



SHIRE OF
HARVEY

Play Space Strategy

2021 - 2026

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Acknowledgement of Country

The Shire of Harvey acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders both past and present and emerging.

Executive Summary

Council's Commitment

Council is committed to providing play spaces to enhance the health, wellbeing and social connectedness of our community

The Shire of Harvey Play Space Strategy 2021 - 2026 aims to provide direction in terms of the sustainable provision and management of accessible, diverse, creative, high quality and fun play spaces that contribute to the developmental and recreational needs of children and their families.

The strategy analyses current play spaces throughout the Shire and looks at future needs which will help us to plan for provision, maintenance and replacement more effectively.

The objectives of the strategy are to:

- Embed the value of play as an important element in the physical, social, mental, emotional and creative needs of children and their families living in and visiting the Shire;
- determine a hierarchy classification of playgrounds, and the corresponding support amenities, in order to ensure a consistent approach to play space offerings; and
- provide a roadmap for the provision of play spaces throughout the Shire.

In December 2020, almost 1,000 community members responded to the Shire's MARKYT Community Scorecard. This consultation highlighted playgrounds, parks and reserves as a community priority.

In responding to this feedback one focus in the coming years will be a staged renewal and improvement of equipment, as well as supporting amenities, at existing play spaces throughout the Shire. In undertaking these upgrades, we aim to be cognisant of ensuring that our play spaces service the community in an equitable manner.

While it will not be possible to upgrade every playground or skate park within this time, this strategy outlines a set of guiding principles and design guidelines for the upgrade of existing, or the development of new play spaces.

A number of potential new play spaces have also been earmarked throughout the Shire. Future investment, playground design and play equipment selection will focus on achieving high play values to meet community need and expectations.

Play spaces are an important place for people to meet and spend valuable family time. This strategy aims to set a benchmark to ensure that we provide well maintained and quality play spaces and to hit the right balance, providing community with a range of experiences for a variety of ages.

Cr Paul Gillett
SHIRE PRESIDENT

Annie Riordan
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Vision

The Shire of Harvey will provide a diverse range of quality, fun, accessible, well designed and maintained play spaces that encourage social interaction, outdoor physical activity and community wellbeing.

Guiding principles

As a roadmap for the sustainable provision and management of accessible, diverse, creative, high quality and fun play spaces, this strategy outlines a series of guiding principles to support decision making with regard to play space design and provision.

1

Design for different types of play

We will provide play spaces that encourage and inspire cognitive, creative, social and active play.

2

Design for all ages and abilities

We will consider universal accessibility in the planning and design of our play spaces.

3

Design for place identity

We will design play spaces that represents the location, culture and identity of community.

4

Design for sustainability

We will strive to be environmentally and financially sustainable with regard to the provision of play spaces.

5

Design for connection

We value the opportunities that play spaces give our community and will design play spaces that contribute to connection and interaction.

6

Design for health and wellbeing

We aim to promote a healthier lifestyle through the provision of play spaces that encourage community to enjoy time outdoors.

Scope

A play space should allow all people, regardless of age or ability, to experience creative play, social interaction and physical activity.

- Play spaces accommodate a variety of uses, amenities and elements.
- Play spaces can be stand alone or co-located with community and sporting facilities, in natural environments, public open space or urban areas.
- Play spaces become points of community focus that encourage interaction and community wellbeing.

Play spaces also include facilities for carers such as seating and shade which are important in offering opportunities to gather, promoting social interactions and for community cohesion. This strategy will focus on the development of play spaces.

Recreation grounds have not been included in this strategy however the outcomes of the master plans adopted by Council for Shire reserves has been considered. Active recreation facilities for the purpose of providing facilities for children and young people, such as skate parks, are also included.

Due to strong community desire, dog exercise parks and potential agility areas have also been included as part of this strategy.

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Strategic landscape

The strategy will be embedded into the Shire's integrated planning and reporting framework to ensure that what is planned is delivered through robust financial and resource allocations. This framework is governed by the actions of the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan.

Strategic Community Plan 2017 - 2027

Objective 2: We have a balanced respect for our natural assets and built environment, retaining our lifestyle values and community spirit.

Outcome 2.4: Natural assets and public open spaces are accessible, well utilised and managed.

Action 2.4.5: Monitor and maintain current and future playground facilities within the Shire.

Objective 3: Provide a safe and welcoming community which embraces its diversity and heritage, where everyone is valued and has the opportunity to contribute and belong.

