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City of Greater Geraldton  
63 Cathedral Ave  
Geraldton, WA 6530



# Wandina

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Mr Diehm and Mr McKim,

Thank you for your time to meet with us to discuss the proposal of the "Derna Park Community Playground".

Our proposal is to have a Wandina Primary School and City of Greater Geraldton shared nature playground facility on the combined grounds of Wandina Primary School and Derna Park. The facility will be utilised by Wandina Primary School students during the school day and will be open to the community after school, weekends on during school holidays. The area will have garrison fencing on the school side with a lockable gate to enable student access during the day. A small fence with a non-lockable gate will be placed on the front park side to keep out dogs and ensure children are safe within the play area.

The community area also requires toilet facilities to support the viable use of this community playground and general park space.

As a relatively new community, we still have young trees and the current park based playground equipment is limited and designed for mostly older children. The proposed new playground will cater for children of all ages making use of nature play principles to enhance play and developmental wellbeing. .

As all government schools are now required by department policy to spend 96% of their yearly budget, and being a new school, we have not yet been able to reserve funds for large projects. We are not in a position to fund this proposal without support, thus our reason to seek access to land and financial support from the City.

The Wandina Primary School Board suggests that, on behalf of the City of Greater Geraldton and Wandina Primary School, they will apply for a Royalties for Regions grant to fund the construction of a nature playground, with the shire supporting the construction of toilets on Derna Park land. Some documentation from your office may be required as evidence to support our application for this, and other, grant/s.

The final plan and design of the playground will be endorsed by both the City of Greater Geraldton and the Wandina Primary School Board. A formalised agreement, e.g. MOU, would be arranged to specify collaboration for any ongoing maintenance of this partnership project.

We look forward to developing a partnership with the City of Greater Geraldton in relation to this proposal and look forward to correspondence regarding the final outcome.

Yours sincerely,

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