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Coastal Playpark Facilities

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 bespoke project team of local design professionals

Led by Perry Mills, the design team included building designer Belinda Garwood (Taylor Garwood Designs) and structural engineer Andrew Cherubin (Andrew Cherubin & Associates).

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 ;
- A shelter and unisex toilet at Lions Park, Anglesea ($95,000).

Our response to the brief proposed a range of buildings that reflected the coastal context though use of durable natural timbers and local materials.

The design of the buildings reflects the wind-blown character of the local vegetation.

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Coastal Playpark Structures - Whites Beach, Torquay



Blasted by the south-westerly winds off Bass Strait, nearby plants have developed a characteristic lean with all the foliage swept off to the lee side, and the trunk exposed on the windward side.

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 steel.

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Coastal Playpark Structures - Lions Park, Anglesea



Before - site is low-lying and flood prone





After - high and dry





Roofline reflects existing performance shelter



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