



# **Summary of Community Engagement Glen Huon Playground Renewal**

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Glen Huon Playground Renewal

Summary of Community Engagement

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## 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This community engagement on the Glen Huon Playground Renewal was conducted at the “Consult Level” in accordance with Council’s Community Engagement Framework.

For the purposes of the engagement, feedback on the project was invited from the community for a period of three weeks (Friday 26 February 2021 – Sunday 21 March 2021).

This report summarises feedback received throughout the engagement period. A total of 135 responses to the request for feedback were received. Copies of each of the responses received are included in Appendix 2 of this report.

Engagement platforms used throughout the process included:

- Email
- Council eNewsletter
- Council noticeboards
- On-site drop-in session
- On-line and hard copy surveys
- Glen Huon Primary School
- Social Media
- Huon FM

## BACKGROUND

The Glen Huon Playground located on Glen Huon Road is due for replacement in accordance with Council’s Asset Renewal Schedule. Replacement will ensure that the equipment meets all current Australian Standards.

Consultation with the community on the Glen Huon Playground (Glen Huon Road) is to determine the community’s needs and desires with regard to the style of equipment, theme and demographics (age groups) of user.

In preparing the concept plan, consideration was given to the need for the new designs to be inclusive of the age of users, the existing sites, the natural surrounds of the area and the allocated budget (Asset renewal 2020/2021).

The Glen Huon Hall Management Committee was identified as a key stakeholder for this engagement with representatives initially meeting with Council’s project team on Wednesday 3 February 2021. Concerns were raised by the committee regarding fencing of the area, and it was agreed to incorporate two fencing options into this engagement.

- **Option A** (area 1 & 2) – play equipment in both areas (if yes, go to question 5)
- **Option B** (area 1 only) – play equipment confined to top area with boundary fence (if yes, go to question 7)

Partial funding for the fence was identified through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

The committee and Council also recognised that the community is very passionate about the old carousel that is situated in the playground and its historic value.

Following this meeting the concept playground designs and fence options were opened for public consultation from Friday 26 February to Sunday 21 March 2021 via survey monkey or hard copy. Copies of these concept designs are included in Appendix 3

Community members were invited to share their thoughts of the proposed design, age of users, options for split playground sites and fencing options. The feedback forms also provided community members with an opportunity to be kept up to date on this project by including their email address.

On Saturday 13 March Council’s Community Engagement Officer hosted an on-site session at the Glen Huon Playground. Approximately 20 community members attended with 12 hard copy surveys completed. The Glen Huon Hall Management Committee representatives also attended this open session.

The Community Engagement Officer attended the Glen Huon Primary School on Tuesday 16 March 2021 and presented the proposed playground designs to approximately 30 students. The students discussed options and what they would like in the playground. Hard copy surveys were left for students, teachers and parents to complete and return.

The techniques included in this community engagement project are outlined in the below table.

Engagement Technique	Date	Reach
Huon Valley Council Website – Community Engagement ‘Have Your Say’ page	25 February 2021 – 21 March 2021	1072 page views
Survey Monkey – Huon Valley Council	26 February 2021 – 21 March 2021	101 online surveys completed.
On-site meeting	13 March 2021	12 hard copy surveys completed
Glen Huon School	16 March 2021	22 hard copy surveys completed
Facebook	25 February 2021 – 21 March 2021	8742 people reached 1317 engaged with post
Council eNewsletter	26 February 2021 – 21 March 2021	579 subscribers who received the

Engagement Technique	Date	Reach
		eNewsletter weekly
Community Noticeboards	26 February 2021 – 21 March 2021	15 noticeboards

### 3. ENGAGEMENT FEEDBACK

Community members have volunteered considerable time to consider the project and provide feedback.

Key themes from the surveys have been analysed by the project team and are presented in this feedback report.

As indicated in the Summary to this Report a total of 135 responses have been received to the request for feedback during the engagement period.

The feedback received made a number of suggestions and all the feedback has been listed within appendix 2.

Each response was analysed with the following key themes noted.

#### Playground equipment

- A design that was suitable for a range of ages from toddlers to young teenagers
- A desire to have a more natural (timber) design
- The desire to retain the tyre carousel
- Inclusion of swings suitable for all ages

It is important to note that throughout this engagement the community very strongly requested that the existing carousel remain. Due to the carousel's age and not meeting Australian Standards this is not possible to be retained therefore Council has worked very closely with the equipment supplier to replicate the carousel within budget.

#### Fencing

The engagement asked if the community preferred either of the following:

- **Option A** (level 1 & 2) – play equipment in both areas with boundary fence
- **Option B** (level 1 only) – play equipment confined to top area with fence surrounding playground area.

