



# Central Coast Council **Playspace Strategy**

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## Introduction/Background

Central Coast Council delivers a diverse range of play opportunities for children and families through a network of playspaces and outdoor fitness equipment located within public parks and reserves across the region.

This updated Playspace Strategy builds on the foundations of the 2020 document and ensures Council continues to apply a proactive, sustainable, and evidence-based approach to the planning, provision and management of playspaces across the Local Government Area.

Play is essential to children’s physical, cognitive, social, emotional and sensory development. Through play, children learn vital life skills—such as problem-solving, creativity, social interaction, imagination, risk-taking, and self-expression. Play helps children understand themselves, connect with others, and build confidence.

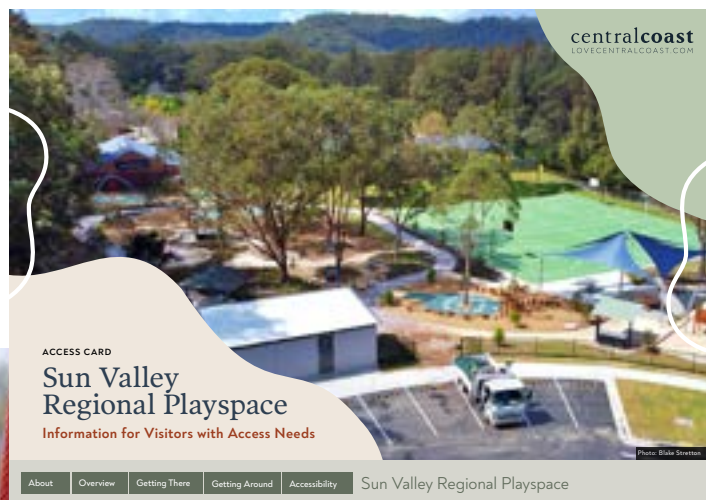
Modern playspaces provide environments where children can explore, imagine, create, interact, and reflect. Contemporary playground design has evolved beyond traditional standalone elements such as swings and slides, and now incorporates integrated equipment, theming, varied levels of challenge, and inclusive experiences that support children of all ages and abilities to be active, engaged, and socially connected.

In addition to guiding playspace planning, this strategy also outlines Council’s approach to the provision and renewal of outdoor fitness and exercise equipment within public open space, ensuring these facilities complement play opportunities and support broader community health and wellbeing.

# Overview of the Playspace Strategy 2020

Over the past five years Council has delivered over 50 playspaces, including the development of a regional playspace at Sun Valley Park at Greenpoint and eight district level playspaces at key locations across the Central Coast.

In addition, Council annually audited the playspace network to ensure playspaces are safe, well maintained and comply with Australian standards, including the identification of accessibility improvements at priority locations.



## Scope and Objectives

This strategy applies to playspaces located within public parks and reserves across the Local Government Area. It includes playspaces that are co-located with other recreation facilities, such as sports fields, and may incorporate associated elements including basketball hoops, learn-to-ride areas, and outdoor fitness equipment. Council-operated childcare centres are outside the scope of this strategy.

This strategy aims to:

- Provide clear strategic direction for the planning, development, renewal and upgrade of playspaces across the Central Coast.
- Ensure future playspace improvements remain relevant and responsive to community needs and expectations.
- Maintain safe and well-designed play environments that support children to take appropriate, calculated risks.
- Deliver a diverse range of creative, high-quality play experiences for children and their families to enjoy together.

For the purpose of this strategy, a playspace is defined as a purpose-built area designed to support children's play. Playspaces sit within a broader park setting and include the equipment, landscape elements and complementary facilities that contribute to the overall play experience. Playspaces vary in function and scale, from small local spaces to larger district and regional facilities, and typically cater for children aged 2 to 12 years.

At larger district and regional playspaces, Council aims to provide opportunities for a wider range of age groups, supporting inclusive, accessible and intergenerational play for the broader community.





# Community Strategic Plan Alignment

## Connecting Play to our Community Vision

Central Coast Council’s Community Strategic Plan (CSP) a “10 year roadmap” that outlines the Central Coast community’s priorities, vision and aspirations. The plan guides the development of Council’s strategies and plans, including the Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Resourcing Strategy.

Parks and playspaces are a vital asset for our community and the CSP recommends the continued planning and maintenance of parks, reserves and open space.

In addition, other Council documents have been referenced during the development of this document including:

- Open Space Strategy 2024 – 2031
- Community Engagement Strategy
- Public Toilet Strategy
- Disability Inclusion Action Plan
- Youth Strategy



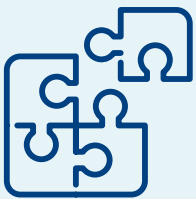
# The Role and Benefits of Playspaces

## The Heart of our Community

Playspaces are more than just playgrounds, they are vital community assets that support the health, wellbeing, and social fabric of the Central Coast. They provide safe, welcoming places for children to play, families to gather, and people of all ages to connect with nature and each other. Well-designed playspaces foster a sense of belonging, encourage active lifestyles, and help children develop essential physical, social, and cognitive skills.

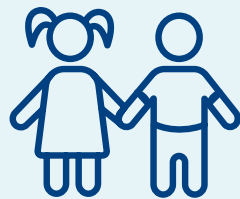
### Community Benefits of Playspaces

- **Health and Wellbeing:** Playspaces promote physical activity, reduce sedentary behaviour, and support mental health for all ages.
- **Social Connection:** They serve as informal meeting places, strengthening neighbourhood ties and building community resilience.
- **Child Development:** Through play, children develop coordination, creativity, problem-solving, and social skills.
- **Inclusion:** Inclusive playspaces ensure everyone, regardless of ability or background, can participate and feel welcome.
- **Intergenerational Activity:** Outdoor gyms and shared spaces encourage activity for youth, adults, and older residents together.



#### Cognitive Play

Opportunity for exploration, manipulating objects, problem solving, imaginative play. Most important for really young children. Examples include gardens, logs, sand, natural elements that allow touch. Mazes and puzzles are important.



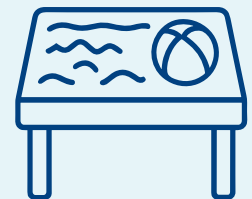
#### Social Play

Opportunity for communication, teamwork, interactive play. Most important for preschool and above however it's important for all ages. Consideration of elements that allow for shared use such as cubbies, seating, basket swings.



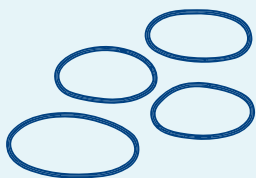
#### Physical Play

Opportunity for movement, balance, coordination, jumping, hanging, climbing, sliding, rocking, swinging. Important for all ages of children however the physical challenge required increases with age and mobility.



#### Sensory Play

Opportunity for sensory stimulation (sound, sight, touch and smell). Most important for really young children.



#### Nature Play

The use of natural materials or non-manufactured equipment, in a play setting such including logs, boulders, plants, sand, water, surfaces, changes of level and other landscaping elements. Nature play allows children to interact with the natural environment.



#### Inclusive Play

Invites people of all ages, abilities and cultures to come together and socialise in a play setting. Incorporates principles of inclusive design and accessibility.



#### Intergenerational Play

A play setting that brings together individuals from different age groups, particularly children and older adults.



#### Risky Play

Risky play includes several elements such as playing at height, playing at speed, playing with tools, rough and tumble play, getting lost or disappearing, play involving impact and vicarious play.

# Accessible and Inclusive Play

## Inclusive Play and Holistic Development

Beyond the fundamental benefits of movement, exercise and physical fitness, play is critical to children's overall development. Physical play supports the foundations of balance, coordination, vision, hearing, tactile learning and sensory integration. Play contributes to the wellbeing of young children, teenagers and adults alike, and inclusive design must consider the needs of all ages, cultural backgrounds and abilities.

## What is an Inclusive Playspace?

Everyone Can Play: A Guideline to Create Inclusive Play defines an inclusive playspace as one that is:

*...easy to access, easy to move around in, provide a range of play types and challenges, and are equipped with appropriate facilities, in a comfortable environment. Inclusive playspaces allow everyone to stay as long as they choose.*

Inclusive playspaces remove physical, social and sensory barriers that prevent people from participating in play. They provide access to a variety of play experiences and consider the diverse needs of as many users as possible, ensuring that every individual has the opportunity to engage and participate.

## Accessibility vs Inclusivity

The *Everyone Can Play* guideline encourages planners, designers and users to think beyond accessibility needs, so that everyone can realise the joys of play. Accessibility is commonly associated with physical features such as mobility standards, pathways, gradients and safety compliance. It primarily focuses on enabling people, particularly those with mobility limitations, to physically enter and move around a space.

Inclusivity, however, extends further. It considers the full spectrum of user needs, including sensory, social, cultural and cognitive factors, ensuring that the play experience is meaningful and enjoyable for everyone.

While meeting accessibility standards across play equipment, surfacing and supporting facilities is essential, inclusive design aims to create playspaces for all.





# Playspace Strategy Engagement Summary



Playspaces play an important role in community life, it's where we socialise, keep active, get outdoors and connect with each other. For our children, playspaces allow for play and learning that help develop their physical, emotional, social and cognitive skills.

Central Coast Council manages and maintains over 270 playspaces across the region. How we plan, build and care for these spaces is guided by our Playspace Strategy.

We asked for your feedback between Monday 10 November and Sunday 21 December 2025, to help us shape our Playspace Strategy for the next five years.

To share feedback, we invited the community to:

- Complete the online survey
- Participate in the online fund-it activity
- Attend any of the five pop-up events held across the Central Coast

This engagement summary details the key findings from the engagement, council's response to key feedback and the next steps for the project.



## How you connected



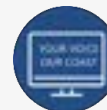
A total of **1,093** survey responses



**5** pop-ups at **5** locations within each Council ward, with over **65** attendees



**461** fund-it-tool participants, generating **2,695** votes



Your Voice Our Coast **6,651** views from **3,727** visitors



Paid social media – reach of **40,509**



Social Media posts across Facebook, Instagram and X had a total of **112,543** views



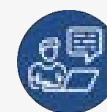
Posters and flyers were installed in popular playspaces, with **186** people using the QR code



eNews – Opened and read by **6,718** subscribers, with **198** readers clicking to engagement page



Coast Connect print – readership of **62,000+**



**13** different digital and print communication channels to promote engagement

# Summary of engagement results

## Current playspace usage



Most respondents **visit playspaces multiple times per week**, staying 30 minutes to two hours



Nearly half **travel 5-10 minutes** to a playspace, either by **car or walk**



The most popular visit times are **mid-morning** and **late afternoon**



The most common user age groups are **babies/toddlers** and **preschool** kids

## Priority playspace features



**Shade** structures **86%** of votes



**Fencing** **59%** of votes



**Swings** **58%** of votes



**Slides** **52%** of votes



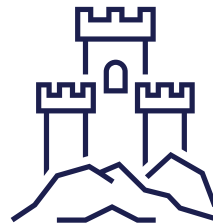
**Toddler play** **50%** of votes

## Funding priorities



**65%** would prefer to **keep local playspaces** as they are, compared to removing some local playspaces to invest more district and regional playspaces

## Diversity of play experiences



**82%** prefer a **range of play** experiences across nearby playspaces

## Barriers to accessing playspaces



Lack of **shade** **73%**



No public **toilets** **50%**



Lack of **equipment** **40%** or **variety** **38%**



**Poorly maintained** spaces **38%**

## Vision Statement

### *Play, Close to Home, for Everyone*

Council will deliver a connected network of high quality, inclusive playspaces that support active, healthy, and social lifestyles and enable equitable access for our community.

