

Assessment for Cert IV Professional Writing and Editing: Media Release for new playgrounds

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Media Release  
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Green Ponds Municipal Council

*Come and Play!*

*Sharing the good news about our new playgrounds*

Mayor Andrea Hawker and the Green Ponds Municipal Council are delighted to announce plans for the newly rejuvenated playgrounds at Yardley Park and Barnes Park.

‘We have consulted members of our community, experts in playground design, child development, and health and safety to make our playgrounds more attractive, safer, and inclusive for all children’, says Mayor Hawker. ‘The company Imaginationplay has been selected to supply and install the equipment. They have an excellent record in designing playgrounds specific to their customers’ needs. The total cost of the project will be \$350,000.’

*Old Favourites made new  
Exciting Discoveries*

Some of the old favourites have been polished up, including the roundabout at Yardley Park and the stepping stone circle at Barnes Park. New equipment made mostly from natural materials will encourage imaginative play. The varied colour theme will draw all the elements together into making two beautiful play areas which complement the two parks’ environments.

‘I am especially impressed that Council obviously made an effort to listen to the community’, said Ruth May, manager of Green Ponds Recreation Centre. ‘It would be hard to please everybody, but it seems to me that the end result will be brilliant!’

Class Four students at McCready Primary School showed great enthusiasm when Council’s General Manager Sue Gates, showed them an artist’s impression of how the

two new playgrounds will look. Seb and Callum called out together 'A tower! A tower!' Inta was relieved to hear that the rope swing (new rope!) would still be there.

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### *Special Features*

Imaginationplay actively adheres to the Australian Standards of Safety for Playgrounds. This includes safe ground cover and proper measurements for different types of equipment. This company also specialises in providing equipment that includes all children, especially those with special needs. Therefore, wheelchair access to much of the equipment has been incorporated and other special activities have been provided to suit everyone.

Beautiful timber benches will be installed around the playgrounds.

### *Dates*

- Yardley Park playground closes on **4** October; Barnes Park playground remains open
- Yardley Park re-opens on 11 **November**; Barnes Park closes on that day
- Barnes Park re-opens on December 15

*Children, families, school and community groups can expect to spend some summer days from mid-December at the completed playgrounds in our beautiful parks*

### *More details*

*A poster is attached. It will be distributed to local schools and family community groups*

You can stay in touch with the progress by visiting:

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