Looking at this part of the consultation the community were asked if they selected Option A to then answer question 5 and if they selected Option B to then answer question 7.

It was obvious to the project team that this was not the way community answered and it is important to note that 65.67% (88) preferred Option B with the playground confined to the top area and then 95.90% (117) preferred the boundary fence option in Question 5.

Whilst the survey results indicate that respondents preferred the York-style fence this would cost prohibitive for a complete boundary fence.

The project team will recommend to Council that a boundary fence will be erected at the Glen Huon Park in the black mesh style.

#### **4. CONCLUSIONS**

Following the project team analysing the results from this engagement it was agreed to revisit the concept design to include the following play equipment in the area 1 only and to progress with a complete boundary fence.

The new concept designs will include:

- Purpose-designed carousel to match the existing equipment where possible
- Timber swing sets to suit toddler age and older age children
- Timber seesaw
- Slide with timber features
- Timber raft rocker to suit most age groups and accommodate creative play
- Boundary fence for the Glen Huon Park
- Use the black mesh style fencing to blend into the environment

The project team consulted with the Glen Huon Hall Management Committee at a meeting held on-site on Monday 24 May 2021 and provided them with the proposed new concept designs as seen in appendix 5. The committee were excited to see these new designs and that a new carousel could be included along with other suitable playground equipment.

The Glen Huon Hall Management Committee was very supportive of a boundary fence in the mesh design for the Glen Huon Park and have committed funds if required to complete this part of the project.

As the community feedback and desires have been taken into account when developing the new concept designs it is felt by the project team that further engagement will not be required on the new proposed designs.

Funding for this project is from Council 2020/21 Asset Renewal, the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and 2021 election commitment funding.

## Appendix 1

### Survey



#### Glen Huon Playground Renewal Survey

The playground at Glen Huon is due for renewal and is being upgraded.

We'd like to hear your thoughts on the equipment and features that should be included in the new design to best cater for the local community.

Your feedback will be included in a report presented to Council for consideration.

Have Your Say by completing this survey or you can complete a hard copy survey and return by:

- In person at Council's Customer Service Centre, 40 Main Street, Huonville
- Email [hvc@huonvalley.tas.gov.au](mailto:hvc@huonvalley.tas.gov.au)

Survey closes Sunday 21 March 2021

On-site public information session  
Saturday 13 March 10am-2pm at the playground

The Glen Huon Hall Management Committee will be holding a FREE sausage sizzle on the day.

\* 1. What age group should this playground cater for?

- 0-5 years
- 6-12 years
- Both

\* 2. Looking at the proposed playground equipment, please number 1-4 your preferences. (1 being most important)



Carousel



Supernova



Tarantula



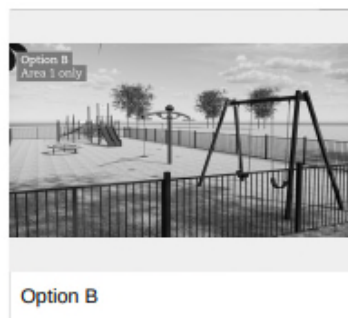
Swing Set

3. Do you have any other suggestions for play equipment?

\* 4. Looking at the proposed designs do you prefer? (Visit [Have Your Say](#) and click on images to enlarge.)

**Option A** - Equipment over two sites (area 1 & area 2) with **no** surrounding fencing. **If selected, go to question 5**

**Option B** - All equipment in confined area (area 1) with surrounding fence. **If selected, go to question 7**





5. Do you think the Glen Huon Park requires a partial boundary fence on Glen Huon Road, Park Lane and Watsons Road?

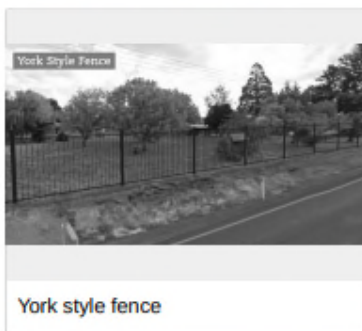
Please note: Fencing of the whole area is not possible due to parking, access and trees.

Yes (please go to question 6)

No

If no, why?

6. If you responded yes to question 5, which style of fencing do you prefer? (Visit [Have Your Say](#) and click on images to enlarge.)



