

TARONGA ZOOROPIA



Zooropia is a concept proposal for a high-ropes course at Taronga Zoo. Turpin+Crawford Studio worked collaboratively with a multi-disciplinary team to devise the course whose target audience was teenagers and young adults, a group with low visitation numbers at the zoo.

The course developed the notion, both physically and aesthetically, of 'feeling like an animal in the zoo'. The course structure proposed 'birds nest' stations between activity sections and a 'human enclosure' adapting the existing spider monkey enclosure. Course activities were inspired by the actions of various animals in the zoo that included, gliding, swinging, hanging and leaping.

Animal inspired camouflage suits, harnesses and helmets were designed to encourage participants to embrace a transformative experience and become more connected with the other inhabitants of the zoo.

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Date
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Description
Series of three highropes courses, concept only

Materials
timber, rope, steel

Location
Taronga Zoo

Client
Taronga Conservation Society Australia

Architect/Engineers/Contractor
Tri-Point, Armature, Partridge