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Fun on the foreshore

Destination Tallangatta has delivered its latest triumph—and local families and children will be the big beneficiaries.

A new adventure playground has been unveiled along the Lake Hume foreshore in Tallangatta, featuring a splash pad, sand pits, rock scrambling and a giant 6m bespoke steel pelican perfect for climbing and jumping.

Meanwhile, mum and dad can make the most of upgraded shelters and park furniture while using the soon-to-be-installed BBQ.

Towong Shire Council Mayor Cr David Wortmann said the new playground was a wonderful addition to the host of improvements already taking place around the foreshore.

"Lake Hume is a focal point for families and visitors alike, and this new playground only adds to the foreshore's appeal as a key destination for recreation and leisure for the region," he said.

"Play spaces are crucial in providing children a place to be active, develop their physical strength and explore their imagination. Research shows that children who play in natural settings play in more diverse, imaginative and creative ways and show improved language and collaboration skills.

"Equally as important is that this new playground is a great opportunity for the Shire's families and visitors with young children to enjoy the outdoors together.

"Water from the splash pad will be recycled and reused to irrigate the surrounding park. Every aspect of this project has been carefully planned, and the finished product is wonderful. It's going to be a great asset to the town."

Further upgrades are planned with Council receiving a grant from the Department of Economic Development to deliver boat ramp improvements, allowing easier access to Lake Hume.

The foreshore upgrades are part of Destination Tallangatta, a \$5.3m project made possible with significant ratepayer funding and support from the Federal Government, delivering key upgrades to Tallangatta's business and recreation precincts.

In addition to the new playground, Council has already constructed new paths along the foreshore, complete with upgraded shelters and landscaping. Streetscape improvements and traffic management upgrades are also underway in the Tallangatta CBD as Towong Shire Council invests in the town's economic and tourism future.

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