

Jells Park Playscape

Fact Sheet



Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

Playscape

The Jells Park Playscape is no ordinary playground. This unique playscape is designed to fit naturally into the park and represents the area around Dandenong Creek, which flows through Jells Park.

Behind the design of the playscape

At the top of the playscape is a mountain lookout representing Mount Dandenong. It has a mosaic map of the Dandenong Valley and a stone wall made from part of the 110 tonnes of bluestone used in the playscape.

The Dandenong Creek is shown as a blue paved path that is fully accessible and winds down to the bottom of the playscape. At the bottom, there are water-play tables and a sandpit representing Port Phillip Bay.

Along the way, large black wooden totems show charred tree stumps from bushfires that have swept through the land. Granite pinnacles, weighing a total of 40 tonnes, have kangaroo carvings and form a maze for people to walk through.

The playscape also features 7,000 new native plants creating eucalypt woodlands and bush areas, a rope spider web for climbing, all-accessible swings, a quiet seating area overlooking Jells Lake, and a floating rock garden with hidden bug carvings for kids to explore and learn.

The playscape features beautiful, one-of-a-kind art pieces made by Victorian artists, adding extra fun and interest for visitors.



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Mountaintop Mosaic

Created by Fabian Scaunich of Mosaic Republic, this mosaic shows the Dandenong Valley catchment area and includes local native animals for everyone to enjoy.



Mountaintop Mosaic

Bird Echo Chambers

Designed by Emma Jennings, these five chambers located throughout the playscape let children imitate the calls of birds found in the region.



Bird Echo Chamber

Timber Carved Totems

Wood sculpture artist Shlomit Moria made the owl, possum, and bird nest totems you can see around the playscape.



Timber Carved Totems

Mosaic Details on Turtle and Yabby

Jeanette Jennings worked with Crafted Landscapes and local school children to create the detailed mosaics on the Turtle and Yabby sculptures.



Mosaic Yabby Sculpture