Outcome 3.4 Services, infrastructure and facilities continue to meet community needs.

Action 3.4.1: Continue to monitor the needs of the community, to ensure access to appropriate services and facilities.

Action 3.4.2: Investigate opportunities to better engage our youth, through improved access to services, facilities and programs.

Corporate Business Plan 2020 – 2024

Action 2.4.5.1: Provide sufficient budget allocation and implement new, replacement and upgrades of playground equipment in accordance with the Forward Capital Works Program and Asset Management Plans.

Action 2.4.5.2: Undertake playground inspections, condition assessments and maintenance in accordance with Asset Management Plans.

3.1.4.4: Development of a skate park and youth facilities in Harvey.

Context

The United Nations has stated that ‘every child has a right to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child, and to participate freely in cultural life and arts’.¹

The International Play Association considers play to be ‘one of the best means to ensure the maximum potential development of every individual and the communities in which they live. Play stimulates creativity and is essential to the emotional, cognitive and physical development of the whole child, regardless of their level of ability’.²

The Good Play Space Guide acknowledges the importance of play as follows: ‘All children need to play. All children have the right to play. When children play they are not just filling in time, they are learning to interpret their world. Play facilitates the learning of life skills, and for this reason, the provision of quality outdoor Play spaces is vitally important in local communities’.³

Play is critically important to all children in the development of their physical, social, mental, emotional and creative skills. Play provides the opportunity for children to engage with other children, be active and learn, extend and adapt their skills. It is a fundamental and integral part of healthy development - not only for individual children - but also for the society in which they live.

Play spaces provide highly valued opportunities for people of all ages to engage in physical activity, enjoy the outdoors, have fun and interact with others. Play spaces also provide valuable opportunities for children to explore, challenge and express themselves and develop a range of physical, cognitive and social skills which are vital to a child’s development.

Additionally, the provision of play spaces can provide a range of benefits to community by:

- Encouraging people of all ages to become active;
- providing opportunities for social interaction;

- strengthening community bonds by encouraging people and groups to come together; and
- providing a focal point which can contribute helping create a sense of community identity.

Play Australia identifies and recognises ‘the importance of children experiencing a wide array of play opportunities in a range of different environments to support their health and wellbeing’.⁴

As an important opportunity for play, play spaces should encourage and support different types of play.

Active Play

Typically using fixed equipment for swinging, climbing, hanging, balancing, jumping, stepping, and sliding.

Imaginative and Creative Play

Involves made up games or role playing.

Social Play

Communicating and interacting with other children that focus on language and cooperation.

Exploratory and Natural Play

Using plants, rocks, sand and trees to explore. These elements stimulate the imagination by providing different scents, textures, shapes and colours. They can also encourage bugs, birds, and other wildlife that add to the diversity of the experience.

Quiet Play

Includes reading, talking or playing a sit down game. To build confidence allowing an individual or group to quietly observe other children before joining in.

Free Play

Open grassed spaces or slopes provide opportunities for activities such as rolling, running, informal ball games, cartwheels, somersaults, handstands etc. Free play is different from active play as it enables non prescribed movement in open space.⁴

Play Australia cites research that demonstrates that 'if we can build healthy physical activity habits in our children and young people then we increase the likelihood of them being active throughout their adult lives'.⁵

Most flexible
Less structured
Participate
individually
or with others



Least flexible
More structured
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Figure 1: A representation of Play Australia's physical activity spectrum which shows the importance of play in increasing the likelihood of long term engagement with physical activity.

In 2021, the Play Matters Collective outlined the WA Play Charter which is a declaration of the importance of play in children's lives. This strategy recommends that the Shire endorses this charter in order to signal the Shire's belief in the fundamental value of play to children's health, happiness and development.

The charter states

Play is a fundamental human right, enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

We owe it to all children and young people to make it a priority in every aspect of their lives, irrespective of age, ability, gender, ethnicity, or circumstance.

By endorsing the WA Play Charter individuals and organisations affirm their support for, and commitment to, the following:

We believe

- Play is a vital component of childhood, adolescence and throughout the lifespan;
- play is varied and can be anything a child chooses it to be; and
- adults have a collective responsibility to protect and promote play opportunities for all children and young people.

We will

- Protect children's right to play;
- advocate for the importance of play in children's lives;
- respect children's intrinsic desire to play;
- promote the value of learning through play; and
- minimise barriers to play.

