

**ITEM 14 TENDER T1000099 - STUART PARK ALL AGES ALL ABILITIES PLAYGROUND AND FOOTPATH CONSTRUCTION**

This report recommends acceptance of a tender for Stuart Park All Ages All Abilities (AAAA) playground and footpath construction in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

The purpose of this project is to provide an all ages, all abilities playground located within the Stuart Park precinct for the community catering specifically to young people and adults with disability.

**RECOMMEDATION**

- 1 In accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council accept the tender of Growth Civil Landscapes Pty Ltd for Stuart Park AAAA playground and footpath construction, in the sum of \$1,485,130.26 including GST.
- 2 Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to finalise and execute the contract and any other documentation required to give effect to this resolution.
- 3 Council grant authority for the use of the Common Seal of Council on the contract and any other documentation, should it be required, to give effect to this resolution.

**REPORT AUTHORISATIONS**

Report of: Glenn Whittaker, Manager Project Delivery  
Authorised by: Joanne Page, Director Infrastructure + Works

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Site Locality Plan

**BACKGROUND**

Council's *Play Wollongong Strategy 2014-2024* recognised the importance of inclusive play for all through Principle 4, 'Play spaces are well designed, inclusive of all ages and abilities and encourage participation in play'. Council partnered with the University of Wollongong (UOW) and the Disability Trust on the research project *Giving Voice to the Voiceless*, to collect the opinions of people with severe intellectual disability and who are functionally non-verbal about how they would like to use playgrounds. This partnership led to a research project funded by UOW, which directly informed the development of the concept design for the AAAA playground.

Stuart Park has existing recreational facilities located at the northern end of the park including a children's playground, children's bike track and various shared paths providing connectivity to Squires Way to the west and North Beach to the south. The proposed all ages all, abilities playground, to be located immediately south of the existing children's playground, will cater specifically for people with physical and intellectual disability complementing the existing recreational facilities available to the community. The scope of works includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Earthworks including foundations;
- Supply and installation of playground equipment;
- Landscaping works including paths, edging, stonework, softfall;
- Stormwater and other minor works to existing services;
- Soft landscaping works (plantings, mulch, and turf);
- Supply and installation of park furniture (seating, bins);
- Footpaths; and
- Construction of a new disabled vehicle bus bay.

Tenders were invited for this project by the Open tender method with a close of tenders of 10.00 am on 27 April 2023.

Four (4) tenders were received by the close of tenders and all tenders have been scrutinised and evaluated by a Tender Evaluation Panel constituted in accordance with Council's Procurement Policies and Procedures and comprising representatives of the Project Delivery, Community Services and Governance and Customer Service Divisions.

The Tender Evaluation Panel evaluated all tenders in accordance with the following Evaluation criteria and weightings as set out in the formal tender documents:

#### **Mandatory Criteria**

- 1 Satisfactory references from referees for previous projects of similar size and scope.
- 2 Financial evaluation acceptable to Council which demonstrates the tenderer's financial capacity to undertake the works.
- 3 Workplace Health and Safety.

#### **Evaluation Criteria**

- 1 Cost to Council - 40%
- 2 Appreciation of Scope of Works and Construction Methodology - 15%
- 3 Demonstrated experience and satisfactory performance in projects of similar size, scope and risk profile, including staff qualifications and experience – 20%
- 4 Proposed Sub-contractors – 5%
- 5 Project Schedule - 5%
- 6 Workplace Health and Safety Management Systems and Environmental Management Policies and Procedures – 5%
- 7 Demonstrated strengthening of local economic capacity – 10%

The mandatory evaluation criteria have been met by the recommended tenderer.

The Tender Evaluation Panel utilised a weighted scoring method for the evaluation of tenders which allocates a numerical score out of 5 in relation to the level of compliance offered by the tenders to each of the evaluation criteria as specified in the tender documentation. The method then takes into account pre-determined weightings for each of the evaluation criteria which provides for a total score out of 5 to be calculated for each tender. The tender with the highest total score is considered to be the tender that best meets the requirements of the tender documentation in providing best value to Council. Table 1 below summarises the results of the tender evaluation and the ranking of tenders.

TABLE 1 – SUMMARY OF TENDER ASSESSMENT

<b>Name of Tenderer</b>	<b>Ranking</b>
Growth Civil Landscapes Pty Ltd	1
Simpson Landscapes and Constructions Pty Ltd	2
Earthbuilt Environmental Pty Ltd	3
Landform Gardens Pty Ltd	4

#### **PROPOSAL**

Council should authorise the engagement of Growth Civil Landscapes Pty Ltd to carry out the Stuart Park AAAA Playground and Footpath Construction in accordance with the scope of works and technical specifications developed for the project.

The recommended tenderer has satisfied the Tender Evaluation Panel that it is capable of undertaking the works to Council's standards and in accordance with the technical specification.

An acceptable financial capability evaluation has been received in relation to the recommended tenderer.

Referees nominated by the recommended tenderer have been contacted by the Tender Evaluation Panel and expressed satisfaction with the standard of work and methods of operation undertaken on their behalf.

## CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

- 1 Members of the Tender Evaluation Panel
- 2 Nominated Referees

## PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of *Our Wollongong 2032 Our Future Community Strategic Plan - Goal 5 – We have a healthy community in a liveable city. It specifically delivers on providing a variety of quality and accessible public places and opportunities for sport, play, leisure, recreation, learning and cultural activities in the community.*

## RISK ASSESSMENT

The risk in accepting the recommendation of this report is considered low on the basis that the tender process has fully complied with Council's Procurement Policies and Procedures and the Local Government Act 1993.

The risk of the project works, or services is considered medium based upon Council's risk assessment matrix and appropriate risk management strategies will be implemented.

## SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The following sustainability implications have been considered:

- Sustainable procurement by providing open tender to give local companies the opportunity to tender for the work.
- Weighting in tender assessment provided for using local services, labour and materials.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is proposed that the total project be funded from the following source/s as identified in the Operational Plan –

### 2023/24 Capital Budget

In addition to Council funding, the total project including the tendered works valued at \$1,485,130.26 including GST (\$1,350,118.42 ex GST) will be partially funded through the following sources:

- Federal Government:
  - Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3 – (\$500,000 ex GST)
- NSW Government:
  - Everyone Can Play Grant Program – (\$200,000 ex GST)
- Clubgrants Category 3 Infrastructure Grant – (\$250,000 ex GST)
- Various private cash and in-kind contributions collected by the Disability Trust (approximately \$105,000)

The following play items have been procured by Council due to long lead times to reduce program risk and will be supplied to the successful contractor to install:

- Roktopus – Double Mouse House (\$59,900 ex GST)
- Moduplay – Luna Carousel, Custom Timber Balance Play Item and Premium Four Bay Swing Set (\$104,995 ex GST)

## CONCLUSION

Council should endorse the recommendations of this report.



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