

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
27 February 2018**

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**ITEM 2 - NOM 27/02/18 - CARRINGTON PARKLANDS CONCEPT PLAN**

**Attachment A:** Notice of Motion - Carrington Parklands Concept Plan,  
Councillor Church

**Attachment B:** Report on Notice of Motion

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**COUNCILLORS: J CHURCH, E WHITE AND J MACKENZIE**

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## **PURPOSE**

The following Notice of Motion was received on 15 February 2018 from the abovenamed Councillors.

## **MOTION**

That Newcastle City Council:

1. Engage with the broader Carrington community, including Carrington Community Council to determine the priorities of the community for the future development of a Parkland Concept Plan for Carrington
2. Review the areas to be considered for a future Parkland Concept Plan which might include but not be limited to:
  - a) The Throsby Creek Foreshore from Elizabeth Street to Cowper Street Bridge taking in all the parkland including the mangrove boardwalk
  - b) Pat Jordon and Connolly ovals
  - c) The Bowling Club and the boat ramp area together with the adjoining foreshore.
3. Consult with the community with a focus on, but not be limited to:
  - a) Walkways/Cycleways similar to existing foot/cycle ways found along the Throsby Basin
  - b) Outdoor exercise equipment area/track
  - c) Suitability for leash free dog park areas, fenced and unfenced
  - d) Improvements to sporting facilities and associated parking
4. Request Council officers report back to this Council with a draft timeline, estimated budget and expected timeframe required to complete a Parkland Concept Plan such as this at the April 2018 council meeting.

## **BACKGROUND**

Following the success of the Wickham Master Plan, the Carrington Community Council (CCC) considered requesting a similar plan for their suburb. After further

consultation with its members, the wider community and council officers, the CCC determined that a wide ranging plan which reviews zoning, building heights and density etc. would not address immediate concerns and could be an expensive and lengthy process.

Instead a Parklands Concept Plan was considered more appropriate in achieving the key aims of the group. These include:

- a. Identifying improvements for Carrington's public spaces
- b. Getting community agreement for those plans and creating a prioritised wish list/roadmap for the future
- c. Avoid potential conflict with work planned by other government agencies
- d. Create a unifying document which would aid the group in applications for public and corporate grants and streamline council approval, by showing a strategic and agreed approach to improving the suburb's public spaces and amenity

All three Ward 1 councillors have been engaged with this process since October 2017 and recognise the value of this approach in guiding future development for the suburb's public spaces. If successful, the hope is that such a plan could form a template for other engaged community groups.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Attachment A**

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**Attachment B**

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## **DIRECTOR COMMENT**

Preparation of a Carrington Parklands Concept Plan would take approximately nine to twelve months to complete, including a public exhibition period and extensive community and stakeholder consultation. Broadly, development of the plan will involve:

Stage 1 - Establishment,  
Stage 2 - Site analysis,  
Stage 3 - Community and stakeholder engagement and consultation,  
Stage 4 - Plan development including further community consultation, and  
Stage 5 - Reporting and exhibition.

Council has commenced a number of planning strategies that will inform a Carrington Parklands Concept Plan, including the Dog Off Leash Strategy and Outdoor Exercise Equipment Strategy. The boat ramp area is under the control of Roads and Maritime Services and not subject to Council control.

It is estimated that costs would be in the order of \$40,000-\$60,000, dependent on scope inclusions and community expectations. At this stage resources are not available to undertake preparation of the Concept Plan.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Newcastle City Council:

Seek funding within the 2018/2019 Operation Plan to commence community engagement towards the future development of a Carrington Parkland Concept Plan.