

Playground Strategy Review



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SECTION ONE – THE REVIEW

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

In October 1999 Council adopted the *Shoalhaven Playground Strategy* to guide the development of this central community resource. The Strategy aimed to define a Citywide planning procedure to ensure equitable access to a wide range of play opportunities. Contained within the Strategy was a five (5) year Action Plan to guide the removal and replacement of existing playground equipment only. This Action Plan determined the required budget for play equipment in each financial year and set out a rolling program of works. A commitment was also made to bring all playgrounds into compliance with Australian Standards.

The replacement of existing playgrounds was given priority over the development of new playgrounds. Over the next two (2) years all playground equipment will comply with Australian Standards. Following this, attention will be given to the development of new playgrounds within existing parks. In view of the fact that over the past four (4) years funding has fallen short of the levels required under the Action Plan and that new Council policies have further refined Council's commitment to this function, it is appropriate to bring the review of the Playground Strategy forward by 12 months.

Given that the Action Plan now requires review it provides the opportunity for a whole strategy review. Issues that will be considered in the *Playground Strategy Review* include:

- Icon Park development
- Fully accessible playgrounds
- Existing playground maintenance
- Future playground provision
- New research

A list of all playgrounds completed under the 1999 Playground Strategy is provided in Attachment Two.

1.2 Playground Evolution

Playgrounds have evolved as part of the Australian park landscape in the years since the Second World War. The demand for leisure facilities that accompanied the post-war economic revival saw an increase in the provision of parks and park facilities. The response of Shoalhaven City Council was no different to other Local Government Authorities in terms of meeting the demand for improved parks and play facilities.

In the early years, facilities were simple. The standard items of play equipment included a set of swings, a slippery-slide and a see-saw. The nineteen-sixties and – seventies saw the quality of play facilities improve as designers responded to the need for greater challenge and diversity. Among the more durable items from this era were the kopper-log structures which promoted climbing and more adventurous play. Such facilities established a new benchmark in playground equipment. New playgrounds are now designed to both capture children's imagination and improve physical coordination through the introduction of adventure, challenge and excitement.

The full range of equipment from steel pipe frame to modular fibreglass and plastic is scattered around the Shoalhaven parks network evidencing the evolution of these aspects of recreation facility provision.

1.3 Australian Standards for Playgrounds

The development of the first Australian Standard in 1981 established minimum requirements for materials and construction. The second wave of Australian Standards for playgrounds, which were developed in the mid nineteen-nineties, introduced a new level of rigour with regard to acceptable safety standards.

These standards, whilst not mandatory, assist Shoalhaven City Council to meet its duty of care with regard to playground safety. This has coincided with a considerable increase in litigation concerning playground injury in New South Wales. Incidents in playgrounds are a special case in that the injured party is usually a child. The challenge for Council is to demonstrate a rigorous risk management process to minimise injury to users of these facilities.

The current Australian Standards for playgrounds are as follows:

- AS1924.1 – 1981. Playground equipment for parks, schools and domestic use.
- AS1924.2 – 1981. Playgrounds design and construction.
- AS2555 – 1982. Adventure playground guide.
- AS/NZS 4422:1996. Playgrounds surfacing – Specifications, requirements and test method.
- AS/NZS 4486.1:1997. Playgrounds and playground equipment. Part 1 : Development, installation, inspection, maintenance and operation.

1.4 Strategy Aims and Objectives

This Strategy aims to guide the provision, development and maintenance of Council's playground facilities over the next five years.

The specific objectives of this strategy are to:

- Improve playground safety
- Plan for future playground development
- Develop strategies for the rationalisation of play equipment
- Plan for playground maintenance

2. THE MANAGEMENT CONTEXT

2.1 Shoalhaven City Council

Shoalhaven City Council's key roles in managing playground facilities within the Shoalhaven are as follows:

- Policy making
- Planning and coordination
- Community liaison
- Facility provision and maintenance
- Information provision

2.2 Recent Research, Planning & Policy Development

In recent years Shoalhaven City Council has undertaken substantial research, planning and policy development into recreation management. Such documents include:

- Recreation Study (1997)
- Recreation Strategy (1999)
- Parks Enhancement Policy (2001)
- Generic Community Plans of Management (2001)
- Icon Parks Policy (2002)
- Sporting Facilities Plan 2016 (2001)
- Service Agreement - Specification for Parks and Open Space Maintenance
- Policy For The Provision Of Local Skate Facilities (1999)

A summary of these research, planning and policy developments provides a sound base on which to review the *1999 Playground Strategy*.

Recreation Study (1997)

Extensive surveys, such as those carried out in the *Recreation Study*, provided significant background information for the *Playground Strategy*. The survey sampled opinion across the full recreation spectrum. Questions were asked on a diverse range of subjects including the quality of restaurants, libraries and cycleways in the Shoalhaven. In the midst of such wide ranging questions, the importance to the community of park and playground facilities was especially prominent as shown below.

- 67% of respondents stated that parks were important to them;
- 30% of respondents used play equipment facilities in the past 6 months;
- 37% of respondents rated playground facilities as important to them.

However, the standard of the existing playground equipment was ranked poorly overall with:

- 7% of respondents rating the quality as good / very good;
- 17% of respondents rated the quality as poor / very poor;
- 36% of respondents rated the facilities as requiring upgrading or replacement.

The *Recreation Study* details a number of areas for the improvement of Council's playground facilities, as follows:

- Responsibility for the planning, provision, maintenance and evaluation of existing and future playgrounds needs to be given to a single unit to ensure that the community achieves the full benefit of Council's expenditure;
- Location of playgrounds are to be as central to residents as possible, on sites large enough for other uses. This avoids the development of small sites when the development of fewer, larger parks is the more cost-effective option;
- Site assessment shall be undertaken for those sites where equipment is removed prior to replacement to ensure equitable distribution of facilities;
- Facilities to encourage parental attendance and supervision shall be provided. These will include sealed pathways, seating and shade;
- Maintenance of existing and new equipment needs to be regularly monitored, budgeted separately and well documented;
- A playground map shall be made available to publicise the location of play equipment throughout the City.

