



📍 JJ HOLLAND PARK

Address: 50 Altona Street, Kensington VIC 3031
Completed: 2021

The play space at JJ Holland Park provides a varied play experience within a diverse natural landscape of native meadow and exotic planting. Colourful platform towers create a playful reference to shipping containers which are visible across the park, embedding the play space in Kensington's industrial heritage. A rope climbing dome, swings, slacklining poles and Melbourne's first flying fox provide a fun and challenging play experience that compliments the neighbouring Extreme Sports Precinct.

Activities:

- Climb to the top of the **platform towers** – what can you see?
- Try out the **25m long flying fox** or jump on the bouncing mats.
- Bring along your picnic basket and enjoy the BBQ facilities.
- Look for the spiky flower heads of the **Kangaroo Grass** in spring and summer.
- Tie your **slackline** between the mounting poles and test your balance.



📍 HAWKE AND ADDERLEY STREET PARK

Address: 100 Hawke Street, West Melbourne VIC 3003
Completed: 2018

The Hawke and Adderley Street Park provides much needed open space for the West Melbourne community. The play space responds to the site's sloping terrain through terraced rock, mounds and slides that encourage imagination and adventure across the steep incline. Spinning wheels, sand pits and diggers create a unique and explorative play experience that caters to toddlers and young children. The play space is complimented by several flexible lawn areas for gathering, play and relaxation within the established West Melbourne neighbourhood.

Activities:

- Create a fort in the large **sand pit**.
- Feel the air under your feet on the swings.
- Pick up speed on the large **spinning wheel**.
- Make the most of your leisure time with the relaxed open lawn, BBQ facilities and drinking fountain.



📍 NATURE PLAY AT ROYAL PARK

Address: 28 Gatehouse Street, Parkville VIC 3052
Completed: 2015

Nature Play provides an inviting entry to the state-significant Royal Park, Melbourne's largest native parkland. The seven Wurundjeri seasons of Melbourne are central to this new landscape, informing the structure, planting and play experiences of the space. Voted Australia's Best Playground in 2016, the regional play space offers new opportunities for challenging and explorative play and encourages children of all ages and abilities to connect with nature and each other.

Activities:

- Forage for twigs and leaves to create a **nature cubby**.
- Test your balance on the challenging rope obstacle course.
- Bring your towels and cool down at the **water play plaza**.
- Enjoy a BBQ and picnic on the open lawn areas.
- Hike up the **grassy knoll** to look across at the city skyline, then roll back down... again and again!



📍 RON BARASSI SENIOR PARK

Address: 500 Docklands Drive, Docklands VIC 3008
Completed: 2015

The Ron Barassi Senior Park is located in a unique intersection between Moonee Ponds Creek, Swanston Dock and the underside of the Bolte Bridge. The large soaring tower offers unique views across to the Melbourne skyline. The industrial and maritime character of the large and challenging play space is reflected in reconstructed salvaged bluestone water channels, concrete tunnels and sand bags. Native trees and vibrant flowering vegetation create an imaginative play experience. The park is named in recognition of Ronald James Barassi Senior, who played as a rover for the Melbourne Football Club from 1936 to 1940.

Activities:

- Climb to the top of the tower and look across to the **city skyline**.
- Bring your towels and create a river with the **water pumps**.
- Test your balance on the **rope bridge** and **nets**.
- Bring your favourite snacks to enjoy at the BBQ and picnic area.



📍 SOUTHBANK BOULEVARD PLAY SPACE

Address: Southbank Boulevard, Southbank VIC 3031
Completed: 2022

The Southbank Boulevard play space named 'Rocks on Wheels' provides a variety of play equipment seemingly teetering on wheels and construction material. The huge rocks are playfully placed on fixed trolleys and the seemingly hard bluestone paver base, is discovered to be soft and squishy when stepped on. The element of 'risk play' allows children to experience and carry out risk assessments in a safe environment, supporting resilience and cognitive abilities.

Activities:

- Look out for the **'runaway rocks'** as you walk along Southbank Boulevard.
- Search for all of the gemstones, toy animals and plants hidden in nooks.
- Clamber over and amongst the huge **bluestone boulders** sourced from Port Fairy.



