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MEDIA RELEASE

FORESHORE PLAYSPACE CREATION BEGINS

Construction of a nature playspace at the Port Lincoln Foreshore has begun, as the first stage of the \$7.280 million Port Lincoln Foreshore Project gets under way.

The State Government's Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program is contributing up to \$3.640 million towards the Port Lincoln Foreshore Project and includes the following:

- Construction of new plaza
- Construction of a new play space
- Construction of a new sport and activity zone
- Upgrade of foreshore carpark including additional spaces and accessible bays
- Construction of shared space parking area and market
- Toilet, beach access and boardwalk, landscaping, paving walls and fencing and retaining structures and shelters
- Remedial work to Parnkalla (Barngarla) Trail.

As one of Council's precinct master planning priorities, the foreshore project is set to create a major visitor drawcard, while also providing an iconic recreational, meeting, tourism, and events space for the Port Lincoln community.

The new inclusive playspace will feature elevated play pods with rope climbs, slides, rock scrambles and basket swings, with a focus on incorporating elements of Indigenous heritage and storytelling.

South Australian contractor Elton Landscapes has been appointed to build the exciting new area, with construction starting on 13 June 2022.

City of Port Lincoln Mayor Brad Flaherty says the project will be an asset for the Port Lincoln community and will build on the city's growing reputation as a great place to live, work and visit.

"This project, which is the culmination of three years of detailed planning and consultation with our community, is all about inclusion and making our city even more liveable," Mayor Flaherty said.

Stories from the area's Traditional Owners, the Barngarla people, will be highlighted throughout the playspace, such as the waterplay feature inspired by fish traps used by the Barngarla people across coastal Eyre Peninsula, including Whalers Way.

"One of the most exciting elements of the playspace is the integration of Indigenous heritage and storytelling, with plans including mosaic inlays, rock carvings, with cast sculptures and painted art applications," Mayor Flaherty said.

Other playspace features include:

- Play equipment such as swings, slides, tunnels, trampolines
- Sand play area
- Water play area
- BBQ and picnic bench
- Shelter and seating
- Drinking fountain
- Shade sail
- Landscaping (grass, gardens, paths).

The contract, awarded to Elton Landscapes, was the result of a request for tender process, to companies shortlisted through an open expression of interest process.

CEO Matthew Morgan says he looks forward to Council working with Elton Landscapes and in-turn the local sub-contractors (Origin Paving and Landscaping, Chris Cash Plumbing and Gas Fitting, Diggin It Earthworks) who will be working with them on this part of the overall foreshore project, which is tipped to give a much-needed boost to the city's economy.

For more information, and an artist impression of the final design of the playspace visit Council's online Engagement Hub at yoursay.portlincoln.sa.gov.au/foreshore.

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