\* 7. Please tell us your suburb

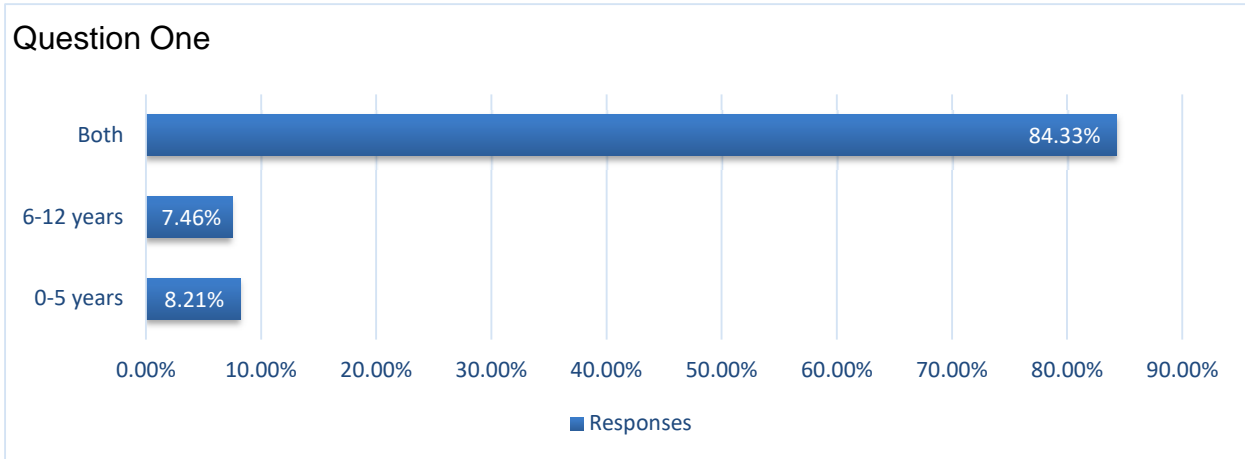
8. Thank you for completing this survey. If you would like to be kept up to date with this project, please sign up for [Council eNews](#)

Appendix 2

# Survey Results

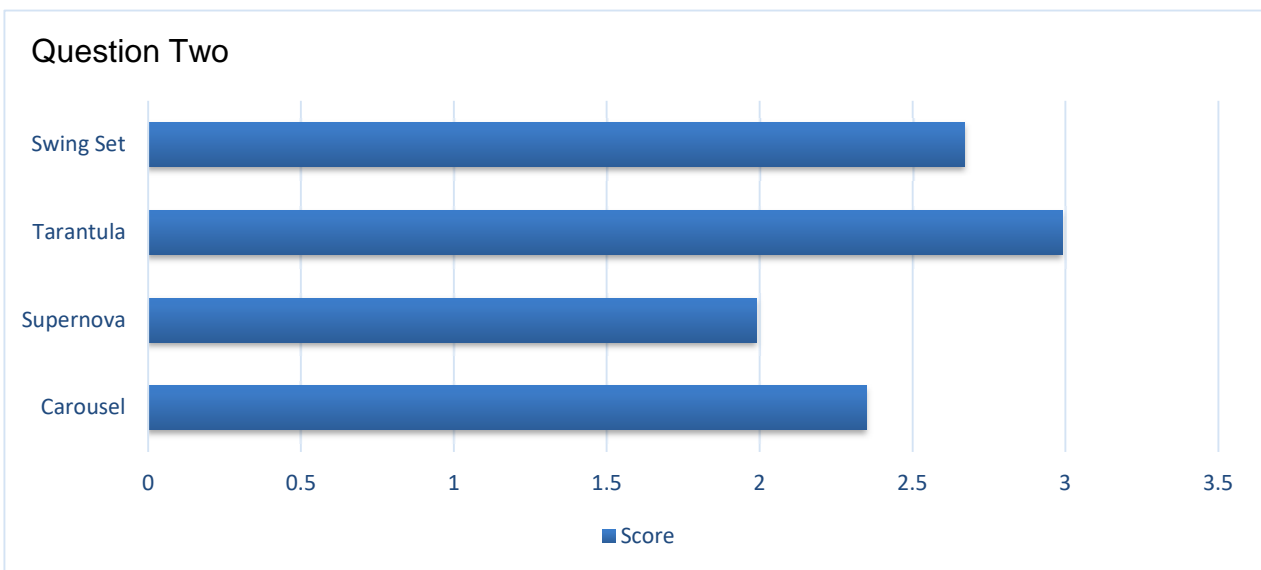
**Question One:** What age group should this playground cater for?

Of the 135 community members who responded, 84.44% (114) said that the playground should cater for both ages, 8.15% (11) for 0-5 years and 7.41% (10) for 6-12 years.



