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OFFICIAL

Good afternoon team

Could you please advise if TCCS holds documents within scope of this request. If so do you accept partial/full transfer.

I have also contacted ACT Property Group to see if they hold documents within scope that belong to CMTEDD.

Thanks

Sue

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Subject: Freedom of Information request

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Please find online enquiry details below. Please ensure this enquiry is responded to within fourteen working days.

Your details

All fields are optional, however an email address OR full postal address must be provided for us to process your request. An email address and telephone contact number will assist us to contact you quickly if we need to discuss your request.

Title: Ms
First Name: [REDACTED]
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Request for information

(Please provide as much detail as possible, for example subject matter and relevant dates, and also provide details of documents that you are not interested in.)

I would like to see documents detail the year of the last upgrades made Under the Freedom of to the following Aranda parks: Kubara place playground Jalanga place Information Act 2016 I playground Gundara St playground Wangara St playground I would also

want to access the following document/s (*required field): like to know how much money was invested in each park the last time it was upgraded, and what the money was spent on (eg was it maintenance like a tanbark change, or a significant improvement like new swings.) Thank you!

I do not want to access the following documents in relation to my request:: Nil

Thank you.
Freedom of Information Coordinator

Ms [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of information request: Reference 22-045

I refer to your application received 28 March 2022 in which you sought under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the FOI Act) access to the following documents that:

1. detail the year of the last upgrades were made to the following Aranda parks:
 - Kubara place playground
 - Jalanga place playground
 - Gundara St playground
 - Wangara St playground; and
2. how much money was invested in each park the last time it was upgraded, and what the money was spent on (e.g. was it maintenance like a tanbark change, or a significant improvement like new swings).

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the FOI Act.

Timeframes

A decision on your application was due on 28 April 2022. I thank you for agreeing to an extension to 11 May 2022.

Decision on access

In accordance with the FOI Act, a search of records held by TCCS was conducted.

Part 1

The TCCS Asset Management Information System (AMIS) identifies the year of the initial construction and then the year the last upgrade occurred (See table below). Specific details are not available regarding what was improved as part of the 'upgrade'.

Please note that upgrade expenditure is defined as *“Expenditure, which replaces a previously existing asset with enhanced capability or function, where an option existed for replacement without the enhanced capability or functionality.”*

Table: Summary of AIMS data relating to upgrades from AMIS

ASSOCIATED_ PLGR_ID	ASSET_NAME	LAST_UP GRADE	CONSTRUCTI ON_DATE
PLGR84	GUNDARA STREET NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAYGROUND STRUCTURE PLAYGROUND AREA	1990	1967
PLGR85	JAGARA STREET NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAYGROUND STRUCTURE PLAYGROUND AREA (ALSO KNOWN AS WANGARA STREET PLAYGROUND)	1995	1967
PLGR86	BANDJALONG CRESCENT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAYGROUND STRUCTURE PLAYGROUND AREA	1990	1967
PLGR87	BANAMBILA STREET NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAYGROUND STRUCTURE PLAYGROUND AREA (ALSO KNOWN AS KUBARA PLACE PLAYGROUND)	1990	1967

Each year TCCS commissions an independent Level 3 playground inspector to undertake comprehensive inspections of condition and risk, and a compliance assessment against relevant Australian Standards. Works completed in Aranda following the Level 3 inspection have been included with my letter at [Attachment A](#).

Part 2

Upgrade works are usually packaged together and delivered across the ACT. An individual breakdown of all costs is not available per playground.

Recent costs as part of the ongoing 'maintenance' program include:

- October 2019 Jagara St playground (a.k.a. Wangara Street Playground) soft-fall top up 40m3 (approximately \$5,000)
- June 2020 Gundara St (as part of Covid stimulus works). Refreshed playground consisted of repaint equipment, repair and paint bench seat, install new raised border to stop washouts and topped mulch soft-fall (Cost \$7,975).

