



NOTICE OF MEETING

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

DATE: Thursday 21 February 2013

TIME: From 10.15am to 12.15pm maximum 2 hours

PLACE: Manly Youth Centre Meeting Room, Kangaroo Street, Manly
(enter through Family Day Care and the meeting room is on the right)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Councillors

Clr Jean Hay AM, Mayor

Manly Council (Chair)

Other Representatives

David Morrissey

Maryann Novakovic

David Murphy

Northern Sydney Health
Far West Children's Home
Community Member

Council Staff

Fenton Beatty

Michelle Fleming

Manager Parks and Reserves
Parks Officer 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.

Param Rajah
Divisional Manager
Civic & Urban Services

Date: 13 February, 2013



AGENDA

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2013, AT 10.15AM

**Manly Youth Centre Meeting Room, Kangaroo Street, Manly
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TO: Playground Committee

MEETING DATE: 21st February 2013

AUTHOR: Fenton Beatty, Manager Parks and Reserves

SUBJECT: **Confirmation of Committees Terms Of Reference**

1. INTRODUCTION

This item is to confirm the Committees Terms of Reference.

2. INFORMATION

*Manly Council
Playground Management Advisory Committee*

*This Special Purpose Committee has been established under the Local
Government Act, 1993
The Status of the Committee is purely advisory*

Terms of Reference

1. Title

The Committee shall be known as the Playground Management Advisory Committee (hereinafter called the Committee).

2. Role and Objectives

This is a Special Purpose Committee, convened by the General Manager, to provide a forum for discussion and recommendation to Manly Council to:

- Advise Council on the development and implementation of a Playground Management Plan to guide the ongoing planning, development and management of Council's Playgrounds
- Advise Council on the undertaking of regular safety audits of all Council's playgrounds and play equipment
- Advise Council on government and corporate sponsorship to assist with the financing of major playground upgrades

- Facilitate collaboration between Council and the community in the long-term planning and development of Council's playgrounds
- Provide input into Council's annual budget bid process in the areas of playground maintenance and development
- Advise Council on a regular basis on the progress made in the implementation of the Playground Management Plan

The role of this Committee is purely advisory and may not commit Council resources. The Committee is to work within the framework of the Community Strategic Plan and does not deal with day to day operational matters. It should be noted that employees of the Council are not subject to the direction of the Advisory Committee or any of its members.

3. Management

A. Membership of Committee

The Committee shall consist of:

Councillor representatives:

- The Mayor Jean Hay AM
- 1 Representative from Northern Sydney Health
- 4 Community members

The Community members shall serve on the Committee in a voluntary capacity.

Membership of the Committee shall be reviewed in September 2016.

The quorum for the Committee is 3 members.

This Committee meets bi-monthly.

B. Absence from Meetings

A Committee member absent from three (3) consecutive Committee meetings without approval of the Committee shall forfeit his/her place on the Committee.

C. Resignation from the Committee

Any member of the Committee may, by notice in writing addressed to the Committee, resign his/her office as a member.

D. Notification of Vacancies

The Committee shall notify the General Manager promptly of any vacancy occurring in its membership, whether it is through death, absence or resignation from the Committee. The Committee shall submit to the General Manager within 28 days the name of a person

considered by the Committee to be suitable for appointment. The General Manager will decide whether to accept that appointment, or to call for public Expressions of Interest. All newly appointed members must participate in a Committee induction process as soon as possible following their appointment to the Committee so that they can comply with the proper conduct of meetings.

4. Duties of Officers

A. Chairperson

The duties of the Chairperson are to:

- Direct meetings according to the Committee Terms of Reference, and Council's Code of Conduct
- Facilitate the discussion of items on the agenda in a timely manner, and the consideration and approval of recommendations to Council
- Ensure all Committee members have the opportunity to participate in the meetings
- Not attempt to direct Council staff, including not directing staff as to the content of any advice or recommendation

B. Secretariat and Staff Officer

The duties of the Secretariat and Staff Officer are to:

- Call all meetings of the Committee
- Develop and send out the agenda and reports for the meetings
- Advise the Committee without fear or favour
- Comply with Council's Guide to Ethical Behaviour: Staff
- Record the minutes in the meeting, prepare all minutes and distribute them as described below
- Keep a record of attendance for every member of the Committee
- Attend to such housekeeping matters as booking meeting rooms and arranging refreshments in accordance with standard protocols.
- The Council Staff will not be members of the Committee, nor have voting rights, nor preside at meetings, apart from when it is necessary to organise the election of a chairperson to preside at the meeting.

