



MINUTES OF MEETING
PLAYGROUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD THURSDAY 13th August 2015

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Steve Pickering

Manly Council Acting Chair

Other Representatives

David Morrissey

Maryann Novakovic

David Murphy

Northern Sydney Health

Community Member

Community Member

Council Staff

Lisa Waugh

Katherine Navin

Parks Officer Open Space

Parks Officer Open Space

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Playground Committee met on 13th August 2015, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 10.00am.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cllr Jean Hay Mayor AM

Fenton Beatty

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of Interest.

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The meeting notes of the Committee meeting held 11th June 2015 are confirmed.

ACTION

ITEM 4	Little Manly Precinct's proposal at Little Manly Point	ACTION
	The committee discussed the Little Manly Precinct's proposal for the existing mulch surface of Little Manly Point's playground to be replaced with soft-fall. It was raised by Council Officers that this work had not been listed as a priority or public liability hazard and would use the majority of the 2015-2016 annual capital works budget to undertake. It was also noted that the play equipment would need replacing in 2-3 years' time, which would then damage any soft-fall installed surrounding it. Therefore the recommendation by the Committee was to RECOMMENDATION The committee recommend to the General Manager and Council, that the mulch is retained, but replenish it as required, until the play equipment needed replacing and the whole playground could be upgraded after consultation with the community and following the budget allocation as per the updated Playground Strategy.	
ITEM 5	Playground Strategy - Interactive Map	
	Council officers provided an update that a new interactive map showing the playgrounds' locations and their facilities was being developed to be accessed from Council's website. The Committee welcomed this new resource and noted that it should also be 'smart-phone' compatible, which Council officers agreed was essential and would check the map would be.	
ITEM 6	Weeroona Reserve – potential upgrade	
	The existing synthetic grass in the fenced toddler area requires attention in terms of wear of the softfall, The equipment was also observed as requiring some restoration, The play area needs consideration in terms of upgrade. The stainless steel spatial net from our assessments is under utilised, this could be relocated to North Steyne Minor playground, The Committee agreed this was acceptable, with an additional area of soft-fall around its fall-zone. The potential upgrade of Weeroona infant play area was then discussed, suggestion of a wide slide with all-weather climbing provision at the sides, using the existing slopes, being supported. It was also discussed that shade should be considered, but due to shade sails being an expensive item, it was suggested that a couple of the sails at Tania Park could possibly be relocated. The fence should remain and that a replacement piece of multi-use play equipment for infants could be installed. The older children's play equipment and swings located outside of the fence was not regarded as needing any major works at present, but ongoing maintenance was required.	

RECOMMENDATION

The committee recommend to the General Manager and Council, that:

1. the stainless steel spatial net is relocated to North Steyne Minor, with additional soft-fall installed;
2. two new wide slides be considered for this area, for informal and active play, with shade provision within the infant area;
3. that a new infant multi-play equipment piece be considered to replace the existing old equipment needing removal.

General Business for Consideration

Tania Park – potential upgrade

A concept for a new rocket multi-play piece was presented at the meeting and Committee members showed unanimous support for this concept. Because it would emulate the original 'Moon Rocket' installed by Manly Rotary Club in 1964 which became a local landmark and provide a link to Tania Park's history.

The Committee would like to investigate the possibility of whether a café could be opened at Tania Park in the facilities building.

RECOMMENDATION

The committee recommend to the General Manager and Council that consideration be given to the 'return of the rocket' piece of multi-play equipment, replacement soft-fall with a greater proportion of natural elements within the fenced area, be considered for implementation when budget allocation allowed.

**ITEM 7 Next Meeting October 8th 2015,
10 am at Manly Council Chambers, Town Hall.**

Meeting closed at 12:00am