

Report by Melanie Medrano, Landscape Architect

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council note the completion of Austin Park Playground.**
- 2. That Council note the Official Opening of Austin Park Playground will be held on Saturday 24 August 2013 at 11:30am.**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise Council of the completion of Austin Park Playground and to advise Council of the official opening of the new playground to be held on Saturday 24 August 2013.

REPORT

Austin Park is a small local park situated between Marlborough Avenue and Courallie Avenue, Homebush West. The park is located within an area of increasing density with many new apartment buildings being constructed in recent years, and many more in the process of being developed. As such, funding in Council's Direct Section 94 Plan was allocated towards a new playground in order to better meet the needs of this area.

The new playground features a variety of play opportunities including a multi-unit climbing piece, flying fox, basket swing, animal rockers, a see saw and sensory panels. The new playground caters for a wide variety of age groups.

An official opening for the new playground will be held at 11:30am on Saturday 24 August 2013. Councillors and the local community will be invited to attend this special occasion. Councillors will be provided with further information in relation to the official opening closer to the event.

REFERRAL FROM OTHER DEPARTMENT

No referral was required.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding has been provided in the current budget for this purpose as set out below:

Budget Item	Approved Budget	Expenditure to Date
Section 94 Austin Park Playground	\$107,000.00	\$104,883.46

ATTACHMENTS

1. Playground design and selected equipment.

Report approved by:

Jocelyn Palmer	Rob Bourke
Manager Community Lands and Services	Director Operations