



King Island Council

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LIGHTHOUSE STREET PLAYGROUND

King Island Council's Infrastructure and Services team worked through the rain this week to ensure that Lighthouse Street Park was looking wonderful for the playground's official opening. The play equipment has been out of action for over a year so when an opportunity arose to open the park before next week's school holidays, Council's staff poured concrete, mounted plaques, cut grass, trimmed trees, obtained certificates, sprayed paint, hung swings, laid soft-soil and removed fencing in order to ensure a swift conclusion to this project.

After more than twenty years of service, the old play equipment was condemned as unsafe last year. The community made clear to Council that the playground was valued, especially for families with younger children who found the Lighthouse Street Park to be a safe place to meet. Council successfully applied for funding from the Tasmanian Community Fund which was generously added to by local service provider, Stornoway. Council also made a cash contribution to the project in addition to providing in-kind support in terms of staff time to manage and work on the project.

Grade 1-2 students from King Island District High School kindly offered to test out the new play equipment under the supervision of Mayor McFie who thanked all those present and everyone who had contributed to the project during the past year, "Council recognised the need for this playground and liaised with funding agencies, local businesses, contractors and suppliers to ensure that a new and improved facility could be presented to the community before next week's school holidays."

Council staff will now turn their attention to the playground in Grassy which is need of similar attention. Council's recent budget allocated \$35,000 to the Blackwood Street Playground and staff will soon be consulting with the local community to learn what equipment they would like to see installed.

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