also, whilst the multi unit covers a lot of traditional play activities, it contributes little variety or challenge to older children (10+ yrs old).

1 bay swing with 1no. standard strap seat and 1no. fully enclosed infant seat. Typical swing provision to cover a maximum age range, however two or more children of the same age would not be able to swing side by side.

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

General average condition of all equipment and bark cushionfall. Flaky paint in places. Lichen visible on tops of timber posts. Bark cushionfall requires topping up adjacent to ramp access to remove trip hazard.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

No shade provision to playspace equipment. No bench seating provided under shade.

1no. mature deciduous tree provides some shade respite for picnicking or sitting on the ground in summer.

Investigation should take place to determine ideal location for bench seat in shade.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

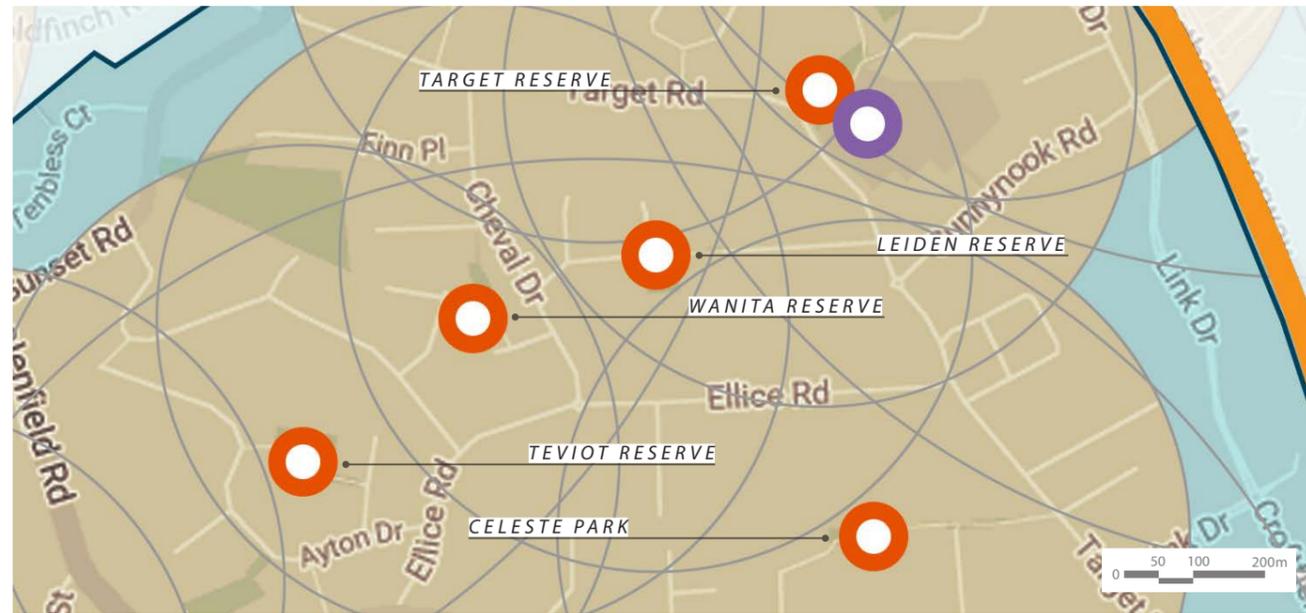
Comments

No bench seating provided.

Walkway connection to Neal Avenue.

No current heritage play provision provided.

LEIDEN RESERVE



- KEY**
- Destination Park
 - Suburb Park
 - Neighbourhood Park
 - School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

- ADDRESS:** 13 Leiden Place, Totara Vale, Auckland 0629
- ASSET ID:** 21069-L003-L01-P01
- PLANNED RENEWAL:** Yes No Complete
- TYPE:** Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space
- LOCATION AND ACCESS:** 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- AGE GROUP:** Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)
- PLAY VALUE:**
- Play Value Attributes*
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- Activity Category Attributes*
- Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play
 - Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Multi unit with two slides, rope crossing, ladders, rope net bridge, plastic wobbly bridge, tunnel with round window, train role play feature, steering wheels, plastic rock climbing wall and plastic abseiling wall.

1 bay swing with 1no. standard swing and 1no. fully-enclosed infant swing.

Although the multi unit covers a wide range of traditional play activities, it contributes little variety or challenge to older children (10+ yrs old).

OVERALL CONDITION:

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Equipment is in poor condition with frayed rope, rust and flaked paint.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

- None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Lots of young trees planted around playspace provide no shade to equipment or seating.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

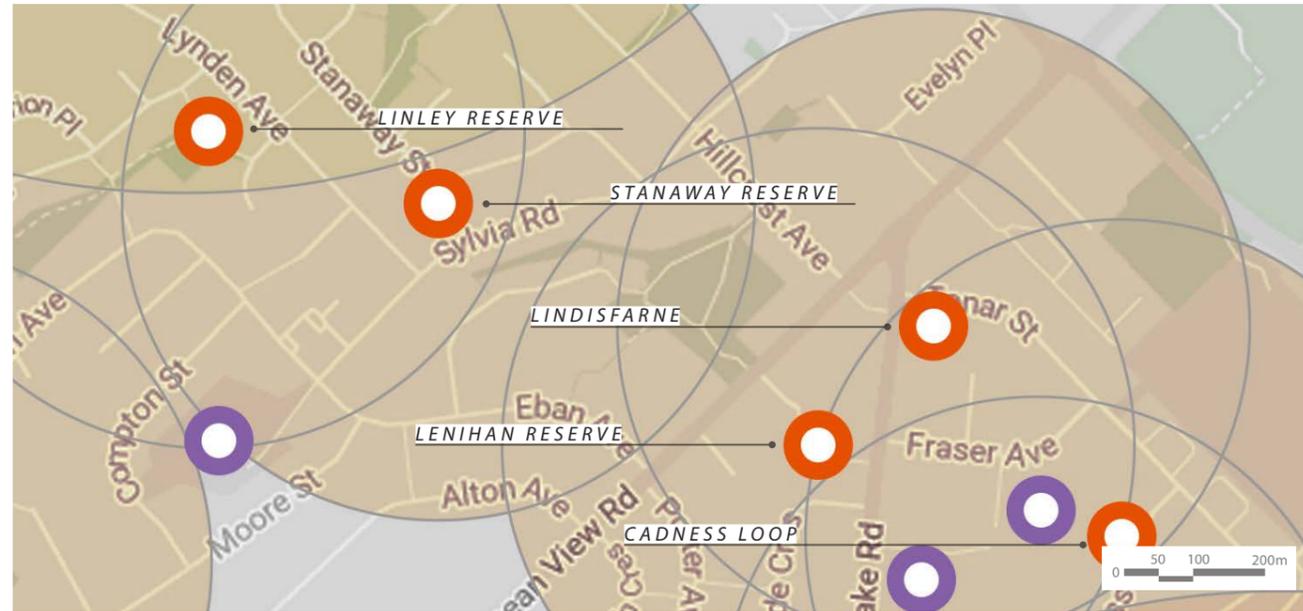
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

1no. bench seat with back provided.

No current heritage play provision provided.

LENIHAN RESERVE



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 13 Lenihan Steet, Northcote, Auckland 0627

ASSET ID: 22087-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE: Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS: 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP: Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Playspace equipment consists of a dated 1 bay swing with 2no. standard strap seats and 1no. toddler with chain seat.

OVERALL CONDITION: 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Some wear and tear on swing seats with lichen growth and faded paint on frame.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Mature trees partially shade swings.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

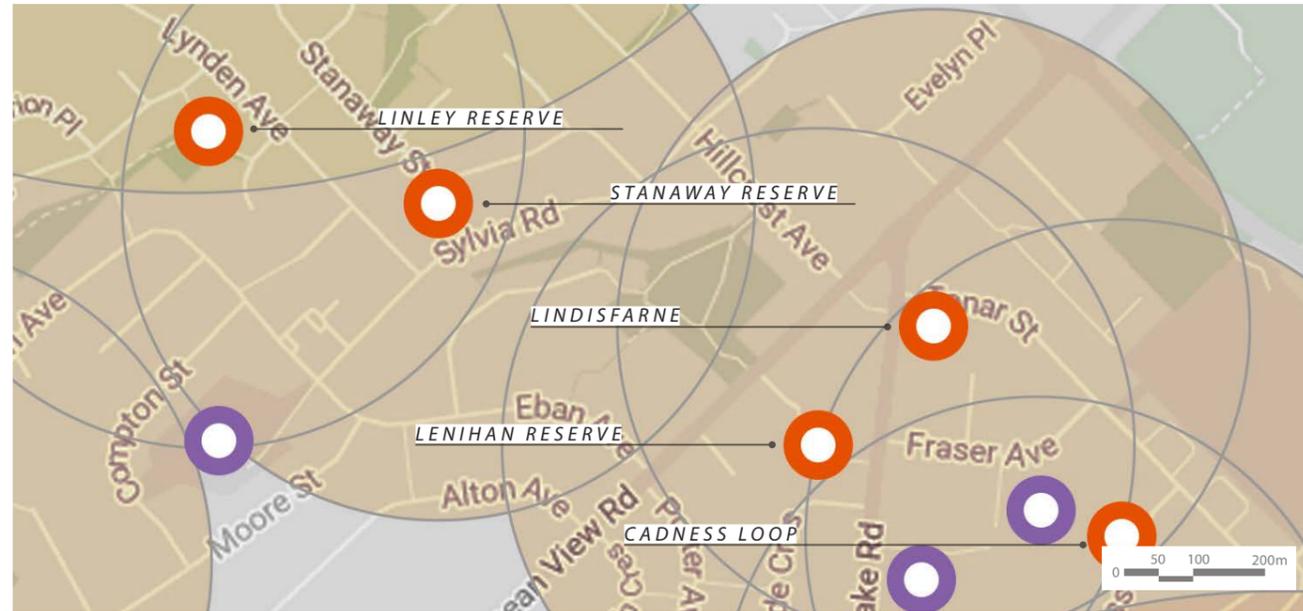
1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

No seating provided.

No current heritage play provision provided.

LINDISFARNE



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 229 Lake Road, Northcote, Auckland 0627

ASSET ID: 11033-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE: Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS: 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP: Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

- Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play
- Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

'Hip Hop' spinning seesaw.
 2 bay swing with 2no. standard strap seats, 1no. toddler seat with chain and 1no. fully-enclosed infant swing.
 Large rotating rope net climber.
 Tall galvanised steel and rope net climbing unit with bannister slide and ladders.
 Larger and more challenging climbing and spinning elements support an older age group than typical for neighbourhood playspaces. Northcote Early Childhood directly behind playspace; the only equipment targeted for this age range are the toddler and infant swings.

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Bark cushionfall requires topping up underneath swings and spinner with visible / torn geotextile in places.
 Large rotating rope climber has a broken rope section temporarily covered with orange safety mesh.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Some mature trees around car park. None close to playspace.

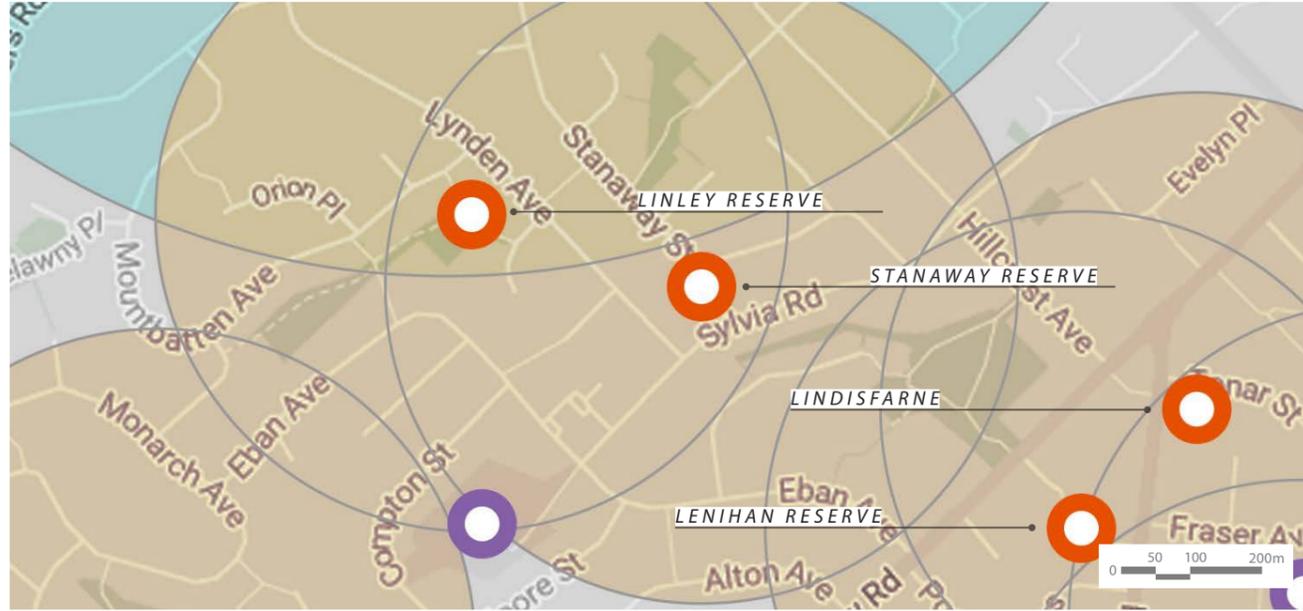
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Large grassy area behind swings. No seating provided or other amenities.
 No current heritage play provision provided.

LINLEY RESERVE



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 5 Linley Place, Hillcrest, Auckland 0627

ASSET ID: 22221-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Kompan Supernova ring spinner supports collaborative spinning and balance activity category attributes. 2 bay swing with 2no. fully-enclosed infant seats and 2no. standard strap seats covers a range of ages. 2no. yellow spinner bowls and small older seesaw. Older slide unit with ladder, steering wheel and a (broken) 'shear the sheep' panel. In general, play provision is predominantly catered towards younger children, with some standardised role play equipment.

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Newer equipment in good condition. However, older slide unit is faded and worn with a lumpy slide and broken 'shear the sheep' interactive panel. Seesaw paint finish is flaked and damaged. Some graffiti within spinner bowl.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Mature trees ring playspace and shade different play equipment at different times of the day. Bench seats in full sun. Future upgrades to bench seating or playspace should consider locating respite shade for caregivers and children taking a break from the playspace.

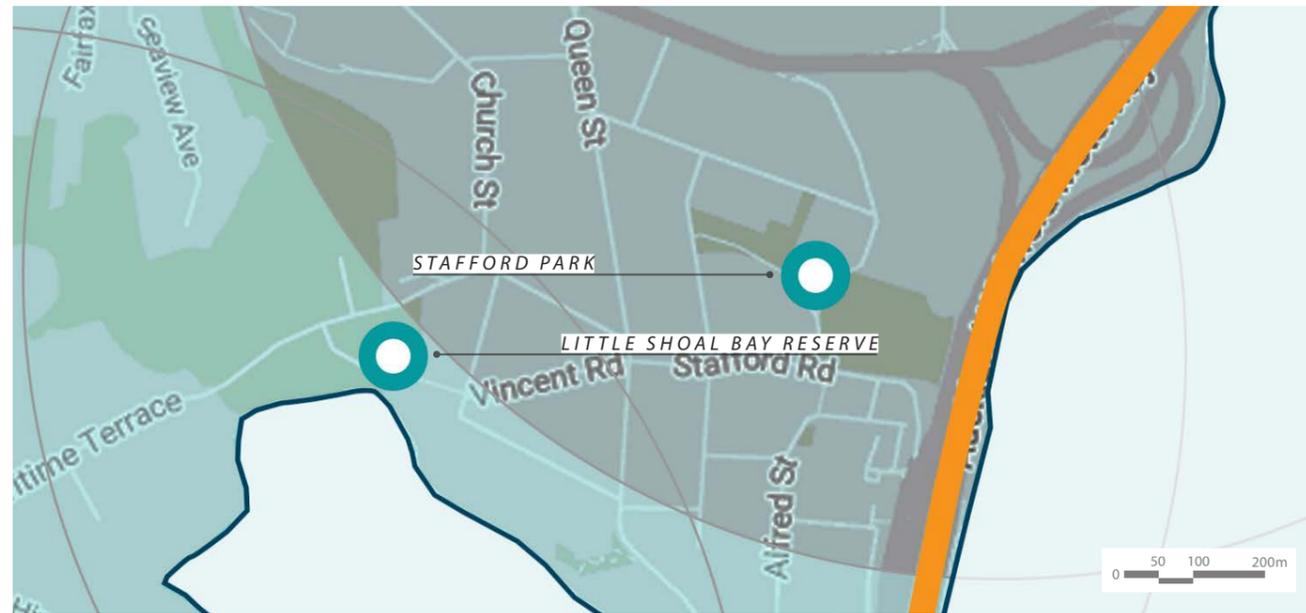
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

2no. dated timber and steel pipe benches painted green. 1no. rubbish bin. Path connections join neighbouring streets. Adjacent overland flow path / stream behind galvanised mesh fence. Reserve ringed by residential back gardens. No current heritage play provision provided.

LITTLE SHOAL BAY RESERVE



- KEY**
- Destination Park
 - Suburb Park
 - Neighbourhood Park
 - School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

- ADDRESS:** 20 Council Terrace, Northcote Point, Auckland 0627
- ASSET ID:** 11107-L004-L01-P01
- PLANNED RENEWAL:** Yes No Complete
- TYPE:**
- Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space
- LOCATION AND ACCESS:**
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- AGE GROUP:**
- Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)
- PLAY VALUE:**
- Play Value Attributes*
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- Activity Category Attributes*
- Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play
 - Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play
- Comments**

Multi unit with barrel roll, double track ride, monkey bars, chain bridge, net bridge, net tunnel, wobbly balance beam crossing, somersault bars, longer track ride, two slides (at different heights), interactive panel, stairs, ship feature element with steering wheel and telescope, plastic tunnel, bar bridges and fireman's pole. Equipment has integrated a Early Childhood unit (the ship portion) with a older childhood age range unit. This allows younger children to use the lower (under 400mm) stair access to get to the lower slide and role play elements.

Also included is a 2 bay swing with 2no. standard strap seats and 2no. fully-enclosed infant seats.

OVERALL CONDITION:

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Multi unit is fairly new and in excellent condition. 2 bay swing is older and has visible flaked paint on the main structure.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

- None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Playspace receives excellent morning shade as shown in the adjacent photos. Equipment is presumably exposed all afternoon however. Seating is exposed to the sun and provides minimal respite from the sun.

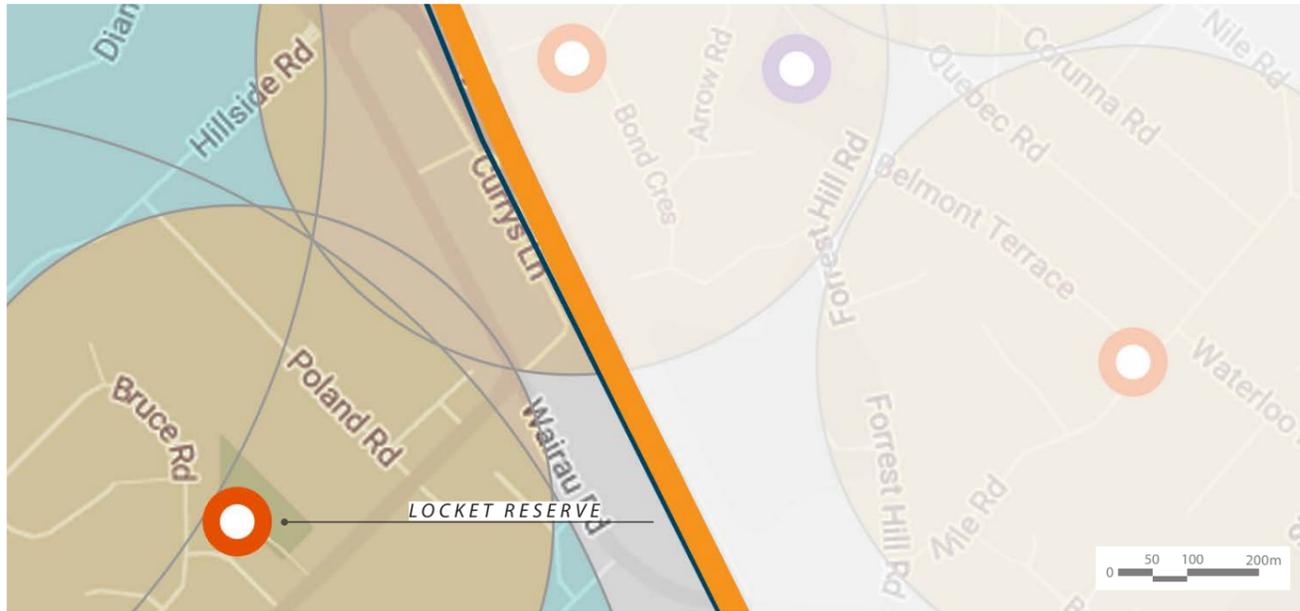
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Coastal location is reflected in the choice of ship themed elements within the main unit. Otherwise little cultural or heritage provision. Exercise equipment is located close to the road and is visible from the playspace. Toilet facilities are provided in the Sea Scouts building and standalone across the road. Overall park contains multiple recreation opportunities like sailing (Sea Scouts building), bowling, cricket and walking tracks past the raupō wetland to Le Roys Bush.

LOCKET RESERVE



- KEY**
- Destination Park
 - Suburb Park
 - Neighbourhood Park
 - School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

- ADDRESS:** 11 Locket Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0627
- ASSET ID:** 22158-L003-L01-P01
- PLANNED RENEWAL:** Yes No Complete
- TYPE:**
- Destination Park
 - Suburb Park
 - Neighbourhood Park
 - Connection Open Space
- LOCATION AND ACCESS:**
- 1 (Excellent)
 - 2 (Good)
 - 3 (Average)
 - 4 (Poor)
- AGE GROUP:**
- Early Childhood (1-4 yrs)
 - Childhood (5-9 yrs)
 - Junior (10-12 yrs)
 - Senior (13+ yrs)
- PLAY VALUE:**
- Play Value Attributes*
- 1 (Excellent)
 - 2 (Good)
 - 3 (Average)
 - 4 (Poor)
- Activity Category Attributes*
- Swinging
 - Sliding
 - Climbing / crawling
 - Spinning / rocking
 - Balance / jumping
 - Role play / collaborative
 - Creative play
 - Sound / music play

Comments

Small rotating net climber.
 Stainless steel slide with ladder access.
 1 bay swing with 1no. standard strap seat (no infant or toddler seats provided).
 Overall, playspace only caters for childhood age range with limited equipment options.

OVERALL CONDITION:

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Comments

Swing and slide in poor condition. Rotating net was difficult to spin.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

- None
- Shade structure
- Mature trees
- Other

Quality

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Comments

Mature trees along path and reserve edge with some younger trees planted closer to the playspace. Playspace equipment, including stainless steel slide, in full sun for most of the day. No respite shade provided over bench seat.

