

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, 19 JULY 2011

MEMBERS: The Right Worshipful, Lord Mayor, Mr G R Sawyer (Chairman); Member J D Bailey; Member R T Dee; Member R K Elix; Member H I Galton; Member R M Knox; Member G A Lambert; Member R Lesley; Member F P Marrone; Member A R Mitchell; Member K M Moir; Member J L Sangster; Member H D Sjoberg.

OFFICERS: Chief Executive Officer, Mr B Dowd; General Manager Corporate Services, Mr F Crawley; General Manager Community & Cultural Services, Mr J Banks; General Manager Infrastructure, Mr L Cercarelli; Executive Manager, Mr M Blackburn; Committee Administrator, Ms L Elmer.

GUESTS Ms Anya Lorimer, Ms Jayne Grey and Ms Kushla Ross representing Sprout Creative will be in attendance for the Branding Strategy

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE****2.1 Apologies****2.2 Leave of Absence Granted**

THAT it be noted that The Right Worshipful, Lord Mayor, Mr G R Sawyer is an apology due to a Leave of Absence being previously granted on 14 June 2011 for the period 18 – 24 July 2011.

THAT it be noted that Member J D Bailey is an apology due to a Leave of Absence being previously granted on 28 June 2011 for the period 10 - 20 July 2011.

DECISION NO.20\() (19/07/11)

2.3 Leave of Absence Requested**3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF****4 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil

5 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

5.1 Branding Strategy
Common No. 1529177

Ms Anya Lorimer, Ms Jayne Grey and Ms Kushla Ross representing Sprout Creative will be in attendance from 5.15 p.m. for the Branding Strategy

There is no presentation material available

5 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

5.2 Richardson Ward Regional Playground

Report No. 11C0087 FR:sg (11/07/11) Common No. 1163073

Report Number. 11C0087 FR:sg attached

ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

DATE: 11/7/11

REPORT

TO: SPECIAL COUNCIL

APPROVED: JB

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES

APPROVED: FR

REPORT NO: 11C0087 FR:sg

COMMON NO: 1163073

SUBJECT: RICHARDSON WARD REGIONAL PLAYGROUND

ITEM NO: 5.2**SYNOPSIS:**

The Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport (NRETAS) has confirmed support for the development of a regional playground within the Casuarina Coastal Reserve at Dripstone Cliffs, on the proviso that a suitable tenure arrangement can be negotiated and that the associated immediate and long term operational costs are met by Council. Agreement with those terms will enable Council to progress the project to community consultation.

GENERAL:**PREVIOUS DECISIONS****Decision No. 20\3634 (15/2/11)**

- A. That Report Number 11C0025 SD:kl, entitled Richardson Ward Regional Playground update, be received and noted.
- B. That subject to the agreement of the Northern Territory Government and Richardson Ward Aldermen, Council endorse the draft concept plan (Attachment A) for the Richardson Ward Regional Playground at Casuarina Coastal Reserve.
- C. That a Communication Plan be developed for the conduct of community consultation for the proposed Richardson Ward Regional Playground at Casuarina Coastal Reserve and the consultation outcomes be reported to Council.
- D. That this decision be moved into Open.

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Decision No. 20\3462 (30/11/10)

THAT Council withdraws its endorsement of the proposed concept plan for the Casuarina Coastal Reserve playground until the concept plans incorporate the comments of the Richardson aldermen and the concept plan provides the same play opportunities as other regional playgrounds

Reason – This concept design did not incorporate the previous amendment and discussion agreed to by the Richardson Ward.

Decision No. 20\3427 (16/11/10)

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0154 SD:kl entitled, Regional Playground for Richardson Ward be received and noted.
- B. For the purpose of community consultation Council endorse the draft concept plan for the Casuarina Coastal Reserve Playground and that following the conduct of community consultation a further report be presented to Council.

Decision No. 20\2589 (30/3/10)

THAT this matter lay on the table until a site meeting has occurred between the Richardson ward Aldermen and the General Manager Community & Cultural Services.

- A. THAT Council endorses the proposed location of the regional playground in the Richardson Ward being at Casuarina Coastal Reserve and to ensue specific shade requirements are addressed.
- B. THAT community consultation commence and a further report be prepared presenting the outcomes of the consultation in relation to the regional playground in the Richardson Ward being at Casuarina Coastal Reserve.

Decision No. 20\1702 (30/6/09)

- A. THAT Report Number 09c0087 entitled, Proposed New Regional Playground Locations, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorses the proposed location of the regional playground in the Richardson Ward being at Casuarina Coastal Reserve.
- C. THAT community consultation commence and a further report be prepared presenting the outcomes of the consultation in relation to the regional playground in the Richardson Ward being at Casuarina Coastal Reserve.

REPORT

NRETAS has agreed to negotiate a tenure arrangement with Council for a site of approximately 5,000 m² at Dripstone Cliffs. The site will provide for a playground of

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approximately 700m² and associated infrastructure including, seating tables and barbeques.

