



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

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DSS3	JOHN 'YAKKA' WATSON RESERVE, SMITHTOWN
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the proposed improvements for John 'Yakka' Watson Reserve on Crown Reserve 72371 at Smithtown.

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BACKGROUND

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 12th December 2006 Council considered a report on the proposals for the development of the John 'Yakka' Watson Reserve at Smithtown, and resolved:

That \$25,000 be reallocated from Gladstone Tennis Courts and Field Development project to the development of Crown Reserve 72371 for a unisex amenities block and ancillary landscaping works.

A detailed estimate has been prepared and is summarised below.

Construction of a single unisex amenity that meets the requirement for disabled persons	\$21,000
Electrical and lighting work	\$4,000
Ancillary landscaping including shelter shed	\$20,000
Total Cost	\$45,000

It is proposed to utilise the \$25,000 to fund the construction of a single unisex amenity together with electrical and lighting work.

As reported in December the Yaka Watson Memorial Park Committee indicated they were prepared to provide financial support for the project and to maintain the toilet facilities for a twelve month trial period. At that time the committee advised that it had received pledges in the amount of \$1,355. No further advice has been received from the committee.

Quotes have been received for the supply and installation of the unisex toilet building. Funding has been provided for this and work can commence on its installation as soon as the old clubhouse has been relocated.

In order for the landscaping works to be undertaken, it is recommended that an additional \$20,000 be provided in the 2007/08 Budget to finalise

the project by providing landscaping and the construction of a shelter. These proposed landscaping works include the provision of a barrier to prevent vehicles from driving onto the park. A copy of the proposed landscaping plan is attached ([Appendix A – Page H1](#)).

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

The environmental implications of this report would be the enhancement of the current riverside area.

- ***Social***

The social implications of this report would be the enhancement of a community facility.

- ***Economic (Financial)***

The financial implication from the following recommendation is that an additional \$20,000 be allocated in the 2007 / 08 Budget to provide landscaping and shelter for the development of John 'Yakka' Watson Reserve.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

All policy and statutory requirements will be met.

RECOMMENDATION:

That consideration be given to the allocation of \$20,000 in the 2007 / 08 Budget in order to provide landscaping and a shelter for the development of John 'Yakka' Watson Reserve.

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