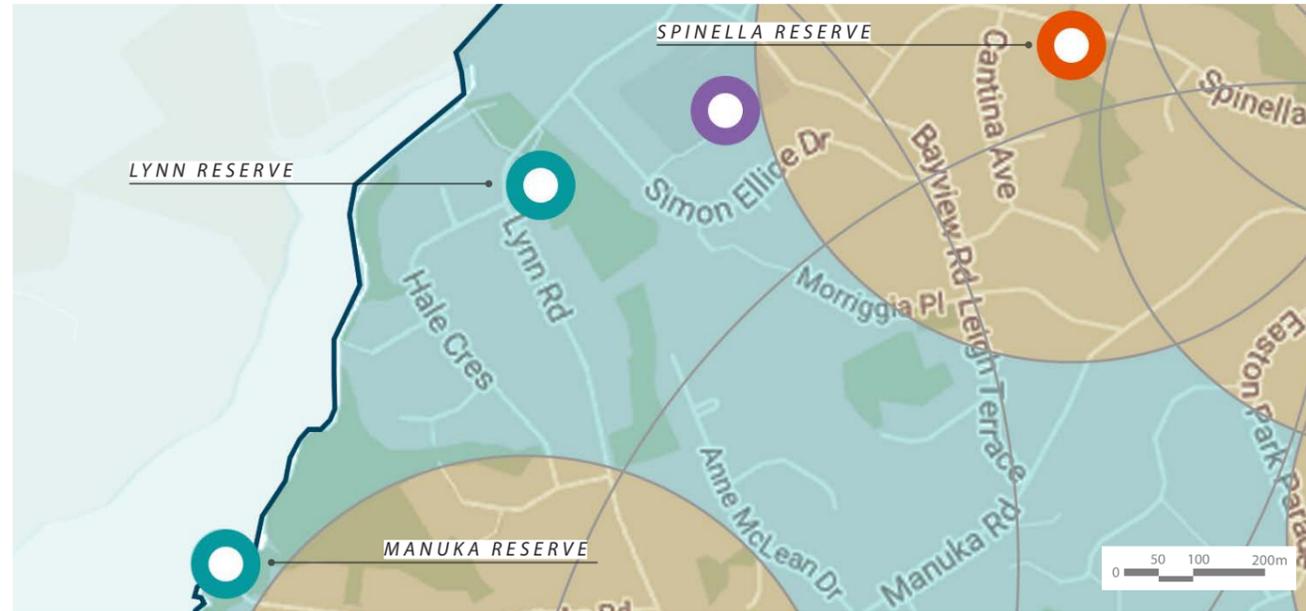
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Comments

2no. rubbish bins.
 1no. bench seat close to entrance.
 No current heritage play provision provided.

LYNN RESERVE



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 107 Lynn Road, Bayview, Auckland 0629

ASSET ID: 22161-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

- Early Childhood (1-4 yrs)
- Childhood (5-9 yrs)
- Junior (10-12 yrs)
- Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

- Swinging
- Climbing / crawling
- Balance / jumping
- Creative play
- Sliding
- Spinning / rocking
- Role play / collaborative
- Sound / music play

Comments

Lynn Reserve's main feature is the learn to ride loop featuring rollers, painted pou, wobbly timber bridges, boardwalks and roundabout give way markings. The playspace is older and more traditional with: 1no. standalone monkey bar unit, swings with 2no. standard strap seats, 1no. fully enclosed infant swing, 1no. seesaw and 1no. toddler seat with chain and 1no. standalone slide with ladder access and shop window feature below. There is no provision for balance / jumping activities, apart from a few basalt boulders set within hoggin in the shaded seating area.

Role play / collaborative play (shop window feature) is perfunctory and outdated. The existing shade sails suggest there is opportunity to install a new sand or water play feature area, or some musical instruments, that take advantage of the shade and promote collaborative and creative play options (where children may spend more time in one place, protected from the sun).

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Bark cushionfall with timber edge in good condition, except in slide runout where geotextile is visible. All equipment shows varying degrees of wear and tear, to be expected considering equipment age.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

3no. red shade sails shade the main seating area, slide unit, seesaw and monkey bars. Swings are in full sun at midday. Mature trees along the edge of the playspace shade timber bench seats.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

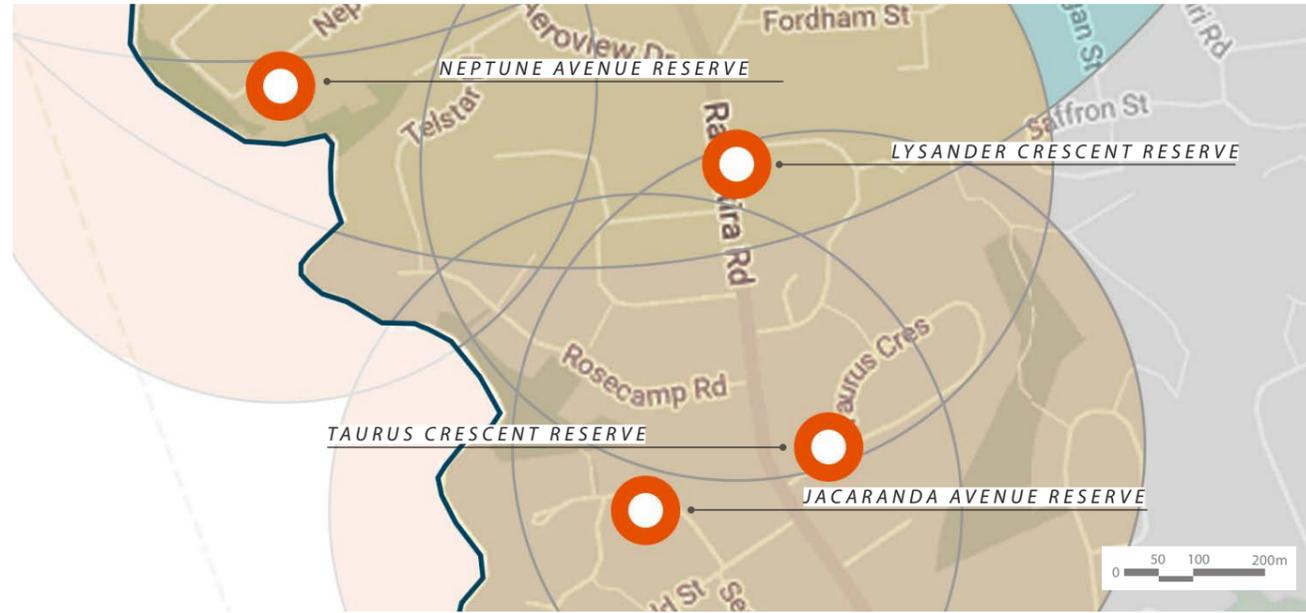
Comments

Toilet and drinking fountain provided. Range of timber bench seating types provided, however no picnic tables are provided. Basketball half court alongside playspace.

Bus stop on road interface. No fencing but playspace set back from road.

Carved pou whenua and community painted posts integrated within bike trail.

LYSANDER CRESCENT RESERVE



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 50 Lysander Crescent, Beach Haven, Auckland 0626

ASSET ID: 22095-L005-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE: Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS: 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP: Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Toddler play equipment is located in close proximity to a circular concrete basketball court with single basketball hoop. Equipment includes: a small toddler hammock with a chain to limit range of movement, providing rocking play value rather than swinging; and a bowl spinner. Previously there was also a ladybird springer installed.

There is a conflict between the intended age range of children using the play equipment and the age range of children / teenagers using the basketball pad. The playspace does not meet minimum baseline requirements with large activity category attribute gaps, most notably the traditional climbing, swinging and sliding. Current equipment offers no role play or collaborative play experiences.

OVERALL CONDITION: 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments
Equipment and surfacing is in average condition.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

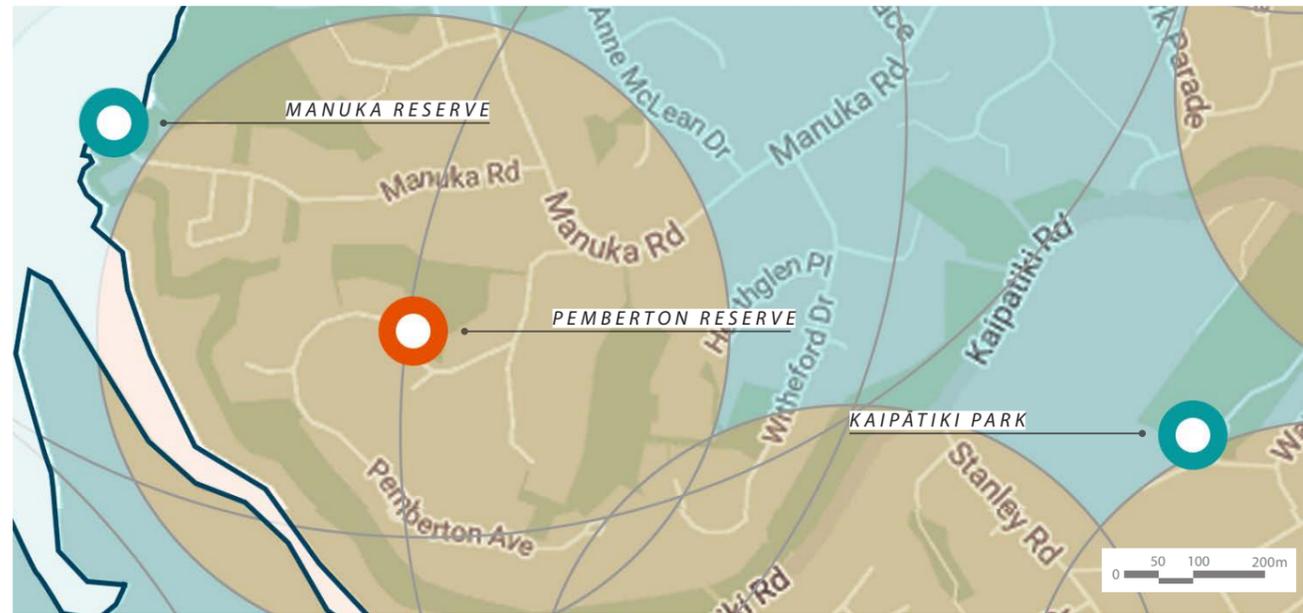
1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments
Mature trees on main road interface provide limited shade to hammock equipment. The bowl spinner doesn't receive any shade.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION: 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments
No seating provision; when we visited some children were using the equipment as seating to watch their friends playing basketball. No heritage play provision.

MANUKA RESERVE



- KEY**
- Destination Park
 - Suburb Park
 - Neighbourhood Park
 - School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

- ADDRESS:** 215 Manuka Road, Bayview, Auckland 0629
- ASSET ID:** 20075-L005-L01-P01
- PLANNED RENEWAL:** Yes No Complete
- TYPE:**
- Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space
- LOCATION AND ACCESS:**
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- AGE GROUP:**
- Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)
- PLAY VALUE:**
- Play Value Attributes*
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- Activity Category Attributes*
- Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play
 - Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Typical multi unit with monkey bars x2, slide, wobbly timber bridge, ring ladder climber, chain bridge, steering wheel, wobbly timber balance beam, track ride and ladder. Good provision of balance type activities and overhead monkey bar / strength-based activities. Token steering wheel provides minimal opportunity for collaborative role play. Although the multi unit covers a lot of traditional play activities, it contributes little variety or challenge for children older than 8 years old.

1 bay swing with 1 no. standad swing and 1 no. toddler swing. Single seesaw.

OVERALL CONDITION:

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

All play equipment in poor condition with visible rust and flaky paint. Bark cushionfall in average condition. Bark cushionfall too low along interface with concrete footpath. Visible geotextile in places.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

- None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Mature trees / bush around perimeter provide some opportunity for respite, in particular offering shade to the timber deck and bench seats. Smaller titoki trees along perimeter path provide little shade.

Bench seats with backs are fully exposed to afternoon sun.

All play equipment is exposed to the sun. Investigation of future shade provision options should be worked into future renewal proposals.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

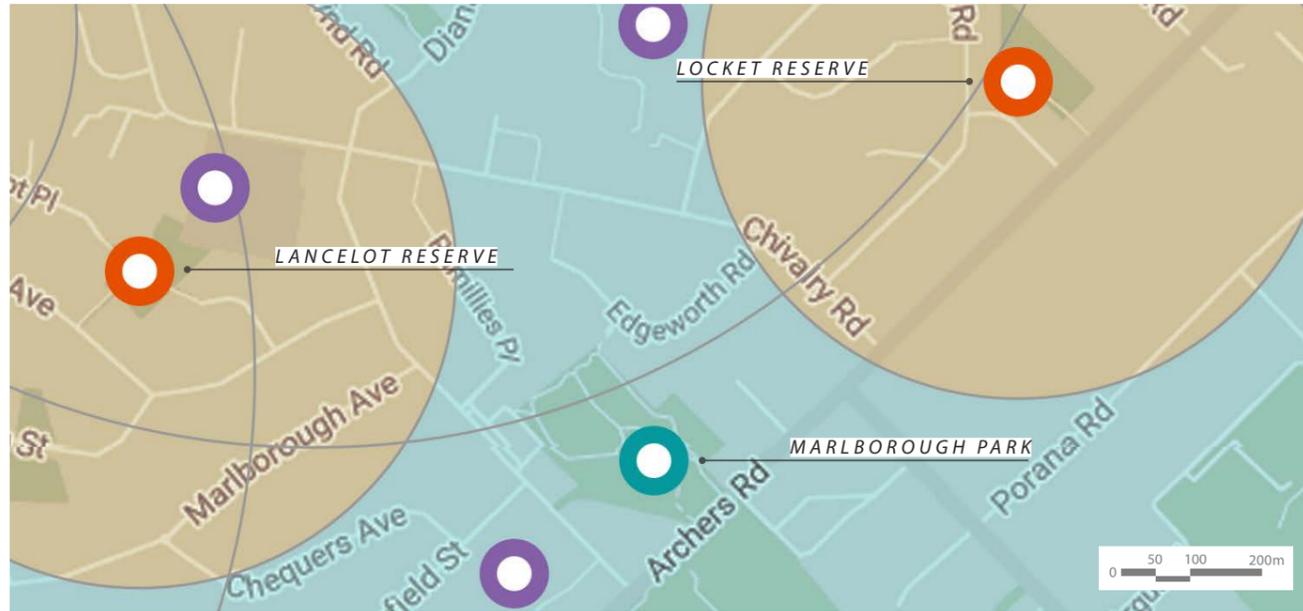
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Toilet and drinking fountain with dog bowl located between car park and playspace. No fence / barrier to road, but playspace is set back. Dog agility park located in nearby section of reserve, approx. 100m away. Small basketball court adjacent playspace, separated by mown grass area. Bench seats provided but no picnic tables.

No current heritage play provision provided—potential to incorporate Māori contextual history into creative or collaborative role play elements that celebrate the coastal environment.

MARLBOROUGH PARK



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 13 Chartwell Avenue, Glenfield, Auckland 0629

ASSET ID: 11096-L004-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Spacenet and flying fox elements are installed separately away from the main playspace. Both of these elements cater to older / independent children. Main playspace caters to Early Childhood and Childhood age groups. Key equipment includes: 2 bay swing with basket, 1 no. standard and 1 no. fully-enclosed infant seats; talking tubes; 3no. tunnels; embankment slide; rope play and timber pole games; binoculars and telescope; 2no. rubber toddler swings; 2no. trampolines; wobby timber bridge; low timber and steel ladder; and water play area with pump, concrete rills and gate. A small playspace area behind the skatepark contains a timber climbing wall with handholds and a taller 1 bay swing with 2no. standard strap seats. With the exception of spinning / rocking, all other activity category attributes are covered. Small interactive games affixed to timber pou are a different way of incorporating fine motor skill interactivity into the playspace (typically these interactive games are incorporated into panels and are more 2D in nature).

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Main playspace is in excellent condition. The spacenet and flying fox are both in good condition whereas the older 1 bay swing and climbing wall / handholds are in poor condition.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Mature trees partially shade spacenet, flying fox, climbing wall and taller 1 bay swing. 2no. shade sails are provided within the new playspace to shade water play and slide and trampoline equipment. Other equipment remains exposed to the sun. Bench seats around the main playspace are in full sun resulting in little respite for caregivers.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

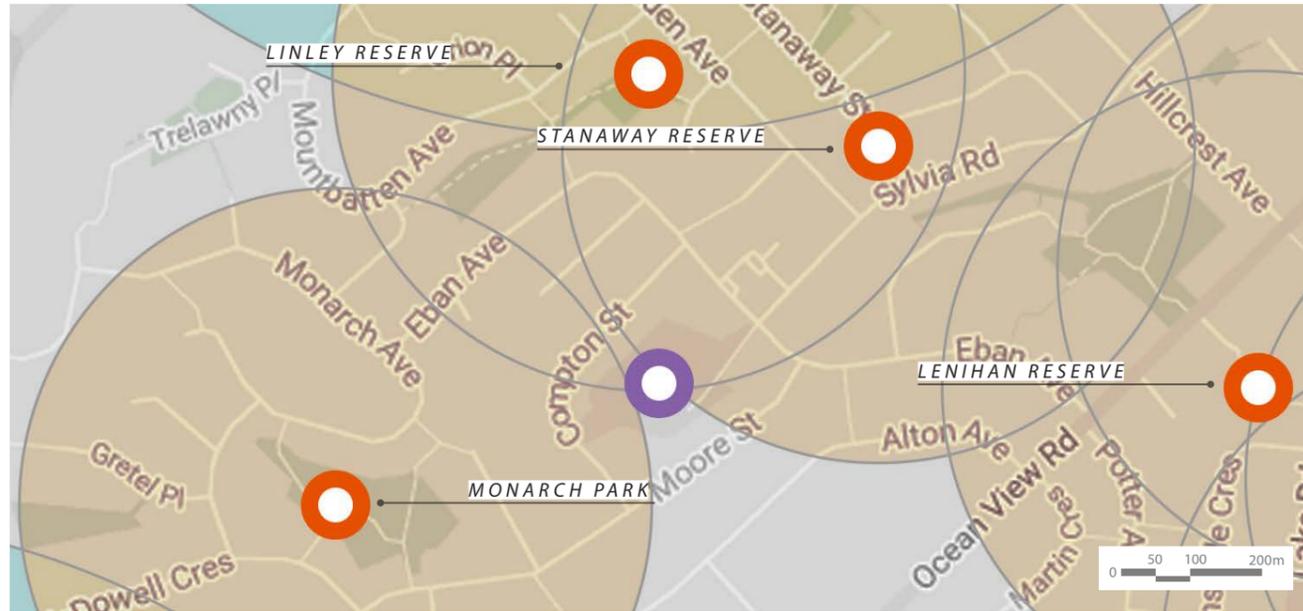
1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Toilet, BBQ, picnic table, drinking fountain and bench seating facilities provided in good quantities throughout the park. Older skatepark provided as well as new full-size basketball court with additional netball hoops provided. Exercise equipment provided. Tennis Club buildings located next to main playspace.

No current heritage play provision provided.

MONARCH PARK



LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 68 Moore Street, Hillcrest, Auckland 0627

ASSET ID: 22167-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE: Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS: 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP: Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

- Swinging
- Sliding
- Climbing / crawling
- Spinning / rocking
- Balance / jumping
- Role play / collaborative
- Creative play
- Sound / music play

Comments

Main playspace includes: a 1 bay swing with 2no. standard strap seats and 1no. fully-enclosed infant seat; blue inclusive seesaw; toddler unit with abacus, shop window, fireman's pole, slide (broken) and plastic cargo net climber; multi unit with track ride, monkey bars, barrel roll, chain bridge, tunnel, plastic slide, plastic cargo net, wobby timber bridge, fireman's pole, chain cargo net, ladder access, stair access and shop window; and long stainless steel embankment slide. An additional nature play area is provided under regenerating bush consists of a variety of timber and rope trail and stepping features. There is also a toadstool-themed table and stools with a 'fairy' door installed on a nearby tree trunk.

Multi unit equipment is dated and doesn't cater for unstructured play. Additional nature play area (located a short walk away) provides more balance-focused, open-ended play experiences.

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Multi units are in poor condition with significant rust visible on toddler play slide and stair access to main unit. Stainless steel slide is in average condition with some wear and tear to platform structure.

Bark cushionfall around nature play elements requires top up.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Mature trees along riparian / gully edge to rear of playspace. These do not provide any shade to the play equipment. No shade cover over stainless steel slide which was very bright and hot to touch (on a sunny day in mid-January). No shade provided to bench seats. Nature play area is partially shaded as under cover of regenerating native bush.

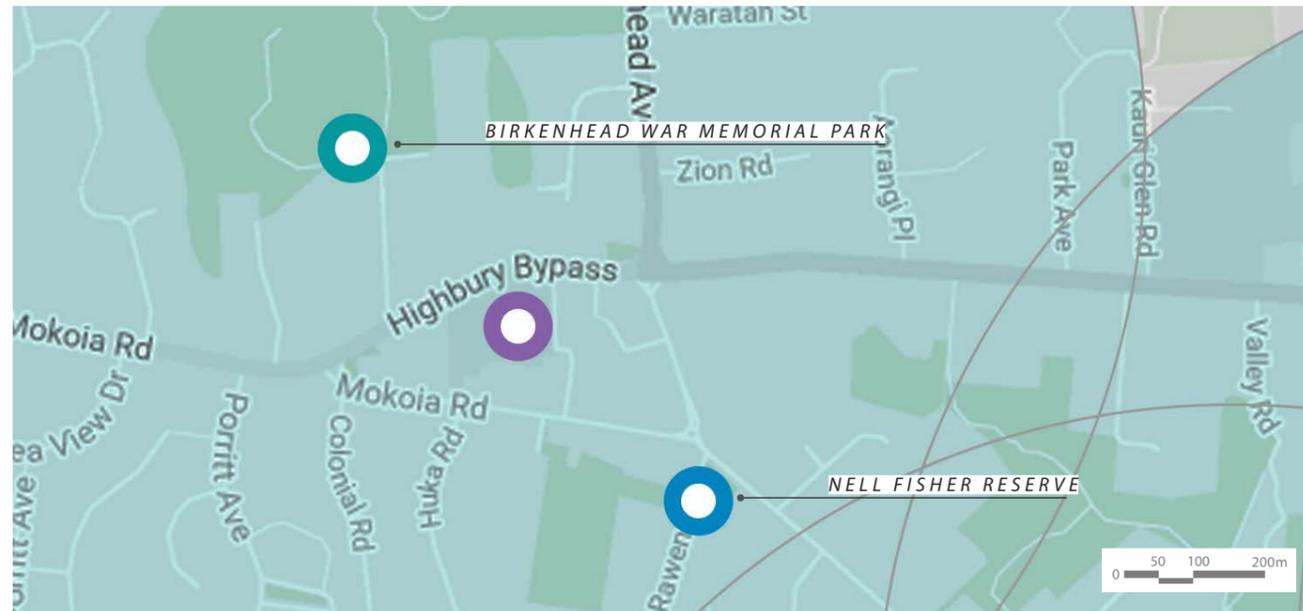
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Large open space grass areas. 1no. rubbish bin. 3no. bench seats of different ages / types. 1no. 'Little Free Library' book exchange stand. Swan plants and Monarch butterfly artwork. Play engagement with regenerating bush promotes greater educational engagement with the area's ecological heritage. This could be further emphasised with interactive / interpretive signage.

