



# King Island Council

## Media Release

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### GRASSY PLAYGROUND CONSULTATION

Last week, King Island Council approved an extensive capital works program including an allocation of \$35,000 towards upgrading the Grassy playground on Blackwood Street. Earlier in the year Councillors were disappointed when the existing play equipment was condemned but recognised the importance of ensuring high safety standards, especially in regard to children's play equipment.

Council have started discussions with playground manufacturers to see what options are available but will not be making any decisions about the type of equipment to be installed until the island's community, particularly families in Grassy, are consulted.

If anyone has any ideas about the proposed playground or is interested in assisting Council to achieve the best possible outcome, please contact Council on 6462 9000.

The previous equipment in Grassy was very basic but hopes are high that a significant upgrade will be achievable. Decisions which will need to be made include whether the playground should be constructed from timber or metal, whether a separate swing and slide are required and whether a themed play area could be achieved.

Council is extremely cautious about raising unachievable expectations regarding the playground as the manufacturing and installation costs for this sort of equipment are extremely high. "Our primary aim is to provide safe play equipment for children to Australian Standards with our secondary goal being to improve the infrastructure in Grassy, we're confident that with input from the community we can achieve both of these ambitions," stated Council's Director of Infrastructure and Services.

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