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## **PLAYGROUND RENEWAL PLAN GETS \$1.52M BOOST**

Council has received a \$1.52million boost to funding for its playground renovation plan.

The subsidy comes following a successful application to the NSW Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS) for funds to address the urgent upgrade of play areas and equipment identified in the Council's Play Plan, which was adopted in March 2013.

The money will be allocated to five parks nominated as high-priority for major refurbishment to be completed by June 2014:

Memorial Park Upper, Meadowbank  
Gannan Park, North Ryde  
Monash Park, Gladesville  
Granny Smith Memorial Park, Eastwood  
Lions Park, West Ryde

Council's Community Life Manager, Baharak Sahebekhtiari, said: "This is great news for children and families right across our city.

"This \$1.52 million means that in addition to the planned upgrades of three playgrounds this current financial year (Fontenoy Park at Macquarie Park, Community Park at Denistone East, Jordan Park at Marsfield), an additional five playgrounds will get complete makeovers."

Council staff are now developing a renewal works program, including design and community consultation, so that work on the upgrades to the five playgrounds can begin.

The creation of the Council's Children's Play Implementation Plan involved a full audit of all play facilities across the City of Ryde. This included analysis of population, community consultation, a review of play theory, public exhibition of the draft plan as well as a review of works and maintenance budgets. As a result the Play Plan will guide the Council's approach to the provision of safe, accessible and sustainable high-quality playgrounds for the community over the next 10 years.

### **Schedule of Playground Upgrades**

#### 2013/14 Planned Upgrades

- Fontenoy Park, Macquarie Park
- Community Park, Denistone East
- Jordan Park, Marsfield
- Memorial Park Upper, Meadowbank
- Gannan Park, North Ryde
- Monash Park, Gladesville

- Granny Smith Memorial Park, Eastwood
- Lions Park, West Ryde

#### 2012/13 Completed

- Livvi's Place at Yamble Reserve, Ryde
- Australia II Park, Marsfield,
- Quandong Park, Macquarie Park,
- Meadowbank Park at Ross Street, Meadowbank

#### 2012/13 Under Construction

- Putney Park (South), Putney
- Holt Park, North Ryde

#### 2011/12 Completed

- Charity Creek Cascades, Ryde
- Wandoo Park, Ryde
- Pidding Park, Ryde
- Lardelli Park, Putney

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Attachment: Photos: Completed parks and/or under construction

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