Recreation Strategy (1999)

The *Recreation Strategy* builds on the *Recreation Study's* research and aims to improve the quality of life in the Shoalhaven by creating a diversity of recreation opportunities whilst protecting and enhancing the natural and built environment. Key objectives of the Strategy are:

- High quality presentation of facilities, sites and venues by initiating a program of works to upgrade existing open spaces and recreation areas which includes playground compliance with Australian Standards.
- Provision of a diverse range of recreation programs and services within community recreation venues which meet the needs of all people by expanding the current range of recreation opportunities and access to programs for people with disabilities, youth and the aged.

Parks Enhancement Policy (2001)

The *Parks Enhancement Policy* guides the presentation of all parks in the Shoalhaven, so as to ensure an integrated and coordinated approach. The objectives of the Policy are:

- To identify the level of appointment required in each of Council's reserve categories.
- To specify colours for repainting of all park equipment and furniture.
- To provide guidelines in regard to the make, model and colours of equipment and furniture to be installed in district and local parks.
- To provide information on Council policies and strategies relating to the development of reserves, including signage, playgrounds and amenity buildings.

Generic Community Land Plans of Management (2001)

Management of Council's Community Land is guided by Generic Community Land Plans of Management for Parks, Sportsgrounds, Natural Areas and General Community Use. These Plans provide a range of strategies and actions to assist with the management of Community Land. All Council playgrounds are managed in accordance with the above generic Plans of Management for Community Land.

Icon Parks Policy (2003)

Icon Parks will be the 'flagship' parks of the Shoalhaven and will be the equal of high profile locations on the NSW North and South coasts.

A number of locations have been identified as suitable for development as Icon Parks. The criteria used for nomination to this category are as follows:

- Current high visitation
- Impact on visitor perceptions of the Shoalhaven
- Likelihood of flow-on commercial benefits
- Supporting / surrounding attractions
- Significance to Tourism

Icon Parks will be developed in a number of strategic locations throughout the city. To guide the development of these parks specific area Plans of Management will reflect stakeholder expectations in terms of appropriate uses, settings and attractions. This will translate to some areas being developed to a high level, with development in other areas more consistent with the natural setting and user expectations. It is anticipated that most facilities and attractions within these parks will be fully accessible and will meet the widest range of resident and visitor expectations.

A list of Council's Icon Parks follows:

- White Sands/Voyager Parks, Huskisson
- Greys Beach, North Nowra
- Ulladulla Harbour Precinct, Ulladulla
- Mollymook Beach Reserve, Mollymook
- Greenwell Point Foreshore, Greenwell Point
- Jacob Ellmoss Reserve, Sussex Inlet
- Burrill Lake Lions Park, Burrill Lake
- Gateway Park, Nowra

Sporting Facilities Plan 2016 (2001)

Council in 2001 adopted a 15 year Sports Facility Strategic Plan 2016 which involved extensive consultation with the Shoalhaven Sporting Community. The Plan provides a 15 year strategic plan to meet future needs of the Shoalhaven sporting community.

Service Agreement - Specification for Parks and Open Space Maintenance

The Service Agreement details the delivery of services (total asset management, open space management and property and infrastructure management) by Council's Works and Services for Council's Community and Operations Group. The role of Works and Services is to deliver the services in accordance with the agreed specifications detailed in this document.

Council's Policy for the Provision of Skate Facilities (1999)

Council in 1999 adopted Policy for the Provision of Skate Facilities follows:

- i. Any community seeking to participate in the local skateboard program should contact Council to ascertain potential time frames and funding availability prior to commencing community fund raising or lodging grant applications.
- ii. At the time a project is nominated an assessment will be made of the feasibility of the request. This assessment will involve a demographic analysis, consideration of available funding and other relevant issues such as proximity to other facilities. This will ensure that facilities of a similar scale and nature are not provided in adjacent communities and that there is an equitable distribution of skate parks.
- iii. Council will contribute 50% of the cost of a facility up to a maximum contribution of \$40,000 depending on the availability of funds.
- iv. Funding will be allocated through the fixed Capital Works Program for Parks & Recreation. Allocation of funding will be dependent upon Council's assessment of all capital works projects nominated within the financial year.
- v. A community contribution can be in cash or in kind. Cash contributions may come from fundraising and/or grants. In kind contributions are to be costed and agreed to by Council. In kind contributions for construction will not be accepted as specialist tradespeople are required for construction of the facilities.
- vi. A total project price must be determined which includes design, site preparation, construction, landscaping (eg, seating, shade, garbage bins) and risk management (fencing, signage).
- vii. Regional skate parks be provided in Ulladulla and Nowra only.
- viii. All skate parks be constructed as in-situ concrete structures.

2.3 Values

Parks provide a variety of recreation opportunities, including playgrounds, picnic facilities, seating for rest and relaxation and open space for free-form play.

The following values held by residents for parks in the Shoalhaven were identified in a number of detailed community consultations:

- visual and recreational amenity;
- availability of recreational opportunities;
- local abundance and distribution of parks;
- accessibility of parks;
- availability of places for 'safe' play, rest and socialising (for all age groups);
- contribution to the locality's 'sense of place' i.e. open space enhancement / parkland identity.

Several key perceptions were identified in these community consultations and, together with the above values, confirm the importance of:

A sense of naturalness

- created by the presence of tall trees, native plant communities uninvaded by weeds, native fauna habitat and abundant of native birds.

A sense of safety

- created by the residential setting and landscaping of many parks which provide a sense of safety for socialising. This is particularly relevant to carers of infants and toddlers as well as teenagers who perceive parks as safe places to ‘hang out with friends’.