NELL FISHER RESERVE



KEY

- Civic Space
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- Connection Open Space

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 204 Hinemoa Street, Birkenhead, Auckland 0626

ASSET ID: 10941-L004-L02-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

- Civic Space
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

- Early Childhood (1-4 yrs)
- Childhood (5-9 yrs)
- Junior (10-12 yrs)
- Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

- Swinging
- Climbing / crawling
- Balance / jumping
- Creative play
- Sliding
- Spinning / rocking
- Role play / collaborative
- Sound / music play

Comments

Small playspace tucked beside Birkenhead Library. In general equipment caters to Early Childhood age children, with no role play or creative play opportunities.

Keyhole swing with fully-enclosed infant seat. Galvanised and stainless steel slide with ladder access. Stainless steel bowl spinner.

A metal footing is visible adjacent the main path. Reviewing playground equipment asset information for Kaipātiki it seems that this footing was for a ladybird springer, since removed.

OVERALL CONDITION:

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Comments

Overall equipment condition is average due to missing springer element, low bark cushionfall level and some rust visible on metal elements.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

- None
- Shade structure
- Mature trees
- Other

Quality

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Comments

Library building provides morning shade. Mature cabbage trees and juvenile nikau palms provide additional sporadic shade.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Comments

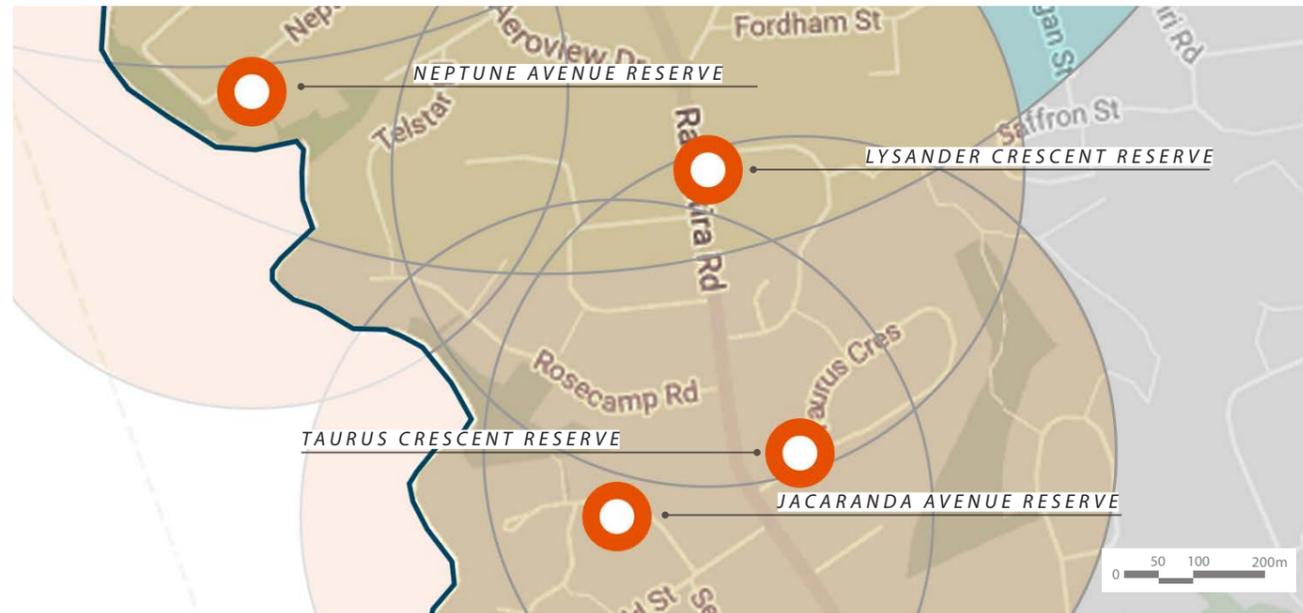
Playspace adjacent to Birkenhead Library and Plunket.

3no. timber bench seats provided around edge of bark cushionfall. Drinking fountain is provided.

No formal fence between road and playspace but a planted buffer with stainless steel pipes of varying heights has been installed.

No current heritage play provision provided.

NEPTUNE AVENUE RESERVE



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 38 Neptune Avenue, Beach Haven, Auckland 0626

ASSET ID: 20351-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Hut / cubby house facilitates role play and social interactions with stair access, roof, windows and seating area with table.

Embankment slide with raised platform covers sliding activity category attribute. Low timber stepping stumps provide opportunities to improve balance and coordination.

1 bay swing with 1no. standard strap seat and 1no. fully-enclosed infant seat, as well as small toddler swing with curved plastic seat fixed to ground with chain covers swinging play provision with a focus on Early Childhood age range.

By and large the playspace caters for Early Childhood age children with its feature hut and slide. Additional climbing or crawling activities could be incorporated in future renewals whilst retaining stair access for young children.

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Playspace and play equipment is in good condition, from our visual check.

However, we note that the main hut element was flagged a grade '5' by Auckland Council in September 2015.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Mature cabbage trees provide limited shade to area around cubby house, with slide in full sun. Mature cabbage trees also provide limited shade to bench seating.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

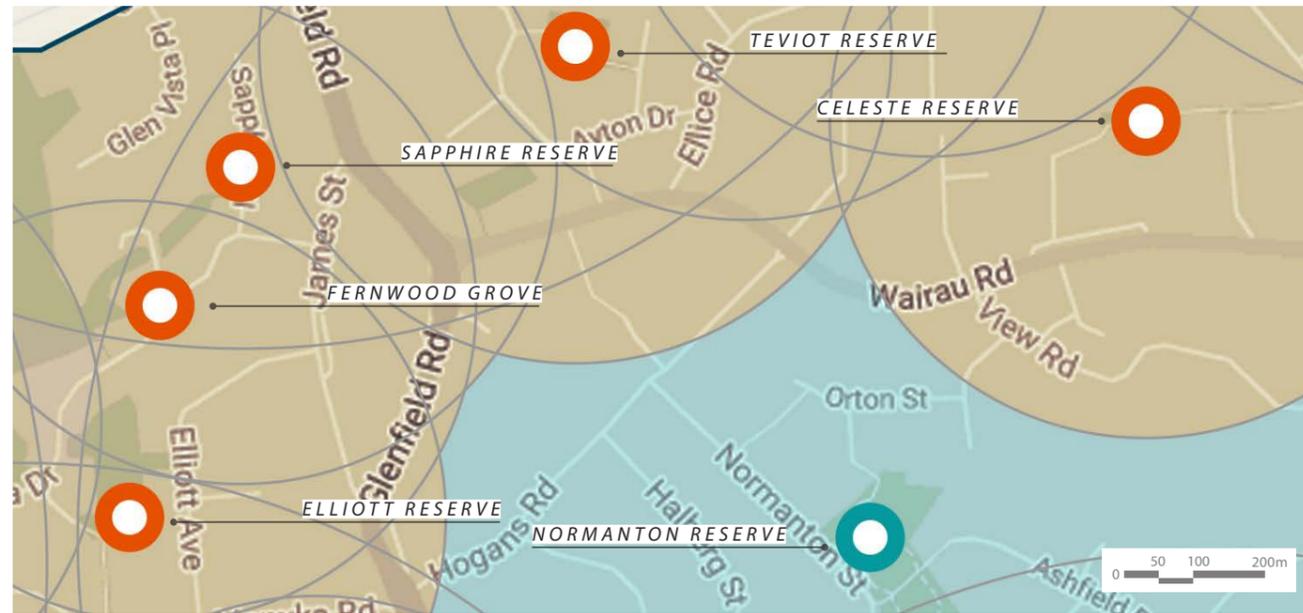
Timber seat / retaining wall provided at entry to site. Additional timber bench seat provided partway down sloped path access.

Signage provided at road interface.

Connected to Sispara Place Reserve.

No current heritage play provision provided.

NORMANTON RESERVE



- KEY**
-  Destination Park
 -  Suburb Park
 -  Neighbourhood Park
 -  School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

- ADDRESS:** 9 Normanton Street, Glenfield, Auckland 0629
- ASSET ID:** 20006-L003-L01-P01
- PLANNED RENEWAL:** Yes No Complete
- TYPE:**
- Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space
- LOCATION AND ACCESS:**
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- AGE GROUP:**
- Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)
- PLAY VALUE:**
- Play Value Attributes*
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- Activity Category Attributes*
- Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play
- Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

2 bay swing with 2no. standard and 2no. fully enclosed infant swings. Typical swing provision to cover most ages. A basket swing or similar for less able bodied children and groups of children would be a good inclusion to complement existing provision. 'Roktopus' 4 person rocking / rotating seesaw forms a feature play element for older children. Further 2 person stand-up seesaw rocker and stand up spinner.

Small multi unit with 2no. monkey bars, somersault bar and balancing roller. Early Childhood-age multi unit with bannister slide, wobbly timber bridge, abacus, ladder, noughts and crosses, monkey bars, plastic rock climbing wall, timber climbing wall, abseiling wall, plastic tunnel and slide. Very traditional play equipment with some opportunity for social interaction at ground level (abacus and noughts and crosses).

Multiple rope and timber balance play items, as well as a tunnel slide, planned along the embankment under shade of mature trees (with concept plan displayed on site). No upgrades appear to be planned for existing playspace.

OVERALL CONDITION:

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Swing in good condition. Rest of play equipment in average to poor condition with visible wear and tear.

Bark cushionfall low at edges / access points.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

- None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Play equipment exposed to midday and afternoon sun (in summer). Mature trees along embankment partially shade playspace at other times. Some smaller trees located within playspace do not provide direct relief from midday sun. Plenty of opportunity for picnicking in shade with bench seats also located in shade. Overall plenty of respite for caregivers.

Consider investigating future shade provision for Early Childhood age equipment in particular.

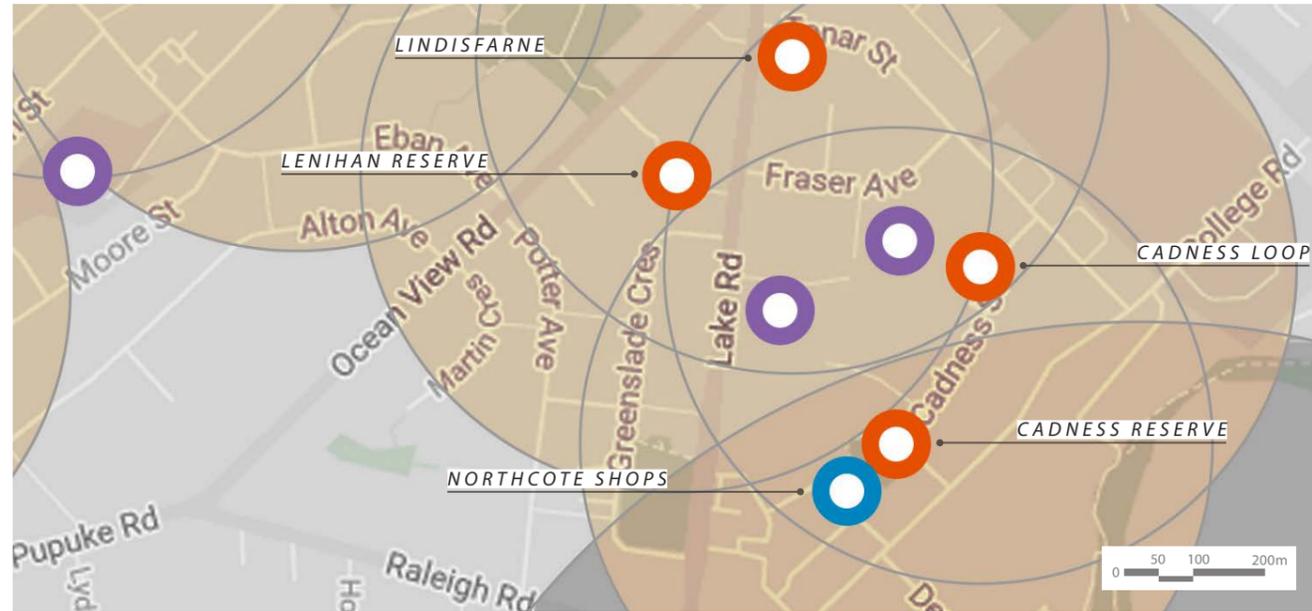
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Toilet, bike / scooter loop, full basketball court and half basketball court, picnic table, 2no. timber benches with backs in shade, 1no. bench in playspace. No current heritage play provision provided.

NORTHCOTE SHOPS / NORMAN KING SQUARE



KEY

- Civic Space
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- Connection Open Space

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: Ernie May Street, Northcote, Auckland 0627

ASSET ID: 23359-L001-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE: Civic Space Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS: 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP: Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Keyhole swing with 1no. fully-enclosed infant swing. Small flower swing with strap seat. No swing provision for childhood age range or older.

Galvanised steel climbing frame with monkey bars. Bowl spinner and springer seesaw. Static blue whale element with handle and footrest.

Māori, Pasifika, European and Chinese painted gateways are spread around the outer perimeter of the playspace with stepping stone trails leading into the playspace.

OVERALL CONDITION: 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

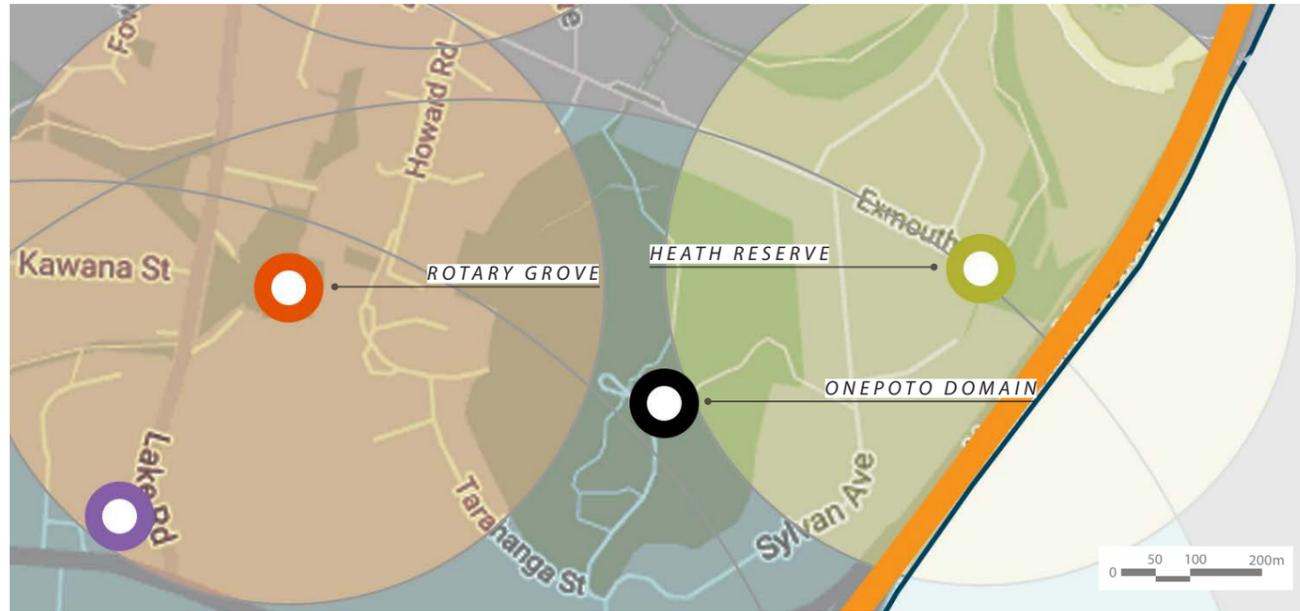
Play equipment partially shaded by adjacent library building, planted awning and mature deciduous trees. Seating provided a short distance away from play equipment under the shade of a mature deciduous tree, with low walls located alongside play equipment also used for seating and shaded by the adjacent building.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION: 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Located next to Northcote Library, Citizen's Advice Bureau and Plunket facilities, and within wider Northcote Shops area. Drinking fountain located at edge of playspace. Cultural heritage referenced through painted gateways.

ONEPOTO DOMAIN



- KEY**
- Destination Park
 - Suburb Park
 - Neighbourhood Park
 - School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

- ADDRESS:** 24 Tarahanga Street, Northcote, Auckland 0627
- ASSET ID:** 10927-L003-L01-P01
- PLANNED RENEWAL:** Yes No Complete
- TYPE:**
- Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space
- LOCATION AND ACCESS:**
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- AGE GROUP:**
- Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)
- PLAY VALUE:**
- Play Value Attributes*
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- Activity Category Attributes*
- Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play
 - Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

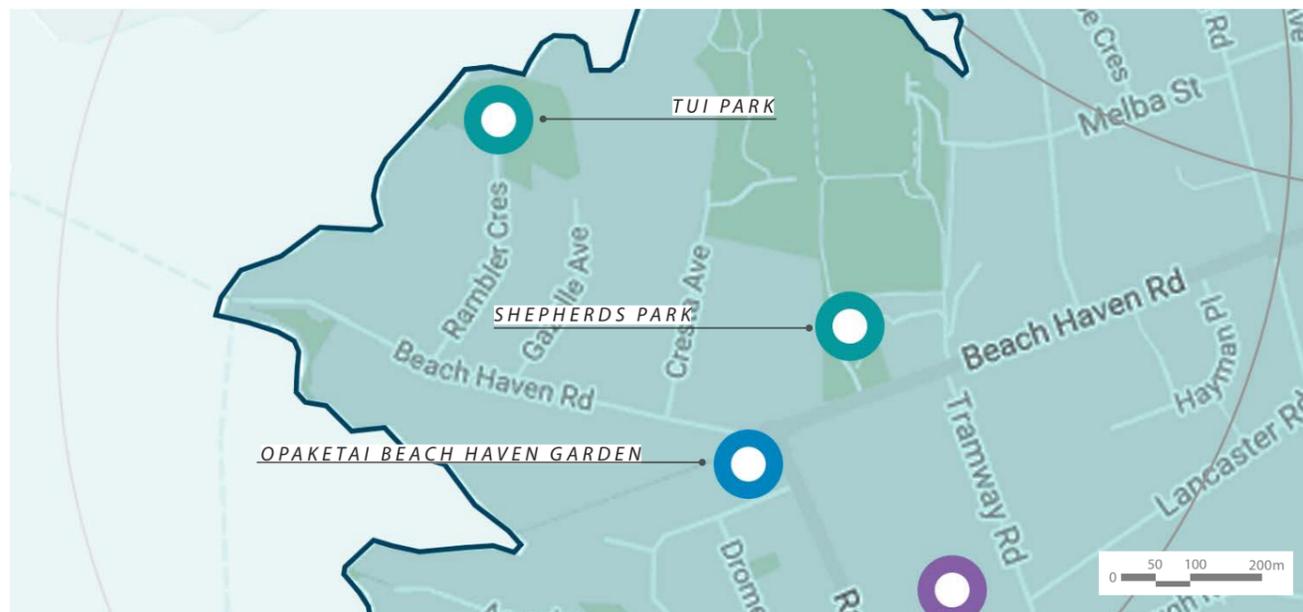
Main Early Childhood to Childhood age play area located close to car park contains various swinging and timber hut play provision including: 5-way contact swing; standalone timber maimai hut; raised timber hut with single slide and rope ladder access; and 1 bay timber swing with 1no. toddler seat with chain and 1no. fully enclosed infant swing. Childhood to Junior age group play area consists of various equipment types located amongst established native planting and boulders. Level changes have been incorporated and provide different opportunities for bridge / balance beam crossings. Equipment consists of: 2no. stand up spinners, large play multi unit with tunnel slide, stair access, chain cargo net crossing, two types of monkey bars and a wobbly timber crossing; somersault bars at three heights; and a flying fox. Additional timber balance beam trail elements are located a short distance away. No creative play or sound / music play provision. Incorporating these elements would provide for a wider range of abilities and interests.

- OVERALL CONDITION:**
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- Comments**
- Equipment is predominantly in average condition. Wear and tear visible on large multi unit, including heavily flaked paint and some rust. Bark cushionfall is in poor condition. 5-way swing has seat without chain (requirement of NZS2828:2015).

- SUNSMART PROVISION:**
- Shade Type*
- None Shade structure Mature trees Other
- Quality*
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- Comments**
- Little to no shade. Clusters of larger trees alongside Early Childhood play area allow for respite / picnicking as long as ground is dry, however picnic table is fully exposed. Mature trees along car park interface are used for informal gathering.

- SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:**
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- Comments**
- Feature bike path consists of various elements linked by a concrete / asphalt path network. Bike path elements include: roundabouts, rollers, vertical posts, ramps, rumble strips, balance beams and a suspended timber bridge. A carved pou whenua with interpretive signage tells the story of Mātakerepō (Onepoto Crater / Te Kōpua o Mātakerepō) and Matakamokamo (Tuff Crater / Te Kōpua o Matakamokamo). Significant planting is incorporated amongst the play equipment. This enhances and reinforces the surrounding natural context. A BBQ and picnic tables are incorporated around the Early Childhood play area. Sufficient bench seating is provided. A drinking fountain is installed close to the toilet facility.

OPAKETAI BEACH HAVEN GARDEN



KEY

- Civic Space
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- Connection Open Space

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 364 Rangatira Road, Beach Haven, Auckland 0626

ASSET ID: 11115-L004-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

- Civic Space
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

- Early Childhood (1-4 yrs)
- Childhood (5-9 yrs)
- Junior (10-12 yrs)
- Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

- Swinging
- Climbing / crawling
- Balance / jumping
- Creative play
- Sliding
- Spinning / rocking
- Role play / collaborative
- Sound / music play

Comments

Interactive play experiences are incorporated amongst planting and community garden elements towards the rear of the community space.

Play elements include: balancing beams and stepping logs; a timber boat embedded into the bark cushionfall; a wobbly timber beam crossing; a colourful marble run course; a periscope and binoculars; and rotating mix and match artworks that express the local landscape context. Play elements perform a dual function as sculptural components contributing to the overall site narrative / aesthetic and as ways for children to interact with the space and each other. There are no off-the-shelf or traditional play equipment pieces provided like slides or swings.

