



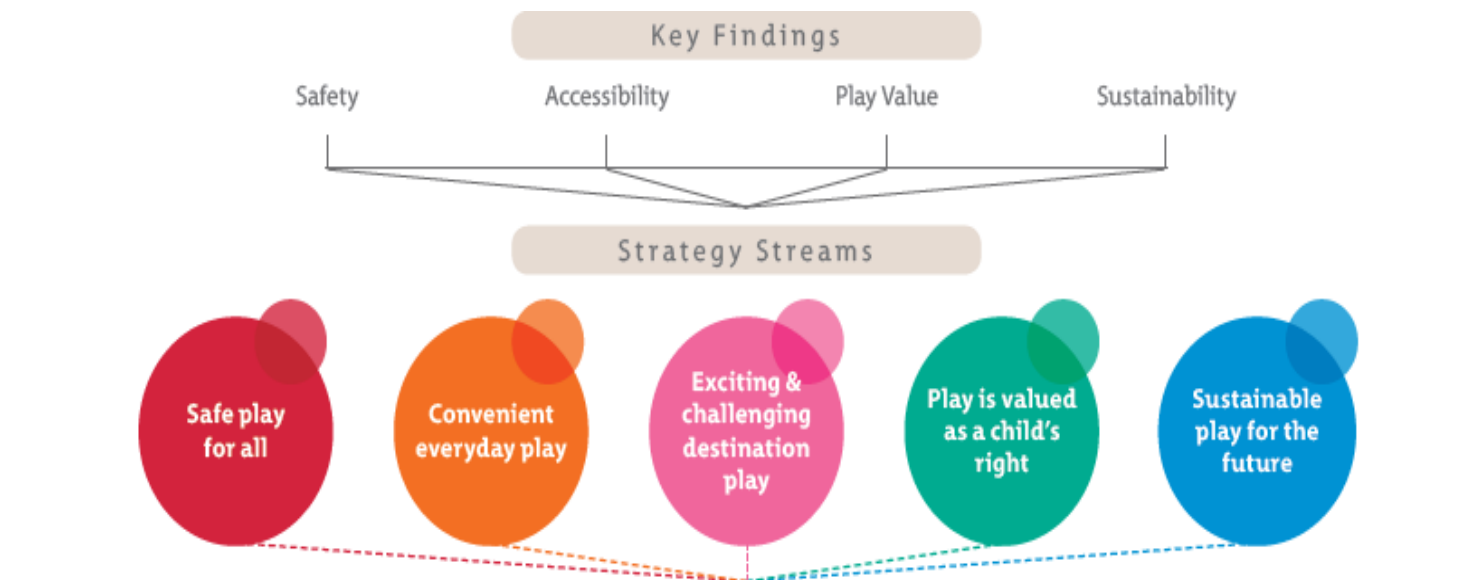
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Children's Play Implementation Plan

5-Year Review - 2026

Play Implementation Plan – Strategic Directions



Playground types – Destination



Level 1
Regional

- Destination playground
- 10ha or more in size
- 30-90mins travel by car/public transport
- Significant on-site parking
- Large playgrounds (adventure/inclusive)
- Regional organised sport facilities
- Natural significance
- Single & group BBQ
- Youth spaces

Level 2
District

- Destination playground
- Min. 1ha - up to 2-5ha in size
- 5kms or 10-15 mins travel by car/public transport
- Limited on-site parking
- Playspaces for all ages
- Organised sports facilities
- Natural areas of interest
- Single & group BBQ
- Youth spaces



Playground types – Everyday



Level 3
Neighbourhood

- Everyday playground
- Min. 0.5ha up to 1ha
- 1km actual walk/15-20 mins walk
- No on-site parking
- Bus stop close/public transport
- Play spaces
- Junior sport training facilities only
- Picnic/low key BBQ

Level 4
Local

- Everyday playground
- Min. 0.2ha up to 0.5ha
- Max 400m/10 mins walking
- No parking
- Play equipment 0-6 years, not all parks
- No organised sport
- Paths only to seats/play
- No picnic facilities



Purpose of 5-Year Review

To update the strategic and design frameworks to reflect:

- Revised population profile and forecasts
- Residential densification
- Changing play trends and community expectations
- Changes/developments in Government policy

Community engagement

- Web page and on-line survey
- Drop-ins x 2
- School workshops x 2

School workshops - 2012

The initial Children's Play Plan was partly informed by a consultation undertaken with students from Marsden HS and Denistone East PS.

Two exercises were conducted to determine what children want to see in the City of Ryde's park play spaces:

- Gulliver's Mapping exercise asking children to write or draw their free ranging ideas or recommendations for play activities.
- A more structured exercise to elicit each child's top 3 preferences for play activities.

Comments and drawings were collated and analysed for themes by age.

School workshops - 2026

The aim is to use the same methods to measure changes in the play preferences of children and their parents since 2012 as a key input into our future play space strategy.

The consultation would involve the following:

- A total of 30 students – with an even representation of ages and genders
- The same 2 exercises would involve all 30 students together in one session and take approximately **one hour**
- Need a space like a library where the students can sit at desks and write in groups of 6 or so around a table
- Other needs: pin up space on a wall and, if possible, permission to take photos
- Can give participating students certificates of appreciation signed by the Mayor
- We usually have 6 adults for the event, and don't need teacher input