

# 7.4 Planning Area 4

Faulconbridge, Springwood, Valley Heights, Winmalee, Sun Valley  
Hawkesbury Heights, and Mount Riverview

## Overview of Planning Area 4

**District park:** Buttenshaw Park with a youth and family theme, will be developed over time with improved amenities, improved access, inclusive playground with a sporting and youth focus.

**Local parks:** Summerhayes Park, Lomatia Park and the small parks of Macquarie Street Springwood as a package. These will have open toilets, retained and enhanced formal play equipment and informal play, with inclusive elements, internal parking.

**Civic spaces:** inclusion of play opportunities into town centre upgrades in Springwood will be explored.

### Neighbourhood parks:

- Maintain formal play items for as long as is safe and practical
- 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:

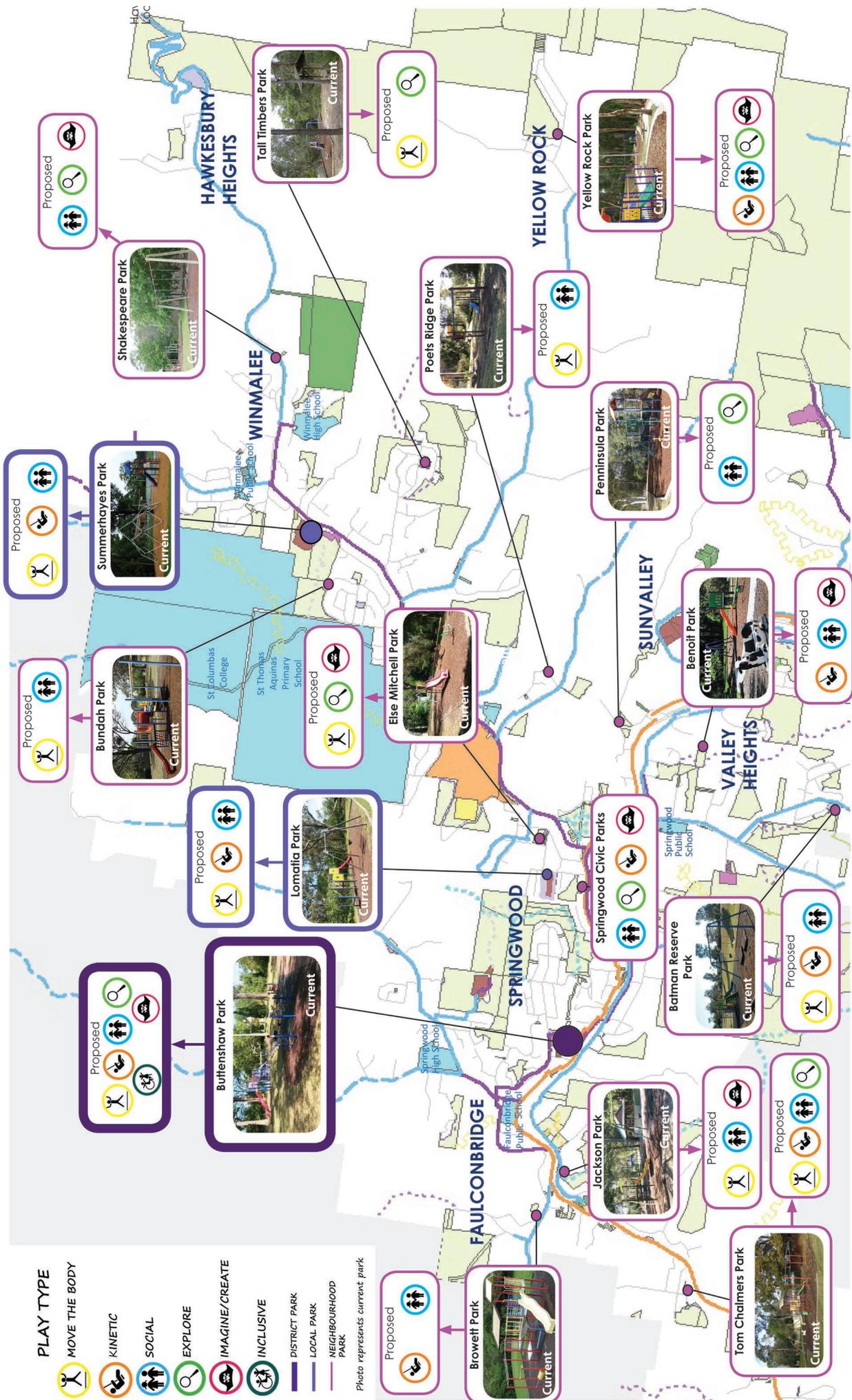
- Provide more information on where to go and what to do
- Hold occasional activation events
- Provide more footpath connections from stations and schools

