

# Shire of Campaspe Playground Strategy Review 2012

## Background

Strategy reference 1.0

In 2007 Shire of Campaspe engaged Community Vibe consultants to undertake a Playground Strategy, covering the 38 public open spaces with playground equipment that is owned, maintained or inspected by the Shire of Campaspe. The aim of the strategy was to develop a document outlining the playground distribution and provision as well as including future direction of playgrounds, maintenance, upgrades and replacements. Recommendations were made relating to future development, distribution and standards, as well as management and maintenance of playgrounds over the next 10 years.

Since 2007 strategy there have been some changes that affect some recommendations but the overall strategy is still relevant and with some amendments, has the potential to still provide strategic direction for playgrounds across the Shire.

## Literature Review

Strategy reference 2.0

The Playground Strategy has significant linkages with the Council Plan 2009 - 2013 and the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan 2009 - 2013 and on a lesser extent the Access and Inclusion Plan 2010 -2013.

### Council Plan 2009 – 2013

The Council Plan identifies the four foundations that guide the Council's goals and key activities; social environment, economic environment, natural environment and the built environment.

Two of the four foundations of the Council Plan (social and built environment) include objectives which have relevance to the playground strategy.

#### Social Environment

- Build social inclusion, especially for people who are isolated.

#### Built Environment

- Preserve and enhance public areas and infrastructure to provide safe, accessible and attractive places and facilities.
- When we build or replace a community asset, we consider its importance to the community, its affordability and our sustainability.

### Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan 2009 – 2013

The aim of the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan (MHWP) is to promote the maximum wellbeing of all people living in Campaspe Shire. The MHWP is guided by the Council Plan and incorporates the main elements including; social, economic, natural and built. The following have linkages within the playground strategy.

#### Social

Goal 1: Support people to connect with each other and participate in the life of their communities.

Goal 5: Improve people's access to needed services and facilities.

## Built Environment

Goal 1: Create accessible, attractive and connected neighbourhoods and open spaces.

### Access and Inclusion Plan 2010 – 2013

#### Objective 1 – Services for the Community

1.5 Infrastructure objective – to ensure that the community is able to access all Council facilities and open spaces and that Council will seek to remove current and potential barriers to accessibility.

- 1.5.3 Ensure that any future planning and development of infrastructure – especially recreation, sporting and playground facilities includes “Access for All” principles.
- 1.5.4 Investigate the feasibility of installing an accessible playground.

## Demographic profile of Campaspe

Strategy reference 3.0

### Shire of Campaspe Population Forecast

Shire of Campaspe	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
	37,433	38,907	40,455	42,376	44,467	46,535

A review of the demographics across the Shire has identified the following significant changes;

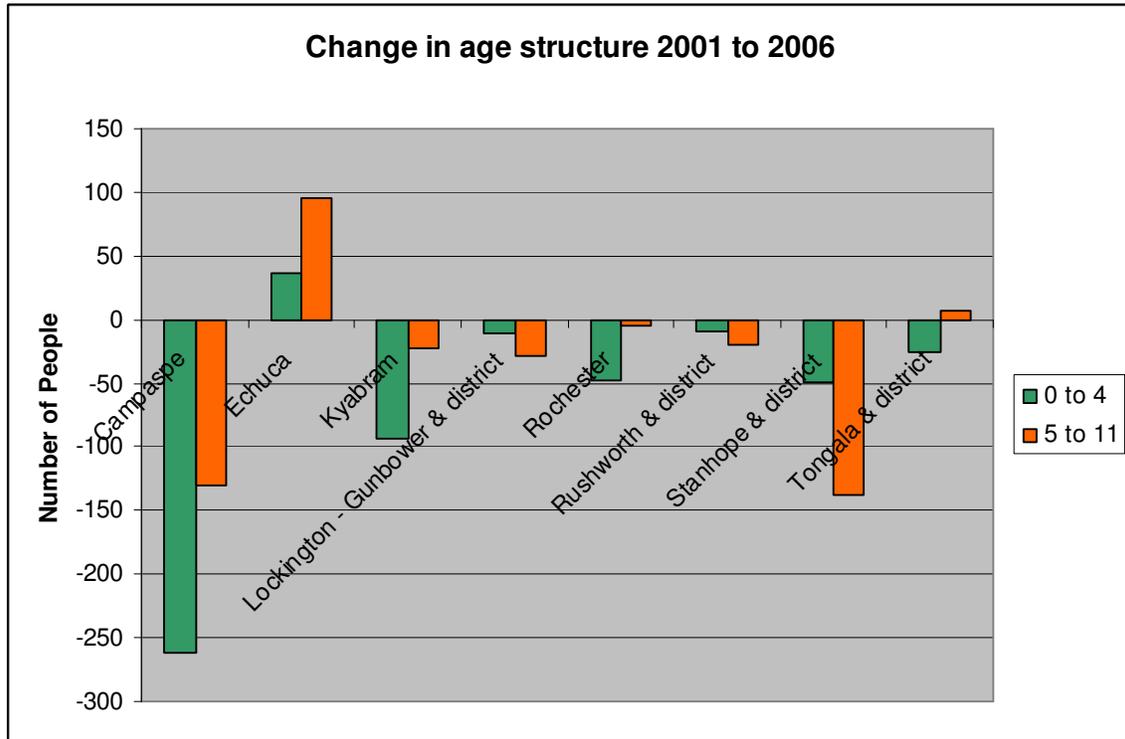
- the population is generally aging, compared to Regional Victoria, Campaspe has a larger proportion of people in the older age cohorts (60+)
- a decrease occurred in the 0 to 4 and 5 to 11 age cohorts between 2001 and 2006 census
- a decrease occurred in the 25 to 34 age cohorts between 2001 and 2006 census
- together age cohorts 0 to 4 and 5 to 11 make up 17% of the total population, the highest being 35 to 49 age cohort at 21.4%
- between 2001 to 2006, Echuca was the only centre where an increase occurred within the age cohorts of 0 to 4 and 5 to 11.

Implications for playground provision of the demographic analysis

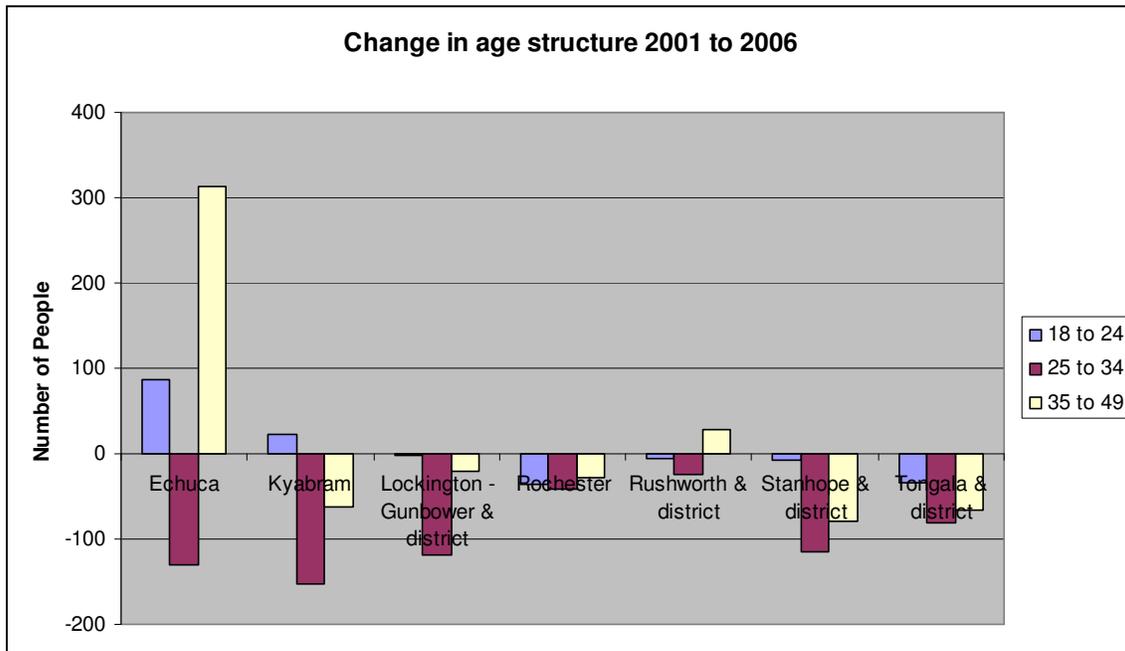
- Age groups that would use playgrounds have declined in the majority of Campaspe’s centres between 2001 to 2006
- Echuca is the only centre to have an expected increase in all of the relevant age cohorts from 2006 to 2031
- Future changes in population may affect playground development and rationalisation;
  - Majority of centres (excluding Echuca) have a forecasted small increase or no change in the 0 to 4 age cohort
  - Majority of centres (excluding Echuca) have a forecasted decrease or no change in the 5 to 11 age cohort
  - Kyabram and Tongala & district have no change or a small increase in the relevant age cohorts

The graphs below show a clear picture of the decline in certain age cohorts and future projections of each centre in relation to age.

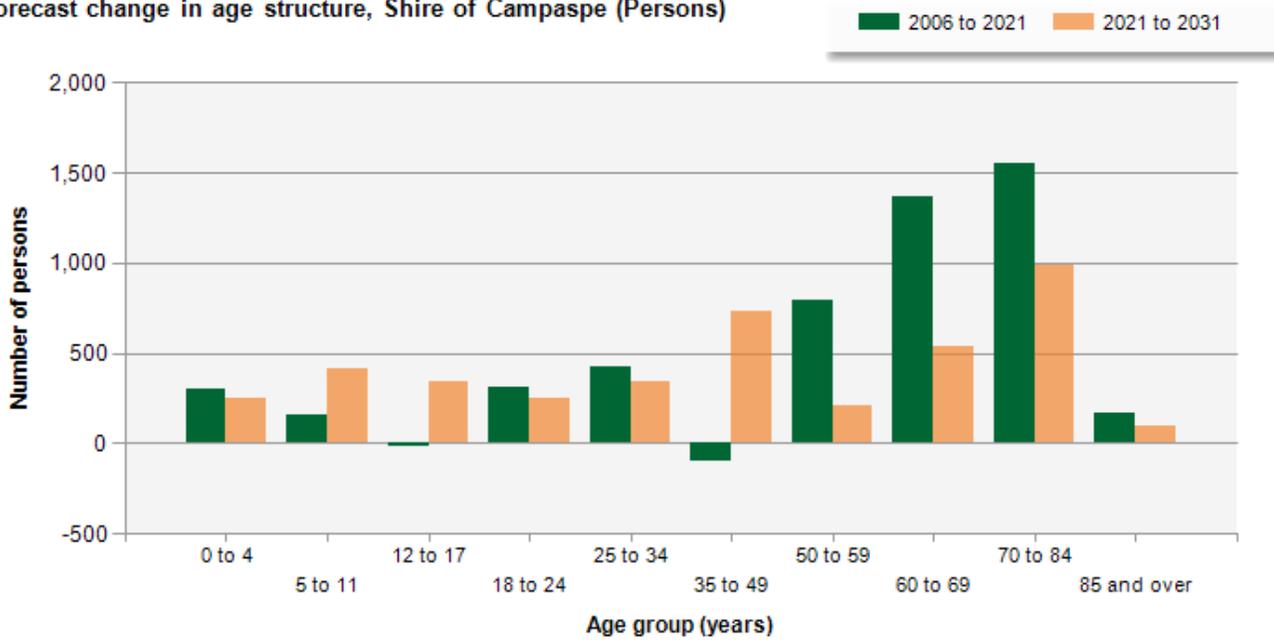
Shire of Campaspe Change in age structure 2001 to 2006



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2006 to 2001 Census of Population and Housing (Enumerated)



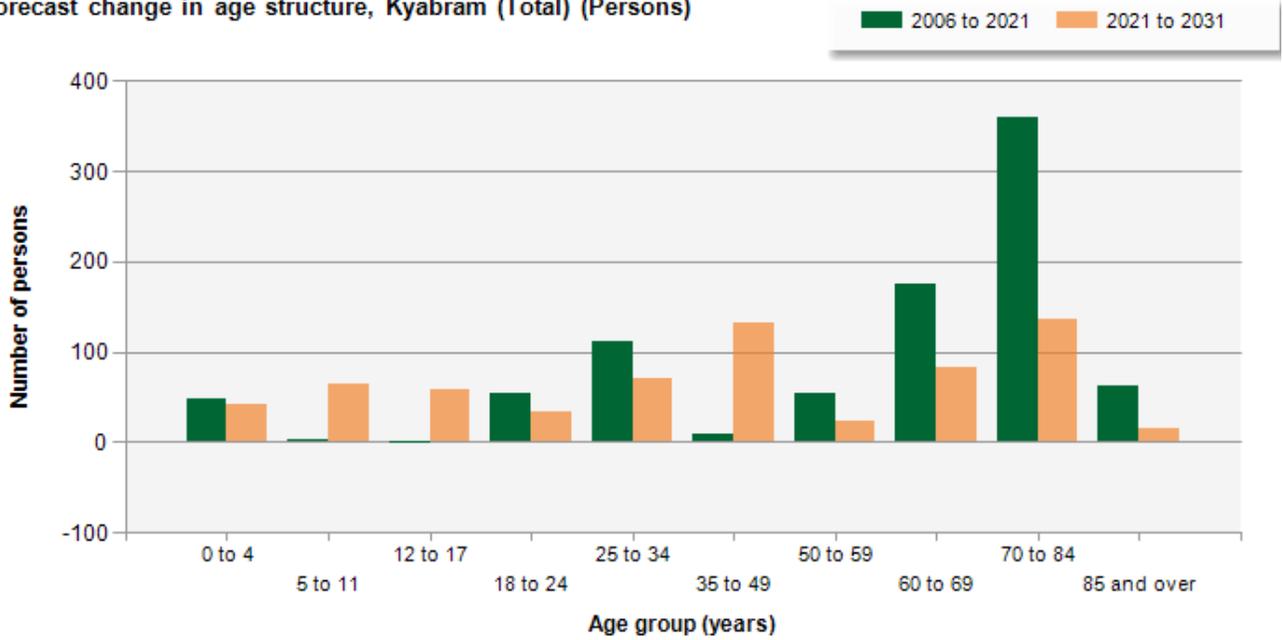
Forecast change in age structure, Shire of Campaspe (Persons)