Please note that this work is considered to be 'renewal/refurbishment' not 'upgrade', so the year is not reflected in the Table above.

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, I have considered the public interest in relation to information within the records identified as relevant to your access application. In this instance, I have not identified any factors favouring non-disclosure, and therefore have decided to release the information to you in full at [Attachment A](#).

My decision is detailed further in the following statement of reasons.

Statement of Reasons

In making my decision on disclosing government information, I must identify all relevant factors in schedule 2 of the FOI Act and determine, on balance, where the public interest lies. In reaching my access decision, I have taken the following into account:

Factors favouring disclosure in the public interest (Schedule 2, Section 2.1)

- Schedule 2.1(a)(ii) - contribute to positive and informed debate on important issues or matters of public interest;
- Schedule 2.1(a)(iii) - inform the community of the government's operations, including the policies, guidelines and codes of conduct followed by the government in its dealings with members of the community.
- Schedule 2.1(a)(iv) - ensure effective oversight of expenditure of public funds; and;
- Schedule 2.1(a)(viii) - reveal the reason for a government decision and any background or contextual information that informed the decision.

Factors favouring non-disclosure (Schedule 2, Section 2.2)

- No factors favouring non-disclosure were identified as relevant to this application.

I have considered the public interest in relation to information about the ACT Government's community playgrounds and find that the information enclosed with this notice is in the public interest to disclose in full.

Charges

No fee is applicable, as the total number of pages being disclosed is within the fee-free threshold.

Online publishing – disclosure log

Under section 28 of the Act, TCCS maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application, my decision and documents will be published in the TCCS disclosure log between 3 – 10 business days from the date of this decision.

Your personal contact details will not be published. You may view the TCCS' disclosure log at https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/about-us/freedom_of_information/disclosure-log.

Ombudsman review

My decision on your access application is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the Act. You have the right to seek an Ombudsman review of my decision under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is made or a longer period if allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision, you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601
Via email: actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) review

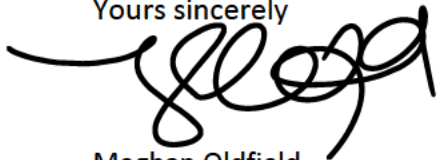
Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision.

Further information may be obtained from ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Level 4, 1 Moore Street
GPO Box 370
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
www.acat.act.gov.au

If you have any queries about the directorate's processing of your request, or would like further information, please contact the TCCS FOI team on (02) 620 72987 or email tccs.foi@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Meghan Oldfield
Information Officer