We will prioritise access and inclusion guided by the Everyone Can Play principles – Can I get there? Can I stay? Can I play? – ensuring people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds feel welcome. As our population grows, we will strategically plan and develop playspaces to provide an equitable and sustainable network for the future Central Coast.



# Guiding Principles for Playspaces

The following principles have been developed to direct the planning, design, and management of playspaces across the Central Coast:



## 1. Equitable Distribution

- Provide a network of quality playspaces that ensures the supply and category of playspaces meet the needs of each catchment.
- Ensure all residents have reasonable access to play opportunities, regardless of where they live.



## 2. Co-location

- Where possible, co-locate playspaces with other facilities such as amenities, sporting fields, and parking to maximise capacity, efficiency, and community benefit.
- Leverage existing infrastructure to enhance usability and cost-effectiveness.



## 3. Well Planned and Designed

- Design playspaces that consider the local context and embrace a 'whole of park' approach.
- Ensure playspaces are inclusive, accessible, intergenerational, creative, and minimise maintenance requirements.
- Evidence planning and decision making to ensure playspaces are fit-for-purpose and safe for all users.



## 4. Sustainable

- Develop playspaces that are robust and consider the full lifecycle management of the asset.
- Incorporate materials and designs that support long-term durability and environmental sustainability.



## 5. Accessible and Inclusive

- Design for everyone: All ages, abilities, and backgrounds.
- Apply the Everyone Can Play principles.
- Go beyond physical access—provide social, sensory, and cognitive inclusion so children and carers of all abilities can play together.



## 6. Diversity and Challenge

- Provide a variety of play experiences: physical, social, imaginative, and sensory.
- Ensure equipment and layouts offer progressive challenge for different ages and abilities, supporting healthy risk-taking and development.
- Include quiet spaces and opportunities for creative, unstructured play.



# Playspace Hierarchy and Park Infrastructure

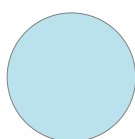
Council has established a hierarchy of playspaces to ensure facilities across the region appropriately serve their surrounding communities and offer a diverse range of play experiences.



**Local Playspaces** – Local playspaces make up 80% of the playspace network and are located within local parks within a short distance to nearby residents. They provide basic play equipment designed to support short visits, with a typical stay of 15 to 30 minutes.



**District Playspaces** – District playspaces are larger and cater to a broader catchment and are accessible by car, active transport and public transport. These playspaces support longer stays of approximately 1 to 2 hours and include enhanced play experiences complemented by supporting park infrastructure.



**Regional Playspace** – Regional playspaces are the largest of Council’s playspace network and attract visitors from within a region. They typically offer the greatest variety and capacity of play equipment, including specialist or iconic features and aim to promote inclusion, social connection, activation and intergenerational engagement.

The table below reflects minimum playspace design elements for each classification.

| Consideration        | Local            | District      | Regional          |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Play Elements        | 5-7              | 8-12          | 15+               |
| Catchment Area       | 400-800m         | 1-2 km        | 10km              |
| Length of Stay       | 15 to 30 minutes | 1 to 2 hours  | 2+ hours          |
| Parcel Size          | 0.3 to 0.5ha     | 1 to 3 ha     | 4+ ha             |
| Target Age           | 0 to 8 years     | 0 to 12 years | Intergenerational |
| Soft Fall            | Mulch/Rubber     | Mulch/Rubber  | Mulch/Rubber      |
| Standards (AS)       | AS4685/AS4422    | AS4685/AS4422 | AS4685/AS4422     |
| Inclusive Design     | Yes              | Yes           | Yes               |
| Fitness Equipment    | No               | Situational   | Situational       |
| Community Engagement | No               | Design        | Design            |

Audits of the existing network indicate that some playspaces do not currently align with the hierarchy. As these facilities reach the end of their life cycle, Council will investigate opportunities to upgrade them to the appropriate classification and standard.

## Park Infrastructure

Supporting infrastructure is essential to achieving a ‘whole of park’ and inclusive approach to maximise the usability, enjoyment and accessibility of playspaces. Council aims to use existing infrastructure in proximity to playspaces to optimise efficiency and reduce cost.

The table below reflects minimum park infrastructure for each playspace classification.

| Park Infrastructure     | Local       | District    | Regional |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Fencing                 | Situational | Yes         | Yes      |
| Natural Shade           | Yes         | Yes         | Yes      |
| Shade Structure/Sail    | No          | Yes         | Yes      |
| Seating                 | Yes         | Yes         | Yes      |
| Picnic Shelter          | No          | Yes         | Yes      |
| Drinking Water          | No          | Yes         | Yes      |
| BBQ                     | No          | Situational | Yes      |
| Car Parking             | No          | Situational | Yes      |
| Public Toilet/Amenities | No          | Situational | Yes      |
| Accessible Paths        | Situational | Yes         | Yes      |

# Open Space Strategy 2024 - 2031

Council adopted the Open Space Strategy in 2024 as a strategic planning tool to assist with supply, demand and functionality of Council's Open Space network which includes sporting facilities and community parks. The strategy developed a Park Hierarchy (Local, District and Regional) and a planning framework to assess the suitability of current open space to be applied to Council parks and reserves.

## Key Park Planning Attributes are listed below

### Size

Minimum parcel size based on the park classification.

### Shape

Preference for regular shapes (e.g. Square or Rectangle) over linear open space.

### Access

Connected by an accessible path network.

### Road Frontage

Minimum road frontage on two sides with no less than a 50m boundary.

### Topography

Main use area is relatively flat (does not exceed 4% fall).

### Safety and Surveillance

Consider Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles and have good road frontage and visibility from surrounding properties.

### Hazards and Constraints

Free of hazard and constraints (flooding, contaminated land, underground/overhead services, environmental factors).

### Proximity to Residential

Ensure playspaces are well located and accessible to the respective catchment (Local, District or Regional).

The Open Space Strategy recommended the application of the above park planning framework to the playspace network, to ensure playspaces are fit for purpose and underpinned by community need.



# Outdoor Gyms and Fitness Equipment

## Fitness in the fresh air

Outdoor gyms are an important extension of the playspace network, providing opportunities for active lifestyles across all ages and promoting intergenerational use of parks. These facilities complement traditional play equipment by encouraging adults, older children, and seniors to engage in strength, flexibility, and cardio exercises in a safe, accessible, and social environment.

### Purpose and Benefits:

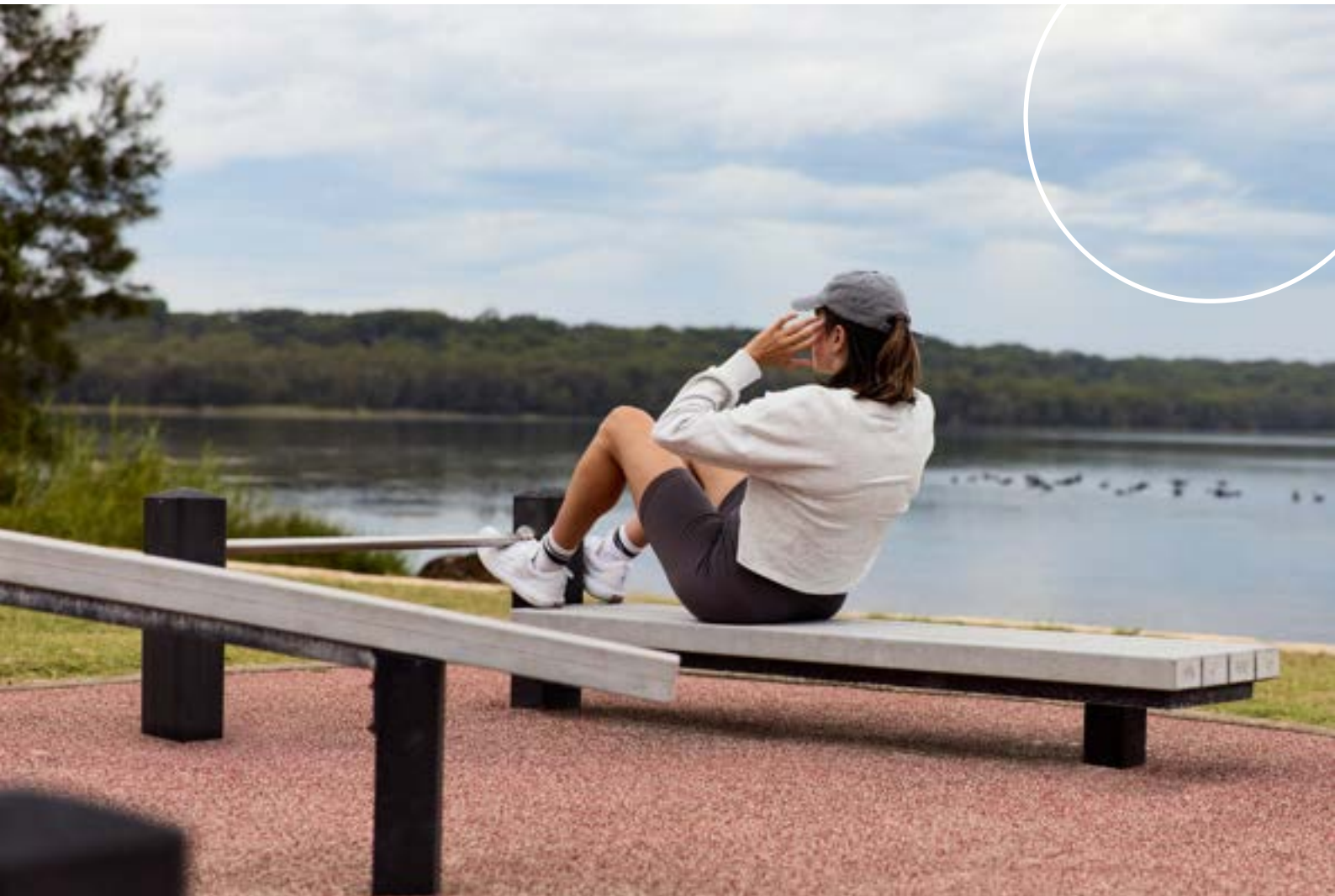
- **Health and Wellbeing:** Supports physical activity, reduces sedentary behaviour, and improves mental health.
- **Intergenerational Engagement:** Encourages families and community members of all ages to be active together.
- **Accessibility:** Free and available year-round, reducing barriers to fitness.
- **Social Connection:** Creates informal meeting points and fosters community interaction.

