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## **SOUTH32'S HERMOSA PROJECT CONTRIBUTES OVER \$186,000 TO SUPPORT RICHARDSON PARK IMPROVEMENTS**



The Town of Patagonia today unveiled improvements to Richardson Park designed to support more community gatherings, including a new pavilion and play area. South32's Hermosa project contributed \$186,157 to provide new playground equipment.

In 2022, Patagonia residents identified the need for park improvements as a way to improve their quality of life by increasing socialization in public spaces. Town Manager Ron Robinson put a plan together and sought feedback from local residents. After reaching consensus, the town purchased the necessary pavilion materials and oversaw installation of the improvements.

"South32 aims for the Hermosa project to make a lasting contribution through social investment, improving people's lives in nearby communities. We are thrilled to partner with the Town of Patagonia on this important community initiative to give residents additional space where children can play and families and friends can gather," said South32 Hermosa Communities Principal Melanie Lawson.

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### **About the South32 Hermosa Project**

Located in a historic mining district in the Patagonia Mountains of Southern Arizona, South32's Hermosa



Project is currently the only advanced mine development project in the United States that could produce two federally designated critical minerals—manganese and zinc—both of which are essential minerals for powering the nation's clean energy future. Learn more at [www.south32hermosa.com](http://www.south32hermosa.com).

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