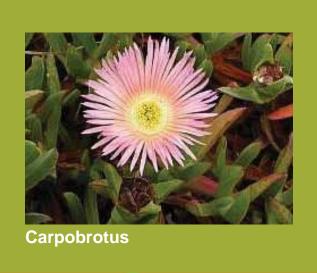






LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN









WRECKED TIMBER CUTTER
MAST AND RIGGING CLIMBING NET

GOVERNOR PHILLIP PARK MASTER PLAN ELEMENTS

SITE SIGNIFICANCE

GOVERNOR PHILIP PARK IS TREASURED FOR ITS UNSPOILT NATURAL BEAUTY, ITS WORLD CLASS LANDSCAPE SETTING AND HISTORICAL RELEVANCE. IT IS A PARK OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE PROVIDING A UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT FOR BOTH GENERAL RECREATION AND FAMILY ORIENTATED ACTIVITIES, OFFERING A PLACE FOR PEOPLE FROM DIVERSE CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS, SOCIOECONOMIC GROUPS AND AGES, TO EXPERIENCE AND ENJOY A MEMORABLE EXCURSION TO A DISTINCTIVE BEACHSIDE DESTINATION.

DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

TO RESPECT THE NATURAL BEAUTY AND THE RELAXED, INFORMAL CHARACTER OF THE PARK. TO RECOGNISE GOVERNOR PHILLIP'S SIGNIFICANT LEGACY.TO PROVIDE EXCITING AND CHALLENGING PLAY AREAS FOR OLDER AND YOUNGER CHILDREN THAT COMPLIMENT THE NATURAL SETTING AND EXISTING RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNUTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE BEACHES AND OPEN SPACE. TO FACILITATE COMMUNAL GATHERING AND PICNIC ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE YOUNGER CHILDRENS PLAY AREAS. TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE INFRASTRUCTURE IN KEEPING WITH THE EXISTING NATURAL INFORMAL LANDSCAPE CHARACTER OF THE PARK. TO OFFER EXCITING AND MEMORABLE PLAY AND VISITOR EXPERIENCES FOR A VARIETY OF AGES AND INTERESTS, IN KEEPING WITH EXPECTATIONS OF A **REGIONAL PARK.**

ENTRANCE

THE MAIN ENTRANCES TO THE PARK ARE DEFINED BY LOW CURVED SANDSTONE ENTRANCE WALLS, INCORPORATING MEMORIAL SCULPTURE RECOGNISING GOVERNOR PHILLIP. PEDESTRIANS ACCESS A RECREATION TRAIL ADJACENT TO THE GOLF COURSE, AND ARE DIRECTED TO A CROSSING POINT WHERE THE PATH ENTERS THE PARK BETWEEN TWO LARGE EXISTING AURICARIA, ARRIVING AT AN ENTRY PRECINCT THAT ENHANCES RECOGNITION OF THE HERITAGE AVENUE PLANTINGS. INFORMAL PLACEMENT OF ROCKS PREVENTS VEHICULAR ACCESS.

BOARDWALK AND PATHWAYS.

A SIMPLE SHARED RECREATION TRAIL PROVIDES SAFE ACCESS FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE PARK. WHILE CONNECTING KEY SITES SUCH AS THE PICNIC AREAS, PLAY GROUNDS, CAFES, AND PARKING. IT INCORPORATES A COMBINATION OF CRUSHED SANDSTONE PATHS AND A TIMBER BOARDWALK THAT ALLOWS ACCESS OVER THE NATURAL DEPRESSION AND RAIN GARDEN SOAK AND THE UNEVEN UNDULATIONS OF THE LANDSCAPE TO THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY.

CENTRAL GRASS LAND

THE EXISTING GRASSED AREA IS TO BE REGRADED TO FACILITATE THE COLLECTION OF STORMWATER AND TO MAXIMISE THE USABLE LEVEL LAWN AREA. COLLECTED STORM WATER IS DIRECTED TO THE RAIN GARDEN AREA FOR REABSORPTION. THE EXTENT OF THE ROLLING GRASS EMBANKMENTS AND OPEN EXPANSES IS MAXIMISED, IMPROVING SPACE FOR INFORMAL PICNICING, BALL GAMES, UNSTRUCTURED PLAY, AND LARGER COMMUNITY GATHERINGS AND EVENTS.