**Question Two:** Looking at the proposed playground equipment, please number 1-4 your preferences. (1 being most important)

	1	2	3	4	Score	Ranking
Tarantula	44.44%	24.44%	16.30%	14.81%	2.99	1
Swing Set	33.33%	23.70%	20.74%	22.22%	2.68	2
Carousel	12.59%	32.59%	31.85%	22.96%	2.35	3
Supernova	9.63%	19.26%	31.11%	40.00%	1.99	4



### Question Three: Do you have any other suggestions for play equipment?

#### Comments

- Area 1 with no fence - older kids. Area 2 with fence - younger kids
- Area 1 - older kids with NO fence. Area 2 - younger kids with fence, include parent seating in area 2 Prefer a fence that adds character and matches the weatherboard hall and history of the area. "Use natural colours eg. Kangaroo Bay in Bellervie is beautiful.
- Area 1 - older kids NO fence Area 2 - Younger kids with fence Use timber as much as possible. The carousel needs a larger seta pod. My kids never use this type but love the ones with tyres. Add a roof on Tarantula to make cubby house, add steering wheel. Picnic tables and seats
- As a mother with children 15 months apart, it was too difficult to visit with my second child, as the eldest would run to the road near the carpark. Also never use these picnic tables. "
- Area 1 - older kids with NO fence. Area 2 - younger kids with fence
- Fence area 2 only. Use tyres on the carousel. I can never sit or stand on ones that are like this, they hurt. Would prefer timber picket fence like Judbury, please use timber post at least. Why do Cygnet & Judbury get things that look nice, and we don't??
- Fence area 2 and don't fence area 1. Please keep the bike track. We love the design of Judbury playground - natural treehouse and enhances the beauty of the area.
- Monkey bars and dog park
- Monkey bars
- Shading over all equipment. Seating/picnic tables for parents/birthdays etc.
- Seesaw, roundabout, sandpit, rock-climbing wall, pirate ship, monkey bars, butterfly swing, net spider swing, bike track and zipline
- I suggest a net swing to be added and also maybe some in-ground trampolines
- Roundabout
- Seesaw, dog park, zipline, bike track, monkey bars and benches
- Upgrade tyre swing, seesaw, monkey bars and fort
- Skate park
- Something musical
- I don't have any ideas because I think what is there is really great.
- A awesome giant dog park. A giant fort with a ramp to get up with rock climbing walls, slides, fireman pole, zip line, trampoline and monkey bars
- The new park at Kingston has a lot a great ideas. Particularly around less transitional equipment
- something for very young children 2-4 years olds.
- Please fence outer borders. So many kids have almost been hit. cars whip around the corner
- Add ladder to slide on side. Inground trampoline. Tunnels. Improve vision towards Judbury on exiting the carpark – mirror.

- No supernova - get a ground level one - or something for the little ones. Extra swings - maybe one of those circle mesh ones! I think a park boundary fence- way more important than childproof around equipment - cars so fast on roads - kids fast runners
- Monkey bars
- We should have more benches.
- Options for little ones (0-4), small, low equipment so they can easily and safely climb independently
- Please consider using natural materials, timber, fibre robes, etc rather than plastics. Perhaps a small maze would be nice, something in which the kids could run and hide.
- A rocking boat would be a valuable piece of equipment for the Glen Huon Playground. When I was a young child, I made up varied and inventive make-believe games with a rocking boat. A rocking boat gives children a simple setting that can be used as the base for countless creative play situations. A rocking boat promotes imagination and play.
- No but please have Seating. Picnic tables.
- More swings and kill the supanova. They're dangerous they spin out of control and throw the kids off by surprise and the chance of broken bones is high. A balance walk would be more beneficial.
- Keep the tire swing please!! It is the best part about the whole park and the reason it is many people's favourite park! It allows multiple kids to play on it at once and have a great time. Was definitely a favourite of mine growing up!! Based on the designs below more swings are needed and what about some bars?
- Bike track
- Double baby swing - adult one side/ baby other... like on Huonville esplanade.
- Slide.
- zipline
- My kids really love the style of the current carousel where they can sit in the tyre properly, and more children can join in, rather than the new carousel proposal.
- Nature based play equipment with music like at Dru Point, extra swing sets having 4 like it does now is great! The kids love the tyre carousel it would be great if that could have a facelift.
- A vehicle on springs children can sit and ride with friends. For example, the boat in Ranelagh or the tractor in Judbury. Large musical instruments
- Keep the tyre swing.
- Something smaller and ground level better suited to toddlers that allows them to play independently such as steppingstones, low bridge, balance beams etc
- Flying fox
- more toddler friendly play equipment
- Tyre swings are very popular. Maybe keep them or get new ones put in.
- Keep the tyre swing. It's heritage.
- Please keep the tire swing

