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The General Manager
Ballina Shire Council
PO Box 450
BALLINA NSW 2478

23/10/2013

Re: Request for a Donation of Mulch

Dear Sir,

Alstonville Community Preschool Inc. is a not-for-profit, volunteer organisation of seven members, that since formation in 2010 has been working towards retaining a preschool provision in Alstonville. The existing preschool – Alstonville Baptist Community Preschool will be closing in December 2013, after over forty years of operation.

Alstonville Community Preschool Inc (ACP) has been working with Ballina Shire Council and local MP Don Page, to ensure that a preschool provision continues to be available for the community of Alstonville.

In 2012, Ballina Shire Council re-categorized a 4000m² parcel of land at Crawford Park in Alstonville with special provisions incorporated into the plan allowing the site to be used for the purposes of a preschool. ACP has been working with Ballina Shire Council and relevant authorities to secure funding to build on the Crawford Park site. We are currently in the process of applying to the Department of Education and Communities for a capital Building Grant and have submitted an application for the Community Building Partnership Program for a grant toward excavation of the site. We intend on submitting a Development Application for the project in February/March next year.

In September 2013, Ballina Shire Council approved temporary development consent of Amaze'n'Place, 149 Wardell Road, Alstonville to allow ACP to lease and occupy the premises as a preschool for two years.

ACP is now under strict time constraints to appropriately set up and resource the new community preschool and playground area before December 2013, allowing Amaze'n'Place to continue its normal trading in December/ January 2014.

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ACP is currently working with the community to set up a playground area that will include: -

- 84m of secure pool fencing to the value of \$5000 (Half of total cost has been donated by a local business. Remainder of cost to be paid by ACP. Fence has been installed by volunteers.)
- Two cubby houses, (donated by Alstonville Lions Club at a value of \$5000)
- Raised vegetable garden area (purchased by ACP from Mitre 10 Alstonville at cost price \$240)
- Story telling chair with stump seats (donated and installed by a resident, valued at \$2900)
- Sandpit (20m2) with shade sail and discovery path. (Cost approx. \$800 to be paid by ACP, Excavation donated by Wardell Nursery, Landscaper with team of three to install without charge, access to below cost price timber, gravel and sand by Wardell Nursery and Budget Timbers Lismore. 5m x 5m square shade sail has been donated. Bamboo screen valued at \$100 donated)

ACP would like to request support from Ballina Shire Council in completing our playground area. ACP is requesting a donation from Council of mulch for the following areas:-

- Sandpit Discovery Path - 2 cubic metres
- Vegetable Garden Area - 2 cubic metres
- Story Telling Area - 2 cubic metres
 - Total mulched required : - 6 cubic metres

Please see attachment for a sketch of the proposed playground design.

Timeline:

