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Goroke Little Desert Nature Playspace | Project update

The Goroke Little Desert Nature Playspace project has received funding from Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV). Coupled with funding through the Drought Communities Program, this project will proceed in its entirety. This funding will allow for a flexible playspace that caters for a wide age range, significantly increasing the participation outcomes of the project. The project will provide the community of Goroke with a modern play facility and a place for social connectedness.

Following consultation with the Goroke College and local user groups, a detailed design of the playspace was developed. This was followed with a detailed budget and a grant application to SRV's Community Infrastructure Fund. Council was notified this month that the grant was successful and will be able to commence the project in the next financial year (2017-18).

Jeavons Landscape Architect will be engaged to finalise a detailed design of the playspace. Part of this process will include community consultation, so individuals can provide input into the project.

The objectives of this playspace are to create a nature based space with cubby making opportunities, sand-play, water-play, along with a variety of inclusive play elements and social facilities.

Council Chief Executive Officer David Leahy commends the Goroke community for their initiative and energy on establishing the project. "While it's not possible for every town in the Shire to have the same services, council strives to provide a quality, functional playspace for every town. This project will ensure that Goroke has a welcoming area for families to play, learn and spend time together."

Project Steering Committee Member Haydn Wearne is ecstatic that the project will go ahead, "This is exciting news. The whole community has really come together to work on this project. We look forward to progressing the playspace and making it a reality."

You can keep up to date with progress on this project by visiting council's website, following West Wimmera Shire Council on Facebook and subscribing to the West Wimmera Wire. You can also view updates and information on the project on council's major projects page | www.westwimmera.vic.gov.au/Council/Goroke-Little-Desert-Nature-Playspace

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