



MINUTES OF MEETING
PLAYGROUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD THURSDAY 11th APRIL 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

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 11th April 2013, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN	The meeting commenced at 10.30am, there was not a quorum	ACTION
ITEM 1	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE Maryann Novakovic	
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST There were no declarations of Interest.	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES The meeting notes of the Committee meeting held 21 st February 2013 are confirmed.	IBM/GM
ITEM 4	REPORT UPDATE ON PROJECTS AND MAINTENANCE North Harbour Playground The North Harbour playground is currently being refurbished new path has been installed and the site decommissioned, Install of new equipment and soft fall, there has been a change in the completion date due to rain. Expected date for completion 15 th of April weather permitting	

Some of the smaller existing pieces of equipment will be relocated within the soft fall zone.

Some additional seating will be included during the project works.

This concludes works projected in the 5 year strategy Document.

Playground repairs

The following number of repairs has been carried out on playgrounds since February 2013

Playground	Minor Repairs	Major Repairs
Ross Street	1	
Weroona Reserve	1	
Forty Baskets	1	
Nth Steyne	1	
Brimbecomb Park		1
Total	3	1

RECOMMENDATION

The report was received and noted by the committee.

ITEM 5 REPORT 10 YEAR PLAYGROUND STRATEGY

The committee discussed onsite starting at Little Manly Point the content of the of the draft strategy document so far, to give feedback and recommendations for the 10 Year strategy document.

The committee visited Little Manly, North Steyne, Weroona Reserve, and Cross Street playgrounds.

General consensus was that we should try to maintain the status and integrity of existing playgrounds, maintaining the playgrounds to the regulated standard. Replacing equipment that may reach its useable life, during the course of the implementation phase of the playground strategy, a planned process forecasting the relative actions from the strategy. Rationalising the existing playgrounds in terms of numbers and the existing playground maintenance, in line with available the budget. Keeping in mind a fair and equitable service to the public.

A schedule of information will be provided in the document outlining the relative future improvements to playgrounds and life span of particular playgrounds.

RECOMENDATION

The committee recommend to the Manager Parks & Reserves that in the course of the 10 year strategy methodology process the following be included:

1. Methodology on the rationalising of the existing playgrounds in terms of numbers.
2. The existing playgrounds management and maintenance be projected inline with the available budget, also maintaining safety standards.

3. That existing playgrounds have the consideration of what improvements can be made in terms of current usage and possible improvements that can be made in terms of needs.
4. That the strategy also include what facilities are currently available at playgrounds and what facilities need to be provided.
5. That census information relative to children age range in each location be considered in consideration of usage and improvements to playgrounds
6. Keeping in mind a fair and equitable service to the public.

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

There was no general business.

ITEM 7 Future Meeting Dates:

Feb 2013	April 2013	June 2013	Aug 2013	Oct 2013	Dec 2013
14	11	13	8	10	12

Next Meeting 13th June 2013

Pick up from Council Chambers 10am to go onsite to next forecast playground sites.

- North Harbour for inspection of completed playground
- Tania Park
- Abbott & Woodland
- JAF Fenwick
- Bligh Park

Meeting closed at 12:pm