

Playspace Evaluation Checklist

A tool for reviewing existing playspaces and playspace designs.

Each playspace is unique and not all playspaces will meet every criteria of this Checklist.

Use the Everyone Can Play Evaluation Checklist to see where improvements can be made, in line with available budget, playspace size and location. Remember, it's about doing the best you can with the resources you have.

This Evaluation Checklist is designed to ensure more people can get to, play and stay at existing playspaces in our communities. It can also be used as a tool for reviewing inclusive playspace designs.

Playspace name: Cronulla Plaza Stage 2B Playspaces

Playspace address: Cronulla Plaza, Cronulla St, Cronulla

Can I get there?

Location

	NO CHANGE	POTENTIAL CHANGE	CHANGE REQUIRED
Information about the playspace is available before I go.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Car parking is easily available/close to the playspace (e.g. street parking, a dedicated car park).	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accessible car parking bays are provided.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The playspace is connected to a shared path or cycle route.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There is a public transport link (bus stop, train station, light rail) close to the playspace.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The playspace's access point can be used easily and comfortably by most people without having to cross a main road or other barrier (e.g. unsignalised intersections, kerbs, streets without footpaths or pram ramps).	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Layout

The layout of the playspace can easily be understood by a first-time user.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The playspace has signage or a map to aid navigation.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Points of entry and exit are easy to locate from inside and outside the playspace.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are pause points at the entry and exit to view and assess play opportunities on arrival.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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There is an area within the playspace for carers to interact and supervise.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are clear lines of sight throughout the playspace for carers.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Play equipment for different age groups is grouped together without being separated from the main area of activity.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Formal and informal seating is provided in appropriate locations (e.g. at regular intervals, near shade, adjacent to activity areas).	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Signage

Signage is easy to read, using simple language, graphics and high colour contrast.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Signage is located at a height that is easy to read for all playspace users, including children and those in wheelchairs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pictographs and braille are provided on key instructional and safety signage.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Access

There is an orientation path or circulation path within the playspace.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There is a flush edge from the path surface to the play surface for easy access by all users. (The entire surface does not need to be flush – just key transition points.)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access gates can be operated by an adult using a wheelchair or mobility device.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Can I play?

Play experience

	NO CHANGE	POTENTIAL CHANGE	CHANGE REQUIRED
The playspace provides opportunities for a variety of age groups (e.g. toddlers, children, teenagers, adults).	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Varied play types are provided.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are a variety of multi-user equipment pieces.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are opportunities for intergenerational play.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Equipment is challenging for multiple age groups and ability levels.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Play opportunities can be accessed at a variety of heights.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Everyone can access the main play piece and have meaningful play experiences.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are multiple opportunities for people with limited mobility.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are unprogrammed spaces for imaginative play.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are quiet points within the playspace for rest and passive relaxation.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Wayfinding

There is a map at the playspace entry to assist with navigation and decision-making.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maps follow the points listed for inclusive signage (i.e. easy to read, located at a height for all users to see).	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There is directional signage along activity trails.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There is a clear path network hierarchy (e.g. easy to distinguish between main orientation path, circulation paths and play paths).	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There is an appropriate colour contrast between the paths and the play surfaces.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Access

The site's topography creates an obstacle or barrier to playspace access (e.g. steep slope with no footpath, stair-only access).	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Any barriers can be overcome with the inclusion of a ramp.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The orientation path is clearly identifiable.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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There is an orientation path linking to, in and around the playspace that links to access points and key activity areas.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The orientation path has a consistent width and surface finish.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The orientation path conforms to relevant Australian access standards.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The orientation path connects directly to all access points.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The majority of play elements are connected to a circulation path.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The circulation path has a consistent width and surface finish.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Equipment

Equipment is well connected.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The majority of equipment is designed so that adults can be fit in, on or under (e.g. swings, slides, climbing structures).	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Elevated equipment pieces include a ramped access point for people of various ages with limited mobility.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dynamic play pieces are arranged in a sequence promoting skill development.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Equipment theming and the colour palette respond to the local context.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Surfacing

There is an accessible edge or point of access (flush or ramped) from the circulation path to the majority of play surfaces.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
All accessible equipment pieces have an accessible surface treatment to enable ease of use.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The majority of play pieces have an accessible surface treatment or accessible path to the equipment's entry and exit points to enable ease of use. (Consider relevant fall zone surfacing requirements.)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Path surfaces provide sensory play opportunities through materiality or texture features.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There is enough circulation space (beyond fall zone requirements) around the majority of equipment to provide safe movement.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Can I stay?

Safety

	NO CHANGE	POTENTIAL CHANGE	CHANGE REQUIRED
The playspace can be clearly observed from the street or neighbouring properties.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are clear sight lines to all play equipment pieces from the pathways and seating options to ensure comfortable supervision by carers.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The playspace is protected from adjacent potential risks (e.g. busy roads, open water bodies).	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There is a sufficient boundary enclosure to provide a secure environment (e.g. fence, natural features such as mounds, rocks, planting).	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There is adequate lighting provided from the street or within the playspace to support appropriate time of day use.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Supporting facilities (BBQ, toilet, car park) are adequately lit.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Facilities

Seating provided is adequate for the scale and use of the playspace.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seating provides various options to cater for a range of users (e.g. varied heights, back rests, arm rests).	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Various seating arrangements, such as individual and group seating, are provided.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There is enough clearance space adjacent to the seat to park a pram, wheelchair or mobility device without blocking the circulation space or path.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are seating opportunities provided in a quiet location for retreat.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There is access to drinking water.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water can easily be accessed by all playspace users and has fixtures that are easy to operate.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rubbish bins are provided and suitably located.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bins can be utilised by all playspace users.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Toilet access is available within the playspace or nearby.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There is an accessible toilet nearby that includes changing facilities for babies, children and adults.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are picnic tables provided within and adjacent to the playspace.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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There are BBQ facilities provided.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilities are accessible to all users, are considerate of children's safety and are easy to operate.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Landscape

There is an adequate amount of shade to cover the majority of play activities.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There is an adequate amount of shade to cover seating areas and protect park users.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The surrounding landscape provides a comfortable and enjoyable environment to be in.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are views or visual links to the local context outside the playspace, to contribute to a sense of play.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>