## Planning Area 4—Existing play provision

Name	<b>Play Type</b>  Move  Kinetic  Social  Explore  Imagine  Inclusive Carers F - Formal Play equipment	Existing Play Provision	Potential Adjustment within 10 Years
<b>DISTRICT PARK</b>			
Buttenshaw Park, Springwood	Move - F Kinetic - F Social - F Explore - F Imagine - F Inclusive - F Carers	Park associated with sporting facilities (Leisure Centre and courts) Limited range of opportunities and limited age range catered to. Lacking inclusive elements	Develop inclusive play, potential to balance child and family focus with youth Youth focused play—larger kinetic and sporting elements Improve inclusivity

LOCAL PARKS	Play Type	Existing Play Provision	Potential Adjustment within 10 Years
Summerhayes Park, Winmalee	Move - F Kinetic - F Social - F	Formal play equipment Sports fields. Skatepark	Retain some formal Potential to replace formal with nature play
Lomatia Park, Springwood	Move - F Kinetic - F Social	Park with sportsground Courts Formal play adjacent bushland	Replace formal with nature play, level site with space good for bicycle loop
CIVIC			
Macquarie street parks including Springwood Hub forecourt, Manners Park, School of Arts Square, Buckland Park	Social - F	Hub forecourt: play needs to balance with space being used for events and markets, Very hot  Manners: small park with social play functions, Youth Service with heritage components  School of Arts: Urban setting Long term plans for expansion  Buckland Park: War memorial Used for events Large area of lawn with back area with trees but poor surveillance	Hub forecourt: to provide play with foot print that does not impede events Provide shade  Manners: enhance social play in synergy with Youth Service Need to retain heritage values  School of Arts: Imaginative play components  Buckland Park: increase level areas and formal elements where visible from main road for social and movement play in synergy with event space development
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS			
Corridor of Oaks, Faulconbridge		Formal setting	Formal play inappropriate to setting—direct to Jackson park instead
Jackson Park , Faulconbridge	Kinetic - F Carers	Toilet, picnic shelter, formal play equipment, track head	Replace portion of formal with nature explorative play, but retaining kinetic
Ticehurst Park, Faulconbridge		Cultural interest	No change
Browett Park, Faulconbridge	Move - F Kinetic - F	With hall, adjacent bush	No change Formal equipment not expected to fail within 10 years
(Tom) Chalmers Memorial Park, Faulconbridge	Move - F Kinetic - F	Formal play, flat open space Mostly fenced	Potential to replace formal with nature play Potential for dirt track, and tree grove for exploration
Lindsay Park, Faulconbridge		Bush block Some parking Roads on all sides	

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Patrick O'Possum Reserve, Faulconbridge		Small mown area at end of a cul-de-sac, backing onto bushland	Potential for social space Nature-play and encourage nature play
The Lily Pond, Faulconbridge	Social - F	Poor vehicular access	Not recommended for further development
Magic Pudding Place, Faulconbridge		Small mown open space with through path	Potential to provide nature play
Hall Park (also known as Reservoir Park), Mt Riverview	Move - F Kinetic - F Social Carers	Some formal play. Adjacent tennis courts and clubhouse. Mural on watertank	Extend existing format Potential to replace formal with nature play
Harley Park, Mt Riverview	Move - F Kinetic - F Social - F Imagine - F	Mostly fenced Shelter	Potential to replace formal with nature play
Batman Reserve, Springwood	Move - F Kinetic - F	Large level lawn, formal play, adjacent bushland fenced off Occasional use for helicopters - need to keep open area open	Potential to replace formal with nature play Good for bike loop
Else –Mitchell Park, Springwood	Move - F Kinetic - F Explore -F Imagine - F	Formal play, large stone lizard for imaginative play, shelter Long association with bushcare	Potential to replace formal with nature play Synergy with bushcare for exploration play
Picnic Glen, Springwood	Social - F	Small area with picnic shelter	Potential to provide nature play
Poets Ridge Park, Springwood	Move - F Kinetic - F	Formal play only, roads on two sides, steep slopes	Potential to replace formal with nature play and provide partial fencing
Rest Park, Springwood		Path and shade	Future of park is uncertain
Telecom Park, Springwood	Social - F	Managed but not owned by Council	No scope for development
Bundah Reserve, Winmalee	Move - F Kinetic - F	Large open area with some formal play	Potential to replace formal with nature play
Emma Reserve, Winmalee	Social - F	Small level area, Community group very interested in park	Potential addition of play
Tall Timbers Reserve, Winmalee	Kinetic - F	Small quantity of formal equipment only Much bushland	Potential to replace formal with nature play and bike loop
Shakespeare Park, Winmalee	Move - F Kinetic - F	Formal play, bushland, Near Winmalee High school	Potential to replace formal with nature play, lends itself to exercise equipment
Benoit Park, Valley Heights	Move - F Kinetic - F Social - F Imagine - F	Park with play equipment, bike track, Cow sculpture Adjacent bush	Equipment not expected to fail within 10 years
Peninsula Park, Valley Heights	Move - F Kinetic - F	Formal play, bushland, Partially fenceducked away	Potential to replace formal with nature play
Yellow Rock Reserve	Move - F Kinetic - F Social - F	Adjacent bushland Formal play with small bike loop Mosaic	Recently developed Not expected to fail within ten years



**PLANNING AREA 4—CURRENT AND PROPOSED PLAY PROVISION**