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**PLAY WORKSHOP AWARDED CONTRACT FOR ALBERT PARK**

Playground specialist company Play Workshop has been the successful tenderer for the inclusive playground to be constructed in Cootamundra's Albert Park. The company boasts over 30 years combined experience from their team in designing and implementing playground projects and have undertaken projects for many local councils and other organisations across NSW and Australia.

One project Play Workshop undertook recently was the construction of a playground area at the Forbes Aquatic Centre - Lake Forbes. This project included several custom ironbark pieces, made in-house, including a tepee, a large log balancing structure and a combination rope agility structure, drilled and constructed in situ. The playground is considerate to the natural landscape and provides a great area for all to enjoy.

Play Workshop expects ground works to commence in November 2021, when all equipment and materials required have been sourced and preliminary works being undertaken by Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council (CGRC) are completed.

CGRC and contractors have commenced work in Albert Park in preparation for the Livvis Place, inclusive playground with the erection of fencing, construction of earth mounds and surveying of the site. Local contractors are being used where possible. The fenced off area will now include seven entry points, after concerns were raised on the single-entry point included in the initial design.

The \$400,000 project has been funded by the NSW Government Everyone Can Play Grant Program CGRC and CGRC and will see a playspace that is enriching and inspiring for all people of all abilities. The area will assist with providing a creative, imaginative space that will promote healthy activities, connectivity and be inclusive.

The design for the area, will have a theme, embracing "The Magic in the Trees", and will utilise custom built timber play equipment which will include a bespoke accessible tree fort. Sand and water play features, sculpture, a nature play zone which includes brush tent frame and furniture including picnic seating, electric barbeque, and shelters will be discovered as an all-access pathway meander through the area. Landscaping will comprise of sensory plantings to stimulate the senses beyond the visual appeal.

CGRC mayor Cr Abb McAlister said he was pleased the contract had been awarded to Play Workshop and congratulated the company on their successful tender.

“It was great to see the calibre of companies that tendered to for the project, it’s a special one for our community, and will ultimately see a public space being utilised by those who have been denied the enjoyment of creative recreation by traditional play areas,” Cr McAlister added.

Picture and caption:

Artists impression of accessible tree fort to be constructed in Cootamundra’s Albert Park as part of the Livvi’s Place project.



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