### Current Network:

Central Coast Council currently provides outdoor gyms at over 30 key locations across the region at parks, reserves and waterfront areas. These sites demonstrate Council's commitment to integrated recreation spaces that serve diverse community needs.

### Future Directions:

- Expand outdoor gym facilities in high-growth areas and regional playspaces.
- Integrate fitness stations along shared pathways to encourage active transport and incidental exercise.
- Explore partnerships and grants to deliver innovative fitness solutions, such as smart equipment or inclusive workout stations.



# Managing our Playspaces

## Building a Sustainable Network for Future Generations

Central Coast Council is committed to ensuring that our playspaces are not only vibrant and inclusive, but also environmentally, socially, and financially sustainable. Our approach to sustainability is embedded throughout the planning, design, construction, and management of every playspace, ensuring these community assets can be enjoyed for generations to come.

### 1. Environmental Sustainability

#### Sustainable Materials and Construction

- Select durable, low-maintenance, and recycled materials for equipment, surfacing, and furniture.
- Avoid materials with high embodied energy or those that contribute to landfill at end-of-life.
- Specify non-toxic finishes and locally sourced products where possible.

### 2. Social Sustainability

#### Universal Access and Inclusion

- Ensure playspaces are accessible and welcoming to all, regardless of age, ability, or background.
- Provide a mix of play opportunities including physical, sensory, social and quiet spaces, to support diverse needs.

### 3. Financial and Asset Sustainability

#### Lifecycle Management

- Maintain a 20-year renewal program for playspace assets, informed by regular inspections and independent audits.
- Prioritise upgrades and new works based on need, usage, and asset condition, ensuring efficient use of resources.

### 4. Continuous Improvement and Innovation

- Monitor and evaluate playspace performance, using community feedback and data to inform future improvements.
- Stay abreast of emerging best practice, standards, and guidelines, such as the NSW Everyone Can Play framework and Australian Standards for playgrounds and surfacing.
- Pilot new approaches, such as nature play, sensory gardens, water play, and risky play, to ensure the Central Coast remains a leader in sustainable play.





## Risk Management Statement

### Risk Management that enables Growth, Confidence and Resilience

Central Coast Council designs, builds and manages playspaces to Australian Standards and NSW's Everyone Can Play guidance so they are safe, inclusive and well maintained. We balance safety with developmental benefits by managing hazards to a reasonable level while still offering stimulating, age appropriate challenge.

#### Risk Statement

Risk is inherent in play. Our playspaces are not designed to eliminate all inherent risk, they are environments that allow supported risk taking as part of learning, building resilience and judgment. Active supervision and involvement from parents and caregivers is needed to help children navigate challenging elements that support cognitive and social development.

#### How We Manage Risk

- **Standards and compliance:** Apply AS 4685 (equipment) and AS 4422 (impact attenuation) across design, procurement and postinstall checks; embed *Everyone Can Play* principles.
- **Inspections and renewal:** Routine operational inspections (at least quarterly), annual independent audits, responsive maintenance and long term renewal programming.
- **Context specific controls:** Fencing or natural barriers where risk warrants (e.g., near roads / water).

- **Shade and comfort:** Prioritise natural shade; provide built shade at higher use district and regional playspaces.
- **Inclusion and reach:** Focus advanced inclusive elements at regional/district sites while progressively improving local parks.
- **Intergenerational activity:** Include outdoor gyms/fitness to support all ages.
- **Community reporting:** Clear signage and QR codes to report hazards for fast rectification.
- **Growth focus:** Direct new/upgraded playspaces to growth areas.

#### Resource realities

Not every site can be fully fenced, rubber surfaced or shaded with structures. Treatments are prioritised by risk, hierarchy, demand, age-group focus and site context, complemented by tree planting and targeted accessibility upgrades over time.

#### Action

Council will embed a Playspace Safety Management System within the Parks and Playspace Management Plan. This will formalise controls, inspections, procedures and governance processes to ensure safety practices are consistent, auditable and continuously improved.

# Planning for Play (Distribution Mapping)

The following maps have been developed using Council's Social Planning Districts capturing current and future playspace across the Central Coast.

The maps include recommended catchments for each playspace based their respective classification (500m, 2km and 10km).



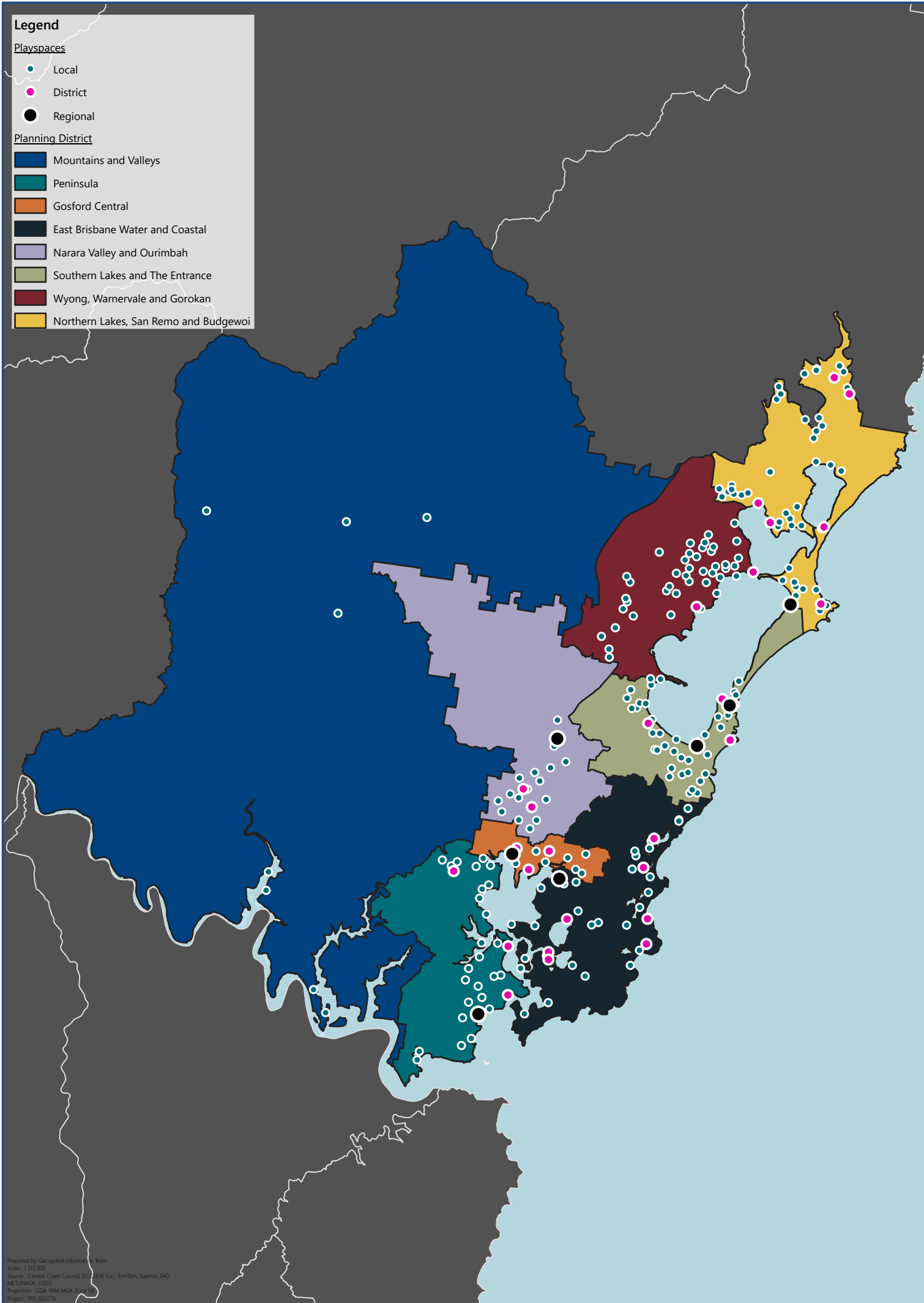
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## Playspaces

- Local
- District
- Regional

## Planning District

- Mountains and Valleys
- Peninsula
- Gosford Central
- East Brisbane Water and Coastal
- Narara Valley and Ourimbah
- Southern Lakes and The Entrance
- Wyong, Warnervale and Gorokan
- Northern Lakes, San Remo and Budgewoi



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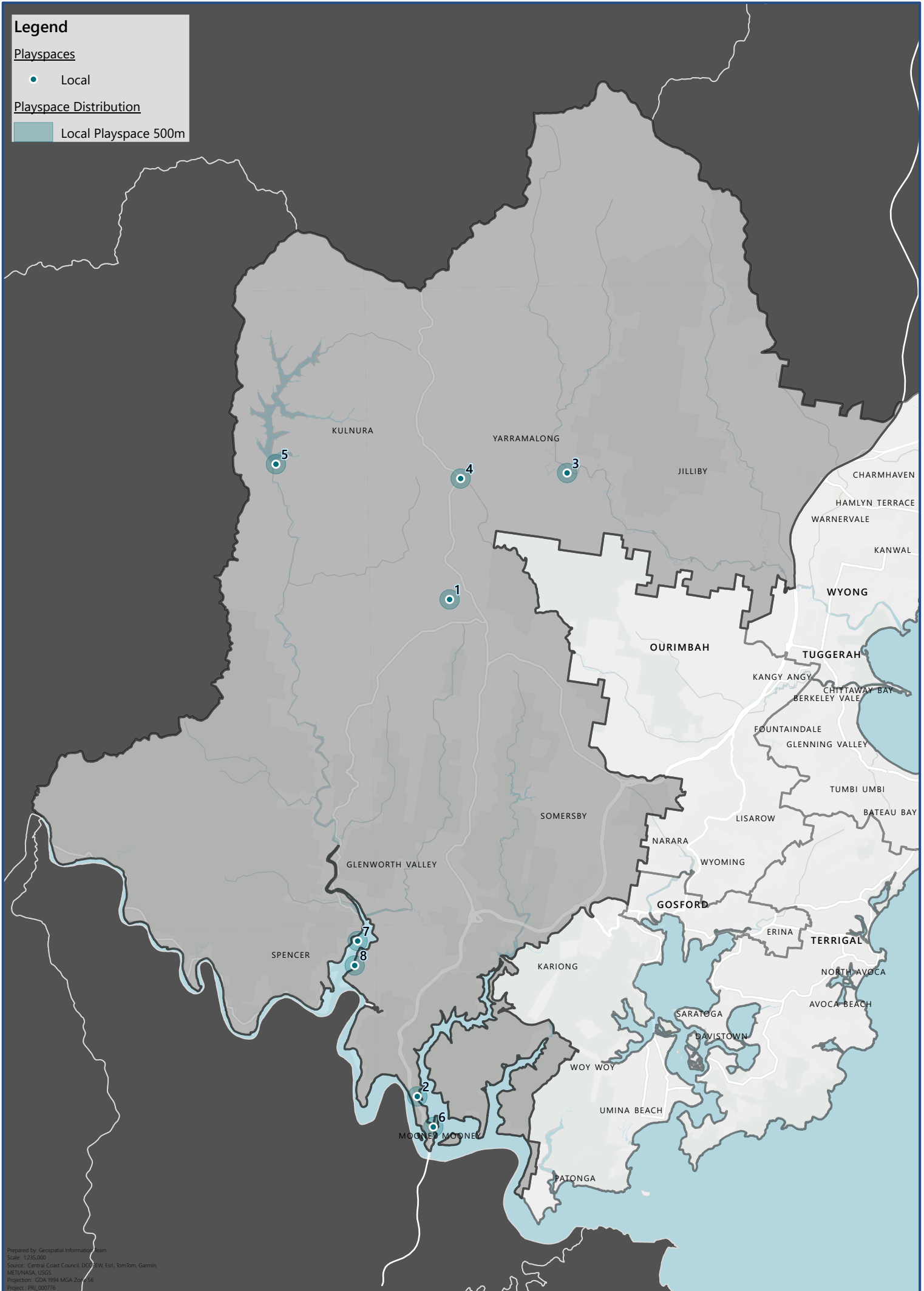
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## Playspaces