OVERALL CONDITION:

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Comments
Equipment and supporting elements are in excellent condition.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

- None
- Shade structure
- Mature trees
- Other

Quality

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

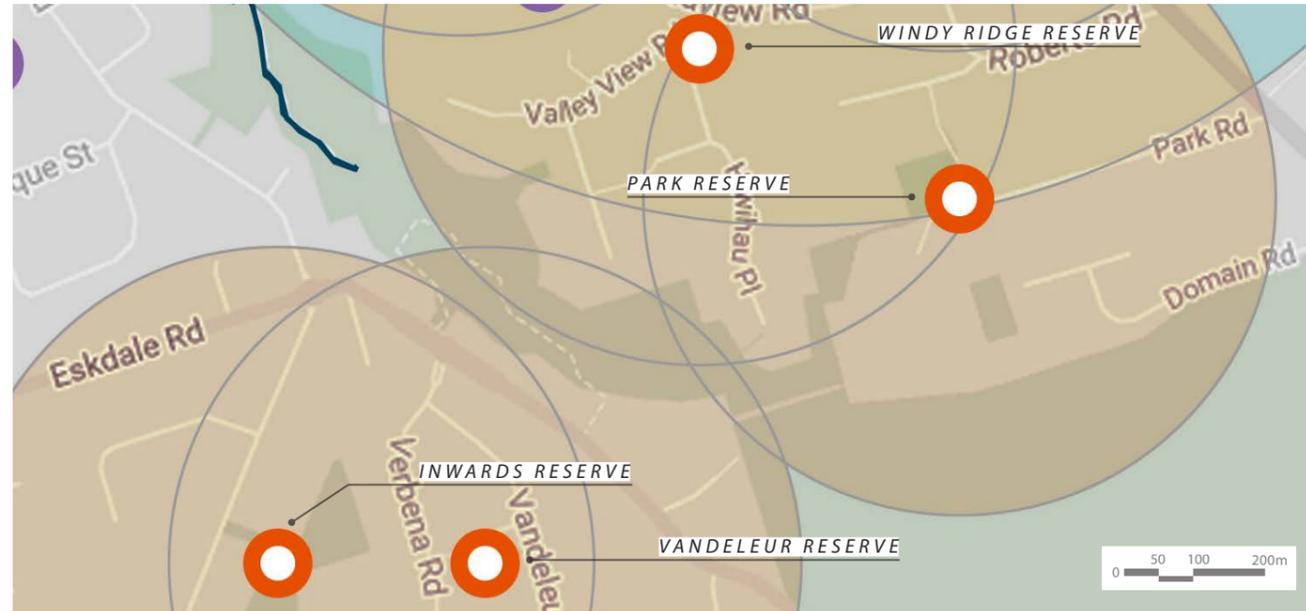
Comments
Deciduous trees have been planted that will provide shade to play equipment in the future. Very limited shade provided by mature trees along site's southeastern perimeter. Currently no protection from midday or afternoon sun in summer.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Comments
Bike racks, picnic tables and a water fountain with dog bowl are located at the street interface. Hard stand, stage platform and raised deck provide opportunities for events and informal gatherings. Seats and raised planter beds are integrated around the edge of the play area. Surrounding landscape and cultural heritage is referenced in the custom rotating mix and match artwork. Recycled timber piles have been carved to form pou whenua markers. Carved patterns are integrated on a number of different furniture elements.

PARK RESERVE



- KEY**
- Destination Park
 - Suburb Park
 - Neighbourhood Park
 - School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

- ADDRESS:** 59 Park Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0629
- ASSET ID:** 22181-L003-L01-P01
- PLANNED RENEWAL:** Yes No Complete
- TYPE:**
- Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space
- LOCATION AND ACCESS:**
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- AGE GROUP:**
- Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)
- PLAY VALUE:**
- Play Value Attributes*
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- Activity Category Attributes*
- Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play
- Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Feature multi unit with slide, fireman's pole, ladders, pommel trail, metal climbing feature, vertical net climbers, rope ladder and 3 different types of monkey bars. Variety and height of monkey bars supports a wider age range, up to 12 years.

Kompan Supernova ring spinner supports collaborative play and is attractive to older children who use it standing up.

1 bay swing with 1no. standard seat and 1no. toddler seat with chain. Swing provision is minimal and does not support multiple children of the same age range swinging together.

No creative or sound / music play opportunities. No opportunities for role play.

OVERALL CONDITION:

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Bark cushionfall requires top up by spinner. Raised timber edge is damaged in places. Main multi unit is in poor condition with rust, broken rope fixings (held together with duct tape), lichen visible on tops of timber posts and flaked paint.

Flaky / worn paint on swings.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

- None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Mature trees (titoki and manuka) shade bench seat and partially shade equipment. Significant regenerating forest (mix of native and exotic species) located away from playground and down slight slope, however these shrubby trees do not support informal gathering / picnicking.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

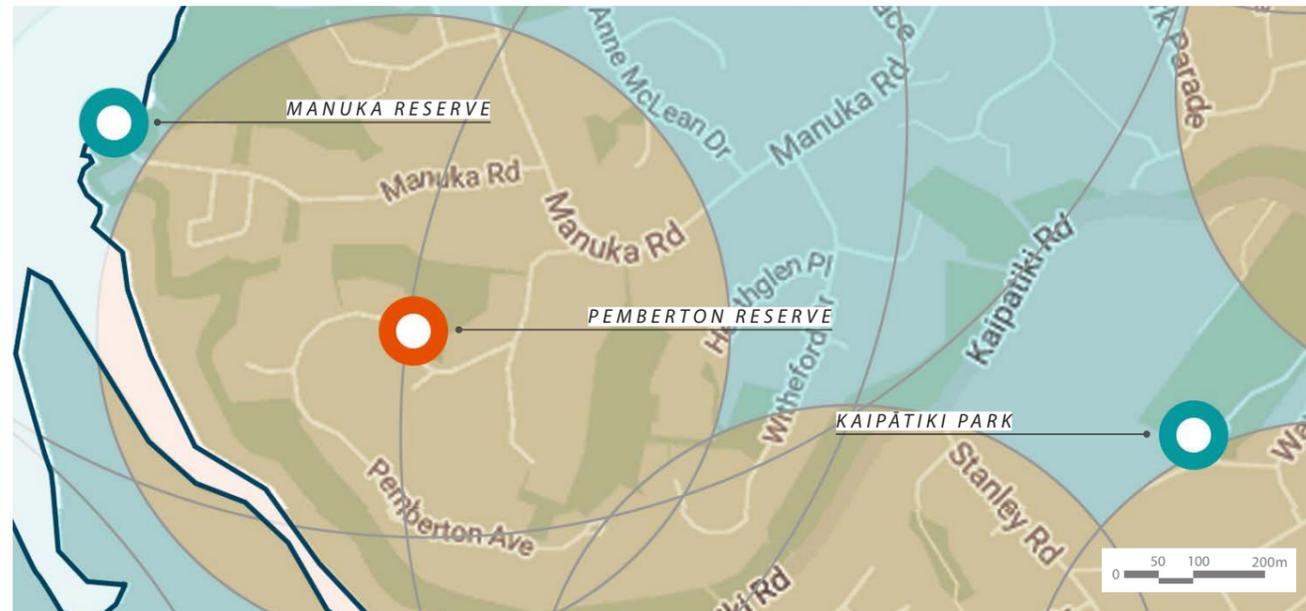
Grass area for informal kick-around activities.

1no. bench seat with back provided.

Path / track access to Roberts Road and Eskdale Reserve / Birkenhead Domain.

No current heritage play provision provided.

PEMBERTON RESERVE



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 35 Pemberton Avenue, Bayview, Auckland 0629

ASSET ID: 22183-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

- Early Childhood (1-4 yrs)
- Childhood (5-9 yrs)
- Junior (10-12 yrs)
- Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

- Swinging
- Climbing / crawling
- Balance / jumping
- Creative play
- Sliding
- Spinning / rocking
- Role play / collaborative
- Sound / music play

Comments

Fairly limited swing provision in the form of a 1 bay timber swing with 1no. standard seat and 1no. toddler seat with chain. A Kompan Supernova ring spinner supports balance, spinning and collaborative play and is attractive to older children who use it standing up. The other equipment piece is a low toddler slide with cubby house structure to platform.

A climbing frame with nets, rock wall and ladders has been removed due to health and safety concerns (reference: Kaipātiki Local Board meeting 19/07/2017 - Item 12 Kaipātiki Local Board Community Facilities work programme). This has left a large space between the toddler slide and the swings.

Because of the missing equipment, there is an activity category attribute gap in climbing / crawling and balance / jumping play. Role play equipment is also lacking.

OVERALL CONDITION:

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Comments

Some flaked paint visible on swing structure. Bark cushionfall under swings requires top up.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

- None
- Shade structure
- Mature trees
- Other

Quality

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Comments

Native bush back drop (manuka tree and other smaller trees) provides some shade to toddler slide structure and raised sleeper edge however the rest of the equipment and the bench seat are exposed.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Comments

Bench seat with backrest and armrest and rubbish bin provided at entrance to playspace. Timber sleeper / log edge provides informal seating opportunities (in shade of native bush). Raised ramp provides level access to bark cushionfall area. No heritage play provision.

PORTSEA RESERVE



KEY

- Civic Space
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- Connection Open Space

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 1 Portsea Place, Chatswood, Auckland 0626

ASSET ID: 20885-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Multi unit incorporates various play experiences including swinging. The following equipment types are included: low slide, toddler swing with chain, standard swing, timber tunnel, wobby timber bridge, monkey bars, spiral ladder access, standard ladder access, steering wheel, striped encased chains underneath platform, fireman's pole and angled ladder / metal tunnel access. No other stand alone equipment is provided.

Overall, equipment is standard and dated with little opportunity for collaborative or unstructured play experiences.

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Equipment is in a very poor condition with aging timber components, faded and flaked paint and visible rust / efflorescence. Bark cushionfall could be topped up under swings and to improve transition for caregivers with buggies.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Very limited early morning shade / tree cover to the southeastern corner. Other trees (cabbage trees) are ineffective.

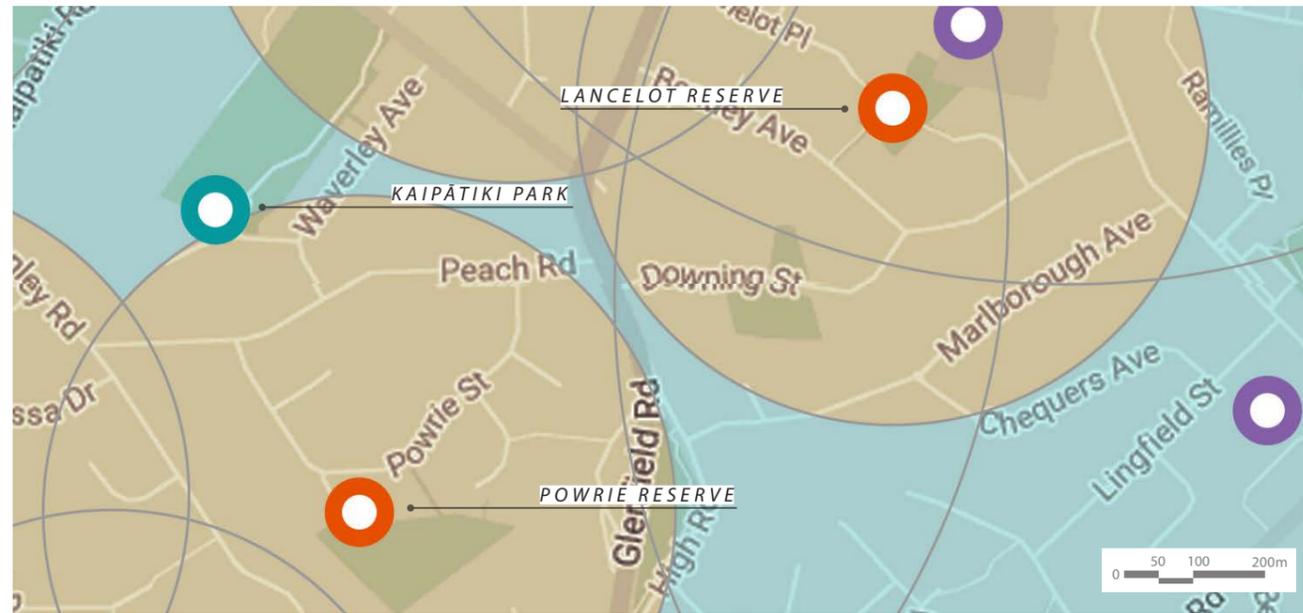
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Timber bench seat with backrest and armrest provided. Single rubbish bin. No heritage play provision.

POWRIE RESERVE



- KEY**
- Destination Park
 - Suburb Park
 - Neighbourhood Park
 - School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

- ADDRESS:** 36 Powrie Street, Glenfield, Auckland 0629
- ASSET ID:** 22185-L003-L01-P01
- PLANNED RENEWAL:** Yes No Complete
- TYPE:** Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space
- LOCATION AND ACCESS:** 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- AGE GROUP:** Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)
- PLAY VALUE:**
- Play Value Attributes*
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- Activity Category Attributes*
- Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play
 - Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

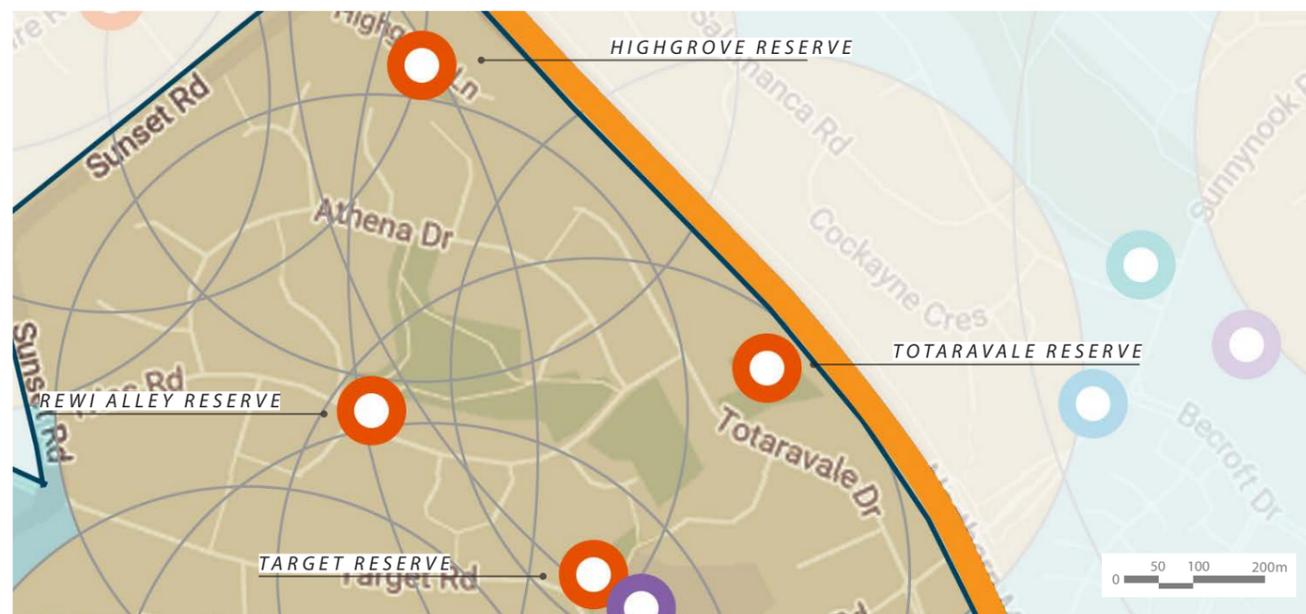
Play equipment comprises: a 2 bay swing with 2no. standard and 2no. fully-enclosed infant seats; a double seesaw with mismatched seats and old-fashioned t-bar handles; and a stand alone slide unit with ladder access and steering wheel. Limited climbing / crawling play provision. Steering wheel is the only role play provision element. Lack of balance / jumping and spinning play limits dynamic movement-focused play experiences to the standardised swing, slide and seesaw experiences. Overall, equipment is unconnected and simple, offering little interest or challenge.

- OVERALL CONDITION:** 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- Comments**
- Swings in good condition (more recently replaced). All other equipment in average condition with flaky paint / faded paint and / or mould.

- SUNSMART PROVISION:**
- Shade Type*
- None Shade structure Mature trees Other
- Quality*
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- Comments**
- Trees along embankment provide partial shade to equipment however there is little respite shade.

- SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:**
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- Comments**
- Single picnic table provided with rubbish bin located along road interface. No bench seats provided. No heritage play provision.

REWI ALLEY RESERVE



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 52 Trias Road, Totara Vale, Auckland 0629

ASSET ID: 21119-L004-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE: Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS: 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP: Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

- Swinging
- Sliding
- Climbing / crawling
- Spinning / rocking
- Balance / jumping
- Role play / collaborative
- Creative play
- Sound / music play

Comments

2 bay swing with 1no. tyre swing, 1no. standard and 1no. fully-enclosed infant swing.
 Multi unit with track ride, ladders, timber balance beam bridge, steering wheels, plastic wobbly bridge, vertical rope net, monkey bars, climbing wall and slide.
 Limited challenging or self-directed play opportunities provided. Only cursory role play provision (steering wheels). Tyre swing provides an additional activity category attribute (spinning) beyond typical standard and infant swings.

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Equipment is very dated and worn. Bark cushionfall requires remediation / top up.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Mature deciduous tree in southeast corner of playground provides no shade over equipment. Limited respite shade provided by tree and pergola to seating area (however this is located further away from playspace).

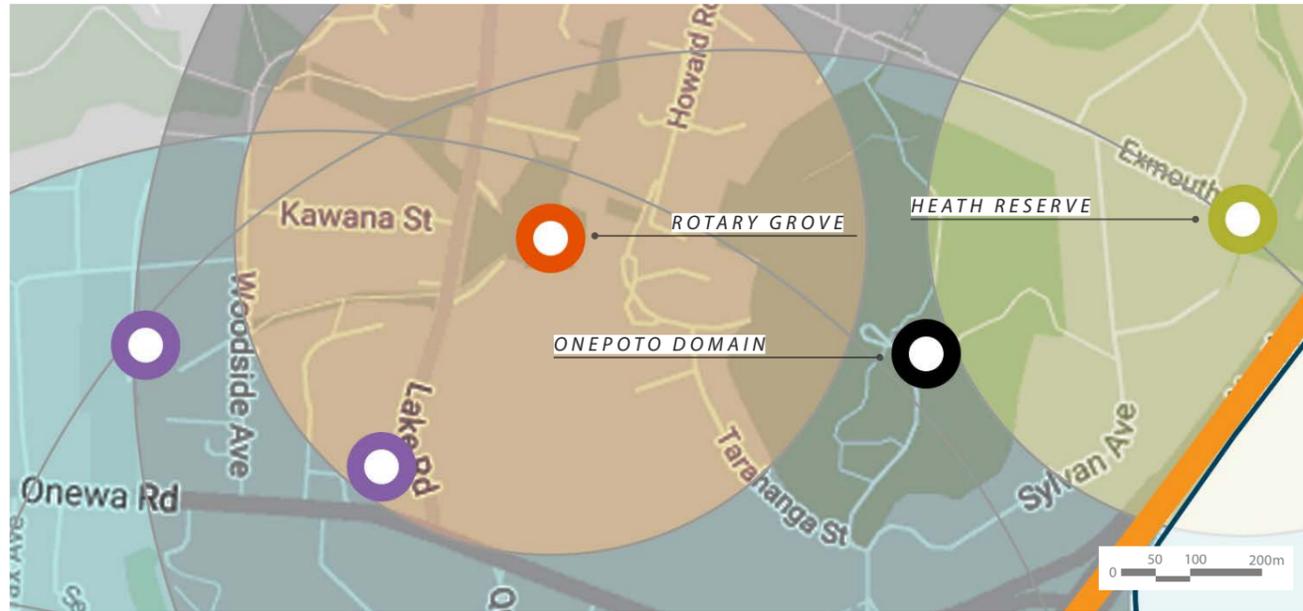
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Playspace abuts a large hard surface area with timber picnic table, BBQ, pergola and bust of Rewi Alley (park namesake). Basketball court adjacent playspace. Wider park provides large grass open spaces for informal recreation.
 No current heritage play provision; opportunity to highlight Rewi Alley / Chinese connection within playspace equipment in future renewals.

ROTARY GROVE (NORTHCOTE)



KEY

- Civic Space
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 49 Lake Road, Northcote, Auckland 0629

ASSET ID: 20919-L003-L01-P02

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

1 bay swing with 1no. standard and 1no. fully-enclosed infant seat.

Timber multi unit with stair access, fireman's pole, 2 types of timber climbing wall, abseiling wall, steel mesh climbing wall and slide. Climbing opportunities are well covered whilst stair access provides easy access for younger children.

No role play / collaborative, balance / jumping or spinning / rocking play category attribute provision. Equipment is standard and provides limited variety.

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Equipment is in excellent condition.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

No shade to play equipment.

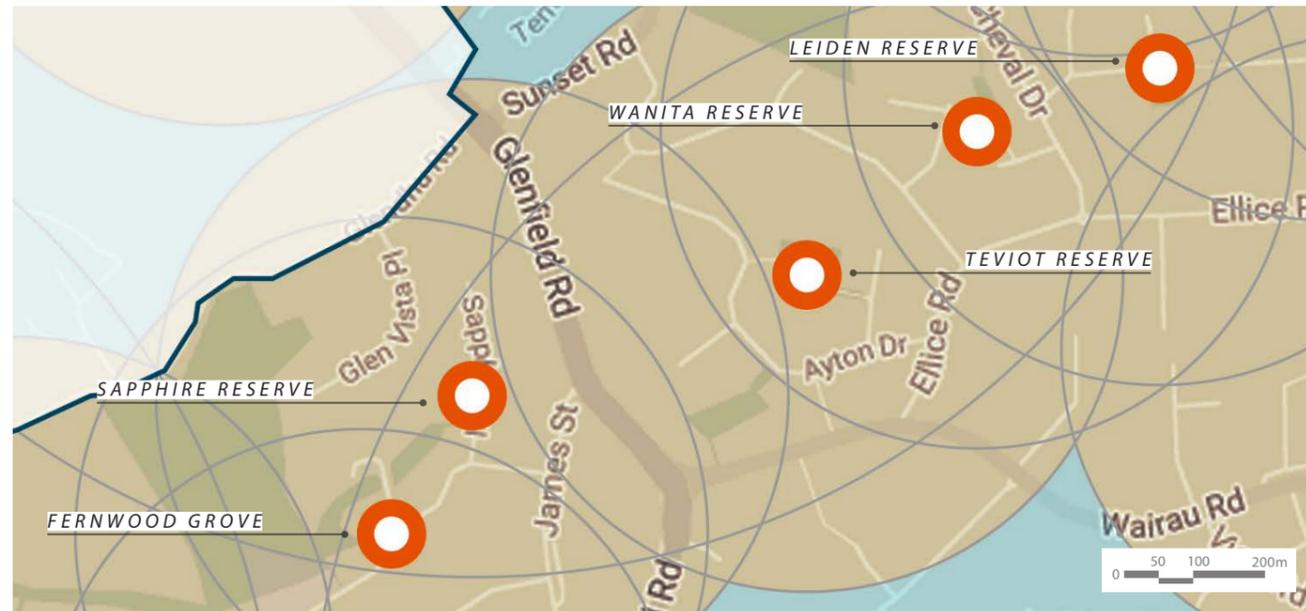
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

2no. benches with backrests provided. Playspace is positioned next to Northcote Tennis Club with a practice area easily accessible from the playspace. No heritage play provision.

SAPPHIRE RESERVE



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 14 Sapphire Place, Bayview, Auckland 0629

ASSET ID: 22189-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE: Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS: 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP: Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

- Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play
- Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

2 bay swing with 2no. standard and 1no. fully enclosed infant swings. Covers most ages.
 Tall slide unit with ladder. Bottom rung less than 400mm from ground surface – suggests easily accessible to active Early Childhood age children. Taller than average slide for neighbourhood playspace.
 Timber climbing cube with poles, rope ladders, pommels and timber ladders. Good for older as well as younger children.
 Spinner bowl and seesaw cover off spinning and rocking activity category attributes.
 Some gaps in play provision, notably role play and balance play (balance beams, stepping stones and the like).