PLAYGROUNDS

THE CUTTER PLAYGROUND TAKES ITS THEME FROM THE EARLY EUROPEAN HISTORY OF THE PARK AND RECOGNISES THE SIGNIFICANT LEGACY OF GOVERNOR PHILLIP. A TIMBER CUTTER REMINISCENT OF THE ONE USED BY PHILLIP TO EXPOLRE THE LOCAL HAWKSBURY AREA, IS INTEGRATED WITH CLIMBING ROPES, SPINNING BALLS, ROPE BRIDGES AND JUMPING PLATFORMS TO CREATE AN IMAGINATIVE PLAYGROUND FOR 3 TO 8 YEAR OLDS.

THE TREE NETS PLAY AREA IDEAL FOR 7 TO 12 YEAR OLDS IS INTEGRATED INTO THE EXISTING MATURE AURICARIAS. CLIMBING IS A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN INSTINCT. TREE NETS, ROPE BRIDGES, PENDULUM SWINGS, SWINGING NETS AND SLIDES FORM A CREATIVE PLAYGROUND AMONGST THE TREES THAT CATERS TO THE URGE TO CLIMB AND EXPLORE WHILE CHALLENGING CHILDREN'S SKILLS AND ABILITIES OF VARIOUS AGES. THE TREE NET EQUIPMENT HAS HISTORICALLY PROVEN CAPACITY FOR SUCCESSFUL INSTALLATION WITHOUT CAUSING DAMAGE OR HARMFUL EFFECTS TO THE TREES. A DOUBLE SET OF LARGE TRADITIONAL SWINGS PROVIDES AN ALL TIME FAVOURITE PLAY ACTIVITY, AND IS REMINISCENT OF THE ORIGINAL SWINGS OF THE PARK.

CENTRAL DUNE

THE CENTRAL DUNE IS TO BE REVEGETATED WITH NATIVE SPECIES TO PROVIDE HABITAT AND A WILD LIFE CORRIDOR, WHILE DEFINING PICNIC NODES ALONG THE NORTH /SOUTH SPINE.

RAIN GARDEN

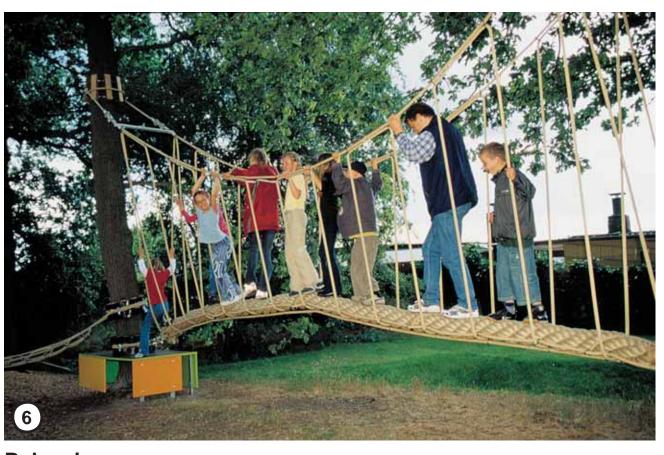
REGRADING AND SHAPING OF THE NATURAL DEPRESSION TO THE SOUTH WESTERN CORNER OF THE PARK AND PLANTING WITH HARDY NATIVE PLANTS, WILL FACILITATE THE ABSORBTION OF REDIRECTED STORMWATER RUN OFF AND REPLENISHMENT OF THE AQUIFER.

PARK BOUNDARY PLANTING

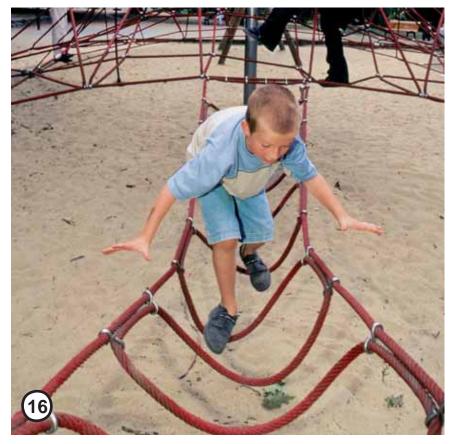
MASS PLANTED SWATHES OF NATIVE DIANELLA PROVIDE LOW VEGETATIVE SEPARATION BETWEEN THE ACTIVE PLAY ZONES, THE WALKAY AND BEACH ROAD, WHILE HELPING TO STABILIZE ERODED GROUND. CARPOBROTUS PROVIDES A LOW CARPET OF CONTRAST BENEATH THE ARAUCARIAS, GIVING WAY TO THE MORE WATER TOLERANT SPECIES PLANTED IN THE RAIN SOAK GARDEN.

PICNIC FACILITIES.

