



Berriedale Foreshore Destination Playspace

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Glenorchy City Council is seeking investment to deliver its next destination playspace at the Berriedale Foreshore, transforming one of the municipality's most significant waterfront locations into a high-quality, inclusive, and regionally significant recreation asset.

The project will create a contemporary, accessible playspace supported by nature-based design, family amenities, and strong connections to the Derwent River foreshore, MONA, and the Intercity Cycleway. It will serve as a major regional drawcard, providing free, high-value recreation for children, young people, families, and visitors from across Greater Hobart.

The Impact:

Provision of free, accessible recreation for children and families, activating the Berriedale Foreshore as a vibrant public space, and creating long-term social, environmental, and economic benefits for the Greater Hobart region.

Key Facts

Total project cost:
\$1.2 million

Funding sought:
\$1.2 million (full funding)

Project Timeline:
12 Months



Why It's Important

Council's Playspace Strategy 2021–2040 identifies a critical need for regional-level playspaces that offer unique, high-quality play experiences, longer-stay amenities, and inclusive design.

Glenorchy is currently home to two destination playspaces – Benjafield Park in Moonah and Giblin's Reserve in Goodwood. There is now an identified need for a third destination playspace further to the north of the region to cater for:

- a higher proportion of children than the Greater Hobart average
- lower household incomes, increasing reliance on free public recreation

- ageing and outdated play infrastructure that no longer meets contemporary standards
- a growing population and increasing visitation to the Berriedale precinct.

The Playspace Strategy highlights the importance of delivering playspaces that are innovative, inclusive, and reflective of community identity, with a strong emphasis on nature-based play, accessibility, and universal design.

The Berriedale Foreshore is identified as a priority location due to its regional significance, scenic setting, proximity to major attractions and existing carparking and newly constructed toilet amenities.



Project Details

The Berriedale Foreshore destination playspace will include:

- a diverse range of all-abilities play equipment
- nature-based and imaginative play zones
- accessible paths and inclusive design features
- shaded family and social gathering areas
- seating, shelters, drinking water, and supporting amenities
- landscaping and environmental enhancements
- integration with the foreshore trail network and nearby attractions
- new playground safety fencing.

The design will follow best practice principles from the Playspace Strategy, ensuring playgrounds are safe, functional, durable, and deliver value for money.

This includes compliance with Australian Standards (AS 4685), improved safety features, accessible pathways and surfacing for all abilities, robust low-maintenance materials suited to local conditions, and a preference for locally sourced materials and Australian-made equipment to achieve cost-effective, high-quality outcomes.



Project Impact

The playspace will significantly improve access to high-quality recreation, supporting physical activity, social connection, and child development. It will provide a free, inclusive space for families who may face barriers to accessing paid recreation.

Located adjacent to MONA and the Intercity Cycleway, the playspace will enhance the Berriedale Foreshore as a regional destination, increasing visitation, supporting local businesses, and strengthening Glenorchy's tourism offering.

The project directly addresses social inequity by providing a high-quality public asset in a community with lower incomes and higher proportions of young families. Universal design ensures that children of all abilities can participate.

Nature-based design, landscaping, and foreshore integration will enhance the environmental quality of the site, strengthen local identity, and create a vibrant, welcoming public space. The project delivers on key objectives of the Playspace Strategy, the Open Space Strategy, and Council's broader vision for a healthy, active, and connected community.