

## **OPEN SPACE & RECREATION DESIGN**

Regional Playground: Blacktown Showground 2011-2012 Blacktown City Council



Master plan shows location of playground

Council engaged the practice to design and document a \$750,000 junior, senior and a low water use playground as part of the redevelopment of the Blacktown Showground. Separated into different zones of activity, the final design provides a variety of play experiences and adventures for different age groups. A water theme carries through the site and educates users of the importance of the re-use of this precious resource in Western Sydney.

The toddler playground is an imaginatively composed play area targeting children aged 2-8 years. The area includes exploratory, sensory and creative elements that offer challenges that are accessible and achievable for all children within this age group.

The senior playground is a challenging and stimulating space with big play experiences and lots of running active space targeting children aged 8-12 years.

The low water use playground is a challenging and stimulating space and includes water carrying vessels such as gutters, channels and children's hand pumps to activate the water for the playground.





Changes in level create a range of play spaces



The water play area provides an active play area for all ages