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Nature Playspace Ready for Discovery

Town of Gawler is pleased to announce the completion of the Elliot Goodger Memorial Park (Willaston Oval) Nature Playspace Project. This project has been delivered with the assistance of the State Government's Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure through its Open Space Grant Program as a funding partner.

The new Playspace is located adjacent to the recently completed BMX Pump Track on Gawler River Road, Willaston. The location and final playground design were informed by extensive engagement undertaken with the broader community of Willaston and the Elliot Goodger sporting precinct users late last year. The playground provides nature based and structured play as well as improved amenity and recreational benefits for the whole community.

The younger members of our community can now delight in swinging on a basket swing, playing in a cubby, scaling the rope climbing net, scrambling through the tunnel and over the mound and test their skills on the timber stepping and balance logs. The inclusion of an accessible slide is also a great new addition supporting more inclusive play.

The new Playspace is nestled within a native landscape that complements existing trees and includes a picnic shelter and table. The facilities are integrated with the recently completed BMX Pump Track area.

Environmental sustainability has been at the heart of the design and construction of the Playspace through the inclusion of:

- Rubble paving using 100% recycled materials;
- A crawl tunnel of repurposed concrete storm water pipe;
- 300sqm of organic mulch that was 100% recycled from Council's tree maintenance activities
- Timber logs that have all been sourced from local trees that had previously fallen;
- 30 posts for the barrier fence along Gawler River Road made from recycled plastic and wood waste from industrial timber products; and
- The picnic table and bench seating made from made from recycled plastic.

To enhance the natural bush setting and provide shade within the Playspace, the design encompassed and employed the layout of existing trees and included the planting of 5 new trees and approximately 500 native groundcovers, grasses, and shrubs.

Mayor Karen Redman said, "I'm so happy to see this nature playspace delivered in our Town. Council is committed to improving our public spaces and the integration of this playspace, with the recently opened BMX Pump Track is testament to this. I'd like to thank the State Government for once again placing faith in the Town of Gawler to deliver such a project, we have certainly done that with this wonderful space."

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