|| May 2022

MaintID	PGid	PLGR_ASSET_ID	DateInsp	Repair	CheckedDate	CheckResp	Comments
766	GUNDARA STREET	PLGR84	30/04/2012	Replace swing chains (20mm openings) with chains with a maximum opening of 8.6mm in any one direction. When done ensure seats are set at a height of 400-500mm above the under surfacing when 200mm of mulch is present. Ensure chain connections (e.g. S hooks) have a maximum opening of >12mm or <8.6mm (the latter is preferred) and there could be a potential finger trap between the fixing on the side of the toddler seat. Replace seat.	08/04/2015	Play DMC	Chains replaced (chains <8.6mm openings) between 2012 and 2015 inspections.
2075	GUNDARA STREET	PLGR84	25/05/2017	Mulch is low. Top up mulch (~10m3 req) so after it settles there is at least 200mm in all impact areas, 250mm in heavy use areas.	20/04/2018	Play DMC	Mulch levels okay at time of 2018 inspection.
2807	GUNDARA STREET	PLGR84	30/04/2012	There is an unsecured section of edging with protruding nail head on the east side of the play area. Resecure edging and repatch or remove nail.	08/04/2015	Play DMC	Refastened between 2012 and 2015 inspections.
4968	GUNDARA STREET	PLGR84	24/05/2016	Raise both swing seats so when laden the clearance is 400-500mm above surface when 200mm of softfall is present. This will reduce softfall displacement.	25/05/2017	Play DMC	Seat heights okay at time of 2017 inspection.
5102	GUNDARA STREET	PLGR84	24/05/2016	There could be a potential finger trap between the fixing on the side of the toddler seat. Replace seat.	25/05/2017	Play DMC	Seat replaced between 2016 and 2017 inspections.
5103	GUNDARA STREET	PLGR84	08/04/2015	The flat swing seat is on a lean due to uneven chain length. Remove chain links to set the seat level.	24/05/2016	Play DMC	OK at time of 2016 inspection.
5105	GUNDARA STREET	PLGR84	08/04/2015	Water was pooling in the rotating saucer at time of 2015 inspection. Clear drainage holes and monitor.	24/05/2016	Play DMC	OK at time of 2016 inspection.
5833	GUNDARA STREET	PLGR84	24/05/2016	There is a large crack in the back of the toddler seat. Replace seat.	25/05/2017	Play DMC	Seat replaced between 2016 and 2017 inspections.
6623	GUNDARA STREET	PLGR84	10/04/2020	There is 2.85m between the edge of the carousel and centre of the rocker seat which means there is a 300mm overlap between the impact areas/falling space of the rocker and carousel. AS4685 states when carousels are placed near other items of playground equipment, the impact area of the carousel and the impact area of the other playground equipment shall not overlap.	19/04/2021	Play Spect	Rocker removed between 2020 and 2021 inspections.
8102	GUNDARA STREET	PLGR84	10/04/2020	Mulch is low. Top up mulch (~10m3 req) so after it settles there is at least 200mm in all impact areas, 250mm in heavy use areas.	19/04/2021	Play Spect	Mulch topped up between 2020 and 2021 inspections.
779	JAGARA STREET	PLGR85	08/04/2015	There could be potential neck traps between the sides of the top of the slide and the vertical handrails (Gaps 65mm and 80mm). Gaps at the sides of the slide top should be non-existent or between 25-45mm.	24/05/2016	Play DMC	Gaps covered with metal plates.
780	JAGARA STREET	PLGR85	08/04/2015	The non-slip rubber is peeling off the stairs. Recoat.	24/05/2016	Play DMC	Step edges capped with aluminium.
2205	JAGARA STREET	PLGR85	30/04/2012	Mulch is low at swing area. Top up mulch (~5m3 req) so after it settles there is at least 200mm in all fall zone areas, 250mm in heavy use areas.	08/04/2015	Play DMC	Mulch was at the required depth at time of 2015 inspection.
2811	JAGARA STREET	PLGR85	20/04/2018	Slide end height (450mm) is greater than the standard requirements. Build up and maintain surfacing so that the end height is <350mm above the mulch level. (Recommendation only as AS4685 is not retrospective)	10/04/2020	Play Spect	Slide end height only 10mm too high and considered low risk. See comment in audit report.
5101	JAGARA STREET	PLGR85	25/05/2017	There could be potential finger traps from the burn holes in both the horse and frog rockers. Cover/fill holes.	20/04/2018	Play DMC	Holes filled between 2017 and 2018 inspections.