- Try and do something more like the Geeveston Park, the pictures look like outdated equipment. Probably can't do it to that scale but some natural play type of equipment, risk play equipment etc. Kingston beach (rotary parks) has a carousel and it's crap, I don't understand how to work it nor do the kids. The one the kids have a Glen Huon is pretty fun and unique should try and replicate or keep.
- Keep the tyre swing
- Keep tyre swing.
- fencing around the park for children's safety
- Exercise equipment for teenagers and adults. And more for the little children.
- Tyre swing stays.
- Please use the tyre swing that is there. A solid climbing piece not with holes I. It  
Monkey bars
- Make sure they are proper swings! Not like the ones at Huonville playground!!
- Sand wheel
- No
- Monkey bars and a nest swing would be great additions.
- Zip line
- No
- Monkey bars?
- Balance beam
- Nature based. Climbing inside a log like at Judbury Park.
- Climbing wall
- Sealed bike/scooter track
- A safety fence and maybe something for toddlers aged 1 -4
- N/a
- Water pump, tables with bowls/sink built in for children to mix things in, balancing beams, cubby.
- Flying Fox
- As fast as possible. Kids waiting
- Slippery slides monkey bars
- Something different like water play or rocks/climbing equipment. An obstacle course?
- Climbing wall
- Climbing equipment
- I don't believe the park should look like the proposed pictures you have provided. Do not make it into a park people are not going to go to. Have swings, keep the tyre swing. Have a slide and some spinning things. Have a monkey bar. Don't put in a net rope climb they are dangerous for young kids and only good for older kids. If the park that is proposed goes into the park, I won't take my kids here. Put in a proper bike track with some lights and signs. Make the little kids' playground a pirate ship or something like that, something kids love. This park needs to be fun and kids can run around without needing an adult to follow them to make sure they are safe. It has worked the way it is for years don't change something that works. Yes upgrade the playground and yes finally make it good for kids. But don't ruin it. A fence is not

required around the fence either it's just inconvenience and if a fence is put around the road it is pointless. This park is good for events and freedom comes with the park being opened. Closing it off makes it harder for children to come and that access is taken away. I hope you actually listen to people and don't just do this to make it seem like you asked the public. Also, just in case you didn't understand, don't take the tyre swing away. That has been there for generations and is the main attraction to the park. Replacing it with a carousel that is for two people takes away the attraction, fun and memories of generations that have grown up with it and will continue to grow with it. Glen Huon Park could be something amazing if it is done properly. Please don't ruin it.

- 2 slides one for each age group. Under 5 and over.
- Something for smaller ones although the options you have already are fantastic the smaller ones aged between 1-4 will struggle with some of this play equipment. It would be amazing to have maybe some musical items such as mushroom drums or something they can play?
- Something more toddler friendly. I have a 4-year-old who would only be able to use the swings. It's just like the Geeveston park and not inclusive"
- Fort
- Something suitable for the under 3 age
- I think a few swing sets with perhaps a net swing, instead of the supernova, one that sits in the ground and spins, flying fox is popular, the tarantula is good but needs more platform type things... maybe a few more things suited to little ones
- Bike track
- Dog play yard
- Flying Fox
- Bike track"
- Water pumps and rivers similar to Legacy Park in Hobart
- Slide
- Smaller slide for little ones
- Digger
- Climbing net, slides, bridge, cubby house
- No
- Something more artistic. A pirate ship? Some Huon Valley themes like apples. Equipment that makes people want to visit the park from outside areas.
- Boat or train to climb in/on.
- adventure, natural equipment that is open ended. non-traditional stuff that inspires imagination not boring run of the mill play
- Sheltered sandpit.
- No
- Sand pit
- Some equipment for toddlers, this seems to be designed for older children.
- A climbing fort, more towards the design at Huon esplanade
- Monkey bars, climbing wall, nest swing.
- Climbing frame

