

# Transforming playground a major project for Sisters Beach group



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A group of like-minded Sisters Beach residents are doing their part in protecting the coastline from the impacts of climate change.

Members of the Sisters Beach Wildcare group attended the Wynyard Tulip Festival and had a [stall in the eco village](#) that supported conversations about the local environment, clean energy, and recycling waste



📷 Sisters Beach Wildcare co-founder and treasurer Geoff Blackburn at the Wynyard Tulip Festival on October 14. Picture by Katri Strooband

Group co-founder and treasurer Geoff Blackburn said the group's work was part of a broader case study.

"We're just trying different ways of mediating coastal erosion without building rock and concrete walls, and more using vegetation and other natural systems," he said.

"There's more coming as the [Waratah-Wynyard] council is now looking at doing some more stabilisation further around the dunes because it's been quite a problem over the years, especially on the western side, where it is eroded."

The group of about 20 were formed three years ago and Mr Blackburn said their current project was one of their biggest.

"What we are working on at the moment is re-purposing what was a children's playground," he said.

"Because of the [previous] flooding up to 10 or 20 centimetres, the old play equipment was rusting at the foundations.

"The council was looking at moving it but they weren't quite sure what to do with the area.

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"What we are doing is working with council and we have put in a mound, paths and a shelter and we're going to do a lot of planting.

"We are also trying to educate visitors about local plants."