

# Robinvale Nature & Adventure Play

**Draft Concept Design**

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DESIGN INTENT

The Robinvale Nature and Adventure Playspace concept is based on a River Red Gum, its towering height, extensive root system and scale. It is home to a variety of living things.

Let's imagine... we are able to venture underneath, in, on and through the tree. From roots to trunk to canopy.

Amongst the roots is where we find much of our climbing and swinging play. Supersized sculptural musical Murray Cod(s) and other critters lurking beneath offer an array of sensory experiences. Climbing the network of nets we make our way up inside the tree trunk - a hidden access - where we are invited to slide back to earth, exit the trunk through the tree scar doorway to reside on top of the root structure or continue to climb within the trunk to the upper most lookout, where we can see the mighty Murray River.

From our elevated vantage point, we see the landscape immediate to the tree is bathed in dappled light from the canopy structure above. Tree roots stretching out like tendrils into the landscape. The roots dive under paths and pop up again forming the play decks, structure for swings, frames for climbing / hanging, seats or balance beams. The roots leave marks in/on the ground where they cross hard surfaces.

We also see adjacent to our tree tower and decks lies a dry riverbed, embedded with footprints (animal / human) sculptural opportunities and a flowing ground plane heading towards a billabong (water play area). Partially shaded by a surrounding structural circular arbour the billabong offers an assortments of play opportunities (water gates, flood-able areas, sculptural rock carvings and rivulets to name a few). We see a sand play area adjacent and big the movement play of flying foxes and nest swings surrounded by lawns beyond.

Throughout the space there are gathering areas BBQ's shelters, lush grass areas and an abundance of trees new and old. Feature sculptural and educational elements follow the dry creek bed telling the many stories of this place.



LEGEND

- 01 PAVED ENTRY
- 02 AMENITIES BLOCK  
Possible future DDA complaint toilet block
- 03 SHARED SOCIAL SPACE  
Shelter, picnic facilities with connection to skatepark
- 04 OPEN LAWN  
Open lawn kick-a-bout spaces
- 05 POSSIBLE FUTURE PUMPS TRACK
- 06 LOOP PATH  
Hard surface shared use loop path
- 07 SINGLE POINT NEST WING  
Swing located on top of lawn mound
- 08 DOUBLE FLYING FOX  
Long double flying fox
- 09 SOCIAL SPACE  
Seating and BBQ facilities
- 10 CREATIVE / IMAGINATION PLAY  
Frames for stick cubbies, sculptural logs
- 11 WATER-PLAY BILLABONG + FEATURE CIRCULAR ARBOUR  
Rocks & gates, carved paths, flood-able areas and sculptural elements
- 12 SAND PLAY
- 13 CANOPY / SHADE  
Mix of tensile mesh with perspex acrylic disks for dappled shade & shade sails
- 14 ACCESSIBLE SPINNER + FEATURE CIRCULAR ARBOUR  
Accessible spinner with seating and shade
- 15 4 BAY SWING  
Various seating
- 16 IN-GROUND TRAMPOLINE
- 17 ROPE AND BAR PLAY  
Balance ropes, climbing nets and bars
- 18 PLAY TOWERS  
Features include climbing ropes and nets and high lookout, enclosed slides, sky bridge connection, talk tubes etc.
- 19 PLAY DECK - JUNIOR / SENIOR PLAY  
A series of elevated decks extending out from the main tower. Features include low level climbing, musical & feature sculptural Murray Cod(s), balance play, imagination play and discovery etc. Utilises both on top and under deck - under deck provides full shade
- FEATURE SCULPTURES  
Feature sculptural and educational pieces through tell the story of place and community

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CONCEPT DESIGN







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# ARTISTIC IMPRESSION – TWIN PLAY TOWERS





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**ARTISTIC IMPRESSION - WATER-PLAY BILLABONG**





NATURAL FORMS & CANOPY STRUCTURES



NATURE PLAY - ON TOP



NATURE PLAY - UNDERNEATH



NATURAL ELEMENTS



LOCAL FAUNA



RIVER RED GUM - SCAR TREE

## NATURE PLAY ELEMENTS

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**PRECEDENT IMAGES**





CARVED WATER PLAY TABLE



TACTILE FLORA AND FAUNA



TACTILE ANIMAL TRACKS



SENSORY PLAY THROUGH WATER CHANNELS



WEIRS TO DIRECT WATER FLOW



TACTILE STORY TELLING MARKERS

## WATER & SENSORY PLAY ELEMENTS

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**PRECEDENT IMAGES**





PLAYFUL SCULPTURE



TACTILE SCULPTURE



CLIMBABLE SCULPTURE



OPEN CANOPY SHADE - (TO WATER-PLAY AREA)



OPEN CANOPY SHADE - (TO ADVENTURE PLAY AREAS)



INTERACTIVE SCULPTURES - MUSICAL / VISUAL & SUPERSIZED

## SCULPTURAL & SHADE ELEMENTS

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ELEVATED PLAY



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BIG SLIDES



TREEHOUSE / NEST STRUCTURE



NATURAL MATERIALS - VERTICAL PLAY



HIGH LOOKOUT POINT

## SENIOR ELEVATED PLAY

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SHADED PLAY



LOW TUNNELS



ROPE TUNNELS



SHADED PLAY



SCULPTURAL / CARVED / WEATHERED ELEMENTS - SAND PLAY



LOW DECK PLAY FOR JUNIORS

## JUNIOR PLAY ELEMENTS

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BIG MOVEMENTS - SWINGS



PUMPS TRACK



FLYING FOX



IN-GROUND TRAMPOLINES



MUSICAL DRUMS



MUSICAL RAINWHEEL

## MOTION & MUSICAL PLAY ELEMENTS

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**PRECEDENT IMAGES**