

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF UPPER HUNTER SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2020 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS COMMENCING AT 5.00pm**

**PRESENT:**

Cr Maurice Collison (Acting Mayor), Cr Sue Abbott, Cr Josh Brown, Cr Ron Campbell, Cr Lorna Driscoll and Cr Lee Watts.

**APOLOGIES:**

**RESOLVED that the apologies received from Cr Kiwa Fisher and Cr James Burns be accepted.**

Moved: Cr R Campbell

Seconded: Cr L Driscoll

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr Steve McDonald (General Manager), Mr Kristian Enevoldson (Director Corporate Services), Mr Mathew Pringle (Director Environmental & Community Services), Mr Nicholas Havyatt (Director Infrastructure Services), Mr Wayne Phelps (Finance Manager) and Mrs Robyn Cox (Executive Assistant).

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:**

**I.06.1 Amaroo Park Playground**

Cr Lee Watts declared a non-pecuniary interest / significant conflict for the reason that she is the Manager of the Amaroo Park Playground Project. Cr Watts advised that she would leave the meeting and take no part in discussion or voting.

**Resignation of Wayne Bedggood**

Cr Collison acknowledged the resignation from Wayne Bedggood from his position of Mayor and Councillor and expressed his appreciation for the contributions Wayne made during his time with Council.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**I.06.1 Amaroo Park Playground**

Mrs Lee Watts, Manager Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre

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### INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS

#### I.06.1 **AMAROO PARK PLAYGROUND**

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Steve McDonald - General Manager

**AUTHOR:** Nicholas Havyatt - Director Infrastructure Services

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#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Amaroo Park Playground options.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. endorse the concept design for the Amaroo Park playground;
2. seek community consultation for the proposed playground;
3. discuss the change of scope of the My Community Grant with the Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre and the funding body;
4. support the application for a grant for the Stage 2 works at Amaroo Park playground, subject to the Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre funding the project management costs of Stages 1 and 2.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre has made a successful grant application into the NSW My Community Grant program in mid 2019. The project consists of a 55m<sup>2</sup> concrete splash pad with sandstone blocks around the pad for seating. The project also provides for connecting power and water to the system.

The proposal is for the splash pad to use potable water from the town supply and then discharged to sewer. There is no provision for recycling or reusing the water after it is used in the splash pad.

A report was tabled at the December 2019 Infrastructure Services Committee meeting. Council staff and the Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre investigated other options in light of the recent drought and COVID-19 pandemic and are looking at the proposal changing from a splash pad to a playground. The funding body will consider changing the scope of works if there is support for the proposed change from Council and the community.

#### **REPORT/PROPOSAL**

The existing playground at Amaroo Park has reached the end of its useful life and is due for replacement. The Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2021 (DPOP) has a budget of \$60,000 for playground replacement. It is proposed to replace the Amaroo Playground in the 2021 financial year budget.

Council has been working with the Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre to develop a concept to replace the existing placement and expand the playground to include new equipment for all age groups and all abilities. See attachment 1 for the proposed concept plan.

The concept plan includes a number of items of equipment and it is proposed to deliver these items in two stages as follows:

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Stage 1	Stage 2
Main Structure	Shade Sails
Climbing Cube	Musical Pipes
Merry Go Round	Xylophone
Swing	Drums
Gliding Fox with Pommel	

The project cost for stage 1 include:

Stage 1 Items	Estimate stage 1
Equipment	\$80,000
Rubber soft fall	\$60,000
Earthworks	\$25,000
Playground removal	\$5,000
Mulch soft fall	\$10,000
<b>Total project stage 1</b>	<b>\$180,000</b>

The project costs for the stage 2 include:

Stage 2 items	Estimate stage 2
Equipment	\$17,162
Rubber soft fall	\$25,000
Shade Sail	\$37,500
Mulch soft fall	\$5,000
Additional edging	\$7,500
<b>Total project stage 2</b>	<b>\$92,162</b>

The above estimated prices do not include project management costs or contingency. Normally Council would apply a 10% contingency and a 5% project management cost. It is noted that the funding for project management was included in the grant awarded to Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

For Stage 1 a contingency has only been allowed for the earthworks with no contingency applied to the other items as we have a fixed price quote. Project management of Stage 1 would be approximately \$9,000. Under this arrangement Council would be required to meet that cost and any other contingency costs that may arise in the project. Council will also be responsible for ongoing maintenance costs.