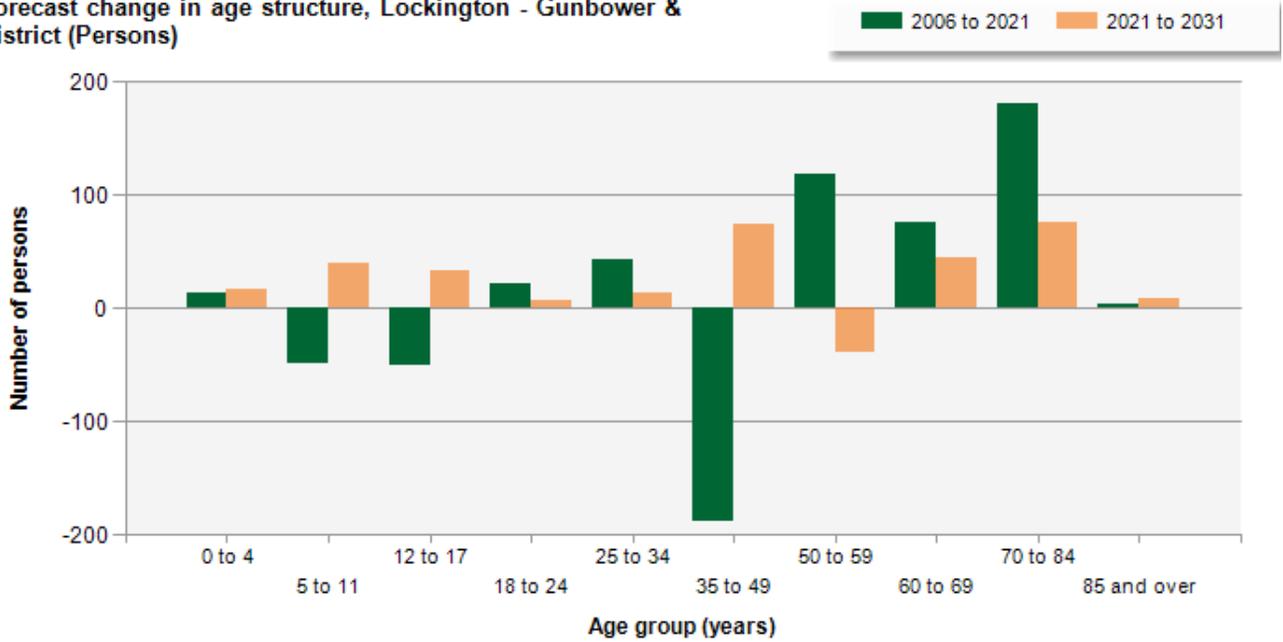
Forecast change in age structure, Echuca (Total) (Persons)



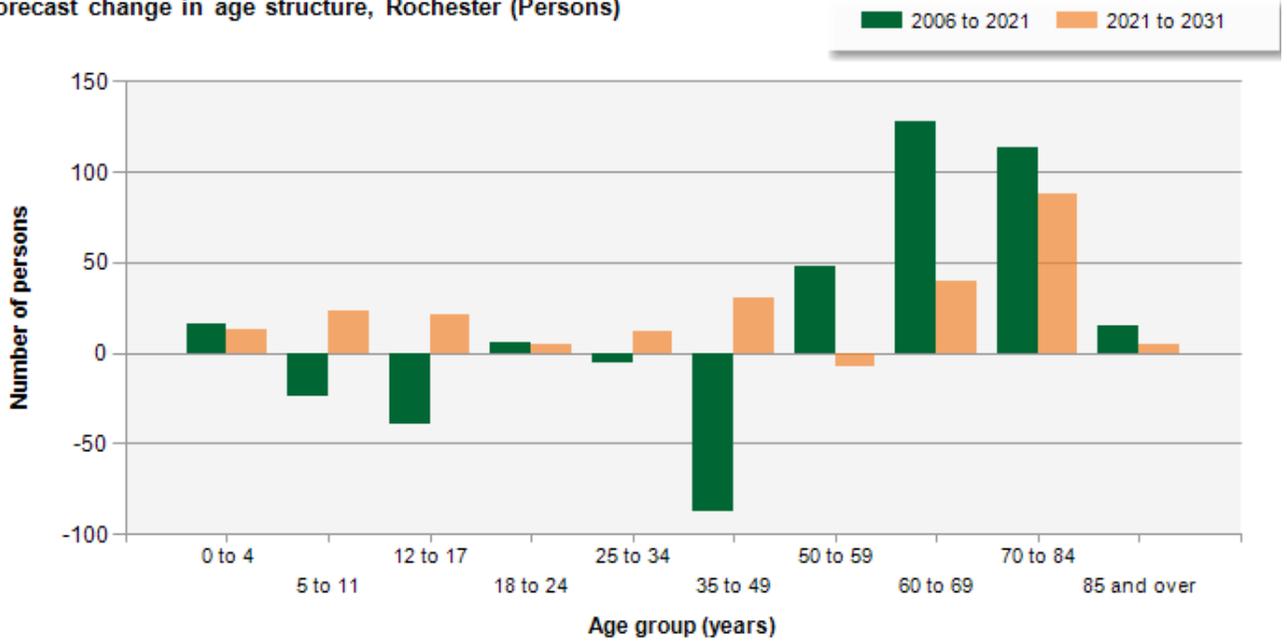
Forecast change in age structure, Kyabram (Total) (Persons)



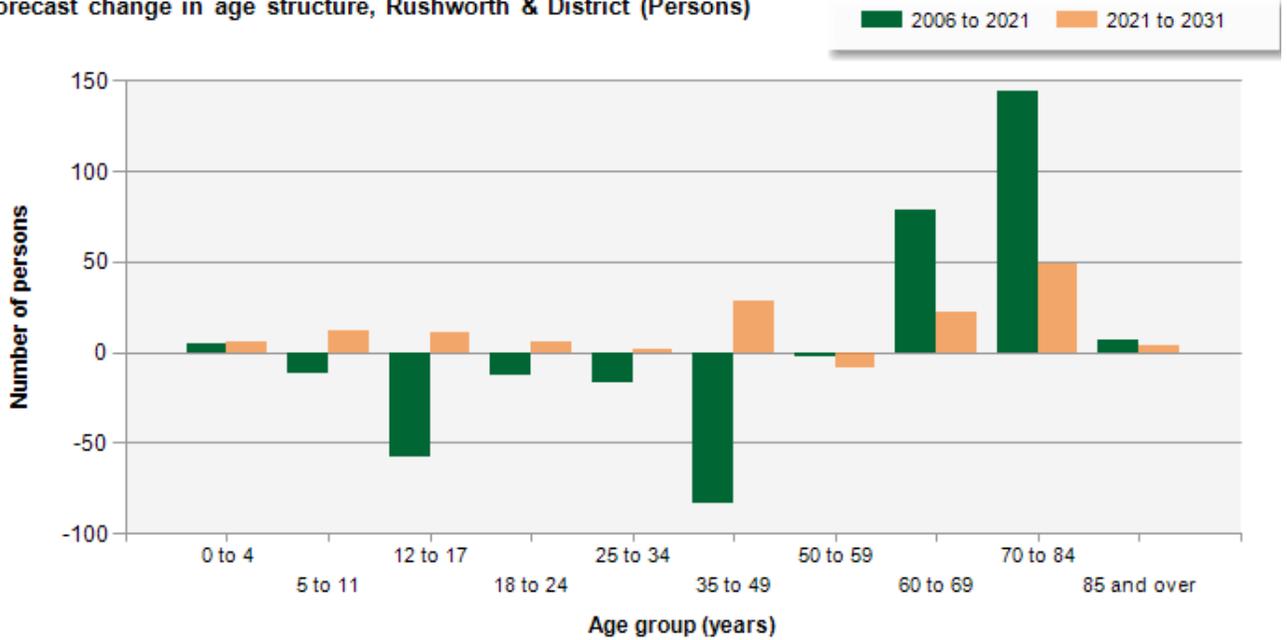
Forecast change in age structure, Lockington - Gunbower & District (Persons)



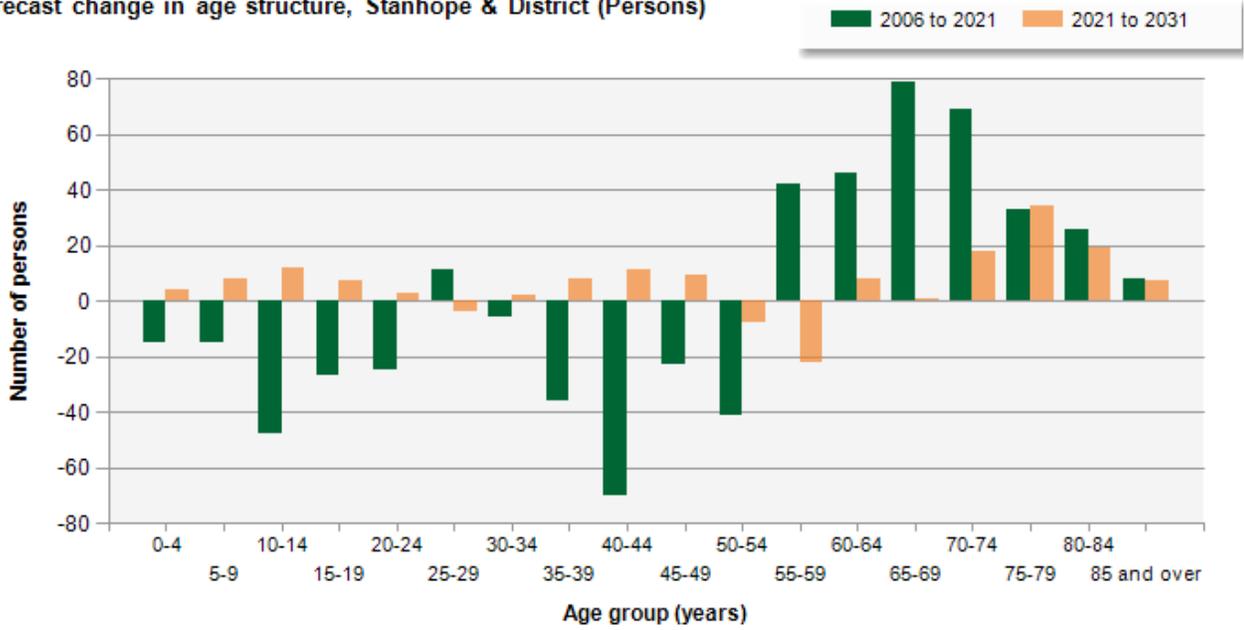
Forecast change in age structure, Rochester (Persons)



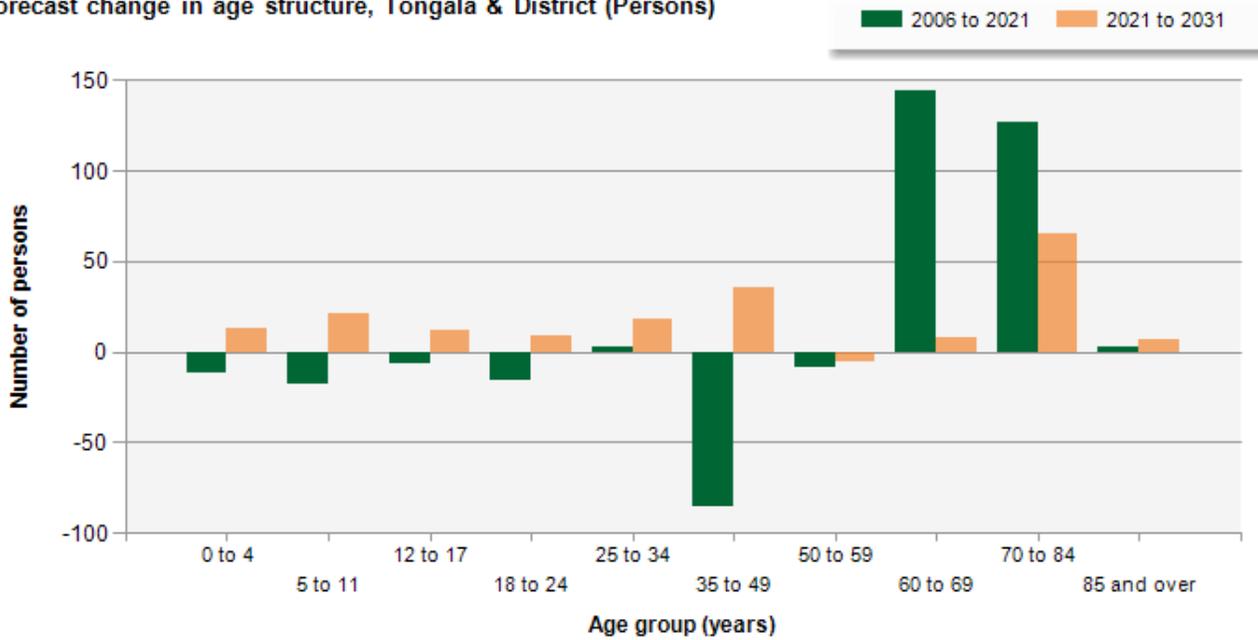
Forecast change in age structure, Rushworth & District (Persons)



Forecast change in age structure, Stanhope & District (Persons)



Forecast change in age structure, Tongala & District (Persons)



## Playground Planning Principles and Categories

Strategy reference 4.0 and 5.0

A literature review of playground strategies throughout Victoria found that many Council's have similar playground principles to aid in the decision making process when developing playgrounds.

Victorian playground ground strategies reviewed include;

- City of Boroondara 2005
- City of Casey 2010
- City of Greater Bendigo 2009-2014
- Surf Coast Shire 2011
- City of Greater Geelong 2011 -2020 (draft)

### Planning and Design Guidelines

New planning and design guidelines have been developed to give a more current and relevant framework when developing new playgrounds or any renewals.

Guideline	Action
<b>Access &amp; Inclusion</b>	
<p>To provide safe and convenient access to play spaces and for spaces to be designed to promote inclusiveness for people of all abilities and ages.</p>	<p>Provide play elements for people with a disability, incorporate physical access and a range of sensory components.</p> <p>Access to the site by pathways and connections, as well as pathways throughout the space, connecting play elements and amenities.</p> <p>Including everyone into the space, not just with ramps or specific wheelchair swings, investigate other options; raised sandboxes, high backs on swings with arm rests.</p>
<b>Diversity</b>	
<p>To provide a diverse range of age appropriate play opportunities and landscaping at different playgrounds throughout the municipality that encourage social interaction, imaginative play and the development of motor skills.</p>	<p>Provide opportunities for active play for children to test and develop their capabilities and skills.</p> <p>Incorporate play elements that encourage all different types of play; social play, physical activity, creative and games of imagination.</p> <p>To work with stakeholders to create unique and attractive play facilities which reflect the needs of young people - incorporating a range of different materials, landscaping and art.</p>
<b>Community Engagement</b>	
<p>Engage with children, schools and carers to develop playgrounds that meet the needs of the community.</p>	<p>All residents and particularly young people will be invited to be involved in the development of play spaces (new or renewal), regional and district play spaces and any other place space of significance.</p>
<b>Linkages</b>	
<p>Play spaces will be connected to the communities by different modes of transport and connections; cycling/walking networks, roads and pathways.</p>	<p>Providing bike tracks, walking paths and safe road crossings where appropriate to improve connectivity to play spaces.</p>

Location of playgrounds will consider walkable distance of local playgrounds and good access to district and regional playgrounds.