A community recognition of the existence of quality open space

- the existence of attractive, well maintained parks invites use by residents for socialising, exercise and relaxation. Quality parks are recognised as places to which people can temporarily escape the stress or tedium of life.

Specific values of parks differ between age groups in line with differing expectations. The following values are important to carers of infants and toddlers:

- safe open area for play;
- resting place for carer;
- variety of play experiences;
- place for informal ball games;
- trees and flowers provide carer amenity and child interest;
- social networking, meeting other parents, children meeting other children;
- suitable places for energetic play experiences which may be inappropriate at home;
- an opportunity for carer and child to ‘get out of the house’.

The following values are important to teenagers / young adults:

- place for informal ball games;
- safe meeting place;
- visually agreeable surroundings;
- shortcuts;
- quiet place to relax.

The following values are important to older people:

- quiet relaxing places to be;
- place to meet friends in the open air;
- opportunity to exercise;
- play areas for children;
- destination for family outings.

Council’s challenge in managing the range of parks across the Shoalhaven lies in the protection and enhancement of these values.

2.4 Playground Safety

The effective management of playground safety requires a balance between the provision of graded challenges and the removal of hazards. Whilst many of these injuries are unavoidable, analysis suggests that some modification to the environment would have been appropriate in the majority of cases.

Dangerous hazards can be minimised in a number of ways through:

- good equipment design and maintenance;
- the provision of adequate softfall to reduce the impact of falls;
- compliance with Australian Standards for equipment design. These aim to minimise dangerous hazards by focusing on:
 - sharp edges and protrusions;
 - shear, pinch and crush points;
 - head, neck and limb entrapment;
 - high impact moving items; and
 - fall heights above 2.5 metres.

Council's adopted *Playground Strategy* has been very effective in minimising playground related injuries and litigation claims against Council. Although a small number of reports of playground injury have been received over the past four years, Council has not been sued for negligence since implementing the Strategy.

Shade provision is also an important design safety element aimed at limiting UV exposure during play. The provision of shade and seating for supervising adults is no less important. The expense and obtrusiveness of artificial shade structures contrasts with the relative cost effectiveness and natural beauty of trees. Accordingly, trees shall be used where possible to provide UV protection.

Recently, public concerns have been raised regarding the use of Copper Chromium Arsenate (CCA) treated timber in playgrounds and supporting park amenities (i.e. seats, tables, kopper-logs, etc.). Timber is a common material used in this equipment and its life is significantly increased when treated with a preservative. Australia's most widely used wood preservative to date has been CCA (copper chromium arsenic).

In Australia CCA preservatives are approved and treatment levels are set by Australian Standards. Research continues into the potential effects of CCA and alternative preservatives to treat timber that are more environmentally friendly. However, the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) recently (December 2004) reviewed the use of treated timber in playgrounds and suggests that 'there is insufficient information to conclude that it is safe to continue the use of arsenic treatments for timber in structures with which children are likely to have frequent close contact'. A decision on the use of CCA treated timber in playgrounds will be made by APVMA following completion of public consultation at the end of February, 2004.

Parks and Recreation pro-actively decided against the use of CCA treated timber in its installation of 15 new playgrounds in 2003. Wooden structures have been constructed using cypress pine which has superior rot-resistant properties and has an attractive dark tan presentation.

2.5 Playground Inspection Procedure

Since 1998, a firm of consultant playground safety auditors, Playfix P/L, has been commissioned to provide six monthly reports on the condition of Council's playgrounds. This was initiated in response to concerns about the age and condition of playground equipment. Each safety audit assesses the age, design, and condition of equipment within each playground. A detailed report and recommended repair list accompanies the assessment.

2.6 Playground Design Guidelines

The increased expectation for variety and complexity in playground equipment presents a challenge for designers attempting to create a wide range of recreation experiences that correspond with the preferences and abilities of all users. This strategy aims to provide guidelines for the level of facilities appropriate to each category of park from Icon Parks through to Local Parks.

Icon Park Playgrounds

Icon Parks and their unique playground design shall be developed through specific area Plans of Management and subsequent detailed Master Plans that reflect stakeholder expectations in terms of the appropriate use, setting and attraction. They will be designed as one-off park/play environments which will generate local, district and regional interest. A high level of landscaping, supporting amenities, public art, etc will complement each playground. It is anticipated that most facilities within these parks will be fully accessible.

The approximate value of play equipment within these parks, dependent on each specific area Plan of Management, will vary from \$70,000 to \$150,000 (including softfall).

In accordance with Council's Service Agreement for Open Space Maintenance these Parks will be maintained as Category 1 Parks.

The development or replacement of play equipment in Icon Parks is not included in the supporting Action Plan. Implementation of the Icon Parks Policy will involve separate budgetary allocation. The level of financial allocation will be dependant on the community consultation process and the resulting Plan of Management and Landscape Master Plan. New or replacement play equipment will be funded as part of the Icon Park development rather than through the Playground Strategy.

District Park Playgrounds

District Parks and their Playgrounds are designed to offer multiple play experiences. The level of experience will vary and be dependent on the surrounding 'natural area' recreation attractions such as waterways, beaches, bushland, etc. For example, the level of play experience will be influenced by the quality and quantity of surrounding natural attractions. Where appropriate, marine themes or natural values may be incorporated in the design to increase the sense of community identity and ownership. Development of these themes will require sympathy with park settings and the surrounding environment.

District Playgrounds shall be central to populations of c.3000 or above and be accessible by large numbers of people including residents and tourists. Ideally these playgrounds will not be sited within 1.5km of another playground. Playground density and distribution shall be regulated by these population and location parameters, needs analysis and community consultation. Play equipment shall feature graded challenges for wide appeal. The value of these playgrounds will be in the range of \$25,000 - \$60,000 (including softfall). The provision of appropriate support facilities including picnic tables, barbeques, toilets and parking is important at these parks.