The contextual analysis outlined above, in combination with the guiding principles of this strategy, aims to set a focus on the importance of providing a range of quality play opportunities for children and families in the Shire and to guide future decision making.

Supply and demand

The Shire of Harvey's estimated residential population for 2020 is 28,299, with a population density of 0.16 persons per hectare.

From 2011 to 2016, the Shire's population increased by 3,301 people (14.2%). This represents an average annual population change of 2.69% per year.

The largest changes in age structure between 2011 and 2016 were in the age groups:

- 65 to 69: +541 people
- 55 to 59: +324 people
- 5 to 9: +303 people
- 30 to 34: +299 people

Given the growing population profile of the Shire there will be ongoing community demand for play spaces from all age groups. This demand will also require consideration with regards to distribution and equity of supply.

The Shire has 38 designated playgrounds. Six of the playgrounds are attached to community facilities and are only accessible to users of these facilities. The Shire's Infrastructure Services directorate currently maintains all 38 playgrounds and these form the scope of this strategy.

The current playground provision by location is indicated in the table below.

Locality	Population	Playgrounds	Ratio
Australind and Leschenault	17,467	20	1 playground per 831 residents
Binningup	1,259	4	1 playground per 314 residents
Brunswick Junction	1,117	4	1 playground per 279 residents
Cookernup	507	1	1 playground per 507 residents
Harvey	3,316	5	1 playground per 663 residents
Myalup	358	1	1 playground per 358 residents
Roelands	839	1	1 playground per 839 residents
Yarloop	398	2	1 playground per 199 residents



Within the Shire, a substantial amount of play equipment has been installed, however a more strategic approach to both provision and location is required. It is noted that a few playgrounds cater for more than one type of play activity or a variety of age ranges.

An analysis of existing provision found there to be some areas within the Shire with an uneven distribution of play spaces. Where gaps have been identified, recommendations for new play spaces have been proposed. Conversely some areas were found to be oversupplied, which requires a higher and inequitable demand for resources. In most instances, these play spaces offer a limited range of play opportunities.

Further, a playground site inspection undertaken by Shire Officers over a three month period in 2021, indicated a number of playgrounds where a higher priority needs to be placed on either upgrading, replacing or decommissioning a play space. In most instances, it is recommended that this process be undertaken when the play space has reached the end of its lifespan. A playground replacement plan is outlined in the recommendations of this strategy.

Due to the potentially sensitive nature of this situation, it is recommended that a high level of community consultation be employed to discuss the reasons for the potential play space decommission.

The Shire receives numerous requests for play space developments and improvements from a range of community members and groups. As local government is ultimately responsible for provision of public play spaces, it is important that such requests be subject to the guiding principles and play space classifications outlined in the Play Space Strategy to ensure they are safe, appropriately located, developed to a suitable standard and maximise benefits to the broader community.

Future subdivisional development also provides opportunities for the provision of play spaces in the development of parks or public open space (POS). The provision of assets within subdivisional developments is funded by the developer and gifted to the local government as part of an asset handover process. The local government then assumes ongoing costs and resources. In the future,

this strategy will provide a framework through which developers can provide play spaces subject to the guiding principles and play space classifications of the strategy.

In addition to the 38 playgrounds, the Shire also has six skate parks located in Australind, Brunswick, Binningup, Harvey, Roelands and Yarloop. Excluding the skate park in Australind, five of the skate parks have been constructed using a kit form style produced by a manufacturer that is no longer operating.

The Shire commissioned a consultant to undertake a Harvey Skate Park site selection assessment. The results concluded that a 'review of the Shire of Harvey's existing facilities has found most of them to be in a state of decline, ageing rapidly, no longer meet the needs of the users, have been developed in inappropriate locations and provide a lack of supporting amenities such as refuge areas, passive user viewing areas, shade structures and other supporting active recreation program'.⁶

In April 2021, the Shire's first youth strategy, Voices of Youth 2021 – 2026 was endorsed by Council. To harness the opportunities of these two related strategies, it is recommended that a forward capital works plan be developed to install new skate parks throughout the Shire in a longer term and strategic manner.

And finally, with regard to dog exercise and agility, the Shire currently has eleven designated dog exercise areas; four in Australind and one each in Binningup, Brunswick, Cookernup, Harvey, Myalup, Roelands and Yarloop.

Feedback from the Shire's MARKYT Community Scorecard indicated community support to establish a designated dog park or enclosed dog exercise areas at existing parks.

