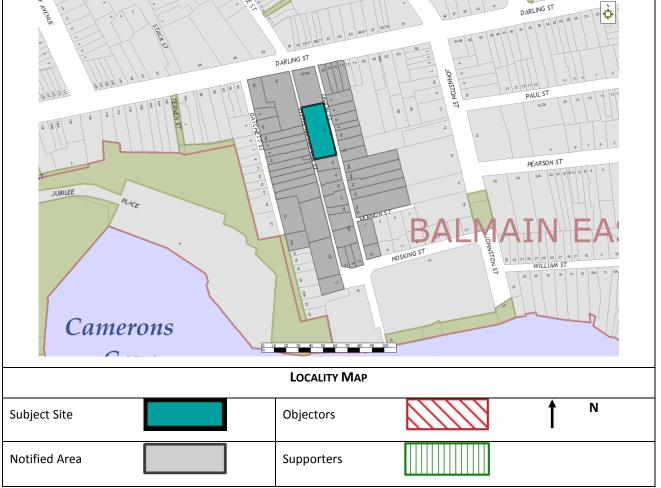
INNER WEST COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT REPORT		
Application No.	D/2018/497	
Address	13 Union Street, Balmain East NSW 2041	
	(Little Nicholson Street Playcentre)	
Proposal	Installation of a new piece of play equipment with new synthetic	
	turf soft fall and replacement storage shed	
Date of Lodgement	17 September 2018	
Applicant	Little Nicholson Street Playcentre Incorporated	
Owner	Inner West Council	
Number of Submissions	Nil	
Value of works	\$38,000	
Reason for determination at	Council as the owner of the land	
Planning Panel		
Main Issues	Protection of existing trees on-site during installation of the new	
	play equipment	
Recommendation	Approval	
Attachment A	Recommended conditions of consent	
Attachment B	Plans of proposed development	



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1. Executive Summary

This report is an assessment of the application submitted to Council for the installation of new play equipment with a new 48m² circle of synthetic turf soft fall at the Little Nicholson Street Playcentre (LNSP), 13 Union Street, East Balmain NSW 2041.

It is also proposed to replace an existing prefabricated, metal storage shed with a new shed (similar in both materials and dimensions) generally in the same part of the site but setback further from Union Street. The area created between the new shed and the Union Street boundary is to be used as a new toddler play area.

The application was notified to surrounding properties and no submissions were received.

The application is referred to the Panel because Council (as trustee) represents the owner of the subject land being the NSW Government.

2. Proposal

The proposed development is for the installation of a new piece of play equipment near the centre of the site (refer to **Figures 1 and 2**), being a castle gatehouse with roof and plastic slide (Kompan Gatehouse PCM201700) (refer to **Figures 3 and 4**) and a replacement 48m² circle of soft fall. The Applicant has advised that footings for the new play equipment will be excavated up to a maximum depth of 850mm.

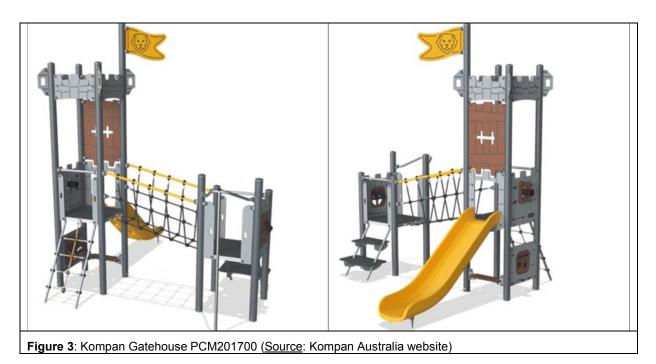


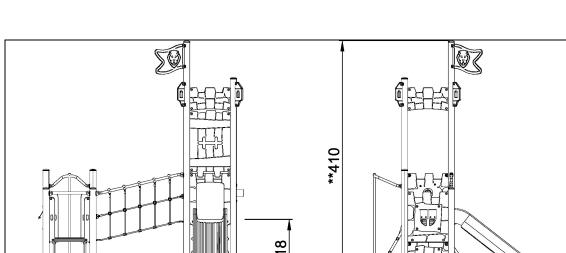
 Figure 1: Looking north towards the common boundary with the East Village Hotel (Source: Site Photos)
 Figure 2: Looking east towards Union Street (Source: Site Photos)

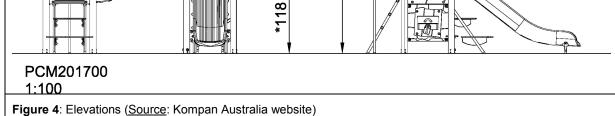
The manufacturer's (Kompan) specification lists the dimensions as $3.28m \times 3.50m$ with an overall height of 4.1m and a maximum fall height for children of 1.18m (refer to **Figure 4**). The area of the safety zone around the equipment is specified as $32.5m^2$. The manufacturer provides the following description of this equipment:

"This multi deck play tower offers high play value and supports children's development in all major areas. Physically, children will train their gross motor skills as they negotiate the climbing net, acquiring balance, cross-body coordination and stronger muscles. On the platforms, stimulating activities await. On the lower platform, children will find two panels. The port window figures well into preschoolers' dramatic play – don't be surprised to see them using it as the wheel of a ship! Stepping up to the high platform, children will find a balcony, from which they can interact with others, or steer the ship. The slide has a tummy-tickling decline, and will be quite a trip for preschoolers."

Installation is expected to take 7-14 days and the centre will be closed during this time for safety. During installation, the Applicant proposes to minimise any inconvenience to local residents by placing a 4m³ waste skip bin inside the Union Street gates (not on the street) and delivery and pick-up will occur on the site.







It is also proposed to replace an existing pre-fabricated metal storage shed located near the north-eastern corner of the site (refer to **Figure 5**), with a new shed of similar materials and dimensions. The new shed is to be setback further from Union Street placed in an area currently occupied by toy roller coasters (yellow and green ride-on slides) (refer to **Figure 6**). The area between the new shed and Union Street is proposed to be upgraded (including removal of tree stump) to create a new toddler play area (refer to **Figure 6**).

Tree stump to be removed Existing shed

Figure 5: North-eastern corner of the site. Existing shed and tree stump to be removed. (Source: Site Photos)



Figure 6: Location of replacement storage shed and new toddler play area (Source: Site Photos)

3. Site Description

The subject site is located between Union Street and Little Nicholson Street, East Balmain, on the southern side of Darling Street, to the rear of the East Village Hotel (refer to **Figure 4**). The site consists of 1 allotment and is generally rectangular with a total area of approximately 790m² and is legally described as Lot 1 DP 76424.



Figure 5: Location of the site (Source: Six Maps – NSW Government)

Neighbouring properties (other than the East Village Hotel) are residential. Pedestrian access is available from both the Union Street and Little Nicholson Street frontages. Vehicular access (for maintenance vehicles only) is only available from Union Street.

The site is not a heritage item but it is within the Balmain East HCA.

The proposal will not result in the removal of any trees from the site.

4. Background

4(a) Site history

LNSP received a \$12,000 grant in the FACS 2017 Community Building Partnerships allocations and proposes to use an additional \$26,000 of their own funds to install the proposed play equipment. The Applicant has advised that the terms of the grant require installation to be complete by 31 March 2019.

The LNSP facility has been available to children for over 30 years. In 1999 the 'Little Nicholson Street Playcentre Incorporated' was registered as a self-financing, not-for-profit incorporated association (Reg No. 9875329). The organisation is run by members who volunteer their time to provide an informal, safe play zone for children from 0-5. Members encourage visitors to attend the Playcentre.