### Safety

Playgrounds developed, managed and maintained to a safe standard and in accordance with relevant guidelines and regulations.

Ensure that play spaces are maintained and inspected on a regular basis internally and externally when required.

Play spaces and playgrounds to be developed within sites that meet the public open space guidelines.

Incorporate public safety considerations in the design and provision of play spaces, including Crime Prevention through Environmental Design principles.

Avoid isolated pockets of land and areas which have limited passive surveillance.

### Fences, shade and surfaces

Barriers or fences near or around playgrounds will be provided only when there is an identifiable risk.

Where fencing is required, alternative forms of fencing should be investigated. Pool style fencing around equipment is not encouraged and using a barrier as part of the play should be considered.

Surfaces will reflect the character and nature of the play space and meet relevant standards.

Appropriate surfacing will be investigated for different playgrounds, that comply with fall zones and the standards.

Shade to be provided at play spaces, considering the benefits of natural shade over shade structures.

Where practical undertake shade tree planting in and around play spaces. The provision of shade from built structures may be considered if shade cannot be effectively provided by trees.

### Amenities

The provision of supportive infrastructure will be consistent with the classification matrix of each playground (local, district and regional).

Toilets, picnic tables, seating, bins, BBQs and sheltered areas are provided for playgrounds, dependent on the ranking in the playground classification matrix.

### Equity

An equitable distribution of playgrounds throughout the municipality that caters for the needs of each community and provides reasonable access to all residents.

Use the guide of the 500m catchment area and walking distance for a local playground.

District playgrounds to be generally a 500m to 2km radius and can act as a local playground for residents within the 500m catchment.

Regional playgrounds service the entire town and surrounding townships.

Ensure an appropriate ratio is maintained, using the playground strategy review figures.

## Aesthetics

Play spaces will be designed and constructed to provide opportunities for children to develop key skills and behaviours through active, social and creative play.

Use play materials that compliment the neighbourhood character, the look and feel of the park.

Integrate new play equipment with existing trees, garden beds, mounds, historic or other features.

Use the natural environment where possible, include materials such as rocks, logs and vegetation.

Identified playground categories or hierarchy are also in line with other Council's and the strategies reviewed all stated at least three main categories, with some strategies having more. From this information it is recommended the playground categories be;

- Local
- Small township
- District, and
- Regional playgrounds

The category of Small township has been included to classify the playgrounds in smaller towns. These playgrounds might not normally fit in the local playground category as they sometimes have toilets, BBQs, picnic tables and other supporting amenities.

The criteria for the four categories are fairly consistent across the State, with a few minor differences, generally around accessibility, amenities and design. See appendix 1.0 for an outline of the categories in the Playground Classification Matrix.

Pocket playgrounds also feature in the Campaspe Shire and are not generally recommended. They are often a historical anomaly and are on small reserves which are not large enough to provide a full range of social/ recreation functions that a full sized park or playground offers.

## Current Playground Provision

Strategy reference 6.0

The 2007 strategy suggests to have a minimum of 1 playground in each town with a population exceeding 100 people and to assume a ratio of one playground per 705 (which is an average rate of playground provision amongst 12 regional and rural municipalities in Victoria as well as Murray Shire).

Since the development of the strategy there has been an increase in the provision of playgrounds throughout the Shire, either, owned, managed or inspected by the Shire of Campaspe. Only two were listed as future developments within the strategy. These include;

- Colbinabbin Recreation Reserve
- Echuca Lions Park (identified to be developed as per the strategy, Campaspe River Reserve)
- Girgarre Recreation Reserve
- Tongala Recreation Reserve
- Victoria Park, Echuca (identified to be developed as per the strategy)

- Echuca Caravan Park

Echuca is currently under serviced by playgrounds. The strategy outlines playgrounds to be developed in the centre of Echuca at Alton Reserve and Banyule Reserve. Whilst Echuca has an undersupply of playgrounds there are approximately 10 primary schools/preschools with play equipment and open space. Anecdotal evidence that suggests the community are using school playgrounds and open space for recreation. There is potential to develop agreements with the schools rather than fund new infrastructure.

Moama, in the Murray Shire also has a variety of play spaces throughout the township and hosts the Shire's regional playground. This playground also services the Echuca area.

As part of the review of current playground provisions for urban areas within Campaspe Shire population figures for each of the urban areas were updated from 2001 to 2006 census data. Changes in population have resulted in playground ratios remaining basically the same.

A number of the smaller towns have two playgrounds, one usually being located in a recreation reserve. The provision of more than one playground in these smaller towns results in a ratio of one playground for every 100 people. This ratio represents an over servicing of playgrounds in a number of the communities, based on the average playground ratio.

The towns of Lockington, Girgarre, Gunbower, Colbinabbin and Tongala (all of which are categorised as local/town playgrounds in the strategy) are deemed over serviced, under the provision of the ratio.

Town	Population (2006)	No. of playgrounds	Ratio
Colbinabbin	112	2	56:1
Echuca	12, 974	12	1117:1
Girgarre	185	2	93:1
Gunbower	265	2	133:1
Kyabram	5379	11	489:1
Ky Valley	<50	1	50:1
Lockington	403	3	134:1
Rochester	2690	5	538:1
Rushworth	1016	2	508:1
Stanhope	497	1	497:1
Tongala	1240	3	413:1
Other	12, 227	0	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37, 433</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>850:1</b>

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2006 Campaspe Community Atlas

Playground ratio using 0 – 11 year old age group population figures

Town/District	Population 0 -11 year age group	No. of playgrounds	Ratio
Colbinabbin	Approx 20	2	10:1
Echuca	2228	12	185:1
Girgarre	37	2	18:1
Gunbower	45	2	22:1
Kyabram	810	11	73:1
Ky Valley	-	-	-
Lockington	77	3	25:1
Rochester	463	5	92:1
Rushworth	134	2	67:1
Stanhope	59	1	59:1
Tongala	247	3	82:1
<b>TOTAL</b>	4112	44	93:1

The tables above do not include playgrounds located at local childcare centres or schools. Below is a table outlining the number of schools, childcare centres and other locations that have playgrounds, and/ or play space. It should be noted that a number of these facilities have restricted access and are not available for play by the general public. However a number including primary schools within each of the towns are accessible and used for general play.

Town	Schools	Child Care	Other (Caravan Parks)
Colbinabbin	1	1	-
Echuca	8	3	1
Girgarre	1	-	-
Gunbower	1	1	1
Kyabram	4	2	-
Ky Valley	-	-	-
Lockington	1	1	-
Rochester	3	1	1
Rushworth	2	1	-
Stanhope	1	1	-
Tongala	2	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	25	12	

Appendix 2.0 shows the playground distribution and level of service in each township. The maps show the 500m radius around each playground, which is the distance that is generally acceptable for people to walk to a local playground. The maps outline playgrounds for rationalisation, development and for retaining and also include school playgrounds and skate parks.

## Development of New Playgrounds

Strategy reference 11.0

The strategy highlighted a number of sites for new development, redevelopment or relocation. These included:

- Drum Street, Kyabram – any future plans for this site needs to be discussed with Council's Governance Manager. Council leases the land from Vic Track and there could be potential for the lease to cease.

- Geyle Street, Rushworth - to be moved to Recreation Reserve. The development of the Aquatic Strategy could impact any decisions relating to this playground, therefore a review will take place once the Aquatic Strategy has been adopted.
- Northern Oval, Kyabram - recommendation for new site for playground, along side the rationalisation of other playgrounds in the north of Kyabram. A master plan is being developed, it is unlikely a playground will be developed at this site at this stage.
- Alton Reserve and Banyule Reserve - identified as potential sites for playgrounds. Alton Reserve master plan has space allocated for a playground in the future. While Echuca seems to have an undersupply of playgrounds there are approximately 8 school playgrounds anecdotally being used by the community. Passive parks are also an important community asset, particularly for people without children who want a space to recreate.

Any development of new playgrounds in the Shire will have to consider affordability, sustainability and a space that is strategically identified to have maximum use of the community. Any development of new or existing playgrounds will have to be in line with the planning and design guidelines outlined in section 4.0 of the strategy review.

## **Rationalisation of Existing Playgrounds**

Strategy reference 12.0

The strategy recommends a number of playgrounds be rationalised at end of life. The playgrounds identified include;

- Clare Avenue, Lockington (end of life 2015)
- Frederick St, Kyabram (end of life 2026)
- Crow Crt, Kyabram (end of life for Combo Unit 2014, swings 2020)
- Glass Crt, Kyabram (end of life 2013)
- Prunus Court, Kyabram (end of life 2026)
- Poplar Street, Kyabram (end of life 2029)

Consultation with Council Officers and site visits to these playgrounds has identified the following;

- Clare Avenue, Fredrick Street, Crow Court and Glass Court to continue to be rationalised at end of life. These spaces all have low usage and the space provided is considered unsuitable given its size. In addition safety at each of these sites is a concern due to limited visibility and opportunity for surveillance.
- Prunus Court is located on a drainage point and has high usage therefore is recommended to remain as open space.
- Poplar Street was listed for rationalisation though further review highlights residential development in close proximity of the playground. It is recommended Poplar Street Playground remains operational.
- Equipment at both Poplar Street and Prunus Court has been replaced since the Strategy implementation in 2007.

The strategy recommends that whilst equipment is to be rationalised for Clare Avenue, Frederick Street, Crow Court and Glass Court, that these sites should be retained as open space. It is the recommendation of

this review that those sites not be retained as open space as they are insufficiently large enough to provide for active recreation. Further the limited visibility of the sites does not encourage passive recreation.

The review recommends these sites be sold as surplus land and funds from this be invested to provide better play spaces, improved connectivity and linkages throughout these communities.

Consultation with Council Officers and site visits to Echuca Playgrounds has identified the following;

- Garden Crescent and Murrumbidgee Drive are low usage playgrounds, usage should be monitored and note for consideration as part of any future review.
- Wilson Court playground has a high level of vandalism, any future development at this site should consider this.
- A designated accessible playground is required (please refer to section 13.0 for more information)
- Hopwood Gardens equipment has reached end of life and is currently undergoing review for replacement.

## **Fencing, Shade, Rubber Matting, Infrastructure and Equipment for People with Disability at Playgrounds**

Strategy reference 13.0

Provision of fences and shade structures at playgrounds as listed in the recommendations of the strategy are no longer being installed. Installation has occurred at a number of sites around the Shire including:

- Rubbing matting at Apex Park Playground, Echuca.
- Shade sails at Lions Park, Rushworth, John Pilley Reserve Kyabram and Rochester Rotary Park.
- Fences installed at Gunbower playground, John Pilley Reserve Kyabram and Apex Lions Park Lockington.

Council budget process does not permit new and upgrade other than for compliance purposes. This infrastructure is not a compliance matter. Where infrastructure has been installed no budgets exist for maintenance or renewal. Playgrounds where shade and fences are recommended in the strategy but haven't been installed are;

Shade not installed

- Hopwood Gardens, Echuca
- Tongala Lions Park
- Colbinabbin Memorial Hall

Fence not installed

- Stanhope Playground
- Colbinabbin Memorial Park
- Rushworth Lions Park

Research from Play Australia (formerly Playground and Recreation Association Victoria) and other Council's outline that fencing for playgrounds isn't common and is usually discourage unless to address specific safety issues, where the playground is adjacent to busy roads. When fencing is included it should be barrier fencing as opposed to secure, lockable (pool style) fencing. Fencing can also discourage supervision and interaction with children which is an important component of play.

Signage around the playground isn't consistent or existing. Research suggest play spaces should be inviting and welcoming, therefore clean, maintained and with relevant signage. It is recommended that signage for all playgrounds, parks and reserves be considered in a Shire wide signage strategy/ guidelines.

At this stage there are no playgrounds within the Shire that satisfy the guidelines as accessible to people with a disability. While John Pilley has a liberty swing, this does not deem the playground accessible.

Apex park, Echuca has been designated by Council to be an accessible playground and a liberty swing is recommended to be installed, this does not deem a playground accessible. It is recommended that a playground in Echuca is developed to be accessible by:

- investigate options for accessible equipment and play spaces
- different surfacing options, pathways
- accessible play components
- innovative swing design
- other elements that encourage play for all abilities.

## **Other opportunities for play and playgrounds**

Strategy reference 14.0

Playgrounds with equipment usually stop catering for young people around the time they reach 12 years of age. Apart from organized activities and sports there are other facilities that can be offered for this age group. Skate Parks can cater for young people between 12 to 16 years of age and offer a space for recreation.

Shire of Campaspe has four skate parks located throughout the Shire; Kyabram, Rochester, Rushworth and Tongala. Moama also has a skate park located just across the bridge, making it accessible for residents in Echuca.

The current ratio in the Shire of Campaspe is one skate park provided for every 1,752 members of the community aged between 5 and 17 years of age and then by including Moama it is 1:1402. Findings from other Councils (Shepparton, Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong) found the average ratio to be around one skate park provided for every 3000 members of the community aged between 5 and 17 years of age.

Playgrounds are not the only places for opportunities to play and throughout the Shire there are many open space areas and parks that can be used. Open space contributes to an important part of recreation for all age groups, it provides space for informal ball games, running and other recreation. Open space also provide a space for passive recreation; picnics, walking and other activities.

## **Management**

Strategy reference 15.0

The management structure hasn't had any major changes, except Council now use Notification list on SAP rather than Dataworks.

Playgrounds at all Council owned and managed pre-schools and childcare centres are inspected by Children Services. Annual inspections are arranged between Parks & Gardens and Children Services.

## **Maintenance**

Strategy reference 16.0

The maintenance structure hasn't had any major changes, except Parks & Gardens staff now use a Notification list on SAP rather than Dataworks for inspections. As part of weekly inspections staff submit weekly inspection sheets with their timesheets which are then logged into SAP.

Parks and Gardens have access to the relevant playground standards and are members of the Playground and Recreation Association of Victoria.

Insurance company Civic Mutual Plus is now called MAV Insurance – Liability mutual insurance.

## **Shire of Campaspe Playground Inventory and Replacement Program**

Strategy reference 17.0

The inventory and replacement program has been updated to reflect current infrastructure and the recommendations of this review. A copy of the inventory is attached at appendix 3.0.

## **Playground Equipment Replacement Program 2007-2016**

Strategy reference 19.0

Parks & Gardens Team have a maintenance budget to ensure equipment complies with the Australian Standards and is safe for the users. Equipment is replaced or removed once identified as at end of life. The Parks and Gardens Team are implementing the recommendations of the strategy including sites identified for rationalisation. Equipment that has reached its end of life or broken equipment at these sites identified for rationalisation are being removed and not replaced.

The table on page 59 of the strategy outlining the replacement program is not up-to-date. Community Places & Programs coordinate the renewal of playgrounds.

