

7.2 Planning Area 2

Medlow Bath, Katoomba, Leura and Wentworth Falls

Overview of Planning Area 2—Direction

District park: Wentworth Falls Lake, developed over time with an environmental theme, new centralised toilet facilities, improved access, inclusive playground, outdoor class rooms, a lake loop walk, and partial fencing along Sinclair Crescent.

Local parks: Melrose Park in North Katoomba, Maple Grove/Katoomba Reserve Oval and Gordon Falls. Open toilets, retained and enhanced formal play equipment and informal play with inclusive elements, bubblers

Civic spaces: Include play elements in upgrades to Katoomba, Leura and Wentworth Falls town centres

Neighbourhood parks:

- Reduce the number of formal play settings as equipment fails
- Replace end-of-life play equipment with new formal equipment where necessary to ensure all play types are available across each planning area
- Replace some formal play equipment with more informal nature play options
- Provide safe paths of travel into parks from nearby parking
- At least 2 fenced parks/playground options in the planning area

Overall:

- More information on where to go and what to do
- Occasional activation events and
- Footpath connections from stations and schools

Planning Area 2—Existing play provision

Name	Play Type  Move Kinetic Social Explore Imagine Inclusive Carers F - Formal Play equipment	Existing Play Provision	Potential Adjustment within 10 Years
DISTRICT PARK			
Wentworth Falls Lake	Move - F Kinetic - F Social - F Explore - F Imagine - F Inclusive - F Carers	Nature-based park with environmental themed play settings. Good range Lacking middle childhood and teenager opportunities Some inclusive elements	Lots of potential, loop walk, more formal play with room for big inclusive setting. More explorative play. Partial fence Sinclair Crescent. New improved central toilets
LOCAL PARKS			
Melrose Park, North Katoomba	Move - F Kinetic - F Social Explore	Oval, play equipment including tall swings, junior skate park, patch of bushland	Potential for development of explorative play in patch of bushland. Retain skate and kinetic play. Make toilet available
Maple Grove/Katoomba Reserve Oval, South Katoomba	Move Kinetic - F Social Explore Imagine	Picnic, toilet, formal playground, oval, bushland	Suitable for nature explorative play Retain kinetic items Improve inclusivity

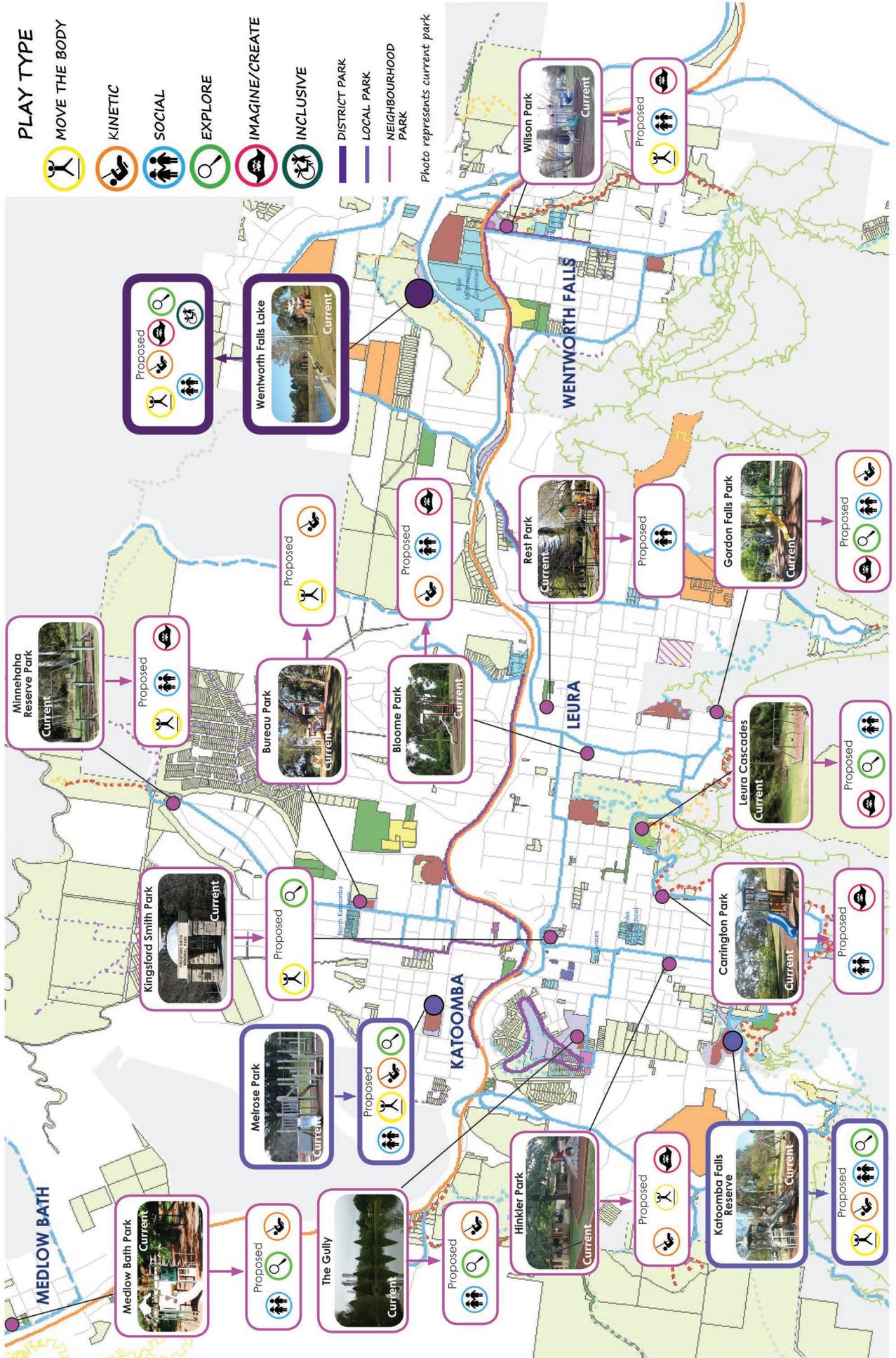
CIVIC PARK	Play Type	Existing Play Provision	Potential Adjustment within 10 Years
Carrington Place, Katoomba	Social - F Explore Imagine	Central space, easily used for events. Detailed interpretation to explore	Fully developed. Limited potential for additional play development
Civic Place, Katoomba	Social Imagine	Events. 'Peace' sculpture. Attractive space with seating and shade,	Roads on all sides limits scope
Courtyard of Cultural Centre, Katoomba	Social Carers	Space used for events	Scope for developing social and imaginative – especially for youth
Forecourt of Cultural Centre, Katoomba	Social	Adjacent to library	Underused. Safe from road so good for some forms of play. Social & imaginative
Coronation Park, Wentworth Falls	Social - F	Wentworth Falls Town centre, adjacent station, includes war memorial. Fully developed	Formal play unsuitable with formal gardens and war memorial.
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS			
Dr Alex Allen Park	Social	Small park on corner of two busy roads, with art components and some seating	Being on corner of two busy roads limits scope, unless fenced
Lilianfels Park	Move Kinetic Social - F Explore Imagine Carers	Tourist function. Picnic facilities, grottos	Suitable for nature play
Brownie Park	Explore	More a set of steps than a park	Poor surveillance—potential imaginative play items
Carrington Park	Move - F Kinetic Social	Play equipment very junior Picnic shelter and tables	Suitable for nature play
Hinkler Park South Katoomba	Move - F Social - F Explore - F Carers	Includes old play plane and tunnel and small new formal play, shelter, partial fencing	Potential to make more of the heritage play and increase the fencing
Kingsford Smith Park	Move Social - F Explore Carers	Paths down slope good for exploration, sound shell Very damp soil	Poor surveillance
Minnie Ha Ha Reserve	Move Kinetic - F Social Explore	Open area, picnic tables, track head, bushland and creek line and swings. Recent rise in popularity	Very suitable for nature play items and explorative and imaginative play
Murray Park	Move Explore	Sportsground and cricket nets	
Silver Mist Park	Move Explore	Some tourist use trackhead	Remove hedge to improve surveillance Encourage explorative play
Vale Street Wetlands	Explore	Some open space around a fenced wetland	