LNSP leases the land from Council (acting as Trustee for the State of NSW) and Council formally approved the centre under D/2005/354.

The Applicant has advised that the current opening hours of the Playcentre are:

Monday to Friday: 9am – 5pm

- Wednesday: 9am 7pm (day light saving only)
- Saturday: 9am 5pm (pre booked parties only)
- Public Holidays or Sundays: Closed

No changes are proposed to these opening hours.

Applications for the Subject Site

Application	Proposal	Decision & Date
D/2005/354	Use of the buildings and grounds as a Playcentre for 0-5 year old children and children's birthday parties, use of the playroom/cottage for parent education sessions and associated signage.	
M/2006/698	Modify the hours of operation and the number of children permitted on-site	Approved – 20.02.2007

4(b) Application history

The following table outlines the relevant history of the subject application.

Date	Discussion / Letter/ Additional Information
17.09.2018	Application lodged.
16.10.2018	Notification period completed – nil submissions
15.11.2018	Applicant was advised by email that new playground equipment may be installed under State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 but the proposed new play equipment requires development consent because of its height (>2.5m above existing ground level). The Applicant was given the opportunity to consider installing a lower piece of equipment which could be considered as exempt development and would not require consent.
21.11.2018	Applicant advised that the particular piece of playground equipment proposed is linked to the grant approval and therefore requested that the application be put forward to LPP for determination.

5. Assessment

The following is a summary of the assessment of the application in accordance with Section 1.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

5(a) Environmental Planning Instruments

The application has been assessed against the relevant Environmental Planning Instruments listed below:

- State Environmental Planning Policy No 55—Remediation of Land
- Sydney Regional Environmental Plan (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005
- Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan 2013

The following provides further discussion of the relevant issues:

5(a)(i) State Environmental Planning Policy No 55—Remediation of Land-

State Environmental Planning Policy No. 55 - Remediation of Land (SEPP 55) provides planning guidelines for remediation of contaminated land. The site has not been used in the past for activities which could have potentially contaminated the site. It is considered that the site will not require remediation in accordance with SEPP 55.

5(a)(ii) Sydney Regional Environmental Plan (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005

An assessment has been made of the matters set out in Clause 20 of the Sydney Regional Environmental Plan (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005. It is considered that the carrying out of the proposed development is generally consistent with the objectives of the Plan and would not have an adverse effect on environmental heritage, the visual environment, the natural environment or open space and recreation facilities.

5(a) (iii) Leichhardt Local Environment Plan 2013 (LLEP 2013)

The application was assessed against the following relevant clauses of the Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan 2013:

- Clause 1.2 Aims of the Plan
- Clause 2.3 Zone objectives and Land Use Table
- Clause 5.10 Heritage Conservation
- Clause 6.1 Acid Sulphate Soils
- Clause 6.2 Earthworks
- Clause 6.4 Stormwater management

The site is within the **SP2 – Infrastructure** zone under the Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan 2013. The development is permissible as a *Community Facility* with Council's consent under the zoning provisions applying to the land. The development is considered acceptable having regard to the stated objectives of the zone:

Objectives of zone

- To provide for infrastructure and related uses.
- To prevent development that is not compatible with or that may detract from the provision of infrastructure.
- To ensure the adequate provision of public, community and social infrastructure.

5(b) Draft Environmental Planning Instruments

The application has been assessed against the relevant Draft Environmental Planning Instruments listed below:

- Draft Environment State Environmental Planning Policy

The proposal raises no issues with regard to the draft Environment SEPP.

5(c) Development Control Plans

The application has been assessed and the following provides a summary of the relevant provisions of Leichhardt Development Control Plan 2013.

Part	Compliance
Part A: Introductions	
Section 3 – Notification of Applications	Yes
Part B: Connections	
B1.1 Connections – Objectives	Yes
B2.1 Planning for Active Living	Yes
B3.1 Social Impact Assessment	Not applicable
B3.2 Events and Activities in the Public Domain (Special Events)	Not applicable
Part C	
C1.0 General Provisions	Yes
C1.1 Site and Context Analysis	Yes
C1.2 Demolition	Not applicable
C1.3 Alterations and additions	Not applicable
C1.4 Heritage Conservation Areas and Heritage Items	Yes
C1.5 Corner Sites	Not applicable
C1.6 Subdivision	Not applicable
C1.7 Site Facilities	Yes
C1.8 Contamination	Not applicable
C1.9 Safety by Design	Yes
C1.10 Equity of Access and Mobility	Not applicable
C1.11 Parking	Not applicable
C1.12 Landscaping	Yes
C1.13 Open Space Design Within the Public Domain	Not applicable
C1.14 Tree Management	Yes
C1.15 Signs and Outdoor Advertising	Not applicable
C1.16 Structures in or over the Public Domain: Balconies,	Not applicable
Verandahs and Awnings	
C1.17 Minor Architectural Details	Not applicable
C1.18 Laneways	Not applicable
C1.19 Rock Faces, Rocky Outcrops, Cliff Faces, Steep Slopes and	Not applicable
Rock Walls	
C1.20 Foreshore Land	Not applicable
C1.21 Green Roofs and Green Living Walls	Not applicable
Part C. Place Section 2 Urban Character	
Part C: Place – Section 2 Urban Character	Voo
C2.2.2.6 Balmain East Precinct Distinctive Neighbourhood	Yes
Part C: Place – Section 3 – Residential Provisions	
C3.1 Residential General Provisions	Not applicable
C3.2 Site Layout and Building Design	Not applicable
C3.3 Elevation and Materials	Not applicable
C3.4 Dormer Windows	Not applicable
C3.5 Front Gardens and Dwelling Entries	Not applicable
C3.6 Fences	Not applicable
C3.7 Environmental Performance	Not applicable
C3.8 Private Open Space	Not applicable
C3.9 Solar Access	Yes

Yes
Yes
Yes
Not applicable
Not applicable
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Yes
Not applicable
Not applicable

C1.4 – Heritage Conservation Areas and Heritage Items

<u>Heritage Listing</u>

The subject site is not listed as a heritage item on the Leichhardt LEP 2013. It is a contributory item to the 'Balmain East Heritage Conservation Area' (C3).

It is in close proximity of the following heritage items:

- 'House, including interiors' at 17 Union Street (I489)
- 'Flats "Glentworth", including interiors' at 86 Darling Street (I399)
- 'Corner shop and residence, including interiors' at 80 Darling Street (I397).

The statement of significance for the heritage items in close proximity are available from the NSW Office & Environment website at http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/heritagesearch.aspx

The subject site is part of the Balmain East Precinct Distinctive Neighbourhood of the Leichhardt LEP 2013.

<u>Heritage Significance</u>

The subject site is located within a precinct occupied by two single storey buildings and a large open garden used as playground. The buildings are contributory to the heritage conservation area.

The statement of significance of the HCA is available on Council's website: <u>https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/develop/planning-controls/heritage-and-conservation/heritage-conservation-areas</u>

The proposal is to improve the existing garden associated with the play centre and cover the grounds with synthetic turf. Overall, there will be no adverse impact to the heritage conservation area, and the proposal is considered a minor change to the existing site.

The proposed development is considered to be satisfactory having regard to all relevant provisions of the Leichhardt Development Control Plan 2013.

5(d) The Likely Impacts

The assessment of the Development Application demonstrates that, subject to the recommended conditions, the proposal will have minimal impact in the locality.

5(e) The suitability of the site for the development

The site is zoned SP2 – Infrastructure. Provided that any adverse effects on adjoining properties are minimised, this site is considered suitable to accommodate the proposed development, and this has been demonstrated in the assessment of the application.

5(f) Any submissions

The application was notified in accordance with the Leichhardt Development Control Plan 2013 for a period of 14 days from 2nd October 2018 to 16th October 2018 to surrounding properties. No submissions were received.

