## **CONCEPT PLAN**

- 1. Sandstone block wall for retaining and seating- this lifts levels and minimises any excavation
- 2. Swings 2 swings and a 'you and me' seat swing
- 3. Picnic table
- 4. Main feature play element with slides (small & large)
- 5. Listening / talking tubes
- 6. Accessible carousel
- 7. Springer
- 8. Rubber softfall (extents to be refined in design development stage)
- 9. Softfall mulch
- 10. Mulch area
- 11. Locally sourced natural timber logsbalance trail and informal seating
- 12. Stone steppers through garden
- 13. Decomposed granite
- 14. New concrete path
- 15. Existing Fig tree to be retained
- 16. Existing Palm tree to be retained
- 17. Planting area
- 18. Turf area
- 19. Existing backrest seats to be retained
- 20. Umbrella or shelter
- 21. Timber seating deck- reclaimed bridge timbers- providing a connection between play and park
- 22. Pipe play elements in mulch23. Concrete strip to base of wall and deck area
- 24. New backrest seat
- 25. Timber platform seat
- 26. Feature timber sculptures (animal theme)
- 27. Bin location



## **CONCEPT PLAN**

#### SPATIAL DESIGN

The redesign reduces the overall extent of the play zone and also the scale of the main element. The focus of the playground is the existing Fig and the surrounding public open space. The play experience and space encircles the Fig in part and opens to the to the Town Green spaces to the north and the east.

#### PLAY THEME

The underlying, rather than explicit, theme of the play area is 'habitat'. This is largely in response to the existing Fig tree at the centre of the space- a tree of impressive scale that creates a sense of protection and shelter.

A range of animals may find shelter in such a tree- possums, sugar gliders, birds etc...a habitat for wild animals. The animals and the tree trigger the imagination of kids- the 'wild' users of the space.

*Tunnels* will provide crawling spaces and moments of enclosure and shelter.

An *elevated pod* will include details reminiscent of nest boxes.

*Climbing and balancing* will be play activities.

Socialising and activity will foster connection and inclusiveness.

















## **Elevated Pod- Concept Design**

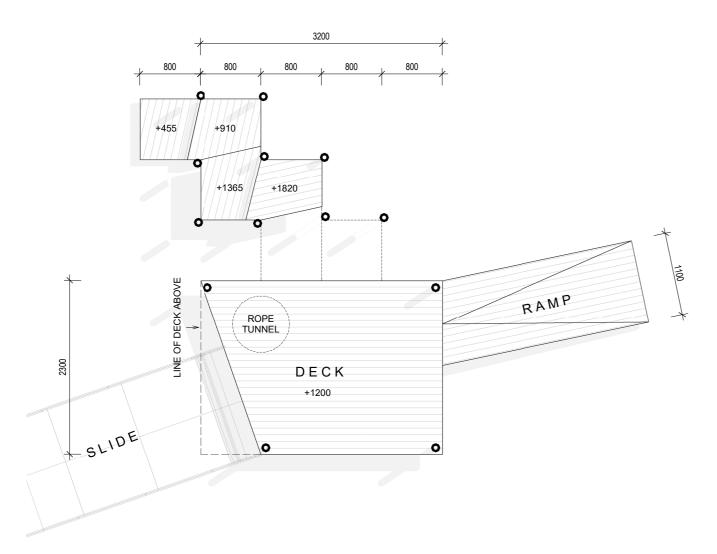
THE PLAY EXPERIENCE
The main / feature play structure will include two levels of play.

The lower level will be accessible by ramp and will include a small slide (1200H). The lower level also includes a rope tunnel climb that provides access to the upper level.

The upper level is accessed via the rope tunnel climb and/or a series of platform steps on the northern side. The upper level provides expansive views across and along the river foreshore and into the canopy of the existing fig tree-particularly via the 'nest box' window. The upper level also provides access to a large tunnel slide.

