



VICTORIA PARK'S NEW PLAY SPACE TAKES SWING!

Installation of the new multi-zoned play space within Victoria Park Dubbo will commence this week! The playground will include a wide range of equipment, such as: a rope play sensory dome geometric shaped blocks to motivate climbing; multiple swings; wheelchair accessible carousel; a springer, in-ground mini-trampolines; wee hoppers and much more. The new play space also incorporates the famous red rocket.

Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) Mayor Mathew Dickerson said he is confident the community will enjoy the new space. "The new play space in Victoria Park has been subject to a lot of community feedback."

"There is a lot of nostalgia associated with the previous Livvi's Place. With the variety of different zones this new design has on offer, we are confident that this new and improved fenced play area will serve the community just as well as Livvi's has - if not more so," said Councillor Dickerson.

The new play space will accommodate all ages and abilities and aims to

provide a centralised gathering space that will benefit everyone. Funded by DRC, the \$698,000 project forms part of the Playground Strategy for the local government area (LGA). The red rocket received an additional \$150,000 under the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 1 funding, bringing the total value of the playground to \$848,000.

DRC staff are aiming to have the project complete in time for the Easter long weekend.

DRC CEO, Murray Wood thanked the community for their involvement in the project planning. "DRC would like to thank everyone who took part in our online survey and expressed their priorities when using a play space, particularly the one in Victoria Park. Staff included the community's valuable feedback about the fencing and other play elements – amending the existing design to include high-priority items."

"The new space will create a central, interactive and accessible area for families from far and wide to enjoy," said Mr Wood.

On Friday (25 February 2022), DRC installed an expanded work zone to accommodate both the junior and senior play spaces prior to works getting underway.

Livvi's Place playground will be closed from 7 March 2022 to enable removal of the existing equipment and to make way for the new fitness zone. The fitness zone will feature equipment such as a cross trainer; cycle bikes; magnetic bells (weight) station with tension ropes; leg lift and pull up station, and senior fitness area to name a few. The existing path system will remain to provide an internal exercise track. The existing swing set will be refurbished and remain in situ, along with the

current vegetation.

Following a formal tender process, Play By Design was appointed to deliver the project.

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