5(g) The Public Interest

The public interest is best served by the consistent application of the requirements of the relevant Environmental Planning Instruments, and by Council ensuring that any adverse effects on the surrounding area and the environment are appropriately managed.

6 Referrals

6(a) Internal

The application was referred to the following internal sections/officers and issues raised in those referrals have been discussed in section 5 above.

- <u>Heritage Officer</u> The subject site occupied by two single storey buildings and a large open garden used as playground. The buildings are contributory to the heritage conservation area. Overall, there will be no adverse impact to the heritage conservation area, and the proposal is considered a minor change to the existing site. No heritage conditions are required.
- <u>Landscape</u> There are no objections to the proposal and the application is supported subject to the applicant engaging the services of an AQF level 5 Project Arborist to ensure works do not negatively impact existing trees on site. Conditions are recommended.

6(b) External

The application was not required to be referred to any external bodies.

7. Section 7.11 Contributions

Section 7.11 contributions are not payable for the proposal.

8. Conclusion

The proposal generally complies with the aims, objectives and design parameters contained in Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan 2013 and Leichhardt Development Control Plan 2013. The development will not result in any significant impacts on the amenity of adjoining premises and the streetscape. The application is considered suitable for approval subject to the imposition of appropriate conditions.

9. Recommendation

A. That the Inner West Local Planning Panel exercising the functions of the Council, as the consent authority pursuant to s4.16 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, grant consent to Development Application No: D/2018/497 for the installation of a new piece of play equipment with new synthetic turf soft fall and replacement storage shed at the Little Nicholson Street Playcentre, 13 Union Street, Balmain East NSW 2041 subject to the conditions listed in Attachment A below.

Attachment A – Recommended conditions of consent

CONDITIONS OF CONSENT

1. Development must be carried out in accordance with Development Application No. D/2018/497 and the following plans and supplementary documentation, except where amended by the conditions of this consent.

Plan Reference	Drawn By	Dated
Unlabelled site/concept plan	Play by Design	27.07.2018
Document Title	Prepared By	Dated
Statement of Environmental	(unknown)	12.09.2018
Effects		
Castle Gatehouse with Roof &	Kompan Australia	Undated
Plastic Slide Specification		
(PCM201700)		
Letter confirming replacement &	Rachael Davern	17.01.2019
relocation of storage shed	Little Nicholson Street	
	Play Centre Inc.	

In the event of any inconsistency between the approved plans and the conditions, the conditions will prevail.

Where there is an inconsistency between approved elevations and floor plan, the elevation shall prevail.

In the event of any inconsistency between the approved plans and supplementary documentation, the plans will prevail.

The existing elements (walls, floors etc) shown to be retained on the approved plans shall not be removed, altered or rebuilt without prior consent of the consent authority.

Note: Carrying out of works contrary to the above plans and/ or conditions may invalidate this consent; result in orders, on the spot fines or legal proceedings.

2. The trees identified below are to be retained:

Tree/location	
All trees on site and adjoining properties.	

Details of the trees to be retained must be included on the Construction Certificate plans

3. Consent is granted for the demolition of the following currently existing on the property, subject to strict compliance with the following conditions:

Elements	Location
Storage shed and tree stump	North-eastern corner of
	the site
Removal of exiting soft fall	Centre of the site

- a) The adjoining residents must be notified seven (7) working days prior to demolition. Such notification is to be clearly written on A4 size paper giving the date demolition will commence, site contact details/person, elements to be demolished and be placed in the letterbox of every premises (including every residential flat or unit, if any) either side, immediately at the rear of and directly opposite the demolition site.
- b) Written notice is to be given to the Principal Certifying Authority for inspection prior to demolition. Such written notice is to include the date when demolition will commence and details of the name, address, business hours and contact telephone number and licence number of the demolisher. The following building inspections must be undertaken by the Principal Certifying Authority:
 - i) A *pre commencement* inspection when all the site works are installed on the site and prior to demolition commencing.
 - ii) A *final* inspection when the demolition works have been completed.

NOTE: If Council is nominated as your Principal Certifying Authority 24 - 48 hours notice to carry out inspections is required. Arrangement for inspections can be made by phoning 9367 9222.

- c) Prior to demolition, the applicant must erect a sign at the front of the property with the demolisher's name, licence number, contact phone number and site address.
- d) Prior to demolition, the applicant must erect a 2.4m high temporary fence, hoarding between the work site and any public property (footpaths, roads, reserves etc). Access to the site must be restricted to authorised persons only and the site must be secured against unauthorised entry when work is not in progress or the site is otherwise unoccupied.
- e) The demolition plans must be submitted to the appropriate Sydney Water Quick Check agent for a building plan approval.
- f) Demolition is to be carried out in accordance with the relevant provisions of Australian Standard 2601:2001: *Demolition of structures.*
- g) The hours of demolition work are limited to between 7:00am and 6.00pm on weekdays. No demolition work is to be carried out on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.
- h) Hazardous or intractable wastes arising from the demolition process must be removed and disposed of in accordance with the requirements of WorkCover New South Wales and the Environmental Protection Authority.
- i) Demolition procedures must maximise the reuse and recycling of demolished materials in order to reduce the environmental impacts of waste disposal.
- j) During demolition, public property (footpaths, roads, reserves etc) must be clear at all times and must not be obstructed by any demolished material or

vehicles. The footpaths and roads must be swept (not hosed) clean of any material, including clay, soil and sand. On the spot fines may be levied by Council against the demolisher and/or owner for failure to comply with this condition.

- k) All vehicles leaving the site with demolition materials must have their loads covered and vehicles must not track soil and other materials onto public property (footpaths, roads, reserves etc) and the footpaths must be suitably protected against damage when plant and vehicles access the site.
- I) The burning of any demolished material on site is not permitted and offenders will be prosecuted.
- m) Care must be taken during demolition to ensure that existing services on the site (ie, sewer, electricity, gas, phone) are not damaged. Any damage caused to existing services must be repaired by the relevant authority at the applicant's expense. Dial before you dig www.1100.com.au should be contacted prior to works commencing.
- n) Suitable erosion and sediment control measures in accordance with the Soil and Water Management Plan must be erected prior to the commencement of demolition works and must be maintained at all times.
- o) Prior to demolition, a Work Plan must be prepared and submitted to the Principal Certifying Authority in accordance with the relevant provisions of Australian Standard 2601:2001 *Demolition of structures* by a person with suitable expertise and experience. The Work Plan must identify hazardous materials including surfaces coated with lead paint, method of demolition, the precautions to be employed to minimise any dust nuisance and the disposal methods for hazardous materials.
- p) If the property was built prior to 1987 an asbestos survey prepared by a qualified occupational hygienist is to be undertaken. If asbestos is present then:
 - i) A WorkCover licensed contractor must undertake removal of all asbestos.
 - ii) During the asbestos removal a sign "DANGER ASBESTOS REMOVAL IN PROGRESS" measuring not less than 400 mm x 300 mm is to be erected in a visible position on the site to the satisfaction of Council.
 - iii) Waste disposal receipts must be provided to Council / Principal Certifying Authority as proof of correct disposal of asbestos laden waste.
 - iv) All removal of asbestos must comply with the requirements of WorkCover and Leichhardt Council.
 - v) An asbestos clearance certificate prepared by a qualified occupation hygienist must be provided at the completion of the demolition works.

