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Tender awarded for Maryborough water playground

Work will start next month on a new water play area and all abilities playground in Maryborough's Anzac Park with the Fraser Coast Regional Council today awarding the tender for the \$3 million dollar project.

Cr Daniel Sanderson said he was excited that the tender had been awarded to local company PBS Building (Qld) Pty Ltd and that work would start next month and be finished in April 2021.

"Anzac Park is a popular outdoor space in Maryborough and an all abilities playground and water park will make it an even more attractive place for residents and visitors," he said.

"The tenders initially received for this project in late 2019 exceeded the available budget at the time. With the ongoing procurement problems created by COVID-19, Council made a decision to defer the tender process.

"The Queensland Government's recent commitment of \$3 million through the COVID Works for Queensland program meant this exciting project could be done all at once, rather than in stages.

"The tender process recommenced in July and I'm pleased Council has now awarded the contract."

Cr Paul Truscott said the water play area and all abilities playground would include a range of features such as a sensory wall, inclusive orbit element, a spoon full of sugar discharge bucket, a trampoline, waterfall, crystal fountains and a hammock.

"Other features include stream jets, a roller slide, cosmic cannons, spray jets, sugar cane spray poles, a new shelter with a barbecue, and improved amenities," he said.

"Maryborough is famous for our links to Mary Poppins author P.L. Travers and the playground will incorporate elements of the story with the spoon full of sugar bucket and rainbow pathways.

"We thank the Queensland Government and the Member for Maryborough Bruce Saunders for supporting this project as we would not have been able to deliver it without them.

"We look forward to this project getting underway soon and I can't wait to see the smiles on the faces of families enjoying what I know will be a fabulous facility for generations to come."

PBS Building (Qld) Pty Ltd has over 25 years' experience in construction and property development and has worked on some of the Fraser Coast's most iconic projects including the WetSide Water Park, Fraser Coast Cultural Centre, Hervey Bay RSL and St Stephen's Hospital.

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