In accordance with Council's Service Agreement for Open Space Maintenance these Parks will be maintained as either Category 1 or Category 2 Parks.

Local Park Playgrounds

Local Parks and their Playgrounds shall also be developed in accordance with the above design principles where possible, but the small scale of local parks will be the major limiting factor. This will involve as a minimum, the provision of a set of swings and where possible, the provision of a single platform structure.

Local Playgrounds shall be provided for any identified local community with a population of c.250 or above subject to needs analysis and community consultation. Play equipment shall be to a maximum value of \$10,000 (including softfall). The appointment of Local Parks with basic but adequate levels of play equipment is important to encourage use and ownership of these parks by the local community. Ideally they shall be within walking distance of the surrounding residential area.

In accordance with Council's Service Agreement for Open Space Maintenance these Parks will be maintained as Category 3 Parks. Playgrounds will not be provided in category 4 (Linkages/Buffers) parks.

Pictorial examples of Icon, District and Local Playgrounds are provided in Attachment One.

3. SUPPLY AND DEMAND

3.1 Current Situation

Since Council adopted the *Playground Strategy* in October 1999, the standard and average age of playgrounds across the City has improved. The flow on effects have resulted in approximately 50% of Council's playground equipment now meeting relevant Australian Standards from an approximate level of 5% four years ago. In November 2003 the average age of play equipment was 8.84 years compared to 12.7 years in April 1999. Given that the average life expectancy of a playground is 10-12 years (less in high use and exposed coastal areas) the ideal average age should be 5-6 years (i.e. playgrounds range in age from 0 – 12 years). The reduction in mean age of equipment has been achieved through the implementation of the five year Action Plan, supported by an annual budget of \$100,000.

The development of Australian Standards whilst intended to be a non-mandatory guide to the industry on acceptable design and safety standards, is regarded as an important goal of this strategy. As highlighted above, approximately half of Council's existing equipment has been installed to comply with Australian Standards while approximately half of these playgrounds still predate the development of these Standards. The introduction of AS/NZS 4422 and AS/NZS 4486.1 in 1996 and 1997 respectively resulted in many playgrounds failing compliance.

As removal of all noncompliant equipment has not been an option, Council has used its regular safety audit information to guarantee a minimum level of safety. This information was used to guide the previous *1999 Playground Strategy's* Action Plan for selective removal or repair of outdated or unsafe items such as see-saws and three-metre slippery dips.

On average Council's annual financial commitment for softfall provision is \$65,000 and on-going equipment maintenance is \$80,000. Recent safety audits continue to highlight the need for improvements to softfall maintenance and for a program of on-going equipment maintenance. The audit findings can be summarised as follows:

- 115 of the 513 maintained parks in the Shoalhaven have playgrounds. Many of these playgrounds still predate the development of Australian Standards.
- Audit results together with recent research confirm that playground location does not always reflect the distribution or the demographic of a population accurately. This has resulted in some areas being over/under supplied.
- Playground equipment needs to be improved in order to comply with Australian Standards. In most circumstances increased provision of softfall is necessary.
- Ongoing programmed maintenance of equipment and softfall is essential to the aim of achieving 'best practice' in playground facility management.

3.2 Access to Playgrounds

The provision of a range of play experiences for children of all ages can enhance their social, physical and cognitive development. It is important that these opportunities exist across the Shoalhaven in locations which are widely accessible ie. near other community/commercial facilities, areas of high visibility etc.. Icon, district and local characteristics need to be analysed to determine the level of equipment appropriate for each playground site.

The location of playgrounds also needs to recognise the demographic characteristics of the community and mobility limits of adults and children. This applies particularly to local playgrounds which are frequently accessed by foot.

Access for children with disabilities is now considered at the design stage but for existing parks, retrofitting for disabled access could be accommodated using pathways and equipment upgrades. By providing a basic level of amenities (i.e. adequate pathways, seating and shade) it is anticipated that supervising adults will also be adequately catered for, particularly with regard to the needs of supervisors with prams/wheelchairs. Whilst most playgrounds and parks have limited prams/wheelchairs access and facilities, Icon Parks shall provide a higher level of access for disabled users.

3.3 Demographic characteristics

The City of Shoalhaven is a favoured holiday destination for residents of Sydney and the ACT. Consequently, a significant number of houses are holiday homes for a non-resident population. The main characteristics of the Shoalhaven, taken from the *Shoalhaven City Council Population Profile 1996*, can be summarised as follows:

- There are 49 towns and villages in the Shoalhaven;
- The Shoalhaven has a consistent high growth rate when compared to other local government areas.
- Approximately half the population resides in the northern sector;
- Progressive decentralisation is occurring from the central Nowra-Bomaderry area to the outlying areas;
- The Shoalhaven has a higher than average proportion of children aged 0-12, average numbers of 13-17 year olds and lower than average 18-39 year olds relative to other parts of NSW.
- The northern sector has a higher proportion of young people than areas further south. In 1991 the northern sector had twice the number of 0-24 year olds than the central sector, and three times the number of the southern sector.
- The population of the Shoalhaven has poor mobility, with a low percentage of people having access to cars and being poorly serviced by public transport.
- There are high rates of adult and youth unemployment, low average income status and high rates of disability in the population relative to other parts of NSW.

3.4 Tourism

Each year the Shoalhaven attracts approximately 1.2 million Australians and 200,000 International Visitors. These people stay an average of 3.65 nights and spend over \$500 million annually. This visitation has direct implications for the number and quality of play facilities needed in identified 'Icon' and district locations.

Surveys show that 41% of visitors to the Shoalhaven are families with children. Good quality holiday experiences – supported in the case of families by quality play facilities - encourage revisitation and valuable 'word of mouth' advertising for the City. In a 1993 survey 71% of participants cited personal recommendation for their decision to visit the Shoalhaven. The value of this is evident in the 1993 revisitation rates, where 43% of visitors returned on a monthly basis and 41% on an annual basis.

