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ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR OUTDOOR YOUTH SPACE IN MOUNT ANNAN

Young people in Camden can get set for a bigger and better new youth space following an additional funding allocation towards the construction of a multi-purpose youth space at Birriwa Reserve, Mount Annan.

Council's Recreation Demand Study undertaken in 2013 identified adventure playgrounds for older children as one of the top 10 priorities. Mount Annan has one of the highest number of young people aged between 12 and 17 in the Camden Local Government Area.

Birriwa Reserve was adopted by Council in 2014 as the location for a new youth space due to its proximity to the target population, visibility by traffic and pedestrians and close location to other recreation facilities and food outlets.

The Mayor of Camden said she is delighted that the scope of the project can now be expanded through Council's additional funding allocation.

"The Birriwa Reserve Outdoor Youth space will provide a fantastic and unique recreational facility primarily for young people aged 12 – 17 years,"

"We have many playgrounds for small children, but there is a real need for substantial teenage activity spaces,"

"The expanded scope of this project will allow for a greater recreational experience not only for these young people, but for the wider community."

"The facility will include passive open space, a covered BBQ area, an amenity block, landscaping, upgrade to the multi-purpose sports courts and potential additional parking and refurbishment of the underpass across Waterworth Drive, Mount Annan."

"The new youth space will complement existing tennis courts, basketball courts, cricket nets, sportsgrounds and amenities in the surrounding area. "

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“This is a win for the community. I am proud to lead a Council that is committed to delivering such an important and fantastic space for our community to enjoy.” Cr Symkowiak said.

Council anticipates that the project will commence in the 2015/2016 financial year.

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