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## Snakes and ladders comes to Edwardstown

A playground that has been given a makeover based on a snakes and ladders theme and new sports courts are set to open in Edwardstown.

The Edwardstown Soldiers' Memorial Recreation Ground play area has been transformed with a $\$ 345,000$ revamp to include a three-metre long sculpture of a snake, balance beams, swings, a maze made from railway sleepers, sandpit and a slide.

New multipurpose sports courts that can be used for netball, basketball and soccer have also been installed.

## The playground will be officially opened by Mayor Kris Hanna at a free community event and barbecue on Monday, 8 February at 5.30pm.

Mayor Kris Hanna said the opening of the playground supported Council's commitment to recreation and sport opportunities.
"The new playground features an innovative design that will make it exciting for children," Mr Hanna said.
"People can also enjoy netball, basketball and soccer.
"Council is committed to providing facilities where families can have fun and be active."
The playground features equipment of different heights for children to climb on, including the snake sculpture that is rendered with coloured pebbles and log balance beams.

A timber artist carved totems, a bench and the log balance beams.
Local families had input into the design during community consultation in June 2014.
The playground is at Edwardstown Soldiers' Memorial Recreation Ground, Cnr East Terrace and Wood St, South Plympton.

Building work was undertaken by South Australian company Landscape Construction Services and began in July 2015.

The project cost a total of $\$ 343,000$ and was funded by $\$ 200,000$ from the City of Marion, $\$ 120,000$ in grants from the State Government's Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure Fund and $\$ 23,000$ in grants from the Office of Recreation and Sport.
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