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Stop and Play Park, Coonabarabran

The Stop and Play Park Coonabarabran has been closed due to a safety issue that has been identified. Council alongside the Stop and Play Community Group (SPCC) are working together to rectify this matter.

“Essential Energy has identified a safety issue with proximity of the power lines to the new Stop and Play Park in Coonabarabran,” said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ambrose Doolan. “For the safety of the community, Council has decided to close the park until this issue has been rectified.”

In 2019, Council received funding from the NSW Government under the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 3. Since obtaining the funding Council has been working closely with the Stop and Play Community Group (SPCC) to design an accessible Stop and Play Park for the Coonabarabran Community.

Several sites were considered for the placement of this new facility, with the priorities being a level site that was in close proximity to the Newell Highway and already existing toilets. After site inspections and design concepts were secured, two (2) industry accredited contractors were engaged to undertake this scope of works on behalf of Council.

“Council has been seeking guidance from Essential Energy to resolve the safety issue and will now seek further options and quotations from an Accredited Service Providers to relocate the powerlines around the Stop and Play park,” Cr Doolan explained.

“We understand that this is not the favorable outcome now this project has been completed, as we know the community is excited to use this great facility, but Council is working hard to resolve the issue as efficiently as possible. In the meantime, Council has had no option but to close the Stop and Play Park to ensure the safety of all our community members,” Cr Doolan concluded.

Council will provide updates on the status of this project as they investigate, develop and work towards a preferred outcome.

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