PRIOR TO THE RELEASE OF A CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

 Any air conditioning unit on the site must be installed and operated at all times so as not to cause "Offensive Noise" as defined by the Protection of the Environment (Operations) Act 1997.
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- a) Domestic air conditioners must not be audible in nearby dwellings between:
 - i) 10:00pm to 7:00am on Monday to Saturday: and
 - ii) 10:00pm to 8:00am on Sundays and Public Holidays.
- b) At any other time the systems and associated equipment shall not give rise to a sound pressure level at any affected premises that exceeds the background L_{A90}, _{15min} noise level, measured in the absence of the noise source/s under consideration by 5dB(A).

The source noise level shall be assessed as an L_{Aeq}, _{15min} and adjusted in accordance with the NSW Environment Protection Authority's Industrial Noise Policy and Environmental Noise Control Manual (sleep disturbance).

Air conditioning units must be installed in accordance with plans referenced in condition 1 or to satisfy provisions of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt & Complying Codes) 2008.

Details demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this condition and the acoustic measures to be employed to achieve compliance with this condition are to be submitted for approval to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to the issue of any Construction Certificate.

- 5. In accordance with the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* construction works approved by this consent must not commence until:
 - a) A Construction Certificate has been issued by Council or an Accredited Certifier. Either Council or an Accredited Certifier can act as the "Principal Certifying Authority."
 - b) A Principal Certifying Authority has been appointed and Council has been notified in writing of the appointment.
 - c) At least two days notice, in writing has been given to Council of the intention to commence work.

The documentation required under this condition must show that the proposal complies with all Development Consent conditions and is not inconsistent with the approved plans, the Building Code of Australia and the relevant Australian Standards.

6. In accordance with Section 34 of the *Building and Construction Industry Long Service Payments Act 1986,* the applicant must pay a long service levy at the prescribed rate of 0.35% of the total cost of the work to either the Long Service Payments Corporation or Council for any work costing \$25,000 or more. The Long Service Levy is payable prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be shown on the plans submitted to the satisfaction of the Certifying Authority prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate.

- 7. The existing unpainted brick surfaces are not to be painted, bagged or rendered but to remain as original brick work. The Construction Certificate plans must clearly depict all original brickwork with a notation that they are to remain unpainted to the satisfaction of the Principal Certifying Authority.
- 8. The approved plans must be submitted to a Sydney Water Quick Check agent to determine whether the development will affect Sydney Water's sewer and water mains, stormwater drains and/or easements, and if further requirements need to be met. For Quick Check agent details please refer to the web site http://www.sydneywater.com.au/SW/plumbing-building-developing/building/quick-check-agents/index.html

The Principal Certifying Authority must ensure the Quick Check agent/Sydney Water has appropriately stamped the plans prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate.

Details demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this condition are to be submitted to the satisfaction of the Certifying Authority prior to the issue of any Construction Certificate.

- 9. Prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate, the applicant must prepare a Construction Management and Traffic Management Plan. The following matters should be addressed in the plan (where applicable):
 - a) A plan view of the entire site and frontage roadways indicating:
 - i) Dedicated construction site entrances and exits, controlled by a certified traffic controller, to safely manage pedestrians and construction related vehicles in the frontage roadways.
 - ii) The locations of work zones (where it is not possible for loading/unloading to occur on the site) in the frontage roadways accompanied by supporting documentation that such work zones have been approved by the Local Traffic Committee and Council.
 - iii) Location of any proposed crane and concrete pump and truck standing areas on and off the site.
 - iv) A dedicated unloading and loading point within the site for construction vehicles, plant and deliveries.
 - v) The proposed areas within the site to be used for the storage of excavated material, construction materials and waste and recycling containers during the construction period.

b) Noise and vibration

During excavation, demolition and construction phases, noise & vibration generated from the site must be controlled. Refer to other conditions of this consent. If during excavation, rock is encountered, measures must be taken to minimise vibration, dust generation and impacts on surrounding properties. Refer to Environmental Noise Management Assessing Vibration: a technical Guideline (Department of Environment and Conservation, 2006) www.epa.nsw.gov.au for guidance and further information.

c) Occupational Health and Safety

All site works must comply with the occupational health and safety requirements of the New South Wales Work Cover Authority.

d) Toilet Facilities

During excavation, demolition and construction phases, toilet facilities are to be provided on the site, at the rate of one toilet for every twenty (20) persons or part of twenty (20) persons employed at the site. Details must be shown on the plan.

 e) Traffic control plan(s) for the site All traffic control plans must be in accordance with the Roads and Maritime Services publication "Traffic Control Worksite Manual"

Approval is to be obtained from Council for any temporary road closures or crane use from public property. Applications to Council shall be made a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the activity proposed being undertaken.

Details demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this condition are to be submitted to the satisfaction of the Certifying Authority prior to the issue of any Construction Certificate.

- A Waste Management Plan (WMP) is to be provided in accordance with Part D Waste – Development Control Plan 2013. The Plan must address all issues identified in the DCP including but not limited to:
 - a) Estimated volume (m3) or weight (t) of materials that are reused, recycled or removed from site.
 - b) On site material storage areas during construction.
 - c) Material and methods used during construction to minimise waste.
 - d) Nomination of end location of all waste and recycling generated from a facility authorised to accept the material type for processing or disposal and retention of waste dockets to be made available to Council Officer on request
 - e) A clear statement within the Waste Management Plan of responsibility for the transferral of waste and recycling bins within the property and between floors where applicable to the collection point in accordance with DCP 2013.

All requirements of the approved Waste Management Plan must be implemented during the demolition, excavation and construction of the development.

PRIOR TO WORKS COMMENCING OR ISSUE OF A CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE (WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST)

11. To preserve the tree on-site no work shall commence nor shall a Construction Certificate be issued (whichever occurs first) until the trunk/s/branches are protected (in accordance with AS4970-*Protection of trees on development sites*) by the placement of appropriate lengths of 50 x 100mm timbers spaced at 150mm centres and secured by wire/hoop strap over suitable protective padding material (i.e. underlay or carpet). The trunk/branch protection shall be maintained intact until the completion of all work on site.

Requirements of this condition are to be met prior to works commencing or prior to release of a Construction Certificate (whichever occurs first). Details demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this condition are to be submitted to the satisfaction of the Principal Certifying Authority prior to the issue of any Construction Certificate.

12. Prior to the commencement of demolition works on the subject site or a Construction Certificate being issued for works approved by this development consent (whichever occurs first), a security deposit and inspection fee as detailed below must be paid to Council to cover the cost of making good any damage caused to any Council property or the physical environment as a consequence of carrying out the works.

Security Deposit (FOOT)	\$2,152.50
Inspection fee (FOOTI)	\$250.00

Payment will be accepted in the form of cash, bank cheque or EFTPOS/credit card (to a maximum of \$10,000) or bank guarantee. Bank Guarantees must not have an expiry date.

The inspection fee is required for Council to determine the condition of the adjacent road reserve & footpath prior to & on completion of the works being carried out.

Should any of Council's property and/or the physical environment sustain damage during the course of the demolition or construction works, or if the works put Council's assets or the environment at risk, Council may carry out any works necessary to repair the damage and/or remove the risk. The cost of these works will be deducted from the security deposit.

A request for release of the security may be made to the Council after all construction work has been completed and a Final Occupation Certificate issued.

The amount nominated is only current for the financial year in which the consent was issued and is revised each financial year. The amount payable must be consistent with Council's Fees and Charges in force at the date of payment. Requirements of this condition are to be met prior to works commencing or prior to release of a Construction Certificate (whichever occurs first). Details demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this condition are to be submitted to the satisfaction of the Principal Certifying Authority prior to the issue of any Construction Certificate.