## **Recommendations**

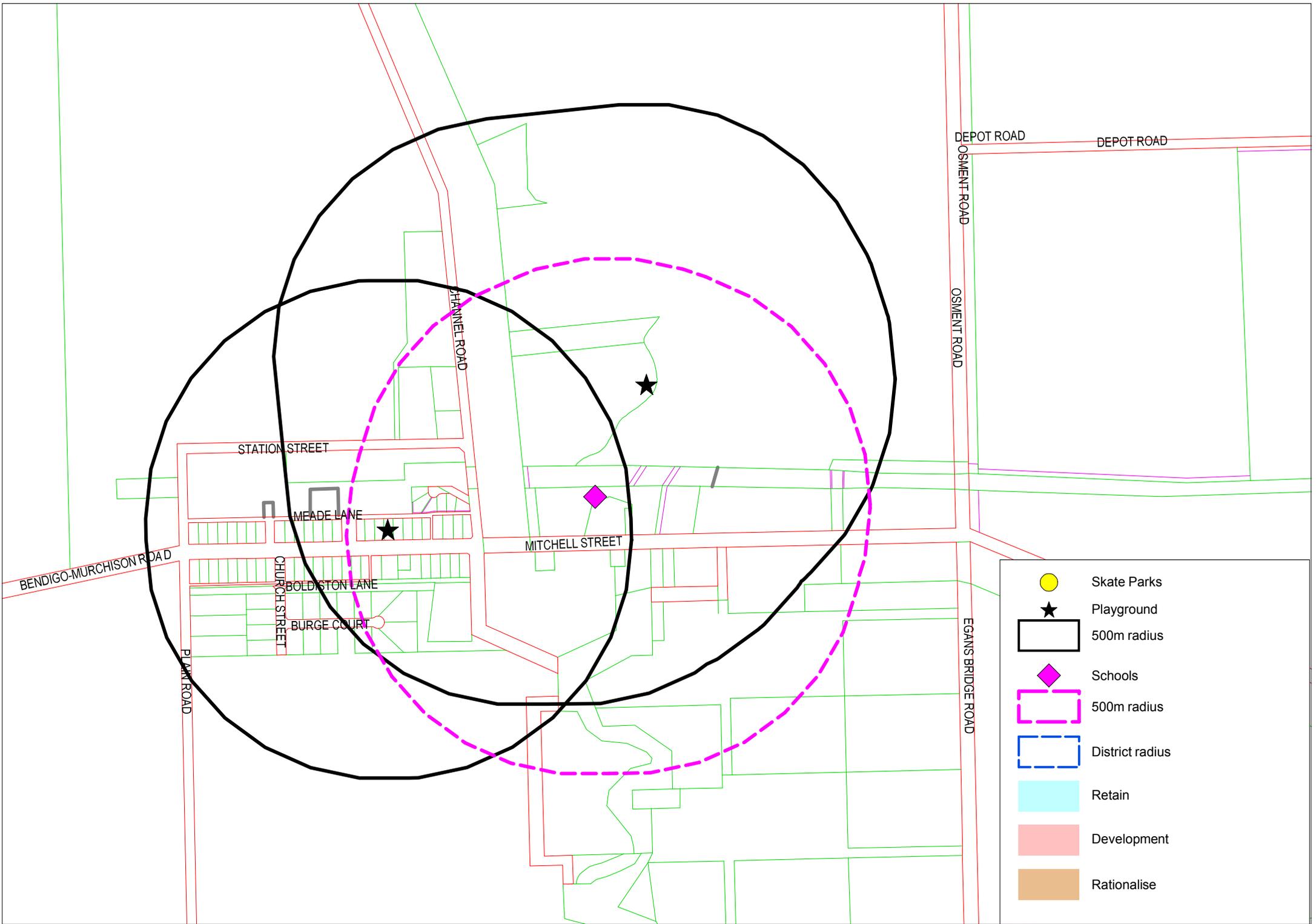
Strategy reference 20.0

The recommendations of the Playground Strategy 2007 have been reviewed and the 2012 status identified and further recommendations developed.

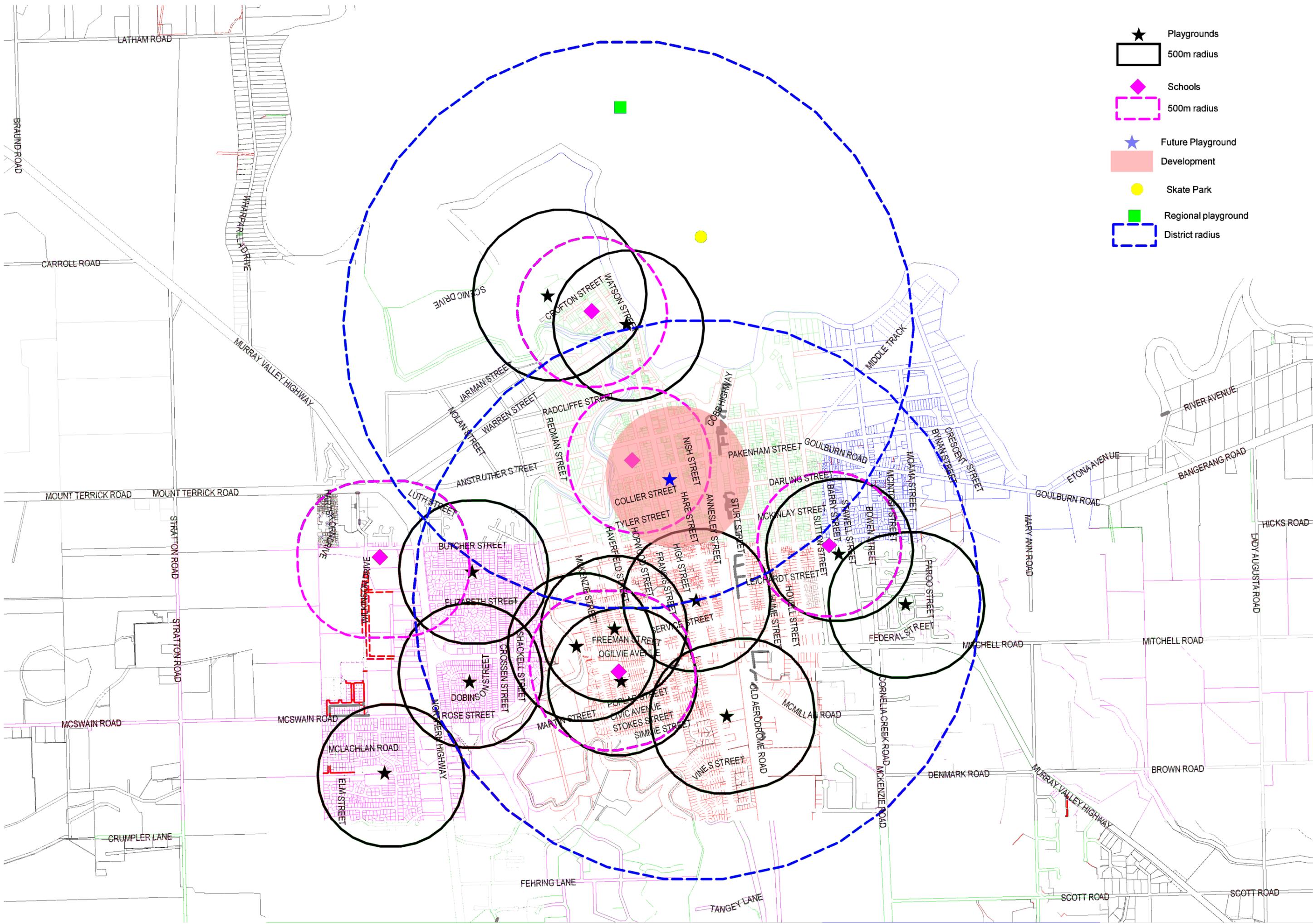
A copy of the revised recommendations are attached at appendix 4.0.

## Playground Classification Matrix

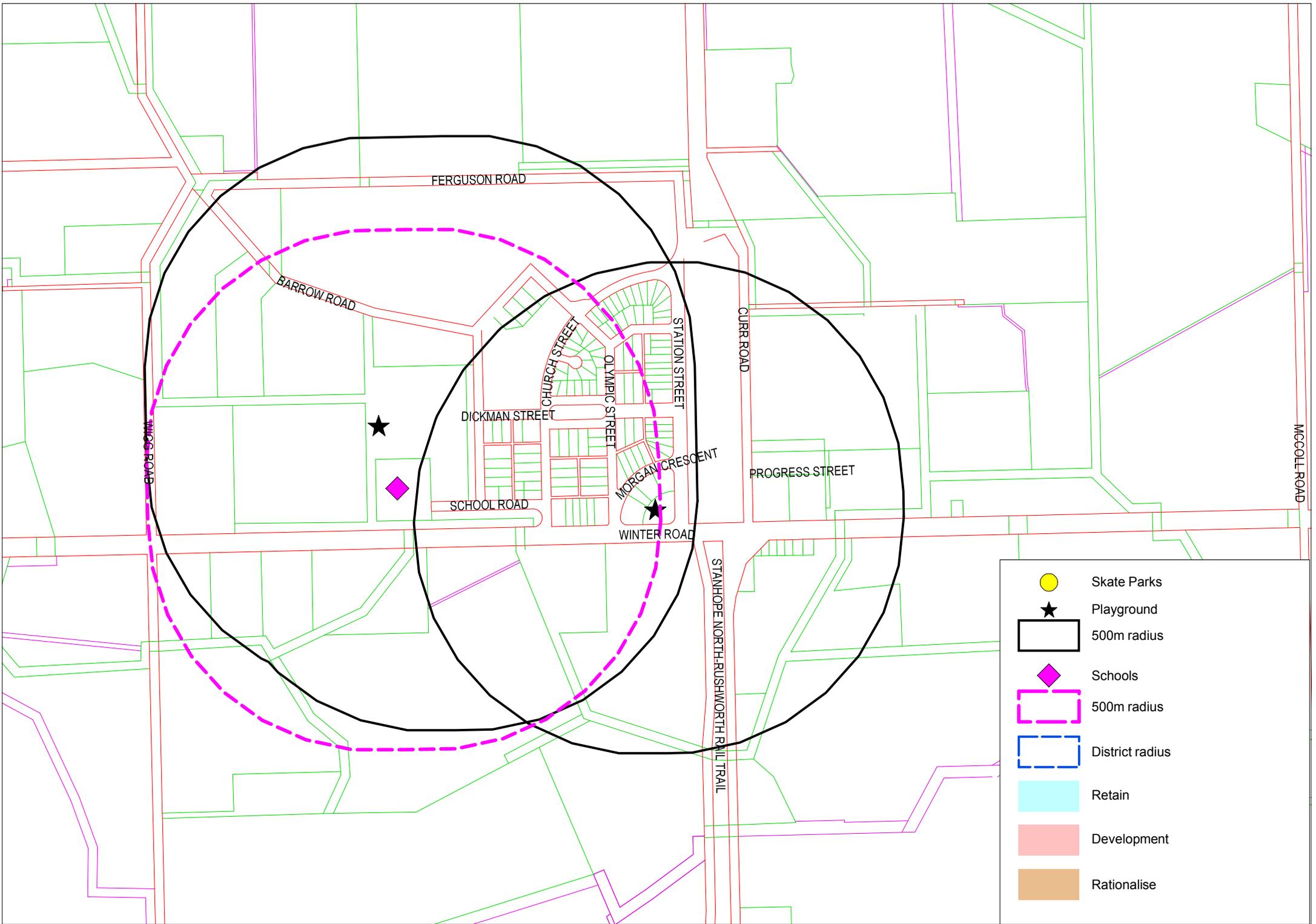
Classification	Size/Location	Play equipment	Amenities	Catchment area	Maintenance	Usage	Access & Inclusion
<p><u>Regional Playgrounds</u></p> <p>Provide a variety of play experiences for a number of age and ability levels. Regional playgrounds are supported by a range of associated facilities that allow for multiple hour visits and are well located to service a number of districts.</p>	<p>Provide enough area of open space to allow for informal recreational activities such as kite flying, informal cricket, ball throwing etc.</p> <p>Retain natural environmental features such as trees, hill, creeks etc.</p> <p>Located in a prominent location, that is central to the population it serves.</p>	<p>Feature a variety of play equipment for all ages and abilities. Be unique in design, have a strong theme and often incorporate artwork.</p> <p>Playgrounds might typically contain a junior and senior combination unit, double swing set, a feature piece of equipment, a challenging yet safe environment and will also incorporate the natural environment.</p> <p>Other play experiences besides equipment might be utilised, the location and surroundings of the space should influence the design.</p>	<p>Seating for 10+ people</p> <p>1-3 bins</p> <p>2 -3 picnic tables</p> <p>1 Drinking fountain</p> <p>BBQ</p> <p>Toilets with an accessible toilet</p> <p>Natural shade throughout the space, where possible</p> <p>Security lighting</p> <p>Car parking</p> <p>Bike racks</p> <p>Connections to cycling/walking tracks</p> <p>Consistent signage</p>	<p>Located in towns with a population of over 10,000</p> <p>Have a catchment of an entire town plus surrounding townships</p>	<p>Weekly and quarterly inspections by the Parks &amp; Gardens team.</p> <p>Annual inspections completed by external auditor.</p>	<p>High levels of usage</p> <p>Multiple hour visits</p> <p>Use more for an activity and outing rather than a quick play</p>	<p>Provide for people with a disability through the provision of accessible amenity facilities and a number of accessible play areas.</p> <p>Play opportunities are provided for all age groups and abilities where they are able to experience play together.</p>
<p><u>District Playgrounds</u></p> <p>Provide a wider variety of play experiences than local playgrounds and cater for a broader range of ages and abilities.</p>	<p>Medium to large playgrounds usually situated within larger parks/reserves to encourage informal active recreation pursuits.</p>	<p>Feature a variety of play equipment for all ages and abilities. Junior and senior combination unit, double swing set, spring rockers and slide.</p> <p>May also feature natural play elements and other play elements that suit the sites location and surroundings.</p>	<p>Seating for 5- 10 people</p> <p>1-2 bins</p> <p>1-2 picnic tables</p> <p>1 drinking fountain</p> <p>BBQ</p> <p>Toilets within 500m</p> <p>Natural shade throughout the space, where possible</p> <p>Security lighting</p> <p>Car parking</p> <p>Bike racks</p> <p>Connections to cycling/walking tracks</p> <p>Consistent signage</p>	<p>500m - 2km radius</p> <p>Acts as a local facility for people living within a 500 metre catchment zone.</p>	<p>Weekly and quarterly inspections by the Parks &amp; Gardens team.</p> <p>Annual inspections completed by external auditor.</p>	<p>High levels of usage</p> <p>1 - 2 hour visits though can also act as a local playground and shorter visits</p>	<p>Have some level of accessibility for people with a disability, particularly pathways to equipment.</p> <p>A diverse range of play opportunities for all age groups and abilities.</p>
<p><u>Small township playgrounds</u></p> <p>In smaller towns the local playgrounds might be known as township playgrounds and can have more equipment, space and amenities than the smaller local playgrounds.</p>	<p>Usually small to medium in size and would be regarded as the main playground in the town.</p>	<p>A basic level of equipment; combination unit, double swing set with toddler and/or spring rockers. Equipment can sometimes be more than what is usually provided in a local playground.</p> <p>May also feature natural play elements and other play elements that suit the sites location and surroundings.</p>	<p>Seating for 1-5 people</p> <p>1 bin</p> <p>Natural shade, somewhere within the play space</p> <p>Consistent signage</p> <p>**BBQ</p> <p>**toilets within 500m</p> <p>**picnic facilities</p> <p>(** some of the bigger sites have BBQ facilities and toilets)</p>	<p>Usually service the whole town and are in a walkable distance for most of the residents.</p>	<p>Weekly and quarterly inspections by the Parks &amp; Gardens team.</p> <p>Annual inspections completed by external auditor.</p>	<p>Higher usage than smaller local playgrounds and visits have the potential to be longer and in conjunction with use of amenities (BBQ, picnic table etc).</p>	<p>While these playgrounds aren't always diverse they do add value to the community and play an important part in health and well being.</p> <p>It's important that they still are guided by the playground principles and have some accessible components or pathways.</p>
<p><u>Local Playgrounds</u></p> <p>Located close to residential areas to provide basic play opportunities for the surrounding neighbourhood. They generally have limited equipment and are used for shorter time periods.</p>	<p>Small in size and ideally accessible via a safe path network.</p> <p>Campaspe has a few "pocket" Playgrounds where visibility is low and the playground is surrounded by rear and side fences. These types of playgrounds aren't recommended.</p>	<p>Provide a basic level of equipment; Combination unit, double swing set with toddler and and/or spring rockers.</p> <p>May also feature natural play elements and other play elements that suit the sites location and surroundings.</p>	<p>Seating for 3 people</p> <p>1 bin</p> <p>Natural shade, somewhere within the play space</p>	<p>500m radius (taking into consideration barriers such as major roads, rivers, etc)</p>	<p>Weekly and quarterly inspections by the Parks &amp; Gardens team.</p> <p>Annual inspections completed by external auditor.</p>	<p>Shorter visits with low - medium usage.</p>	<p>While these playgrounds aren't always diverse they do add value to the community and play an important part in health and well being.</p> <p>It's important that they still are guided by the playground principles and have some accessible components or pathways.</p>