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Equipment in good condition.
 Matta play surface in poor condition where tree roots have pushed up tiles. Timber edge cracked and rubber cover broken in this location.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

3no. pohutukawa trees shade spinner bowl and partially shade swings. Lots of afternoon shade in autumn and winter from adjacent native bush border.

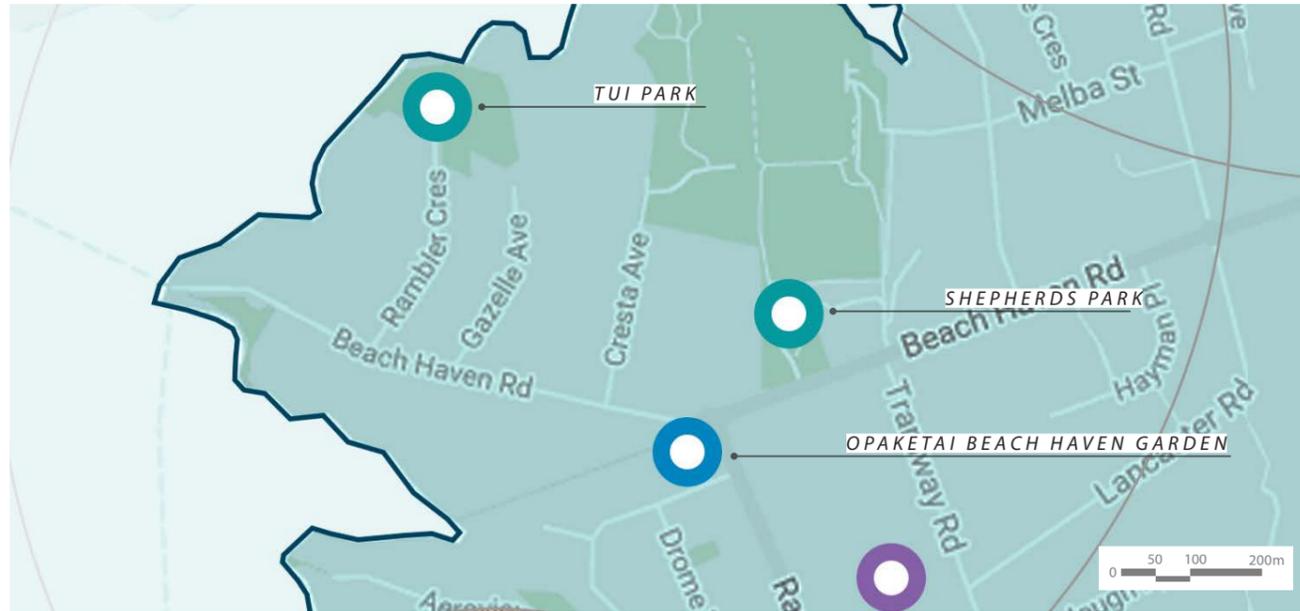
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

1no. bench seat with back.
 Playspace located close to road with no fence protection, only standard timber bollards to prevent vehicle access.
 Stormwater manholes and scruffy dome visible within reserve.
 1no. rubbish bin.

SHEPHERDS PARK



KEY

- Civic Space
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 31-35 Cresta Avenue, Beach Haven, Auckland 0626

ASSET ID: 10926-L005-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE: Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS: 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP: Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

- Swinging
- Climbing / crawling
- Balance / jumping
- Creative play
- Sliding
- Spinning / rocking
- Role play / collaborative
- Sound / music play

Comments

Large multi unit split roughly into two separate age group areas with slides and connected by various monkey bar and track ride elements. Multi unit elements include: low double slide with stair access; timber tunnel; noughts and crosses; u-shaped bar bridge; 2no. monkey bars; barrel roll; track ride; wobbly balance beam bridge; abseiling wall; plastic grid climber; fireman's pole; climbing wall and wavy slide. Two 1 bay swings are provided, with one without swing seats and the second containing 2no. standard seats.

There is little opportunity for self-directed and challenging play, particularly for older children, due to the prescribed nature of the traditional play equipment. No role play or collaborative play equipment is provided.

The mini learn to ride track is listed as one of Kaipātiki's 'Bike, Skate & BMX Facilities'. Wide paths looping around the playspace include rollers, rumble strips, give way markings and bike-themed signage elements.

OVERALL CONDITION: 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Bark cushionfall was in very poor condition when we visited in January but this has since been remediated sometime in March 2018. Swing seats are missing from one of the swing sets. A number of bike signs are missing. Main multi unit is in average condition.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

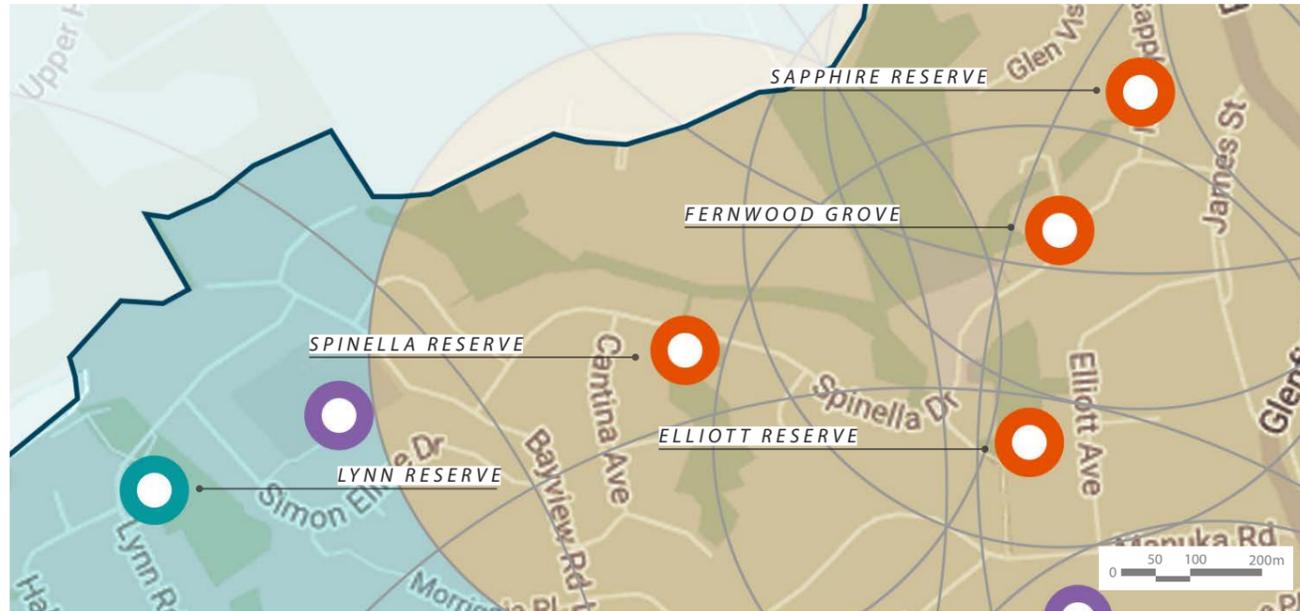
Respite shade provided, even at midday in mid-January, through picnic tables under / alongside mature trees. Some partial shade to main equipment provided in autumn / winter. Otherwise equipment is fully exposed to the sun.

SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION: 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Playspace is located alongside Shepherd's Park sports facilities including multiple sports fields, tennis club, bowling club, football club and squash club. Within the playspace there are 2no. picnic tables, 2no. rubbish bins, colourful metal benches (fourth photo) as well as a BBQ and drinking fountain. There are toilets and a fitness trail located elsewhere in the park, however the toilets weren't visible from the playspace. No heritage play provision.

SPINELLA RESERVE



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 41 Spinella Drive, Bayview, Auckland 0629

ASSET ID: 22197-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

2 bay swing with 2no. standard strap seats, 1no. fully enclosed infant swing and 1no. toddler swing with chain. Additional 'snake' swing with 4 gaps for children to sit or stand. Supports social interaction by allowing multiple children to work together to build momentum.

Slide unit with ladder, fire engine themed vehicle seat and shop window. Typical role play provision here. 2no. spinner bowls. Rope football target / goal out in informal grass area. Also being used as rope climber.

Balance / jumping provision lacking.

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Raised timber edge in worn condition. Bark cushionfall in good condition.

Snake swing and standard swings in poor condition, with visible wear and tear.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Partial shade from tall mature trees along boundary. Bench seat shaded, good respite for caregivers.

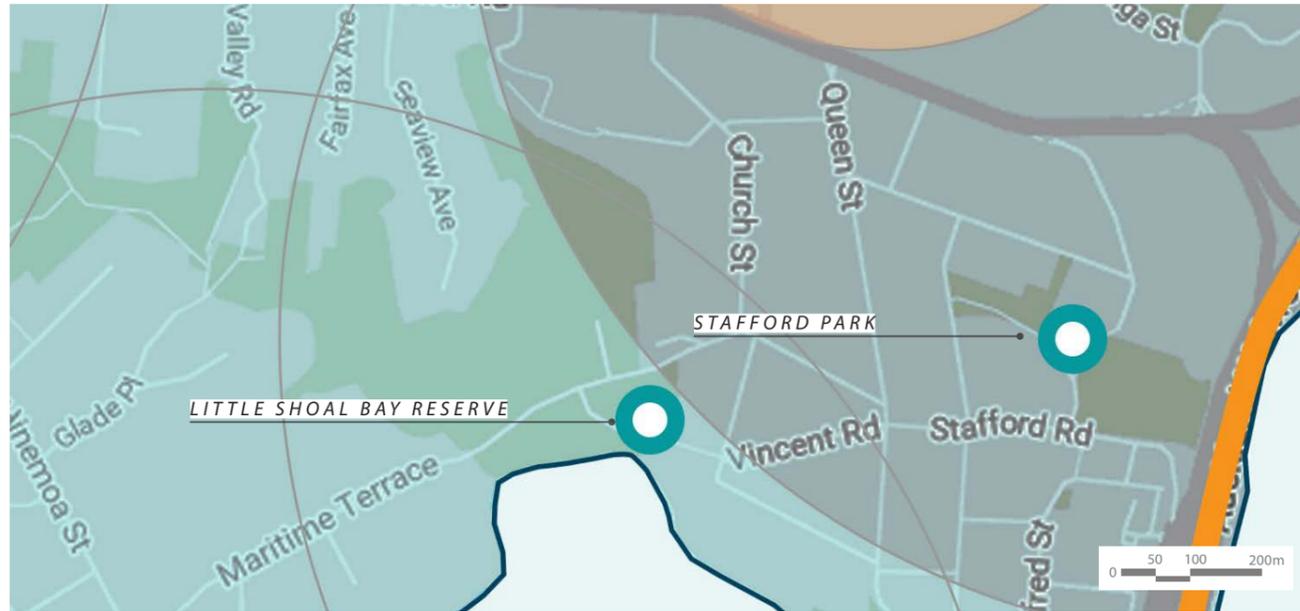
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Road interface fully fenced with gate access. 2 bench seats with back and armrest – one in shade of mature trees, the other exposed. Timber picket fence has been yarn 'bombed' with crochet flowers. No heritage play provision.

STAFFORD PARK



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 18 Denby Lane, Northcote Point, Auckland 0627

ASSET ID: 10925-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Multi unit with 2no. slides, ladders, plastic tunnel, somersault bar, track ride, monkey bars, chain bridge, wobbly wood bridge, plastic 'rock' climbing wall, Fireman's pole, plastic grid climber and barrel roll.

1 bay swing with 1no. standard and 1no. toddler seat with chain.

Little opportunity for self-directed and challenging play, particularly for older children, due to the prescribed nature of the traditional play equipment. No role play or collaborative play equipment provided.

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

All equipment in good condition. Swing somewhat squeaky but well maintained otherwise.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Mature trees ring playspace and provide varying amounts of shade to the equipment, with some equipment pieces like the slide presumably in full shade all day. Small picnic table provided underneath pohutukawa canopy.

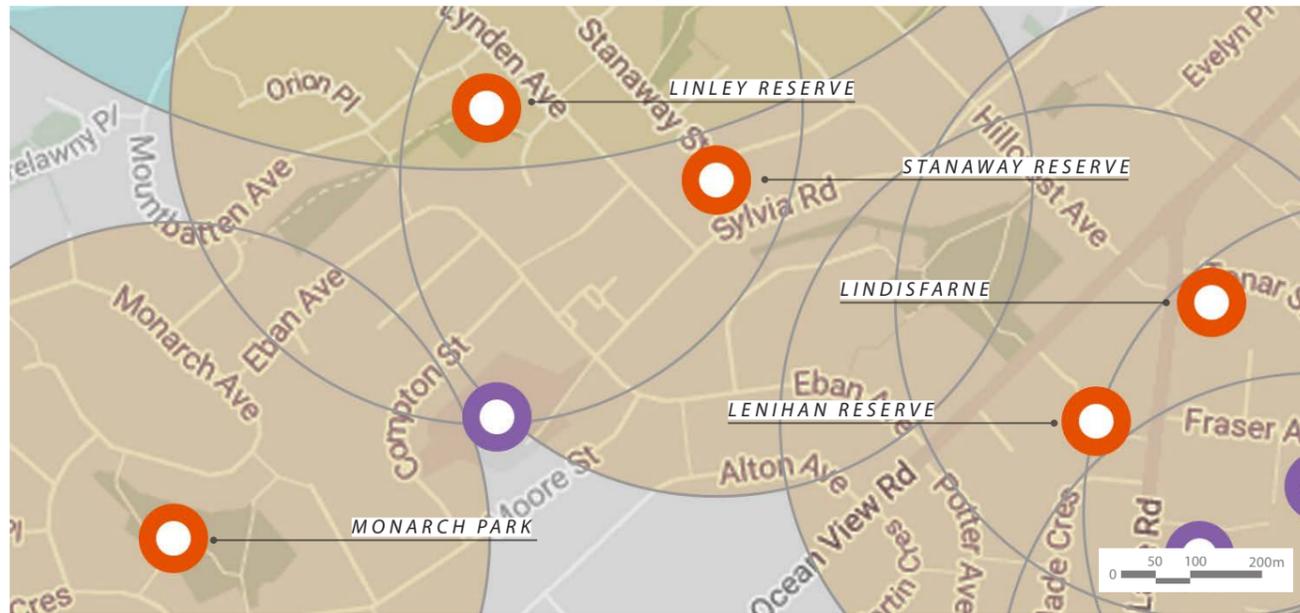
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

No bench seating provided. The small picnic table is an older / traditional model with poor ease of access. Embankment reduces visibility to adjacent sports fields. No heritage play provision.

STANAWAY RESERVE



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 36 Stanaway Street, Hillcrest, Auckland 0627

ASSET ID: 22199-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Stand alone slide unit with ladder and plastic 'rock' climbing wall access. Slide touches bark cushionfall, with bark covering the runout section.

Single spinner / carousel (seated, up to two children at a time).

1 bay swing with 1no. standard and 1no. toddler seat with chain.

No role play provision or balance / jumping provision.

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Some visible rust, faded paint and flaking on spinner and swing unit. Slide faded and uneven. Bark cushionfall in good condition.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Mature trees are located around the fringes of the reserve with none close to the playspace. Play equipment is fully exposed. No respite shade provided.

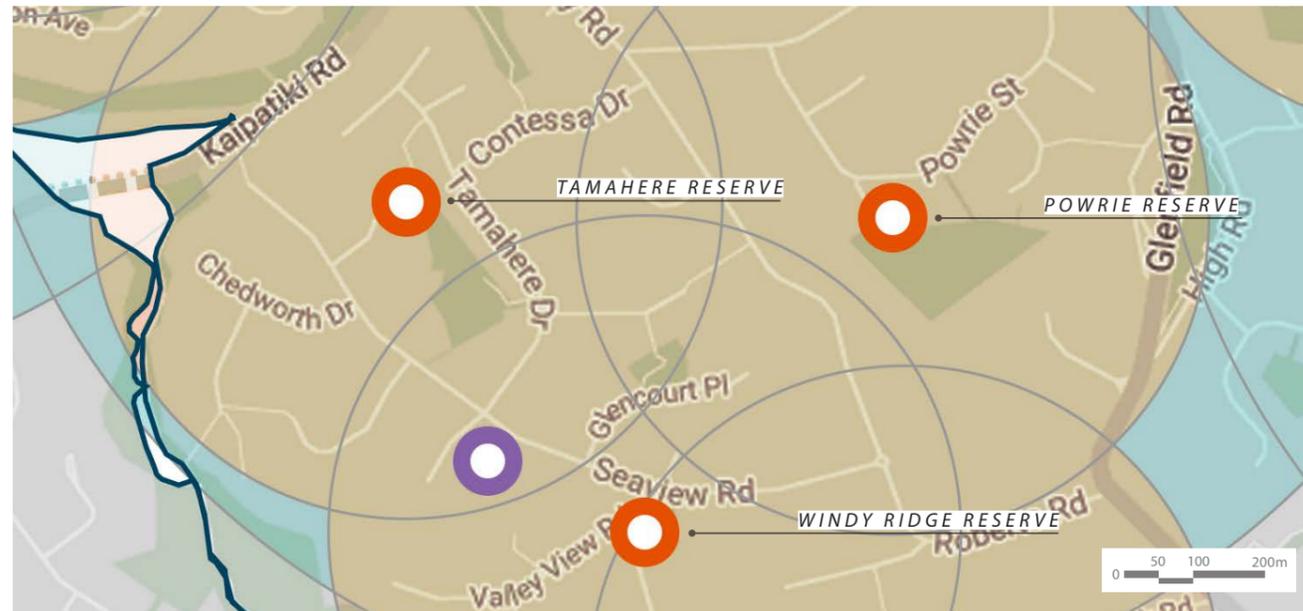
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Single bench seat provided. Basketball half court provided. No heritage play provision.

TAMAHERE RESERVE



- KEY**
- Destination Park
 - Suburb Park
 - Neighbourhood Park
 - School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

- ADDRESS:** 21 Tamahere Drive, Glenfield, Auckland 0629
- ASSET ID:** 11099-L004-L01-P01
- PLANNED RENEWAL:** Yes No Complete
- TYPE:**
- Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space
- LOCATION AND ACCESS:**
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- AGE GROUP:**
- Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)
- PLAY VALUE:**
- Play Value Attributes*
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- Activity Category Attributes*
- Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play
- Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Vintage duck springer / rocker and double seesaw cover spinning / rocking activity category attributes. Two separate multi units provide common climbing and sliding experiences. The first contains a single slide, chain cargo net, timber rock climbing wall, monkey bars and track ride; the second a separate stand alone double slide with ladder access and fireman's pole. A 1 bay swing with 1no. standard and 1no. toddler seat with chain is also provided.

Multi units provide fairly standardised and prescribed play experiences with no role play provision or balance / jumping provision.

OVERALL CONDITION:

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

All equipment in poor condition. Swings have flaked paint, rusty bolts and rusty swing seat fittings. Multi unit and stand alone slide have old timber and rusty components.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

- None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Native bush along rear of reserve and some mature trees to Redfern Lane interface provide a little morning / afternoon shade to the edges of the playspace.

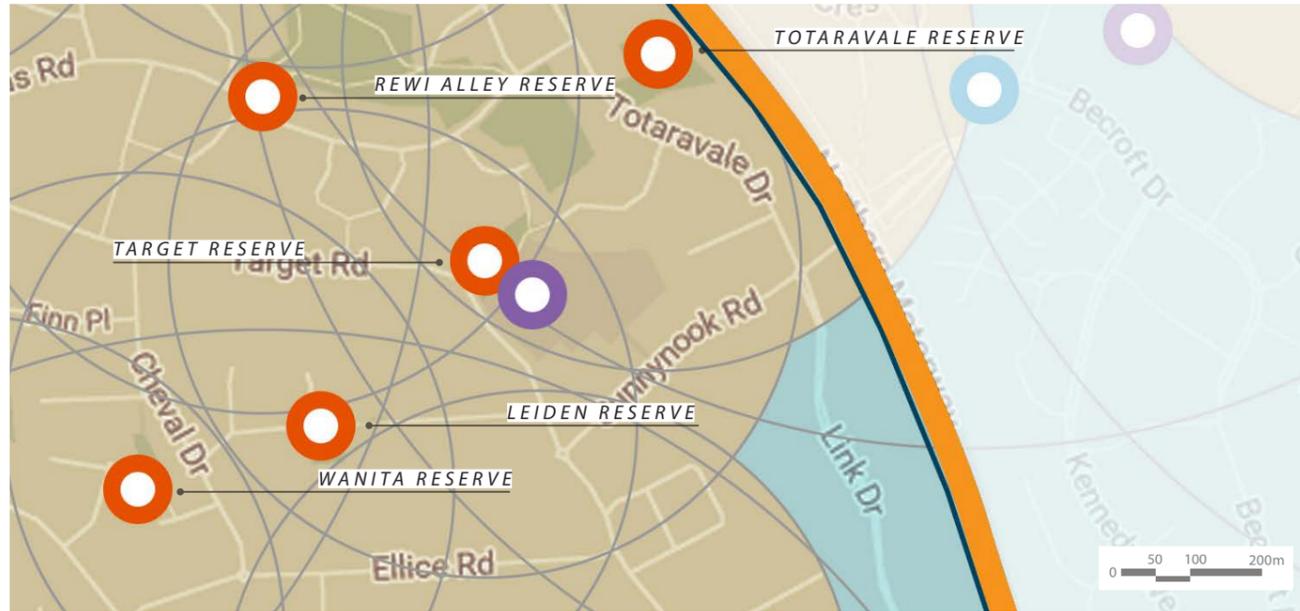
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Path connection to Tamahere Drive. No bench seats provided. No heritage play provision.

TARGET RESERVE



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 80 Target Road, Totara Vale, Auckland 0629

ASSET ID: 21152-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

- Early Childhood (1-4 yrs)
- Childhood (5-9 yrs)
- Junior (10-12 yrs)
- Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

- Swinging
- Sliding
- Climbing / crawling
- Spinning / rocking
- Balance / jumping
- Role play / collaborative
- Creative play
- Sound / music play

Comments

Equipment includes: stand alone slide unit with ladder access and steering wheel; 1 bay swing with 1no. standard and 1no. fully enclosed infant swing; Proludic skate play equipment, for 2 users at a time competing to see who can 'skate' higher. There is limited climbing / crawling play provision (with only the ladder access to the slide meeting this category). The steering wheel is the only role play provision element. The skate play equipment provides a dynamic play experience and covers a wide range of age groups including teenagers, in contrast to the slide and swings which cater for predominantly Early Childhood and Childhood age ranges.

OVERALL CONDITION:

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Comments

Slide unit is in poor condition with multiple patches made to the plastic components. Other equipment shows wear and tear as expected for the age of the equipment.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

- None
- Shade structure
- Mature trees
- Other

Quality

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Comments

Mature trees located southwest of the playspace.

