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DOVER PLAYGROUND TO BE RENEWED

The playground south of Dover over on the Huon Highway will undergo a facelift. The Huon Valley Council at its Special Meeting on Wednesday 12 June 2019 considered a report on the community feedback of the area following three weeks of Community Engagement.

The Council will replace the ageing playground with a nautical themed boat and equipment that includes swings, slides and climbing apparatus which is sure to spark the imagination of children of all ages.

Council's Community Engagement Staff have spent considerable time engaging with the Dover community encouraging everyone to have their say on the future of the site. The Community consultation was open for a three week period with opportunities for the community to have their say via surveys at the Southgate Shopping Centre, Council's Customer Service Centre or online at the Council's website.

"It is pleasing to see the voices of the local community are being captured, considered and developed into designs such as this one. It is important for Council to hear the voices of the community and I encourage everyone to have a say," said Deputy Mayor Sally Doyle.

Other public amenities recently upgraded in the area include the walking track and the Kiln. The playground seating, barbecue, and picnic table will also be upgraded. Councillor Doyle said "The playground is ideally located, as it attracts both tourists and locals alike due to its location."

Playgrounds can play an essential role in the growth and development of children, a place where children can explore their environments, meet physical challenges and interact socially with others. They provide inexpensive and convenient recreational opportunities for families to enjoy together.

"Council allocated funds in the 2018-19 budget to redevelop the playground and install new equipment," Deputy Mayor Doyle said.

The Huon Valley Council is committed to providing recreational activities for people of all ages and currently provides 24 Public Playgrounds within the Municipal Area.

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