

10.2. Tender 19/2021 Smoothey Park Landscape Upgrade

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ATTACHMENTS: Nil

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an analysis of the tender process for Tender No. 19/2021 Smoothey Park Landscape Upgrade.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The associated Confidential Report to this item addresses commercial information of a confidential nature. If the Council wishes to discuss the report, the meeting should be closed to the public to do so in accordance with s10A(2)(a) <<change if required>> of the Local Government Act (LGA).

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2)

- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed;
- (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
- (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council, or
- (iii) reveal a trade secret..

2. THAT the report be treated as confidential and remain confidential until Council determines otherwise.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

1. Our Living Environment

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

BACKGROUND

Smoothey Park is a prominent parcel of open space located in Wollstonecraft, on the western edge of the North Sydney local government area. Smoothey Park is largely bushland, with some open lawn areas studded with ornamental trees. The shady, treed environment is popular with bushwalkers and joggers, while the open, manicured lawn areas are used for more passive forms of recreation such as picnicking and reading. Smoothey Park has significant ecological value; it provides habitat for fauna and links other bushland areas.

Smoothey Park is currently home to an assortment of mismatched furniture, signage, fencing and lighting. Upgrading and consolidating these elements into a single suite that is in keeping with Council's Public Domain Style Manual and Design Codes will give Smoothey Park a more recognisable identity. Creating discernable entry areas, particularly on Russell Street will help reinforce the park identity.

Following the adoption of Smoothey Park Plan of Management (2016), which provides an overall framework for the management of this significant park and identifies strategies for improvement, money has been allocated in 2020/21 Operational Plan & Budget to implement the identified works.

Proposed upgrade focuses on the installation of two new staircases, low sandstone walls and edging, adjustments to the existing footpaths and entry points, access improvements, upgrade of park furniture and signage, restorative planting.

By improving park identity, upgrading accessibility and wayfinding, more locals and visitors will be able to enjoy the abundant recreational and natural resources of Smoothey Park. In order to improve connectivity and wayfinding, a logical path network/hierarchy will be created. Existing through links will be retained while connections to adjacent streets upgraded. Degraded paths will be resurfaced to improve accessibility. In order to assist wayfinding within the park, visual links and opportunities for passive surveillance will be increased. Passive recreation areas such as sunny, open expanses of lawn will be retained and separated from bushland using path systems and edging. Opportunities for seating in these areas will be increased. Park ecology is to be improved through habitat regeneration and continued revegetation works.

On 11 November 2020 Council informed all registered stakeholders about the proposal for the upgrade works.

North Sydney Council was successful in obtaining the Metropolitan Greenspace Program grant of \$100,000 from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to assist with the delivery of this project.

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