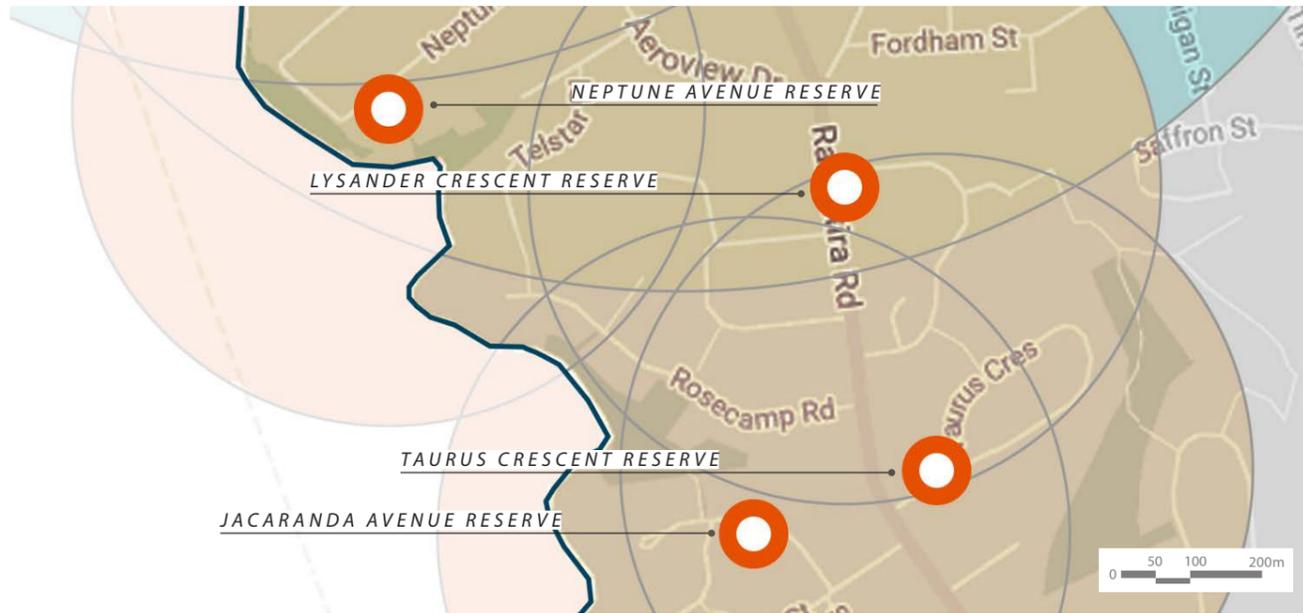
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

- 1 (Excellent)
- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Comments

No seating provided. School playground visible approx. 40m away with no fence / barrier separation. No heritage play provision. No path access to equipment. Pedestrian access from Target Road is off a private driveway. Path connections provided between school playground, Romulus Place and Tawavale Crescent.

TAURUS CRESCENT RESERVE



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 8 Taurus Crescent, Beach Haven, Auckland 0626

ASSET ID: 20856-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Equipment includes: flying fox with timber ramp access; double embankment slide with stepping stump access to slide platform; 1 bay swing with 1no. standard and 1no. fully-enclosed infant seat; and a double monkey bar unit with rings and bar hand hold options. Low grass mounds are included within the open grass area.

The slide is the same as the one at nearby Jacaranda Avenue Reserve however it has been installed over scuff mats rather than synthetic turf. Role play and collaborative play opportunities, including spinning / seesaw equipment, are not provided. The flying fox attracts a wide age range and is a stand out play equipment item (one of four in Kaipātiki).

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Well used playspace. Monkey bar unit in particular is in average condition. All other equipment in good condition. Bark cushionfall should be topped up.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

No equipment or respite shade provided.

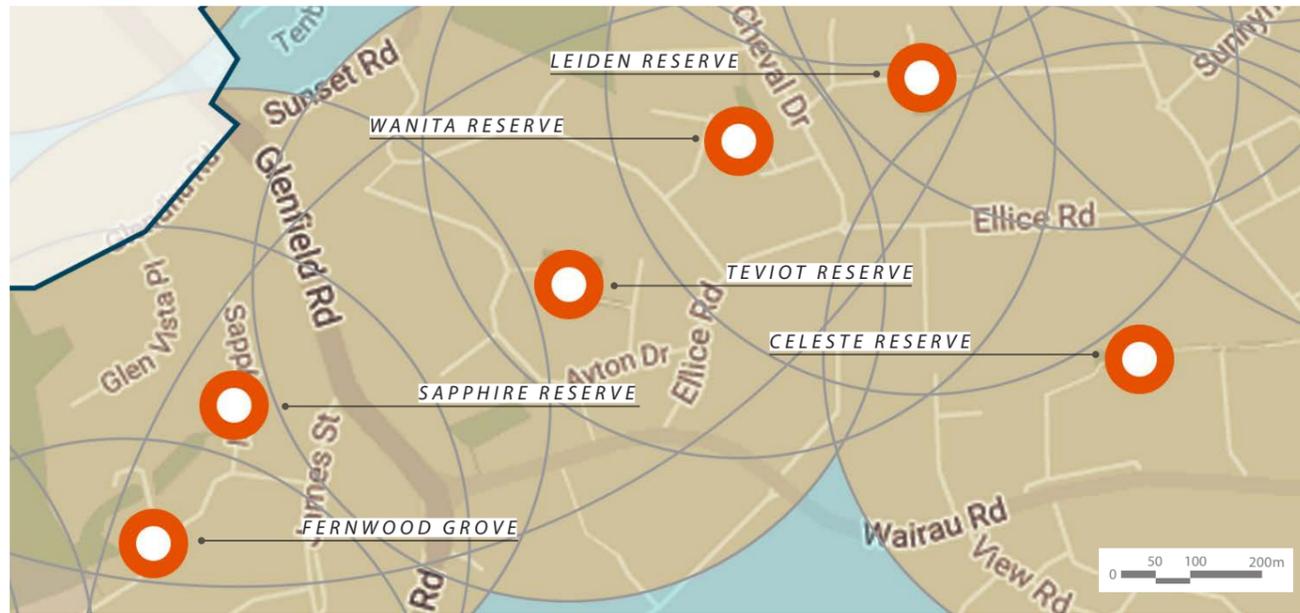
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Painted timber bench seat and timber circle table element provided. Single bin provided at playspace entrance. No specific heritage play provision but playspace looks like it's had some community involvement through painting equipment and seating elements.

TEVIOT RESERVE



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 6 Teviot Place, Totara Vale, Auckland 0629

ASSET ID: 21156-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Equipment includes: stand alone slide with ladder access, shop window / door and seat feature, puzzle panel and steering wheel; circular monkey bar unit; stand up spinner; horse-themed seesaw springer; and a 1 bay swing with 1no. standard and 1no. fully-enclosed infant seat.

Typical standard neighbourhood playspace provision. Role play equipment is covered through standard play experiences all associated with the slide. There is a lack of balance / jumping equipment.

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Bark cushionfall requires top up to bring to same level as ramp access. Swings are in average to poor condition with flaked paint and rust. Spinner doesn't spin very easily. Other equipment is faded and worn.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

No shade provided to play equipment or seating. Some mature trees dotted around playspace, mainly close to residential edges. No obvious location for relocation of playspace to existing shaded area.

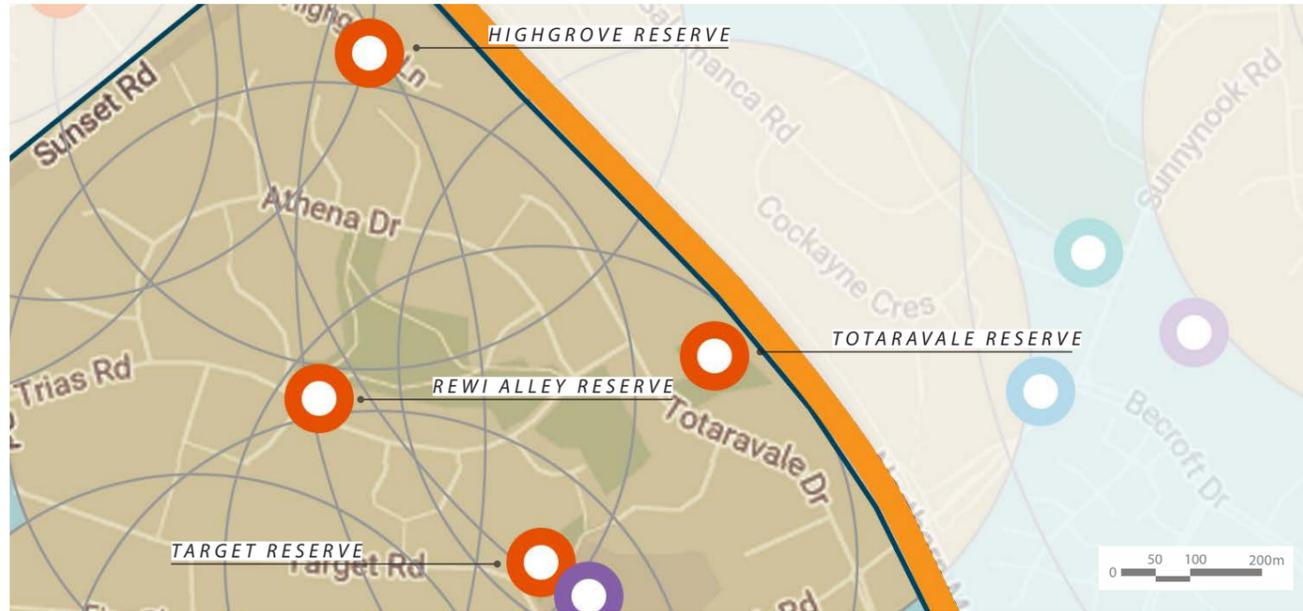
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Single timber bench with backrest and rubbish bin provided. Large grass open space. Reserve connects Teviot Place to Ayton Drive with path access between residential properties (no obvious signage). No heritage play provision.

TOTARAVALE RESERVE



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 37 Totaravale Drive, Totara Vale, Auckland 0629

ASSET ID: 11075-L004-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE: Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS: 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP: Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Single flying fox (similar to the one in Marlborough Park).

Early Childhood multi unit with slide, monkey bars, spiral climber, and ladder access. A second larger multi unit is also provided with taller slide, diagonal ladder, timber rock climbing wall, beanstalk climber, balance beam bridge, chain and bar cargo net and monkey bars.

No role play or collaborative play provision. Multi units provide limited opportunities for self-directed or unstructured play. The flying fox attracts a wide age range and is a stand out play equipment item (one of four in Kaipātiki).

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Flying fox in good condition. Larger multi unit is in poor condition with visible rust, old timber, mould and worn paint across its different components.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Little shade to equipment in summer however equipment will be shaded by the border trees (a mixture of evergreen and deciduous) in autumn in winter. Bench seat is provided adjacent mid-sized specimen tree.

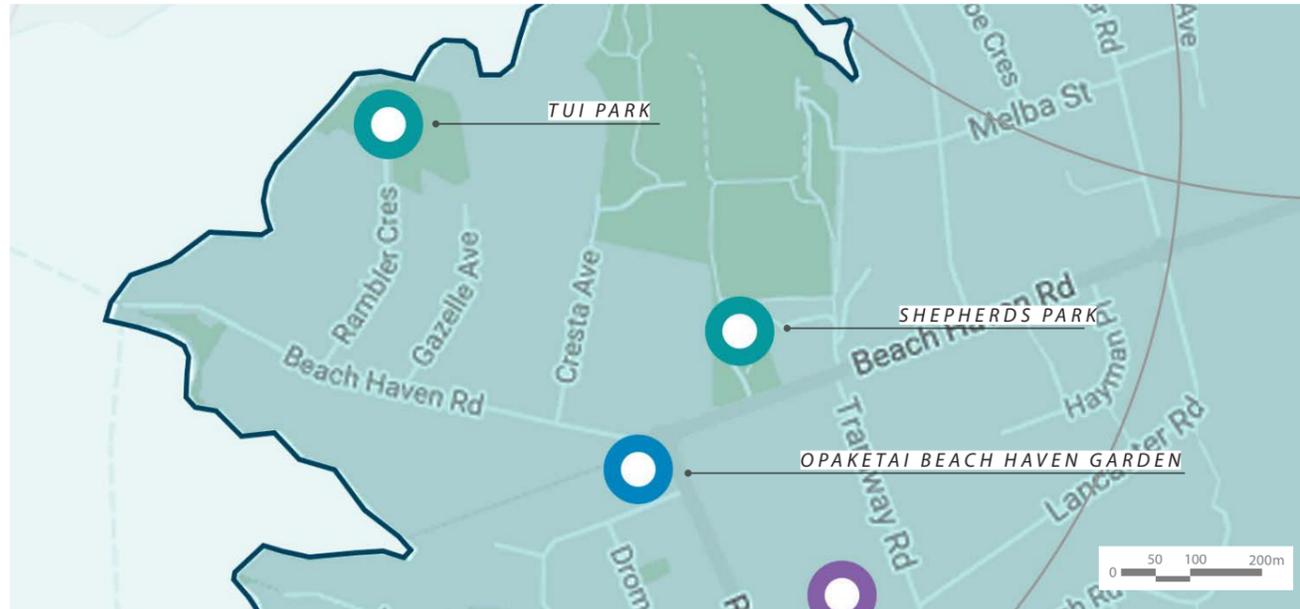
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Bench seat with backrest. Large open grass area. No heritage play provision.

TUI PARK



KEY

- Civic Space
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 39 Rambler Crescent, Beach Haven, Auckland 0626

ASSET ID: 10924-L005-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

The overall playspace is comprised of older equipment that has been integrated within a newer path network and basketball court area, adding additional Junior age range equipment like a spacenet and taller swings. Older equipment includes: a double seesaw; a stand up spinner; a stand alone slide with ladder access and steering wheel; and a 1 bay swing with 2no. fully-enclosed infant seats. The newer equipment includes: a tall 1 bay swing with 2no. standard seats (other side of basketball court) and a spacenet with black rubber panels containing rock climbing handholds.

Role play equipment is limited to a standardised steering wheel. There is also a lack of equipment promoting balance / jumping play experiences. Whilst the playspace caters to a wider age range, there are limited opportunities for challenging and self-directed play for younger children.

OVERALL CONDITION:

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Older play equipment is in an average condition compared to new equipment which is generally in a good condition. Bark cushionfall requires top up, especially adjacent swing play matta tiles.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

- None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Respite shade provided with bench seats under bush canopy and open grass gathering spaces (including BBQ / picnic table) alongside large trees. Play equipment receives some shade from lower winter sun, but is mostly exposed. Spacenet rubber membranes were very hot to touch when we visited in mid-January. There is an opportunity to extend new balance / nature trail equipment into bush canopy shade where seats are currently located.

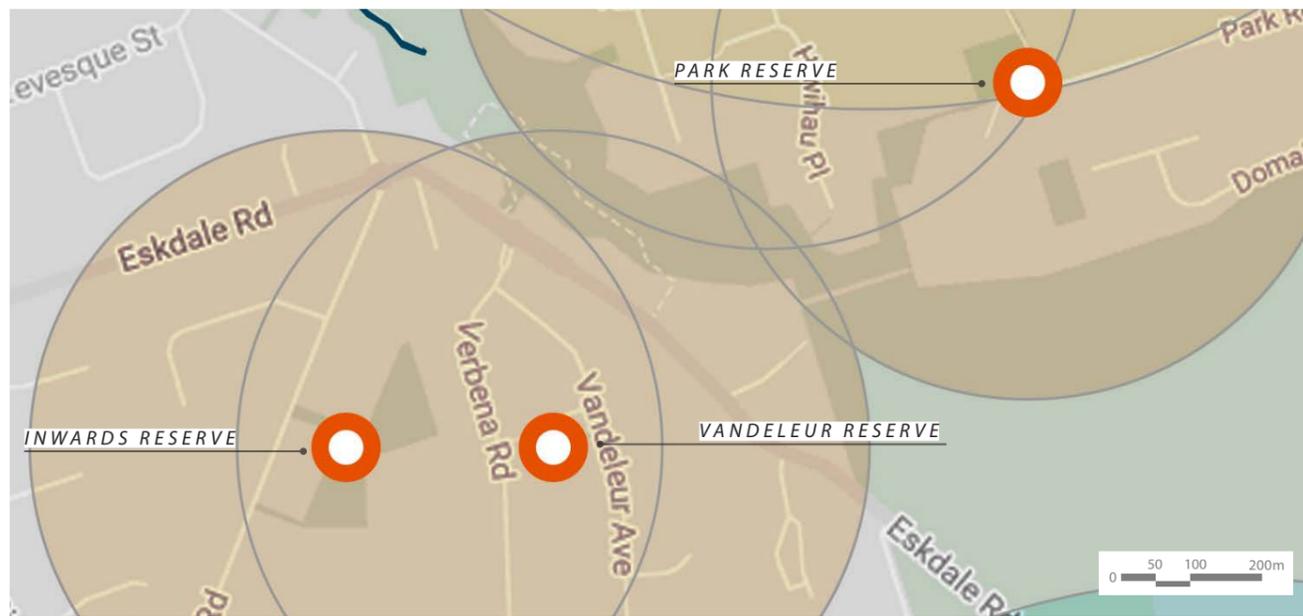
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Half basketball court with integrated seating and skate bowl feature located between spacenet and junior age swings. A picnic table and BBQ are provided along with 2no. rubbish bins and 4no. bench seats. Toilet facilities are located next to Scouts / Guides building. Trails provide water access through regenerating bush. No heritage play provision.

VANDELEUR RESERVE



KEY

- Destination Park
- Suburb Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 39 Vandeleur Avenue, Birkdale, Auckland 0626

ASSET ID: 20800-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE:

Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP:

Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play

Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Main equipment consists of a small toddler multi unit with slide, ladder access, fireman's pole, steering wheel, abacus, plastic grid climber and window feature underneath. Swing provision is provided by a 2 bay swing with 2no. standard and 2no. fully-enclosed infant seats. An additional seesaw provides spinning / rocking and collaborative activity category attributes. There is no specific balance / jumping play equipment. Role play equipment is limited to the standard steering wheel, shop window and abacus pieces.

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

All equipment in average condition. Significant amounts of fading and flaked paint on see saw and main multi unit.

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Mature trees along Vandeleur Avenue boundary may provide very limited winter shade to bench seat and edges of the playspace. Equipment is fully exposed to the sun.

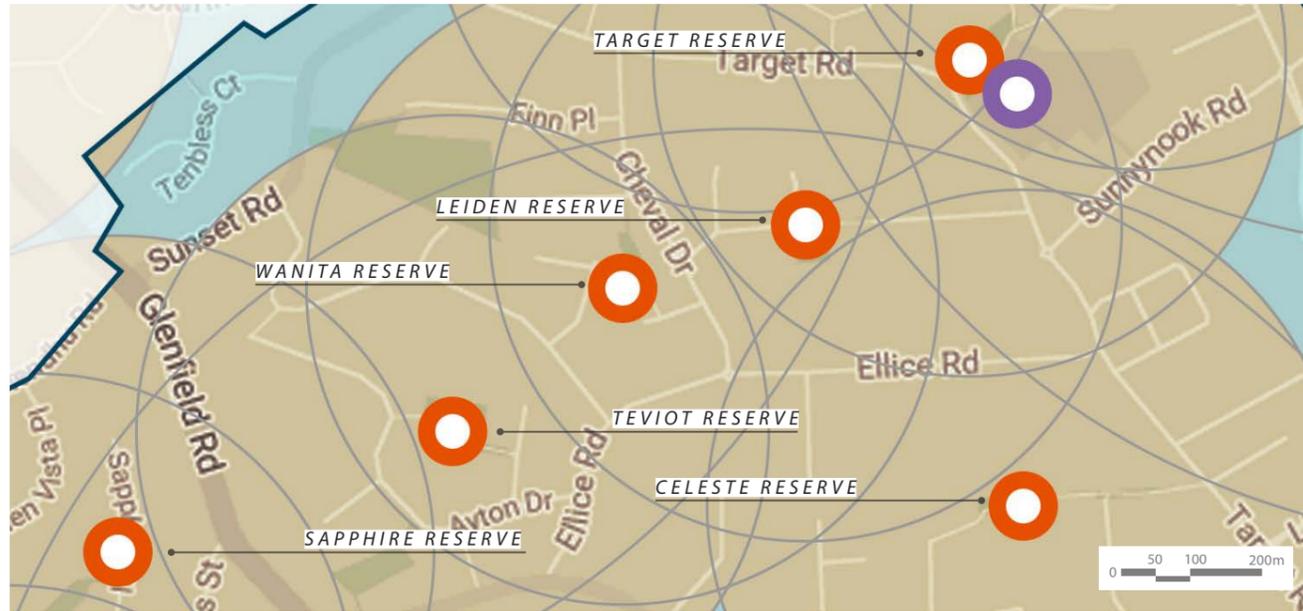
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Rubbish bin and bench seat with back and armrest provided. Bench is not integrated with loop path or playspace surface. Surrounded by residential properties on all sides. No heritage play provision.

WANITA RESERVE



LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

ADDRESS: 5 Wanita Place, Totara Vale, Auckland 0629

ASSET ID: 21006-L003-L01-P01

PLANNED RENEWAL: Yes No Complete

TYPE: Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space

LOCATION AND ACCESS: 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

AGE GROUP: Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)

PLAY VALUE:

Play Value Attributes

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Activity Category Attributes

- Swinging
- Sliding
- Climbing / crawling
- Spinning / rocking
- Balance / jumping
- Role play / collaborative
- Creative play
- Sound / music play

Comments

Main multi unit incorporates a both Early Childhood age range intended equipment, easily accessed via stairs, as well as older Childhood age range equipment. Play elements include: 2no. slides at different heights (lower slide is a double slide), timber climbing wall, monkey bars, ladders, abseiling wall and a steel mesh climbing wall. Two timber roofs provide shaded zones to pause before moving onto the next equipment piece. A 2 bay swing includes 1no. fully-enclosed infant seat, 1no. standard seat and a basket swing. A carousel / spinner covers the spinning activity category attribute. Custom timber stilts with notches and stepping logs lead to concrete box tunnels / seats. Other timber elements include low timber log scrambles adjacent planted areas.

There are no role play experiences provided within the play equipment. Despite this, timber and concrete custom play elements provide additional self-directed unstructured and balance play value throughout the playspace, activating edge spaces typically left bare.

OVERALL CONDITION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Playspace is in excellent condition (relatively new playspace, opened end of 2016).

SUNSMART PROVISION:

Shade Type

None Shade structure Mature trees Other

Quality

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

Main multi unit roof structures provide shade for children waiting to use the equipment. Deciduous specimen trees have also been planted but these are currently too small to provide shade to the play equipment or to provide respite shade for caregivers.

