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Media Release

Federal funds deliver new play ground for South Penrith

Families in South Penrith will soon have a new playground thanks to a Federal Government funding grant to Penrith City Council, said Federal Member for Lindsay, David Bradbury.

Grassmere Reserve in South Penrith will receive a set of new play equipment as part of a \$721,000 stimulus package grant to Penrith Council for community infrastructure projects.

“The old play equipment was unsafe and had been removed, leaving a bare patch of grass at Grassmere Reserve,” said Mr Bradbury. “This new play equipment will revitalise Grassmere Reserve and provide a new and safe area for children to play.”

“The new play equipment is one of a number of local projects being undertaken by Penrith Council as part of the stimulus package, which is delivering much-needed community infrastructure and supporting jobs.”

Penrith Councillor Prue Guillaume, who was at the forefront of the campaign to convince Council to use the stimulus funds for a new Grassmere Reserve playground, said this was a win for the local South Penrith community.

“Without the Federal Government’s funds this playground would not have been built,” said Cr Guillaume.

“Residents around Grassmere Reserve have been calling for a new playground for their children, so this is a great win for the local community.”

“I’d like to say a particular thank you to Mariska Watkins, who has been instrumental in organising the support of her neighbourhood.”

Council will consult the local community on the design of the new playground and will start construction within the next 8-10 weeks.