3.5 Opportunities for additional playgrounds

The main opportunity for the provision of additional playgrounds exists where:

- Urban expansion and population increase is projected leading to an increase in demand for playgrounds;
- Demographic information identifies a community need for additional playgrounds to serve a particular age group;
- Joint development initiatives with local businesses, schools or community groups are promoted.

Upon reviewing the *1999 Playground Strategy* careful consideration has been given to the development of additional playgrounds in established areas. A variety of issues were considered including current accessibility, types of equipment, local demographics and the number of requests for new playgrounds received.

A desktop analysis concludes that demand is sufficient for 9 additional playgrounds to be provided in the Shoalhaven. It is proposed that the addition of the following playgrounds will commence from 2007/2008:

<u>Location (Council Reserve No.)</u>	<u>Playground Category</u>
Bawley Point (site to be determined)	Local Park
Bomaderry – Sheraton Cct (NBO125)	Local Park
Callala Beach East (site to be determined)	Local Park
Culburra North (site to be determined)	Local Park
Mollymook – Miles Close (SMM502)	Local Park
Mollymook Beach (SMM922)	Icon Park
North Nowra Phillip Drive (NNN065)	Local Park
North Nowra –Greys Beach (NNN147)	Icon Park
Ulladulla – Flame Tree Court (SUL971)	Local Park
Worrigea (site to be determined)	District Park

Additional requests for playgrounds, not identified above, will be considered within the capital works planning process and the review of this Strategy. Council's Icon Park Policy recognises that substantial investment is required in the identified locations. Funding applications for Icon Park establishment will include a component for play equipment. Therefore funding for the implementation of this strategy will be independent of Icon Park playgrounds.

3.6 Opportunities for rationalisation of existing playgrounds

The *Playground Strategy Review* provides the opportunity to analysis playground supply across the city. In accordance with the above *Playground Design Guidelines* an oversupply of playground equipment may be identified in some locations. In such circumstances once these playgrounds reach the end of their serviceable life they will not be replaced.

3.7 Section 94 Contributions

As a result of Section 94 Contributions, some new playgrounds will be developed in expanding residential areas. Development of these playgrounds will occur independently of this strategy.

4. CONCLUSION

The key points in section one of this strategy are:

- There is strong public opinion supporting the upgrade of playgrounds and improvements in the quality of park facilities throughout the Shoalhaven.
- Council must maintain a high standard of safety through removal of outdated equipment and non-compliant playground equipment.
- Compliance with Australian Standards is not mandatory but is recognised as the only acceptable standard. This strategy aims to develop mechanisms for compliance with this standard in the shortest practical timeframe.
- Regular safety audits continue to highlight the need for increased softfall provision and for improvements in on-going maintenance.
- Playground Design Guidelines guide the appropriate level of facilities for each identified category of park.
- Playgrounds are an important and popular element in the provision of public recreation facilities and are an integral part of child and youth development.
- Research identifies that demand is sufficient for 10 additional playgrounds to be provided in the Shoalhaven.
- Research identifies that in some locations there is an oversupply of playgrounds.

SECTION TWO – THE FUTURE

1.1 Introduction

The previous section has reviewed the *1999 Playground Strategy* and identified new emerging issues surrounding the future provision and maintenance of playgrounds in the Shoalhaven.

Section Two of the Strategy outlines a ‘Best Practice’ management program and an Action Plan to guide the removal, replacement and addition of playground equipment.

Whilst the Action Plan provides a structure for the removal, replacement and addition of playground equipment up to 2008/2009, there is still a need for improvements to on-going softfall provision and maintenance practices.

To this end 6 monthly equipment inspections and the necessary follow up softfall provision and maintenance procedures shall be emphasised to facilitate best practice in playground management. The cost of these inspections and maintenance shall be funded through the annual Parks Operating Budget.

1.2 Adoption of a ‘Best Practice’ Asset Management Program

The average life expectancy of playgrounds is ten years. The total average number of playgrounds in the Shoalhaven is 120. This means that approximately 12 playgrounds will require replacement each year. The Action Plan recommends the replacement in 2008/09 of some of the first playgrounds installed under the Playground Strategy (1999). The average cost of new play equipment is \$10,000 per site. The implementation of this strategy, therefore, carries a cost of \$120,000 per annum for playground replacement. This will be an annually occurring cost. An Asset Management Plan is under development for Passive Recreation and this Playground Strategy will be a component of that Plan.

The attached Action Plan outlines the removal, replacement and addition of playground equipment across the Shoalhaven for the next five years - between 2004/2005 and 2008/2009.

The Action Plan is presented in the form of a spreadsheet (Attachment Three). It provides reserve information and identifies the playground category, location, dates for equipment replacement/addition, anticipated costs, comments, etc. The cost implications of the Action Plan are presented in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Annual Capital costs for equipment and softfall

Financial Year	Equipment Costs	Softfall Costs	Total Costs
2004/2005	\$120,000	\$70,000	\$190,000
2005/2006	\$120,000	\$70,000	\$190,000
2006/2007	\$120,000	\$75,000	\$195,000
2007/2008	\$120,000	\$75,000	\$195,000
2008/2009	\$120,000	\$75,000	\$195,000
TOTAL	\$600,000	\$365,000	\$965,000

1.3 Ongoing Playground Commitment

Once adopted, the ‘Best Practice’ asset management program and attached Action Plan will establish the required budget for the provision, development and maintenance of Council’s playground facilities over the next five years.

The annual maintenance of equipment is detailed in Table 2. Table 3 shows the combined capital and operating commitment required to maintain the Shoalhaven’s reputation for quality, safe playground experiences.

Table 2. Annual Maintenance costs for equipment and softfall.