- 13. Should works require any of the following on public property (footpaths, roads, reserves), an application shall be submitted and approved by Council prior to the commencement of the works associated with such activity or the Construction Certificate (whichever occurs first)
 - a) Work/Construction zone (designated parking for construction vehicles). A Work Zone application
 - b) A concrete pump across the roadway/footpath. A Standing Plant permit
 - c) Mobile crane or any standing plant A Standing Plant Permit
 - d) Skip bins other than those authorised by Leichhardt Council Skip Bin Application
 - e) Scaffolding/Hoardings (fencing on public land) Scaffolding and Hoardings on Footpath Application
 - f) Road works including vehicle crossing/kerb & guttering, footpath, stormwater provisions etc Road works Application
 - g) Awning or street verandah over footpath. Road works Application
 - h) Installation or replacement of private stormwater drain, utility service or water supply Road Opening Permit

Requirements of this condition are to be met prior to works commencing or prior to release of a Construction Certificate (whichever occurs first). Details demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this condition are to be submitted to the satisfaction of the Principal Certifying Authority prior to the issue of any Construction Certificate.

PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF WORKS

14. The site must be secured with temporary fencing prior to any works commencing.

If the work involves the erection or demolition of a building and is likely to cause pedestrian or vehicular traffic on public property to be obstructed or rendered inconvenient, or building involves the enclosure of public property, a hoarding or fence must be erected between the work site and the public property. Additionally an awning is to be erected, sufficient to prevent any substance from, or in connection with, the work falling onto public property, where necessary.

Separate approval is required under the *Roads Act 1993* to erect a hoarding or temporary fence or awning on public property. Approvals for hoardings, scaffolding on public land must be obtained and clearly displayed on site for the duration of the works.

Any hoarding, fence or awning is to be removed when the work is completed and must be maintained clear of any advertising.

- 15. Any person or contractor undertaking works on public property must take out Public Risk Insurance with a minimum cover of ten (10) million dollars in relation to the occupation of, and approved works within public property. The Policy is to note, and provide protection for Leichhardt Council, as an interested party and a copy of the Policy must be submitted to Council prior to commencement of the works. The Policy must be valid for the entire period that the works are being undertaken on public property.
- 16. Prior to the commencement of works, the Principal Certifying Authority shall be notified in writing of the name and contractor licence number of the owner/builder intending to carry out the approved works.
- 17. At least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of works, a notice of commencement form (available on Council's web page) and details of the appointed Principal Certifying Authority shall be submitted to Council.
- 18. Prior to the commencement of works, a sign must be erected in a prominent position on the site (for members of the public to view) on which the proposal is being carried out. The sign must state:
 - a) Unauthorised entry to the work site is prohibited.
 - b) The name of the principal contractor (or person in charge of the site) and a telephone number at which that person may be contacted at any time for business purposes and outside working hours.
 - c) The name, address and telephone number of the Principal Certifying Authority for the work.

Any such sign must be maintained while the work is being carried out, but must be removed when the work has been completed.

Photographic evidence demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this condition is to be submitted to the satisfaction of the Principal Certifying Authority and Council for records purposes prior to the commencement of any onsite work.

DURING WORKS

19. If tree roots are required to be severed for the purposes of constructing the approved works, they shall be cut cleanly using a sharp and *fit for purpose tool*. The pruning shall be undertaken by a minimum Level 3 (AQF 3) qualified Arborist.

Details demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this condition are to be submitted by the Arborist undertaking the works to the satisfaction of the Principal Certifying Authority

20. The trees to be retained shall be inspected, monitored and treated by a qualified Arborist during and after completion of development works to ensure their long term survival. Regular inspections and documentation from the Arborist to the Principal Certifying Authority are required at the following times or phases of work:

Schedule	
Tree/location	Time of Inspection
All trees on site	Duration of works

Recommendations to ensure the tree/s long term survival must be carried out immediately upon receipt of the report.

Arborist - for the purpose of this condition a suitably qualified professional shall have as a minimum, Level 5 (Diploma) certification in Arboriculture under the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF).

Details demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this condition are to be submitted by the Arborist undertaking the works to the satisfaction of the Principal Certifying Authority.

21. Where a tree's canopy or root system has developed across property boundaries, consent to undertake works on the tree does not permit a person acting on the consent to trespass on adjacent lands. Where access to adjacent land is required to carry out approved tree works, Council advises that the owners consent must be sought. Notification is the responsibility of the person acting on the consent. Should the tree owner/s refuse access to their land, the person acting on the consent shall meet the requirements of the *Access To Neighbouring Lands Act 2000* to seek access.

Details demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this condition are to be submitted by the Arborist undertaking the works to the satisfaction of the Principal Certifying Authority.

22. No tree roots of 30mm or greater in diameter shall be severed or injured in the process of any works during the construction period.

Details demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this condition are to be submitted by the Arborist undertaking the works to the satisfaction of the Principal Certifying Authority.

23. All excavation within the specified radius of the trunk(s) of the following tree(s) being hand dug:

Schedule	
Tree/location	Radius in metres
All trees on site.	To be determined by the Project
	Arborist.

Details demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this condition are to be submitted by the Arborist undertaking the works to the satisfaction of the Principal Certifying Authority.

24. No activities, storage or disposal of materials taking place beneath the canopy of any tree protected under Council's Tree Management Controls at any time.

Prescribed trees protected by Council's Management Controls on the subject property and/or any vegetation on surrounding properties must not be damaged or removed during works unless specific approval has been provided under this consent.

26. Building materials and machinery are to be located wholly on site unless separate consent (Standing Plant Permit) is obtained from Council/ the roads authority. Building work is not to be carried out on the footpath.

Construction materials and vehicles shall not block or impede public use of the footpath or roadway.

27. All excavations and backfilling associated with the development must be executed safely, properly guarded and protected to prevent them from being dangerous to life or property and in accordance with the design of a suitably qualified structural engineer.

If excavation extends below the level of the base of the footings of a building on an adjoining allotment of land, the person causing the excavation must:

- a) Preserve and protect the building from damage.
- b) If necessary, underpin and support the building in an approved manner.
- c) Give at least seven (7) days notice to the adjoining owner before excavating, of the intention to excavate within the proximity of the respective boundary.

Any proposed method of support to any excavation adjacent to adjoining properties or any underpinning is to be designed by a Chartered Civil Engineer, with National Professional Engineering Registration (NPER) in the construction of civil/structural works. Copies of the design plans must be provided to the relevant adjoining property owner/s prior to commencement of such works. Prior to backfilling, any method of support constructed must be inspected by the designing Engineer with certification provided to all relevant parties.

- 28. The site must be appropriately secured and fenced at all times during works.
- 29. All fill used with the proposal shall be virgin excavated material (such as clay, gravel, sand, soil and rock) that is not mixed with any other type of waste and which has been excavated from areas of land that are not contaminated with human made chemicals as a result of industrial, commercial, mining or agricultural activities and which do not contain sulphate ores or soils.

Details demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this condition are to be submitted to the satisfaction of the Principal Certifying Authority.

- 30. Unless otherwise approved by Council, excavation, demolition, construction or subdivision work shall only be permitted during the following hours:
 - a) 7:00 am to 6.00 pm, Mondays to Fridays, inclusive (with demolition works finishing at 5pm);
 - b) 8:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturdays with no demolition works occurring during this time; and
 - c) at no time on Sundays or public holidays.

Works may be undertaken outside these hours where they do not create any nuisance to neighbouring properties in terms of dust, noise, vibration etc and do not entail the use of power tools, hammers etc. This may include but is not limited to painting.

In the case that a standing plant or special permit is obtained from Council for works in association with this development, the works which are the subject of the permit may be carried out outside these hours.

This condition does not apply in the event of a direction from police or other relevant authority for safety reasons, to prevent risk to life or environmental harm.

