

## Mooloolaba Foreshore Stage 2

**Location:** Queensland, Australia **Designer:** PLACE Design Group **Photographer:** Aperture Photography **Completion date:** 2007 **Site area:** 2,800 sqm



1. Central Beach Stairs
2. Equitable Access Ramps
3. Upgraded Barbeque Terrace with Tables and Shelters
4. Lower Picnic Terrace with Tables
5. Toddler Playground

PLACE Design Group was engaged by the client Sunshine Coast Council to provide design development and construction documentation, landscape architectural services for the beachfront park adjacent to the popular Mooloolaba Surf Club on the Esplanade. The park is a compact foreshore park which experiences concentrated and focused use and demand by residents and visitors alike. The brief was to provide an innovative, creative and functional design in keeping with the established strategic direction and vision for the area.

The design needed to capture the essence of the Mooloolaba style which required sensitive manipulation of existing levels and integration of established trees. Coastal She-Oak, Pandanus and Norfolk Pines were retained as essential character and shade elements throughout the parkland. Community and visitor expectations and the demand for a balance between different uses and their space requirements including pathways, BBQ areas, lawns, tables, a playground, beach showers and seating were considered in detail.

Several design options were investigated during the design development phase, based upon multiple-use principles to maximise the potential of the limited space. To protect the existing trees, decks were designed over the existing root zones ensuring a continuity of character and protection of these important assets. The resulting space is heavily utilised by the public and has been a very successful project.

Right: Pedestrian and cycle pathway with water fountains along the way