In recognising both the community desire and tourism potential of dog agility play spaces, it is recommended the Shire investigate the feasibility of this option in both Harvey and Australind with funding considerations to be presented to Council as determined.

Maintenance and management

Shire Officers currently manage the maintenance, repairs and safety audits of all play spaces in the Shire to ensure they meet Australian Standards.

These standards set out a series of guidelines for playground inspections and safety audits and include a series of checklists and inspection guidelines to assist Shire Officers to check for hazards or faulty play equipment thoroughly and regularly.

The Australian Standards for Playgrounds provide guidelines for the design, installation, maintenance and operation of playgrounds. They are not intended to provide totally risk free environments and are a minimum benchmark.

AS 4685.0:2017 Playground equipment and surfacing, Part 0: Development, installation, inspection, maintenance and operation

AS 4685.1:2014 Playground equipment and surfacing, Part 1: General safety requirements and test methods (EN 1176-1:2008, MOD)

AS 4685.2:2014 Playground equipment and surfacing, Part 2: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for swings (EN 1176-2:2008, MOD)

AS 4685.3:2014 Playground equipment and surfacing, Part 3: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for slides (EN 1176-3:2008, MOD)

AS 4685.4:2014 Playground equipment and surfacing, Part 4: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for cableways (EN 1176-4:2008, MOD)

AS 4685.5:2014 Playground equipment and surfacing, Part 5: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for carousels (EN 1176-5:2008, MOD)

AS 4685.6:2014 Playground equipment and surfacing, Part 6: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for rocking equipment

AS 4685.11:2014 Playground equipment, Part 11: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for spatial networks (EN 1176-11:2008, MOD)

AS 4422:2016 Playground surfacing - Specifications, requirements and test method

Play spaces in the Shire require routine inspections and regular maintenance to ensure the provision of safe play areas for users and compliance with industry and safety standards.

There are currently a set of inspection and maintenance procedures in place, which include:

- Monthly inspections and required maintenance for all play spaces;
- daily inspections for destination play spaces;
- maintenance of various soft fall types, with sand soft fall outsourced to a contractor; and
- an annual budget for general repairs and maintenance.

Clean and well maintained play spaces are highlighted as a high priority by the community and were also identified as having scope for improvement. This view was also supported through internal consultation results which identified a lack of resources as a major limitation to maintaining play spaces to a higher standard.

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Play space classification hierarchy

The Play Space Strategy recommends that existing and proposed play spaces be classified according to a clearly defined hierarchy, to ensure a coordinated network of complementary play experiences is provided across the Shire.

This hierarchy is based on the Department of Sport and Recreation's classification framework for public open space (2012).⁷ This framework considers that public open space can increase not only the appeal, amenity and value of a place, it also contributes to the health and wellbeing of a community.

Three play space classifications have been identified.

Local

Small to medium play space within approximately 500m of residential households.

Neighbourhood

Medium to large play space servicing a locality or 2km catchment of residential areas.

Destination

Large play space servicing a sub-regional area with a broad range of play opportunities for all ages and abilities.

This hierarchy is aspirational and will be used to guide the upgrade and development of play spaces within the Shire to ensure that they reflect the intended level of amenity, community need and expectation. The hierarchy will also be used to achieve a level of consistency between the variety of play spaces available to community in all localities throughout the Shire.



Local play spaces

Size	Small to medium site .
Location / site characteristics	Prominent location with good visibility and surveillance.
Catchment	Local neighbourhood. 'Walkable' distance of approximately 500m of most households within residential areas.
Access	Path network (walking and cycling).
Usage	Attracts local residents who use the play space regularly, but for short periods.
Target groups	Preference for all ages, however the degree in which different age groups are catered for may vary at individual sites.
Play opportunities	Variety of opportunities, which complement others within the neighbourhood.
Accessibility / inclusive play	Access into site, key activity and social areas.
Indicative cost	Up to \$100,000 excluding supporting infrastructure. Budget dependent on population size, site characteristics and anticipated usage levels.
Inspections and maintenance	Monthly.
Planning and consultation	Play space concept design. Consultation required i.e. invitation to comment on draft plans via Shire website.
Supporting infrastructure	Basic infrastructure required including seating, footpaths, shade trees and landscaping. Picnic facilities, shelter, rubbish bins, fencing and drinking fountains may be provided at some high use neighbourhood play spaces.
Proposed provision	Local play spaces will make up the majority of the play space network.