769	BANDJALONG CRESCENT	PLGR86	06/05/2011	Replace swing chains (15mm openings) with chains with a maximum opening of 8.6mm in any one direction. When done ensure seats are set at a height of 400-500mm above the under surfacing when 200mm of mulch is present. Ensure chain connections (e.g. S hooks) have a maximum opening of >12mm or <8.6mm (the latter is preferred).	30/04/2012	Play DMC	Swing chains replaced with chains (<8.6mm between 2011 and 2012 inspection).
2077	BANDJALONG CRESCENT	PLGR86	08/04/2015	Mulch is low. Top up mulch (~10m3 req) so after it settles there is at least 200mm in all impact areas, 250mm in heavy use areas.	24/05/2016	Play DMC	OK at time of 2016 inspection.
2808	BANDJALONG CRESCENT	PLGR86	20/04/2018	Due to the age of the equipment and the number of potential hazards, it would probably be impractical/uneconomical to refurbish this playground. As such it is recommended the playground be replaced in the short term, hence not all individual maintenance requirements listed. If it is to be retained then undertake works to address the issues listed within the report.	10/04/2020	Play Spect	Works closed at the request of TCCS.
4189	BANDJALONG CRESCENT	PLGR86	08/04/2015	There are exposed bolt threads on the underside of the scramble net climber. Grind back or cover threads with caps.	24/05/2016	Play DMC	Net replaced.
4190	BANDJALONG CRESCENT	PLGR86	08/04/2015	The gaps between the top of the tunnel slide frame and the support posts could be potential neck traps (Gaps 70mm). Gaps at the sides of the slide top should be non-existent or between 25-45mm.	24/05/2016	Play DMC	Metal rail installed.
4193	BANDJALONG CRESCENT	PLGR86	08/04/2015	There is a raised rigid bar at the base of the scramble net onto which users could potentially fall. It is recommended this be reset so that it is at the compacted earth level and covered with mulch. Alternatively replace the scramble net with one without an exposed rigid bar across the base or some other component.	24/05/2016	Play DMC	Net replaced.
4967	BANDJALONG CRESCENT	PLGR86	08/04/2015	Raise both swing seats so when laden the clearance is 400-500mm above surface when 200mm of softfall is present. This will reduce softfall displacement.	24/05/2016	Play DMC	OK at time of 2016 inspection.
767	BANAMBILA STREET	PLGR87	30/04/2012	Replace swing chains (13 and 10mm openings with hammerlock connectors used as a link) with chains with a maximum opening of 8.6mm in any one direction. When done ensure seats are set at a height of 400-500mm above the under surfacing when 200mm of mulch is present. Ensure chain connections (e.g. S hooks) have a maximum opening of >12mm or <8.6mm (the latter is preferred).	08/04/2015	Play DMC	Swing chain replaced with chains (<8.6mm openings) between 2012 and 2015 inspections.
3544	BANAMBILA STREET	PLGR87	25/05/2017	There is a missing section of edging to the west. Replace.	20/04/2018	Play DMC	Section replaced between 2017 and 2018 inspections.
3545	BANAMBILA STREET	PLGR87	30/04/2012	The bike rocker has a damaged front hand support. Replace.	08/04/2015	Play DMC	Rocker removed between 2012 and 2015 inspections.
5099	BANAMBILA STREET	PLGR87	25/05/2017	The Hammerlock connections used on the swing chains have openings of ~10mm. The 8.6mm finger probe passes through the openings but the 12mm probe doesn't. As such the connections should be covered by rubber hosing, have 'grommets' placed in them or be replaced with connections that allow the 12mm finger probe to pass or don't allow the 8.6mm finger probe to pass (the latter is preferred).	20/04/2018	Play DMC	Deemed okay at time of 2018 inspection as openings >12mm.
5100	BANAMBILA STREET	PLGR87	08/04/2015	Water was pooling in the rotating saucer at time of 2015 inspection. Clear drainage holes and monitor.	24/05/2016	Play DMC	OK at time of 2016 inspection.
7267	BANAMBILA STREET	PLGR87	20/04/2018	The base plate where the rocker has been removed has a protruding bolt thread. The base plate and thread should be removed.	10/04/2020	Play Spect	Rocker reinstated between 2018 and 2020 inspections.
8575	BANAMBILA STREET	PLGR87	10/04/2020	Carousel has been removed and the base plate has been covered with rubber at time of 2020 inspection. Replace carousel or cover with >200mm of mulch. Alternatively, the base plate and footing. Could be removed.	19/04/2021	Play Spect	Base plate removed between 2020 and 2021 inspections.