

Free school holiday event to mark upgraded Lapwing Street Reserve

The City of Marion is hosting a free school holiday event to mark the opening of a new playground in one of their Hallett Cove reserves named after the Masked Lapwing bird.

The event is being held in Lapwing Street Reserve at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, July 18, and will feature school holiday activities, a free bird-inspired decorated biscuit to the first 50 people at the opening and a coffee van serving hot beverages.

The Lapwing Street Reserve upgrade project was made possible through \$159,655 in funding from the Australian Government through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program. This program supports local councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects across Australia.

Local Federal Member for Kingston and Minister for Social Services, Amanda Rishworth, will conduct an official opening with the Mayor of Marion, Kris Hanna.

“Lapwing Street Reserve is named after the native Masked Lapwing bird, a ground-nesting bird often seen at the reserve, and the design for the playground has a Masked Lapwing bird theme,” Mayor of Marion Kris Hanna said.

“There is a bird-themed 'nest' play structure with a slide and a bird-nest-themed seating circle with sculptural 'play' eggs which add an element of fun.

“The old equipment in Lapwing Street Reserve had reached the end of its asset life and needed to be replaced so we were very pleased to receive Federal funding to be able to provide an upgraded playground and recreational facilities for people living in the area.”

Minister Rishworth said: “It’s great to see these new outdoor spaces coming to life and providing families with opportunities to get out and about in their local area.”

Features of the upgrade Lapwing Street Reserve include:

- A bird-themed 'nest' play structure with a slide
- Ground-level bird nest-themed seating circle with sculptural 'play' eggs

- Nest swing and monkey bars
- Log steppers
- Irrigation and grassed kickabout area with mini soccer goal
- Additional trees and planting and a new footpath
- New furniture including a picnic table and drinking fountain.

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