



MINUTES OF MEETING
PLAYGROUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD THURSDAY 10th OCTOBER 2013

NOTE: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Council or Planning and Strategy Committee meeting.

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Jean Hay

Manly Council (Chair)

Other Representatives

David Murphy

Community Member

David Morrissey

Northern Sydney Health

Maryann Novakovic

Community Member

Council Staff

Fenton Beatty

Parks & Reserves Manager

Michelle Fleming

Parks Officer Open Space

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Playground Committee met on 10th October 2013, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

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| OPEN | The meeting commenced at 10.30am, there was not a corium |
| ITEM 1 | APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE |
| ITEM 2 | DECLARATION OF INTEREST
There were was no declarations of Interest. |
| ITEM 3 | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
The meeting notes of the Committee meeting held 8 th August 2013 are confirmed. |
| ITEM 4 | REPORT Replacement Piece of Equipment North Steyne Playground Equipment |

Committee members were presented with four different options for replacement of the two pieces that were removed from North Steyne Playground. Another option presented to the committee was for an alternative Spica manufactured by a

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different company who offer a ten year warranty. The Committee members agreed unanimously that the new version of Spica is preferable as a replacement.

RECOMMENDATION

The committee recommend to the General Manager that the replacement piece of equipment be the new version of the Spica that is currently available.

ITEM 5 REPORT Update on Projects and Maintenance

Council's Parks staff presented to the Committee an update on recent projects completed:

Cross Street Playground upgrade has been completed and before and after photographs were presented to the Committee who commended Council staff for an aesthetically pleasing result.

Lagoon Park Playground remediation of trees has been implemented by building timber boxes surrounding the trees for protection. Further discussion raised the item to clad the boxes in a similar timber to the existing seating to provide additional seating to the tree surrounds whilst remaining consistent with the other elements within the park. The Committee agreed and recommended that Parks staff should investigate the cost of this and monitor the area for the need of two additional bench seats located within the voids, setback from the pathway.

RECOMENDATION

The Committee recommend to the General Manager that if funds are available that the tree boxes be clad to provide addition places for people to sit.

ITEM 6 General Business Brought To The Attention Of The Chair Prior To The Meeting And Approved For Consideration

Cllr Hay raised the matter of Manly Rotary wishing to fund a community playground installation for disabled children in a high profile area such as North Steyne. Discussion initially is for the installation of a Liberty Swing which will cost around \$45,000. Further discussion was raised by Council's Parks staff regarding the appropriateness of the site and the equipment. The Committee recommended that the matter be deferred to the next meeting for further discussion and Council Parks staff will investigate and provide a reverse brief on recommendations for such a project which will include current equipment and designs with a focus on 'All inclusive play' as a possible scenario instead of a liberty swing due to the swing being identified as 'exclusive' play due to the fencing requirements.

Council staff will address a 'inclusive play' concept within

Council's Ten Year Playground Strategy.

The Committee also suggested the probability of the development of a 'Playground App' to replace the printed Playground Design.

RECOMMENDATION

1. The committee recommend to the General Manager that this item be deferred until the next meeting so a report can be brought back to the committee.
2. That the feasibility of relocation of the Liberty Swing at Baranbali Playground be investigated.

Next Meeting 12th December 2013

Meeting closed at 12:pm