Gerry Wood, Independent Member for Nelson, welcomes the proposed tree obstacle course at the Howard Springs Nature Park.

He says the course will open up the park for more people to enjoy and it will add to the very popular rock pools and adventure playgrounds that are there already.

Gerry says that the course will use existing trees to locate platforms, rope bridge crossings, zip lines and swings. The zip lines will be constructed over the lake which should add some excitement for the users.

He said the developers, Tree Adventure P/L, have already developed similar courses in Belgrave (Vic), Nowra (NSW) and Yarrawonga (NSW). Their strong environmental values are reflected in the interstate projects.

Gerry says that the Government should consider expanding the Palmerston bus service to travel the Nature Park to help promote the park. As there will be a fee to use the obstacle course perhaps the bus fee could be included in the price.

Gerry says he visited a similar park in Vancouver last year and says that while the Howard Springs Park will be much smaller he is sure it will attract people to the park.

Next project a new ranger station and café overlooking the lake.