



## **Sport and Recreation Reference Group**

**Report SR02 - 10 November 2020**

Attachments:  
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**SUBJECT:** Capital Works Program Update

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report presents an update on several capital works projects that are scheduled to be completed within this current financial year 2020/21 and the previous year 2019/20.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Funding for these projects was included in the adopted 2019/20 and 2020/21 capital works budgets.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**1. THAT** the Capital Works Program Update report be received.

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## **LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

Direction: 1. Our Living Environment

Outcome: 1.4 Public open space and recreation facilities and services meet community needs

## **BACKGROUND**

As part of Council's Delivery Plan the following Sport and Recreation projects are scheduled to be completed over the 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years:

- Forsyth Park (Field 1) Reconstruction;
- North Sydney Oval Video Screen;
- St Leonards Park Masterplan;
- St Thomas' Rest Park Playground Upgrade;
- Sirius Street Playground Upgrade;
- Sportsfield Goal Post Replacement;
- Anderson Park Plan of Management;
- Blues Point Reserve Amenities Upgrade;
- Grasmere Reserve Playground Upgrade;
- Tunks Park Masterplan Implementation;
- Hodgson Lookout Upgrade;
- Kurraba Reserve;
- Smoothery Park; and
- MacCallum Pool Upgrade.

## **CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS**

Community engagement will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Protocol.

## **DETAIL**

### **Projects Allocated in the 2019/20 and 2020/21 Financial Year**

#### **Forsyth Park (Field 1) Reconstruction**

A budget of \$300,000 was allocated to this playing field redevelopment. The project corrected severe undulations in the field, installed new drainage and irrigation infrastructure and renewed the surface vegetation to a single species of turf. Works are now completed on this project.

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Council staff have scheduled sand grooving to be undertaken in December 2020 to aid in drainage of the site.

#### **North Sydney Oval Outdoor Video Screen**

A budget of \$600,000.00 was allocated to this project. After a year awaiting planning approvals and undertaking procurement through a public Tender, the installation of the Electronic Media Screen was undertaken last month. The screen is located on Doug Walters Hill and is visible from most parts of the North Sydney Oval. The state of the art media screen will be used for an array of different functions such as live sports broadcasting, event sponsorship messages and advertising, display of data, graphics and event information including event /sports statistics.



### **St Leonards Park Masterplan**

Council formally adopted the draft Landscape Masterplan for St Leonards Park at its meeting held on Monday 26 March 2018. Funding has been allocated to implement the plan in stages over the next 3-5 years.

#### *Stage 1 – Miller Street Forecourt*

These works have now been completed and the area is now open and transformed to an open free-flowing landscape where all elements merge together to provide a grand entrance to St Leonards Park.



#### *Stage 2b1 – Cricket Practice Net Upgrade*

Works on the Cricket Practice net upgrade in St Leonards Park have been completed and they are now open for use. There have been some significant improvements made in this upgrade including:

- A fully enclosed facility that prevents balls escaping. This removes any danger for the general public within the Park.
  - A much longer facility spanning 36 metres which allows bowlers a good run up. It also enables some room behind the wicket for keeping practice.
  - The installation of outdoor power points for bowling machine use.
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*Stage 2b2 – Tunks Way (north of Cenotaph)*

The tender for improvement works on this section as identified in the Masterplan has been awarded to Co-Ordinated Landscapes who will be commencing work in January 2021.

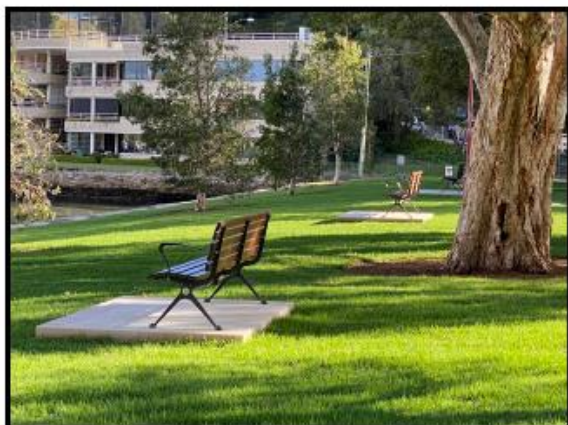
**Anderson Park Plan of Management**

The Masterplan identified a series of improvements for the park with an objective to improve the open space for the benefit of the community. In the 2019/20 and 2020/21 budgets, Council allocated funding for the investigations, consultation, detailed design and implementation of the first stage of improvements.