Activities generating noise levels greater than 75dB(A) such as rock breaking, rock hammering, sheet piling and pile driving shall be limited to:

8:00 am to 12:00 pm, Monday to Saturday; and 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday.

The Proponent shall not undertake such activities for more than three continuous hours and shall provide a minimum of one 2 hour respite period between any two periods of such works.

"Continuous" means any period during which there is less than an uninterrupted 60 minute respite period between temporarily halting and recommencing any of that intrusively noisy work.

Noise arising from the works must be controlled in accordance with the requirements of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* and guidelines contained in the New South Wales Environment Protection Authority Environmental Noise Control Manual.

- 31. In addition to meeting the specific performance criteria established under this consent, the Applicant shall implement all reasonable and feasible measures to prevent and/or minimise any harm to the environment that may result from the demolition, construction or operation/use of the development.
- 32. Any new information revealed during development works that has the potential to alter previous conclusions about site contamination or hazardous materials shall be immediately notified to the Council and the Principal Certifying Authority.
- 33. The development must be inspected at the following stages by the Principal Certifying Authority during construction:

- a) after excavation for, and prior to the placement of, any footings, and
- b) prior to pouring any in-situ reinforced concrete building element, and
- c) prior to covering of the framework for any floor, wall, roof or other building element, and
- d) prior to covering waterproofing in any wet areas, and
- e) prior to covering any stormwater drainage connections, and
- f) after the building work has been completed and prior to any occupation certificate being issued in relation to the building.
- 34. A copy of the approved plans and this consent must be kept on site for the duration of site works and in the case of any commercial or industrial premise for the duration of the use/trading. Copies shall be made available to Council Officer's upon request.
- 35. Stormwater runoff from all roof and paved areas within the property must be collected in a system of gutters, pits and pipelines discharged by gravity to the kerb and gutter of a public road.

Any existing component of the stormwater system that is to be retained must be checked and certified by a Licensed Plumber or qualified practicing Civil Engineer to be in good condition and operating satisfactorily.

If any component of the existing system is not in good condition and /or not operating satisfactorily, it must be upgraded.

36. Sedimentation controls, tree protection measures and safety fencing (where relevant) shall be maintained during works to ensure they provide adequate protection during the course of demolition, excavation and construction works. Materials must be stored in a location and manner to avoid material being washed to drains or adjoining properties.

The requirements of the Soil and Water Management Plan must be maintained at all times during the works and shall not be removed until the site has been stabilised to the Principal Certifying Authority's satisfaction.

Material from the site is not to be tracked onto the road by vehicles entering or leaving the site. At the end of each working day any dust/dirt or other sediment shall be swept off the road and contained on the site and not washed down any stormwater pit or gutter.

The sediment and erosion control measures are to be inspected daily and defects or system failures are to be repaired as soon as they are detected.

37. No trees on public property (footpaths, roads, reserves etc) are to be removed or damaged during works unless specifically approved in this consent or marked on the approved plans for removal.

Prescribed trees protected by Council's controls on the subject property and/or any vegetation on surrounding properties must not be damaged or removed during works unless specific approval has been provided under this consent.

PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF AN OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE

38. Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, the Principal Certifying Authority must ensure that the stormwater drainage system has been constructed in accordance with the approved design and relevant Australian Standards.

A plan showing pipe locations and diameters of the stormwater drainage system, together with certification by a Licensed Plumber or qualified practicing Civil Engineer that the drainage system has been constructed in accordance with the approved design and relevant Australian Standards, must be provided to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate.

- 39. An Occupation Certificate must be obtained prior to any use or occupation of the development or part thereof. The Principal Certifying Authority must ensure that all works are completed in accordance with this consent including all conditions.
- 40. Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, the Principal Certifying Authority must ensure that all works have been completed in accordance with the approved Waste Management Plan referred to in this development consent.

Proof of actual destination of demolition and construction waste shall be provided to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate.

- 41. Prior to the release of an Occupation Certificate, the Principal Certifying Authority must be satisfied that the development complies with:
 - the approved plans;
 - BASIX certificate (where relevant),
 - approved documentation (as referenced in this consent); and
 - conditions of this consent.

ONGOING CONDITIONS OF CONSENT

- 42. The owner/manager of the site is responsible for the removal of all graffiti from the building and fences within seventy-two (72) hours of its application.
- 43. Any lighting of the premises shall be installed and maintained in accordance with Australian Standard AS 4282-1997: *Control of the Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting* so as to avoid annoyance to the occupants of adjoining premises or glare to motorists on nearby roads. The intensity, colour or hours of illumination of the lights shall be varied at Council's discretion if in the opinion of an Authorised Council Officer it is considered there to be have adverse effects on the amenity of the area.
- 44. The premises shall not be used for any purpose other than that stated in the Development Application, (i.e. *Community Facility* being a Play centre) without the prior consent of the Council unless the change to another use is permitted as exempt or complying development under *Leichhardt Local Environment Plan 2013* or *State Environmental Planning policy (Exempt and Complying Codes)*

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The use of the premises as a Community Facility, is defined under the *Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan 2013.*

PRESCRIBED CONDITIONS

A. BASIX Commitments

Under clause 97A of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000, it is a condition of this development consent that all the commitments listed in each relevant BASIX Certificate for the development are fulfilled. The Certifying Authority must ensure that the building plans and specifications submitted by the Applicant, referenced on and accompanying the issued Construction Certificate, fully satisfy the requirements of this condition.

In this condition:

- a) Relevant BASIX Certificate means:
 - (i) a BASIX Certificate that was applicable to the development when this development consent was granted (or, if the development consent is modified under section 96 of the Act, a BASIX Certificate that is applicable to the development when this development consent is modified); or
 - (ii) if a replacement BASIX Certificate accompanies any subsequent application for a construction certificate, the replacement BASIX Certificate; and
- b) BASIX Certificate has the meaning given to that term in the Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000.

B. Building Code of Australia

All building work must be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Building Code of Australia.

C. Home Building Act

- Building work that involves residential building work (within the meaning and exemptions provided in the Home Building Act 1989) must not be carried out unless the Principal Certifying Authority for the development to which the work relates has given Leichhardt Council written notice of the following:
 - a) in the case of work for which a principal contractor is required to be appointed:
 - i) the name and licence number of the principal contractor, and
 - ii) the name of the insurer by which the work is insured under Part 6 of that Act, or
 - b) in the case of work to be done by an owner-builder:
 - i) the name of the owner-builder, and
 - ii) if the owner-builder is required to hold an owner-builder permit under that Act, the number of the owner-builder permit.
- 2) If arrangements for doing residential building work are changed while the work is in progress so that the information submitted to Council is out of date, further work must not be carried out unless the Principal Certifying Authority for the development to which the work relates (not being the Council), has given the Council written notice of the updated information.

Note: A certificate purporting to be issued by an approved insurer under Part 6 of the Home Building Act 1989 that states that a person is the holder of an insurance policy issued for the purposes of that Part is, for the purposes of this clause, sufficient evidence that the person has complied with the requirements of that Part.

D. Site Sign

- 1) A sign must be erected in a prominent position on any work site on which work involved in the erection or demolition of a building is being carried out:
 - a) stating that unauthorised entry to the work site is prohibited;
 - b) showing the name of the principal contractor (or person in charge of the work site), and a telephone number at which that person may be contacted at any time for business purposes and outside working hours; and
 - c) showing the name, address and telephone number of the Principal Certifying Authority for the work.
- 2) Any such sign must be maintained while to building work or demolition work is being carried out, but must be removed when the work has been completed.