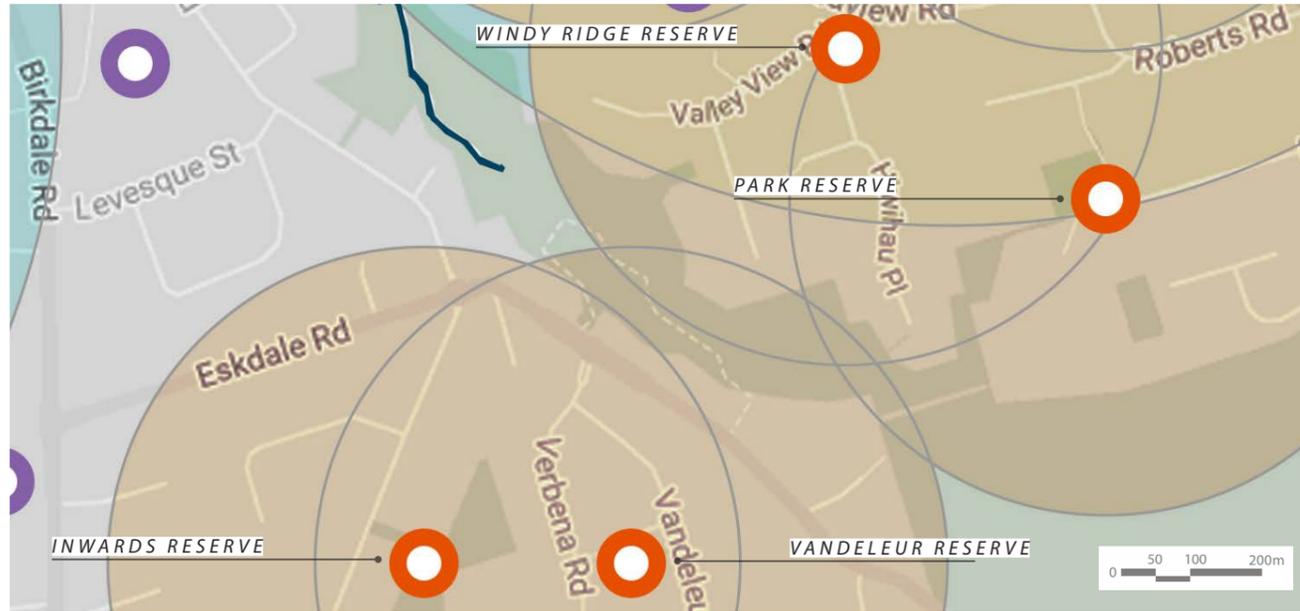
SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:

1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)

Comments

2no. bench seats and 2no. rubbish bins provided. No heritage play provision.

WINDY RIDGE RESERVE



- KEY**
- Destination Park
 - Suburb Park
 - Neighbourhood Park
 - School Playground

LOCATION MAP



SITE PHOTOS

- ADDRESS:** 2 Windy Ridge Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0629
- ASSET ID:** 22218-L003-L01-P01
- PLANNED RENEWAL:** Yes No Complete
- TYPE:** Destination Park Suburb Park Neighbourhood Park Connection Open Space
- LOCATION AND ACCESS:** 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- AGE GROUP:** Early Childhood (1-4 yrs) Childhood (5-9 yrs) Junior (10-12 yrs) Senior (13+ yrs)
- PLAY VALUE:**
- Play Value Attributes*
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- Activity Category Attributes*
- Swinging Climbing / crawling Balance / jumping Creative play
 - Sliding Spinning / rocking Role play / collaborative Sound / music play

Comments

Fully fenced playspace with swings and large multi unit. Multi unit includes: two types of monkey bars, diagonal spiral climber, plastic climbing wall, arched ladder, chain cargo net, wobbly timber bridge, chain bridge, steering wheel, slide, wobbly balance beam, fireman's pole, somersault bar and yellow plastic segment climber. 1 bay swing has 1no. standard and 1no. toddler seat with chain.

Standard / perfunctory steering wheel provides some opportunity for role play. Also, whilst the multi unit covers a range of traditional play activities, it contributes little variety or challenge to older children.

No spinning / rocking provision.

- OVERALL CONDITION:** 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- Comments**
- Multi play equipment in poor condition with duct tape used to cover monkey bar handhold where the original cover has fallen off. All equipment is faded with patchy / flaked paint.

- SUNSMART PROVISION:**
- Shade Type*
- None Shade structure Mature trees Other
- Quality*
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- Comments**
- Mature trees outside of the fenced area provide limited shade to the edge of the playspace. All equipment is exposed to the sun. No shaded seating / space for respite or gathering is provided within the fence.

- SITE AMENITY AND HERITAGE PROVISION:**
- 1 (Excellent) 2 (Good) 3 (Average) 4 (Poor)
- Comments**
- Two gates are provided, one with path access. A macrocarpa bench seat is included within the fenced area. A rubbish bin is provided outside of the fence. No heritage play provision.

APPENDIX C

PLAY AND SUNSMART PRIORITY SCHEDULE

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- The following table collates assessment parameters and scores from the individual playspace assessment sheets.
- Refer Appendix A: Assessment Parameters and Definitions for relevant scoring criteria specific to each category.
- Scores have been compiled to form a total score used to determine playspace renewal priority rating from low to high priority.
- If a playspace scores '4 (Poor)' for its Overall Condition Score a 'high' renewal priority rating is automatically assigned.
- Where playspaces have similar scores but different attributes contributing to priority outcomes, distinctions have been made on a case by case basis as required to ensure the Priority Order column reflects logical renewal priority at a network scale.
- Refer Playspace and SunSmart Analysis and Recommendations for detailed commentary.
- * Indicative budgets shown are made up of Playspace and SunSmart budgets combined to form a final rough estimate

Typical Playspace Renewal Priority Rating Key:

TOTAL SCORE	PRIORITY RATING
1 - 10	Low
11 - 15	Medium
16 - 20	High

Typical SunSmart Renewal Priority Rating Key:

SUNSMART SCORE	PRIORITY RATING
1 (Excellent) or 2 (Good)	Low
3 (Average)	Medium
4 (Poor)	High

Priority Order	Name	Asset ID	Type	Location + Access Score	Play Value Attributes Score	Overall Condition Score	SunSmart Score	Site Amenity Score	Total Score	Playspace Renewal Priority Rating	SunSmart Renewal Priority Rating	Indicative Budget*	Comments
1	Celeste Reserve	20815-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	4	4	4	4	4	20	High	High	\$95,000	Full renewal including additional legibility improvements + trees
2	Highgrove Reserve	20838-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	3	4	4	4	4	19	High	High	\$170,000	Full redevelopment. Shade trees and potential shade sail
3	Elliott Reserve	11095-L004-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	4	4	4	3	4	19	High	Medium	\$100,000	Potential decommission option or renewal with Early Childhood / nature play focus
4	Lysander Crescent Reserve	22095-L005-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	2	4	3	4	4	17	High	High	\$8,000	Additional spinning (assumes ex. renewal budget already set)
5	Manuka Reserve	20075-L005-L01-P01	Suburb Park	3	3	4	4	3	17	High	High	\$350,000	Full playspace redevelopment and basketball court upgrade
6	Tamahere Reserve	11099-L004-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	2	3	4	4	4	17	High	High	\$260,000	Full redevelopment / relocation within site
7	Locket Reserve	22158-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	2	4	4	4	3	17	High	High	\$155,000	Full redevelopment and specimen trees for shade
8	Powrie Reserve	22185-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	3	4	3	4	3	17	High	High	\$50,000	Improvements to existing playspace
9	Camelot Reserve	22256-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	2	4	4	4	2	16	High	High	\$170,000	Full redevelopment incl. specimen trees / potential shade sail
10	Kaipātiki Park	11138-L004-L01-P01	Suburb Park	3	3	4	3	3	16	High	Medium	\$350,000	Full redevelopment, potential shade sail
11	Leiden Reserve	21069-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	3	3	4	4	2	16	High	High	\$255,000	Full redevelopment
12	Cadness Reserve	22135-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	1	4	3	4	4	16	High	High	\$800,000	Full redevelopment as part of Northcote redevelopment
13	Cadness Loop	22132-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	3	3	3	4	3	16	High	High	\$300,000	Full redevelopment as part of Northcote redevelopment
14	Lindisfarne	11033-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	2	3	3	4	4	16	High	High	\$185,000	Full redevelopment as part of Northcote redevelopment
15	Monarch Park	22167-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	3	2	4	4	2	15	High	High	\$350,000	Full redevelopment
16	Park Reserve	22181-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	2	2	4	3	2	13	High	Medium	\$205,000	Full redevelopment

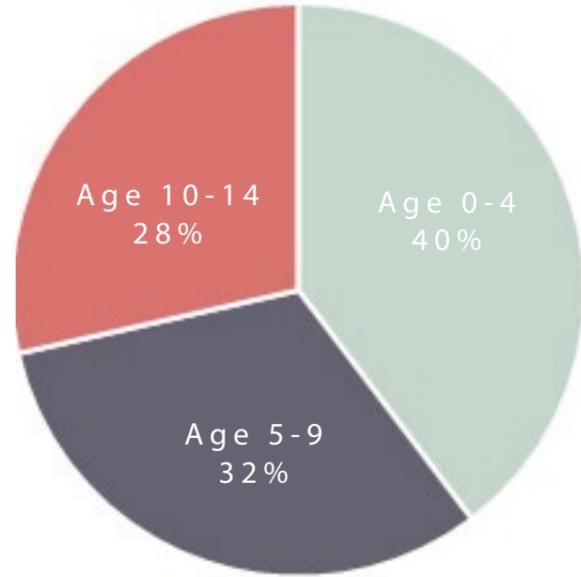
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17	Neptune Avenue Reserve	20351-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	3	2	4	4	2	15	High	High	\$45,000	Cubby house, climbing elements, connecting elements and trees
18	Portsea Reserve	20885-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	2	3	4	4	2	15	High	High	\$155,000	Full redevelopment and specimen trees for shade
19	Totaravale Reserve	11075-L004-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	3	3	4	3	2	15	High	Medium	\$205,000	Challenging equipment and amenity
20	Rewi Alley Reserve	21119-L004-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	3	3	4	3	2	15	High	Medium	\$375,000	Full playspace redevelopment and basketball upgrade
21	Windy Ridge Reserve	22218-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	2	3	4	4	2	15	High	High	\$165,000	Full redevelopment within existing fence line
22	Hinemoa Park	11104-L003-L01-P01	Suburb Park	2	3	4	2	2	13	High	Low	\$350,000	Full redevelopment
23	Vandeleur Reserve	20800-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	3	3	3	4	3	16	High	High	\$75,000	Equipment renewal, additional unstructured play and trees
24	Lancelot Reserve	22294-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	2	3	3	4	4	16	High	High	\$20,000	Additional bench seat, spinning / rocking element and tree planting
25	Nell Fisher Reserve	10941-L004-L02-P01	Civic Space	2	4	3	3	2	14	Medium	Medium	\$320,000	Full redevelopment
26	Stanaway Reserve	22199-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	2	4	3	4	2	15	Medium	High	\$205,000	Full redevelopment
27	Heath Reserve	22107-L003-L01-P01	Connection Open Space	3	4	3	2	3	15	Medium	Low	\$150,000	Full redevelopment including path access
28	Stafford Park	10925-L003-L01-P01	Suburb Park	3	4	2	2	3	14	Medium	Low	\$100,000	Additional play and potential basketball half court
29	Fernwood Grove	22275-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	2	2	2	4	3	13	Medium	High	\$150,000	Additional Childhood and Junior provision, potential shade sail
30	Taurus Crescent Reserve	20856-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	3	3	2	4	2	14	Medium	High	\$40,000	New equipment and equipment replacement. Specimen trees
31	Linley Reserve	22221-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	3	3	2	3	2	13	Medium	Medium	\$55,000	New slide unit, additional play and contextual elements, trees
32	Normanton Reserve	20006-L003-L01-P01	Suburb Park	3	3	3	3	1	13	Medium	Medium	\$175,000	Basket swing, Junior equipment, creative play, b'ball and shade
33	Pemberton Reserve	22183-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	3	3	2	3	2	13	Medium	Medium	\$50,000	Replacement climbing module and respite shade provision
34	Rotary Grove (Northcote)	20919-L003-L01-P02	Neighbourhood	3	3	1	4	2	13	Medium	High	\$25,000	Additional equipment piece, trees and supporting elements
35	Jean Sampson Reserve	20888-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	3	3	2	3	2	13	Medium	Medium	\$75,000	Additional equipment and future shade sail
36	Tui Park	10924-L005-L01-P01	Suburb Park	2	3	3	3	2	13	Medium	Medium	\$205,000	Youth facility equipment and amenity
37	Birkenhead War Memorial Park	11054-L004-L01-P01	Suburb Park	2	3	1	3	3	12	Medium	Medium	\$115,000	Additional challenging equipment and shade sail / trees
38	Shepherds Park	10926-L005-L01-P01	Suburb Park	1	3	3	3	2	12	Medium	Medium	\$300,000	Full equipment redevelopment and specimen tree planting

Priority Order	Name	Asset ID	Type	Location + Access Score	Play Value Attributes Score	Overall Condition Score	SunSmart Score	Site Amenity Score	Total Score	Playspace Renewal Priority Rating	SunSmart Renewal Priority Rating	Indicative Budget*	Comments
39	Lynn Reserve	22161-L003-L01-P01	Suburb Park	2	3	3	2	2	12	Medium	Low	\$300,000	Full playspace redevelopment, retention of existing shade sails
40	Spinella Reserve	22197-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	3	3	2	2	2	12	Medium	Low	\$110,000	More challenging equipment and specimen trees as needed
41	Jacaranda Avenue Reserve	22034-L004-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	3	2	1	4	2	12	Medium	High	\$20,000	Potential spinning / rocking equipment and specimen trees
42	Onepoto Domain	10927-L003-L01-P01	Destination Park	3	2	3	3	1	12	Medium	Medium	\$300,000	Replacement / additional equipment incl. creative, music
43	Inwards Reserve	22027-L003-L01-P02	Neighbourhood	3	2	1	4	1	11	Medium	High	\$30,000	Shade sail, trees, and additional supporting amenity elements
44	Little Shoal Bay Reserve	11107-L004-L01-P01	Suburb Park	2	2	2	3	2	11	Medium	Medium	\$75,000	Additional equipment, supporting elements and shade sail
45	Opaketai Beach Haven Garden	11115-L004-L01-P01	Civic Space	1	2	1	4	1	9	Low	High	\$10,000	Additional sound / music play elements
46	Birkdale Road	Unknown	Civic Space	2	2	1	1	2	8	Low	Low	\$10,000.00	All weather path access and spinning / rocking element
47	Marlborough Park	11096-L004-L01-P01	Suburb Park	1	1	2	2	1	7	Low	Low	\$30,000.00	Additional spinning / rocking element and improvements
48	Island Bay Reserve	20057-L004-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	3	1	1	3	1	9	Low	Medium	\$15,000	Spinning / rocking equipment and additional specimen trees
49	Wanita Reserve	21006-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	2	2	1	3	2	10	Low	Medium	\$15,000	Additional interactive elements
-	Teviot Reserve	21156-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	3	4	3	4	2	16	N/A	N/A	\$65,000	Disestablishment of playspace and installation of pump track feature
-	Sapphire Reserve	22189-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	3	3	2	2	2	12	N/A	N/A	\$10,000	Disestablishment of playspace and potential nature play elements
-	Target Reserve	21152-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	3	4	3	4	4	18	N/A	N/A	-	Decommission proposed
-	Lenihan Reserve	22087-L003-L01-P01	Neighbourhood	2	4	3	3	4	16	N/A	N/A	\$65,000	Disestablishment of playspace and installation of pump track feature
-	Northcote Shops	23359-L001-L01-P01	Civic Space	1	3	2	3	1	10	N/A	N/A	-	Decommission proposed

APPENDIX D

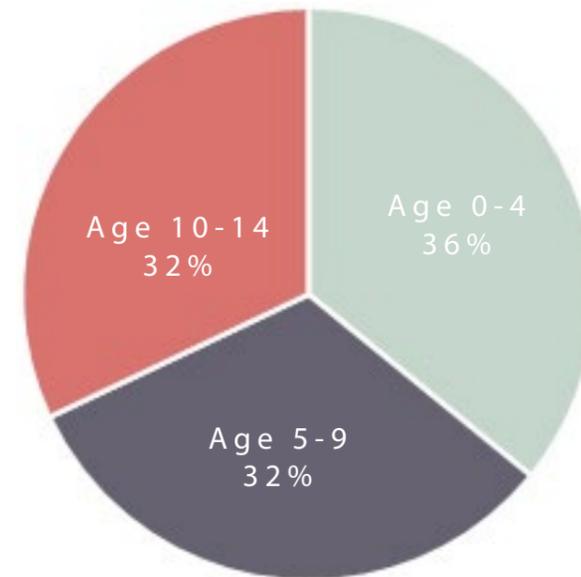
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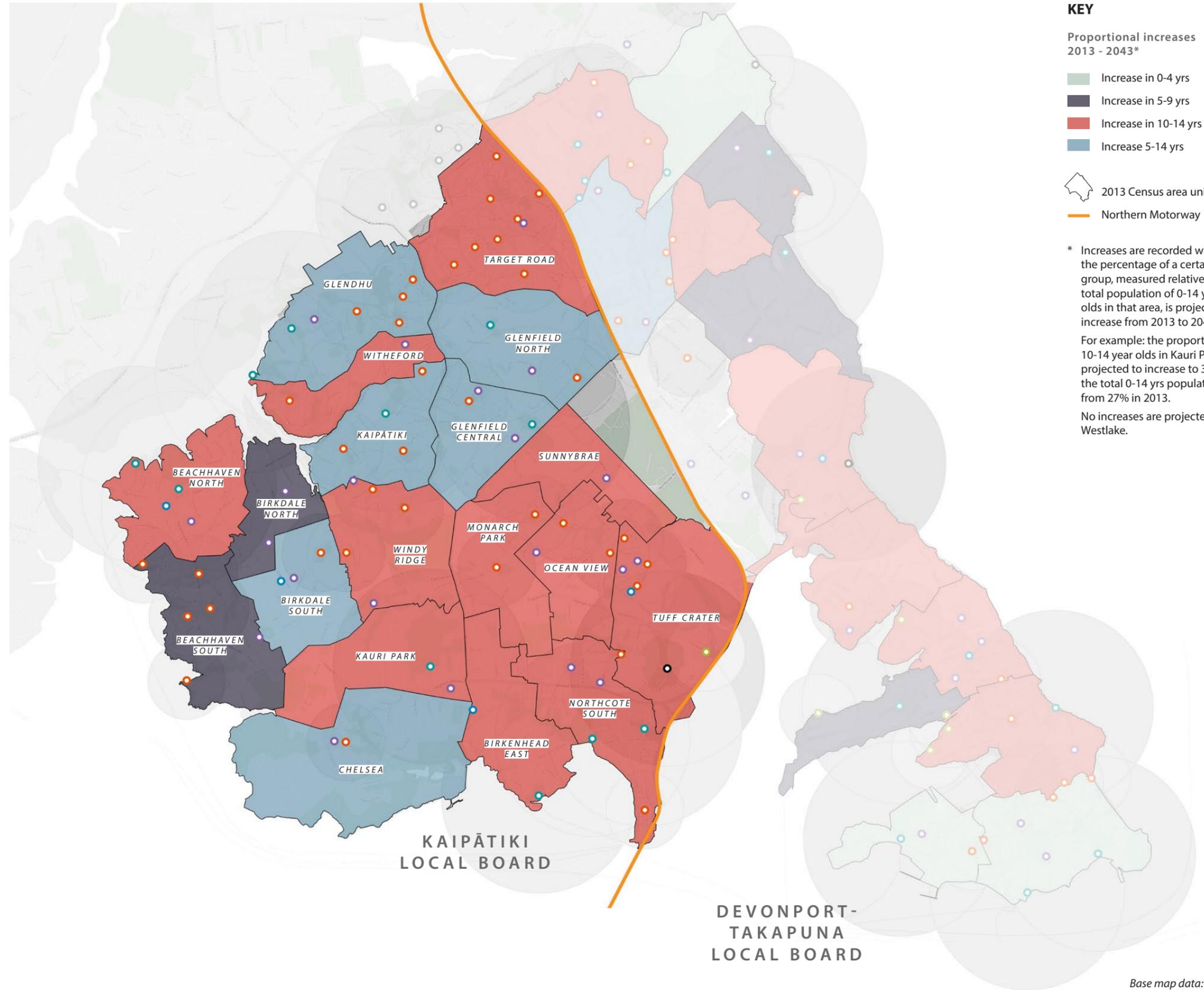
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Kaipātiki under 14s population breakdown using Statistics NZ 2013 Census data



2043

Kaipātiki under 14s population breakdown using Statistics NZ medium projection data



KEY

Proportional increases 2013 - 2043*

- Increase in 0-4 yrs
- Increase in 5-9 yrs
- Increase in 10-14 yrs
- Increase 5-14 yrs
- 2013 Census area unit
- Northern Motorway

* Increases are recorded when the percentage of a certain age group, measured relative to the total population of 0-14 year olds in that area, is projected to increase from 2013 to 2043.

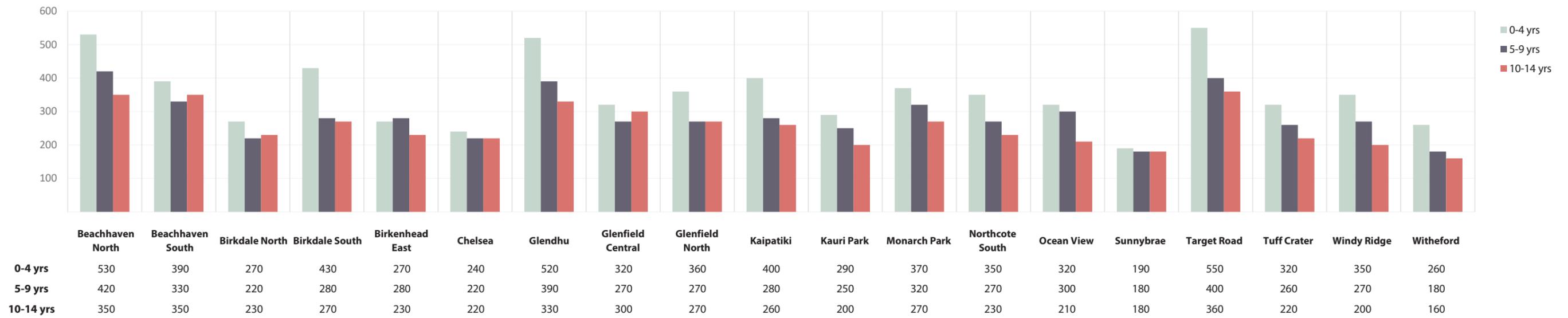
For example: the proportion of 10-14 year olds in Kauri Park is projected to increase to 31% of the total 0-14 yrs population, from 27% in 2013.

No increases are projected for Westlake.

