

City Botanic Gardens

*the “Jewel in the Crown” of the network of
All Abilities playgrounds across the City*



Brisbane City Council - City Design

*“It’s about Universal Access and Inclusion -
so that everyone can easily use public parks and facilities”*

Cr Quirk



Heritage and Botanical Theming



As the playground is being developed within a heritage precinct, it is important that the central feature is ‘of the era’.....

Custom designed Heritage Roof and routed panelling draws from the influence of the past while providing a modern take.

“New work becomes part of the story”

Horticultural or botanical forms, shapes and colours should influence the design

Landscape Structures custom “grass” and activity panels blend with the overall form.



*... to deliver a unique,
imaginative and
distinctive play
structure*





Accessible, Inclusive, Exciting and Fun



“Make a bold statement about access and inclusion”

Our 7 Senses Approach allowed us to design a centre-piece system and ancillary items that offered a variety of play value, sensory stimulation and inclusive play opportunities.

Challenging equipment catering for all ages and abilities, with opportunities for active, social and cognitive play.

...enable people of all ages and abilities to have equal access and participation in play





- ...is accessible and includes accessible support facilities*
- allow wheel chair access to 25% of the raised play activities*
 - allow access to 50% of the play activities via transfer stations*

Encouraging unprescribed play, features within the ramped areas have been selected to attract children of all abilities, to promote inclusive and challenging play opportunities.

Sensory Stimulation - Music



The Contrabass Chimes offer an outdoor music experience through powerful sounds that are both heard and felt, sustaining long after the fundamental sound has ceased. Not only do they provide an activity that appeals to all users they enhance the architectural appeal with their stunning towering appearance.



Sliding



Sliding provides children rich sensory experiences stimulating their visual, vestibular, tactile and proprioceptive systems.

We have included varied sliding within this system, including the Roller Slide that gives deep tissue stimulation and is static free - making it suitable for users with cochlear implants.

Sensory Wall



Wheelchair accessible, the Sensory Play Walls that have been included in the playspace are more than fun. They engage the senses and help children of all abilities to further their development as they play together. Built in tactile elements encourage children to explore various textures and shapes, while the panels offer a sensory wonderland of auditory, visual, motor and discovery opportunities.





Climbing



All children desire to climb and conquer and since the activity involves four key sensory systems - tactile, proprioception, visual and vestibular, the benefits of climbing are vital for physical development.

Varied climbing challenges have been included - creating fun routes through the play space





Overall Playground Theme

The CBD Play for All will cater for people of all ages and abilities, providing a place where users can experience a playspace that responds to and reveals the Garden's rich history.The central piece of play equipment looks like an overgrown bed of flowers and vines



Universal Playspace Design



Bailey Reserve, Glen Eira, Melbourne ↓

↑ *Prahran, Melbourne*





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