Neighbourhood play spaces

Size	Medium to large site.
Location / site characteristics	Prominent location within locality. May be collocated with other facilities and attractions. Good visibility and surveillance.
Catchment	Approximately 2km of most households within residential areas. Servicing a locality and surrounding areas in rural areas.
Access	Path network (walking and cycling) and access via on and or off-street parking.
Usage	Attracts and caters for a high number of residents for medium periods of time.
Target groups	All age groups.
Play opportunities	Wide range of play opportunities.
Accessibility / inclusive play	Accessible site, amenities and a range of inclusive play features.
Indicative cost	Approximately \$100,000 to \$500,000 excluding supporting infrastructure. Budget dependent on population size, site characteristics and anticipated usage levels.
Inspections and maintenance	Monthly.
Planning and consultation	Play space design and consideration of whole site required Consultation required i.e. invitation to comment on draft plans via Shire website, engagement with relevant Place Advisory Group and local school.
Supporting Infrastructure	Moderate to high level of supporting infrastructure required including seating, shade trees or structure, path network, landscaping, picnic facilities drinking fountain, bike/scooter racks and rubbish bins. Public toilets may be provided (depending on location and usage levels).
Proposed provision	Neighbourhood Play Spaces will be provided in most localities in the Shire.

Destination Play Spaces

Size	Large site.
Location / site characteristics	Prominent location within the Shire. Located with other significant facilities or attractions.
Catchment	Broad catchment attracting visitors from across the sub region and servicing several townships
Access	Pedestrian / bicycle path network, access via on and or off-street parking and public transport (where possible).
Usage	Attracts and caters for large numbers of residents and visitors for long periods of time.
Target groups	All age groups, with play 'zones' established for different age groups.
Play opportunities	Extensive range of play opportunities. Iconic play feature.
Accessibility / inclusive play	Accessible and inclusive play opportunities and supporting infrastructure provided.
Indicative cost	Over \$500,000 excluding supporting infrastructure. Budget dependent on population size, site characteristics and anticipated usage levels.
Inspections and maintenance	Weekly (daily during high peak usage times). Currently daily at Karragarup Play Space.
Planning and consultation	High level of planning and consultation required. Master plan for site, plus specialist play space design and concept plan involving key stakeholders. Consultation opportunities to be broadly promoted using a range of communication methods to achieve a high level of community awareness, support and input.
Supporting infrastructure	Moderate to high level of supporting infrastructure required including seating, shade trees or structure, path network, landscaping, picnic facilities drinking fountain, bike/scooter racks and rubbish bins. Public toilets may be provided (depending on location and usage levels).
Proposed provision	Destination play spaces will be provided at key locations in the Shire.

Consultation

A broad level of consultation has been undertaken to understand community needs, expectations and priorities for play space provision and to inform the Play Space Strategy.

Consultation opportunities were broadly promoted and resulted in feedback being received from the following sources:

- Shire's MARKYT Community Scorecard;
- community survey completed by 85 residents;
- consultation undertaken during the development of the Shire's Youth Strategy Voices of Youth 2021 - 2026 conducted by 30 primary school-aged children in Out of School Hours Care;
- consultation and feedback from the Shire's Place Advisory Groups; and
- meetings with key internal stakeholders

Playground Compliance Audit

In 2020, the Shire undertook a playground compliance audit against the Australian Playground Standards:

- AS 4685: 2014 – (Parts 1 to 6 and 11) Playground equipment and surfacing – safety requirements and test method;
- AS 4685: 2017 – Playground equipment and surfacing – development, installation, inspection, maintenance and operation; and
- AS 4422:2016 – Playground surfacing – specifications, requirements and test method.

The report gave on balance an average rating (3 out of 5) overall on the Shire's playground equipment with the highest reported condition defect being rust issues.



Playground site inspections

During the development of this strategy the Manager Parks Services and Manager Place visited every play space in the Shire.

This review allowed staff the opportunity to review current play space provision and also determine a priority framework for potential future upgrades, replacements and decommissioning.

This approach of a cross-directorate focus on play spaces in the Shire will continue through the implementation of this strategy which weaves both technical and social requirements and values to ensure the provision of accessible, diverse, creative, high quality and fun play spaces that are well maintained and managed sustainably

Summary

The community survey results have provided insights into the usage patterns and perceptions of play space users in the Shire.

Based on these survey results residents are likely to:

- Use play spaces 1 to 2 times per week;
- travel varied distances either by car, bike or on foot;
- choose play spaces that are close to home and provide a good range of play opportunities;
- visit play spaces with their family and friends; and
- stay for at least 30 minutes.

