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CALL FOR PATIENCE AS PARK ENTERS FINAL STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION.

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council (CGRC) has been receiving multiple enquires from the public regarding the opening of the Livvi's Place Playspace in Albert Park Cootamundra.

The all-inclusive playspace has been attracting interest from residents, travellers and interest groups since construction commenced in September last year. With much of the work now complete preparations are underway to formalise an opening date.

Work still to be carried out, before the opening includes the installation of some additional park furniture, minor repair works and fine turning of the new equipment, the completion of signage, additional planting of trees and shrubs and obtaining a final risk certification for use by the public. The NSW Department of Planning will also sign off on the project.

Manager Waste, Parks & Recreation Services for CGRC, Mr Wayne Bennett said there was also a need for the new plants and turf to settle in before the opening of the playground can take place.

"We've had a lot of rain, and the turf that has been laid will need a little time to take hold before it can take a lot of traffic. It's all those small fine-tuning things that take time, and we want it to be perfect before we open it up for public use," Mr Bennett said.

The new inclusive toilet facilities are currently being made off-site and should be ready for installation by July/August. The installation of this new facility will not impact on the new playground opening.

CGRC mayor, Cr Charlie Sheahan said the playspace will be a huge asset for the region and everything needed to be right before an opening can take place.

"There's been a huge amount of planning, work and foresight go into this space, we've had partnerships with Variety, Touched by Olivia Foundation and the NSW State Government, CGRC staff and various contractors have worked side by side to bring this space to fruition. Everything needs to be ready; it will be our only chance to make sure that all the components that make up the space meet expectations, and operate correctly," Cr Sheahan said.

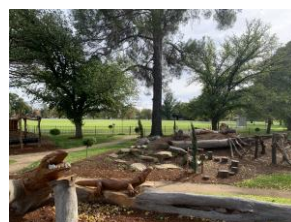
"I know there are some excited kids out there, as well as adults, I just ask for your patience and once the Livvi's Playspace at Albert Park is open it will be well worth the effort," Cr Sheahan added.

It is anticipated that the new playground will be ready by no later than July.

Council will be arranging for a formal and informal open events. The informal will involve the local Council and our community while the formal will involve all persons/groups in the playground's development including pollical dignitaries.

Pictures and captions:

Livvi's Place Playspace at Albert Park has a variety of activities for educational and active play, the playground will open soon.



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