

## Sydney Pirrama Park

**Location:** Sydney, Australia **Designer:** ASPECT Studios in collaboration with Hill Thalys Architecture+Urban Projects and CAB Consulting **Photographer:** Florian Groehn, Adrian Boddy **Completion date:** 2009 **Site area:** 18,000 sqm



1. The Community Square
2. The Pole Garden
3. The Green and the Point
4. The Shoreline Promenade
5. The Grove

ASPECT Studios was commissioned by the City of Sydney to design a new waterfront park on the former water police site in Pyrmont. The brief was to develop a master plan for an 18,000 square metres parcel of land on the Pyrmont peninsula into public parkland incorporating a significant children's play environment.

The New Park on the Former Water Police site required significant marine engineering at the harbour edge to create a sheltered bay and interpret the former shoreline. The public realm includes wharfs, promenades, squares, laneways, rain gardens and a cycle way which forms significant public fabric, linking the City to the Docklands.

The bay creates passive recreation opportunities at the water's edge and strengthens the site's historic relationship to Sydney Harbour. A range of other "park rooms" are created which celebrate this unique location.

World's best practice initiatives were embedded into the master plan and rain gardens and bio-filtration trenches in the park capture and clean the water from the surrounding park storm water catchment. Street tree pits along Pirrama Road collect street runoff and 200,000 kilolitre water tanks have been proposed to ensure irrigation is maintained sustainably throughout the year. Add to that, the proposal of solar panels on the shade canopies to power park lighting and the master plan is an exemplar of best practice ESD. Social sustainability is promoted through the creation of a significant public space at the end of Harris Street which provides an opportunity for social interaction and public gathering.

### Award description:

- 2010 AILA NSW Awards – The Medal
- 2010 Walter Burley Griffin Award for Urban Design (Australian National Architecture Awards)
- 2010 Kidsafe National Public Playspaces Winner
- 2009 The Best Overall Project National Award, CCAA Bi-annual Public Domain Awards
- 2009 The Winner of the Precincts Category, CCAA Bi-annual Public Domain Awards
- 2007 AILA NSW Award for Excellence in Planning

Right: The playground shade canopy provides shelter to parents and children. Low walls and planting form informal buffers and help contain the playground space

