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Stage one of the All Abilities Play Space set to be built

With over \$2.2 million now raised towards the All Abilities Play Space, there are now sufficient funds to begin building the first stage of the facility.

Rotary has raised a total of over \$1.5 million, consisting of \$730,720 already in the bank and pledges of a further \$800,000 from two generous private sponsors. Additionally, Lotterywest has given 'in principal' approval of a grant of \$750,000 towards the project, to be provided when each stage has been completed.

With stage one of the facility estimated to cost \$1.2 million, the City of Nedlands is now able to proceed with building this first stage. Further stages will be built as Rotary is able to raise the remainder of the approximately \$4 million estimated as the cost of the whole facility. At this time, the facility is expected to be constructed over four years. However, Rotary's fundraising success may see it completed sooner.

The City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said: "Rotary has made significant progress in their fundraising for the All Abilities Play Space. This means that the City can soon commence building the first stage – an exciting prospect! This will be a facility that will be enjoyed by community members across Perth and the wider region for many years to come."

This innovative play facility, to be built on Beaton Park on the Nedlands Foreshore, has been designed by award-winning landscape architect Fiona Robbé, with design input from a wide range of people of all ages and all abilities. It will be a "first" in Perth, in that it is specifically designed for use by people of all ages, including seniors, adults, teenagers and children. People with disability of all ages have been involved in the design.

Angus Buchanan from the Rotary Club of West Perth said "The facility is inspired by the idea that everyone needs to play, regardless of age or ability. The beautiful, riverside

location provides a setting that will welcome people from all over the Perth metropolitan area, as well as visitors to Perth, reflecting the inclusive values of all partner organisations behind the project.”

Project partners include Rotary, the City of Nedlands, Australia’s Bridge, Wood & Grieve Engineering, InclusionWA and Lotterywest.

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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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