Feedback captured during the MARKYT Community Scoreboard indicated a moderate level of satisfaction with current play space provision in the Shire however, the community believes the Shire should prioritise the improvement of current play space provision.

Key themes and issues that arose from the consultation process include:

- A strong desire for play spaces that can cater for the whole family, as opposed to those that focus on specific age groups, with people prepared to travel to enjoy large, high quality play spaces.
- The provision of shade is important for carers and should be provided over play equipment and supporting infrastructure.
- Large open spaces are needed so children can create their own fun and games.
- Many play spaces are old and need upgrading and/or replacing.
- Supporting infrastructure is highly valued with public toilets and shade being identified as the top two priorities followed by seating, drink fountains, picnic tables, rubbish bins and seating.
- Climbing structures were identified as the most important playground features followed by swings and slides.
- Ramps were identified as the most important skate park features followed by pump tracks and bowls.
- Nature play was identified as a theme that community would like to see more of in the Shire, followed by adventure play and water play.

Based on this feedback, it should be acknowledged that the recommendations which follow are both practical and aspirational in nature in order to provide community with the play spaces but also to ensure sound financial and resource allocations.

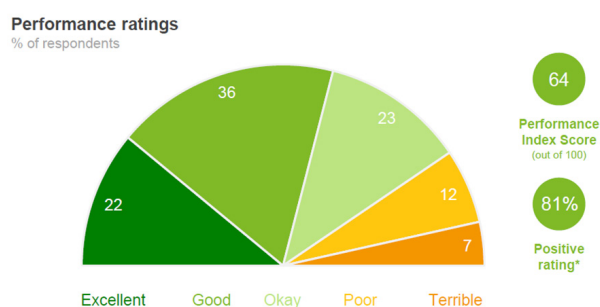


Figure 2: Performance ratings with regard to playgrounds, parks and reserves.



Recommendations

The following recommendations are provided to guide the sustainable provision and management of play spaces in the Shire.

Governing these recommendations are the guiding principles hierarchy classification outlined in this strategy.

Each recommendation that requires funding approval will be presented for Council's consideration.

1. Engage a consultant during 2021 to undertake a Level 3 Comprehensive Condition Audit of all Shire play spaces in order to develop a playground replacement and upgrade budget.
2. Following the Level 3 Comprehensive Condition Audit, develop a playground replacement plan for consideration and schedule of ongoing condition audits based on the outcomes of the report.
3. Continue to undertake Level 1 Routine/Visual playground inspections and maintenance at play spaces throughout the Shire.
4. Undertake a cost benefit analysis with regard to Level 1 Routine/Visual playground inspections and maintenance to determine whether this process should be undertaken operationally or by an external contractor, including the addition of quarterly Level 2 Operational inspections.
5. Ensure the development or redevelopment of all play spaces is undertaken in accordance with the guiding principles and hierarchy classification of this strategy with the view to:
 - Providing clarity around play space provision and services levels; and
 - ensuring better understanding of future funding requirements and budgeting implications related to the provision of play spaces.
6. Endeavour to provide for multiple age groups across the Shire's play space network to ensure all age groups have access to a variety of interesting and stimulating play experiences.
7. Ensure the appropriate siting and orientation of play spaces development projects to achieve:
 - Appropriate separation from potential hazards;
 - high levels of natural surveillance and supervision;
 - effective use and consideration of the surrounding environment; and
 - appropriate separation from dog exercise areas.
8. Implement a set of guidelines and requirements in the provision of play spaces by developers.
9. Continually monitor trends and advances in play space design to ensure the provision of innovative and exciting play opportunities for the community.
10. Incorporate universal design and co-design principles into the design of new play spaces and supporting infrastructure to maximise access and use of play spaces by people of all ages and abilities and where possible, increase accessibility at current Shire play spaces.
11. Provide a consistent and transparent consultation and engagement process for play space development and redevelopment projects.
12. Assess community requests or grant submissions for play space developments and improvements in accordance with the Play Space Strategy to ensure resources are allocated to priority play space projects that are appropriately located, developed to appropriate standards and maximise benefits for the broader community.

