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Construction set to start on the All Abilities Play Space in 2017

After years of planning, construction on the All Abilities Play Space is set to begin in early 2017 on the Nedlands Foreshore.

Stage one of construction will see the majority of the play equipment and perimeter fencing installed, with other key features to be installed in later stages.

The City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said that government, businesses and the community have come together in a unique partnership to deliver an innovative facility for the whole of Perth.

“We are pleased to share with everyone the iconic Swan River Foreshore that we are lucky enough to have within the City’s boundaries.”

The facility will include some much loved items of traditional playground equipment such as swings and slides, along with newer versions of some of these old favourites.

The award-winning designer of the facility, Fiona Robbé, has a passion for accessible design of playgrounds and believes strongly in the power of play to bring people together. Fiona has paid careful attention to the needs of families of children with disability, based on their input into the design.

“Most of the equipment in the facility is designed to take the weight of an adult, so that parents, carers and grandparents can take part in the fun. Teenagers will also find the equipment exciting and challenging enough for them, in sharp contrast to the old approach with signage excluding teenagers from many playgrounds,” said Mayor Max Hipkins.

The Rotarians raising the \$4 million to construct the facility are also committed to inclusive design.

Doris Strahan of the Nedlands Rotary Club said: “We want to provide a state-of-the art play space that works for everyone, regardless of their age or ability. We know that play has great physical and social benefits. Families, carers and community groups are able to find respite in a tranquil and truly beautiful setting by the river. We are delighted that construction will commence soon.”

Initiated by Rotary, the All Abilities Play Space is being delivered by a unique community partnership. The City of Nedlands is providing the site and managing construction. Private individuals have made generous donations towards construction, inspired by the project’s inclusive aims, and Lotterywest has committed a grant of \$750,000. Engineering business Wood and Grieve, who provide their services pro-bono, are joined by Inclusion WA, Australia’s Bridge and individual community members as project partners.

About the All Abilities Play Space

The All Abilities Play Space is an inclusive, inter-generational play space for use by all in the Perth metropolitan area. It will be a large scale, innovative, state-of-the-art play facility that is purpose designed to meet the play needs of all, regardless of their age or ability.

It will be built at Beaton Park on the Nedlands foreshore of the Swan River in Dalkeith.

Research shows the importance of play for everyone, throughout life's stages. It's important for physical, psychological and social health – play makes us healthy!

Initiated by Rotary, this project has brought together a unique community partnership. Our community partners are: Rotary, Lotterywest, Inclusion WA, Australia's Bridge, Wood & Grieve Engineers, and the City of Nedlands.

About the City of Nedlands

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from Perth and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the edge of the Indian Ocean. A population of over 21,000 live in the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta, and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park.

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