



## **Murrumbateman Playground Project Committee**

**Thursday 11 July 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**Murrumbateman Country Inn  
Barton Hwy, Murrumbateman NSW 2582**

# MURRUMBATEMAN PLAYGROUND PROJECT COMMITTEE

## NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Murrumbateman Playground Project Committee will be held in Murrumbateman Country Inn Barton Hwy, Murrumbateman NSW 2582, on Thursday 11 July 2024, commencing at **6:00 PM**

## AGENDA

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### **Acknowledgement of Country**

Yass Valley Council recognises the Ngunnawal people, the Traditional Custodians of the land, water, and sky. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and future emerging leaders. We extend our respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who live in the Yass Valley Local Government Area.

#### **1. Apologies**

#### **2. Confirmation of Minutes**

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# **Minutes of the Murrumbateman Playground Project Committee**

**Wednesday 17 April 2024**

6.00pm

Council Chambers

209 Comur Street, Yass

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# Minutes of the Murrumbateman Playground Project Committee held on 17 April 2024

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## Present

Crs Jamin Jones (Chair), Kristin Butler and Mike Reid, Stephanie Helm, Annaliese Caston and Hayden Rosser

## Also Present

Melinda Cooke, Kate Baker and Nathan Cooke (Yass Valley Council)

## 1. Apologies

Nil

## 2. Confirmation of Minutes

### COMMITTEE DECISION

*That the minutes of the Murrumbateman Playground Project Committee held on 11 December 2023 be taken as read and confirmed.*

## 3. Staff Reports

### 3.1 SITE RECOMMENDATION REPORT

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#### SUMMARY

To review the site recommendation report provided by Complete Urban for the Murrumbateman All-Abilities Playground.

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

*That:*

- 1. Following consideration of community input, cost analysis and the consultant's report with an emphasis on the SWOT analysis and first preference selection, that the Old School Site be adopted as the preferred location for the grant and reserved funded 'All Abilities' playground with appropriate parking and amenities upgrade.*
- 2. The Committee also recommends further investigation of tourism and economic development opportunities at the Old School site building such as an onsite café/community book exchange and tourism information hub.*
- 3. Council should address building improvement and overflow parking. Council considers contingency in the next budget cycle for funding for possible site contamination checks, water tank make-safe, fencing and contribution to public amenities and upgrade sewerage construction and connection. Construction should be sympathetic to the onsite heritage and be situated appropriately as per the consultant's report.*
- 4. Should the project be undeliverable at the Old School site for any time, site specific issues or cost constraints, the Murrumbateman Recreation Grounds be adopted as the alternate with further consultation with the Murrumbateman Recreation Grounds Focus Group and any identified stakeholders.*

5. *Once this playground has been delivered on the same side of Murrumbateman's major population cluster (primary school, preschools, daycare centre, shops and pedestrian/cycle path links) then a future Category 1 playground be considered for the Murrumbateman Recreation Grounds in collaboration with user groups including the Field Days.*
6. *A further category 1 playground be pursued as part of Council's North Murrumbateman Masterplan.*
7. *Council continues to advocate for a safe crossing of the Federal and State managed Barton Highway to and from the Recreation Ground.*

*(Jones/Butler)*

#### **4. Next Meeting**

If required, date to be advised.

The meeting closed at 7:30p.m.

### 3.1 PLAYGROUND CONCEPT DESIGNS

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#### SUMMARY

To present a report with the initial concept design plans for the Murrumbateman All-Abilities Playground.

#### RECOMMENDATION

*That:*

- 1. The Committee review and discuss the proposed concept design plans.*
- 2. The Committee provide a recommendation on the preferred concept design plan for the Murrumbateman All-Abilities Playground*

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#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council has allocated \$200,000 in the 2023/24 Operational Plan for the site selection, community consultation, concept plans and detailed designs for the Murrumbateman Category 1 Playground.

It should also be noted that the following is available for the construction of the playground:

- Investing in Our Communities Program - \$750,000 (Federal election promise).
- Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant (Phase 4) - \$116,000
- Development Contributions Reserve - \$228,611.

#### POLICY & LEGISLATION

- *Local Government Act 1993*
- *2017 Parks and Playground Strategy*
- *Everyone Can Play Guidelines.*

#### REPORT

##### 1. Background

Council has engaged Complete Urban to undertake the site selection, community consultation, concept plans and detailed design for the Murrumbateman All Abilities Playground. Stage One was to determine the preferred site through community consultation. The Murrumbateman Old Schoolhouse site was resolved as the preferred location at the Council meeting held on 23 May 2024 (MN 2024/109).

##### 2. Concept Design Plans

Complete Urban has provided Council with three concept designs for consideration for the Murrumbateman All-Abilities Playground. These designs are included under **Attachment A** – Draft Concept Plans with the proposed play equipment options under **Attachment B** – Draft Play Equipment.

The three designs are very similar with dedicated specific areas. Each design includes a nature play area, quiet zone, main play area, passive area and addresses the carpark and heritage orchard.

Below is a comparison of these areas:

Concept Design - Option One	Concept Design - Option Two	Concept Design - Option Three
Retaining existing heritage orchard	Relocation of heritage orchard	Relocation of heritage orchard
Nature Play Area	Nature Play Area	Nature Play Area
Quiet Zone	Quiet Zone	Quiet Zone
Imaginative Zone	Water Play Area	Imaginative Zone
Main Play Area	Main Play Area	Main Play Area
Picnic Lawn (273m <sup>2</sup> )		
Passive Area (1250m <sup>2</sup> )	Passive Area (2040m <sup>2</sup> )	Passive Area (812m <sup>2</sup> )
Carpark location in road reserve	Carpark location in road reserve	Retains existing Carpark

### 3. Heritage Advisor

Advice was sought from Councils Heritage Advisor with a summary of comments being:

- Conserve existing views of the school and schoolhouse from Barton Highway
- Tree plantings should frame view of buildings and be sympathetic to European deciduous trees
- Play equipment/structures and colouring should not obstruct or distract from the building views
- Removal of heritage orchard is not supported

### 4. Observations

The following should also be considered with each concept design:

- Pedestrian entry/exit points
- Connective pathways – both new and existing
- Ground levels of site

**ATTACHMENTS:** A. Attachment A - Draft Concept Plans  
B. Attachment B - Draft Play Equipment