

9.2.3 Hyde Park Water Playground & Surrounds – Improvement works

Ward:	South	Date:	25 January 2013
Precinct:	Hyde Park (12)	File Ref:	RES0042
Attachments:	Nil		
Tabled Items:	Nil		
Reporting Officer:	J. van den Bok, Manager Parks & Property Services		
Responsible Officer:	R. Lotznicker, Director Technical Services		

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council:

1. **APPROVES** of the following additional works to be funded from the Hyde Park Lakes Restoration Reserve fund to undertake the following improvement works for the Hyde Park Water Playground and surrounds;

No:	Item	Amount
1.1	Tables and benches within new gazebo	\$11,500
1.2	Rubber surfacing around water playground	\$ 9,500
1.3	Limestone retaining wall for new gazebo	\$ 9,000
1.4	Removal/relocation of existing gazebo	\$ 7,500
1.5	Extension of accessible path	\$ 5,000
1.6	Paving within and around new gazebo	\$ 5,000
1.7	Contingency	\$ 1,000
	Total Cost	\$48,000

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

The purpose of the report is to seek approval to proceed with improvement works around the recently constructed Water playground at Hyde Park.

BACKGROUND:

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18 December 2012, a Notice of Motion was approved for to the installation of a 'Victorian' style gazebo to replace the existing gazebo located adjacent to the water playground at Hyde Park.

The new gazebo has been ordered and work is expected to be commenced by mid February 2013.

DETAILS:

Given the decision to replace the existing gazebo, investigations of levels onsite and discussions between staff and Council members, there are a number of additional works (with cost implications) that are required to be undertaken at the Hyde Park water playground site.

Rubber surfacing around water playground:

The Water playground has proven to be extremely popular, with up to 300 families per day visiting the facility. As a result, the immediate grassed area around the water playground is getting extremely worn and continual tramping of grass/sand onto the splashpad is causing the filters to block and shut down the system intermittently. The pump is shutting down at least 3-4 times per day, requiring the City's Pool Contractor to attend. This is costing \$400 per day in call-out fees. To overcome this problem an area of rubber surfacing is required to replace the worn lawn between the splashpad and limestone retaining wall.

Removal/relocation of existing gazebo:

The existing gazebo is to be dismantled and several Councillors have asked that it be relocated approximately 30 metres to the west of its current location. A new concrete pad will have to be laid and due to ground levels, a small single block limestone retaining wall is required to be built around the back or high side. This cost was not included in the Council decision made on 18 December 2012.

Limestone retaining wall for new gazebo:

Due to a larger surface area requirement for the new gazebo, the ground will need to be cut into the embankment and a stepped retaining wall installed to create a level pad of approximately 10 metres in diameter. The retaining wall will be of similar design to that of the retaining wall around the low side of the water playground splashpad.

Paving within and around new gazebo:

Paving within the new gazebo is required and will consist of brick-paving or concrete. Paving was not included in the supply and installation cost of the gazebo, previously approved by the Council.

Extension of accessible path:

To ensure that the new gazebo will be accessible to all persons particularly persons in wheelchairs and people with prams, the existing recently constructed accessible path will need to be extended to provide access to the new gazebo, which will be equipped with accessible picnic tables.

Tables and benches within new gazebo:

As the new water playground has proven to be extremely popular, with up to 300 families attending at any one time, the provision of four (4) accessible tables and benches has been requested to be fitted within the new gazebo. These were not included in the original quotation or Council Decision. This will ensure that the gazebo will provide maximum benefit to the facility users.

CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:

Nil required however, adjacent residents will be advised of the works in due course.

LEGAL/POLICY:

The Western Australian Heritage Council has approved for the new gazebo and relocation of the existing gazebo.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:

Low: The proposal will improve amenity and provide additional seating and shaded areas for patrons using the water playground area.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

The City's *Strategic Plan 2011-2016* states:

"Natural and Built Environment

Objective: 1.1: Improve and maintain the natural and built environment and infrastructure.

1.1.5: Enhance and maintain the City's infrastructure, assets and community facilities to provide a safe, sustainable and functional environment".

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Hyde Park Lakes Restoration Project:

A total of \$4.5m has been allocated in the 2012/2013 budget for the Hyde Park lakes restoration project. The Commonwealth Government is contributing over \$1.5m towards this project with the City funding the remaining works. It is estimated that the total cost of the restoration project will be in the order of \$3.5m (max). The additional works can be funded from the Hyde Park Lakes Restoration Reserve Fund.

Works associated with the Gazebo:

The *estimated cost* of the proposed improvement works are as follows:-

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COMMENTS:

The Hyde Park water playground has proven far more popular than anyone could have imagined and in view of the significant number of people using the facility and general area, it is recommended that the above improvement works be approved and implemented as soon as possible.

Very positive comments and feedback has been received from people, who travel from all over the Metropolitan area to use the water playground. The additional works will ensure that this popular community facility will be further enhanced to improve accessibility and the amenity's.

Approval of the Officer Recommendation is therefore requested, to ensure that work for the new gazebo can commence by mid February 2013.

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(To be completed by Chief Executive Officer)

UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY THE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION IS:

~~APPROVED/NOT APPROVED/APPROVED AS AMENDED~~


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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER


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