

CONCEPT DESIGN

SUNNY CRESCENT PLAYGROUND

19th July 2019



'THE FRUIT BOWL OF KUMEU'

DESIGN STATEMENT

Sunny Crescent Reserve is situated within Kumeu, with its strong historical presence and spirit of place 'genius loci'. Kumeu developed in the early nineteen hundreds to become a wine and fruit growing countryside settlement with the coined name of Huapai 'good fruit'. The fruit bowl concept is the main design theme for the proposed playground.

A recently constructed concrete path that crosses through Sunny Crescent Reserve will serve as the main artery for the playground. The design interacts with the path by introducing ellipses crossing the concrete, pergolas framing and flowerbeds crossing the visual experience through the linear shape of the path.

The proposed design seeks to provide:

- Preservation of the strong pedestrian connection through the site and developing a well-defined play space by creating a strong statement of a gateway, by introducing pergolas covered with climbing plants.
- The linear extension of the path is enhanced by introducing elements of interaction, such as colour ellipse crossings, bouncing trampolines and other play equipment as a way of inviting play activity.
- The planting palette will highlight the local horticultural history, providing opportunities for children's education. The bright colours emphasise the concept of the 'fruit bowl' while providing visual interest. Further interaction with the plants is encouraged by introducing path crossing between the planting spaces.

- The fruit trees aim to encourage the community to pick the fruit and socialise in the bigger open space or adjacent to the play space.
- The edges of ellipse play zones become an integrated part of the play experience for balance and movement.
- Intense use of colours in the softscape and hardscape design elements will build on the concept of the fruit bowl of Kumeu, intensifying play.
- Sustainability is considered when proposing materials for play equipment and other elements for the design, through the reuse of existing play equipment and materials where possible.
- The intention of the design is to combine all the elements in the space and take the community on a journey between different activities and various experiences.



CONCEPT PLAN



SCALE: 1:150 (A3)

- 1 | Pergola
- 2 | Flower Bed
- 3 | Bee Springer
- 4 | 2 Seater Swing Seat
- 5 | Raised Mound
- 6 | Climbing Ropes and Handholds
- 7 | Toadstools
- 8 | Mini Trampoline
- 9 | Wacky Spinner
- 10 | Forest Bugs Seesaw
- 11 | Plastic 1.5m High Slide
- 12 | Fruit Trees
- 13 | Seating
- 14 | Existing Path
- 15 | Sand Blast Stenciling
- 16 | Stepping/Balancing Edge
- 17 | Flush Edge
- 18 | Level Edge to Mound



MAIN PLAYSPACE (ARTIST'S IMPRESSION)



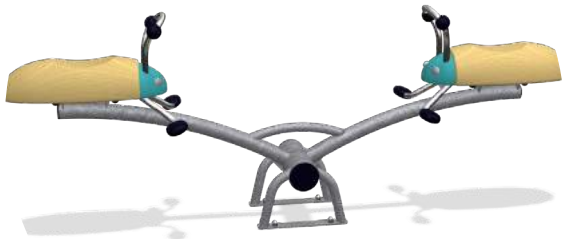
EQUIPMENT



WOODEN STEPPING LOGS (PAINTED)
1 - 3 year olds, 3 - 5 year olds, 5 - 8 year olds



TWO SEAT SWING
1 - 3 year olds, 3 - 5 year olds, 5 - 8 year olds, 8 - 12 year olds



FOREST BUGS SEESAW
5 - 8 year olds



WACKY SPINNER
5 - 8 year olds, 8 - 12 year olds



BEE SPRINGER
3 - 5 year olds, 5 - 8 year olds



MINI TRAMPOLINE
3-5 year olds, 5-8 year olds, 8-12 year olds



SLIDE
3-5 year olds, 5-8 year olds, 8-12 year olds



HANDHOLDS
3-5 year olds, 5-8 year olds, 8-12 year olds

PLANTING PALETTE

CLIMBERS



Parsonsia heterophylla - NZ Jasmine

2x PINK AND LIME GREEN BEDS



Escallonia 'Red elf'



Liriope muscari 'Evergreen giant'



Lomandra 'Little con'



Hardenbergia regent



Geranium 'Tiny monster'



Loropetalum chinense 'China pink'



Phormium 'Evening glow'

2X WHITE AND SILVER BEDS



Agapanthus 'Seafoam'



Dianella 'Little jess'



Phormium 'Yellow wave'



Stachys byzantina

FRUIT TREE



Murraya paniculata 'Orange jessamine'



Lomandra 'Silver grace'



Acacia cognata 'Limelight'



Malus spp. 'Apple'