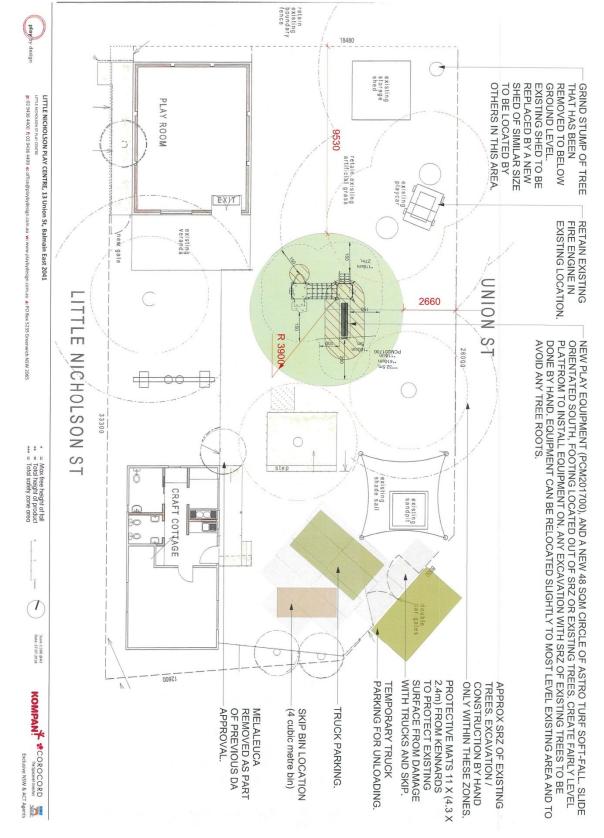
E. Condition relating to shoring and adequacy of adjoining property

- (1) For the purposes of section 4.17(11) of the Act, it is a prescribed condition of development consent that if the development involves an excavation that extends below the level of the base of the footings of a building on adjoining land, the person having the benefit of the development consent must, at the person's own expense:
 - (a) protect and support the adjoining premises from possible damage from the excavation, and
 - (b) where necessary, underpin the adjoining premises to prevent any such damage.
- (2) The condition referred to in subclause (1) does not apply if the person having the benefit of the development consent owns the adjoining land or the owner of the adjoining land has given consent in writing to that condition not applying.

NOTES

- 1. This Determination Notice operates or becomes effective from the endorsed date of consent.
- 2. Section 8.2 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* provides for an applicant to request Council to review its determination. This does not apply to applications made on behalf of the Crown, designated development or a complying development certificate. The request for review must be made within six (6) months of the date of determination or prior to an appeal being heard by the Land and Environment Court. Furthermore, Council has no power to determine a review after the expiration of these periods. A decision on a review may not be further reviewed under Section 8.2.
- 3. If you are unsatisfied with this determination, Section 8.7 of *the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* gives you the right of appeal to the Land and Environment Court within six (6) months of the determination date.

- 4. Failure to comply with the relevant provisions of *the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and/or the conditions of this consent may result in the serving of penalty notices or legal action.
- 5. Works or activities other than those approved by this Development Consent will require the submission of a new development application or an application to modify the consent under Section 4.55 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* 1979.
- 6. This decision does not ensure compliance with the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992.* Applicants should investigate their potential for liability under that Act.
- 7. This development consent does not remove the need to obtain any other statutory consent or approval necessary under any other Act, such as (if necessary):
 - a) Application for any activity under that Act, including any erection of a hoarding.
 - b) Application for a Construction Certificate under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.*
 - c) Application for an Occupation Certificate under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.*
 - d) Application for a Subdivision Certificate under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* if land (including stratum) subdivision of the development site is proposed.
 - e) Application for Strata Title Subdivision if strata title subdivision of the development is proposed.
 - f) Development Application for demolition if demolition is not approved by this consent.
 - g) Development Application for subdivision if consent for subdivision is not granted by this consent.
 - h) An application under the Roads Act 1993 for any footpath / public road occupation. A lease fee is payable for all occupations.
- 8. Prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate, the applicant must make contact with all relevant utility providers (such as Sydney Water, Energy Australia etc) whose services will be impacted upon by the development. A written copy of the requirements of each provider, as determined necessary by the Certifying Authority, must be obtained.



Attachment B – Plans of proposed development

Attachment C – Play equipment specification

PCM201700 Castle Gatehouse with Roof & Plastic slide







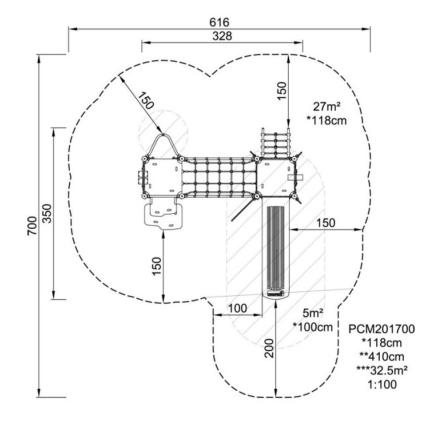


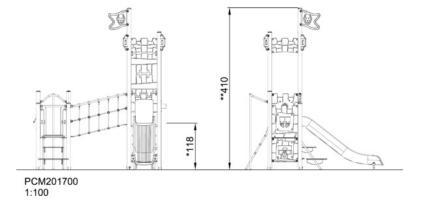
This multi deck play tower offers high play value and supports children's development in all major areas. Physically, children will train their gross motor skills as they negotiate the inclined climbing wall or the climbing net, acquiring balance, crossbody coordination and stronger muscles. On the platforms, stimulating activities await. On the lower latform, children will find two panels. The port window figures well into preschoolers' dramatic play – don't be surprised to see them using it as the wheel of a ship! Adjacent is the flower panel, which requires fine-motor skills to turn, and will also figure into children's role play. Stepping up to the high platform, children will find a balcony, from which they can interact with others, or steer the ship. The slide has a turmy-tickling decline, and will be quite a trip for preschoolers.

Product Line	Themed play
Category	Pirateships and Castles
Age from	2-6
Max. fall height (CM)	118
Total height (CM)	410
Safety Zone	32.5 m2

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* = Highest designated play surface. ** = Total height of product.

Weight/heaviest parts	kg.	Installation (Manpower)	2 Persons
Concrete required	NaN m3	Installation (Hours)	33 Hours
Foundation amount/footing	NaN	Excavation	NaN m3

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Attachment D – SEE – Proposal overview

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Castle Gatehouse with Roof & Plastic slide







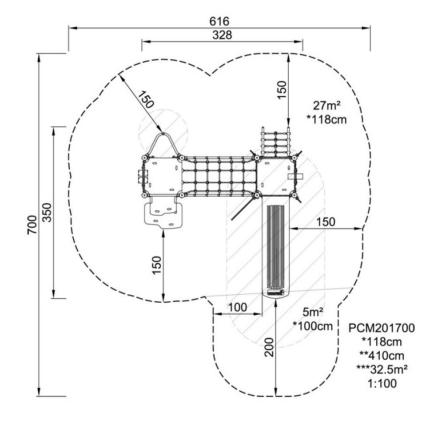


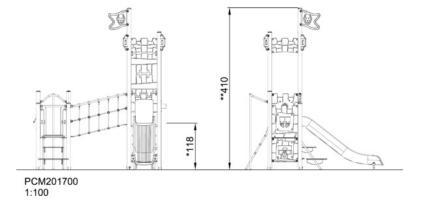
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Attachment E – Applicant's letter clarifying relocation of shed



17th January, 2019

Dear Brian,

Further to our conversation today, I would like to clarify the storage shed component of our current Development Application D/2018/497.

Since the submission of D/2018/497, we have since been successful in the 2018 Community Partnerships grant process and awarded \$10k. We intend to use the monies from that project to replace the synthetic grass up in the corner of the play area adjoining the East Village Hotel and create a new Toddler Play Area where the existing shed and tree stump are.

