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Have Your Say: Huonville Foreshore Junior Playground to be renewed

Have your say on a proposed new design to replace the junior playground at Huonville Foreshore on the Huonville Esplanade.

The playground is showing signs of wear and tear due to age, and the time has come to make the play equipment similar to the standard of other facilities in the popular riverside location. Also included on the site is a second playground, a barbecue area, undercover picnic table, toilets and secure fencing.

This proposed new playground is larger in size and will offer more opportunities for children to explore, have fun and interact.

"Your feedback is very important to help guide our staff in designing our redevelopment projects to make sure we are continuing to meet community needs and desires, and delivering a good community asset that contributes to the wellbeing of residents and the livability of the area," Huon Valley Mayor Bec Enders said.

"The proposed design for the junior playground on the Huonville Esplanade complements the site in a number of ways and we look forward to hearing what the community thinks of it."

Two play huts, a connecting bridge, fireman's pole, 'bean stalk' climbing bar, slide, and scramble net are included in the concept plan, along with multiple concrete sculptures of native animals which add charm, character and the fun of learning to the space. Steel and cypress timber materials reflect the natural surrounds, while elevated platforms reduce the risk of damage from flooding.

You will be able to 'Have your Say' about the proposed design of the junior playground during a period of three weeks. Put your thoughts forward on the design and make suggestions for future additions by submitting a survey.

Surveys will be available at the following locations:

Huon Valley Council website, <u>www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au</u>, select 'Have Your Say'



- Council's Customer Service Centre at 40 Main Street, Huonville
- Huon Valley Children's Services at 91–93 Main Street, Huonville

Visit Council staff on-site at a public information session on Sunday 28 July from 11am to 1pm at the playground. We will be naming the concrete animals and your suggestions will be welcomed.

Funds for the redevelopment were allocated by Council in the 2019/20 budget.

The proposed design and community feedback will be presented to Council as a report to an Ordinary Meeting in the coming months.

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