Financial Year	Annual Equipment Maintenance Cost	Annual Softfall Maintenance Cost	Total Maintenance Cost
2004/2005	\$80,000	\$35,000	\$115,000
2005/2006	\$85,000	\$40,000	\$125,000
2006/2007	\$85,000	\$40,000	\$125,000
2007/2008	\$90,000	\$45,000	\$135,000
2008/2009	\$90,000	\$45,000	\$135,000
TOTAL	\$430,000	\$205,000	\$635,000

Table 3. Total Playground Costs to 2009.

Financial Year	Playground Commitment Costs
2004/2005	\$305,000
2005/2006	\$315,000
2006/2007	\$320,000
2007/2008	\$330,000
2008/2009	\$330,000
TOTAL	\$1,600,000

Note – 2002/2003 Playground funding is \$270,000.

1.4 Strategy review

It is recommended that the *Playground Strategy* be reviewed prior to 2008/2009.

ATTACHMENT ONE – PHOTOGRAPHS

The following photos are examples of Icon, District and Local Playgrounds.

Photograph 1 Example of an Icon Playground (Similar two-mast design proposed for White Sands/Voyager Parks, Huskisson – BHU 593)



Photograph 2 – Example of an Regional Playground (Playground located in Harry Sawkins Park Nowra - CNO 329)



Photograph 23 – Example of an Local Playground (Playground located in Hansons Road Rerve, North Nowra – NNN067)



ATTACHMENT TWO - WORK COMPLETED UNDER 1999 PLAYGROUND STRATEGY

RESERVE NO.	PLAYGROUND CAT.	LOCATION	REMOVED	REPLACED	EST. REPLACEMENT	RETAIN	EST. RE. COST	COMMENTS	LAND TENURE	CROWN RES. NO.	Softfall
BSU927	District	THOMPSON ST Sporting	1999/2000	1999/2000	2009/2010	YES	\$15,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Crown	R180065	6500
BVI503	District	BLENHEIM BEACH RES	1999/2000	1999/2000	2009/2010	YES	\$15,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		6500
CCA282	Local	PARKES CRES CIRCLE	1999/2000	1999/2000	2009/2010	YES	\$12,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		5500
CNO342	Local	McLEAN ST RES	1999/2000	1999/2000	2009/2010	YES	\$12,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		5500
NSH149	District	JERRY BAILEY RES	1999/2000	1999/2000	2009/2010	YES	\$15,000	Removed. New at S.Heads Surf Club	Crown	R52855	6500
BHY521	Local	HYAMS BEACH FORESHORE	2000/2001	2000/2001	2009/2010	YES	\$12,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		5500
BVI507	Local	PLANTATION POINT RES	2000/2001	2000/2001	2009/2010	YES	\$15,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		5500
CCU388	Local	CULBURRA BEACH	2000/2001	2000/2001	2009/2010	YES	\$12,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Crown	D580094	5500
CNO331	Local	MARRIOTT PK 2	2000/2001	2000/2001	2009/2010	Review	\$12,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		4500
CNO405	Local	NOWRA PK (REC GROUND)	2000/2001	2000/2001	2010/2011	YES	\$12,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Crown	D580056	4500
CNO506	Local	NOWRA APEX PARK	2000/2001	2000/2001	2010/2011	YES	\$12,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		4500
NBE016	Local	BERRY APEX PK	2000/2001	2000/2001	2010/2011	YES	\$12,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		5500
NBO096	Local	JOHN BERRY RES	2000/2001	2000/2001	2010/2011	YES	\$12,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		4500
NBO101	District	BOMADERRY LIONS PK	2000/2001	2000/2001	2010/2011	YES	\$15,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		6500
NNN063	Local	GORDON COOK APEX PK	2000/2001	2000/2001	2010/2011	YES	\$10,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		5500
SCM778	Local	YULUNGA RES (MANYANA HILL)	2000/2001	2000/2001	2010/2011	YES	\$10,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		4500
BBV587	Local	BASIN VIEW BOAT RAMP RES	2001/2002	2001/2002	2010/2011	YES	\$12,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Crown	R76652	5500
BHU311	Local	JERVIS BAY LIONS PK	2001/2002	2001/2002	2010/2011	YES	\$10,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		5500
BSP560	Local	PALM BEACH RES	2001/2002	2001/2002	2010/2011	YES	\$15,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		5500

RESERVE NO.	PLAYGROUND CAT.	LOCATION	REMOVED	REPLACED	EST. REPLACEMENT	RETAIN	EST. RE. COST	COMMENTS	LAND TENURE	CROWN RES. NO.	Softfall
BSU924	District	NIELSON LANE JETTY NORTH	2001/2002	2001/2002	2011/2012	YES	\$25,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Crown	R69668	6500
CCA307	Local	CALLALA BAY BOAT RAMP	2001/2002	2001/2002	2011/2012	YES	\$15,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		5500
NBE128	Local	BERRY SHOWGROUND	2001/2002	2001/2002	2011/2012	YES	\$15,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Crown	R81105	5500
NNN066	Local	BOORAGAL PL RES	2001/2002	2001/2002	2011/2012	YES	\$15,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		5500
NSH035	Local	CELIA HALL	2001/2002	2001/2002	2011/2012	YES	\$5,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		3300
NCA045	Local	HOWELL FALKS PK	2001/2002	2001/2002	2011/2012	YES	\$15,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		5500
BVI622	Local	VIOLET CLARK RES	2001/2002	2001/2002	2011/2012	YES	\$5,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		3300
SBE890	Local	BOAT HARBOUR RAMP RES	2001/2002	2001/2002	2011/2012	YES	\$15,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Crown	R61640	5500

