

# GLENBURN DRIVE RESERVE PLAYGROUND

CONCEPT DESIGN

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## PLAYSPACE UPGRADE

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60-72 Glenburn Drive, Hallam

## Background and Scope

The playground has reached the end of its service life and offers limited play opportunities. The existing path is in good condition and connects Glenburn Drive to Safron Rise. In addition to the playground, within the reserve, there is currently a set of goal posts and a half court.

Due to the lack of nearby play facilities the upgraded playground is proposed as a district level destination with a diverse range of play equipment suitable for all ages and abilities, shelter, drinking fountain and new seating. Within the wider reserve new and upgraded active elements will be included.

## Context

The surrounding area is predominantly residential, with an industrial area 200 metres to the west and a wide grassed electrical easement to the east.

The local demographics encompass:

- Significant proportion of children aged 0-14.
- Cultural diverse population with large Afghan, Indian, Sri Lankan and broader South Asian communities.
- Above average household size with most households comprising couples with children.



## Initial Consultation - Key Findings

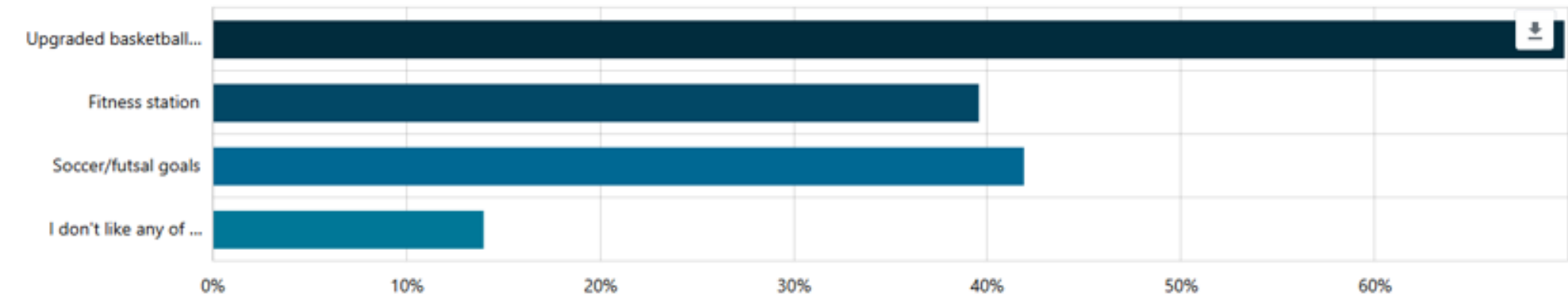
70 responses

### Active Recreation requests

- 70%. Upgraded Basketball Court
- 43%..... Soccer/Futsal Goals
- 38%..... Fitness Stations

### Playspace voting results

- 84%..... Swings
- 84%.....Nature and Sensory Play
- 82%.....Place to meet people
- 82%..... Tower with slide
- 75%..... Slide
- 75%.....Balancing
- 73%.....Trampoline
- 54%..... Soccer/Futsal Space
- 68%..... Climbing Structures
- 65%.....Half Court/Basketball
- 43%..... Spinner
- 43%.....Fitness Station
- 18%..... Play Board
- 15%..... Rocker



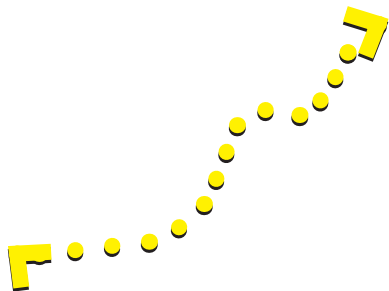
### General requests

- High proportion of users are 0-6 and highlight the need for equipment to cater for younger children
- Participants highlighted opportunities to broaden appeal by including facilities for older children (basketball court, futsal goals, fitness stations, skate or bike tracks) and more challenging play elements
- Strong emphasis on additional shade, seating, picnic areas, drinking fountain and barbecue facilities
- Recurring priority of need for upgrading existing basketball court
- Feedback on the need for fencing or gated play areas

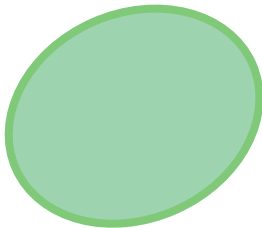
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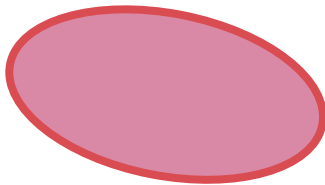
## Overall Site Design Proposal



Existing path to be retained



Area for new district level playspace



Active recreation elements



## Playspace Design Concept - Peter Rabbit backyard inspired playspace

Storytelling can be a powerful driver for playground design, creating meaningful, immersive environments that support imaginative play and strengthen connections to place.

The story of Peter Rabbit centres on Peter venturing into Mr McGregor's backyard garden—an everyday domestic setting that closely reflects the suburban character of Glenburn Drive, defined by low-density, family homes with private yards. This strong alignment between narrative and context presents an opportunity to design a playground that draws on familiar backyard elements, expressed through play structures, materials and layout to create a child-scaled environment that encourages exploration, movement and storytelling.