- Local

## Playspace Distribution

- Local Playspace 500m



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## Mountains and Valleys

| Item | Name                               | Suburb            | Category |
|------|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| 1    | Bloodtree Oval                     | Mangrove Mountain | Local    |
| 2    | Cheero Point Playground            | Cheero Point      | Local    |
| 3    | Jack Gear Reserve                  | Yarramalong       | Local    |
| 4    | Kulnura Pioneer Park               | Kulnura           | Local    |
| 5    | Mangrove Creek Dam Visitors Centre | Mangrove Creek    | Local    |
| 6    | Mooney Mooney Playspace            | Mooney Mooney     | Local    |
| 7    | Spencer Waterfront                 | Spencer           | Local    |
| 8    | Wendoree Park                      | Mount White       | Local    |

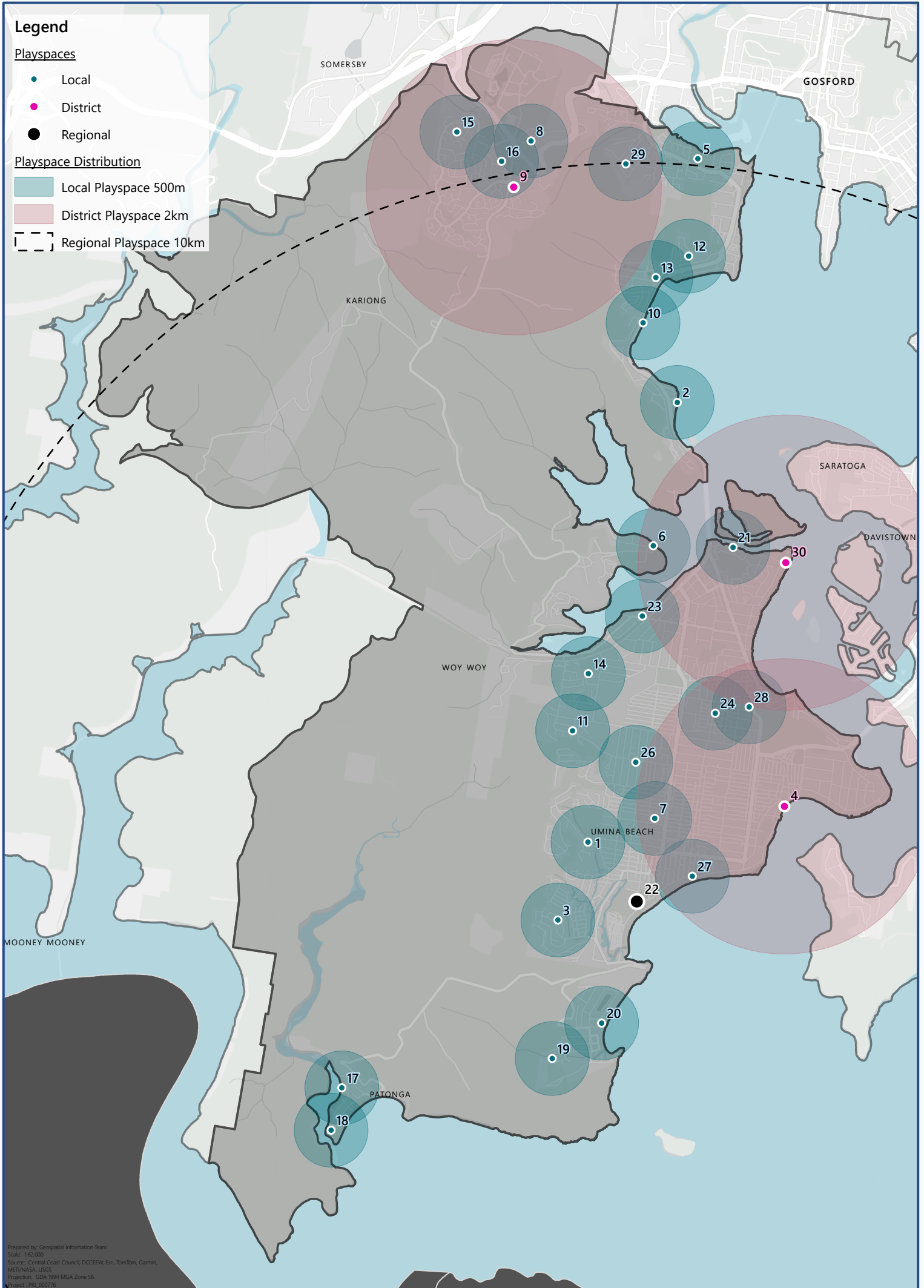
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## Playspaces

- Local
- District
- Regional

## Playspace Distribution

- Local Playspace 500m
- District Playspace 2km
- Regional Playspace 10km



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# Peninsula

| Item | Name                              | Suburb         | Category |
|------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| 1    | Brisbane Ave Playground           | Umina Beach    | Local    |
| 2    | Couche Park                       | Koolewong      | Local    |
| 3    | Cowper Road Playground            | Umina Beach    | Local    |
| 4    | Ettalong Beach Waterfront Reserve | Ettalong Beach | District |
| 5    | Fagan Park                        | Point Clare    | Local    |
| 6    | Gurdon Reserve                    | Woy Woy        | Local    |
| 7    | Guyangil Park                     | Umina Beach    | Local    |
| 8    | Jarraah Park                      | Kariong        | Local    |
| 9    | Kariong Progress Hall Playspace   | Kariong        | District |
| 10   | Koolewong Waterfront Reserve      | Koolewong      | Local    |
| 11   | Lentara Road Playspace            | Umina Beach    | Local    |
| 12   | Melaleuca Park                    | Tascott        | Local    |
| 13   | Murrumbooe Place Playspace        | Tascott        | Local    |
| 14   | Nambucca Drive Playspace          | Woy Woy        | Local    |
| 15   | Nullawa Park                      | Kariong        | Local    |
| 16   | Parry Park                        | Kariong        | Local    |
| 17   | Patonga Beach Foreshore           | Patonga        | Local    |
| 18   | Patonga Caravan And Camping Area  | Patonga        | Local    |
| 19   | Pearl Beach Tennis Reserve        | Pearl Beach    | Local    |
| 20   | Pearl Parade Playspace            | Pearl Beach    | Local    |
| 21   | Pelican Park                      | Woy Woy        | Local    |
| 22   | Peninsula Recreation Precinct     | Umina Beach    | Regional |
| 23   | Stoney Park                       | Woy Woy        | Local    |
| 24   | The Runway Playspace              | Woy Woy        | Local    |
| 25   | Uratta Street Playspace           | West Gosford   | Local    |
| 26   | Vernon Park                       | Umina Beach    | Local    |
| 27   | W L Lloyd Park                    | Umina Beach    | Local    |
| 28   | Wallaby Playspace                 | Blackwall      | Local    |
| 29   | Wendy Drive Park                  | Point Clare    | Local    |
| 30   | Woy Woy Lions Park                | Woy Woy        | District |

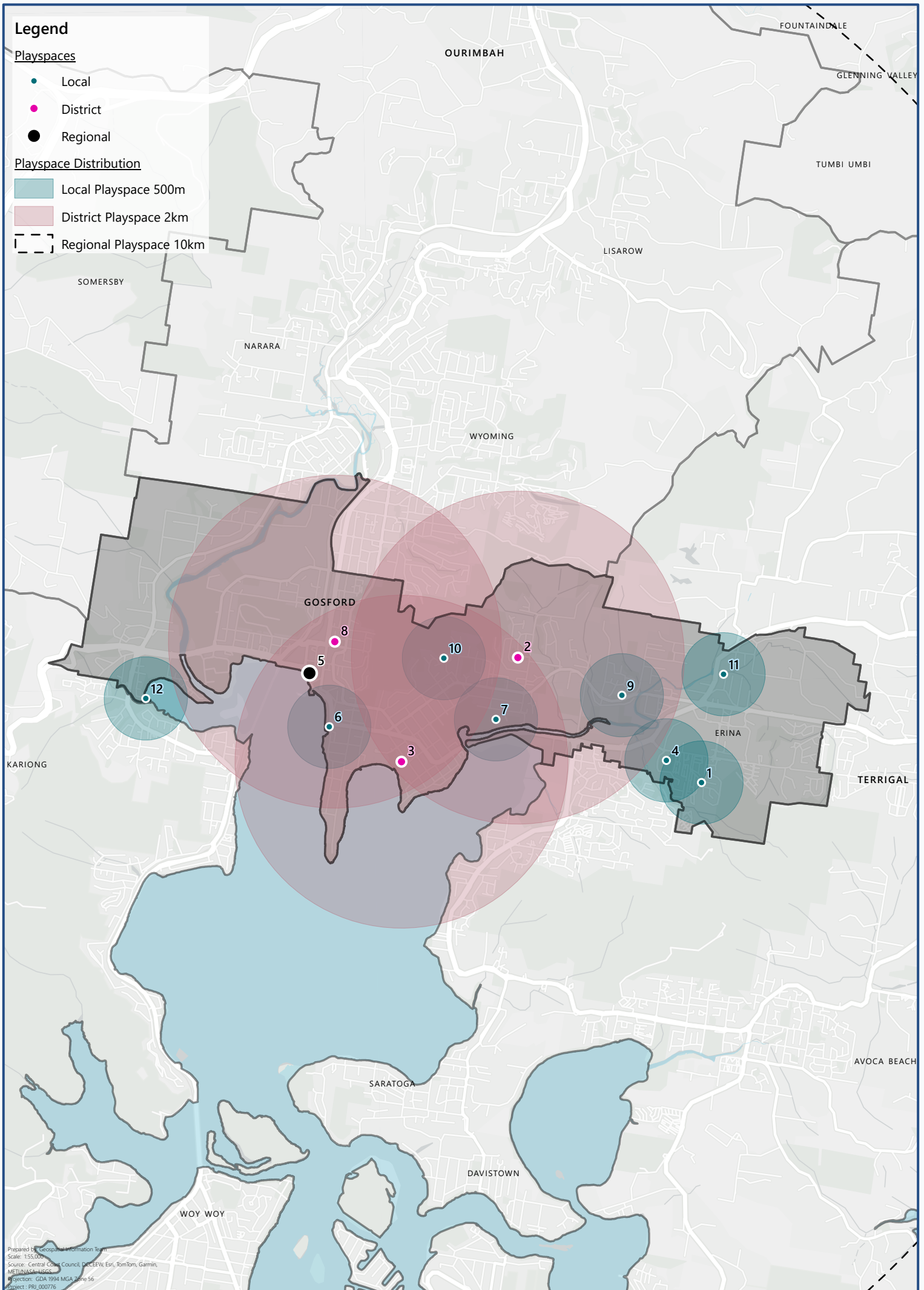
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## Playspaces

