

## ITEM 13 TENDER T20/22 - CRINGILA HILLS PLAYGROUND LANDSCAPE WORKS

This report recommends acceptance of a tender for Landscape Works at Cringila Hills Playground and the co-ordination and preparation for the installation of Playground Equipment in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

The Cringila Hills Masterplan includes the provision of a Regional Playground. This tender is for the associated landscape works and coordination of playground equipment installers.

### RECOMMENDATION

- 1 In accordance with clause 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Council accept the tender of Undercover Landscapes Pty Ltd for Landscape Works as described in Tender T20/22, in the sum of \$445 376.00, excluding GST.
- 2 Council delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise and execute the contract and any other documentation required to give effect to this resolution.
- 3 Council grant authority for the use of the Common Seal of Council on the contract and any other documentation, should it be required, to give effect to this resolution.

### REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Joanne Page, Manager Open Space & Environmental Services

Authorised by: Glenn Whittaker, Director Infrastructure + Works - Connectivity Assets + Liveable City (Acting)

### ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Location Plan

### BACKGROUND

Following extensive community engagement and research, Council adopted the Cringila Hills Recreation Master Plan in March 2020. The Master Plan features a variety of mountain bike trails, a bike skills park, a BMX / pump track and a new district level playground.

This tender is for the landscape works associated with the playground, the coordination of playground equipment installers and management of potential contamination associated with these works.

The scope of works includes:

- Earthworks
- Masonry Walls
- Sandstone Block Walls
- Concrete Block Walls
- Concrete Paving
- Wetpour Rubber
- Organic Mulch Safety Surface
- Plumbing and Drainage Works
- A Dry Creek Bed
- Timber Bridges
- Furniture

- Garden Edge
- Planting
- Mulching and Lawn Areas
- Playground Fencing
- Bollards
- Post and Rail Fencing
- Shade Structures

The new playground will provide exciting and inclusive play opportunities that cater for children and persons with a disability or limited mobility. Key features of the playground include:

- New multi-user equipment offering graduated challenge and interactive elements;
- Softfall surfacing and dedicated path network;
- Inclusive play equipment including adult swing and wheelchair rocker;
- Advanced tree planting, natural play elements and use of natural materials;
- Communication and navigation boards;
- Public art created by children; and
- Supporting amenities including a variety of seating, bike rack, bubbler, and bins.

The playground has also attracted grant funding of \$150,000 from the NSW Government's Everyone Can Play Program towards the creation of an inclusive playspace.

This work is part of the Capital Works Program 2020/21. Tenders were invited for this project by the open tender method with a close of tenders on 10.00 am 10 November 2020.

11 tenders were received by the close of tenders and all tenders have been scrutinised and assessed by a Tender Assessment Panel constituted in accordance with Council's Procurement Policies and Procedures and comprising representatives of the Open Space and Environmental Services, Procurement and Governance Divisions.

The Tender Assessment Panel assessed all tenders in accordance with the following assessment criteria and weightings as set out in the formal tender documents:

#### **Mandatory Criteria**

- 1 Satisfactory references from referees for previous projects of similar size and scope.
- 2 Financial assessment acceptable to Council which demonstrates the tenderer's financial capacity to undertake the works.

#### **Assessable Criteria**

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| 1 | Cost to Council   | 40% |
| 2 | Appreciation of scope of works and construction methodology   | 15% |
| 3 | Demonstrated prior experience and satisfactory performance in undertaking projects of similar size, scope and risk profile, including staff qualifications and experience | 20% |
| 4 | Project Schedule  | 5%  |
| 5 | Demonstrated strengthening of local economic capacity   | 10% |
| 6 | Workplace health and safety management system and environmental management policies and procedures  | 10% |

The mandatory assessment criteria have been met by the recommended tenderer.

The Tender Assessment Panel utilised a weighted scoring method for the assessment of tenders which allocates a numerical score out of 5 in relation to the level of compliance offered by the tenders to each of the assessment criteria as specified in the tender documentation. The method then takes into account pre-determined weightings for each of the assessment criteria which provides for a total score out of 5 to be calculated for each tender. The tender with the highest total score is considered to be the tender that best meets the requirements of the tender documentation in providing best value to Council. Table 1 below summarises the results of the tender assessment and the ranking of tenders.

TABLE 1 – SUMMARY OF TENDER ASSESSMENT

Name of Tenderer	Ranking
Undercover Landscapes Pty Ltd	1
Lamond Contracting Pty Ltd	2
GJ's Landscapes Pty Ltd	3
Moduplay Group Pty Ltd	4
Growth Civil Landscapes Pty Ltd	5
Romba Civil & Landscape	6
Simpson Landscapes & Consultants Pty Ltd	7
Gauci Civil Contracting Pty Ltd	8
Tricom Civil Contractors Pty Ltd	9
R Line Civil and Concreting	10
Projection Build Pty Ltd	11

## PROPOSAL

Council should authorise the engagement of Undercover Landscapes Pty Ltd to carry out the works in accordance with the scope of works and technical specifications developed for the project. Undercover Landscapes has demonstrated a detailed understanding of the scope of works, a thorough methodology to undertake the works and a detailed work program to address the site-specific problems. Undercover Landscapes employs Civil Engineers and Landscapers which will provide Council with the best opportunity for a successful project.

The recommended tenderer has satisfied the Tender Assessment Panel that it is capable of undertaking the works to Council's standards and in accordance with the technical specification.

An acceptable financial capability assessment has been received in relation to the recommended tenderer.

Referees nominated by the recommended tenderer have been contacted by the Tender Assessment Panel and expressed satisfaction with the standard of work and methods of operation undertaken on their behalf.

## CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

- 1 Members of the Tender Assessment Panel
- 2 Nominated Referees
  - Parramatta City Council
  - Abergeldie Contractors

## PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2028 goal “We have a healthy community in a liveable city”. It specifically delivers on the following:

Community Strategic Plan	Delivery Program 2018-2022	Operational Plan 2020-21
Strategy	4 Year Action	Operational Plan Actions
5.1 'Urban areas are created to provide a healthy and safe living environment for our community'	5.1.4.1 Provide an appropriate and sustainable range of quality passive and active open spaces and facilities  Relocate and enhance the Cringila Hills Playground.	Play Wollongong Strategy 2014-2024
	5.2.1.3 – Implement the key projects identified in the Cringila Hills Recreation Masterplan	

## RISK ASSESSMENT

The risk in accepting the recommendation of this report is considered low on the basis that the tender process has fully complied with Council’s Procurement Policies and Procedures and the Local Government Act 1993.

The risk of the project works, or services is considered moderate based upon Council’s risk assessment matrix and appropriate risk management strategies will be implemented.

To mitigate the potential contamination risk at the site, a contamination assessment was undertaken, and a Fill Management Plan developed. The recommended tenderer has demonstrated expertise and experience with similar projects.

## SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

This project will provide improved and inclusive play opportunities for the community. The project also aims to increase the canopy cover at Cringila Hills and reduce local temperatures.

Other actions taken include:

- Sustainable procurement by providing an open tender to give local companies the opportunity to tender for the work;
- Weighting in the tender assessment for using local services, labour and materials.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is proposed that the total project be funded from the following source/s as identified in the Annual Plan –

2020/21 Capital Budget

## CONCLUSION

Undercover Landscapes Pty Ltd has submitted an acceptable tender for this project and Council should endorse the recommendations of this report.



Location of landscape works for the playground at Cringila Hills