📍 LINCOLN SQUARE

Address: 138-142 Bouverie Street, Carlton VIC 3053
Completed: 2021

Lincoln Square is the site of the oldest public playground in Victoria. The play space creates an imaginative 'treehouse' experience that celebrates the majestic Moreton Bay Fig tree canopies and the site's sloping terrain. Rope bridges, a rainforest floor walk and two elevated timber cabins allow children of all ages and abilities to experience the 150-year-old tree canopies up close. Salvaged City of Melbourne trees have been used to craft a variety of nature play features which are nestled among a host of ferns and rainforest planting.

Activities:

- Climb to the top of the towers and enjoy being up close to the **tree canopies**. Can you spot any possums?
- Climb across the **rope bridge** and slide back down to the ground.
- Keep an eye out for the names of old street trees.
- Bring your picnic and gather at the **shady picnic areas**.

📍 SELF-GUIDED TOUR



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BY SUBURB

Carlton / Carlton North

- 1 Canning and Palmerston streets
- 2 Carlton Gardens North
- 3 **Lincoln Square**
- 4 Princes Park North
- 5 Princes Park South

Docklands

- 6 Buluk Park
- 7 Docklands Park
- 8 Seafarers Rest Park
- 9 Point Park
- 10 **Ron Barassi Senior Park**
- 11 Victoria Green
- 12 Wharfs Landing

East Melbourne

- 13 Fitzroy Gardens
- 14 Powlett Reserve

Kensington

- 15 Bayswater Road Reserve
- 16 Bellair Street Reserve
- 17 The Crescent Reserve
- 18 JJ Holland Park Extreme Sports Precinct
- 19 **JJ Holland Park**
- 20 Kensington Adventure Playground (The Venny)
- 21 Kensington Town Hall Reserve
- 22 Liddy Street Reserve
- 23 Mercantile Parade and Newman Street
- 24 Mercantile Parade and Tankard Street
- 25 Parsons Reserve
- 26 Robertson Street Reserve
- 27 Warun Biik Reserve

Melbourne

- 28 ArtPlay
- 29 Riverslide Skate Park

North Melbourne

- 30 Gardiner Reserve
- 31 North Melbourne Community Centre

Parkville

- 32 Galada Avenue Reserve
- 33 Ievers Reserve
- 34 Manningham Street Reserve
- 35 **Nature Play at Royal Park**

Southbank

- 36 Boyd Park
- 37 Grant Street Reserve
- 38 **Southbank Boulevard**

South Yarra

- 39 Fawcner Park North East
- 40 Fawcner Park South East
- 41 Fawcner Park Toddler

West Melbourne

- 42 Eades Park
- 43 Flagstaff Gardens
- 44 **Hawke and Adderley Street**



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THE POCKET BOOK OF
PLAY SPACES

This pocket book is a handy guide for exploring the City of Melbourne’s award-winning play spaces. It provides an overview of the more than 40 play spaces across the city and features six of our newest and much-loved spaces, each designed by our in-house design studio City Design.

Set within some of Melbourne’s best parks and reserves, each of our play spaces nurture a strong connection to their unique locations. Whether it be the industrial character of Ron Barassi Senior Park or the majestic Moreton Bay Fig tree canopies at Lincoln Square, children are invited to connect with nature in engaging and creative play environments that are bespoke to each site. This is enhanced by select planting and play equipment which create sensory, imaginative and social play experiences for children and carers alike.

At the City of Melbourne we recognise that play is important for developing a child’s social skills, imagination, creativity and physical abilities. Mounds and climbing structures improve strength, balance and coordination, whilst sand play, water play and sensory planting develop problem solving, empathy and social skills. Regardless of their age and ability, we have a variety of different play offerings to challenge your outdoor adventurers!

Legend

- 1 Playground tour stop
- 1 Completed Playground location
- 1 Playground underway
- Train station

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The City of Melbourne respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land we govern, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and Bunurong Boon Wurrung peoples of the Eastern Kulin and pays respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

We acknowledge and honour the unbroken spiritual, cultural and political connection the Wurundjeri, Bunurong, Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Wadawurrung peoples of the Eastern Kulin have to this unique place for more than 2000 generations.

We are committed to our reconciliation journey, because at its heart, reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples, for the benefit of all Victorians.