- Local
- District
- Regional

## Playspace Distribution

- Local Playspace 500m
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- Regional Playspace 10km



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# Gosford Central

| Item | Name                       | Suburb       | Category |
|------|----------------------------|--------------|----------|
| 1    | Bronzewing Drive Reserve   | Erina        | Local    |
| 2    | Bushlands Avenue Reserve   | Springfield  | District |
| 3    | Elizabeth Ross Park        | East Gosford | District |
| 4    | Erina Oval                 | Erina        | Local    |
| 5    | Gosford Leagues Club Field | Gosford      | Regional |
| 6    | Gosford Lions Park         | Gosford      | Local    |
| 7    | Hylton Moore Park          | East Gosford | Local    |
| 8    | Kibble Park                | Gosford      | District |
| 9    | Mahogany Close Playspace   | Springfield  | Local    |
| 10   | Sullens Avenue Playspace   | East Gosford | Local    |
| 11   | Syd Sherar Reserve         | Erina        | Local    |
| 12   | Uratta Street              | West Gosford | Local    |

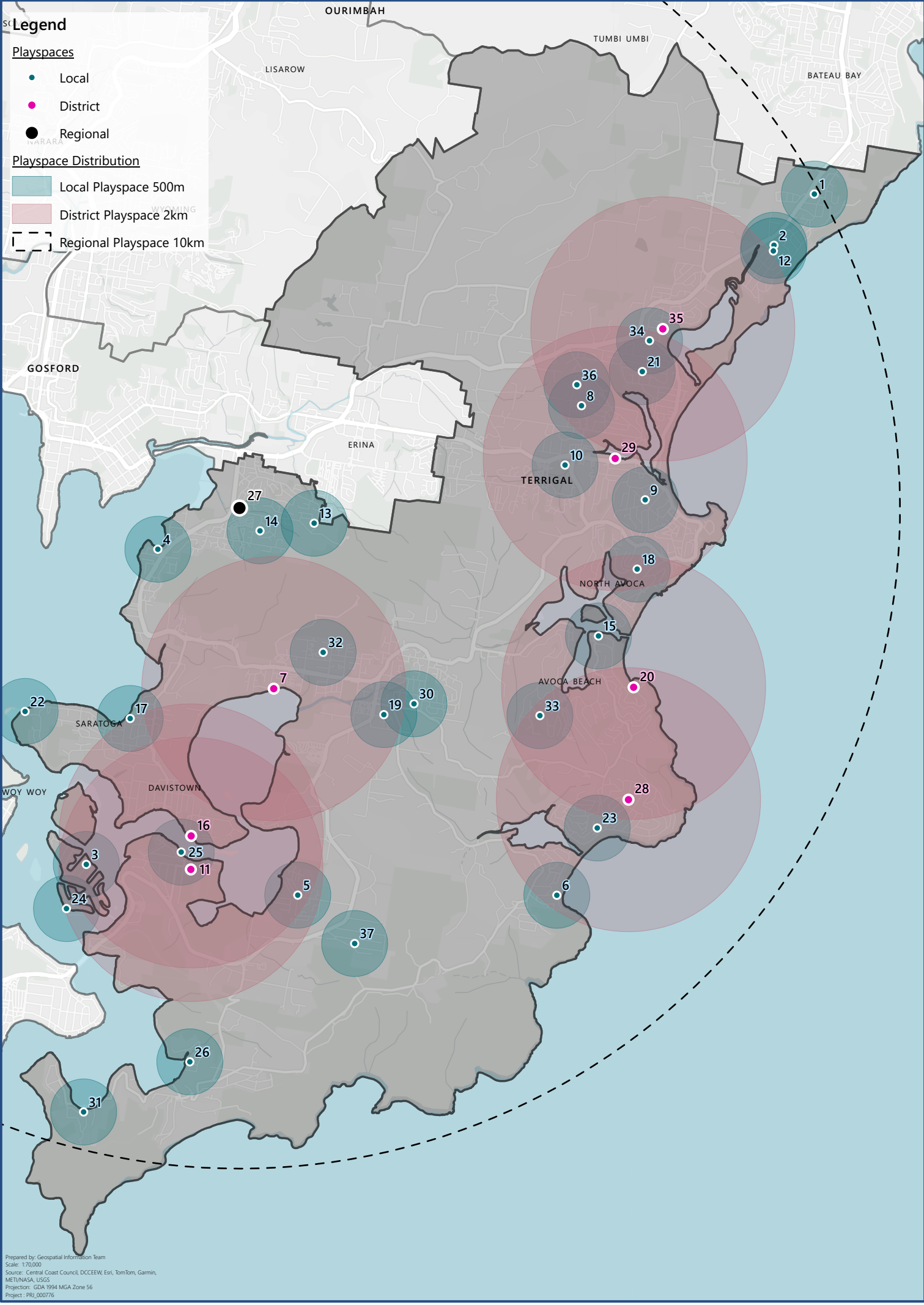
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## Playspaces

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- District
- Regional

## Playspace Distribution

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- Regional Playspace 10km



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## East Brisbane Water and Coastal

| Item | Name                     | Suburb            | Category |
|------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| 1    | Albatross Close Reserve  | Forresters Beach  | Local    |
| 2    | Archibold Park           | Forresters Beach  | Local    |
| 3    | Attunga Close Park       | St Huberts Island | Local    |
| 4    | Bayside Drive Reserve    | Green Point       | Local    |
| 5    | Ben Davis Reserve        | Bensville         | Local    |
| 6    | Benavie Reserve          | Macmasters Beach  | Local    |
| 7    | Broadwater Park          | Kincumber         | District |
| 8    | Cheryl Avenue            | Terrigal          | Local    |
| 9    | Drummer Parry Park       | Terrigal          | Local    |
| 10   | Duffys Oval              | Terrigal          | Local    |
| 11   | Empire Bay Tennis Courts | Empire Bay        | District |
| 12   | Forresters Beach Park    | Forresters Beach  | Local    |
| 13   | Goondari Reserve         | Green Point       | Local    |
| 14   | Greenvale Road           | Green Point       | Local    |
| 15   | Heazlett Park            | Avoca Beach       | Local    |
| 16   | Illoura Reserve          | Davistown         | District |
| 17   | Jirramba Avenue          | Saratoga          | Local    |
| 18   | Palm Gully Park          | North Avoca       | Local    |
| 19   | Pinyari Close Playspace  | Kincumber         | Local    |
| 20   | Ross Park                | Avoca Beach       | District |
| 21   | Rysdyk Parade Playspace  | Wamberal          | Local    |
| 22   | Saratoga Oval            | Saratoga          | Local    |
| 23   | Shaun Brinklow Park      | Copacabana        | Local    |
| 24   | Solstice Place Reserve   | St Huberts Island | Local    |
| 25   | Sorrento Road Reserve    | Empire Bay        | Local    |
| 26   | Stanley Street Playspace | Killcare          | Local    |
| 27   | Sun Valley Park          | Green Point       | Regional |
| 28   | Susan Fahey Reserve      | Copacabana        | District |
| 29   | Terrigal Rotary Park     | Terrigal          | District |
| 30   | The Lavender Patch       | Kincumber         | Local    |
| 31   | Turo Reserve             | Pretty Beach      | Local    |
| 32   | Tuross Close Reserve     | Kincumber         | Local    |
| 33   | Walder Crescent          | Avoca Beach       | Local    |
| 34   | Wamberal Memorial Hall   | Wamberal          | Local    |
| 35   | Wamberal Park            | Wamberal          | District |
| 36   | Wycombe Road Playspace   | Terrigal          | Local    |
| 37   | Yarram Road Playspace    | Bensville         | Local    |

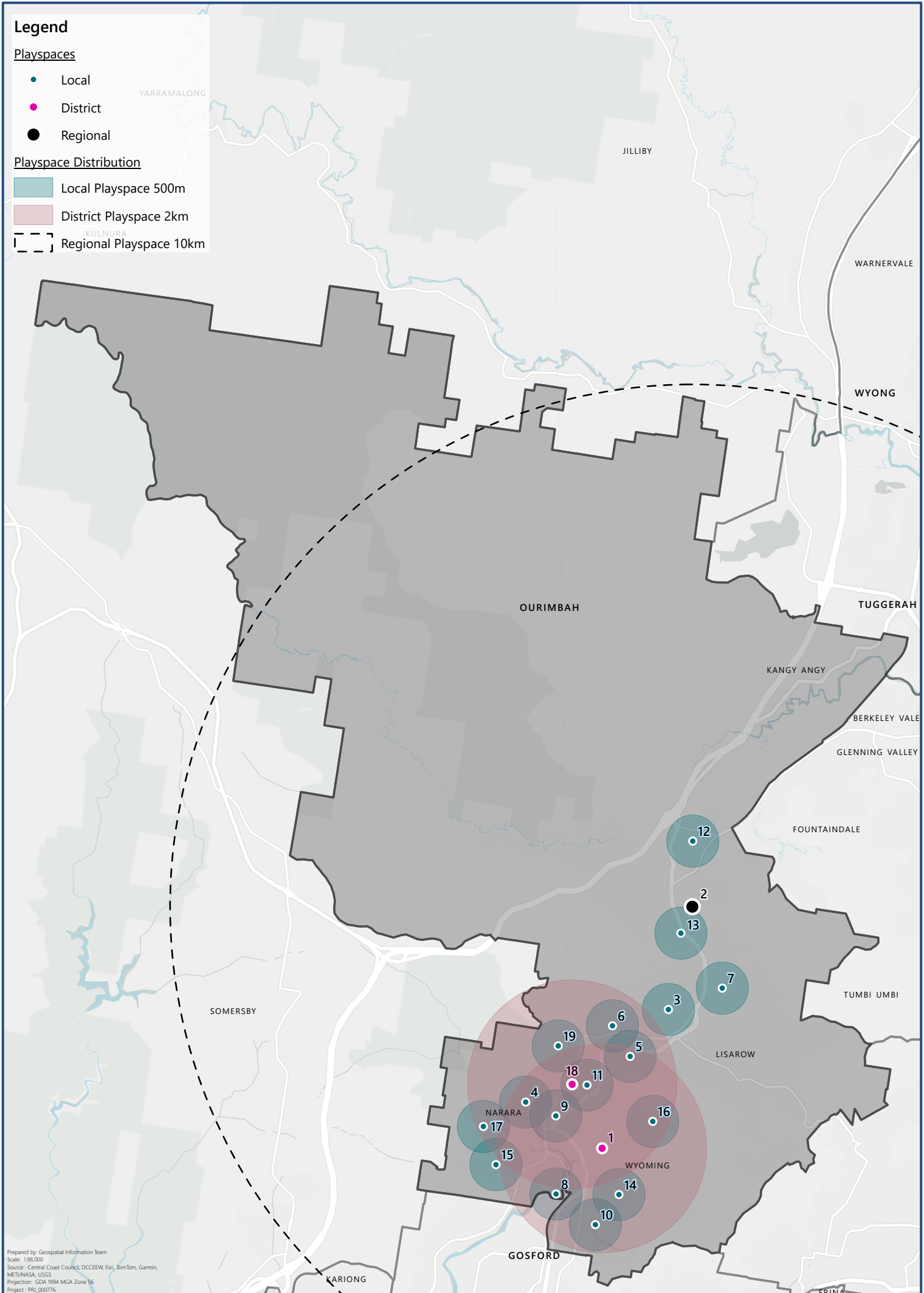
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## Playspaces