The objectives of the delivered landscape upgrade achieved the following outcomes:

- Upgrade of East-West foreshore access path surface and edging.
- Improved accessibility around the existing memorial through an elimination of raised paving area, installation of low planting at the base of the memorial fence and seating.
- Upgraded park furniture to a coordinated suite of elements in accordance with Council's Public Domain Style Manual and Design Code 2018.
- Reduced existing slope gradient of the foreshore grassed space adjoining seawall to increase the usability.

Works associated with the landscape upgrade at Anderson Park were completed on Monday, 14 September 2020.



### **St Thomas' Rest Park Playground Upgrade**

A budget of \$150,000 was allocated to this project which has now been completed. With a suite of new and refurbished play equipment, this much-loved playground now offers a perfect balance between the old and new. The final design incorporated many suggestions received from regular park users during the community engagement process, resulting in a playground that genuinely meets the needs of local families.



### **Sirius Park Playground Upgrade**

A budget of \$200,000 was allocated to this project. The new playground is now completed. It's been carefully designed to work in with the steep landform and to capitalise on the deeply shaded garden setting. A major focus of the new design was to increase accessibility which was quite a challenge on such a steep site. A new graded pathway leads from the street to the main level of the terraced play space. This accessible level has a durable rubber surface and a range of play equipment that caters to all levels of mobility including an all-access swing, a multi-person carriage rocker, a spinning cable pyramid and a custom designed cubby space with a talk-tube that connects with the lookout platform on the lower level.



**Sportsfield Goal Post Replacement**

Part of Council’s 2019/20 Capital Works Program included an allocation of \$30,000 for Goal Post replacement on Sportsfields. The budget has been spent on all new posts at Primrose Park. Two sets of Rugby and Football combination posts on Fields 1 and 2 were installed and a single set of Football posts was replaced on Field 3.



### **Blues Point Reserve Amenities Upgrade**

A budget of \$350,000 is allocated to this project. The existing facility was stripped back to the structure, with care taken for the original glazed brick walls and reinstated with all new fixtures and fixings, replacement doors, hardware and signage.



### **Grasmere Reserve Playground Upgrade**

A budget of \$150,000 has been provided by the Federal Government for this project which is currently in the design phase. Fabrication is estimated to be undertaken in February 2021 and construction following that in May 2021.

### **Tunks Park Masterplan Implementation**

The Masterplan identified a series of improvements for the park with an objective to improve the open space for the benefit of the community. In the 2019/20 and 2020/21 budgets, Council allocated \$100,000 each year for the investigations, consultation, detailed design and implementation for the improvements.

The objectives of the upgrade have currently achieved the following outcomes:

- Installation of new seating and park benches around Tunks Park #1 and the foreshore area;
- Some new landscape planting works in the foreshore park; and
- Improvements to the access road by installing some new drainage lines to mitigate the flooding issues.

Further works yet to be implemented will include:

- The Refurbishment of the Western Amenities Block. Norths Pirates Rugby Club are seeking funding through grant opportunities to help with this project.
- More seating and park benches around Field 2 and 3.

### **Hodgson Lookout Upgrade**

A budget of \$250,000 is allocated to this project which is currently in the concept design phase with construction of the works set to commence in April 2021.