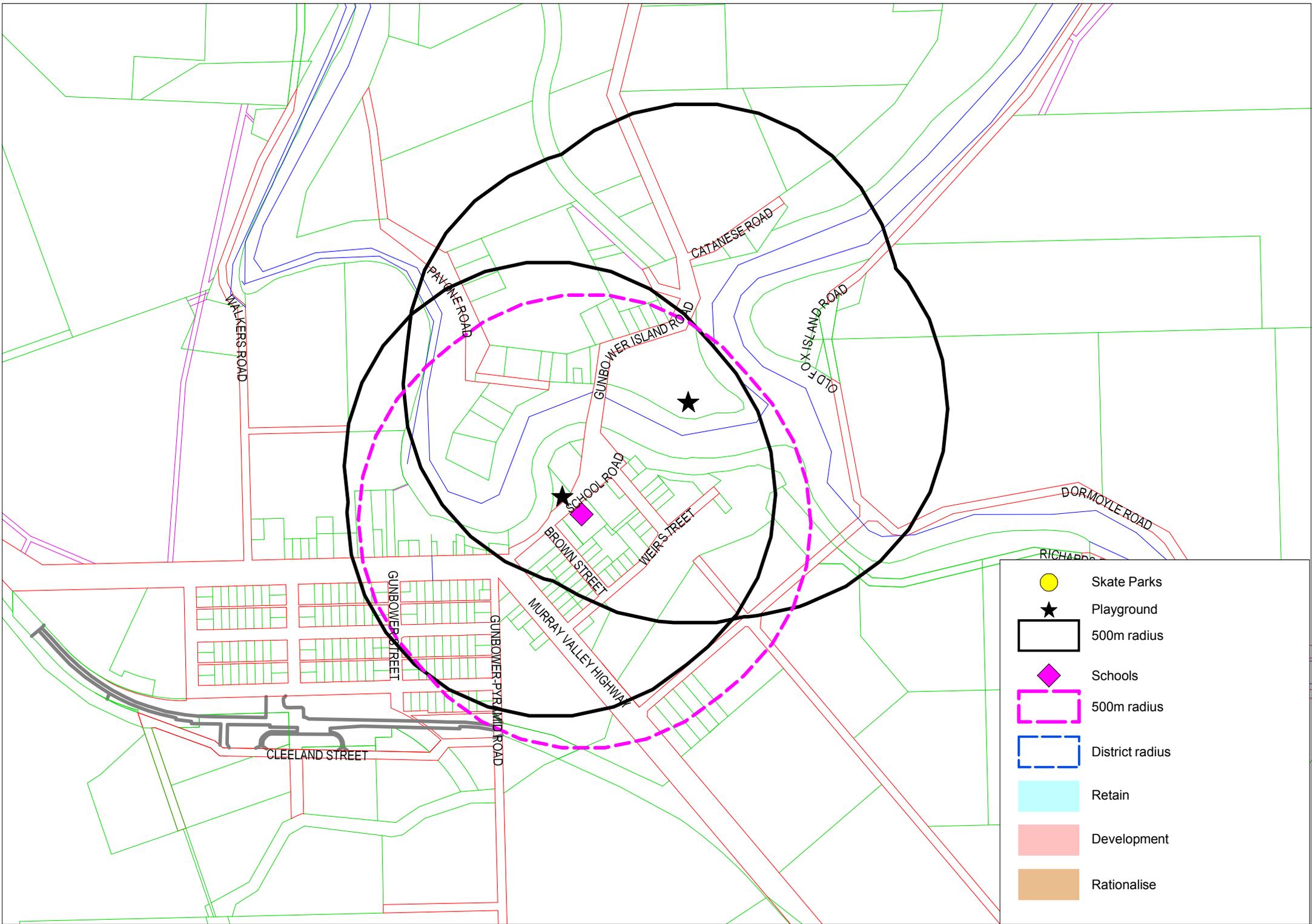
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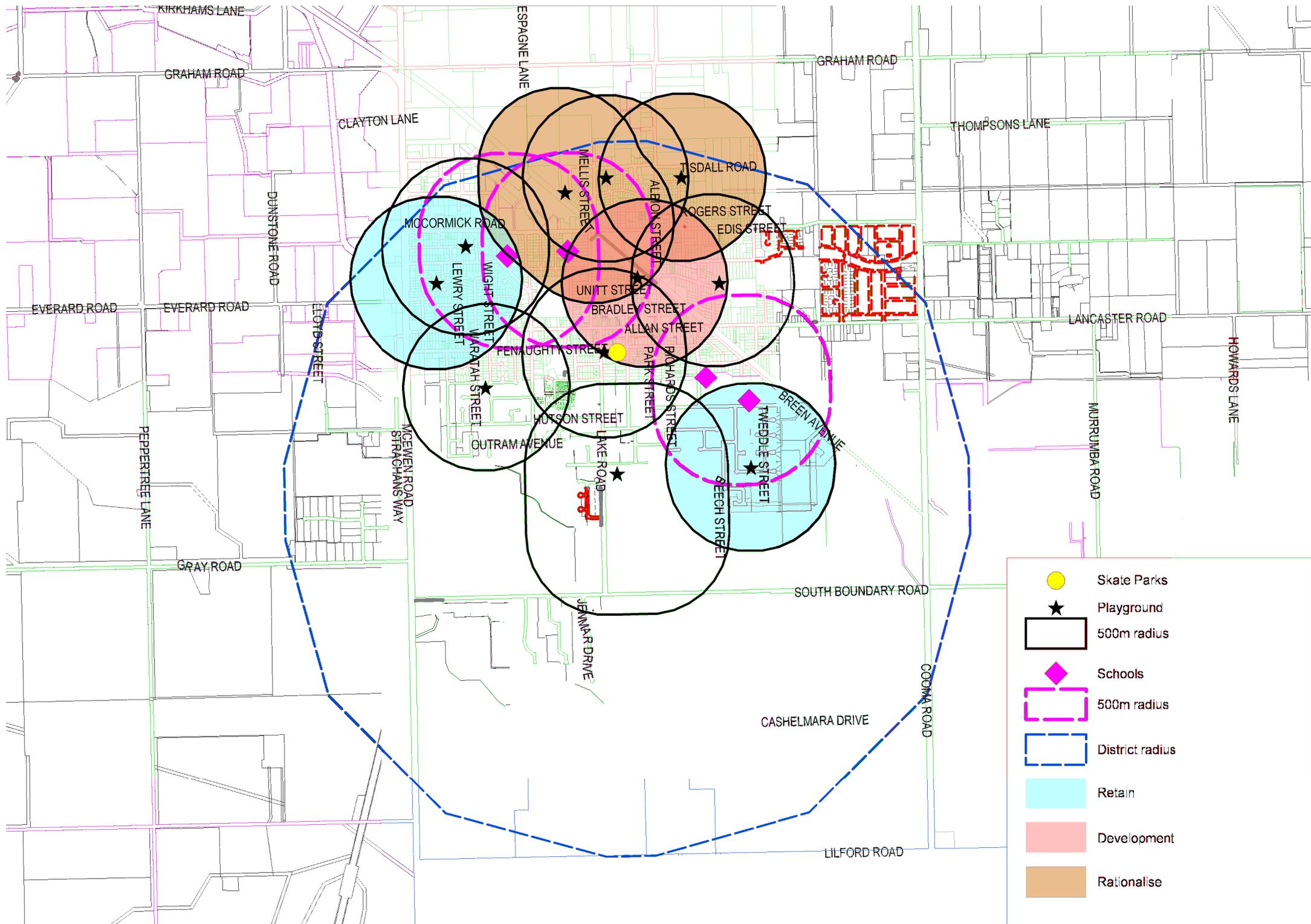
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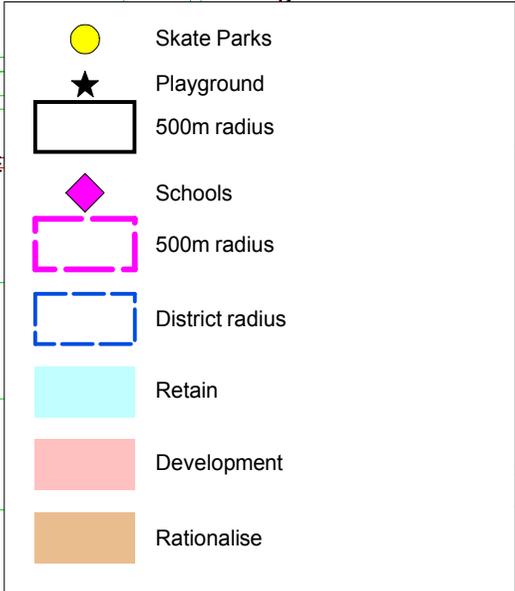
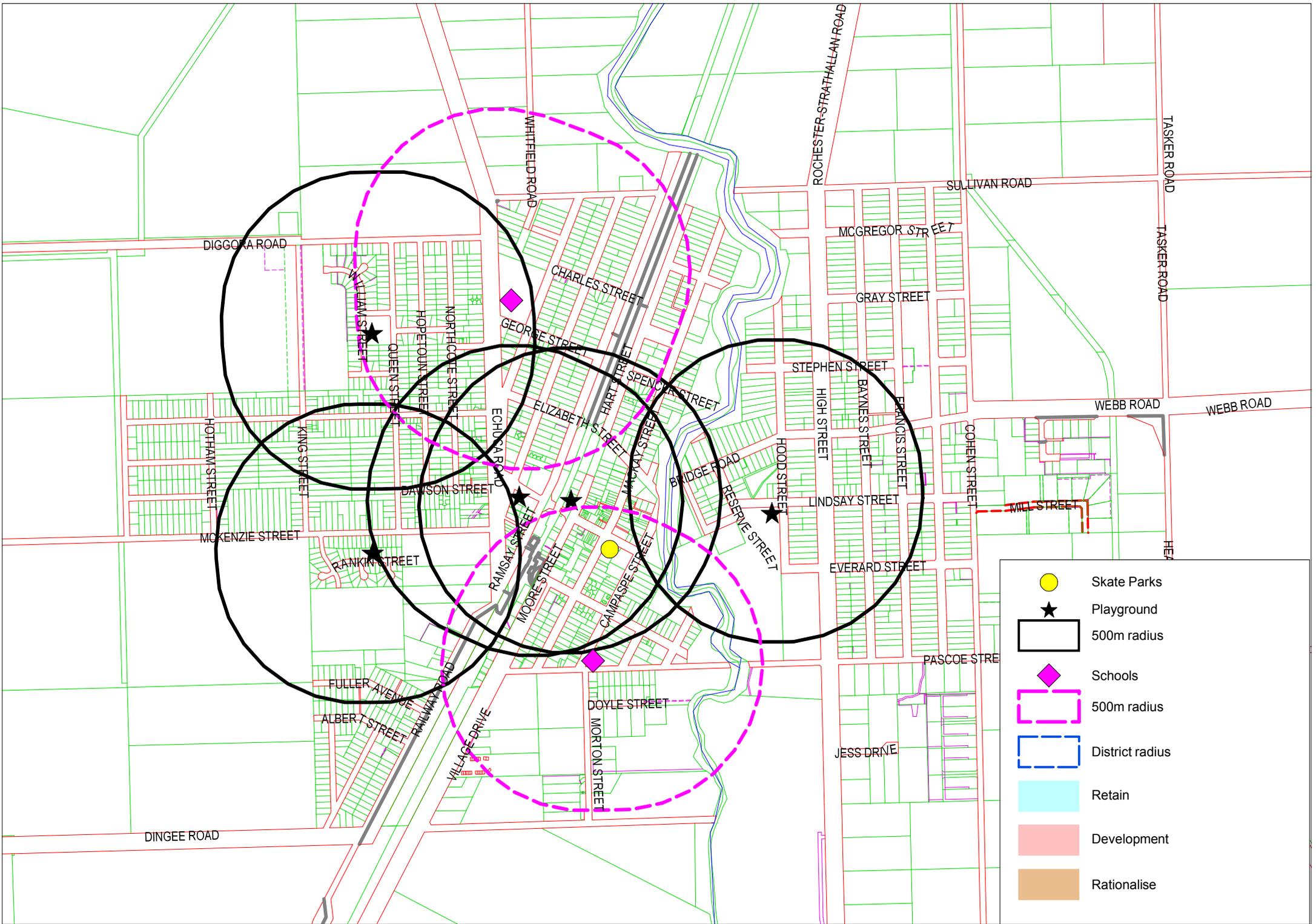