13. Improve signage in play spaces by more broadly applying the Shire's style guide for naming, directional, interpretive information and risk management signs.
14. Assess shade provision at all Shire playgrounds and develop an implementation plan for consideration to rectify shade provision as part of the Forward Capital Works Program.
15. Instigate an internal process whereby the inspection of structures at Shire play spaces is undertaken by suitably qualified persons.
16. Activate play spaces by developing and delivering activities and events in line with Shire strategic goals.
17. Present the WA Play Charter for consideration of endorsement by Council.
18. Investigate the benefits of Play Australia membership for the Shire.
19. Develop a marketing plan regarding play space usage along the lines of a 'passport' for those living in and visiting the Shire.
20. Consider alternative ways (such as grant funding) to increase funding for development and redevelopment play space projects
21. Consider integrating outdoor recreational facilities (such as fitness equipment, half court basketball hoops, climbing walls etc) in future designs for destination and neighbourhood scale playgrounds.
22. Implement a skate park needs assessment and/or replacement plan for Shire skate parks (excluding Australind and Harvey) for future consideration in the Forward Capital Works Program.
23. Implement Action 4.1.5 from Voices of Youth 2021 – 2026 with regard to the development of an Australind youth hub including the consideration of the Australind skate park site.
24. Implement Action 4.1.6 from Voices of Youth 2021 – 2026 with regard to the site investigation for Harvey skate park and potential location of the new nature play space in Harvey.
25. Investigate the feasibility and potential provision of dog agility parks in Harvey and Australind.13. Improve signage in play spaces by more broadly applying the Shire's style guide for naming, directional, interpretive information and risk management signs.

The following recommendations relate to play spaces that incorporate play equipment with a corresponding priority level. These recommendations will be further developed in line with the findings of the Level 3 Comprehensive condition audit of all Shire play spaces.



Clifton Park Nature and Toddler Play

Location: Lucy Victoria Avenue, Australind

Classification: Neighbourhood

Recommendation:

- A shade structure is required over the Toddler Play.
- It is recommended that when the Toddler Play reaches replacement age it is replaced with suitable play features that complement the Nature Play.
- Further recommendations will be subject to the condition audit.

Priority: Low



Christina Street Park

Location: Old Coast Road, Australind

Classification: Local

Recommendation:

- A shade structure is required over this playground and should be considered a priority with regard to current community requests.
- Further recommendations will be subject to the condition audit.

Priority: High



Karragarup Play Space

Location: Ridley Place Foreshore, Old Coast Road, Australind

Classification: Destination

Recommendation:

- Future provision for further accessible play opportunities to be considered.
- Bike/scooter racks to be added.

Priority: Low



Fee's Field

Location: Cathedral Avenue, Australind

Classification: Local

Recommendation:

- Shade provision should be considered.
- Further recommendations will be subject to the condition audit.

Priority: Low



James Rodger Park

Location: Australind Road, Australind

Classification: Local

Recommendation:

- This playground is under utilised by community, aged and not designed according to crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) principles.
- It is recommended that this playground is decommissioned. Community should be informed and a memorial plaque installed to honour James Rodger.

Priority: High



Settlers Hall

Location: Marine Drive, Australind

Classification: Local

Recommendation:

- Subject to the condition audit playground condition audit.

Priority: Low



Traquair Place Swing

Location: Traquair Place, Australind

Classification: Local

It is recommended that this infrastructure be removed and community informed of this action.

Priority: High



Charlie's Garden

Location: Garfield Drive, Australind

Classification: Local

Recommendation:

- Future siting of the playground should be considered with regard to CPTED principles.
- Further recommendations will be subject to the condition audit.

Priority: Low



Galway Green Park

Location: Leschenault Parade, Australind

Classification: Local

Recommendation:

- Elements of the current playground infrastructure have been decommissioned.
- It is recommended that a redevelopment of this play space is considered, including the rationalisation of play equipment.
- Further recommendations will be subject to the condition audit.

Priority: Medium



Twin Rivers

Location: Forsyth Approach, Australind

Classification: Local

Recommendation:

- Shade provision should be considered.
- The existing artificial turf should be replaced with sand.
- Further recommendations will be subject to the condition audit.

Priority: Medium



Braidwood Drive Park

Location: Braidwood Drive, Australind

Classification: Local

It is recommended that when this playground reaches replacement age it is decommissioned.

Priority: Low



Rockland Road Park

Location: Rockland Road, Australind

Classification: Local

Recommendation:

- Shade provision should be considered.
- Further recommendations will be subject to the playground condition audit.

Priority: Low



Kingston Estate Park

Location: Kingston Drive, Australind

Classification: Local

Recommendation:

- Shade provision should be considered.
- Further recommendations will be subject to the playground condition audit.

