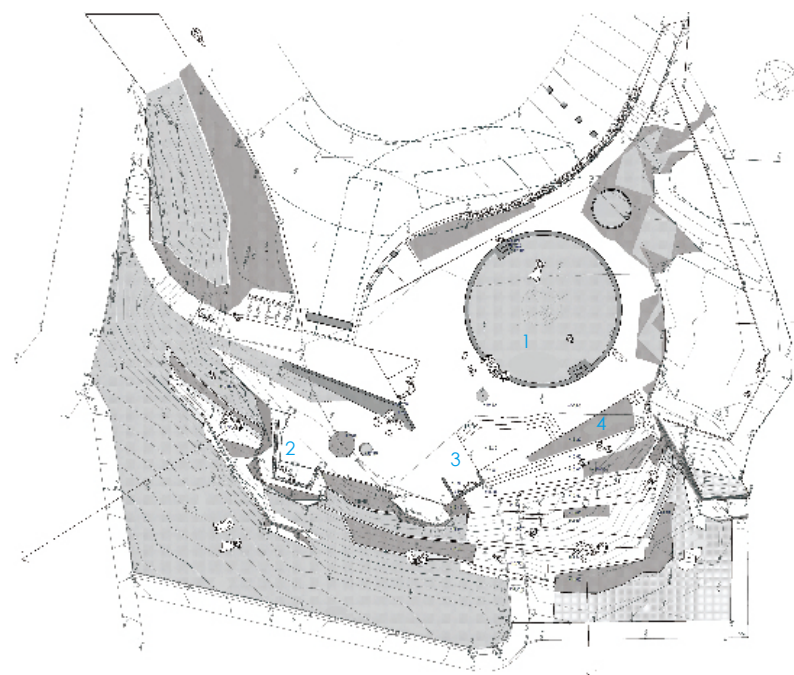


## Sam Fiszman Park

**Location:** Sydney, Australia **Designer:** 360° Landscape Architects, McGregor Westlake Architecture **Photographer:** Dianna Snape, Kyal Sheehan **Completion date:** 2007 **Site area:** 1,100 sqm



1. Raised Lawn and Seating Edge
2. Look-out Point/Standstone Wall
3. Look-out Point
4. Native Ground Cover

The programme required that an existing above ground carpark be replaced with a pedestrian space that also linked to the beach and the coastal cliff walk. Focussing on edges and views, the design strategy was to work as much as possible with the topography and the layout of the existing rock shelves and floaters. The level changes were to be met by a series of terraces, steps, seats and walls to afford passage down the site and to create a range of interlocking spaces from which to enjoy the panoramic views. Each of the terraces contains planting beds that are designed as bio-retention basins, capturing diverted stormwater that would otherwise cascade off the cliffs into the ocean. The terraces are planted with endemic plants that create a soft compliment to the hardscape of concrete and sandstone.

At the top of the site, 2 room-like lookouts crown the rock floaters, like concrete tiaras, one orientated towards the horizon, the other to the southern headland of Bondi Beach and the coastline beyond. Each is richly lined with glazed bricks, which capture and condense the blue of the view. The two lookouts, accompanied by a circular, raised lawn are little monuments to the view recalling the military architectures scattered along Sydney's ocean edges.

The entry to the park is marked by a long walled element, containing the park title. On the lee side is a long seat that provides a pointer back to Bondi Beach and the city. Together, the lookouts and seat are organised as a triptych of tighter spaces, providing shelter from the ocean winds.

### Award description:

2010 The AILA NSW Award for Excellence in Landscape Architecture  
2008 Civil Contractors NSW Earth Award

Right: South coast view showing balconies and lower site