CCA291	Local	CALLALA BAY TENNIS CRTS	2002/2003	2002/2003	2011/2012	YES	\$10,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		4500
NBO090	District	BOMADERRY SPORT. COMPLEX	2002/2003	2002/2003	2012/2013	YES	\$25,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		6500
NBO124	Local	BOMADERRY COM. CENTRE	2002/2003	2002/2003	2012/2013	YES	\$5,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		4500
SMM922	District	MOLLYMOOK BEACH RES	2002/2003	2002/2003	2012/2013	YES	\$30,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Crown	R52790	7500
CNO332	Local	DAVIS PK	2002/2003	2002/2003	2012/2013	YES	\$5,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		4500
NBE017	Local	PRINCESS ST RES	2002/2003	2002/2003	2012/2013	YES	\$5,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		3300
BSU776	Local	FINKERNAGEL RES	2002/2003	2002/2003	2012/2013	YES	\$10,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		5500
NNN067	Local	NTH NOWRA	2002/2003	2002/2003	2012/2013	YES	\$10,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		3300
SLC004	Local	LAKE CONJOLA COM. CENTRE	2002/2003	2002/2003	2012/2013	YES	\$5,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Crown	R87396	3300
SUL938	Local	GREEN ST RES	2002/2003	2002/2003	2012/2013	YES	\$5,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Crown	R63640	3300
CCR279	Local	DOLPHIN RESERVE	2002/2003	2002/2003	2012/2013	YES	\$10,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		4500
SKI909	Local	KIOLA SPORTING COMPLEX	2002/2003	2002/2003	2012/2013	YES	\$10,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Crown	R180012	3300

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SUL833	Local	ULLADULLA BMX CIRCUIT	2003/2004	2003/2004	2013/2014	YES	\$5,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		4500
BSW968	Local	SWAN HAVEN RES	2003/2004	2003/2004	2013/2014	YES	\$5,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Crown	R78638	4500
CCA312	Local	ENCOUNTER ST RES	2003/2004	2003/2004	2013/2014	YES	\$5,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		4500
CCR394	Local	ELLIOTT PARK	2003/2004	2003/2004	2013/2014	YES	\$5,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		4500
CEN354	Local	ARUNTA CL RES	2003/2004	2003/2004	2013/2014	YES	\$5,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		3300
BHU400	District	VOYAGER MEMORIAL PK	2003/2004	2003/2004	2013/2014	YES	\$30,000	Removed. Equipment at White Sands	Crown	R64558	7500
CNO333	Local	STIMSON PK	2003/2004	2003/2004	2013/2014	YES	\$5,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		3300
NBO095	Local	REID PK	2003/2004	2003/2004	2013/2014	YES	\$5,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		3300
NBO098	Local	ENDEVOUR PK	2003/2004	2003/2004	2013/2014	YES	\$5,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		3300
SBL855	Local	MOORE ST RES	2003/2004	2003/2004	2013/2014	YES	\$5,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		4500
BEB584	Local	FIRE BRIGADE PARK	2003/2004	2003/2004	2013/2014	YES	\$10,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		5500
BSG530	Local	BLACKETT PK	2003/2004	2003/2004	2013/2014	YES	\$10,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		5500
SMI792	Local	MICK RYAN RES	2003/2004	2003/2004	2013/2014	YES	\$10,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		5500
CCB372	Local	RAYLEIGH GARDENS	2003/2004	2003/2004	2013/2014	YES	\$10,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		4500
SLC784	Local	CONJOLA WEST PK	2003/2004	2003/2004	2013/2014	YES	\$5,000	Removed. New equipment installed	Council		4500

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ATTACHMENT THREE - ACTION PLAN FOR PLAYGROUND STRATEGY REVIEW 2004

RESERVE NO.	PLAYGROUND CAT.	LOCATION	REMOVED	REPLACED	EST. REPLACEMENT	RETAIN	EST. RE. COST	COMMENTS	LAND TENURE	CROWN RES. NO.	Softfall
NCA046	Local	ROUSE AVE	2004/2005		2004/2005	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		4500
BSU761	Local	JACOBS ELLMOS RES	2004/2005		2004/2005	Review	\$12,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		5500
SUL830	Local	WILLINGA CL RES	2004/2005		2004/2005	Yes	\$3,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		3300
CWN361	Local	RANNOCH RESERVE	2004/2005		2004/2005	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		4500
NNN079	Local	LEE PARK	2004/2005		2004/2005	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		3300
NBO106	Local	PENROSE DR RES	2004/2005		2004/2005	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		4500
NSH034	Local	PEPPER RES	2004/2005		2004/2005	Yes	\$3,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		3300
CCA318	Local	GOWLAND CRES RESERVE	2004/2005		2004/2005	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		4500
BHU606	Local	HUSKISSON SPORTING COMPLEX	2004/2005		2004/2005	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		4500
CCR395	Local	WALTON WAY RES	2004/2005		2004/2005	Yes	\$3,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		3300
CCB374	Local	ELBERBERRY AVENUE	2004/2005		2004/2005	Yes	\$3,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		3300
NNN061	Local	DREXAL PK	2004/2005		2004/2005	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		4500
NSH035	Local	CELIA HALL	2004/2005		2004/2005	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		3300
BWA619	Local	WANDANDIAN REST AREA	2004/2005		2004/2005	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Crown	R89890	4500
SNW798	Local	NARRAWALLEE	2004/2005		2004/2005	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		4500
BSP551	Local	SANCTUARY POINT RD RES	2004/2005		2004/2005	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		4500
BSP557	Local	JOHN WILLIAMS RES	2004/2005		2004/2005	Review	\$12,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		5500
BSP574	Local	THE WOOL RD RES	2004/2005		2004/2005	Yes	\$3,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		3300
BSP567	Local	CLIFTON PK	2004/2005		2004/2005	Yes	\$3,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		3300
SCM779	Local	MANYANA	2004/2005		2004/2005	Yes	\$3,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		3300
BEB592	Local	EROWAL BAY TENNIS CRTS	2004/2005		2004/2005	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Crown	R89947	4500
CWN365	Local	WEST NOWRA	2004/2005		2004/2005	Yes	\$3,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		3300
CCU266	Local	WHEELER PK/TILBURY COVE	2004/2005		2004/2005	Yes	\$12,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		5500

