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Moree to be included into Australia's list of Iconic Big Things

Moree's 14 metre rocket and a space themed command centre playground, along with a Liberty swing set are being installed at Kirkby Park.

The installation of the play equipment is part of the Council's plan to make Moree Plains Shire a family friendly place to live and visit.

General Manager, David Aber said "The space themed playground equipment incorporates the tallest rocket in Australia. It will be as a tourist attraction to travellers and will draw families to rest in Moree."

The Rocket was custom designed specifically for Moree with its uniqueness being a draw card for the area.

"There are many children that have trekked around Australia visiting iconic big things, like the 'Big Banana' during the school holidays. Moree will be known as the Home of the Big Rocket", Mr Aber said.

Council anticipates the test launch (kids will be able to play on it) will take place at the end of May.

AllPark and Leisure won the tender to supply the Rocket and it was manufactured in Brisbane.

The installation of the play equipment coincides with the 2009 International Year of Astronomy and the 40th Anniversary of the Moon Landing.

An official opening and space theme party is planned for July to coincide with the anniversary of the 1969 Apollo II mission.

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