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS (cont.)	Play Type	Existing Play Provision	Potential Adjustment within 10 Years
The Gully (formerly Frank Walford Park), Katoomba	Move Kinetic Social Explore Imagine Inclusive Carers	Loop track good for bikes Water body, bushland, social spaces Aboriginal Interpretation	Already well developed Information only needed to encourage play
Bureau Park, North Katoomba	Move Kinetic - F Social - F	Sports field, formal play, near school. Share dog-off leash	Potential to replace formal with nature play
Gordon Falls Reserve, Leura	Kinetic - F Social - F Explore	Formal play, includes semi-formal area, grottos and picnic facilities, including BBQ's.	Potential to encourage exploration and creative play in bushland
Leura Cascades picnic area	Kinetic - F Social - F	Swings, picnic area, creekline and trackhead	Potential to encourage exploration and creative play in bushland
Bloome Park, Leura	Kinetic - F	Close to Leura town centre. Open park with some formal play	Potential to replace formal with nature play and to build on amphitheatre semi-formal space to facilitate events associated with town centre
Margery Anderson Reserve, Leura		Picnic area on tourist drive, steep bushland, no formal play	Some potential to encourage explorative play
Rest Park, Leura	Move - F Kinetic - F	Formal play	Potential to replace formal with nature play
Westgate Park, Leura		Picnic area on tourist drive; no formal play	Limited potential. Small space near railway, near other parks and not suited to high play use
Medlow Park, Medlow Bath	Move - F Kinetic - F Social - F	Large park with tennis/basketball court, shelter, creek line, grove, bushland. Play a good distance from road. Share dog-off leash	Potential to encourage exploration and creative play in bushland and tree groves, and existing slope, and creek lines, Possible pump/junior dirt jump track
Wilson Park, Wentworth Falls	Move - F Kinetic - F Social - F	Tourist park with track head and adjacent bushland. Near tennis courts. Toilets Formal play	Potential to encourage exploration and creative play in bushland, level site suitable for junior bicycle track
Central Park, Wentworth Falls		Open space with drainage line and bushland	Potential to encourage exploration and creative play in bushland
Kedumba Park, Wentworth Falls		Highway park with limited access	Poor access and surveillance Not suitable for play development
Maskey Place, Wentworth Falls		Small local park, very steep	Limited potential for play development
Myoori Place Park, Wentworth Falls	Explore	A grove of trees ringed by residential frontages	Information on how to use the unusual setting preferred to changes to park
Pitt Park	Move	Sports ground Adjacent bushland for exploring, some use for dirt jump historically	Enhance dirt jump capacity Provide some formal play

PLAY TYPE

- MOVE THE BODY
- KINETIC
- SOCIAL
- EXPLORE
- IMAGINE/CREATE
- INCLUSIVE
- DISTRICT PARK
- LOCAL PARK
- NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK

Photo represents current park



PLANNING AREA 2—CURRENT AND PROPOSED PLAY PROVISION