

### 3.1. Capital Works Program 2023/24

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#### **PURPOSE:**

This report provides an update on sport and recreation Capital Works projects for the current financial year 2023/24.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report presents an update on capital works projects that are scheduled to be completed within the current financial year 2023/24.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**1. THAT** the Sport and Recreation Reference Group receive the Capital Works Program 2023/24 report.

## **Background**

There are several sport and recreation projects that are scheduled to be commenced in the 2023/24 financial year. This report provides information for the Sport and Recreation Reference group on each of these projects.

### **Quarantine Boat Depot Site & Access Improvements**

After many years of negotiation, Council purchased a portion of this property with the assistance of a grant from the NSW State Government. Council's site extends from the line of the former mean high-water mark to the western boundary of the site adjacent to Balls Head Reserve. Council is also currently seeking tenure of the reclaimed foreshore section of the site.

Works to date have focused on site clean-up, investigations including detailed surveying of site features and levels, repair works to fencing and other structures. Improvement works being considered include repairs to existing retaining walls, upgrading of services (including drainage, electrical and sewer) and repair of dilapidated out-buildings. Council is also considering how to best to enhance pedestrian access to and through the site. Equitable access is currently difficult to achieve due to the steep topography and design of the site heritage buildings.

Council is also currently liaising with the NSW Government in relation to a connection from the Quarantine Depot through the Berrys Bay Master Plan site to the north.

Council has allocated a budget of \$1,100,000.00 for this project.

### **Convert 1 Henry Lawson Ave to community Parkland**

This site has been transferred to the ownership of North Sydney Council from the NSW Government. Council is currently working towards demolition of the existing buildings and returning the site to public open space as soon as possible.

Initial works have included removing failing hoarding boards and replacement with security mesh fencing, removal of a large amount of loose rubbish and stockpiled loose building materials. A detailed site survey was recently completed to inform the documentation for the development application (DA) required for the demolition. Council is now working towards completing the DA.

The DA documents will include an indicative landscape plan showing the treatment of the remnant building footprints and associated landscape works. Under plans currently being developed, heritage elements including the historic slipways, sandstone walls and former building footprints will be retained and incorporated into the new section of park.

Council is also considering the potential for some kayak storage to be included on the footprint of the old boat shed slip area. This area is set down below the adjacent park level and has ready access to the slipway in front. Subject to investigations, design and approvals, the possibility of launching kayaks at that location can be explored, to augment the use of the beach for launching.

Demolition of the building will commence following determination of the DA. The park reinstatement works will commence as soon as possible after the demolition, subject to any adjustments that may be necessary once the buildings are removed.

Council has allocated a budget of \$900,000.00 for this project.



### **Bon Andrews Oval New Irrigation System**

This project has been allocated a budget of \$120,000.00. The current system is over 30 years old and does not provide adequate coverage across the entire field. The new system will be much more water efficient and provide even coverage over the entire area.

The design will investigate the option of increasing the size of the water tank on the northern side of the oval and the potential to utilise it to store water from Councils storm water harvesting system.

## **Upgrade Lodge Road Playground**

This project has been allocated a budget of \$170,000.00 and will include improvements that meet the needs and requirements of the community and adhere to required safety standards.

## **Open Space & Recreation Needs Study**

At its meeting of 26 April 2023, Council unanimously resolved to commence the preparation of an Open Space & Recreation Needs Study (Needs Study) and a subsequent Open Space & Recreation Strategy. Council's existing Recreation Needs Study 2015 and Open Space Provision Strategy 2009 are now dated and there is a pressing need to address deficiencies in North Sydney's open space and recreation network.

The Needs Study will identify strategic directions and priorities to inform the North Sydney Open Space & Recreation Strategy (the Strategy), to be prepared by Council. The Strategy will provide a roadmap for how Council will deliver open spaces and recreation facilities that meet the needs of the current and future North Sydney resident, worker, and visitor populations. It will guide and inform the preparation of future major open space and recreation planning and design projects, including the Cammeray Park Strategic Masterplan,

Preparation of the Study is anticipated to take approximately 16 months once a consultant has been engaged.

A Project Control Group (PCG) comprising staff from many Council departments will provide direction to the Consultant, monitor the project program, progress and quality of outputs and discuss any significant issues that arise.

Council has allocated a budget of \$155,000.00 to undertake this study.

## **Small Water Craft Storage Strategy (SWCSS) Projects**

Since 2018, implementing the SWCSS has focussed on providing additional storage facilities and associated infrastructure. There are now 13 facilities accommodating 318 small water craft.

In late 2022, Council staff revisited the North Sydney foreshore to update the data on ad hoc small water craft storage gained in the 2018 SWCSS. The investigations identified several alternative locations that were suitable for small water craft storage. Projects for this year are located at:

- **Tunks Park South** has been allocated a budget of \$60,000.00 where an anticipated 20 Kayaks could be accommodated and
- **John Street Road Reserve** has been allocated a budget of \$40,000.00 where an anticipated 8 Kayaks and 17 dinghies could be accommodated.

### **Primrose Park Additional Dual Cricket Net**

This project has been allocated a budget of \$150,000.00. It is proposed to install the practice nets behind the existing nets.

North Sydney District Junior Cricket Club have been successful in obtaining a grant of \$30,000.00 through the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund to aid in funding this project.

North Sydney District Junior Cricket Club and the North Shore Junior Cricket Cricket Association are also donating another \$30,000.00 between them that will be utilised as additional funding for this project.



### **Stage 4 - St Leonards Park Landscape Masterplan Implementation**

This Stage of the St Leonards Park Landscape Master Plan will be providing a warm glow to the park at night with the installation of new lighting throughout the majority of St Leonards Park.

The new light poles will provide general lighting reducing dark areas within the park and directional linear spotlighting to highlight pathways. The design has the light poles beside the pathways minimising pathway obstacles in keeping with the Tunks Way and Southern Lawn stages that already have new lighting installed.





### **Consultation requirements**

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

### **Financial/Resource Implications**

Budget allocations are part of the adopted Capital Works program for the 2023/24 financial year.