### **Kurraba Reserve**

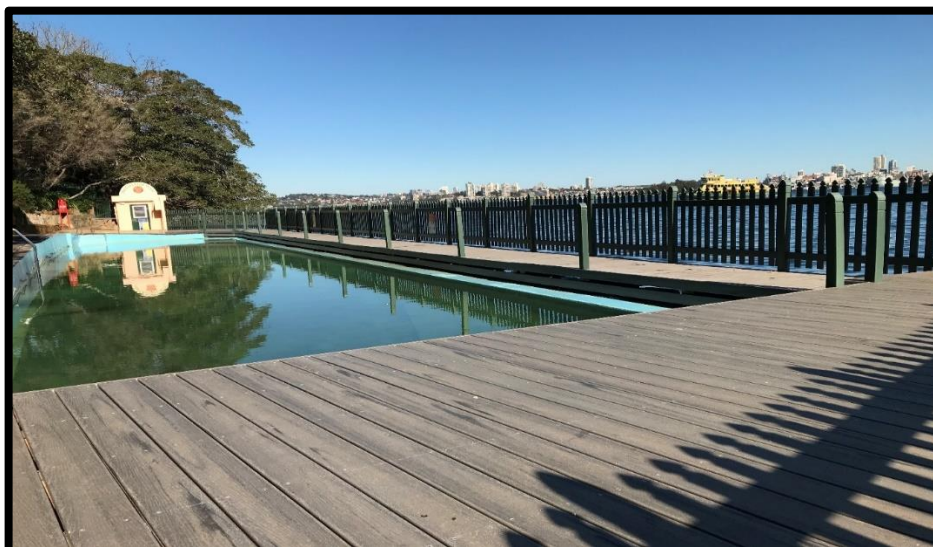
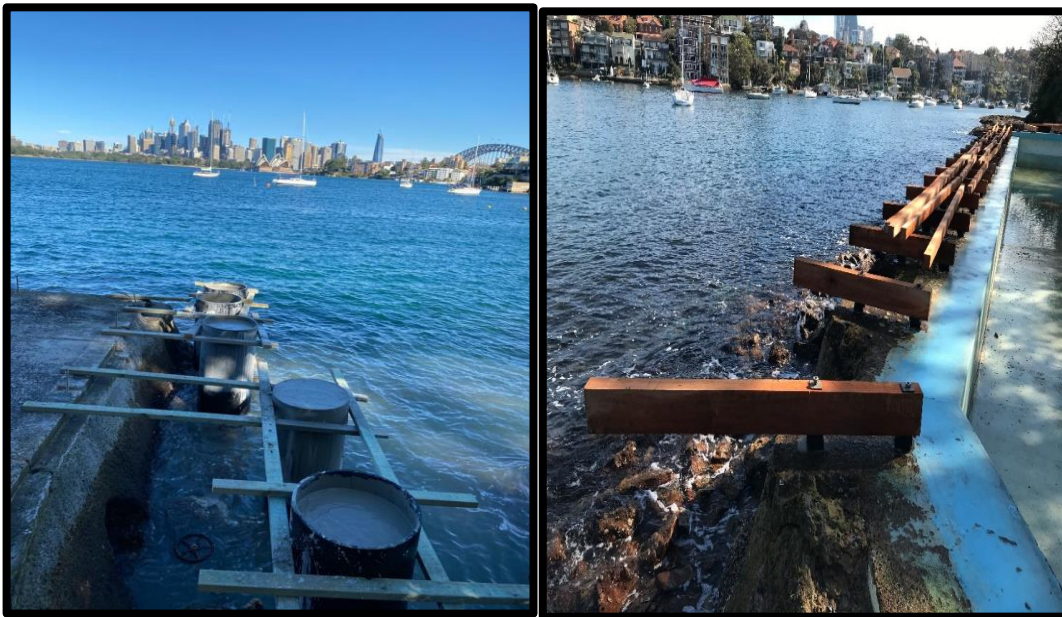
A budget of \$110,000 is allocated to this project which is currently in the design phase with construction of the works set to commence in April 2021. The majority of the work will be concentrated on improving the access into the Park.

### **Smoothey Park**

A budget of \$300,000 is allocated to this project which is currently in the design phase with construction of the works set to commence in April 2021. The majority of the works will be centred around pathway and access improvements within the Park.

### **MacCallum Pool Upgrade**

As part of the Open Space Asset Condition report MacCallum Pool at Cremorne Point was scheduled for some renovation works during the cooler months of 2020. Council engaged consultants who undertook a detailed inspection of the original pool shell, harbourside shotcrete encasement, boardwalk decking (including underside), timber piles, sandstone piers, fencing and surrounding landscaping in November 2019. Based on the findings of this report a decision was made to replace the entire deck structure and repair /replace the damaged piers and piles.



The fencing posts, rails and pickets have been replaced with a HDPE product called “Plastiwood”. This product is specifically designed to replicate the original timber fence. It will be able to withstand the harsh marine environment at this location and reduce the overall maintenance requirements compared to the original timber fence.

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