RESERVE NO.	PLAYGROUND CAT.	LOCATION	REMOVED	REPLACED	EST. REPLACEMENT	RETAIN	EST. RE. COST	COMMENTS	LAND TENURE	CROWN RES. NO.	Softfall
SUL835	Local	TIMBS ST RES	2005/2006		2005/2006	Yes	\$3,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		3300
SBL895	District	BURRILL LAKE LIONS PK	2005/2006		2005/2006	Yes	\$15,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Crown	R68058	6500
SBL851	Local	BURRILL LAKE- MCDONALD PDE	2005/2006		2005/2006	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		4500
SNW797	Local	MATRON PORTER DR RES	2005/2006		2005/2006	Yes	\$3,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		3300
NBO097	Local	MULGEN CRES RES	2005/2006		2005/2006	Yes	\$3,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		3300

BBR773	Local	BERRARA LAGOON RES	2005/2006	2005/2006	Yes	\$3,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		3300
NNNI29	Local	CREST PK	2005/2006	2005/2006	Yes	\$3,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Crown	R76644	3300
NBO156	Local	BOMADERRY LIONS PK	2005/2006	2005/2006	Yes	\$8,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		3300
NBE018	Local	MARK RADIUM PK	2005/2006	2005/2006	Yes	\$3,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		3300
BSG531	Local	PANGARI RES	2005/2006	2005/2006	Yes	\$3,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		3300
CNO331	Local	MARRIOTT PK 2	2005/2006	2005/2006	Yes	\$10,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		4500
CNO410	Local	PARINGA PK	2005/2006	2005/2006	Yes	\$3,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Crown	R70802	3300
BBR774	Local	BERRARA	2005/2006	2005/2006	Yes	\$3,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		3300
CEN351	Local	RATCLIFFE PK	2005/2006	2005/2006	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		4500
BEB523	Local	ELSIE YOUNG MEMORIAL PK	2005/2006	2005/2006	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		4500
CNO329	District	HARRY SAWKINS PK	2005/2006	2005/2006	Yes	\$45,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		10500

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CEN356	Local	ALLOWRIE CRES	2006/2007		2006/2007	Yes	\$3,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		3300
BVI 622	Local	VIOLET CLARK RES	2006/2007		2006/2007	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		4500
BCU956	Local	THIRD AVE RES	2006/2007		2006/2007	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Crown	R78638	4500
NNN070	Local	DEVLIN AVE RES	2005/2006		2006/2007	Yes	\$3,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		3300
SUL947	Local	NARRAWALLEE BEACH 1	2006/2007		2006/2007	Yes	\$3,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Crown	R91246	3300
BSU772	Local	SUSSEX INLET	2006/2007		2006/2007	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		4500
NKV029	Local	KANGAROO VALLEY 1	2006/2007		2006/2007	Yes	\$12,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		5500
CEN360	Local	ENDEAVOUR PARK	2006/2007		2006/2007	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		4500
BTO585	Local	CHURCH ST	2006/2007		2006/2007	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		4500
CCU274	Local	ORIENT POINT	2006/2007		2006/2007	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		4500
SKP859	Local	KINGS POINT	2006/2007		2006/2007	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		4500
CGP251	Local	GORDON RAVELL OVAL	2006/2007		2006/2007	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		4500
BSP564	Local	PARADISE BEACH RES	2006/2007		2006/2007	Yes	\$12,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		5500
BSP565	Local	WOOL LANE SPORT COMPLEX	2006/2007		2006/2007	Yes	\$10,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		4500
SBL894	Local	BURRILL LAKE FORESHORE RES	2006/2007		2006/2007	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Crown	R56477	4500
SFP783	Local	HAZEL ROBOTHAM RES	2006/2007		2006/2007	Yes	\$12,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		4500
SLT917	Local	BEACH ST. RESERVE	2006/2007		2006/2007	Yes	\$5,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Crown	R59624	4500
BSU881	Local	SUSSEX INLET LIONS CLUB PK 1	2006/2007		2006/2007	Yes	\$15,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Crown	R70629	6500
CGP401	Local	GREENWELL PT POOL	2007/2008		2007/2008	Yes	\$12,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Crown	R86354	
CNO331	District	MARRIOTT PK 1	2007/2008		2007/2008	Yes	\$45,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		
	District	WORRIGEE(site to be determined)	New		2007/2008		\$27,000	New playground			
NNN065	Local	NORTH NOWRA - PHILLIP DR	New		2007/2008		\$12,000	New playground	Council		
NBO125	Local	BOMADERRY - SHERTON CCT	New		2007/2008		\$12,000	New playground	Council		
SUL971	Local	ULLADULLA - FLAME TREE CT	New		2007/2008		\$12,000	New playground	Council		

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	Local	Bawley Pt (site to be determined)	New		2008/2009		\$12,000	New playground			
SMM502	Local	MOLLYMOOK - MILES CLOSE	New		2008/2009		\$12,000	New playground	Council		
	Local	CALLALA BEACH EAST (Site TBD)	New		2008/2009		\$12,000	New playground			
	Local	CULBURRA NORTH (Site TBD)	New		2008/2009		\$15,000	New playground			
BSU927	District	THOMPSON ST Sporting	2008/2009		2008/2009	Yes	\$15,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Crown	R180065	6500
BVI503	District	BLenheim BEACH RES	2008/2009		2008/2009	Yes	\$15,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		6500
CCA282	Local	PARKES CRES CIRCLE	2008/2009		2008/2009	Yes	\$12,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		5500
CNO342	Local	McLEAN ST RES	2008/2009		2008/2009	Yes	\$12,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Council		5500
NSH149	District	JERRY BAILEY RES	2008/2009		2008/2009	Yes	\$15,000	Maintain in accordance with inspection reports	Crown	R52855	6500

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