



Peninsula Recreation Precinct, Umina beach, 2009, Gosford City Council



Main entry to playground

Gosford City Council engaged Sturt Noble Associates in 2009 to develop a holistic recreation area within the Peninsula Recreation Precinct addressing both the active and passive recreational needs of the broader regional community. The space is located between Umina Beach, schools, sports fields, a skate park and camping Grounds.

The design creates a series of "play zones" which are designed around a generous community building with café facilities. The play zones provide a variety of play experiences and adventures for different age groups and various physical abilities. A sweeping back dune and planting are used to form both discreet and open areas of play, ranging from a maze featuring sound, scent and texture to broad-scale challenging climbing nets.

Off-the-shelf play items were combined with custom made features & play pieces. Children contributed to the project through a community art initiative, hand painting tiles for inclusion into maze walls.

Generous landscaped picnic areas, BBQ shelters and a community stage complement play zones. The whole precinct is further defined by the inclusion of a circular shared path with exercise equipment and stations. The development caters to all age groups and abilities.









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