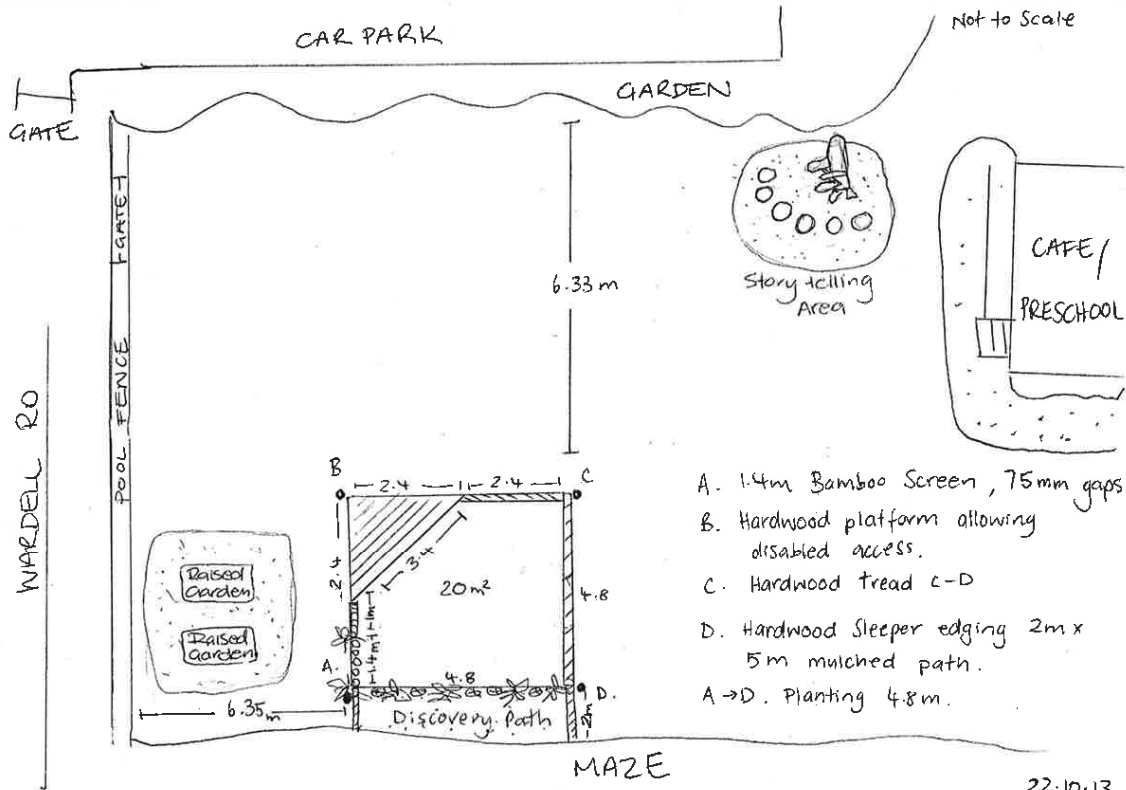
- Playground installation to be completed by 31st November, 2013. (So as to not interfere with Amaze 'n' Place's usual December trading).

Thank you for considering our request for support to complete Alstonville Community Preschools playground. This is a project that is bringing together the community of Alstonville and surrounding villages. We welcome Council's continued support and involvement and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Nichole Roberts
Alstonville Community Preschool Inc.
Ph: 6629 5845

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- A. 1.4m Bamboo Screen, 75mm gaps
- B. Hardwood platform allowing disabled access.
- C. Hardwood tread c-D
- D. Hardwood Sleeper edging 2m x 5m mulched path.
- A → D. Planting 4.8m.

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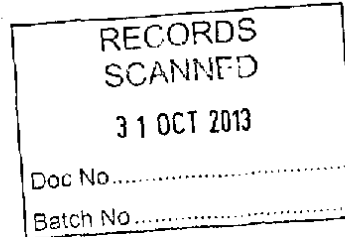


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28th October 2013

Attention: Mr Steve Barnier
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Dear Steve,

I write in reference to the recent request from the Ballina Shire Council for a rental contribution from the Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSWLHD) for the utilisation of a space at the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre. As you are aware the NNSWLHD utilises this space on a weekly basis for the provision of Child and Family Health Nursing Services.

In the development of the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre specific consideration was given to the requirements of the current space utilised by the Child and Family Health Nursing service to ensure that the space met infection control guidelines as well as ensuring adequate privacy and confidentiality for the families of Lennox Head. The NNSWLHD has also contributed to the space via the purchase of a blind (to the value of \$1,500).

The service that is provided by the Child and Family Health Nursing service ensures that young families and their infants receive a timely service that reduces both the transport required to travel to Ballina but also ensures that those families are seen in a timely manner. The service is provided free of charge.

As you are aware, the NNSWLHD is a government funded public organisation and is in no position to contribute a fee for the utilisation of a clinical space. If the Ballina Shire Council insists on the financial contribution then I would like to inform you that the Child and Family Health Nursing Service will be ceased from the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre. The cessation of this service will see the clients of this service travelling to Ballina Community Health Service in order to access their clinic visits.

Lisa Beasley
Manager
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Richmond Network