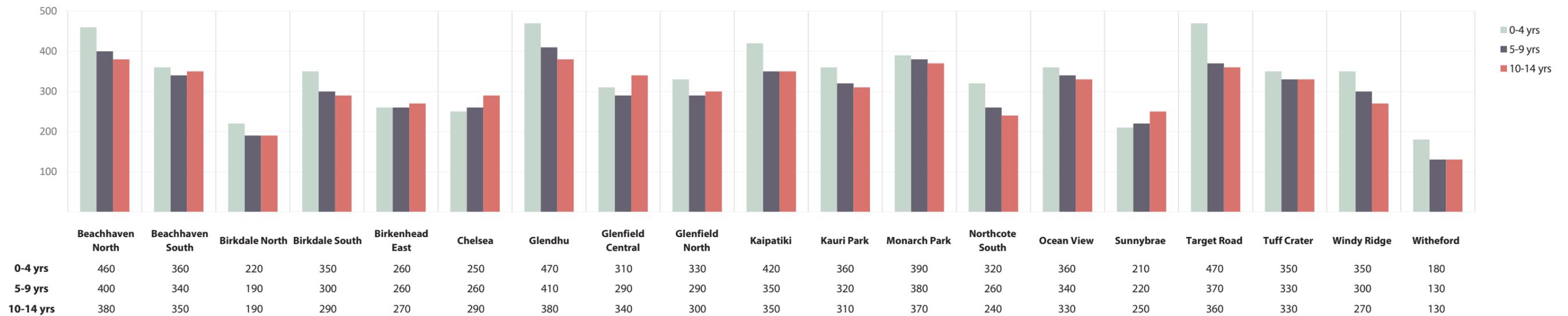
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2013 CENSUS DATA BY AREA UNIT



2043 PROJECTED POPULATION BY AREA UNIT



Disclaimer

No assessment of 14+ youth age groups has been assessed, nor specific demographic or age group distribution by residence undertaken.

Commentary is intended as a guide only as there are several factors influencing the accuracy of information as it relates to playspace catchments / service areas.

APPENDIX E

EXISTING PROVISION MAPPING

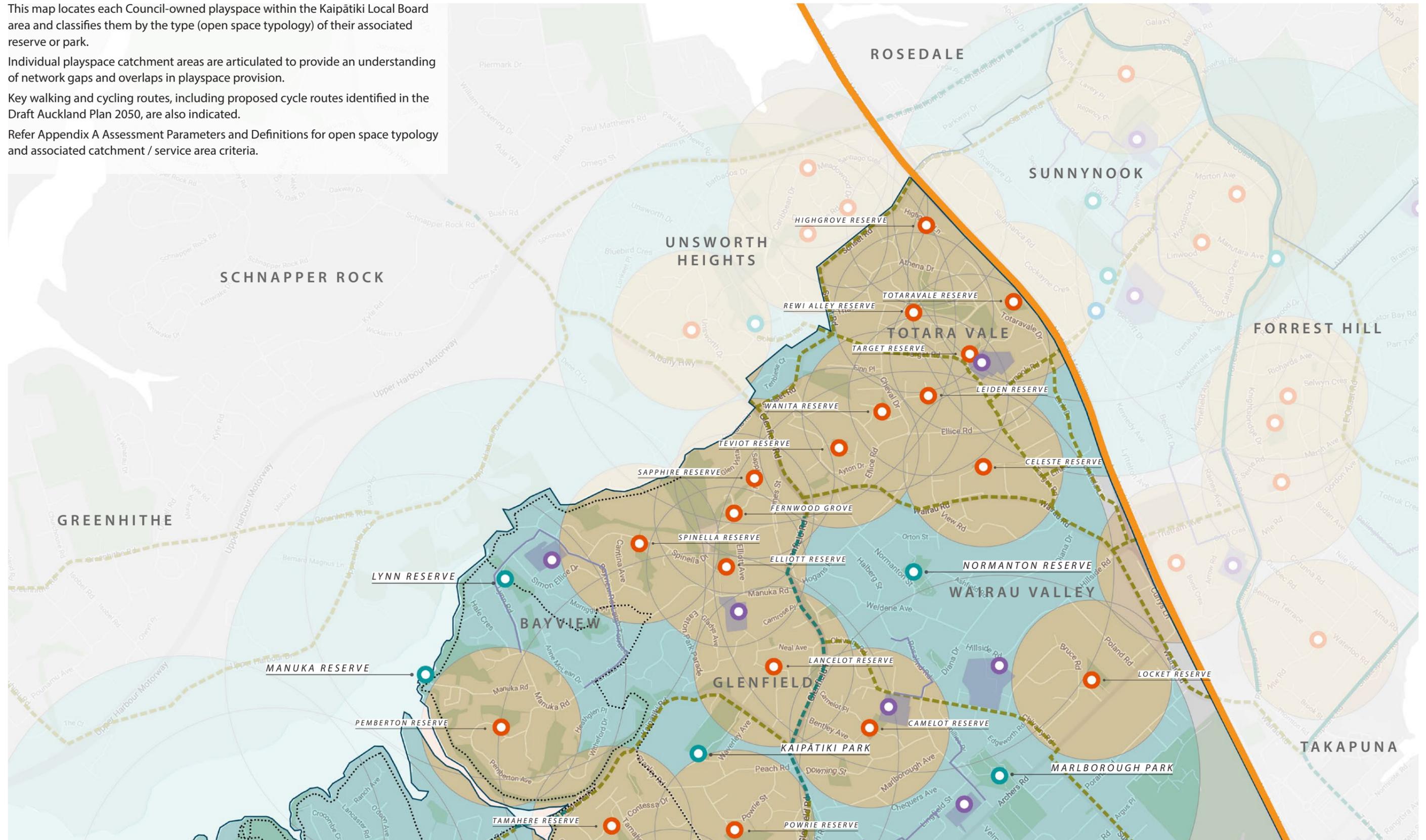
EXISTING PROVISION MAP

This map locates each Council-owned playspace within the Kaipātiki Local Board area and classifies them by the type (open space typology) of their associated reserve or park.

Individual playspace catchment areas are articulated to provide an understanding of network gaps and overlaps in playspace provision.

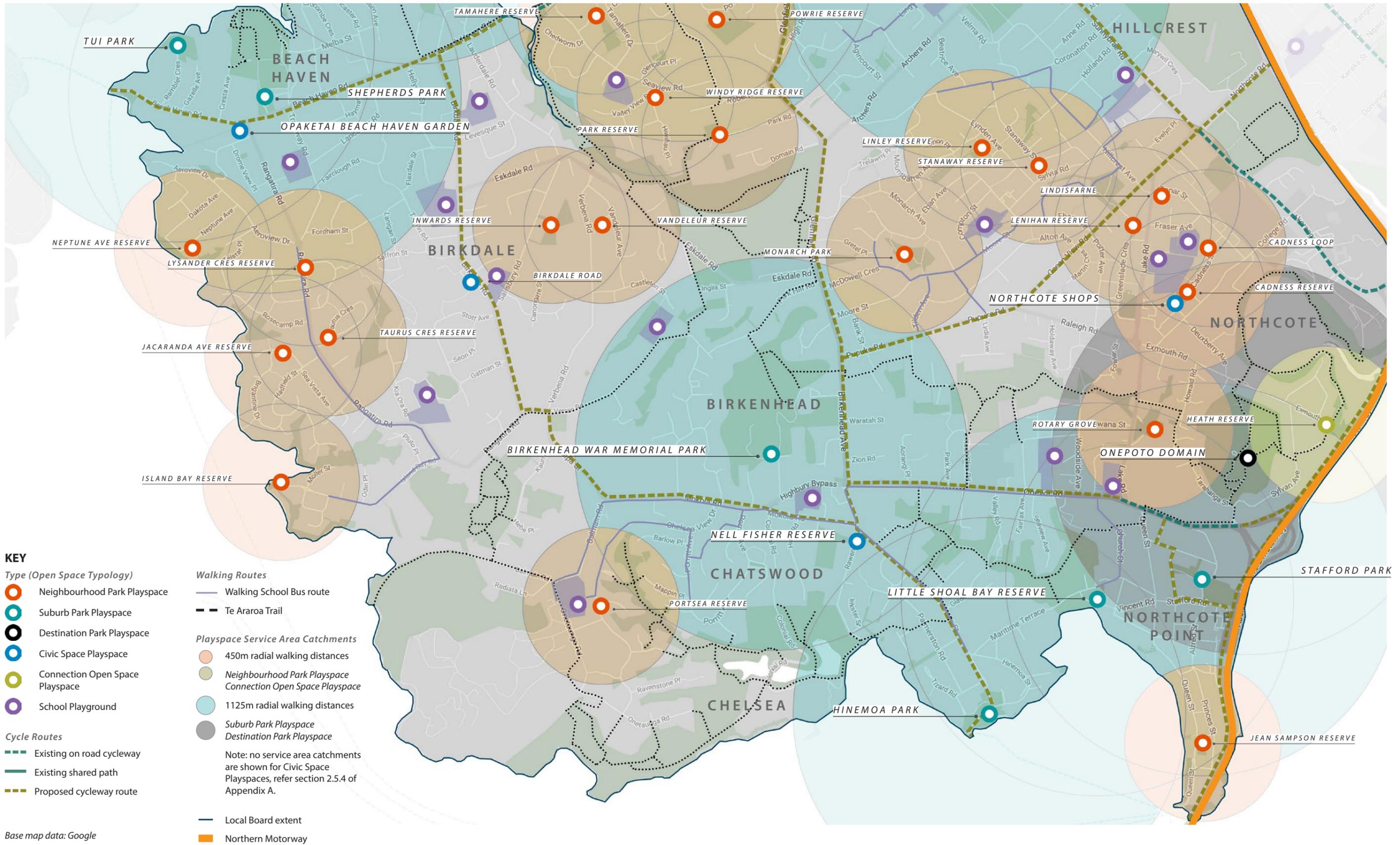
Key walking and cycling routes, including proposed cycle routes identified in the Draft Auckland Plan 2050, are also indicated.

Refer Appendix A Assessment Parameters and Definitions for open space typology and associated catchment / service area criteria.



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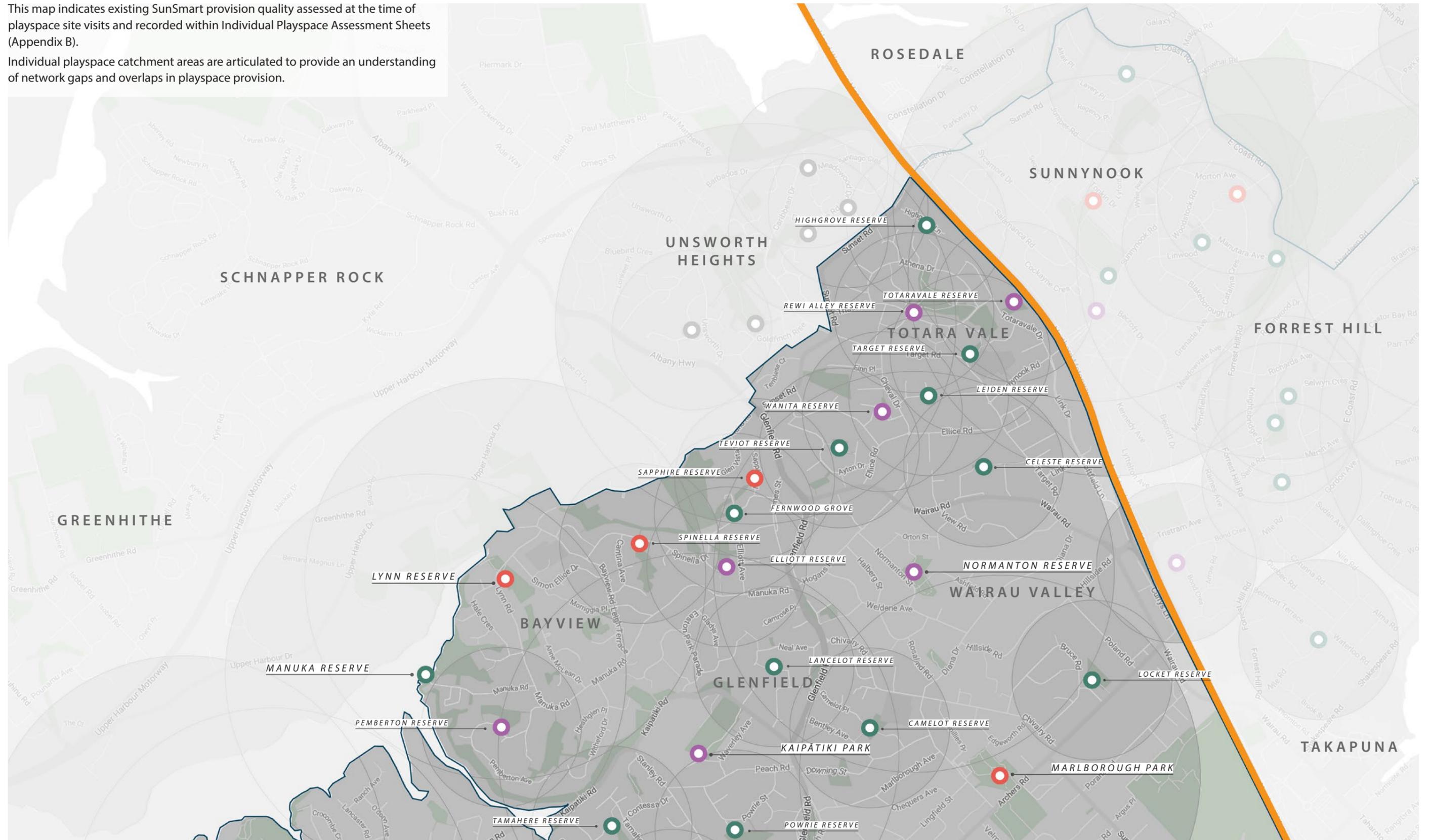
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EXISTING SUNSMART MAPPING

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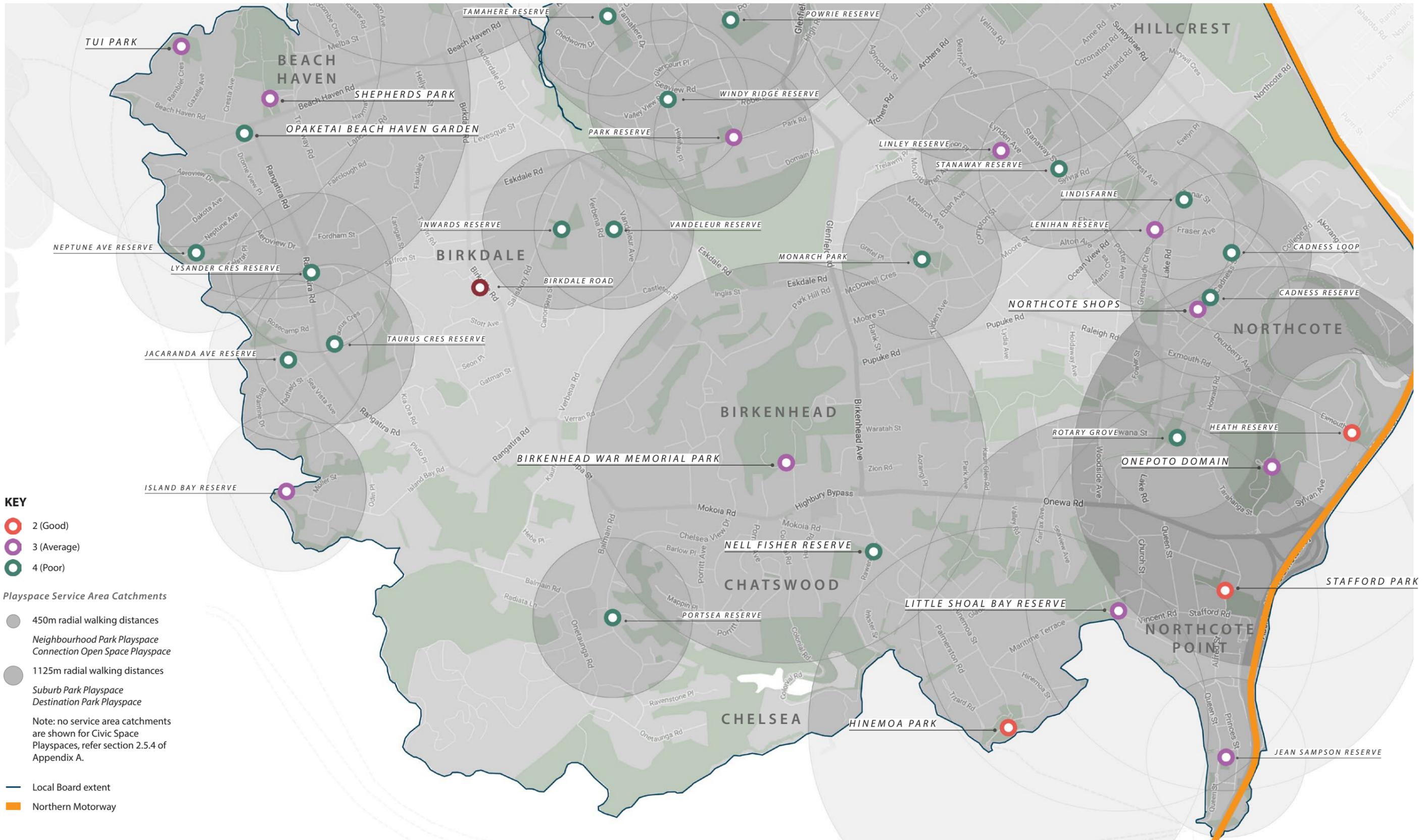
This map indicates existing SunSmart provision quality assessed at the time of playspace site visits and recorded within Individual Playspace Assessment Sheets (Appendix B).

Individual playspace catchment areas are articulated to provide an understanding of network gaps and overlaps in playspace provision.



Base map data: Google





KEY

- 2 (Good)
- 3 (Average)
- 4 (Poor)

Playspace Service Area Catchments

- 450m radial walking distances
Neighbourhood Park Playspace
Connection Open Space Playspace
- 1125m radial walking distances
Suburb Park Playspace
Destination Park Playspace

Note: no service area catchments are shown for Civic Space Playspaces, refer section 2.5.4 of Appendix A.

- Local Board extent
- Northern Motorway

Base map data: Google



APPENDIX G

OPEN SPACE PROVISION POLICY TYPOLOGIES

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Recreational and social open space

The table below identifies open space typologies and associated provision metrics that primarily achieve recreational or social outcomes.

Typology	Description	Indicative amenities	Provision target
Pocket Park	<p>Provides 'door step' access to small amenity and socialising spaces in high density residential areas.</p> <p>Provides visual relief in intensively developed areas.</p> <p>New pocket parks are typically between 0.1 to 0.15 hectares.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> landscaping and gardens small lawn areas furniture specimen trees hard surface treatments areas for socialising and respite 	<p>Voluntarily provided at no capital cost and only on agreement by council. Alternatively pocket parks can be retained in private ownership.</p> <p>Located in urban centres or high density residential areas. Must be located on a public street and not an internalised space within a development block.</p> <p>Not to be located within 100m of other open space.</p> <p>In addition to requirements for neighbourhood parks.</p>
Neighbourhood Park	<p>Provides basic informal recreation and social opportunities within a short walk of surrounding residential areas.</p> <p>New neighbourhood parks are typically between 0.3 to 0.5 hectares.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> play space flat, unobstructed, kick-around space for informal games (30m by 30m) areas for socialising and respite landscaping specimen trees furniture 	<p>400m walk in high and medium density residential areas.</p> <p>600m walk in all other residential areas.</p> <p>Provides a range of different recreation opportunities between nearby neighbourhood and suburb parks.</p>
Suburb Park	<p>Provides a variety of informal recreation and social experiences for residents from across a suburb.</p> <p>Located in prominent locations and help form the identity of a suburb.</p> <p>Suburb parks will often accommodate organised sport facilities, such as sportsfields.</p> <p>New suburb parks are typically 3 to 5 hectares if providing for informal recreation uses only and up to 10 hectares or larger if also accommodating organised sport uses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> walking circuits or trails within the park multiple kick-around spaces socialising spaces, including picnic and barbeque facilities larger and more specialised informal recreation attractions, such as large playgrounds, skate parks, hard courts beaches and watercraft launching facilities organised sport facilities community event space car parking and toilets 	<p>1000m walk in high and medium density residential areas.</p> <p>1500m walk in all other residential areas.</p> <p>Provides a range of different recreation opportunities between nearby neighbourhood and suburb parks.</p> <p>Provides a neighbourhood park function for immediately neighbouring residential areas.</p>

Typology	Description	Indicative amenities	Provision target
Destination Park	<p>Provides for large numbers of visitors, who often visit for an extended period of time, and may travel from across Auckland.</p> <p>Many destination parks are tourist attractions.</p> <p>Typically they will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be more than 30 hectares accommodate specialised facilities have significant or unique attributes. <p>Regional parks are considered to be destination parks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> large events space networks of walking circuits and trails destination and/or multiple playgrounds specialised sport and recreation facilities distinct natural, heritage or cultural features multiple places for gatherings and socialising such as barbeque and picnic facilities 	<p>A variety of destination parks should be located to serve each of the northern, western, central and southern areas of urban Auckland.</p> <p>Future provision will be determined through network planning, which will identify if and where new destination parks are required.</p> <p>See Figure 5 on page 34 for indicative provision guidance.</p> <p>Provides neighbourhood and suburb park functions for immediately neighbouring residential areas.</p>
Civic Space	<p>Provides spaces for meeting, socialising, play and events in Auckland's urban centres.</p> <p>Civic space encompasses a network of public space including squares, plazas, greens, streets and shared spaces.</p> <p>Civic spaces can be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> small (<0.1 hectares), typically providing respite, informal meeting and socialising opportunities medium (0.15 to 0.2 hectares, typically capable of hosting small events large (0.3 to 0.4 hectares), typically capable of hosting medium scale events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> highly structured and developed urban spaces predominately hard-surfaces meeting and socialising opportunities event space landscaping and gardens public artworks 	<p>The extent of the civic space network should reflect the scale of the urban centre.</p> <p>Civic space should be planned as part of an integrated network, which responds to the local character and needs of an urban centre.</p> <p>Local Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> one small civic space. <p>Town Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> one or more small civic spaces; and one medium civic space. <p>Metropolitan Centres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> one or more small civic spaces; one or more medium civic spaces; and one large civic space.
Connection and linkage open space	<p>Provides contiguous networks of open space that establish recreational, walking cycling and ecological connections, integrated with on-street connections.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> trails walkways cycleways seating landscaping boardwalks native bush 	<p>The provision of open space for linkages and connections will depend on the particular characteristics of an area.</p> <p>Primarily provided along watercourses or the coast.</p> <p>Refer to the section <i>connect our parks and open spaces</i> for further provision guidance.</p>

Applying the provision targets

Measuring walking distances

Walking distances are used for the provision targets for neighbourhood and suburb parks.

The actual walking distance a user would need to travel to access the open space should be used when assessing these targets. This requires identifying 'pedsheds' of all feasible walking routes using public streets, accessways and path networks through public spaces.

The quality of the journey should also be considered, including factors such as topography, footpath provision, and the ability to safely cross major roads, where controlled intersections and pedestrian bridges / underpasses are available.

If it is not possible to identify actual walking distances, such as in the early stages of planning for greenfield developments, the following radial distances should be used as proxies for walking distances.

		Walking distance	Radial distance proxy
Neighbourhood Park	High and medium density	400m	300m
	Low density	600m	450m
Suburb Park	High and medium density	1000m	750m
	Low density	1500m	1125m

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