



NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that of a meeting of **PLAYGROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** will be held:

DATE: Thursday 12th December 2013

TIME: From 10.00am to 12.00noon – maximum 2 hours

PLACE: Manly Council Chambers Belgrave Street Manly

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Councillors

Clr Jean Hay AM, Mayor

Manly Council (Chair)

Other Representatives

David Morrisey

Maryann Novakovic

David Murphy

Northern Sydney Health

Community Member

Community Member

Council Staff

Fenton Beatty

Michelle Fleming

Manager Parks and Reserves

Parks Office Open space

All other Councillors are free to attend as observers and are invited to do so and to engage in discussions, but not in voting, on any matter before the Committee.

Beth Lawsen

Deputy General Manager

People Place & Infrastructure

Date: 5/12/2013



AGENDA

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 10th OCTOBER 2013, AT 10.00 AM

Manly Council Chambers Belgrave Street Manly

- ITEM 1 Apologies and leave of absence**
- ITEM 2 Declarations Of Interest – Pecuniary / Non- Pecuniary**
- ITEM 3 Confirmation Committee Minutes 10th October 2013**
- ITEM 4 Inclusive Playground Ocean beach Rotary Funding**
- ITEM 5 Update on Maintenance Works Lagoon park**
- ITEM6 General Business Brought To The Attention Of The Chair
Prior To The Meeting And Approved For Consideration**
- ITEM 7 Proposed Meeting dates for 2014**

Mar 2014	May 2014	July 2014	Sept 2014	Nov 2014
13	8	10	11	13

Next Meeting 13th March 2014



TO: Playground Committee

MEETING DATE: 12 December 2013

AUTHOR: Fenton Beatty, Manager Parks and Reserves

SUBJECT: **Inclusive Playground Manly's Ocean Beach**

1. INTRODUCTION

At the Playground Committee meeting on the 10th October 2013, Cllr Hay raised an item in relation to Manly Rotary wishing to fund a community playground installation for disabled children in a high profile area such as North Steyne. The Committee recommended that the matter be deferred to the next meeting for further discussion on the feasibility of installing a Liberty Swing on the ocean beach front or moving the liberty swing from Seaforth. Also allowing Council parks staff to further investigate the proposal and provide a reverse brief on recommendations for such a project.

This will include current equipment and designs with a focus on 'All inclusive play' as a possible scenario as well as the liberty swing; the swing is specifically 'exclusive' play due to the fencing requirements.

INFORMATION

Discussion initially was related to the installation of a Liberty Swing which will cost around \$45,000. Alternatively re locating the one at Seaforth from the Baranbali Playground. The appropriateness of the beach front site for this type of swing would need further discussion given the restricted space and need for fencing.

The liberty type swing has a significant purpose but does not support the concept of inclusive play. It is suggested that inclusive play is a better way to allow interaction between children, this also allows for more variety of interaction.

Defined as play that offers and encourages play experiences for people of all abilities to promote independence, and a sense of mastery and accomplishment.

Examples of the types of inclusive play equipment and criteria for inclusive play will be tabled at the meeting for discussion.

A survey was carried out over a 2 week period to determine the activity and use of the Liberty swing at Seaforth. From this preliminary survey it is understood that the swing has a low level of usage. But further extensive survey information would be required in this regard.

Counsel's technical staff have outlined that there will need to be consideration made in regard to future maintenance of the swing in a beachfront location due to its exposure to salt

air and the mechanical structure of the swing. Council staff has sought clarification on this topic from the supplier of the swing the supplier has outlined that the steel that is used in the framework of the Liberty Swing is sand blasted, zinc primed and then powder coated.

However by locating the swing close to the beach and it being exposed to salt water I could not guarantee that the steel would not become affected by corrosion at a later time down the track. The only suggestion in regards to minimising the risk of corrosion if the swing is placed on the beachfront is to ensure that the swing is inspected regularly and if there is any damage to the powder coated steel frame that it is seen to as soon as possible to limit the spread of any corrosion. I.e. resprayed with touch up cold gal spray and then the correct touch up paint on top of that.

Further consideration needs to be given to size of the equipment and required fencing relative to the site.

Some images outlining the extent of area required to accommodate the swing will be tabled at the meeting for discussion.

Council staff will also address an 'inclusive play' concept within Council's Ten Year Playground Strategy.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receives and notes the report.

Council staff recommend that further public consultation be undertaken both within the vicinity of Baranbali Playground for the swing's removal and at the desired location at the Beachfront for the relocation of the swing.

Further consideration be given to the community needs

Fenton Beatty
Manager Parks and Reserves
Playground Management Committee
5th December 2013