

## PROJECT OUTLINE

### WARRI RESERVE UPGRADE Warri Close, Narraweena

Northern Beaches Council is undertaking improvements to Warri Reserve in Narraweena, in conjunction with Family and Community Services. The aim of the project is to upgrade the reserve playground facilities and improve the overall accessibility to meet the needs of the local community.

Warri Reserve is a designated 'Local' category playground, located nearby to a number of social housing dwellings and other residential housing. The Reserve is located between Warri Close and Lascelles Rd North, with several properties overlooking the park, and is used as a Right of Way for local residents to Warringah Rd.



The existing playground equipment is approximately 20 years old and has been identified as non-compliant with the current Australian Standards. Some playground equipment has been previously removed for safety reasons.

The playground was earmarked for upgrading in the former Warringah Council Open Space Strategy 2015, however budget was yet to be allocated.

Council has received grant funding from the Social Housing Community Improvement Fund 2017 for \$47,250. Council envisage to commence works in September 2018, with completion by October 2018.

Council's aim is to provide a facility and equipment that activates the space, improves access and inclusiveness, provides a social hub and encourages greater use. Council envisage that

feedback from the community will support improved play facilities, furniture and access improvements.



The main items that Council would like to highlight for this reserve upgrade are:

1. Playground equipment

When planning the play space **Council is seeking to maximise the play value**. Playground equipment should be varied, interesting and challenging to provide for a wide range of ages and abilities.

Council's preference is for a small play unit and double swing set including a toddler seat. The playground area could incorporate a small bike track that connects from the existing pathway.

The playground will require certified softfall material under and around playground equipment in accordance with **AS/NZS 4422.1996 *Playground Surfacing***.

2. Accessibility

The overall reserve design should support inclusive access and consideration should be given to physical spaces, activity areas, equipment and materials. These considerations should not prohibit opportunities for personal interaction, various levels of independence and developmental challenges. The reserve could benefit from additional furniture, such as backed bench seats. Access into and out of the reserve could be improved.

### 3. Shade

Care should be taken to ensure playground equipment is correctly positioned with respect to existing trees. Additional tree planting could be considered to increase shade for the reserve.

### 4. Maintenance

Selected equipment and furniture should be highly durable, resistant to vandalism and corrosion resistant.

Design and layout should ensure ease of ongoing maintenance and access to all parts of the site and equipment.