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- District
- Regional

## Playspace Distribution

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## Narara Valley and Ourimbah

| Item | Name                     | Suburb        | Category |
|------|--------------------------|---------------|----------|
| 1    | Alan Davidson Park       | Wyoming       | District |
| 2    | Bill Sohler Park         | Ourimbah      | Regional |
| 3    | Cambourn Drive Playspace | Lisarow       | Local    |
| 4    | Canning Park Playspace   | Narara        | Local    |
| 5    | Caroline Cox Reserve     | Lisarow       | Local    |
| 6    | Condula Park             | Lisarow       | Local    |
| 7    | Cutrock Park             | Ourimbah      | Local    |
| 8    | Gavenlock Oval           | Narara        | Local    |
| 9    | Goonak Parade Playspace  | Narara        | Local    |
| 10   | Jarrett Street Playspace | North Gosford | Local    |
| 11   | Karina Drive Playspace   | Narara        | Local    |
| 12   | Lara Close Reserve       | Ourimbah      | Local    |
| 13   | Lions Park               | Ourimbah      | Local    |
| 14   | Maidens Brush Oval       | Wyoming       | Local    |
| 15   | Mitchell Park            | Narara        | Local    |
| 16   | Pangari Close            | Wyoming       | Local    |
| 17   | Treeline Close Playspace | Narara        | Local    |
| 18   | Willari Ave Reserve      | Narara        | District |
| 19   | Wyunda Court Playspace   | Narara        | Local    |

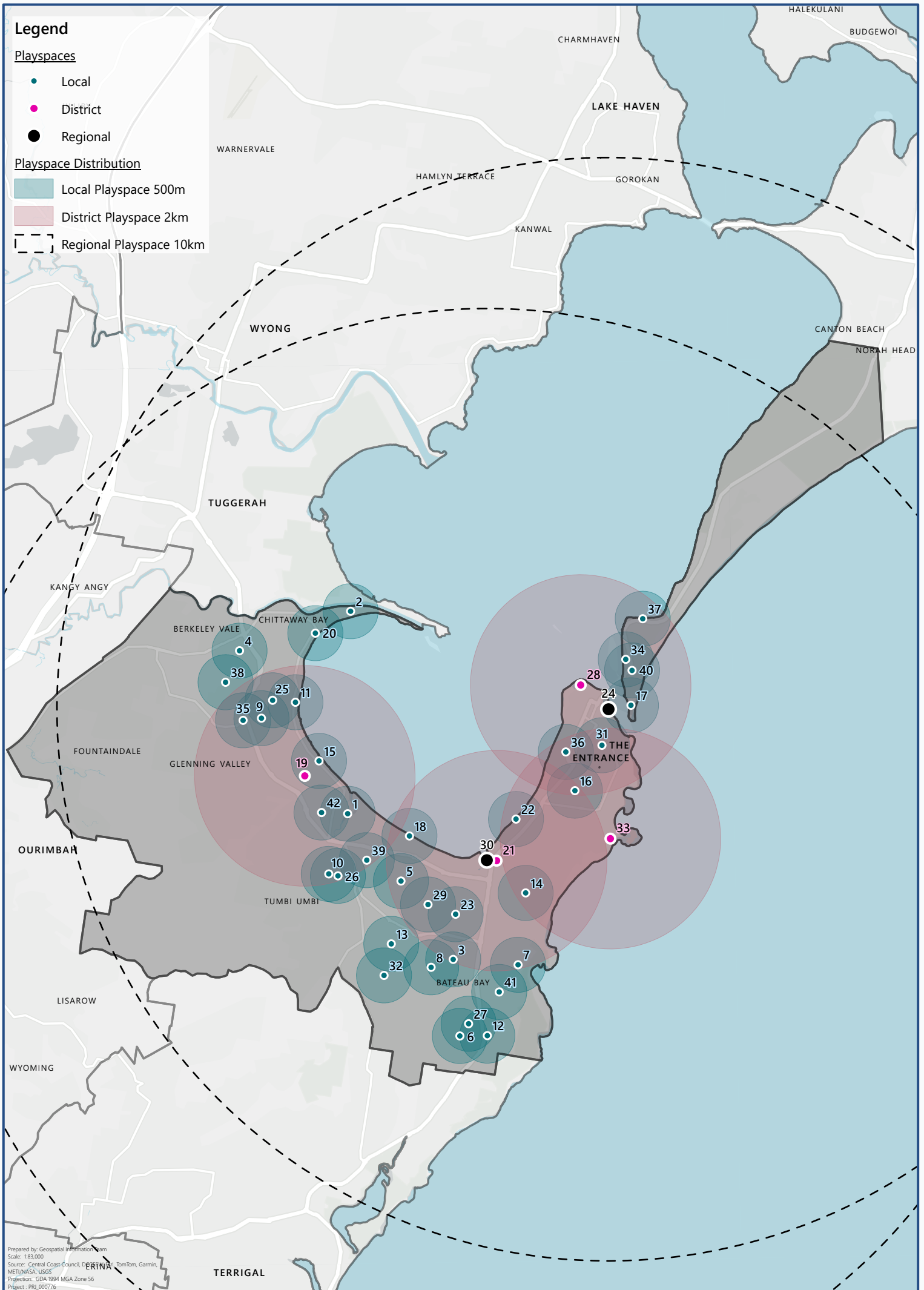
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## Playspaces

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- District
- Regional

## Playspace Distribution

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## Southern Lakes and The Entrance

| Item | Name                                | Suburb             | Category |
|------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| 1    | Adelaide Street Oval                | Killarney Vale     | Local    |
| 2    | Aloha Drive Reserve                 | Chittaway Bay      | Local    |
| 3    | Apex Park                           | Bateau Bay         | Local    |
| 4    | Ashwood Reserve                     | Glenning Valley    | Local    |
| 5    | Avery Street Reserve                | Killarney Vale     | Local    |
| 6    | Bateau Bay Community Hall           | Bateau Bay         | Local    |
| 7    | Bateau Bay Mini Park                | Bateau Bay         | Local    |
| 8    | Bateau Bay Oval                     | Bateau Bay         | Local    |
| 9    | Berkeley Park                       | Berkeley Vale      | Local    |
| 10   | Blue Crane Close Reserve            | Tumbi Umbi         | Local    |
| 11   | Bluebell Park                       | Berkeley Vale      | Local    |
| 12   | Coleridge Reserve                   | Bateau Bay         | Local    |
| 13   | Debra Anne Drive Reserve            | Bateau Bay         | Local    |
| 14   | Earl Street Reserve                 | Shelly Beach       | Local    |
| 15   | Ewen Howlett Reserve                | Berkeley Vale      | Local    |
| 16   | Jubilee Oval                        | Long Jetty         | Local    |
| 17   | Karagi Point Reserve                | The Entrance North | Local    |
| 18   | Killarney Vale Foreshore            | Killarney Vale     | Local    |
| 19   | Kurraba Oval                        | Berkeley Vale      | District |
| 20   | Lions Park                          | Chittaway Bay      | Local    |
| 21   | Lions Park                          | Long Jetty         | District |
| 22   | Long Jetty Foreshore                | Long Jetty         | Local    |
| 23   | McCull Park                         | Killarney Vale     | Local    |
| 24   | Memorial Park West                  | The Entrance       | Regional |
| 25   | Myrtle Brush Park                   | Berkeley Vale      | Local    |
| 26   | Parkland Gardens                    | Tumbi Umbi         | Local    |
| 27   | Pat Morley Oval                     | Bateau Bay         | Local    |
| 28   | Picnic Point Reserve                | The Entrance       | District |
| 29   | Pioneer Park                        | Killarney Vale     | Local    |
| 30   | Saltwater Creek Reserve             | Long Jetty         | Regional |
| 31   | Shore Park                          | The Entrance       | Local    |
| 32   | Sir Joseph Banks Oval               | Bateau Bay         | Local    |
| 33   | Swadling Reserve                    | Toowoan Bay        | District |
| 34   | Terilbah Reserve                    | The Entrance North | Local    |
| 35   | The Berkeley Community Centre       | Glenning Valley    | Local    |
| 36   | The Entrance Community Centre       | The Entrance       | Local    |
| 37   | The Entrance North Recreation Trust | The Entrance North | Local    |
| 38   | The Glades Playspace                | Glenning Valley    | Local    |
| 39   | Tumbi Community Hall                | Tumbi Umbi         | Local    |
| 40   | Walter and Edith Dennis Reserve     | The Entrance North | Local    |
| 41   | Wandella Avenue Reserve             | Bateau Bay         | Local    |
| 42   | Watson Park                         | Berkeley Vale      | Local    |