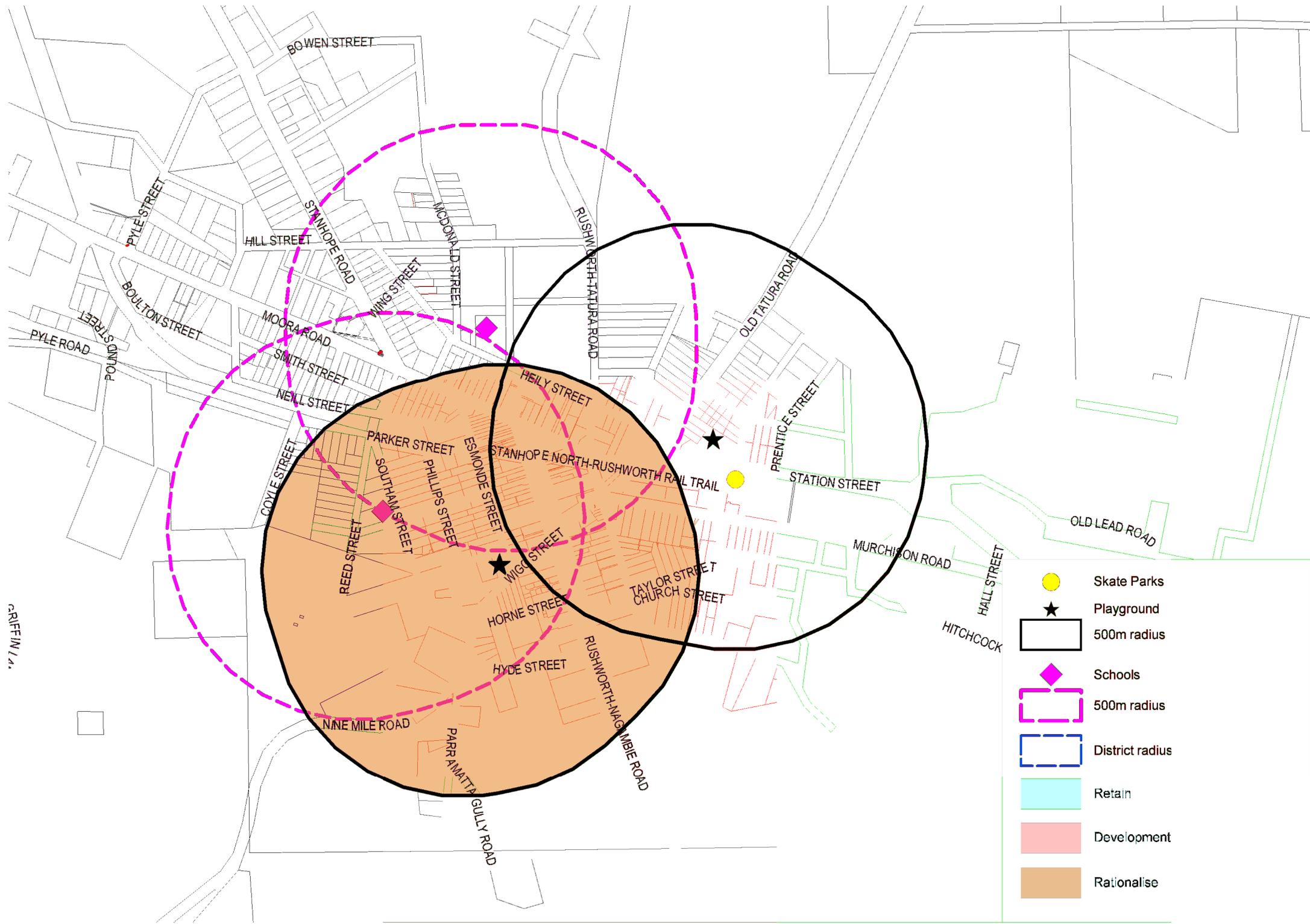
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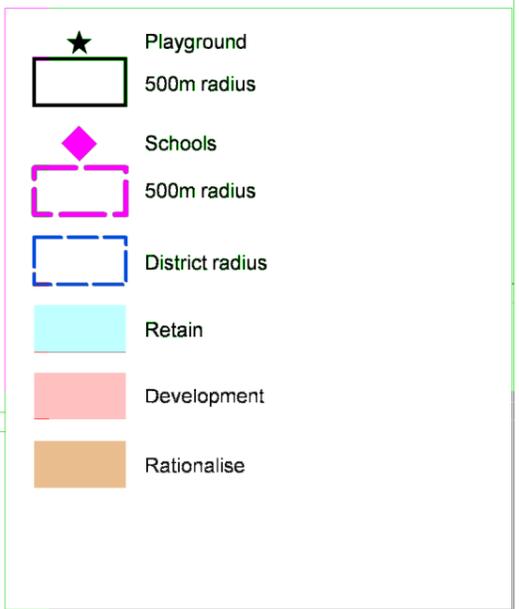
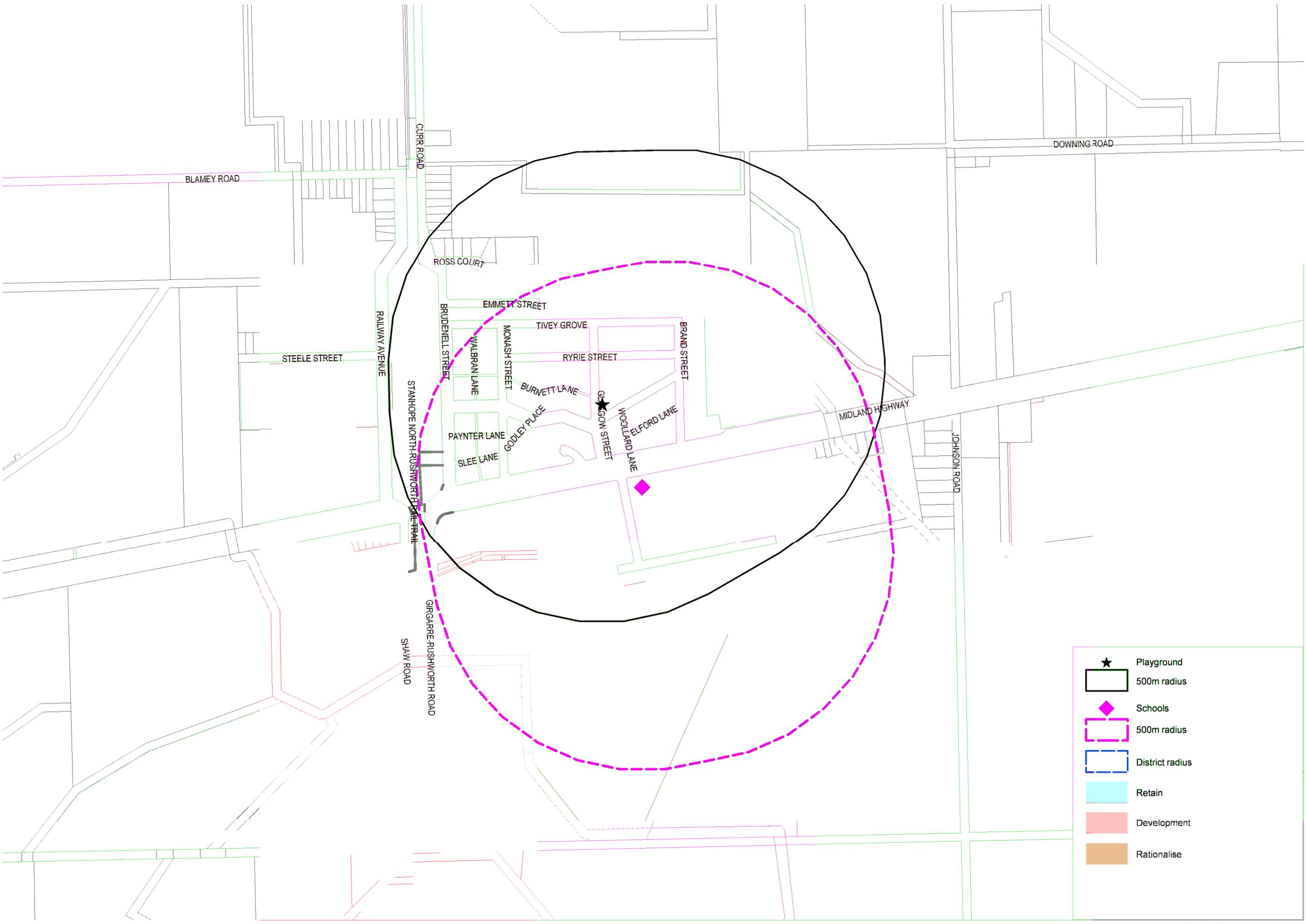


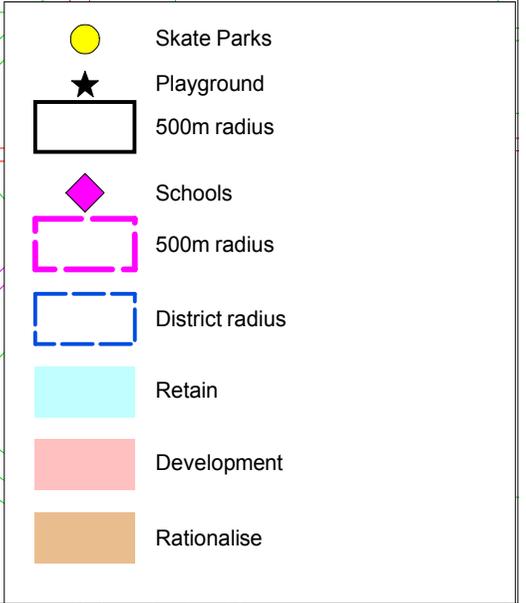
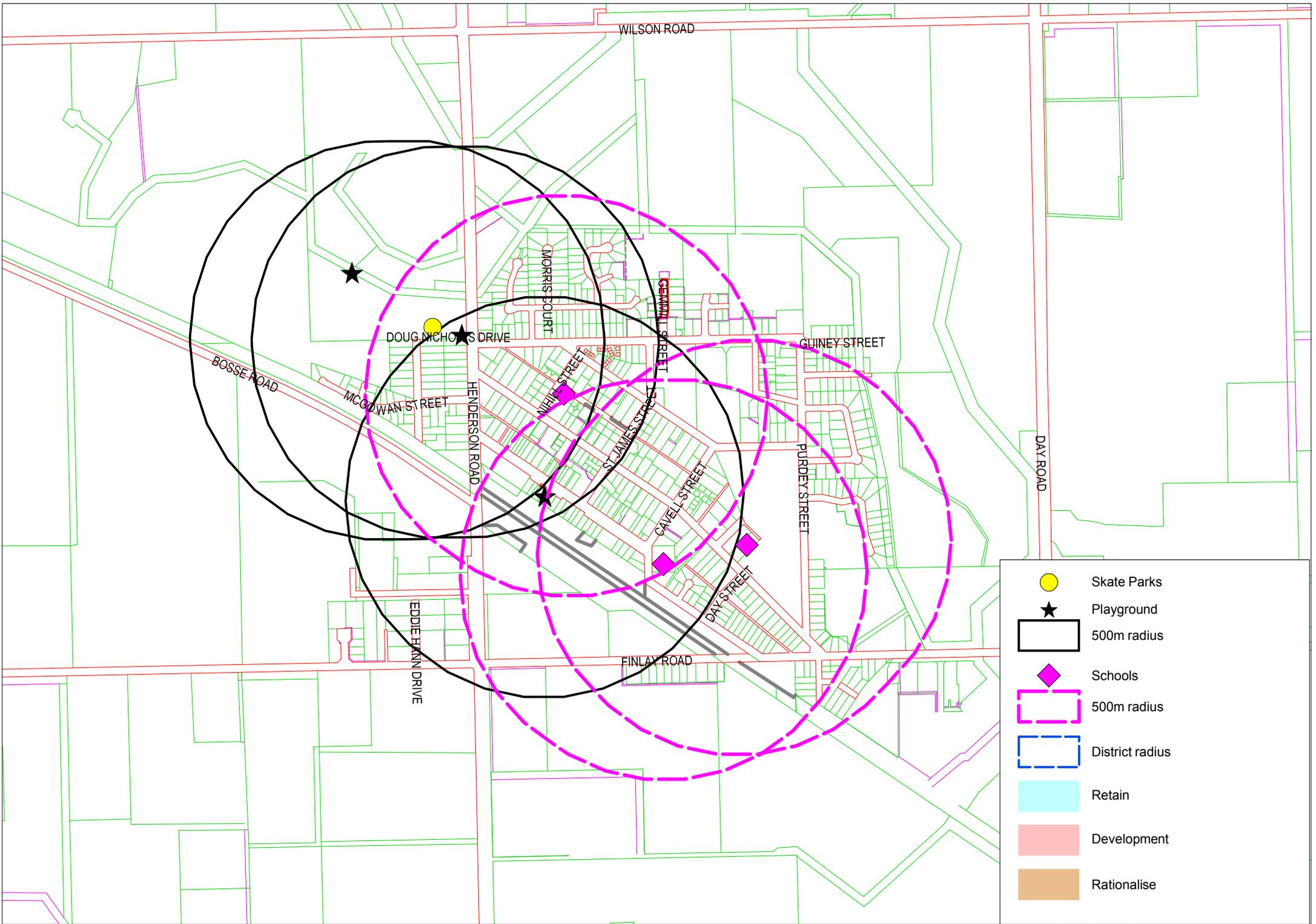




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Appendix 3.0

Playground Inventory and Replacement Program																							
Strategy reference 19.0																							
Name of Playground	Address	Land Ownership	Type of Equipment	Manufacturer	Date of Purchase	Remaining Lifespan	Year to be Replaced	Classification	Age Group Jr (3-7) or Sn (7-12)	Type of Softfall	Other Infrastructure	Usage Levels (High, Medium, Low)	Comments										
<b>Colbinabbin</b>																							
Colbinabbin Memorial Hall		Council	Combo Unit	Ausplay	1996	4	2016	Local	Senior	Loose soft fall type mulch	Rotunda, seats	M	Requires some junior equipment. Including a swing.										
<b>Echuca</b>																							
Apex Park	High Street	Council	Combo Unit	Forpark	2007	15	2027	District	Junior and senior	Loose soft fall type mulch and rubber rock	Shelter, 3 BBQs, picnic seats, toilets, fence, seats, bins	H	Designated Accessible park										
			Combo Unit	Playspace	2008	16	2028																
			German climber	Berliner Selfabrik	2007	15	2027																
			Spin Pole	Playspace	2007	15	2027																
			Double swing	Playspace	2007	15	2027																
			Stakeboard Rocker (Spring)	Playspace	2007	15	2027																

Barry Street	Barry Street	Council	Steel combo unit – junior	Miracle	2000	8	2020	Local and shared with school	Junior and Senior	Bark Chips	Seats	High	This playground is well utilized as a result of shared use with school.
			Steel combo unit – senior	Miracle	2000	8	2020						
Central Park	Bennett Court	Council	Swings	Forpark	2005	13	2025	Local	Junior and Senior	Bark chips	Pathways, Fence, seat, bins	Medium	Toddler swing set replaced in 2010
			Senior combo unit	Forpark	2005	13	2025						
			Junior combo unit	Forpark	2005	13	2025						
Echuca South Netball Complex	High Street	Crown	Steel combo unit	Ausplay	1993	1	2013	Local	junior	Bark chips	seats	Medium	Primarily only used when sporting events are held at the site.