We therefore seek approval to replace the current storage shed with a new storage shed of similar height and size and locate that shed further away from the Union St boundary where the toy roller coasters (yellow and green ride-on slides) are currently located.

We would really appreciate your support to allow us to spend these grant funds in a way that maximises enjoyment of our centre by our members and their children.

Kind Regards,

Rachael Davern

LNSP Treasurer

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Attachment F – Heritage Conservation Area Statement of Significance

Godden Mackay Logan

Area 17 East Balmain Conservation Area

Landform

This area is noted for its dramatic rugged sandstone headland facing east into the harbour and towards the city, with sheer sandstone cliffs to a deep and steep waterfront.



Figure 17.1 East Balmain Conservation Area Map.

History

This area comprises the earliest land to be subdivided and developed in Balmain. Surgeon Balmain was granted 550 acres in 1800. He transferred it to fellow surgeon John Gilchrist in 1801. In 1836 Surveyor Armstrong subdivided the most eastern part of Gilchrist's land, the area closest by ferry to Sydney Town, into twenty-two 2-4-acre lots. They were put up for public auction in 1836 by Sydney merchant and land agent, Frank Parbury on behalf of the absentee landowner. Subdivision of the remainder of Gilchrist's land was suspended from 1841-1852 through disputes over his estate. For its first ten years, therefore, East Balmain was an isolated maritime suburb, accessed generally only by water.

The 1836 subdivision laid out three streets - Darling, along the top of the sandstone ridge, Johnson and Nicholson, setting the framework for Balmain today. Each lot had access to one of these streets and to the waterfront. They were advertised as waterside, dock and shipping properties in `the Deptford of Sydney'.

Purchasers were merchants, boatbuilders, master mariners who needed the deep water frontages for their shipping activities; middle class professionals and civil servants who purchased the land for investment, for later resubdivision or to build their own villa; speculative builders such as Robert Blake who saw the peninsula as a marine retreat for gentlemen and proceeded to build villas in spacious grounds for that market. The early elegant villas, eg Hampton Villa, built of stone hewn from the allotment itself, or from land nearby,

stood on the higher ground, and enjoyed fresh breezes and views of Sydney Town. Close to the waterfront and the shipbuilding activities were the houses of ship captains and merchants, often of timber or stone cut from their own land.

Subdivision of these allotments, either immediately, or after the 1840s slump, required new streets for access. Unaffected by the regulations of Sydney Town, they were made only as wide as was absolutely necessary, leaving as much land as possible for sale. In the 1860s small streets were cut through the sandstone to give access to an increasing number of industries along the waterfront. Associated industry followed - timber yards that served the wooden shipbuilding yards, tanneries that used the harbour for their effluent. Subdivision of the villa estates occurred through the 1840s and 1850s, often to pay off creditors. It led to the acceleration of small suburban allotments and suburban growth to serve the growing demand for both housing and industry, the latter having been pushed from the city by rising land values. Shops, pubs and a school grew at or near the intersection of the major streets, serving a growing population. There were pockets of infill development from 1910-1930s and by the 1940s East Balmain was fully built-up. After the 1960s, as the waterfront industries closed down through changing technology, waterfront sites were taken over by the Maritime Services Board for port activities or storage. From the 1970s these under-used parcels of land were turned into public waterfront parks.

Sources

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Significant Characteristics

- Dramatic sandstone topography.
- Views down streets, between buildings and across the headland to harbour, harbour bridge and city. Main streets all end with dramatic city/harbour/industry views.
- Main streets all terminate at water or at cliff top.
- Many very narrow, steep minor streets and rights of way follow boundaries of the first twenty-two allotments.
- Sandstone steps cut into the bedrock transfer pedestrians between levels.
- Some dense stands of trees.
- Intermix of buildings sandstone villas, sandstone, weatherboard and brick cottages and terraces, school, maritime industrial buildings, corner stores (former), shops and pub.
- Rare early buildings, mainly in timber and stone.
- Neighbourhood shops and pubs grouped around the Darling Street/Johnston and Nicholson Streets intersection.
- Low fences some early iron palisade fences remain.

• Sandstone kerbs and gutters.

Statement of Significance or Why the Area is Important

- One of a number of conservation areas which collectively illustrate the nature of Sydney's early suburbs and Leichhardt's suburban growth particularly between 1871 and 1891, with pockets of infill up to the end of the 1930s (ie prior to World War II). The earliest developments here predate Leichhardt's main suburban growth with marine villas and cottages from the 1840s to modest-scale housing from 1870s through to the 1930s, and industry. It is significant for its surviving development from these periods.
- Demonstrates through the siting of recent public parks, the location of former waterfront industries. Through these parks and its remaining waterfront activities East Balmain can interpret Sydney's port history from the early 1840s, and the role of Balmain's deep water frontages in that story.
- Demonstrates through the line of its narrow streets the earliest subdivision sections of the large 550-acre Balmain grant.
- Demonstrates through its steps and cuttings the way in which early roads and pedestrian routes were forged out of the sandstone bedrock.
- Demonstrates through its mixture of sandstone villas and timber and brick cottages the major themes that formed this suburb marine villa development and investment, port and waterfront activities, and the continuing layering of these developments.
- Through its remaining timber buildings it continues to demonstrate the nature of that major construction material in the fabric of early Sydney suburbs, and the proximity of the timber yards around the Balmain waterfront.
- It is of aesthetic significance for its dramatic sandstone landscape, closely related to the harbour, and clearly revealed below the modest scale of its nineteenth century and early twentieth century buildings. It stands in contrast with the nearby city where twentieth-century technology has forged an equally dramatic but very different man-made landscape.

Management of Heritage Values

Generally

This is a conservation area. Little change can be expected other than modest additions and discrete alterations. Buildings which do not contribute to the heritage significance of the area may be replaced with sympathetically designed infill.

Retain

• All residential or commercial structures pre-1939 belonging to the period of the growth of East Balmain.

- All weatherboard buildings now rare but typical of early development.
- All sandstone structures and cuttings cottages and villas, schools, wharves/slipways, curbs and gutters, walls, bases to fences, steps.
- Unpainted face brick walls.
- All original plaster finishes to external walls. Reconstruct where necessary.
- All original architectural detail, and encourage replacement of lost elements, but only where evidence is available.
- All sandstone outcrops.
- Views between buildings from public places, especially views to the harbour.
- Trees, especially large figs which form such an important role in the landscape of the area, and views to the area from the harbour.

Avoid

- Demolition of any pre-1939 building unless the building has been so compromised that it can no longer evidence its history.
- Alteration to the form (shape) of these buildings, especially wall height or alterations to the roof over the main part of the house. Second-storey additions.
- Removal of plaster to external walls, where part of the original wall finish.
- Painting or plastering of face brick walls.
- Additional architectural detail for which there is no evidence, especially the addition of verandahs, and post-supported verandahs.
- Loss of any trees.
- Inappropriate high front brick/stone fences or walls, or new iron palisades on high brick bases.
- Interruption to the remaining sandstone kerbs and gutter.
- Widening of the narrow roads.
- Development that detrimentally affects views from the harbour, Harbour Bridge and the city to East Balmain, or disrupts its skyline when viewed from those places.

Notes

Because this area is very visible from the city and from the harbour and harbour bridge, special care is needed in dealing with changes which might alter public views from these places — scale, roof form and material colours are particularly important.

Care is needed for applications for change to any building in these areas. There are a number of very early buildings here, overlaid with later works, and

restoration to reveal the original building could be possible in many cases. Many of the early stone houses were built by stonemason Cavill, and evidence of his work should be sought.