

Playspaces Advisory Group Inaugural Meeting Record 19 December 2019



Location:	Central Coast Council Wyong Office Level 2 Committee Room 2 Hely Street, Wyong
Date:	19 December 2019
Time	Started at: 3.58pm Closed at: 6.06pm
Chair	Councillor Kyle MacGregor (Chair), Councillor Jillian Hogan (Alternate Chair)
File Ref	F2019/00998

Present:

Councillor Rebecca Gale (via phone), Councillor Jillian Hogan, Councillor Chris Holstein (left 5.31pm), Councillor Kyle MacGregor, Jason Blackwood, Susan Donoghue, Ted Edwards, Briohny Kennedy, Danielle Leete, Katie Stokes

Council Staff present:

Brett Sherar – Unit Manager, Open Space and Recreation (Convenor), Ian Rhodes – Landscape and Recreation Planner Open Space Projects and Planning, Katherine Simmons – Recreation Planner, Open Space and Recreation, Donna Payne – Advisory Group Support Officer

Item 1 Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and Apologies

Apologies received: Mayor Lisa Matthews, Emma Wallace – Parks and Playground Officer

Brett Sherar – Unit Manager, Open Space and Recreation welcomed the Advisory Group and completed an Acknowledgement of Country.

Item 2 Introductions

Each member of the Advisory Group briefly introduced themselves.

Item 3 Nomination of Chairperson

The Advisory Group discussed the election of a Chairperson, noting that a Councillor is required to chair meetings as per the standard Terms of Reference for Advisory Groups.

Brett Sherar called for nominations of a Chairperson. Councillor Hogan and Councillor MacGregor both nominated and agreed to share the appointment as Councillor Kyle MacGregor as Chairperson and Councillor Jillian Hogan as Alternate Chairperson.

Recommendation: That Council appoint Councillor Kyle MacGregor as Chairperson and Councillor Jillian Hogan as Alternate Chairperson of the Playspaces Advisory Group.

Item 4 Disclosures of Interest

Councillor MacGregor called for any disclosures.

No disclosures were received.

Item 5 Terms of Reference

The Advisory Group reviewed the draft Terms of Reference, noting they conform with the standard template for all Advisory Groups.

Action: The Terms of Reference be reported to Council for adoption as soon as practicable.

Item 6 Council Current Processes and Draft Playspaces Strategies

Brett Sherar, Katherine Simmons and Ian Rhodes from Open Space and Recreation delivered a presentation on the Draft Playspaces Strategy.

It was noted that there are currently 260 local, district or regional Playspaces across the Central Coast region with the addition of another 4 completed by the end of the year.

An Independent Condition and Compliance Audit was conducted in 2010 and 2017, instigating a change in the Australian Standards and Aging Assets – Playspaces Management Program.

The three objectives of the Playspaces Management Program are to:

1. Set direction
2. Establish principles; and
3. Outline processes

The Open Space and Recreation team felt that most of the conversation at future meetings will focus around playspaces ancillary infrastructure.

Councillor Hogan thanked and congratulated the staff for their presentation.

Action: Advisory Group Support Officer to forward a copy of the Draft Strategic Plan to all Playspaces Advisory Group members.

Action: Advisory Group members to review and provide feedback and comments on the Draft Strategic Plan by Friday 10th January 2020 to Advisory Group Support Officer to collate and forward to staff.

Action: Advisory Group Support Officer to provide Advisory Group contact details to Community Representatives.

Item 7 Advisory Committee Action Plan for Remaining Term

The Advisory Group discussed possible future agenda items, the following topics were noted:

- Community Representatives invited further discussion on what determines a playspace as inclusive; are there any fully inclusive playspaces on the Central Coast; what is the difference between inclusive and access; Council's definition of inclusive.
- Co-location and co-use of playspaces and optimum utilisation of community infrastructure in central locations, for example; playgrounds in schools and regional sporting/recreational facilities that could be made available for community use.
- Sensory Park, Narara – An uncompleted project that still has potential?
- Community Representatives have requested discussion around ancillary/supporting structures for parks and playspaces. Staff suggested that the discussion topic focus on looking towards solutions.
- Community Representatives questioned the process for consultation with the community in the planning and design phase of future playspaces and how will consultation occur around the Draft Strategic Plan.
- Councillor Gale raised the issue surrounding toilets, safety and slippery-dips (*waiting for further clarification from Clr Gale*).

Action: Councillor Hogan requested the Director, Environment and Planning review the budget to increase work capacity and resources for surrounding open spaces and recreational playspaces.

Action: Staff to provide link to *Everyone Can Play, A Guideline to Create Inclusive Playspaces* published by the NSW Government to Committee Members.

Action: Councillor Gale requested information detailing the difference in costing between different materials and life expectancy of playspace ancillary structures and items at the next meeting.

Action: Staff to provide information on the 2019/20 budget for parks and playspaces, and the 2020/21 budget and the process for the allocation of funds.

Action: Councillor Holstein and other Committee Members requested a Standing Agenda Item for future meetings being an "Update on the Delivery of Parks and Playspaces Works Program".

Action: Councillor MacGregor requested an update on S711 Contributions for playspaces currently held by Council, including the current provisions for playspaces in the Development Control Plan (DCP), and the Local Environmental Plan (LEP). What is proposed under the new DCP/LEP or any alternative funding or planning instruments related to playspaces. (Planning staff to be invited to a future meeting to provide information).

Item 8 General Business and Close

No general business was discussed.

The meeting closed at 6.06pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 12 February 2020 (TBC)
4pm – 6pm
Central Coast Council Wyong Office
Level 2 Committee Room