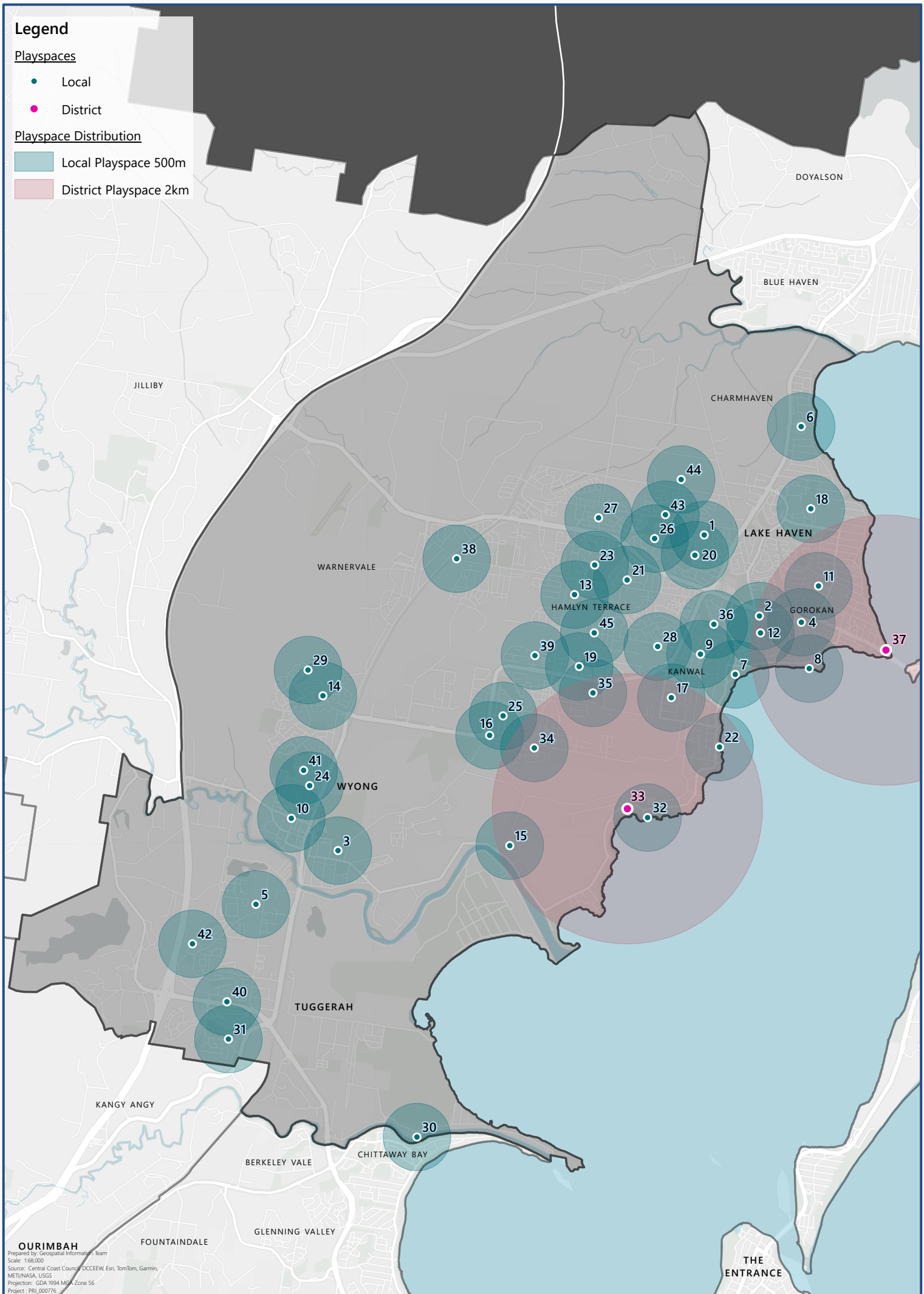
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## Playspaces

- Local
- District

## Playspace Distribution

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- District Playspace 2km



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## Wyong, Warnervale and Gorokan

| Item | Name                                   | Suburb          | Category |
|------|--|-----------------|----------|
| 1    | Applegum Park                          | Woongarra       | Local    |
| 2    | Arlington Street Reserve               | Gorokan         | Local    |
| 3    | Baker Park                             | Wyong           | Local    |
| 4    | Brennon Road Reserve                   | Gorokan         | Local    |
| 5    | Brushwood Circuit Reserve              | Mardi           | Local    |
| 6    | Charmhaven Park                        | Charmhaven      | Local    |
| 7    | Craigie Park                           | Kanwal          | Local    |
| 8    | Dalnott Reserve Playspace              | Gorokan         | Local    |
| 9    | Dean Avenue Reserve                    | Kanwal          | Local    |
| 10   | Frank Ballance Memorial Park           | Wyong           | Local    |
| 11   | Gorokan Community Park                 | Gorokan         | Local    |
| 12   | Gorokan Mini Park                      | Gorokan         | Local    |
| 13   | Hamlyn Terrace Sport Facility          | Hamlyn Terrace  | Local    |
| 14   | Harrington Close Community Centre Park | Watanobbi       | Local    |
| 15   | Hillcrest Avenue Reserve               | Tacoma          | Local    |
| 16   | Johns Road                             | Wadalba         | Local    |
| 17   | Kanwal Oval                            | Kanwal          | Local    |
| 18   | Lake Haven Recreation Centre           | Lake Haven      | Local    |
| 19   | Magnolia Park                          | Hamlyn Terrace  | Local    |
| 20   | Mataram Ridge Park Playspace           | Woongarra       | Local    |
| 21   | Michael Gavin Park                     | Hamlyn Terrace  | Local    |
| 22   | Oakland Street                         | Wyongah         | Local    |
| 23   | Oregon Place Reserve                   | Hamlyn Terrace  | Local    |
| 24   | Owen Avenue Reserve                    | Wyong           | Local    |
| 25   | Owl Park                               | Wadalba         | Local    |
| 26   | Peppercorn Avenue Park                 | Woongarra       | Local    |
| 27   | Ridgetop Park                          | Woongarra       | Local    |
| 28   | Skyhawk Reserve                        | Hamlyn Terrace  | Local    |
| 29   | Spotted Gum Park                       | Watanobbi       | Local    |
| 30   | Sunshine Reserve                       | Chittaway Point | Local    |
| 31   | Tonkiss Street Reserve                 | Tuggerah        | Local    |
| 32   | Tuesday Street Park                    | Tuggerawong     | Local    |
| 33   | Tuggerawong Playspace                  | Tuggerawong     | District |
| 34   | Voyager Street                         | Wadalba         | Local    |
| 35   | Wadalba Sporting Complex               | Wadalba         | Local    |
| 36   | Walker Park                            | Kanwal          | Local    |
| 37   | Wallarah Point Peace Park              | Gorokan         | District |
| 38   | Warnervale Station Park                | Warnervale      | Local    |
| 39   | Willow Park                            | Hamlyn Terrace  | Local    |
| 40   | Woodbury Estate Park                   | Mardi           | Local    |
| 41   | Woodward Avenue Park                   | Wyong           | Local    |
| 42   | Woolmers Crescent Reserve              | Mardi           | Local    |
| 43   | Woongarra Community Park               | Woongarra       | Local    |
| 44   | Woongarra Sports Facility              | Woongarra       | Local    |
| 45   | Xaviers Park                           | Hamlyn Terrace  | Local    |

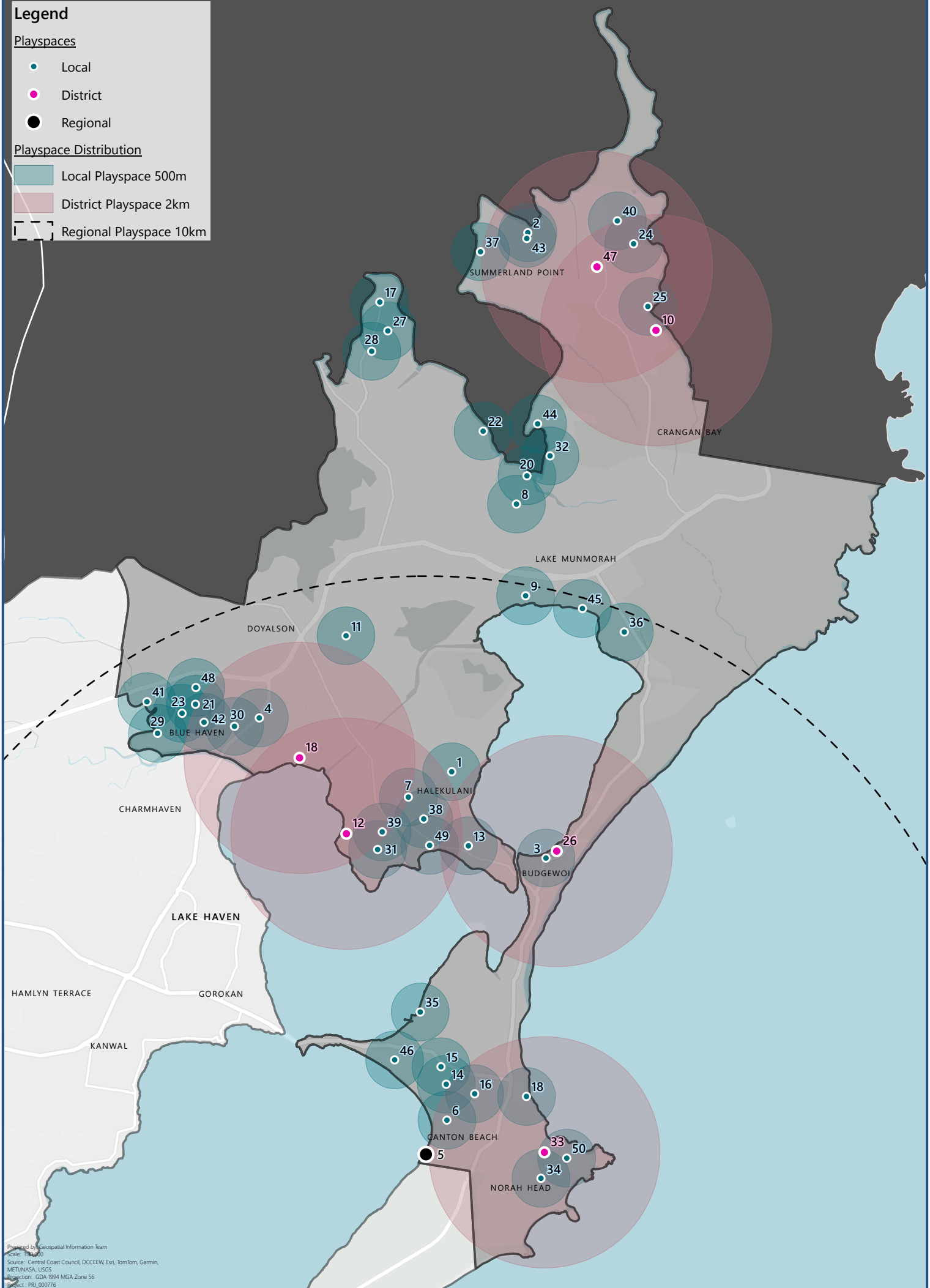
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- District
- Regional

