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## Rotary Park Playground draft design focuses on safety and fun

Waratah-Wynyard Council is excited to present the draft design for the playground at Wynyard Rotary Park to the community for public consultation.

The design creates a safe, fun and vibrant space that caters for a wider age group (ages 2 to 12) and meets changing community expectations for outdoor play areas.

Waratah-Wynyard Council Mayor Robby Walsh said, “We are committed to ensuring that community needs are met and that our children have fun and safe places to play.”

Council has partnered with the Rotary Club of Wynyard in preparing the design, acknowledging that the development of the existing playground was one of Wynyard Rotary’s earliest major projects.

“The upgrade to Rotary Park Playground is long overdue,” President of the Wynyard Rotary Club, Mr Mike Dixon stated. “The area is popular for families with young children, but the equipment has seen better days.”

The existing playground has been an important community space for more than 25 years but no longer meets current Australian Standards and is in desperate need of an upgrade.

“It will be sad to see the yellow ‘twirly whirly’ slide disappear, however some of the new equipment will become favourites for the next generation of children,” Mr Dixon said.

“We appreciate Council involving Rotary in the planning process and we are really happy with the proposed design.”

“What we will see is four small play spaces decommissioned and this larger, safer and fully fenced playground built to cater for wider age groups,” Mayor Walsh said. “Families with children of various ages can now enjoy the one space together.”

“We invite the community to give feedback on the new playground design. I would also like to encourage children’s ideas, we’d love for them to have their say also,” said Mayor Walsh.

To view the draft design, please visit the website [www.warwyn.tas.gov.au](http://www.warwyn.tas.gov.au) or call into Council any weekday from 9am to 5pm.

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