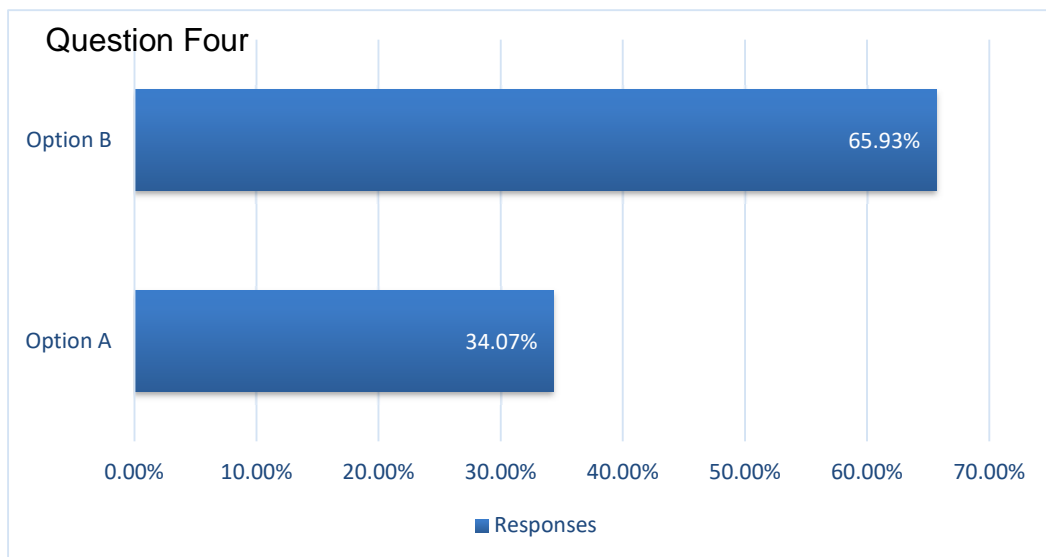
- Slides
- Equipment suited to toddlers. Something they can climb on and off by their selves. Smaller slides as well as larger ones and a small climbing frame for little ones for example.
- Digger

**Question Four:** Looking at the proposed designs do you prefer?

Option A - Equipment over two sites (area 1 & area 2) with no surrounding fencing (go to question 5) or Option B - All equipment in confined area (area 1) with surrounding fence (go to question 7)

Of the 135 respondents, 34.07% (46) preferred option A and 65.93% (89) preferred option B

**Note:** respondents were asked to go to question 7 if they selected option B, but it appears from the survey results that this did not occur.



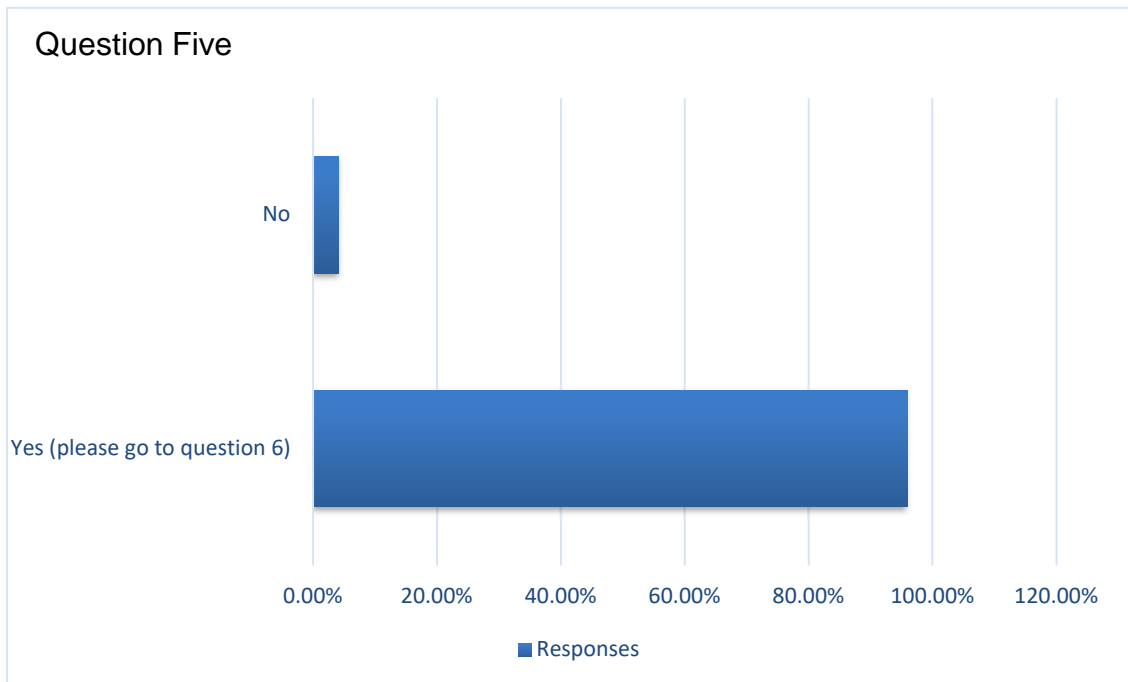
## Conclusion

Careful consideration has been given by the project team with regard to question 4.

- The community desire for all the playground equipment to be placed in area 1
- The new design for the playground which includes the carousel would have a larger fallout zone which would encroach on the bike track and seating. It would therefore not be possible to erect a playground fence around area 1.
- A park boundary fence will provide safety for all users including children and parents and community events such as Carols in the Park
- As a solution to the above the project team recommended for the design that all playground equipment be placed in area 1 and that a park boundary fence be installed.