C. Members

The duties of the members are to:

- Attend and participate in meetings (as well as induction, planning sessions and relevant training)
- Work co-operatively with other members in achieving the objectives of the Committee
- Contribute advice, ideas and suggestions relating to items on the agenda
- Show respect for their peers, councillors, staff and others during Committee meetings
- Understand that employees of the Council are not subject to the direction of Councillors, Committees or their members

5. Meetings

- A **QUORUM** shall comprise a majority of members on the Committee. A scheduled meeting must be adjourned if a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time designated for the holding of the meeting, or at any time during the meeting. In either case, the meeting must be adjourned to a time, date and place fixed by the Chairperson, or, in his or her absence, by the majority of the members present
- This is an Advisory Committee, and it is unlikely that there will be a need for voting, however, should that eventuality arise, each member of the Committee shall have one vote and decisions of the Committee shall be by simple majority. In the event of the votes and the members being equal the Chairperson of the meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his/her deliberative vote
- Council Secretariat and staff will attend meetings but have no voting rights, and provide administrative support and professional advice, as determined by the General Manager
- Items may only be raised under General Business if the permission of the Chairperson is obtained before the meeting starts, and each such item is to have a recommendation
- The first item on the agenda for all Committee meetings (after apologies and requests for leave of absence) shall be the declaring by members present of **pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests** and these shall be recorded in the minutes

- Any Committee member who has a pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda for a Committee meeting, or that arises during a meeting at which they are present, must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable, and must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting at any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed, or at any time during which the Committee is voting on any question in relation to the matter.
- Conflicts of interest may also arise due to a strong relationship or affiliation the member may have with a matter being discussed by the Committee. These are referred to as non-pecuniary interests. A non-pecuniary interest would be considered significant where the relationship or affiliation is such as it would prevent the member from impartially and objectively considering all the relevant information as a result of this conflict of interest.
- A Councillor Committee member who has a non-pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda for a meeting, or that arises during a meeting at which they are present, must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable, and, in the case of a “significant” non-pecuniary interest must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable, and must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting at any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed, or at any time during which the Committee is voting on any question in relation to the matter.
- A community member of a Committee who is also a member or representative of a community group that could be affected by any matter on the agenda, or that arises during a meeting at which they are present, (irrespective of whether or not the person has a pecuniary or a non-pecuniary interest), must state the name of the community group of which the person is a member or representative, and the matter shall be recorded in the minutes.

6. Working Groups

- The Committee may appoint any number of Working Groups at any time to investigate any matter or thing to which the Committee may require information or to organise and manage, subject to the control of the Committee, any activity which may be considered by the Committee to be essential to the objectives of the Committee
- Each Working Group appointed shall have Terms of Reference and a fixed term

- The Working Group must ensure that full and accurate minutes of the proceedings of its meetings are kept and completed within 2 weeks of the meeting and then reported to the next available Committee meeting

7. Minutes, Communications and Reporting

- The agendas and minutes of the Committee shall be stored as a permanent record of Council, as determined by the General Manager
- Once the draft minutes have been approved they will be referred to the Chair of the Committee for confirmation. The draft minutes will then be circulated to Committee members. Any questions by members regarding the minutes are to be referred immediately to the Staff Officer and if any error in the minutes is confirmed, the Staff Officer shall arrange to make the appropriate changes
- Minutes will be completed within 2 weeks of the Committee meeting and then reported to the next available Council Meeting
- All agendas shall be published on Council's website prior to the meeting
- All minutes shall be published on Council's website within 5 days of adoption by Council
- Members of the Committee are not permitted to speak to the media as representatives of the Committee unless approved by Council

8. Insurance

- Council shall effect personal accident insurance on Committee members together with legal liability cover, Voluntary Workers, cash in transit and personal property insurance cover

Note: Legal liability cover will only be provided to members of the Committee and voluntary workers whilst they are acting within the scope of their duties for and on behalf of Council.

