



Dreamtime themed nature playground



A beautiful nature playground for the local community

Natureworks were commissioned by landscape architects at RPS Group to provide nature play products for a new community park.

Located at the Huntington Rise estate in the Gold Coast hinterland, the playground is at Cloverside Park, also known as Gibirnga Park, which means 'Black Snake Park'. If you see our giant sculpture of a red-bellied black snake you'll see how the park got its name!

Bringing nature to life

The nature playground is inspired by the rocky creek lines and leafy timbered surrounds of the residential estate. It is designed to encourage children to engage in nature play.

Catering for children of all ages, the park includes contemporary dreamtime totems, play sculptures, shelters, picnic benches, scooter and bike tracks and balance columns.

There are also giant eggs to explore and a fossil dig to delight young archaeologists or palaeontologists!



A giant red bellied black snake provides a central climb and play feature



These giant-sized dinosaur eggs double as seats and climbers

"Kids can balance along the giant red bellied black snake, dig for dinosaur fossils or explore the playhouse... Little explorers will love the dry creek bed and giant eggs."

City of Gold Coast Council



Balancing columns beside the dry creek bed



Encouraging children to explore

As well as sculpting the giant snake, Natureworks provided artificial basalt columns for children to climb on and practice their balancing skills. Simple features like these encourage different sorts of active play.

To reflect the prehistoric Dreamtime theme, Natureworks supplied dinosaur eggs to play on and a fossil dig to delight young archaeologists or palaeontologists!

Fossil digs are an excellent way of engaging children in quiet, creative play as a balance to more energetic activities. The fossil of a dinosaur is mounted under the sand, waiting to be discovered through careful digging by little hands. The sandpit doubles as a great general play area.

Project scope

For this project, Natureworks supplied the following:

- **Giant Red-Bellied Black Snake**
- **Set of 3 Dinosaur Eggs**
- **Fossil Dig**
- **Columnar Stepping Stone Rocks**
- Artificial Timber Poles.



Balancing columns develop kids' physical skills



Fossil digs and sandpits encourage quiet, imaginative play



Nature-based playground design and play equipment

Nature-based play is a great way for children to learn about the world around them. As the earth's habitats are increasingly under threat, we must encourage future generations to engage with nature.

To support this aim, Natureworks produces a range of child-friendly animal art, climb-on play equipment and nature-themed furniture. We have a number of Australian playground certified products, and many others can be provided to meet those specifications. We ensure products that will be climbed on are strong enough for the purpose and suitable for the relevant age ranges and location.



"We are thrilled with the result. I have been looking forward to taking my daughter and she had a great time – she loved the red-bellied black snake!"

Chris Moore, Senior Landscape Architect, RPS

Engaging nature play experiences

The Natureworks team loves working with landscape architects, developers, project managers, councils, childcare centres, schools or others who want to create sustainable, engaging play spaces.

We provide a custom playground design service if you need it, and our years of experience give us a deep understanding of playground safety and practicalities.

For ideas on creating nature playgrounds, or quotes for specific sculptures and playground products, call or email Natureworks now.