## Playspace Distribution

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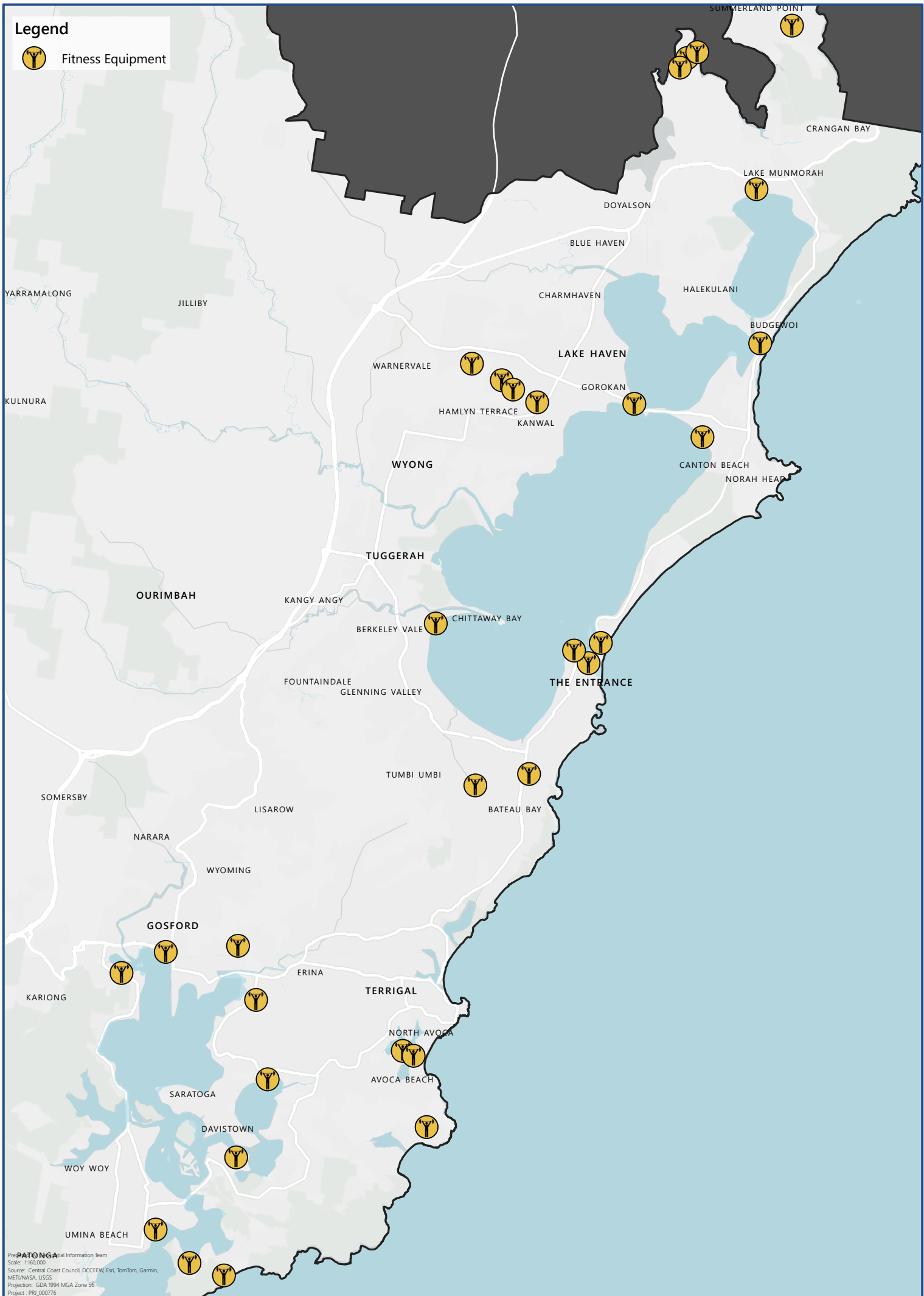
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# Northern Lakes, San Remo and Budgewoi

| Item | Name                              | Suburb            | Category |
|------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| 1    | Arnold Close Playspace            | Halekulani        | Local    |
| 2    | Boat Harbour Playspace            | Summerland Point  | Local    |
| 3    | Budgewoi Holiday Park             | Budgewoi          | Local    |
| 4    | Callen Avenue Reserve             | San Remo          | Local    |
| 5    | Canton Beach Foreshore            | Canton Beach      | Regional |
| 6    | Canton Beach Holiday Park         | Canton Beach      | Local    |
| 7    | Carmel Avenue Reserve             | Halekulani        | Local    |
| 8    | Chain Valley Bay Community Hall   | Chain Valley Bay  | Local    |
| 9    | Colongra Bay Foreshore Playground | Lake Munmorah     | Local    |
| 10   | Crangan Bay Park                  | Crangan Bay       | District |
| 11   | Denman Street Reserve             | Doyalson          | Local    |
| 12   | Edgewater Park                    | Buff Point        | District |
| 13   | Halekulani Oval                   | Budgewoi          | Local    |
| 14   | Harry Moore Oval                  | Toukley           | Local    |
| 15   | Heador Street Reserve             | Toukley           | Local    |
| 16   | Irene Parade Reserve              | Noraville         | Local    |
| 17   | James Vale Reserve                | Mannering Park    | Local    |
| 18   | Jenny Dixon Beach                 | Norah Head        | Local    |
| 19   | John Pete Howard Reserve          | San Remo          | District |
| 20   | Joshua Porter Reserve             | Chain Valley Bay  | Local    |
| 21   | Karingal Place Park               | Blue Haven        | Local    |
| 22   | Kingfisher Reserve                | Kingfisher Shores | Local    |
| 23   | Lady Laurel Drive Reserve         | Blue Haven        | Local    |
| 24   | Lioness Park                      | Gwandalan         | Local    |
| 25   | Lions Park                        | Gwandalan         | Local    |
| 26   | Mackenzie Reserve                 | Budgewoi          | District |
| 27   | Mannering Park Community Hall     | Mannering Park    | Local    |
| 28   | Mannering Park Courts             | Mannering Park    | Local    |
| 29   | McKellar Boulevard                | Blue Haven        | Local    |
| 30   | Miller Crescent Reserve           | Blue Haven        | Local    |
| 31   | Mootay Close Reserve              | Buff Point        | Local    |
| 32   | Mulloway Road Foreshore           | Chain Valley Bay  | Local    |
| 33   | Norah Head Community Hall         | Norah Head        | District |
| 34   | Norah Head Holiday Park           | Norah Head        | Local    |
| 35   | Osborne Park                      | Toukley           | Local    |
| 36   | Patrick Kelly Reserve             | Lake Munmorah     | Local    |
| 37   | Sandy Beach Reserve               | Summerland Point  | Local    |
| 38   | Scenic Circle Reserve             | Budgewoi          | Local    |
| 39   | Scout Hall Park                   | Buff Point        | Local    |
| 40   | South Eastern Park                | Gwandalan         | Local    |
| 41   | Spring Creek Reserve              | Blue Haven        | Local    |
| 42   | St Lawrence Reserve               | Blue Haven        | Local    |
| 43   | Summerland Point Community Hall   | Summerland Point  | Local    |
| 44   | Sunset Parade Reserve             | Chain Valley Bay  | Local    |
| 45   | Tom Burke Reserve                 | Lake Munmorah     | Local    |
| 46   | Toukley Village Green             | Toukley           | Local    |
| 47   | Tunkuwallin Oval                  | Gwandalan         | District |
| 48   | Wongala Avenue Reserve            | Blue Haven        | Local    |
| 49   | Woodland Parkway Reserve          | Budgewoi          | Local    |
| 50   | Young Street Reserve              | Norah Head        | Local    |

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 Fitness Equipment



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# Outdoor Fitness Equipment

| Item | Name                              | Suburb             | Category |
|------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| 1    | Broadwater Park                   | Kincumber          | District |
| 2    | Bushlands Avenue Reserve          | Springfield        | Local    |
| 3    | Canton Beach Foreshore            | Canton Beach       | Local    |
| 4    | Colongra Bay Foreshore            | Lake Munmorah      | District |
| 5    | Debra Anne Dr Reserve             | Bateau Bay         | Local    |
| 6    | EDSACC Oval                       | Bateau Bay         | Local    |
| 7    | Empire Bay Tennis Courts          | Empire Bay         | Local    |
| 8    | Ettalong Beach Waterfront Reserve | Ettalong Beach     | Local    |
| 9    | Fagan Park                        | Point Clare        | Local    |
| 10   | Gosford Leagues Club Field Park   | Gosford            | Local    |
| 11   | Hamlyn Terrace Sport Facility     | Hamlyn Terrace     | Local    |
| 12   | Heazlett Park                     | Avoca Beach        | Local    |
| 13   | Isacc's Park                      | Hamlyn Terrace     | Local    |
| 14   | Killcare SLSC Foreshore Reserve   | Killcare           | Local    |
| 15   | Lions Park                        | Chittaway Bay      | Local    |
| 16   | Lions Unity Park                  | Avoca Beach        | Local    |
| 17   | Mannering Park Courts             | Mannering Park     | Local    |
| 18   | Mannering Park Foreshore          | Mannering Park     | Regional |
| 19   | Mannering Park Oval               | Mannering Park     | Local    |
| 20   | Memorial Park West                | The Entrance       |          |
| 21   | Picnic Point Reserve              | The Entrance       |          |
| 22   | Skyhawk Reserve                   | Hamlyn Terrace     |          |
| 23   | Slade Park                        | Budgewoi           |          |
| 24   | Sun Valley Park                   | Green Point        |          |
| 25   | Susan Fahey Reserve               | Copacabana         |          |
| 26   | Tunkuwallin Oval                  | Gwandalan          |          |
| 27   | Turo Reserve                      | Pretty Beach       |          |
| 28   | Wallarah Point Peace Park         | Gorokan            |          |
| 29   | Walter and Edith Dennis Reserve   | The Entrance North |          |
| 30   | Warnervale Athletics Field        | Warnervale         |          |

# Recommendations for Play

The following actions are proposed to be implemented over the forward five year period.

Redevelop Gosford Leagues Club Park as a regional playspace and to complement the proposed upgrade of the Gosford waterfront precinct.

Proceed with the construction of a new regional playspace and skate park at Lake Munmorah to service the northern catchment.

Undertake a functional assessment of playspace network applying park planning framework in the Open Space Strategy to inform planning and provision.

The assessment should consider such attributes as:

1. Size
2. Shape
3. Access
4. Road frontage
5. Topography
6. Safety/Surveillance
7. Hazards/Constraints
8. Proximity to residential
9. Park provision benchmarks
10. Condition audits
11. Shade provision
12. Fencing
13. Risk management

Develop a Park and Playspace Management Plan. The plan will be an operational document and provide a framework to effectively and safely manage Council's playspace network.

Investigate and identify opportunities to upgrade existing local playspaces to district playspace using the Open Space park planning framework.

Continue to incorporate accessible and inclusive design into playspace upgrades where practicable, to deliver on the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 and Everyone Can Play guidelines including:

- Continuous paths of accessible travel
- Installation of wheelchair accessible picnic tables
- Accessible parking

Continue to provide natural shade to support the provision of shade adjacent to all playspaces.

Continue the 20-year playspace renewal program and annual independent condition audits to inform the capital works program.

Investigate and identify opportunities to include outdoor exercise stations in association with shared paths and assist with diversification of the playspace network.

Actively pursue partnership/grant opportunities to deliver playspace outcomes.





## Playspace Strategy

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