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Subject: **Rural City of Murray Bridge Addresses Sturt Reserve Playground Oversight**

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The Rural City of Murray Bridge would like to issue a formal statement to address the recent oversight concerning the Sturt Reserve Playground.

In an earnest and candid message, we extend our sincere apologies for the premature reopening of the Sturt Reserve Playground, 16 October 2023. We wholeheartedly acknowledge our responsibility for this lapse and the frustration it may have caused to the community.

The background to this issue stems from the 2022/2023 floods that impacted our community, including the Sturt Reserve Playground. The flooding resulted in damage to the playground's soft fall flooring. Delays in the supply of essential soft fall materials extended the repair timeline, leading to an unplanned nine-month closure. In our eagerness to welcome the community back to the Sturt Reserve Playground, we inadvertently overlooked the necessity for a thorough cleaning and preparation process.

To make amends and express our heartfelt apologies to the Murray Bridge community, our dedicated team promptly undertook a comprehensive cleaning and equipment inspection at the Sturt Reserve Playground on Tuesday 17 October. We are pleased to announce that the playground has now been thoroughly cleaned and tested to meet the highest safety standards, ensuring it is once again ready for the community to enjoy. We value the feedback provided by our community and encourage open communication.

In addition to the reopening of the Sturt Reserve Playground, we are exciting about future plans for a new and improved play precinct at Sturt Reserve. The Rural City of Murray Bridge is actively pursuing federal funding to create a state-of-the-art \$15 million play precinct. This project is poised to transform the area and provide a significant enhancement to our beloved community.

We extend our appreciation to the community for their understanding and continued support as we strive to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all. Your feedback remains essential to our ongoing commitment to your well-being and satisfaction.

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