The theme also resonates across the area's multicultural community, reflecting shared everyday experiences such as gardening, food growing, outdoor family gatherings and learning through nature. Within this framework, there is also a clear opportunity to deliver a playground that caters to all ages, responding directly to community feedback and supporting inclusive, intergenerational play.



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## Central Feature - House Inspired Combination Unit

A custom combination unit, which is designed based on the design language of a suburban house, acts as the 'home base' of the backyard story. Its pitched roof, chimney and dormer windows all reflect the familiar architecture of a house. A rope climbing area with a backyard pool inspired platform space adds to the story. The unit offers diverse play opportunities with slides for all ages, play panels, rope climbing and bridges.



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## Backyard Play Elements for all Ages and Abilities



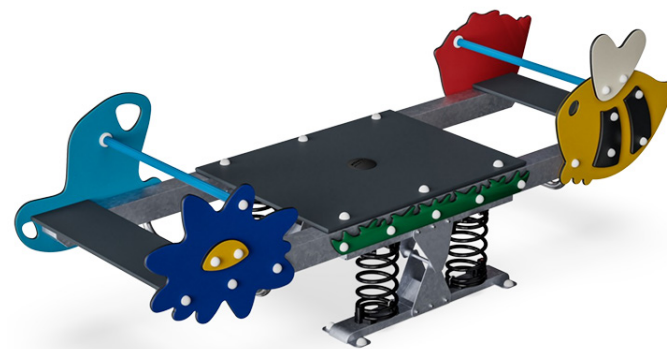
Backyard Swings



Rotary Clothesline Spinner



Cantilevered Basket Swing



Backyard Seesaw



Accessible Carousel



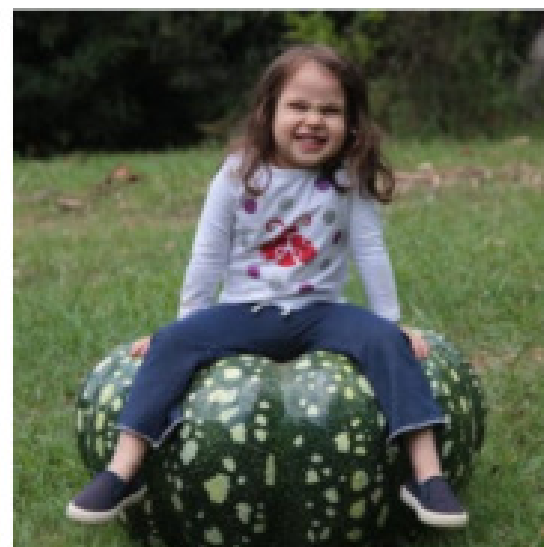
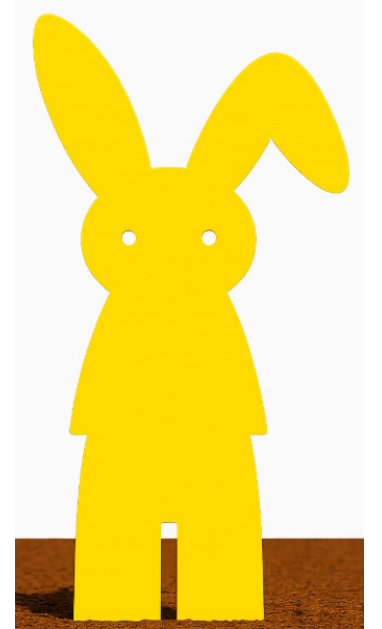
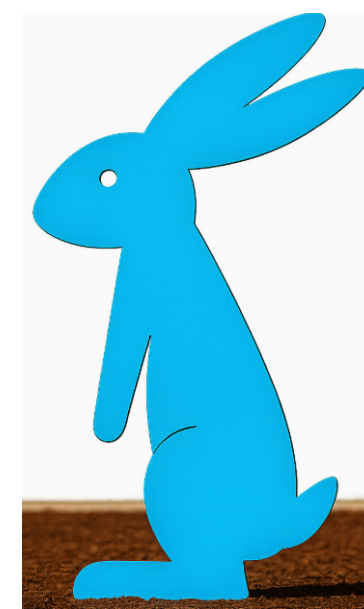
Musical Chimes

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## Vegetable Garden

A garden path leads young children into a playful space inspired by a backyard vegetable patch. Oversized vegetables, rabbits and garden elements encourage hands-on exploration and imaginative play.

Children discover hidden rabbits and follow pawprints along the path, sparking curiosity and storytelling. A small garden shed at the centre creates a familiar backyard setting for role-play, while low vegetable crates provide places to climb, sit and interact. Together, these elements support movement, creativity and child-led play.



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The importance of bees will be highlighted with themed play equipment and signage, providing a playful, educational element for young children.



