

FERN PARK (RIVERTON BRIDGE) PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

During WRRAs October 2012 meeting, Mr Terry Thompson, a senior landscape architect from the City of Canning, gave a presentation on the City’s preliminary plans for future development of the Fern Road (Riverton Bridge) Park area.

The City’s first priority is to upgrade the children’s playground, which would be based on an indigenous theme and include expansion of the existing play area / sand pit and more challenging play/climbing devices, complete with large shade sails over the main playground. The location of the children’s playground would remain in its current position so adults visiting the adjacent kiosk can sit and observe their children at play. Also, area permitting, future long term plans may see the development a designated area for junior and teenager activities.

Access from the road to the playground area will be gated and the existing fencing extended. At the car park entrance a new elongated raised speed hump, incorporating two pedestrian crossing points, will be installed.

Whilst ultimately WRRRA would like to see development at this very popular site to support a variety of activities for various age groups, such as gardens, picnic areas along the river foreshore and additional BBQ plates, complete with shaded seating areas at the eastern end of the park. These options are limited due partly to the erosion of the Parks

northern river foreshore over time and the very large drainage structured recently installed to the west of the revitalised Café area.



Thus much of the Riverton Bridge public parklands, including that recently gained by closure of the western end of Bridge Street, has been lost, and in WRRRA’s opinion were this existing park land area to be developed as per City’s current landscape / playground Concept Plan, then it would be necessary to reclaim much of the Parks northern river foreshore that has been lost through erosion over past years. See photo.

Note: This Photo, which was obtained from the Willetton Library historical records, clearly shows a wide sandy beach, once existed along the northern foreshore of this park, where one of our Committee members can remember having swum a few years (decades?) ago.

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