**Question Five:** Do you think the Glen Huon Park requires a partial boundary fence on Glen Huon Road, Park Lane and Watsons Road? Please note: Fencing of the whole area is not possible due to parking, access and trees.

Of the 122 who responded to this question an over whelming 95.90% (117) preferred a boundary fence surrounding the Glen Huon Park and only 4.10% (5) responded no to a boundary fence.



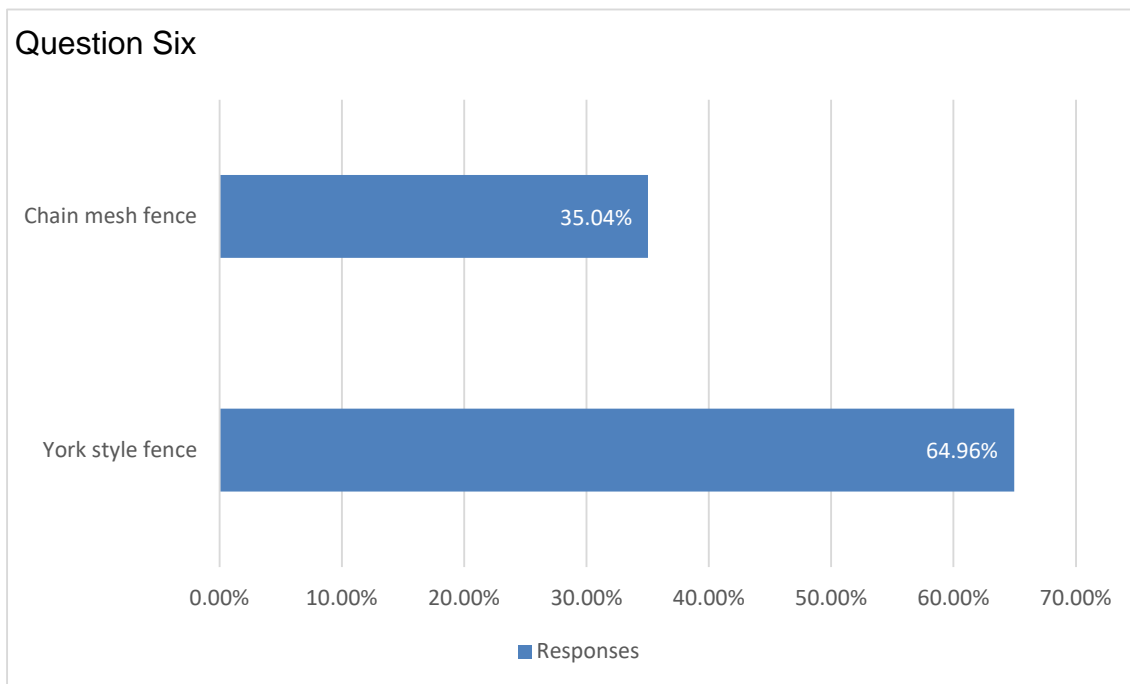
### Comments

- Parents supervise children etc... waste of money that could be spent on swings this park only caters for kids WHY there are adults in the area that would benefit from and exercise park. Please don't forget our oldies.
- For safety, the park definitely requires a boundary fence. If a boundary fence is built then a surrounding fence for option A should not be required. The chain mesh fencing would be extremely dangerous as young children would be able to climb it - it should not even be considered.
- Glen Huon Park is a community park. It hasn't been fenced for years and years and doesn't need to be fenced now.
- Just fence the children's park option B
- The open space is rare and makes the park area feel natural and more accessible
- Not if there is playground fencing - Option B



**Question Six:** If you responded yes to question 5, which style of fencing do you prefer?

Of the 117 who responded to this question 64.96% (76) preferred the York Style and 35.04% (41)



**Question Seven:** Please tell us your suburb.

Q7 Please tell us your suburb

Ranelagh Geeveston Huonville 7109 Glen Huon  
Franklin Judbury

### Appendix 3

Original proposed design





Option B  
Area 1 only



York Style Fence



Chain Mesh Fence

## Appendix 4

### Website analytics

Page	Page Views	Unique Page Views	Avg. Time on Page	Entrances	Bounce Rate	% Exit	Page Value
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### Facebook analytics

**Huon Valley Council**  
1 March · 🌐

The playground at Glen Huon is due for renewal, and is being upgraded. We'd like to hear your thoughts on the equipment and features that should be included in the new design to best cater for the local community.