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## Active Recreation Elements

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Basketball/Soccer Fusion Goals to be installed on existing upgraded half court

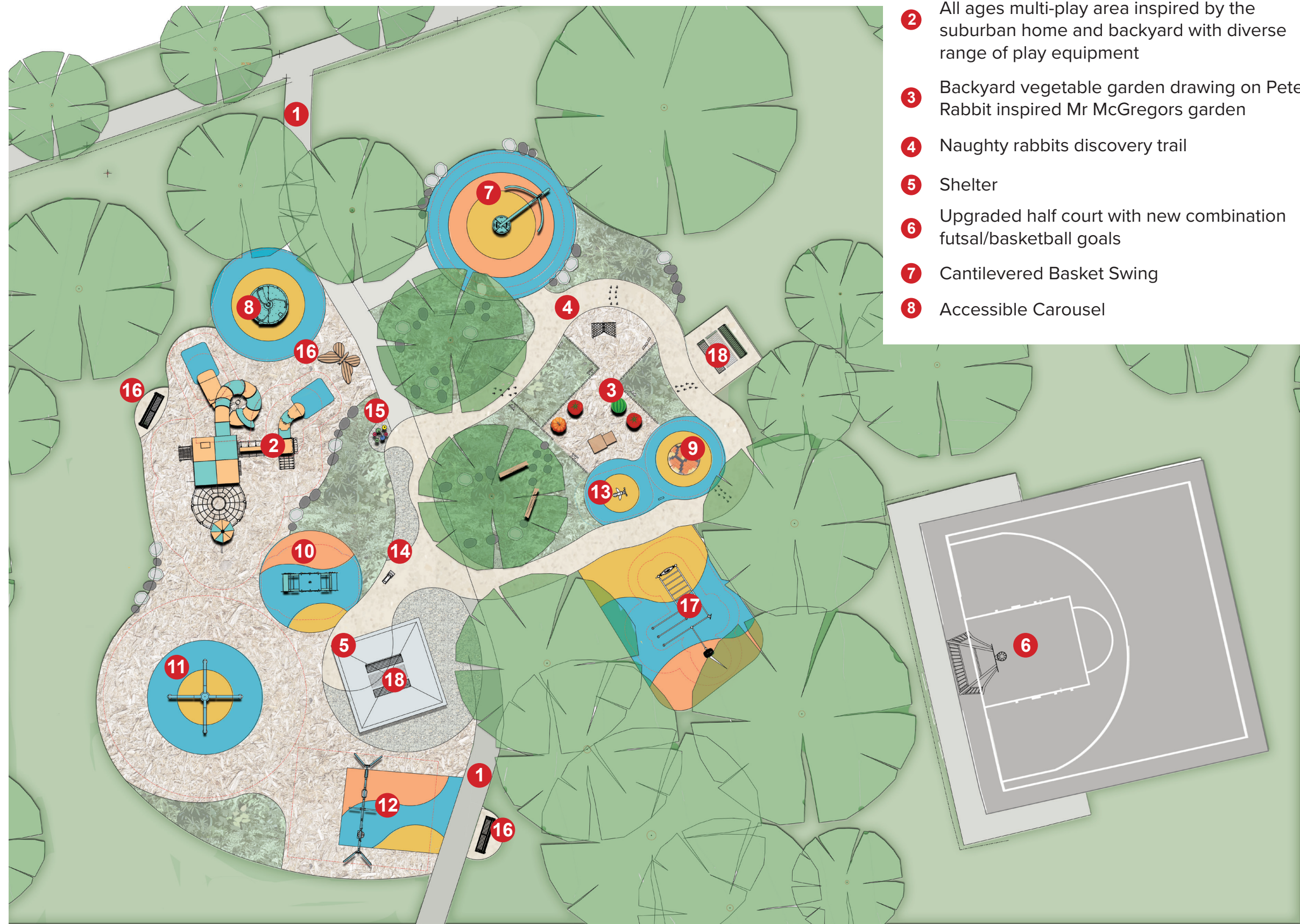


Fitness station including multiple exercise activities.

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Existing concrete path to be retained.
- 2

All ages multi-play area inspired by the suburban home and backyard with diverse range of play equipment
- 3

Backyard vegetable garden drawing on Peter Rabbit inspired Mr McGregors garden
- 4

Naughty rabbits discovery trail
- 5

Shelter
- 6

Upgraded half court with new combination futsal/basketball goals
- 7

Cantilevered Basket Swing
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Accessible Carousel
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Inground Trampoline
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Seesaw
- 11

4 Way Pendulum Swing Spinner
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Swing Set
- 13

Bee Springer
- 14

Drinking Fountain
- 15

Musical Chimes
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Seats
- 17

Fitness Equipment
- 18

Picnic Table

## Vegetable Garden



- Legend
- 1 Large sculptural vegetables
  - 2 Rabbits
  - 3 Vegetable crates
  - 4 Rabbit footprints
  - 5 Garden Shed
  - 6 'Rock Stepping Stones'
  - 7 Bee Springer
  - 8 Beehive Trampoline
  - 9 'Look out for Rabbits' sign
  - 10 'Vege Garden This Way' sign
  - 11 'Pollinator Bees' sign
  - 12 Garden Tools