For Stage 2 no contingency has been applied and the project management costs would be approximately \$4,600. Under this arrangement Council would be required to meet that cost. Council will also be responsible for ongoing maintenance costs.

Stage 1 of the proposed playground can be funded through the playground replacement budget of \$60,000 and the My Community Project grant that the Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre was successful for \$121,220, once the change to the scope of works is approved by the funding body.

The application by the Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre to the My Community Project included the following items:

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Item	Cost GST Inclusive
Splash Pad	\$93,500
Connection of power	\$2,503
Install 25mm water main and stormwater drainage with pit	\$6,700
Sandstone blocks	\$1,750
Excavator, opening BBQ and project management	\$16,767
	<b>(Total) \$121,220</b>

This proposal will be to change this scope to the above proposed playground stage 1 scope of works at a total project cost of \$180,000.

Currently Council does not have any other funding for playground upgrades in the 2021 DPOP, therefore stage 2 of the project will need to be funded through additional grant funding.

### OPTIONS

1. To endorse the concept plan for Amaroo Park
2. To change the concept plan for Amaroo Park
3. To reject the concept plan for Amaroo Park

### CONSULTATION

- General Manager
- Manager Works Delivery
- Suppliers
- Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre

### STRATEGIC LINKS

#### a. Community Strategic Plan 2027

This report links to the Community Strategic Plan 2027 as follows:

- Goal 6 Increase, enhance and maintain civil infrastructure, Community assets and open spaces to meet the needs of current and future generations.
- CS24 Provide for replacement, improvement and additional Community and open space infrastructure through investment, best practice and risk management.
- CS25 Provide inviting public spaces that are clean, green, properly maintained, well designed, encourage active participation, family friendly and accessible to all.

We are working to achieve the following Community Priorities:



Well maintained, safe, reliable and additional infrastructure, including sporting fields, parks, family and cultural facilities.

#### b. Delivery Program

##### Parks & Gardens

- By providing quality open spaces, parks and reserves that are suitable and accessible for the community.

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### c. Other Plans

Nil

### **IMPLICATIONS**

#### a. Policy and Procedural Implications

Nil

#### b. Financial Implications

The estimated cost of the project to Council is \$60,000 which is identified in the 2021 DPOP. The ongoing maintenance costs of the playground will be managed within the parks maintenance budget as part of the normal operations.

Council would be required to fund approximately \$13,600 for project management costs for the upgrade. The only contingency provision for the project is in Stage 1 earthworks. There is no additional provision for any other contingencies for the project.

#### c. Legislative Implications

Nil

#### d. Risk Implications

There is a number of key risks for this project to Council:

- Part of the funding is by a community group, not Council
- The costs are developed on concept designs
- There is limited parking at the site

#### e. Sustainability Implications

Nil

#### f. Other Implications

Nil

### **CONCLUSION**

This is a good change from the first proposal at Amaroo Park being the splash pad. The ongoing maintenance costs for the playground will be less than the splash pad and also the risk to Council will be less.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Forpark Australia Concept Plan Amaroo Park All ages and all abilities

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### DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:

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### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse the concept design for the Amaroo Park Playground.
2. Seek Community consultation from the whole Shire for the proposed playground.
3. Receive a further report on the community consultation of the proposed playground.
4. Fund the gap of Stage 1 of the project up to \$15,000.
5. Discuss the change of scope of the My Community Grant with Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre and the funding body.
6. Support the application for a grant for the Stage 2 works at Amaroo Park playground, subject to the Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre funding the project management costs of Stages 1 and 2.

Moved: Cr S Abbott

Seconded: Cr J Brown

LOST

#### FOR

Councillor Abbott  
Councillor Brown

**Total (2)**

#### AGAINST

Councillor Campbell  
Councillor Collison  
Councillor Driscoll

**Total (3)**

Cr Ron Campbell put forward a foreshadowed motion:

### RESOLVED that Council:

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Moved: Cr R Campbell

Seconded: Cr L Driscoll

CARRIED

#### FOR

Councillor Campbell  
Councillor Driscoll  
Councillor Collison  
Councillor Brown

**Total (4)**

#### AGAINST

Councillor Abbott

**Total (1)**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.40PM.