Hopwood Gardens	High Street	Crown	Steel combo unit	Miracle	1990	0	2010	District	Junior and senior	Bark chips	Seat, rotunda, drink fountain, pathways	H	Paddle steamer not easily accessible for people with disabilities. Ramp may not comply with gradient regulations. Rubber softfall to be installed. No Shade. Fenced park. Combo unit may be replaced in the next year or so subject to funding.
			Double swing	Forpark	2003	11	2023						
			Tornado slide	Forpark	2005	13	2025						
Murrumbidgee Drive	Murrumbidgee Drive	Council	Grand carousel	Miracle	1991	0	2011	Local	Junior and senior	Sand and bark chips	Picnic Tables	L	Grand carousel has been removed.
			Steel combo	Forpark	2003	11	2023						
			Double swing	Forpark	2010	18	2030						

Parkview Drive	Parkview Drive	Council	Steel combo	Forpark	2006	14	2026	Local	Junior and senior	Bark chips	-	M	Usage has increased as the area has become developed.
			Combo Unit (junior)	Playspace	2007	15	2027						
			Double swing	Forpark	2009	17	2029						
			Spring rocker	Forpark	2006	14	2026						
Garden Crescent	Pascoe Street	Council	Double swing	Adventure playgrounds	2009	17	2029	Local	Junior and Senior	Bark chips	Seats	L	Pocket playground, usage is low at this stage. Monkey bars have not been removed.
			Slide (wave)	Playspace	2006	14	2026						
Towle Court	South Street	Council	Double swing	Not known	2000	8	2020	Local	Junior and senior	Bark chips	Seats	High	Elements of the swing have been replaced, monkey bars are still there. Digger has been fixed.

			Monkey bars	Not known	1980	0	2007						
			Steel combo	Playsafe	2001	9	2021						
			Twin rider	Playsafe	2001	9	2021						
			Log roll	Playsafe	2001	9	2021						
			Spring rider	Ausplay	2001	9	2021						
			Digger	Not known	2001	9	2021						
Wilson Court	Wilson Court	Council	Slide	Forpark	2006	14	2026	Local	Junior and senior	Bark chips	seats	L	Playground subject to high levels of vandalism. Wave slide removed and spring rocker installed.
			Spring Rocker	Playspace	2009	16	2029						
			Steel combo	Forpark	2006	14	2026						
			Double swing	Playspace	2009	16	2029						
			Rebound wall	Not known	1981	0	2007						
Echuca Lions Park	Campaspe Esp	Crown	Combo Unit junior	Forpark	2003	11	2023	Local	Junior	Bark chips	Seats, fencing, BBQ, toilet block	L	Was a recommendation in the Strategy.

Victoria Park	Crofton Street	Crown	Combo Unit junior	Omnitech	2008	16	2028	Local	Junior	Bark chips	fenced, at football oval	L	A playground for Victoria Park was a recommendation in the Strategy. Usage would be high during game days otherwise low.
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**Girgarre**

Winter Road	Winter Road	Council	Swing - senior	Not known	1977	0	2007	Local	Junior and Senior	Bark chips	Picnic tables, toilets, rotunda, army memorabilia	M	Equipment removed in 2007 - end of life and unsafe.
			Swing frame double	Playspace	2009	17	2029						
			Climbing frame	Not known	1977	0	2007						
			2 junior slides	Not known	1977	0	2007						
			Senior slide	Not known	1977	0	2007						
			Monkey bar	Not known	1977	0	2007						
			Steel combo unit	Allplay	2003	11	2023						

**Gunbower**

Apex Park	Gunbower Island Road	Council	Double swing	Miracle	2008	16	2028	Local	Junior and senior	Bark chips	Picnic tables, BBQ, Tractor, public toilets	High	swings seats replaced in 2008. Older equipment removed after the strategy.
			ATV Rocker	Omnitech	2008	16	2028						
			Combo Unit	Omnitech	2008	16	2028						
<b>Kyabram</b>													
Banyule Court	Banyule Court	Council	Double swing	Playspace	2004	8	2020	Local		Bark chips		L	Combo unit installed. Seats replaced on Swings
			Combo Unit	Omnitech	2007	15	2027						
Crow Court	Crow Court	Council	Double swings	Miracle	1994	2	2014	Local	Junior and senior	Bark chips	-	L	Timber surrounds need major works
			Steel combo – small	Miracle	1994	2	2014						

Drum Street	Drum Street	Vic Track - Council Lease	Slide	Omnitech	2007	15	2027	Local	Senior	Bark chips	Picnic table	M	This playground is located along a shared path, it is recommended that additional equipment is developed in recognition of future demand.
			Double swings	Omnitech	2007	15	2027						
Edis Park		Council	Rock 'n' Ride	Miracle	1995	3	2015	Local	Junior and senior	Bark chips	BBQ, shelter, picnic tables, toilet block, walking tracks	High	Combo Unit replaced and some older equipment removed.
			Spring rider	Miracle	1995	3	2015						
			2 x Log double swings	Not known	1981	0	2007						
			Swing frame triple	Playspace	2007	15	2027						
			Steel combo	Playspace	2007	15	2027						
Frederick Street	Frederick Street	Council	Bolt-a-log combo	Evans	1981	0	2007	Local	Senior	Bark chips	Seat	L	Rationalise. Old equipment removed, not replaced.
			Double swings	Playspace	2006	14	2026						

Glass Court	Glass Court	Council	Steel combo – small	Miracle	1993	1	2013	Local	Junior	Bark chips	-	L	Rationalise. Old equipment removed, not replaced.
			Junior swing	Not known	1976	0	2007						
			Rocky Rodeo	Miracle	1993	1	2013						
Jaycee Park	Fenaughty Street	Council	Combo unit junior	Playspace	2008	16	2028	Local	Junior and senior	Bark chips	Seat, picnic tables	H	Slide, Carousel, wooden climbing frame have been removed.
			Swing frame double	Forpark	2007	15	2027						
			Train Rocker spring	Playspace	2008	16	2028						
John Pilley Reserve	Fauna Park, Lake Road	Crown	Steel combo unit	Miracle	1994	2	2014	District	Junior and senior	Bark chips. Disabled swing has rubber under surface	Shelter, BBQ, Picnic tables, drinking fountain	H	Swings seats replaced in 2003.
			Senior swing	Miracle	2003	11	2023						
			Disabled swing	Not known	2004	12	2024						
			Spring Rocker x 2	Omnitech & Forpark	2006	14	2026						

			Steel combo unit	Forpark	2005	13	2025						
McCormick Reserve		Council	Rocky Rodeo	Miracle	1995	3	2015	Local	Junior and senior	Bark chips	Seats	L -M	Swings replaced in 2009. Other equipment due for replacement.
			Steel combo unit	Miracle	1995	3	2015						
			Double swing	Playspace	2009	17	2029						
Prunus Court	Prunus Court	Council	Steel combo unit	Miracle	1992	0	2012	Local	Junior and senior	Bark chips	Seat	M	Higher usage now. Swing removed.
			2 Rocky Rodeos	Miracle	1992	0	2012						
			Double swing	Not known	1977	0	2007						
			Steel combo	Forpark	2006	14	2026						
Poplar Street	Poplar Street	Council	Combo Unit	Omnitech	2009	17	2029	Local	senior	Bark chips	seats	L	Steel combo unit replaced. Other equipment removed. Swing seats replaced.
			Double swings	Miracle	2000	8	2020						
			Junior whirl	Miracle	1981	0	2007						
			Steel slide	Not known	1976	0	2007						
			Junior swing	Not known	1976	0	2007						
			Log climber	Not known	1976	0	2007						

Community Park	Scobie Road	Council	Steel combo unit	Ausplay	1999	7	2019	Local	Junior and senior	Bark chips	Shade sail, seats, BBQ	L	Located near tennis court and pool on old school grounds. Equipment okay.
			Double swings	Ausplay	2004	12	2024						

**Lockington**

Lions Apex Park	Cnr Pannoo Rd and Kotta Road	Council	Double swings	Gametime	2003	11	2023	Local	Junior and senior	Bark chips	Vintage tractor and wagon, shelter with public art, BBQ, picnic tables, public toilets	M	High community involvement in park. Shade and fence have been installed since the 2007 strategy.
			Spring Rocker	Miracle	2000	8	2020						
			Steel combo unit	Forpark	2003	11	2023						

Clare Avenue	Clare Av / Lucas Cr	Council	Double swing	Miracle	1998	6	2018	Local	Junior	Bark chips	Seat	L	Equipment removed and not replaced. Rationalise.
			2 spring riders	Miracle	1998	11	2018						

Recreation Reserve		Council	Steel combo unit	Allplay	2001	9	2021	Local	Junior and senior	Bark chips	Seats, fencing	L	A rocker spring was installed 2000. Fenced and shade.
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			Rocker Spring	Miracle	2000	8	2020						
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**Rochester**

Apex Park	Queen Street	Council	Combo Unit	Playspace	2007	15	2027	Local	Junior and senior	Bark chips	Seats	M-H	Old equipment removed and replaced. Monkey bars removed. There is currently older equipment still in place.
			Rocker (multi)	Miracle	1988	0	2008						
			Swing Frame double	Playspace	2007	15	2027						
			Rocky Rodeo	Miracle	1988	0	2008						
			Rebound wall	Not known	1981	0	2007						
			Monkey bars	Not known	1981	0	2007						
			Sand pit	Not known	2008	16	2028						
Rochester Recreation Reserve	Rochester Recreation Reserve	Crown	Steel combo unit	Allplay	2004	12	2024	Local	Junior and senior	Bark chips	Seat	L - M	Hood st removed and relocated to Rochester Rec Reserve. Self whirl has been removed.
			Double swings	Adventure playgrounds	2011	19	2031						
			Self whirl	Forpark	2005	18	2025						
			Seesaw springs	Forpark	2005	13	2025						
Lions Park	Mary St / Northern Highway	Road Reserve	Combo unit with slides	Not known	2003	11	2023	District with Rotary Park	Junior and senior	Bark chips	Vintage tractor, public toilets, picnic tables, BBQ, fence around play equipment	M	Highest profile park in town. Swings replaced in 2010.
			Double swings	Forpark	2010	18	2030						

Rankin Street	Rankin Street	Council	Slide	Play works	2008	16	2028	Local	Junior and senior	Bark chips		L	Combo unit removed and slide put in.
			Double swings	Forpark	2005	13	2025						
Rotary	Cnr. Gillies and Moore Streets	Council	Steel combo unit	Ausplay	1993	1	2013	District with Lions Park	Junior and senior	Bark chips	Public toilets, picnic tables	M	Good.
			Double swings	Forpark	2006	14	2026						Caters well for users of the facility. Park should focus on equipment for juniors.
<b>Rushworth</b>													
Geyles Reserve	Geyle Street	Crown	Slide	Megatoy	2004	12	2024	Local	Junior	Bark chips	Picnic table, vintage tractor	L-M	Playground needs to be reviewed yearly.
			Spring rockers x 2	Megatoy	2004	12	2024						
			Rocker multi	Miracle	1985	0	2005						
			Double swings	Megatoy	2004	12	2024						
Lions Park	Station Street	Crown	Combo unit with slide, see-saw, double swings	Megatoy	2000	8	2020	District	Junior	Rub-ber mat-ting	Picnic table, toilets, shelter, BBQ, shade sail, vintage	M - H	Older equipment has been removed and replaced.

			Slide	Playspace	2008	16	2028				cart		
			Swing frame double	Megatoy	2010	18	2030						
			Carousel	Playspace	2008	16	2028						
<b>Stanhope</b>													
Lions Park		Crown	Trail blazer slide	Miracle	1995	8	2015	Local	Junior and senior	Bark chips	Picnic seats	M	Major playground in the town. Old equipment needs replacing. Slide has been removed. Climbing dome should be evaluated for removal.
			Double swing	Omnitech	2007	15	2027						
			Spring rockers,	Miracle	1993	1	2013						
			Geodesic climbing frame	Miracle	1981	0	2007						
			Track ride	Forpark	2005	13	2025						
			Fun house	Forpark	2005	18	2025						
			Spring rocker	Forpark	2006	14	2026						
<b>Tongala</b>													
Lions Park		Council	Combo Unit medium	Playspace	2009	17	2029	Local	Junior and senior	Bark chips	Shelter, picnic seats	M	Older equipment has been removed and replaced.
			Wave slide	Miracle	1985	0	2007						
			Steel combo	Miracle	1985	0	2007						
			Junior swirl	Not known	1980	0	2007						
			Double swing	Not known	2000	8	2020						
			Digger	Miracle	2000	8	2020						
			Self whirl	Forpark	2005	13	2025						
			Twin rider	Forpark	2005	13	2025						
			Track ride	Forpark	2005	13	2025						

Potts Village Green	Mangan Street	Council	Steel combo	Forpark	2000	8	2020	Local	Junior and senior	Bark chips	Seats	M-H	In middle of town but doesn't receive same level of use as Lions Park. Reasonably new park. No major issues.
			Double swing	Forpark	2004	12	2024						

Appendix 4.0

<b>Recommendations - Playground Strategy 2007</b>				
Strategy Reference 20.0				
<b>Issue</b>	<b>2007 Strategy Recommendation</b>	<b>Budget Year</b>	<b>2012 status</b>	<b>2012 Review / Recommendation</b>
<b>Playground Principles</b>	To adopt the playground principles listed within this report.	2007-08	Council adopted Playground Strategy 2007 at 28/06/2007	For Council to adopt 2012 review and the play spaces development policy.
<b>Playground Enhancements</b>	To install new playground equipment and infrastructure at Bowen Street, Echuca.	2008-09	This playground is on Bennett Court and called Central Park. Equipment installed 2005.	Action Completed
	To install new playground equipment and infrastructure at Echuca West.	2007-08	Site identified and forms part of the proposed DCA from Echuca West. Site to incorporate an oval.	Echuca West site to incorporate an oval. St Mary's Primary School has a playground and is currently being used by the existing residents. Echuca South school is flagged to move to the west site where collaboration with Department of Education could occur for potential play space. No separate playground is required.
	To install new playground infrastructure at Victoria Park, Echuca.	2009-10	Equipment installed at Rec Reserve (2008) inline with Strategy recommendations	Action Completed
	To install a new playground and infrastructure at Alton Reserve, Echuca.	2011-12	Landscape masterplan being implemented at Alton reserve. Master plan incorporates space for playground however no being implemented during this stage.	Echuca has an undersupply of playgrounds but with approximately 6 schools in the area there might be potential to develop agreements with the schools rather than fund new infrastructure. Investigate partnership options with schools and in particular the child care centre right next door. Continue to review space and requirements.
	To install a new playground and infrastructure at Banyule Reserve, Echuca.	2012-13	No Action	Any new playgrounds need to be reconsidered to determine sustainability and site appropriateness. It is recommended that this site is not appropriate for a play equipment but could be used as an open play space. Continue to review space and requirements.

