

Port Lincoln Foreshore Playspace



Design Statement – WAX Design

The playspace has been designed with a gradient of play challenge across the site, ranging from less challenging water and sand creative play experiences, a low mound slide and swings to greater challenges including rope and climbing structures and tunnel slide.

The intent is to provide ‘something for everyone’ regardless of age or ability. It doesn’t segregate ‘junior’ or ‘senior’ play areas, rather allowing children to choose the play experience that feels right for them, as everyone is different, and it makes allowance to cater for all needs.

The elevated walkway from the mound around the waterplay through to the tunnel slide provides an all abilities pathway up to 2.5m above ground level, where users can access elevated views to the foreshore and surrounding landscape context, along with slides, tunnels and net play.

Whilst the benefit of risk and allowing users to explore risk through play was a keen design driver for the selection of play experiences, the entire playspace has been designed to meet Australian Standards for play and is independently audited through the design process and again at the completion of construction, to ensure compliance. The auditor will also review proximity of surrounding risks to the playspace, including the adjacent road.

The playspace has been offset more than 10m to Tasman Terrace with clear visual sight lines between the playspace edge and the road, and the play activity has been centralised to the northern aspect of the site. A post and wire fence with a vegetated garden bed either side has been included in the boundary, to provide an informal edge to the reserve and reduce pedestrian permeability through this area of the site.

The existing Norfolk Island Pines provide an abundance of shade on the northern side of the playspace, and the layout of the elevated walkway and play has been designed to maximise the natural shade provided. Throughout the project, we have worked closely with the arborist to ensure best practice with protecting the trees and improving their growing conditions.

Extract from playspace plans – External Works

