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LINDSAY LEGACY LEADS TO MAGIC PUDDING WIN FOR CRESWICK

Creswick families will have more opportunities to get physically active thanks to \$60,000 in Victorian Government funding to fund stage one development of the Magic Pudding Playground on the corner of Napier and Raglan Streets Creswick.

Geoff Howard MP, State Member for Ballarat East today announced the Hepburn Shire Council would receive the grant through the *Community Facility Funding Program – Minor Facilities Category*.

“Quality, accessible community recreation facilities which meet the needs of young families play an important role in building stronger communities across the state. The Magic Pudding Playground creates a unique facility for use by local residents and will assist in attracting further visitors to the region.”

The project also builds onto opportunities provided by the completion of the recently opened Creswick Tourist Interpretation Centre to which the State Government provided \$212,000

“The ability for the entire families to enjoy the unique themed playground will not only lead to healthier living but closer family ties. We want to make it easier for the community to stay involved in the activities they love, and to lead healthy and active lifestyles,” he said.

Mr Howard said the project in Creswick was one of 69 projects to share in more than \$3.4 million in funding under the 2009-2010 round of the *Community Facility Funding Program – Minor Facilities Category*.

“Funding provided through the program supports local government in the development and upgrade of community sport and recreation facilities,” he said.

“The Lindsay Family Legacy continues to be a rich source of visitor interest in the Creswick region and the Magic Pudding Playground based around the famous characters of Lindsay’s Magic Pudding books will be a delight for families young and old.”

“Since 2000, the Victorian Government has invested over \$186 million through the *Community Facility Funding Program* towards more than 1950 community facility projects,” Mr Howard said.

For more information about the *Community Facility Funding Program* visit www.sport.vic.gov.au.