

# Project Playground to bring excitement, smiles to PE kids

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A COMMITTEE from the Radisson Blu Hotel has undertaken a social project of large scale which will bring lots of smiles and excitement to the children of Port Elizabeth this December.

The project is part of their social responsibility programme.

Project Playground is an initiative which aims at constructing a park for young children aged between three and eight with traditional equipment made of material which reduces playground injuries. The park will be accessible to all children, and the Radisson plans to fetch children from homes and shelters and take them on organised excursions and tours to the park. The project also focuses on constructing a park which caters to the needs of the disabled, thus enabling all children to enjoy a fun and safe experience.

The deadline of the project is December 16, this year and will possibly be situated on the open ground opposite the hotel. The pro-

ject organisers say that although the park will not be fully completed by December, it will open with some great features which will be thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

The Radisson committee is working closely with the Round Table which has been helping to make the necessary adjustments. Stauch Vorster Architects have



undertaken the project and are at the final stage of planning, before the plans are officially presented to the municipality. The committee says they have received a great amount of support from councillor Dean Biddulph. When the plan was presented to the Summerstrand community at their annual residence meeting, it received positive feedback.

Atlas armed response will provide 24-hour security at the park. "The park is a city project which will benefit the whole community, not an exclusive Radisson project," says Fiona Bailey, the main organiser.

The core funding of the project is derived from sponsorships. For this reason, the committee organises various events in which they raise money for the park. Future events include the Pamper Drive on August 15, a Golf Day on September 1 and the Halloween Mask Ball on October 30. They are seeking generous sponsorships from businesses, who in return, will gain an advertisement in the park itself.

"We realise it is a large project which will require ongoing management. This is why we would like to establish a board of trusteeship which will ensure the maintenance and safety of the park after it is open."

Further information about sponsorships or events can be obtained from Fiona Bailey, 041-509 5000.

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