

# **DARLINGTON COMMUNITY RECREATION ADVISORY GROUP (DCRAG)**

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Mr Jonathan Throssell,  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Shire of Mundaring,  
7000 Gt Eastern Highway  
Mundaring WA 6073

Dear Jonathan,

Following advice from Kirk Kitchen, we submit our request that, the following items are submitted for consideration by Council in preparing the Shire budget for 2019/2020.

DCRAG requests allocation of money for the following Darlington Community Recreation areas;

- Replacement of the astro turf wicket
- Current barbeque near Darlington Hall to have an extension to 2 plates plus lighting, plus power point. We note plans to upgrade the paths near the Hall/Playground area in the very near future (Andrew Townsend) and ask that these improvements be considered while this work is ongoing.
- Support to DSRA for Shire contribution of an additional \$60,000.00 in addition to current budgeted \$60,000 (2019/2010) for the completion of Stage 2 Pavilion.
- Completion of paving/grass installation on the western end of the community pavilion to remove sand area, in conjunction with DaSRA and the Skate park Masterplan.
- Accessibility pathway throughout the village recreation area to link the Darlington Hall / playground (East) with the Pavilion/ Fire station/Skatepark (West), around the southern perimeter of the oval.
- Incorporation of stone wall around southern side of the oval, to use as a barrier to cars/pedestrians/puppies similar to stone wall near playground. A stone wall will continue the stone theme in the village, require minimal maintenance and would delineate the (non-extant) pathway from the road. A stone wall would also act as seating for parents and spectators and elderly dog walkers.

We note that repair and install additional sleeper seats are included in the budget 2020/2021 and this is supported for existing seating, however stone seating would be preferred for future.

- Support for the Darlington Skatepark Community Masterplan currently seeking

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Council endorsement. Priorities include;

- The half-pipe extension (underway)
  - Replanting of the NE native bush area to act as screening for residents
  - Earthworks, major landscaping and weed removal program of the whole DSP area in conjunction with the Masterplan.
  - Community garden SW area (request for lease underway)
  - Adventure playground and regeneration of western bush area toward RRHT
  - Demolition of dirt jumps
  - Installation of a small pump track
  - Installation of third cricket net (after relocation of the storage container).
  - Other minor details associated with the Masterplan.
- We note exercise equipment, BBQ for the lower oval is included in the budget 2022/2023 and this is supported in conjunction with the DSRA and the Skate park Masterplan.
  - 2019 -2119 Large Tree Replacement Masterplan. As the existing large pines are coming to the end of their natural lives (at least 5 lost in 2018), Darlington needs a long term vision for large trees to provide shade, beauty and colour in the recreational area and to replace the large trees. We suggest allocation of funding for professional landscape architect services to develop a Masterplan in consultation with the community. Sheena Wheeler is supportive of this project and will liaise and work with the Shire to achieve this as the DCRAG community member.
  - Allocation of funding of large tree planting for when 2019-2119 Large Tree Masterplan is developed.

Yours sincerely

Colin James – Secretary

Trish Cook – Chair

Addit sent to the Shire of Mundaring 30/1/19

- Money allocation for infrastructure improvements to the Owen Street Playground/Shop crossing. This crossing is dangerous for young children and there have been numerous near misses. The shop side has no barriers, were as the playground side has good stone wall barrier with designated areas for entry/exit. DCRAG supports the removal of the parking/standing & loading bays front of the shop, and the repeat of the stone wall barrier on the shop side of the verge would complement this crossing. A designated entry/exit off the shop side could link with the playground. Note the entry point to the shop currently has no barrier, and children have been observed running out of the shop straight across the road to the playground. The shop owners land and needs need to be assessed, and engineering road options considered.

End of DCRAG requests for 2019.