

Barnes and Yardley parks to undergo major upgrades

In an exciting development for the local community, Green Ponds Municipal Council has secured \$350 000 in funding to upgrade the playground equipment at Barnes and Yardley Parks. An initiative involving wide-ranging community input, new playground designs have been developed, and works are planned to start next month.

The upgrades will focus on improving safety standards at both parks. In the early stages of the project, community members were given the opportunity to offer feedback about safety concerns, and to share their ideas and suggestions for the new equipment. Safety consultants were appointed to work on the design and development stages.

General Manager of Green Ponds Council, Sue Gates, says she is pleased to announce the project, and delighted at the level of community interest in the project. "Green Ponds Council has worked hard to ensure community involvement in the project. We are confident that the outcome will be the provision of safe and accessible parks for all members of our community, which reflect local history and culture."

Four separate designs for the park upgrades were on display at a community meeting held in March, and on the council's website. Community members were invited to vote for their favourite design, either at the March meeting, or online. [Plan A](#) was the popular choice for the Barnes Park site, while [Plan B](#) was the winning design for the Yardley Park site.

Local mother of four, Sally Marisa, was pleased with the outcome. "We put in a family vote for Plan A, so we're all really happy."

Both parks will be closed until the upgrades are completed. The works are scheduled to start on Monday, 6 June 2016, and will be completed by mid-July.

If you have questions about the upgrades project, call our Parks Upgrade Project team on 1800 123 456, or [visit our website](#).

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