	To install a new playground and infrastructure at Campaspe River Reserve, Echuca.	2015-16	Equipment installed at River Reserve (2007) ahead of Strategy recommendations	Action Completed
	To install a new playground and infrastructure at Drum Street, Kyabram.	2009-10	Site currently developed with two pieces of equipment - steel slide and double swings	Strategy recommended equipment replacement in 2006/07. Usage remains low due to age and condition of equipment. Council lease the land from Vic Track so any future plans need to be discussed with Council's Governance Manager.
	To install a new playground and infrastructure at Northern Oval, Kyabram.	2012-13	No Action	A Northern Oval Master Plan is being developed.
	To install a swing for people with disability at Apex Park, Echuca, including rubber surfacing.	2009-10	No Action	There are currently no playgrounds that are accessible according to the standards. It is recommended a playground in Echuca is made accessible by; different surfacing options, pathways, accessible play components, swings and other elements that encourage play for all abilities. This would have to be considered in a budget process.
	To install a new playground at Rushworth Recreation Reserve to replace the playground being removed at Geyles Reserve.	2011-12	No Action - playground at Geyles Reserve currently remains	Review of playground to be inline with Aquatic Strategy since the swimming pool and playground are on the same parcel of land.
	To monitor new residential development areas to ensure that adequate playgrounds are planned and provided for the community.	ongoing	There are a few playgrounds/ open space that double as drainage points.	Council to ensure further allocated open space is usable open space area and not areas that have been allocated primarily for drainage purposes .

	To enter discussions with schools about community access to playgrounds, particularly in areas where the ratio of playground provision is low or in towns where there are school playgrounds but no Council owned playgrounds.	ongoing	Barry Street, Echuca has shared use with a school and this playground is well utilised. The school payed for the equipment but it's on Council land and is maintained by Council.  Echuca 208 has an oval and other equipment that is used by the public on a regular basis outside of school hours. St Mary's Primary School's playground in Echuca West is being used by the residents.	Anecdotal evidence suggests school playgrounds are being used by the public but no formal agreement occurs with Council and the schools.  This is a viable option, for this to occur a formal agreement needs to occur to make roles and responsibilities clear. School's can be concerned about insurance and damage to other parts of the school. Echuca West and Central Echuca are areas where this partnership could be explored.
	To ensure that new playgrounds are linked to shared paths wherever possible.	ongoing	Playgrounds developed and rationalised inline Playground Strategy giving consideration to the adopted Campaspe Walking and Cycling Strategy 2007.	Continue to implement Strategies inline with 2012 Review recommendations.
<b>Equipment Replacement</b>	To ensure that once equipment has reached the end of its useful lifespan that it is replaced as per the equipment replacement program contained within this report.	ongoing	Annual audit and inspections of playgrounds undertaken and equipment replacement and rationalisation program to continue in line with 2012 review recommendations.	View 2012 Review Recommendations inventory replacement program table
	To replace equipment that does not meet safety standards or needs maintenance.	ongoing	In line with Strategy recommendations, equipment has either been removed and/or replaced.	Continue.
<b>Equipment removals to meet safety standards.</b>	Remove steel combo from Edis Park, Kyabram.	2007-08	Equipment removed 2007 inline with strategy recommendations. New equipment installed 2007.	Action Completed
	Remove Bolt-o-log from Fredrick Street Playground, Kyabram.	2007-08	Equipment removed 2007 inline with Strategy recommendations.	One double swing set remains. Recommended rationalisation site at end of life 2026.

<b>Shade</b>	To ensure that shade sails or trees are available at each playground in the municipality to provide protection from the sun.	ongoing	Shade installation started to occur after adoption of the strategy, though not all playgrounds have received shade. There is currently no budget for maintenance of shade structures. New and upgrade requests must be compliance based, shade structures are not considered a compliance matter.	Recommended that action be implemented where possible with preference to natural shade where possible.
	To install shade sails at Stanhope Lions Park.	2007-08	Equipment installed inline with Strategy recommendations	Action Completed
	To install shade sails at Hopwood Park, Echuca.	2008-09	No Action. Equipment is at end of life and due for replacement.	Equipment due for replacement. Shade structure or nature shade should be considered as part of replacement program.
	To install shade sails at Tongala Lions Park.	2009-10	No Action - site however does have significant natural shade	There are currently no funds for this to occur or to maintain. Natural shade is sufficient at this time.
	To install shade sails at Colbinabbin.	2011-12	No Action - rotunda located near the playground	There is currently no budget for this to occur or to maintain. Shade is provided under the Rotunda.
	To install shade sails at Rochester Rotary Park.	2013-14	Equipment installed ahead of Strategy recommendations	Shade sail poles installed at 2011 inspection however sail was absent due to insufficient maintenance budget to replace/repair damaged sail
	To install shade sails at John Pilley Playground, Kyabram.	2013-14	Equipment installed ahead of Strategy recommendations	Action Completed
	To install shade sails at Lions Park Rushworth.	2016-17	Equipment installed ahead of Strategy recommendations	Action Completed
<b>Rubber matting</b>	To install rubber matting at Apex Park under infant equipment.	2007-08	Equipment installed inline with Strategy recommendations	Maintenance of rubber matting required in some areas.

<b>Fences</b>	To develop a minimum of one fenced playground in each town.	ongoing	Partially completed	Rushworth, Colbinabbin and Stanhope have not had fences installed. Play Australia recommends fencing should be avoided if playground is not situated on a busy road or near any other hazards. The use of natural barriers is encouraged and pool style fencing is discouraged. Having fences can discourage active supervision and interaction with parents.
	To install a fence at Gunbower playground.	2007-08	Fence installed inline with Strategy recommendations	Action Completed
	To install a fence at John Pilley (Kyabram Fauna Park) Playground.	2007-08	Fence installed inline with Strategy recommendations	Action Completed
	To install a fence at Lockington Apex Lions Park.	2007-08	Fence installed inline with Strategy recommendations	Action Completed
	To install a fence at Echuca West Playground.	2007-08	No Action - playground yet to be developed	An oval is going to be developed in this area which the community will have access to for open space. A playground is not needed at this site, as St Mary's school and the future Echuca "South" school will be located there.
	To install a fence at Stanhope.	2009-10	No Action - wooden bollards installed around equipment area	Play Australia recommends fencing should be avoided if playground is not situated on a busy road or near any other hazards. The use of natural barriers is encouraged and pool type fencing is discouraged. Having fences can discourage active supervision and interaction with parents.
	To install a fence at Girgarre.	2010-11	Fence installed inline with Strategy recommendations	Action Completed
	To install a fence at Colbinabbin.	2011-12	No Action - bollards around the area. Playground is placed far back from main road.	Playground is set back from the road and has wooden bollards on the boundary.

	To install a fence at Rushworth Lions Park.	2016-17	No Action - bollards are around the playground.	Play Australia recommends fencing should be avoided if playground is not situated on a busy road or near any other hazards. The use of natural barriers is encourage and pool type fencing is discouraged. Having fences can discourage active supervision and interaction with parents.
<b>Trees</b>	To undertake an annual inspection of trees by a qualified arborist at each playground.	Ongoing	Arborist program for Parks & Reserves, December and June each year.	Continue to undertake inspections as recommended in strategy
<b>Bins</b>	To install litter bins at playgrounds and parks.	2007-08	Bins are present in majority of playgrounds and reserves, particularly in high use playgrounds. The 2007 strategy recommends all categories of playgrounds feature bins.	Updated planning and design guidelines and playground categories outline the level of service to be provided at each space. Local playgrounds may not feature all amenities.
<b>Seats</b>	To upgrade seats at playgrounds and parks.	2011-12 & 2013-14	The bigger playgrounds and reserves have seating provided. Small pocket playgrounds aren't always provided with seating. The 2007 strategy recommends all categories of playgrounds feature seating.	Updated planning and design guidelines and playground categories outline the level of service to be provided at each space. Local playgrounds may not feature all amenities.
<b>Inspections</b>	To continue to conduct weekly, quarterly and annual playground inspections.	Ongoing	Completed inline with Strategy recommendations	Continue
	To liaise with Civic Mutual Plus to ensure that inspection regimes are adequate for insurance purposes.	Ongoing	Audit conducted in 2010 and inspections complied. Audit expected for 2012. Company is now called MAV Insurance (Liability Mutual Insurance)	Continue
	To review reporting mechanisms on an annual basis to ensure that all requirements are met.	Ongoing	Review has been completed for 2012.	Continue
	To purchase a digital camera and a laptop for the playground inspection crew to improve efficiencies related to incidents, repairs and inventory maintenance.	2009-10	No action.	This should be consider, information to be sent to IT to add to the IT strategy.
	To ensure that all playground maintenance crew staff are qualified to conduct playground assessments and receive ongoing training as appropriate.	Ongoing	Action completed inline with strategy recommendations	Continue

	To conduct quarterly and annual inspections of each of the five preschool / childcare centres owned and managed by Council on a fee for service basis.	Ongoing	Staff conduct daily inspections of play equipment which is part of the regulations with Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Staff liaise with Parks & Gardens for soft fall top ups and maintenance.	Annual inspections needs to be discussed between Parks & Gardens and Children Services.
<b>Inventory</b>	To maintain an up to date inventory of playgrounds with the municipality.	Ongoing	Action completed inline with strategy recommendations - assest management list	Continue
	To develop an electronic inventory linked to assest management systems and GIS which is accessible to the playground maintenance crew in the field.	Ongoing	The inventory exists but staff are unable to access in the field.	Along with the purchase of a camera and laptop (or iPad).
<b>Australian Playground Standards and Membership of Playground Associations</b>	To ensure that Council obtains and regularly receives updates for all relevant Australian Playground Standards.	Ongoing	Completed inline with Strategy recommendations	Continue
	To ensure that all playgrounds are installed and maintained as per Australian Standards.	Ongoing	Completed inline with Strategy recommendations	Continue
	To ensure that all playground equipment meets Australian standards.	Ongoing	Completed inline with Strategy recommendations	Continue
<b>Installation</b>	To ensure that the manufacturer conducts a post installation inspection of all new items of playground equipment and provides documentation stating that the equipment meets Australian Standards and was installed correctly.	Ongoing	Completed inline with Strategy recommendations	Continue
	To inform the community that any equipment or infrastructure at local playgrounds must be approved by and installed by Council and / or a suitable contractor.	Ongoing		Potential for information to be posted on the Shire's website and any playgroud promotion sent out.
<b>Promotion of playgrounds</b>	To promote the location of playgrounds in the municipality on Council's website, in new residents kits and in various tourism publications.	Ongoing	Playground list on the website.	Playground list needs updating on website. There is potential for playground location maps, depending on capability of Council's website.

	To promote the location of playgrounds that cater for people with disabilities.	Ongoing	There are no playgrounds within the Shire that could be considered accessible according to the Standards. While John Pilley reserve has a liberty swing this does not deem it to be accessible.	Until a playground is accessible no promotion of a certain playground will happen, only the promotion of the liberty swing at John Pilley reserve.
<b>Rationalisation</b>	To ensure that playgrounds no longer required in the community are decommissioned and that the land remains as public open space.	Ongoing	Playgrounds nominated in the strategy for rationalisation have been noted on the Asset Register	Crow Court, Fredrick St and Class Court to be rationalised in line with 2007 strategy recommendations. However sites should be sold as surplus land given insufficient size for activie recreation and poor visibilty and safety concerns, don't encourage passive recreation. Funds from the sale of land to be used to provide greater connectivity to other sites and/or <u>future play space developments</u> .
	To ensure that if playgrounds are decommissioned, local residents are informed in advance and provided with information about alternative play options and the opportunity to take over mangement of the playgrounds themselves.	Ongoing	Community meeting held at Lockington during the development of 2007 Strategy to discuss Clare Avenue. No sites have yet reached end of life that are nominated for rationalisation	Continue with communication with community on any new sites identified for rationalisation as part of reviews of the strategy. Sites should not be transfered to community but sold as surplus and funds used to provide greater connectivity to other sites and/or future play space developments.

	<p>To review the use of Prunus St, Poplar St, Crow Crt, Fredrick St and Glass Court Playgrounds in Kyabram with the view to potentially rationalise these playgrounds at the end of a their lifespan - noting that a new play ground at Northern Oval would be developed and that the community may be given the option of maintaining and managing playgrounds on these sites.</p>	<p>End of lifespan of equipment</p>	<p>Playgrounds are yet to reach end of life. Usage is being monitored to determine if rationalisation remains appropriate. The Northern Oval masterplan is being developed.</p>	<p>Prunus Court has high usage and is located on a drainage point therefore the land should remain open space. Given the location and the high usage it's recommended for this playground to remain operational.</p> <p>Poplar Street listed for rationalisation though further review highlights residential development in close proximity of the playground. It is recommended Poplar Street Playground remains operational.</p> <p>Equipment at both Poplar Street and Prunus Court has been replaced since the Strategy implementation in 2007.</p> <p>Fredrick St (2026), Crow Crt (2014) and Glass Crt (2013) in Kyabram have low usage and the space provided is considered unsuitable given its size and safety is a concern due to limited visibility. It is recommended that these playgrounds are decommissioned at end of life.</p>
	<p>To consider handing over the management of Clare Avenue Playground in Lockington to a community based committee of management when the current equipment reaches the end of its lifespan (2017/18) should the community wish to retain this playground.</p>	<p>2016-17</p>	<p>No Action - site has no yet reached end of life</p>	<p>Continue to implement recommendations of the Strategy and rationalise at end of life (2018). Land to be sold as surplus and funds directed to the investment of future place space development.</p>
	<p>To remove equipment from Geyle Street playground in Rushworth when it reaches the end of its lifespan (as a new replacement playground will be established at the Recreation Reserve). This area to remain public open space.</p>	<p>2010-11</p>	<p>No Action</p>	<p>Playground to remain at current site and for future review to be inline with the aquatic strategy as the playground is located on the same reserve. .</p>

				Garden Crescent and Murrumbidgee Drive sites to be monitored and noted for consideration as part of the next review.
				Wilson Court playground has a high level of vandalism, any future development at this site should consider this.