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### **WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL**

## **Community Engagement for Livvi's Place at Taylor Park, a New Inclusive Playspace**

Weddin Shire Council and Touched by Olivia Foundation have formalised a partnership that will see the construction of a world class inclusive playspace in Grenfell at Taylor Park. Proudly funded by the NSW Government through their Stronger Country Communities Fund Round Five.

Council is excited to announce the commencement of community consultation for the development of the new inclusive playspace. The goal of this initiative is to create a playground and wider community gathering and recreation space that is accessible and inclusive for all members of our community. A place in the heart of town where all ages and stages can gather and play together. Council and Touched by Olivia Foundation are inviting community input to ensure that the new playspace is somewhere we can all use and love.

Mayor Craig Bembrick said the new playspace would “be a safe and welcoming space that promotes inclusivity, diversity, and play for all – residents and visitors. The goal is to create a space where children, parents and carers can play and interact together, regardless of their ages or abilities, and foster a sense of belonging within our community. We aim to gather input and ideas from community members, including our children, teens, parents, caregivers, and all in our community. Working together to deliver the project ensures we will create a truly inclusive playspace in the heart of Weddin Shire that will engage us in play.”

Local residents are being asked come along to the Imagineer workshops on Monday 8 May at 6pm at the Grenfell Community Hub or Tuesday 9 May at 10.00am, so together with Council and Touched by Olivia Foundation we can consider what is needed to make Taylor Park a thriving community hub that will be fun and inclusive for us all. If you are unable to attend, please share your thoughts via the online survey available from Council's website.

Touched by Olivia's, Head of Inclusive Play, Kim Becherand says. “All kids should have the opportunity to experience the joy and benefits of playing together in their local community, and Touched by Olivia is proud to partner with Weddin Shire Council on this very important project for all Shire residents. Through working together and clever design Livvi's Place will give all everyone a place to meet up, make new friends, create memories and most importantly play side-by-side.”



The Touched by Olivia Foundation has successfully partnered with other local governments all across Australia to build inclusive playspaces known as “ Livvi’s Place”. These facilities are thriving family destinations where all people are welcome and included.

“The community engagement process is a crucial step in the development of this inclusive playground. The input received during the consultation process will help inform the design and features of the playground, ensuring that it caters to the diverse needs of our community’ said Mr Bembrick.

If you would like to find out more information in general, please visit Council’s website.

Craig Bembrick  
**MAYOR**  
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