The agreement is premised on Council covering the cost of the transfer of land, playground construction, maintenance and future upgrades, irrigation and general water use, including the installation of a water meter. NRETAS also requires Council to undertake the public consultation phase. The correspondence from NRETAS is at **Attachment A**.

Since identifying the preferred site within the Reserve, Alderman Lambert has received a request from a resident that Council assume ownership and management of Casuarina Coastal Reserve in total. The request was based upon their observation that the East Point reserve is well managed, with few weed problems, an active revegetation program and regular track maintenance. In comparison they argued that the Casuarina Reserve is becoming increasingly degraded and will be facing further resource cuts in the near future. Correspondence has been sent to NRETAS to canvas the request and seek their thoughts on the proposal.

In the interim, as Council is keen to progress the development of the playground, the next important step is to consult with residents of the Richardson Ward and the wider Darwin community. Dripstone Cliffs and the Casuarina Coastal Reserve are popular recreation areas and it is anticipated that there will be considerable public interest, in addition to the attention of residents in the immediate vicinity. Consequently it is proposed that a consultant be engaged to provide the necessary resource.

The consultation adheres to Council policy and will comprise the following elements, leaving a degree scope for additional opportunities as identified by the consultant;

- Letterbox drop to residents
- Web page for information and an on line questionnaire
- Print and other media circulated through appropriate avenues including the libraries, fun bus, and school newsletters.
- On site consultation during a minimum of two defined periods of high use, including information boards and a display of the concept.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Council has previously allocated \$100,000 towards the preparation of concepts, community consultation and tenure agreements.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond':-

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Goal

2 Enhance Darwin's Active, Positive and Flexible Lifestyle

Outcome

2.4 Increase community facilities

Key Strategies

2.4.1 Provide facilities and programs which encourage healthy lifestyle choices

Goal

3 Assist Individuals and the Community Stay Connected with the Darwin Region

Outcome

3.1 Promote the use of public spaces

Key Strategies

3.1.1 Enhance public spaces and encourage greater use by the community

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

A tenure agreement will be negotiated between NRETAS and Council defining the site and stipulating ongoing responsibility for infrastructure management.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

Development of the site will be cognisant of the natural values of the location and local biodiversity.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

It is likely that the proposal for a playground will be widely supported, however concerns as to the location may be raised by local residents and other users who enjoy the existing openness of the site for passive use and its inherent value.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

Play equipment installed by Council is required to meet Australian Standards. Consideration will also be given to the playground in context, in particular providing separation from roads and the cliff top.

DELEGATION:

Nil.

CONSULTATION:

Ongoing communication with Council, in particular the Ward Aldermen and with NRETAS has progressed the project to the point where it can be released for community consultation.

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PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

Consultation will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Consultation Policy. An appropriately qualified company will be engaged to assist in the consultation process, drawing upon the concept drawings provided at **Attachment B**.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

Nil at this stage.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 11C0087 FR:sg entitled, Richardson Ward Regional Playground, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council advise the Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport that it will cover the cost of land transfer, construction, including the installation of a water meter, maintenance, water use and future upgrades of the regional playground.
- C. THAT Council commence the proposed community consultation and engagement process and consider a further report on the consultation outcomes.

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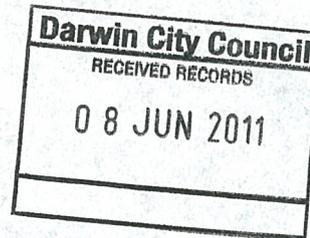
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DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT, THE ARTS AND SPORT

Our ref D2010/0336

Your ref

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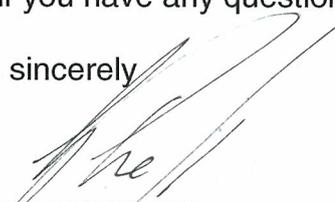
Further to our meeting on 12 May 2011, I confirm the Parks and Wildlife Service support for the development of a regional playground within the Casuarina Coastal Reserve at Dripstone Cliffs and provide in-principle agreement to:

- Darwin City Council covering the cost of construction, maintenance and future upgrades of the regional playground and any costs associated with transfer of land;
- The Parks and Wildlife Service and Darwin City Council will enter into a long-term agreement to lease or subdivide the playground land providing full management and maintenance of the land and the playground to Darwin City Council. The subject site will be approximately 5 000 m² in area, comprising 700 m² for the playground and the remaining area for picnic tables and barbeques (see attached aerial map);
- Darwin City Council will install a water meter for the subject land and pay for water use; and
- Darwin City Council will run the public consultation phase of the project.

Legal advice is currently being sought through the Department of Justice on the preferred option for a long-term agreement through either leasing or subdividing the subject land under the *Planning Act*.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Regional Chief Ranger, Mr Barry Scott on 8947 2305 if you have any questions regarding the above.

Yours sincerely


GRAHAM PHELPS
Executive Director, Parks and Wildlife

6 June 2011



Aerial Map: Location of the proposed Regional Playground in Casuarina Coastal Reserve.







6 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

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