



# LIONS PARK TAMBORINE

## *Case Study*

SCENIC RIM REGIONAL COUNCIL



## LEADERS RECREATIONAL INNOVATION

We are a specialist team thinking beyond the conventional to create unique, award winning recreational spaces to benefit children, families and communities across Australia.

We are proud to take you on the journey from design through to completion of our latest adventure play project.

Throughout this project, we have provided our clients with full end to end design, engineering and construction services to deliver a key infrastructure asset to the wider community.

As the leader in the design and construction of adventure, inter-generational and aquatic play environments, we excel in creating unique recreational spaces.



## WHERE

Mount Tamborine, Qld

## WHO

Collaboration between Tamborine Mountain Lions Club,  
Qld State Government & Scenic Rim Regional Council

## BUDGET

\$110-150K

## DELIVERED

December 2019

# PROJECT OVERVIEW

A collaboration between Tamborine Mountain Lions Club, QLD State Government and Scenic Rim Regional Council, the park was a centennial project for Lions Club International and three years in the making.

Its proximity to the local state school and Goodstart Early Learning Centre meant that the design had to cater for a range of ages and abilities and has proven yet another success in Council's goal of delivering healthy active lifestyle opportunities for its communities.



Lions Park was voted one of QLD's top playground developments at the 2019 QLD Parks & Leisure Awards!!





## DESIGN AND ENGINEERING

The Lions Park playground at Tamborine Mountain has been designed primarily with a nature focus but also to offer a variety of play elements to suit children of varying abilities so that all children can play together.

To complement the natural setting, Australian hardwood timbers set the tone for the play equipment from our Rustik range, with a number of net climbers, challenge trails and embankment scramble net providing varied play offerings promoting balance, coordination, upper body strength and motor skills.

The timber swing, complete with supportive all-abilities inclusive seat stimulates the vestibular system, and an embankment slide runs players down to the lower level where a stunning timber piece lovingly restored by the Lions Club provides the ultimate non-prescribed play opportunity. Whether clambering over this fallen tree or simply tracing through the natural grooves of the tree trunk, this feature piece complements the main play elements perfectly.

Hand carved timber totems offer a sensory tactile experience and striking visual aesthetic to the playspace, and to complete the design, sandstone block walls provide informal pathways and seating between the landscaped plantings that soften the space and its interface back into the natural surrounds.





## CONSTRUCTION



The playspace at Lions Park embodies the surrounding natural environment, utilising sustainable materials and natural components with lengthy lifespans, and landscaping with native plants. The success of meeting the brief is evident from the roadside where the playground sits comfortably within its surroundings and has proven a success in Council's goal of delivering healthy active lifestyle opportunities for its communities.

A dry creek bed, included aesthetically for nature play value, also ensures overland flow is captured and diverted around the playground rather than becoming an erosion hazard. Planting and sight lines were carefully considered, and large sandstone blocks were installed to allow surveillance and seating opportunities for parents and carers.





## REVISITING - 2 YEARS ON

Completed almost two years ago, we wanted to revisit this playspace to monitor the durability of the installed equipment and catch up with Matthew Creedy from Scenic Rim Regional Council on how the space is utilised by the public.

The plantings have grown to soften the hardscaping elements, adding a layer of sensory discovery to the play experience.

Having natural materials and textures available introduces an element of surprise to every visit; children never know what they're going to find. It could be gumnuts that have fallen from the surrounding gumtrees, bees visiting the neighbouring flowers or rainbow lorikeets calling from the branches.



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"The distinctive grain of the hardwood logs has been lovingly polished to a high sheen by the hands and feet of children as they explore the surfaces. This enhanced patina then becomes unique to every log and every environment as the community interacts with each element."

**- Matthew Creedy, Scenic Rim Regional Council**





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