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SSP Waterplay and Eibe Play combine to produce an award winning play scheme

The right solution for a large park refurbishment project often incorporates a combination of fixed and water features. SSP Waterplay has worked closely with Eibe Play Ltd on a number of occasions to deliver fully integrated playgrounds packed with exciting and stimulating elements. The refurbishment project for the Castle Green Play Area in Dundee is a good example of this. SSP, Eibe and Dundee City Council worked together to renew a redundant playground and paddling pool area at the Broughty Ferry site.

The new play area incorporates different play zones with sand and safety surfaces to cater for children of all ages and abilities. The wet areas are comprised of coloured safety decking giving beach and water effects with various interactive water jets features including a spray arch and sequenced rolling wave water jets. These are complemented by imaginative fixed elements built around a large sand play area. The centrepiece is a timber castle climbing frame that reflects the historic Broughty Castle that lies adjacent to the site.

Dundee City Council, the local people and the many visitors to the area have been delighted with the result. Karen Clifford Senior Landscape Architect for the council comments; "The success of the scheme lies in the combined variety of off-the-peg and imagination based play elements. It's free form layout is designed to be inclusive and meets the needs of children and adults alike.

Grass mounds supplement the recessed seating areas, and on weekends and mild evenings are littered with family groups relaxing and enjoying the environment.

The play area has its own unique character and draws consistently high numbers of visitors from far and wide. The combination of wet play zone beside a stimulating sea-shore themed play ensures that the energy levels are constant! It's an area of which it is impossible to tire."

The Castle Green Play Area was the winner of the Best Children's Play Area award at the Local Government News Street Design Awards 2006.