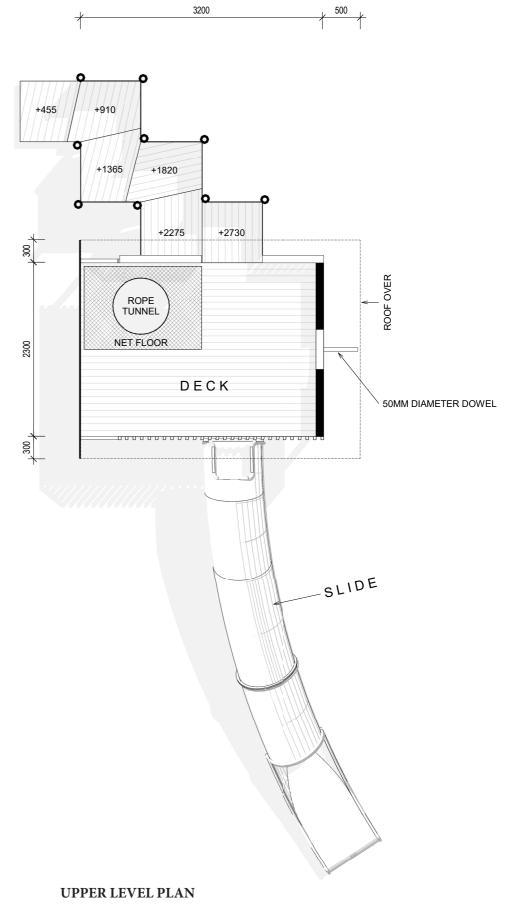
Key considerations within the design is also the provision of shade within the structure itself and maintaining a level of transparency through the structure.





LOWER LEVEL PLAN







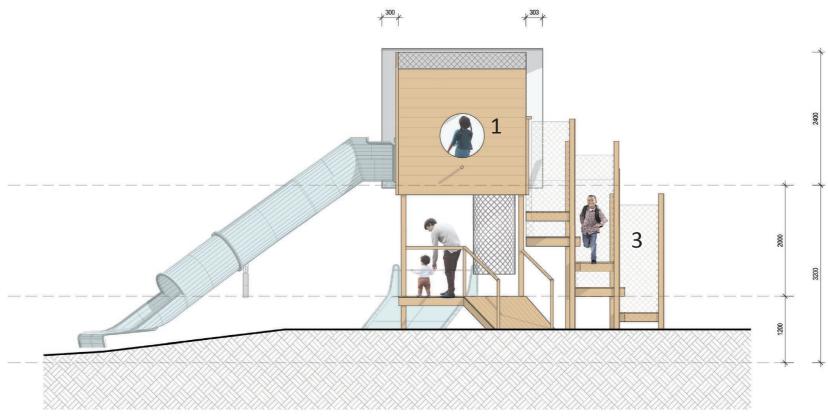
Nest box window with canopy views



Battens provide enclosure for safety and transparency for views- and light and movement play