Priority: Low



Leschenault Recreation Ground

Classification: Neighbourhood

Playground, seating, shelter, drink fountain

Recommendation:

- Shade provision should be considered.
- It is recommended the current rubber soft fall is removed and replaced with sand.
- This location has been identified in the Leschenault Recreation Ground Master Plan to be redeveloped as a destination playground.

Priority: Medium



Leschenault Leisure Centre Tennis Courts

Classification: Private

Recommendation:

- Subject to the condition audit playground condition audit.

Priority: Low



Riverlinks Childcare

Classification: Private

Recommendation:

- Subject to the condition audit playground condition audit.

Priority: Low



Leschenault Leisure Centre Recreation Centre

Classification: Private

Recommendation:

- Subject to the condition audit playground condition audit.

Priority: Low



Treendale Park

Classification: Local

Location: Tavorite Promenade, Australind

Classification: Local

Recommendation:

- Shade provision should be considered.
- Further recommendations will be subject to the playground condition audit.

Priority: Low



Treendale South Park

Location: Virgo Brace, Australind

Classification: Local

Recommendation:

- Shade provision should be considered.
- Further recommendations will be subject to the playground condition audit.

Priority: Low



Binningup Beach Park

Location: Coronation Drive, Binningup

Classification: Neighbourhood

This playground is currently being redeveloped.

Priority: High



Binningup Oval Playground

Location: Driftwood Way, Binningup

Classification: Local

Recommendation:

- Shade provision should be considered.
- Further recommendations will be subject to the playground condition audit.

Priority: Low



Portillo Park

Location: Portillo Lane, Binningup

Classification: Local

Recommendation:

- Shade provision should be considered.
- Further recommendations will be subject to the playground condition audit.

Priority: Low



Binningup Hall

Location: Private

Recommendation:

- Subject to the condition audit playground condition audit.

Priority: Low



Brunswick Pool

Location: Ommaney Road, Brunswick Junction

Classification: Neighbourhood

Recommendation:

- Subject to the condition audit playground condition audit.

Priority: Low



Channel Park

Location: Brunswick Road, Brunswick

Classification: Local

Recommendation:

- Community upgrades have been requested.
- Further recommendations will be subject to the playground condition audit.

Priority: Medium



Brunswick Mooesum

Location: Ommaney Road, Brunswick Junction

Classification: Local

Recommendation:

- The existing artificial turf should be replaced with sand.
- Further recommendations will be subject to the condition audit.

Priority: Medium



Brunswick Community Resource Centre

Location: Ridley Road, Brunswick

Classification: Private

Recommendation:

- Subject to the condition audit playground condition audit.

Priority: Low



Harvey Dam

Location: Weir Road, Harvey

Classification: Local

Recommendation:

- Subject to the condition audit playground condition audit.

Priority: Low



Cookernup Hall

Location: Riverdale Road, Cookernup

Classification: Local

Recommendation:

- A shade structure is currently planned for this playground.
- Further recommendations will be subject to the playground condition audit.

Priority: Medium



Apex Park

Location: Anthony Road, Harvey

Classification: Local

Recommendation:

- Subject to the condition audit playground condition audit.

Priority: Low



Anne Gerschow Park

Location: Horizon Avenue, Harvey

Classification: Local

Recommendation:

- Shade provision should be considered.
- Further recommendations will be subject to the playground condition audit.

Priority: Low



Harvey Recreation and Cultural Centre

Classification: Private

Recommendation:

- Subject to the condition audit playground condition audit.

Priority: Low



Harvey RSL Hall

Location: Becher Street, Harvey

This playground will be replaced as part of the Harvey Community Precinct Master Plan.

Priority: Medium



Tom Ottrey Park

Location: Reading Road, Myalup

Classification: Local

Recommendation:

- Additional equipment upgrades are planned for this playground.
- Further recommendations will be subject to the playground condition audit.

Priority: High



Roelands Hall

Location: Government Road, Roelands

Classification: Local

Recommendation:

- Subject to the condition audit playground condition audit.

Priority: Low



One Tree Park

Location: Railway Parade, Yarloop

Classification: Local

This playground will be replaced as part of the Yarloop Workshops Redevelopment Master Plan and will include a pump track and rationalisation of the skate park.

Priority: Medium



Yarloop Hall

Location: Station Street, Yarloop

Classification: Local

Recommendation:

- Additional outdoor exercise equipment is planned for this play space funded through donations to community.
- Further recommendations will be subject to the playground condition audit.

Priority: Medium

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