

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **Flying around Adventureland Park**

Adventureland Park will see some exciting upgrades this financial year after Council endorsed the Ralph Bower Adventureland Park Implementation Plan 2018, and the 2018/2019 Budget at the July Ordinary Council Meeting.

The Implementation Plan was developed with the Adventureland Park Management Committee and details ten priority projects for the park, with the funding from this year's Council Budget to help see as many of these projects implemented in conjunction with fundraising from the committee. As a minimum four projects will be undertaken which include a flying fox/cable way, a giant swing, upgrades to the small kid's playground and a new viewing tower/slide unit.

The Implementation Plan will help see the Ralph Bower Adventureland Park 2016-2021 Management Plan come to life, which was developed by the Adventureland Park Management Committee in 2016 to guide the development of the park over the next five years, making sure it continues to attract patronage and meet the needs of a variety of ages. Adventureland Park is classified as a Regional Park in the Shire's Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan and is down for the significant upgrade in the 2018/2019 financial year.

The Implementation Plan, along with the funding from Council, will provide strong support for the Adventureland Park Management Committee to seek funding for the other priority projects.

Shire President Victoria Brown said, "The Shire has been working closely with the Adventureland Park Management Committee to develop the Implementation Plan, as well as consulting with the community to ensure the right mix of equipment.

"It was important for us to work with the Adventureland Committee; the work they have achieved over many years and the pride they have in this area needs to be acknowledged and supported. The new equipment will add to the activities available for our families and younger community members.

"I look forward to seeing the entire Implementation Plan come to life and can't wait to take my grandson down to try out the new swing."

Adventureland Park Management Committee Chairman Charlotte Davidson said, "The Adventureland Park Management Committee has worked tirelessly for over 20 years on this park and has been actively planning the installation of adventurous equipment in the last two years.

"This large project is now getting a substantial boost to funds from the Shire of Esperance Council – a great contribution for this community project for which we are very grateful.

"These funds are a great 'kick start' for the implementation of the plan which will require further financial and physical support from the wider community. On behalf of the committee –many thanks to the Shire."

500 letters were sent to residents in the park's catchment area for feedback on the Implementation plan and five submissions were received.

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