Webnet barriers for transparency and a sense of adventure



EAST ELEVATION



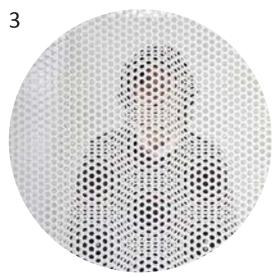
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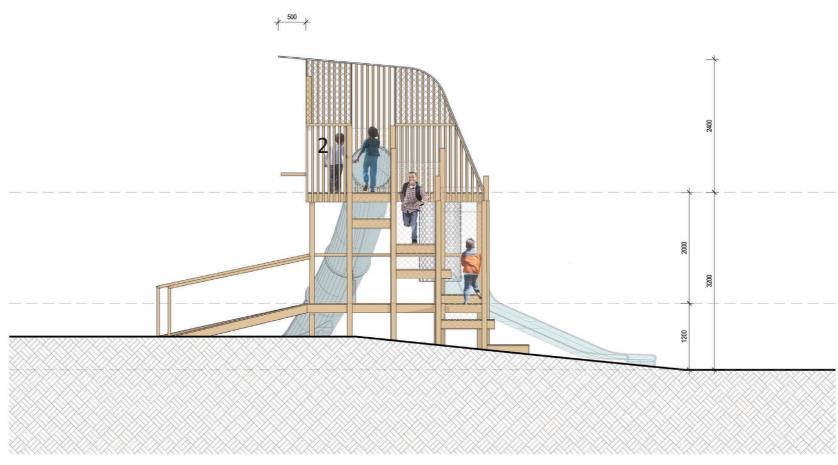
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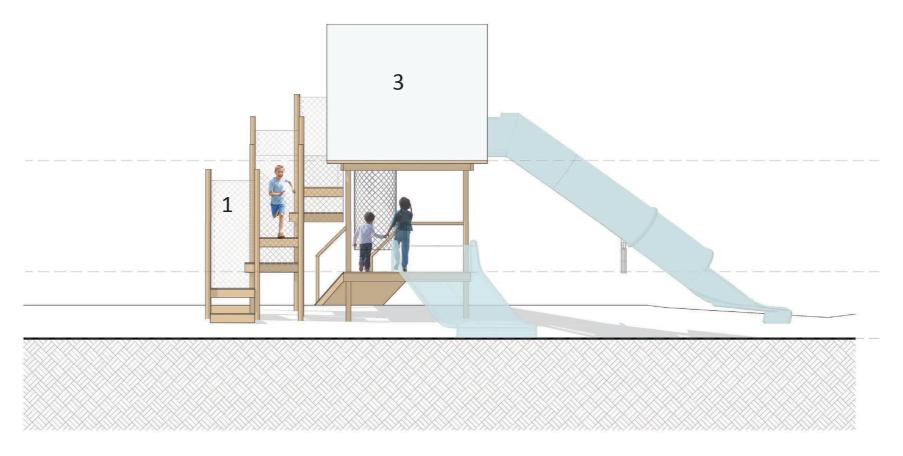
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Perforated wall (to west) for shade but also transparency and airflow



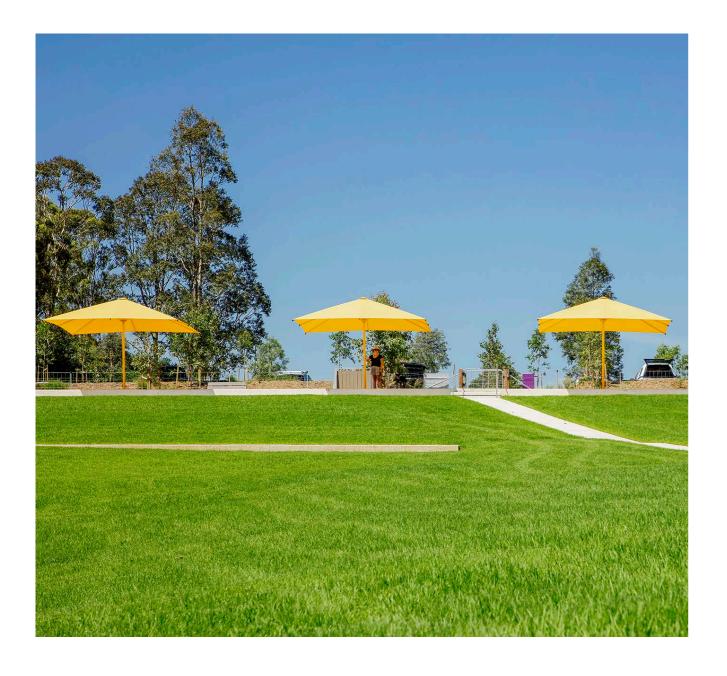
NORTH ELEVATION



WEST ELEVATION

# **Shade Options**

FIXED UMBRELLAS



SMALL CUSTOM SHELTER