9. Statutory Requirements

- The Committee shall ensure that the *Local Government Act 1993* and related Regulations, all other statutory provisions and all Council's Codes and Policies relating to its activities are at all time strictly observed.

10. Dissolution

All Committees are automatically dissolved from the date of the quadrennial election.

Adopted

Modified

Addendum:

Members of the Playground Advisory Committee

Councillor Representatives:

- The Mayor Jean Hay AM

Representative from Northern Sydney Health:

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Community Members:

David Murphy
Maryann Novakovic

X 2 vacancies

3. RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation:

That the Committee recommend to the General Manager and Council that the that the terms of reference for the Playground Committee be endorsed.

Fenton Beatty
Manager Parks and Reserves
Playground Management Committee
6th February 2012



TO: Playground Committee

MEETING DATE: 21st February 2013

AUTHOR: Fenton Beatty, Manager Parks and Reserves

SUBJECT: **Update on Playground Projects / Maintenance**

1. INTRODUCTION

This item is to update the Committee on current projects underway.

2. INFORMATION

North Harbour Playground

The North Harbour playground project is proposed for installation over March.

Play equipment replacement and soft fall refurbishment will be carried out in this time frame. Some of the smaller existing pieces of equipment will be relocated within the soft fall zone. Incorporation of the proposed concrete pathway outlined in the North Harbour Reserve Masterplan will be constructed during this project so that the soft fall areas can be matched into the path levels streamlining the walk through areas.

The playground areas will be closed for approximately 4 weeks subject to weather conditions. Signage and notification will be carried out prior to works.

Playground repairs

The following number of repairs has been carried out on playgrounds since August 2012.

Playground	Minor Repairs	Major Repairs
Clontarf Reserve	2	3
Baranbali	2	2
Bligh		1
JA Fenwick		1
Lagoon Park Fitness	1	
Lagoon Park Playground	3	
Manly Corso	2	
North Harbour	1	
North Steyne minor	1	1

Playground	Minor Repairs	Major Repairs
North Steyne Major	2	1
Tania Park	2	
North Steyne	1	1
Ross street	1	
Weeroona Reserve	2	1
Swings only (x 4)	4	
Total	24	11

3. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receives and notes the report.

Fenton Beatty
Manager Parks and Reserves
Playground Management Committee
6th February 2012



TO: Playground Committee

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AUTHOR: Fenton Beatty, Manager Parks and Reserves

SUBJECT: **10 Year Playground Strategy Work Shopping**

1. INTRODUCTION

The Committee will need to workshop with staff on the content and methodology of the document to assist with outcomes for the strategy document.

2. INFORMATION

At this item some preliminary documentation has been prepared for tabling at the meeting to work shop with the Committee.

Discussion on the methodology and rationalisation of existing playgrounds, to set the direction in terms of playgrounds over the next 10 years, in consideration of Councils endorsed recreation strategy.

3. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee discusses the documentation and workshops in consideration of the direction strategy for the next 10 years. This will cover a number of meetings.

Fenton Beatty
Manager Parks and Reserves
Playground Management Committee
6th February 2012



TO: **Playground Advisory Committee**

MEETING DATE: 14 February 2013

AUTHOR: Secretariat

SUBJECT: **Proposed Committee meeting dates for 2013**

1. INTRODUCTION

Below are proposed meeting dates for the **Playground Advisory Committee** for 2013.

2. INFORMATION

The following table sets out the proposed meeting dates for the **Playground Advisory Committee** meetings for 2013. The meetings have been scheduled bi-monthly on 2nd Thursday of the month, meeting to commence at 3.00pm, Manly Town Hall, 1 Belgrave Street Manly and will run for a maximum of 2 hours, as per the current meeting schedule.

Jan 2013	Feb 2013	Mar 2013	April 2013	May 2013	June 2013	July 2013	Aug 2013	Sept 2013	Oct 2013	Nov 2013	Dec 2013
	14		11		13		8		10		12

3. RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposed dates for 2013 be approved.

Secretariat
Corporate Services Division

Date: 10 January 2013