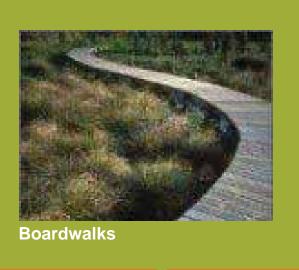
A NEW COMMUNAL SHELTER IS TO BE LOCATED NEAR THE YOUNGER CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND PROVIDING A FACILITY FOR MOTHER'S GROUPS, GATHERINGS OR BIRTHDAY PARTIES.TWO HERITAGE PICNIC SHELTERS WILL BE RELOCATED TO HIGHER GROUND TO THE EAST, AND ONE TO THE NORTH, TO THE PERIMETER OF THE ACTIVE PLAY AREAS, PROVIDING QUIET, MORE PRIVATE OBSERVATION POINTS. ADDITIONAL PICNIC TABLES AND BBQ'S WILL BE PROVIDED ALONG THE NORTH/SOUTH SPINE IN THE EXISTING PICNIC PRECINCT.



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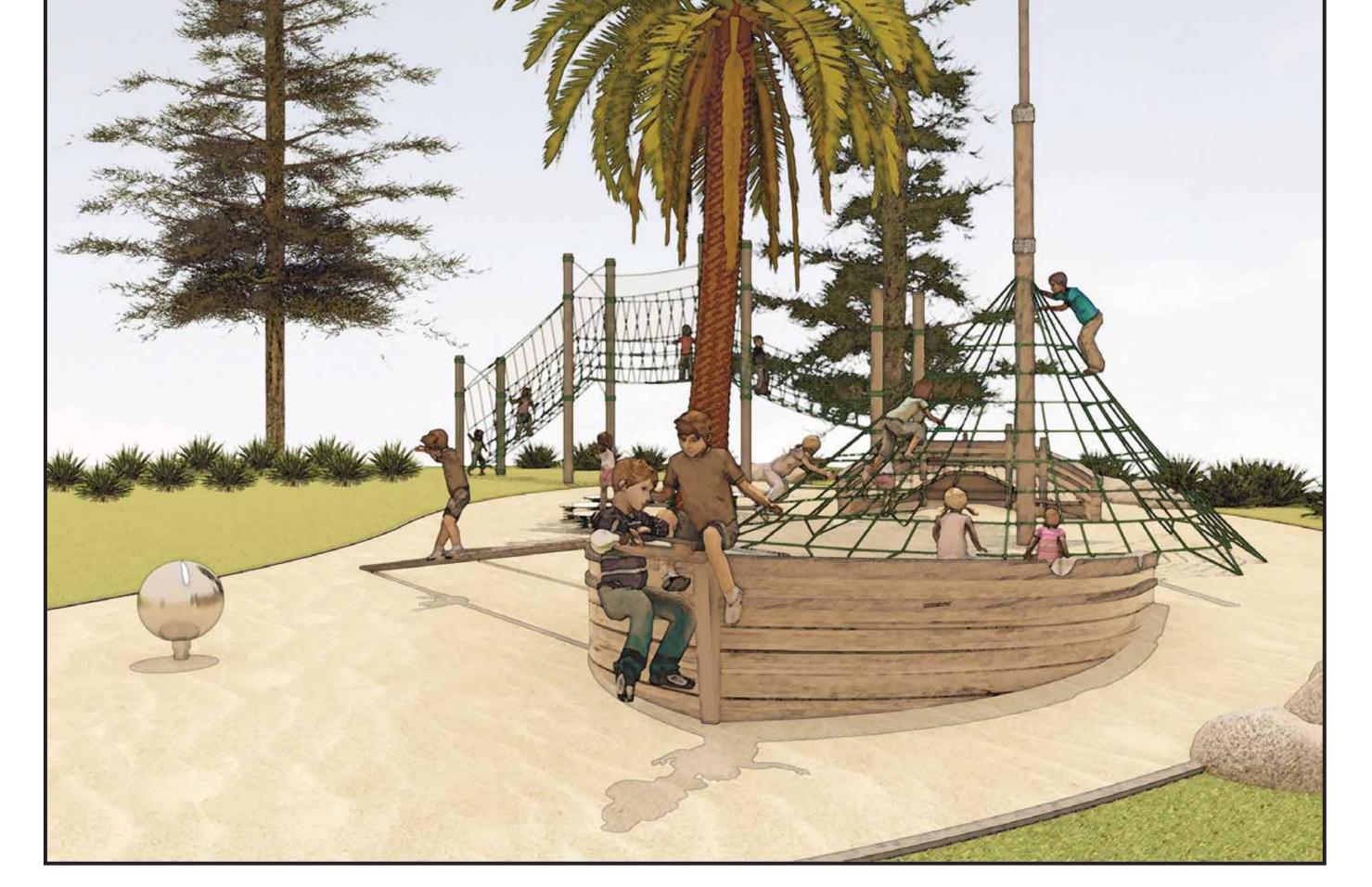


