

FAQs – Goroke Little Desert Nature Playspace

How will this project impact on my rates?

The contribution by council for this proposal comes from the Drought Communities Program. Therefore, council does not expect the project to have any impact on rates. The remaining funding variance is expected to be achieved through a combination of sources ie. Community fundraising, government grant opportunities.

What is the funding break down for this project?

In May 2016, Member for Mallee Andrew Broad advised West Wimmera Shire Council it was eligible to receive funding through the Commonwealth's Drought Communities Program. Council has allocated a notional amount of \$100k from this Program to the Hub.

Goroke Apex are a major community partner for this project and have been collaborating with council to reach this point. The Goroke College have also been strong supporters of the project.

Additional funding is currently being sought through Sport and Recreation Victoria to complete the project in its entirety.

Why is Council doing this?

The Goroke community approached council to discuss the possibility of installing new play equipment. Through ongoing collaboration, council and the Goroke community have established a clear understanding of what the needs and desires of the local families are.

Council is committed to providing quality, accessible play and open spaces for its communities, to encourage participation, physical activity and education. By working with the community, council has been able to design an area that provides these opportunities.

What will the project include?

The project will deliver a quality, accessible playspace in the Goroke community. The playspace will be nature-based and incorporate the principles such as The Seven Senses and Environmentally Sustainable Design.

A full plan of the project is available on the project webpage.

Where will the playspace be located?

The playspace will be constructed at the site of the old Goroke Apex playspace, adjacent to the recreation reserve. The final determination on site concluded that the recreation reserve would prove the most suitable location. There is an opportunity at this site to expand the existing playspace footprint. The site provides adequate space for physical activity and play, including grassed areas and shelter.

When will the works be completed?

An application for additional funding has been submitted to Sport and Recreation Victoria. Notification is expected December 2016. Should this application be successful, works will not commence until the funding period – 1 July 2017. Once construction has commenced, the project is expected to be completed with 9-12 months.

In the event that SRV funding is unsuccessful, council will discuss other options with the community as to how to progress the project.

More information |

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