



## Park works planned for the enjoyment of community

Parks and open spaces in the region will continue to flourish with plans for upgrades and refurbishments to be implemented through the 2021-22 budget.

Parks and Gardens portfolio spokesperson Cr Wayne Honor said the Apple Tree Creek Community Park was one of the highlights, with \$290,000 allocated for an upgrade to the playground and internal pathways.

He said the park was located just off the Bruce Highway near Childers and provided a quiet rest stop and a place to stretch the legs for weary travellers.

"Apple Tree Creek Community Park underwent construction to its amenities block and parking areas last year which was very well received by those driving through the region and the local community," he said.

"This next round of funding will allow for further work to the area, specifically to the playground and the addition of pathways within the park, providing the final touches to a fantastic upgrade."

Cr Honor said the budget also highlighted a funding amount of \$206,000 for work to Surf Riders Point car park.

"This area is located at the southern end of Nielson Park Beach and is well utilised by surfers and paddle boarders," he said.

"The funding will allow for the formalisation and sealing of the car park, which will provide increased accessibility for drivers."

Cr Honor said shade continued to be a priority for Council, with more shade sails to be delivered in parks throughout the region during the next 12 months.

"It's important to maintain a network of quality parks and open spaces that promote community health and wellbeing and that includes providing sun safe play areas," he said.

"Shade sails provide much needed ultraviolet protection which benefits park users with a cooler and comfortable climate to play under all year round."