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New play area for young children opened at Tapper Park

Parents of young children in Atwell have a new place to take their kids, after a nature play area was opened in Tapper Park on Friday, 12 August 2022.

The new fenced play area was officially opened at a small ceremony by Mayor Logan Howlett and David Scaife MLA, Member for Cockburn. Attendees included Deputy Mayor Tom Widenbar; Councillor Chontelle Stone, Councillor Tarun Dewan; Councillor Carol Reeve Fowkes; and Jonelle Gilroy, President of the Atwell Community Association.

Featuring a double swing, interactive play panels, timber steppers, a balance log and a tight rope – the area was specifically designed to be suitable for young children under the age of six years.

Councillor Lara Kirkwood raised the need for play equipment suitable for young children with Mr Scaife, who then made a \$50,000 election commitment to build the nature play area.

The Atwell Community Association and local residents were directly consulted to help shape the design of the nature play area.

“I am so pleased to be delivering on this election commitment, which will make Tapper Reserve one of the best parks in Cockburn,” said Mr Scaife.

“I want to thank the Atwell Community Association and the City of Cockburn for their work in delivering the final product.”

The City received \$530,000 in State Government funding from election commitments made by Mr Scaife to improve 13 local parks across Cockburn.

The nature play area is located beside a larger playground for older children and a skatepark, creating an outdoor recreation hub suitable for all ages.

Mayor Logan Howlett said that the City is always looking for ways to expand and improve its healthy lifestyle infrastructure.

“We want to make it easy for our local families to get outside and spend some quality recreation time together.

“Providing high-quality playgrounds and outdoor play equipment is a big part of that.



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These public open spaces make our neighborhoods more vibrant, fun and active,” said Mr Howlett.

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