Climbing

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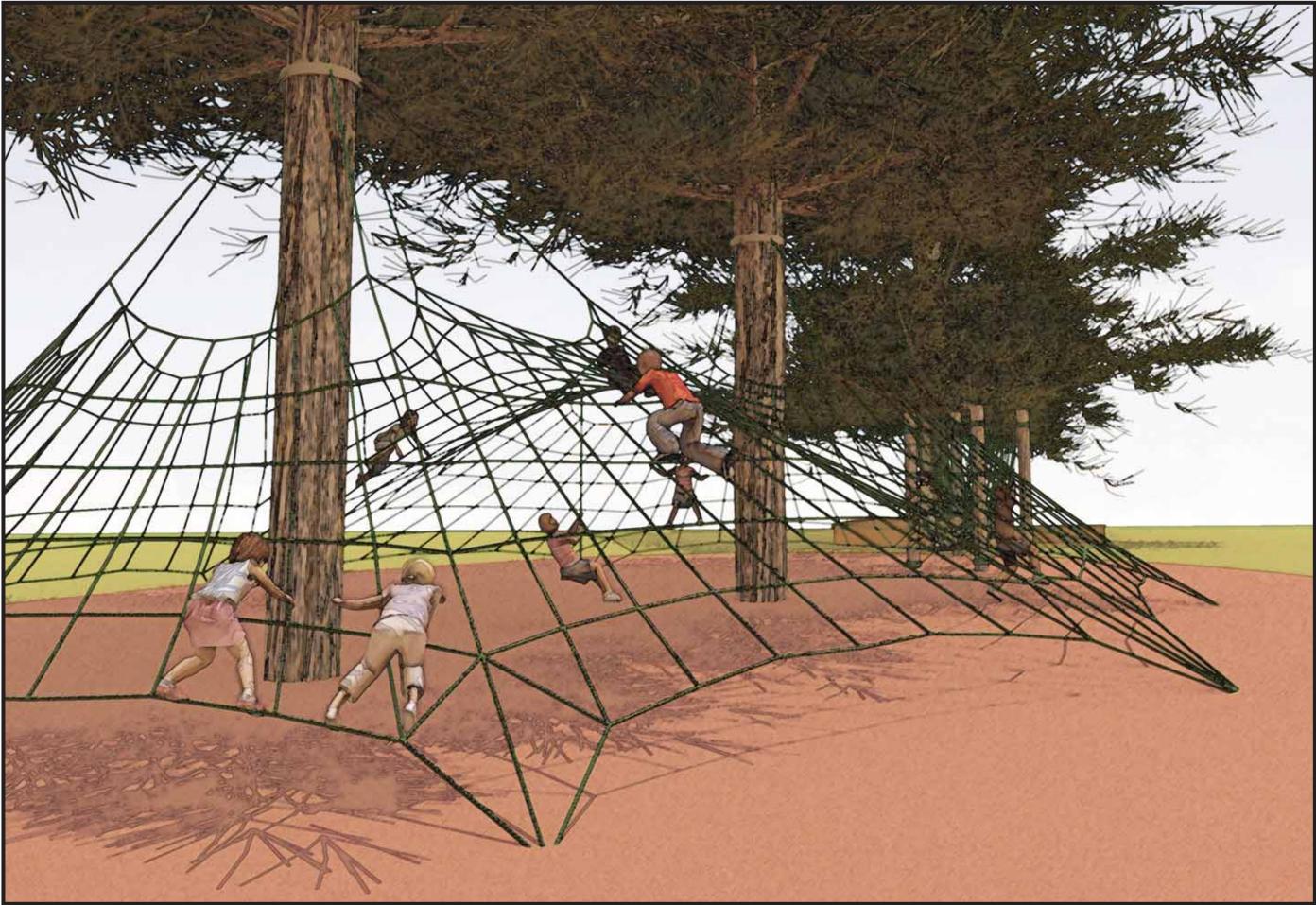
ENCLOSED NET BRIDGE DETAIL



TIMBER 'CUTTER' PLAYGROUND LOOKING SOUTHEAST



NET PLAYGROUND LOOKING EAST





NET PLAYGROUND LOOKING NORTHEAST



ROPE BRIDGE LOOKING SOUTHWEST

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