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Statement for Yass Valley Council Meeting, 22 May 2025, Agenda Item 6.1

The Murrumbateman Community Association remains fully supportive of a Category One, all-abilities accessible playground for our town—wherever it can be achieved—and we welcome progress on this long-awaited community asset.

However, we remain concerned that the Hercules Street site may not deliver the high-quality playground and community space promised to Murrumbateman in 2022, comparable to Riverbank Park or Coronation Park in Yass. We are also mindful that the delays related to development approvals and site constraints, which may lead to cost overruns, could put the grant funding at risk.

We hope future projects in Murrumbateman will be managed by the Council with greater transparency, clear communication, and a commitment to consultation that inspires unity within the community rather than division.

Looking ahead, we welcome the opportunity for a whole-of-town Murrumbateman Master Plan to provide much-needed clarity on where key public infrastructure will be located, so our community can make the most of the limited public land available and avoid future conflict over site selection.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Helm
MCA President