



Coastal Playpark Structures

Open space infrastructure provides a seat to watch the fun

Client: Surf Coast Shire
Location: Torquay, Jan Juc and Anglesea, Victoria
Date: Construction completed 2014
Budget: \$400k
Role: Design & Documentation



Our Approach

In response to the Surf Coast Shire's request to design shelters and toilet structures at three popular playgrounds along the coast, we created a project team of local design professionals that delivered on all the requirements of the brief.

The project was to design a shelter, BBQ and toilet structure at Whites Beach Playground in Torquay (budget \$240,000), a picnic shelter/BBQ area at Bob Pettit Reserve, Jan Juc (\$65,000) and Shelter and unisex toilet at Lions Park, Anglesea (\$95,000).

Led by Perry Mills, building designer Belinda Garwood (Taylor Garwood Designs) and structural engineer Andrew Cherubin (Andrew Cherubin & Associates) designed a range of buildings that reflected the coastal context through use of durable natural timbers and local materials.



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Before - site is low-lying and flood prone



After - high and dry



Roofline reflects existing performance shelter



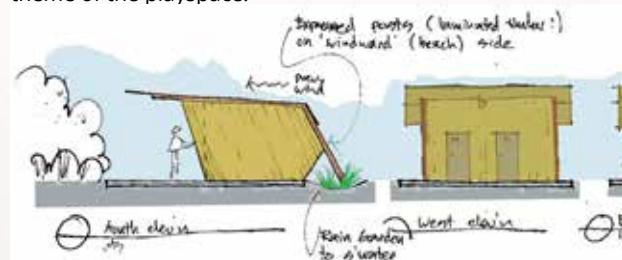
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The design of these structures mimics the pattern of the vegetation nearby - blasted by the south-westerly winds off Bass Strait they have developed a characteristic lean, with all the foliage swept off to the lee side and the trunk exposed on the windward.

Significant features on site are the curved timber beams of the flying fox and the stone throughout the play area. There is a cultural heritage theme to the play space which highlights indigenous flora and fauna of significance to the Wathaurung community who lived on this land.

The large shelter provides a windbreak and overlooks the play area to the north. It is a popular place to come in winter as well as summer. Use of untreated timbers and stone respect the indigenous flora and nature-play theme of the playspace.



Design Sketch - Whites Beach Public Toilet
not to scale



Design inspiration images and sketches



Sustainable timber and durable stainless