Have Your Say now: [www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au/cons.../glen-huon-playground-renewal...](http://www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au/cons.../glen-huon-playground-renewal...) See more

**HAVE YOUR SAY**

**HUON VALLEY COUNCIL**

5,344 People reached    1,116 Engagements    [Boost post](#)

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**Performance for your post**

**5,344** People Reached

**140** Reactions, comments & shares 📊

38 Like	17 On post	21 On shares
4 Love	0 On post	4 On shares
76 Comments	32 On Post	44 On Shares
22 Shares	20 On Post	2 On Shares

**976** Post Clicks

28 Photo views	228 Link clicks	720 Other Clicks 📊
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**NEGATIVE FEEDBACK**

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**Huon Valley Council**  
9 March · 🌐

Have you had your say on the Glen Huon Playground renewal?  
We'd like to hear your thoughts on the equipment and features that should be included in the new design to best cater for the local community.  
Have Your Say now: [www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au/cons.../glen-huon-playground-renewal...](http://www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au/cons.../glen-huon-playground-renewal...) See more



Which design do you prefer?

**HAVE YOUR SAY** 

987 People reached    35 Engagements    [Boost post](#)

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987 People Reached

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13 March · 🌐

Reminder to have your say on the Glen Huon Playground renewal today.  
Council's Community Engagement Officer is at Glen Huon today from 10am to 2pm to hear your thoughts on the equipment and features that should be included in the new design to best cater for the local community.  
The Glen Huon Hall Committee have the snags ready and waiting for you!  
👉 See more



2,411 People reached    166 Engagements    [Boost post](#)

👍 6    5 Comments    10 shares

👍 Like    💬 Comment    ➦ Share

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15 Like    6 On post    9 On shares

1 Love    0 On post    1 On shares

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13 Shares    10 On Post    3 On Shares

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15 Photo views    5 Link clicks    107 Other Clicks

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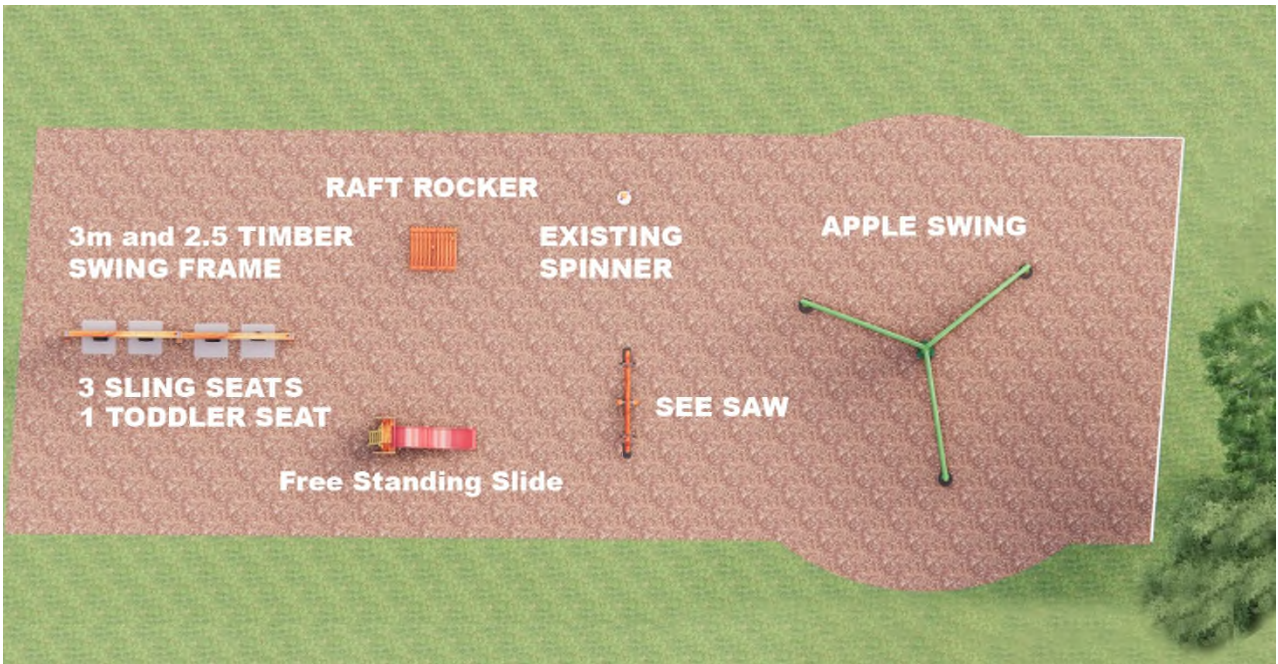
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**Appendix 5**

Alternative proposed design





# Attachment B

## ORIGINAL PROPOSED DESIGN







Option A  
Area 1

Supernova

Tarantula

Carousel



York Style Fence



Chain Mesh Fence

# Attachment C

## ALTERNATIVE PROPOSED DESIGN



